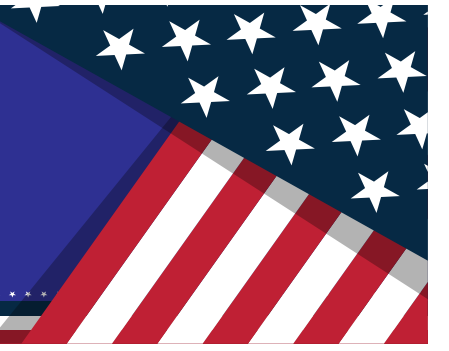




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'A symphony for the eyes' Girard Events hosts fireworks celebration



Hosted by Girard Events Monday night, residents gathered at the Crawford County Fairgrounds to partake of watermelon, tacos, or kettle corn while also participating in a game of "nine square" provided by Living Faith Church during the area's annual fireworks celebration. The event also featured a foam party, turtle races, a dunk tank, and potato sack races. The celebration closed with a fireworks show. AARON PYLE / THE MORNING SUN

Arma Council discusses water rates, petting zoos

By Aaron Pyle
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ARMA, Kan. — The Arma City Council covered a multitude of topics at its regular meeting on Monday from laborer positions to library projects to preparing for the 2025 budget. One of the main discussions, however, focused on increasing water rates for Arma citizens due to increases from its supplier.

At a Bone Creek Board meeting in February, it had been announced that the local water supplier is increasing its rate.

"At the previous Bone Creek (Board) meeting, they approved the rate increase of \$0.75 per 1,000 gallons of water," said city superintendent Austin Spragg at the

council's meeting in late February. "That will take effect June 1 (2024). It'll go from \$5 to \$5.75 on June 1, and then in January of 2025, they will relook at it to possibly go up another 25 cents that following June, if not, before June. So, there's the potential for it to go from \$5.75 to \$6."

The council revisited the topic on Monday to discuss a potential increase.

"If we raise the water rate 1.25 percent, it raises the minimum bill 24 cents," said assistant city clerk Vanessa Kent.

After discussing the rates further, the council approved increasing the water rate 1.25 percent starting Monday, July 15.

In other business, Brody Johnson of the Arma United

SEE ARMA, 6A

USD 246 receives grant for disc golf course

By Aaron Pyle
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ARMA, Kan. — The Northeast School District has a new frisbee disc golf course for students and community members as a result of a grant through the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas (BCBSKS) Foundation.

USD 246 received \$2,500 from the Healthy Habits for Life grant which was used to put in

a nine-post disc golf course on the high school campus that is free of charge to students and community members.

"It's very exciting because I just feel like we're still encouraging a healthy lifestyle for our communities and giving people the opportunity to be outside and enjoy being outdoors," said USD 246 Superintendent Dr. Ray Streeter. "A part of that is

SEE USD, 6A

Frontenac expands north

City annexes 500 acres for housing

By Dustin R. Strong
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FRONTENAC, Kan. — The Frontenac City Council voted unanimously Monday evening to annex more than 500 acres for the construction of a new housing development. The annexation lies between U.S. 69 to the west

and S 230th to the east (locally known as Grasshopper Corner) and extends north from U.S. 160 to one-half mile past E 600th Avenue and includes most of the acreage because of some private property and the State Park that were not included.

The annexation was made to provide room for a new housing development. Porch Light Development, based in Carl Junction, is planning to build a 500-plus home community over the

next decade dubbed Woodland Park Estates.

According to Porch Light's Jacob Fauvergue, who will be overseeing the project, the idea of Woodland Park is to create a more rural feeling inside the city. Streets will wind through the development as opposed to being laid out in a grid pattern. As much of the natural space will be preserved as possible with trees and outdoor spaces. Fauvergue's plan also

SEE FRONTENAC, 2A

Fun in the sun



Brady Stockard, Jacksonville, Fla., urges his ball through the obstacles on the 13th hole of Pittsburg's new mini golf course, Tuesday. Looking on, left to right, are Gabe Stockard, 14; friend Trevor Varone, 14; and C.J. Stockard, all of Pittsburg. Brady said an annual family reunion and the opportunity to spend time with cousins brings him back to the Sunflower State. They all gave the new course an enthusiastic thumbs up. Summer is an active time in Pittsburg and there's always plenty to do, according to Pittsburg Deputy City Manager Jay Byers. (See his column on Page 3A). RON WOMBLE/THE MORNING SUN

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Obituaries



Edwin Lee Becker

Edwin Lee Becker, 78, beloved husband, father, Pa, brother, uncle, and friend, of Girard, Kansas, passed away peacefully at 10:55 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Olathe Hospice House in Olathe, Kansas.

Ed was born to Mandes and Dolores (Jarman) Becker on June 6, 1946, in Hallowell, Kansas. He completed high school in Columbus, Kansas, attended Kansas State University, and graduated from Pittsburg State University.

He married the love of

his life, Susan Marchbanks, on June 17, 1967, in the United Methodist Church, in Oswego, Kansas. Susan survives of the home.

Ed proudly served in the U.S. Army from October 1967 until receiving his honorable discharge in October 1969.

Ed began his career as a mail carrier with the US Post Office in Oswego, transferred to the Post Office in Independence, Kansas, and then was promoted to Postmaster in Girard. He served the community and greeted customers with his friendly smile and knack for small-talk for over 20 years before retiring in 2005.

Ed had an abundance of love for his family and friends. He didn't know a stranger, and his love of life was evident in all that met him. In addition to farming, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and was always willing to lend a helping hand.

Ed was an active participant in the community. He was

a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard, served on the USD 248 School Board, was a member of the Optimist Club, and enjoyed camping with the 4-State HitchHiker camping club.

In addition to his wife Susan, survivors include his daughters, Tasha Winslow, and her husband, Mike, of Olathe and Minisa Capozzoli, and her husband, Nick, of Charlottesville, Virginia; his grandchildren Giuliana and Vincent Capozzoli; his brother, Eugene Becker, and his wife, Glenna, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; his brother Everett Becker of Oswego; his sister, Eudora Evans, of Ottawa and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. He will be dearly missed.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Edna Wiseman.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9th at Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard

with Pastor Michael Hofmann officiating. A private family service will follow at Fort Scott National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 8th at the Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home in Girard where friends may call after 2:00 p.m.

In honor of Ed, memorial donations can be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Wounded Warrior Project, or Olathe Hospice House and left at the service or sent to Smith-Carson-Wall Funeral Home 518 W St. John, Box 258, Girard, 66743.

Robert Lee Gimlin "Bob"

Robert Lee Gimlin "Bob", 81, of Pittsburg, KS passed away on June 25th, 2024.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents. He is survived by his brother, son, granddaughter, and two great grandchildren.

He will be dearly missed by all who crossed his path.

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includes tying walking and bike paths into the neighboring State Park.

The area will be broken into lots of one-third of an acre up to three acres with several

design layouts available for homeowners to choose from or their own custom designs. Small businesses will line the west side along U.S. 69. The idea is to create a self-contained neighborhood with the feel of a park, Fauver-

gue said.

There is still a lot of planning to do, both for Porch Light and the city, but Fauvergue said he hopes to begin the first of five phases by the end of this year or the beginning of next. The entire project is es-

timated to take 10 years to complete.

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AREA EVENTS

Wednesday, July 3

Girard Public Library

GPL Teen Time

The Girard Public Library will be hosting a teen night for grades 6th through 12th from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Attendees will engage in board games and crafts. Snacks and drinks are provided. No registration required.

GPL Building Strong Readers

Children up to age 5 are invited to Girard Public Library, 128 W. Prairie St. In Girard, for stories and a craft from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Program for ages 5 to 11 begins at 2:30 p.m. Call the library at 620-724-4317 for more information.

GPL Young Adult Summer Program @ 10:00 am; Children's 8-11 @ 10:00 am and 1:30 pm

GPL "Grab & Go" Summer Meal Program @ 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Silver Sneakers

Silver Sneakers meets at the Arma Public Library every Monday thru Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 4

*Subject to change due

to the holiday. Contact sponsor to confirm.*

Yoga with Mona

Eclectic Soul Studio has Yoga sessions from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the studio. Sessions are \$10 a piece and discount rates are available.

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Friday, July 5

Music on the Lake

This music series is organized by Friends of Crawford State Park, with all tips going to the performer. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and arrive early. All showtimes are Friday at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. This week's featured artist: Martin & the Dead Guys.

Art Forms Gallery

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We will be drawing out a design or stencil on a wooden bookmark. Then we will use wood-burning tools to burn the design onto your bookmark. I will give everyone a scrap piece of wood to practice on. This will help get a feel for lines and shading. I will also have paint pens available to add color to them. At the end I will clear coat them with Mod Podge. You can take home your project at end of the class.

Talking Heads Discussion Group

The Talking Heads discussion group will meet at 9 a.m. every Friday morning at the Pittsburg Public Library at the corner of 4th and Walnut. Using The Great Courses Series from The Teaching Company, participants will watch a 30-minute DVD lecture and the group discusses it.

Homeschool Fridays

Girard Public Library is hosting a weekly program of games and activities open to all homeschool families from 1-2 p.m. on Fridays. All ages welcome. If children are under 7, a parent/caregiver will need to be present during the program.

Arma Public Library

Silver Sneakers meets at the Arma Public Library every Monday thru Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Story Time for Tots will be every Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Arma Public Library

July Sewing Camp - every Friday of the month, beginning July 12th - three classes each day 12 to 1 pm/ 1 to 2 pm & 2 to 3 pm (you must sign up for this event) at the Arma Public Library

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Wednesday, July 3

Liberal Ladies Who Lunch

Liberal Ladies Who Lunch will meet every other Wednesday, at noon, at Dem HQ at 217A N. Broadway. We don't generally eat, but feel free to bring your lunch. Any woman interested in progressive issues is welcome to attend.

Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary

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

Thursday, July 4

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Pittsburg Coin Club

No meeting July 4. Meetings will resume in August.

AI-Anon

AI-Anon meetings are now hybrid. The in-person gathering every Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal, 306 W. Euclid, can be accessed by Zoom. For more information call 620-704-1309 or email jtknoll@swbell.net.

TOPS Club Inc.

TOPS Club Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), the non-profit weight-loss support organization, meets weekly on Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Crawford County Historical Museum, located at 651 S. Highway 69, Pittsburg. The meeting is open to the public, ages 7 and up. Your first visit to any TOPS meeting is free.

TOPS #1186

Pittsburg TOPS #1186 Chapter meets Thursdays at Pitt Naz Church, 816 E. Quincy. Private weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and your first visit is free. Call 620-724-4342 or 620-687-1788 for more information

Co-dependents Anonymous

Will not meet on July 4. Meetings will resume July 11.

Saturday, July 6

Audio-Reader Pittsburg

Audio-Reader Pittsburg meets from 2 to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday at the Homer Cole Center to read to the visually impaired and print disabled over the radio. If interested in volunteering, please contact Frank Marque at (620) 704-9498 or Teri M. at (620) 231-9773.

Chess Meet-Up

A new Chess Meet-Up open to all, regardless of experience, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays at Root Coffeehouse, 402 N. Broadway Suite A. It will be hosted by Gorilla's Gambit Chess Club. Everyone is welcome. Those who have boards are asked to bring them.

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, July 8

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.

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Sugar Rush has a variety of niche candy in their store downtown at the Stillwell Hotel. CHAR STRONG / THE MORNING SUN



Inside Sugar Rush, you will feel a cozy and vintage vibe with sophisticated decor to make your experience feel memorable. CHAR STRONG / THE MORNING SUN

Pittsburg in the Summer



JAY BYERS
Deputy City Manager

Recent heat is a reminder that summer has arrived, and it is off to a great start. The traditional beginning is Memorial Day, with the opening of the aquatic center and multiple tournaments, but the fun things to do all summer long remind us why, despite the heat, this is the best time of the year. Anyone who thinks there isn't much to do here during summer isn't trying very hard.

The recent 620 Day celebration is a good example. A thousand people came out for a community block party with over forty vendors, bounce houses, balloon animals, face painting, cool cars, food, snow cones, and much more. Downtown shops experienced strong sales. It was a great turnout and a celebration of community pride.

Contrary to general belief, Pittsburg is as lively during the summer as during the school year. People definitely take vacations, and there are times when it seems slow, but there is still much going on. Summer is actually the busiest time of year for our hotels. Sports tournaments and business meetings ramp up in June, and leagues fill up our sports venues during the week. The Farmers' Market has fresh treats every Wednesday and Saturday morning.

Nightlife rolls into the outdoors with patio entertainment spaces and live music. Drag the Gut brings people from all over the region and people take street-side seats to watch the rolling car show.

Food trucks proliferate throughout the week.

Recreation abounds with multiple golf courses (including the new miniature golf course and frisbee golf), tennis, pickleball, and sand volleyball. Biking is a pleasure in our flat region. At the park you see ballgames, family reunions and cookouts, kids in the splash pad, and concerts in the band dome.

Inside are great restaurants, coffee shops, cheap movies, trivia nights, axe throwing, karaoke, casino activities, and music, theater and dance performances. You can go to a pottery workshop or take an art class. Shopping is always fun, and there are plenty of places to get that special summer treat - ice cream.

Day trips offer particular opportunities. You don't have to go far to fish, shoot clays, pick berries, watch drag races, or go hiking or camping. Bird watching and photography reveal special sights during summer, and county fairs have something for everyone. And, of course, the fireworks show is always spectacular.

We are so fortunate to live where there is so much to do. Now if only this bomb pop would stop dripping on my toes...

Sugar Rush targets niche market sweet spot

By Char Strong
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PITTSBURG, Kan. — Tucked inside the historic Stillwell Hotel at 709 N. Broadway, Sugar Rush "Sweet Treats," a family-owned specialty ice cream shop, has just celebrated its sixth year of being in business.

The owner, Janie Rush-Williams, said they chose this location because of the rich history of the hotel and of Pittsburg. She said they immediately fell in love with the stained glass and large windows. It's also a central location for family get-togethers.

"We currently have two Pitt State graduates in the family," Rush-Williams said. "In 2017-2018, the family realized that Pittsburg needed a niche market of an ice cream/candy shop -- nothing like

that was in the area at the time."

Rush-Williams said she has inherited her family's long history of loving ice cream.

"I got into the world of ice cream because of my grandparents Dub and Margie Rush and my dad Mike Rush. They loved ice cream," Rush-Williams said. "My grandparents would take me all the time to get root beer floats at the local soda fountain in my hometown in California and my dad had a bowl of ice cream every night. I opened the business to share my love of ice cream and desserts, all the while creating a safe and happy place for everyone."

Rush-Williams said it was difficult to identify any single item that customers like the best.

"We will say our best sellers are the Want S'mores Sundae, Cake

Pops, Brownie Sundae, and our Milk Shakes," Rush-Williams said. "It really just depends on the time of year. We also have an amazing selection of eclectic, retro candy such as our wax bottles and whistle pops. Again, we focus on the niche market of selling items you can't just find anywhere."

Rush-Williams said the family really enjoys working with the community and meeting other downtown business owners.

She said she believes the future for Sugar Rush is a bright one.

"Our future is to hopefully expand and keep supporting downtown -- all of downtown," she said. "But we also want to continue elevating our desserts, sundaes, and birthday parties. Our hope for the future is to always grow and evolve. We have just created a Luxardo Cherry

sauce and a Blackberry-Rhubarb Cardamom Sauce that has been extremely popular."

Employees at Sugar Rush consist of Courtney Williams, Michael Williams, Johnny Williams and the smallest employees, Jonathan Williams-Canfield and Brielle Williams-Canfield. At the store's website, www.Sugar-Rush.fun, customers can order candy, seasonal items and merchandise.

"We are a safe space for everyone," Rush-Williams said. "We want families to come together to share a sundae or share their favorite scoops of ice cream, and hopefully those families will create shared memories that will last a lifetime. We want to bring new ideas to the food scene, with unique flavors and upscale desserts."

STOCK MARKET INSIGHTS

Market Signals: Yellow Flags in Stock Market

I think there are two kinds of people in the world: those who hit the brakes when they see a yellow light and those who hit the gas. I'm a person who doesn't slow down for yellow lights. I think the stock market light is turning yellow, and I'm watching to see what investors do about it.

Investment fund flows, which measure the movement of cash in and out of investments, can reveal patterns in investor sentiment and general investing trends. As I sifted through the May fund flow activity, I noticed a trend: a drop in investor appetite for risk.

Examining the Morningstar category data in May, large blend equities had the most inflow by a huge margin. Investors poured more money into large blend equities, continuing a trend we've seen all year as they moved money out of large growth equities to a historically lower-risk category.



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is that the next four categories and seven of the top 10 categories by inflows are bonds as investors continue the trend toward lowering risk. Intermediate core, ultrashort, high yield, and global bond-USD hedged bonds had big inflows in May, according to LPL.

Where was the money moved from? Mid-cap growth had the most outflows over a few other classes, including healthcare. Of course, it's no surprise there are outflows from healthcare, with its weak earnings, slowing COVID-19-related sales, and Medicare continuing to decline so many patient reimbursements.

This trend of seeking less risk is a directional change from the end of March when equity allocations reached a 15-year high due to soaring stock returns. The drop in risk is elsewhere; Cryptocurrency Funds have had their

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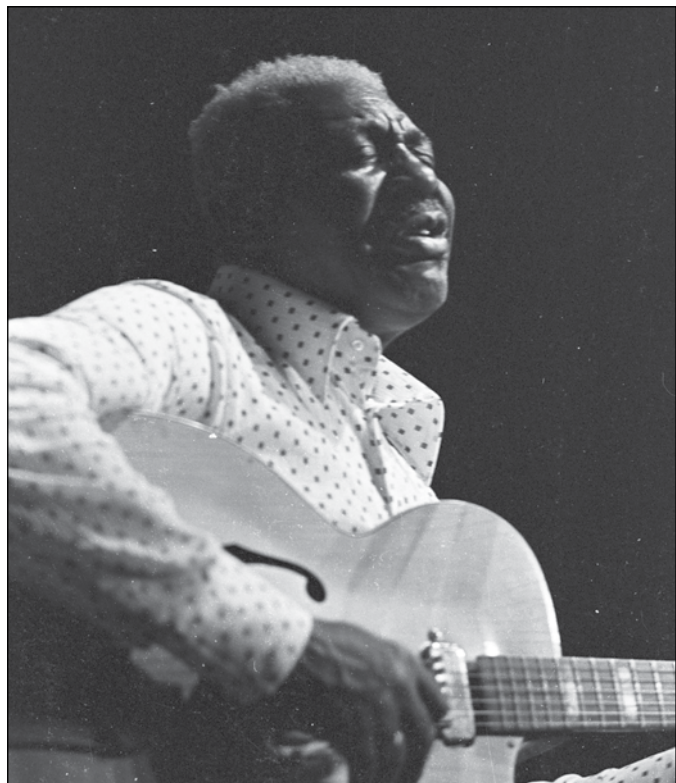
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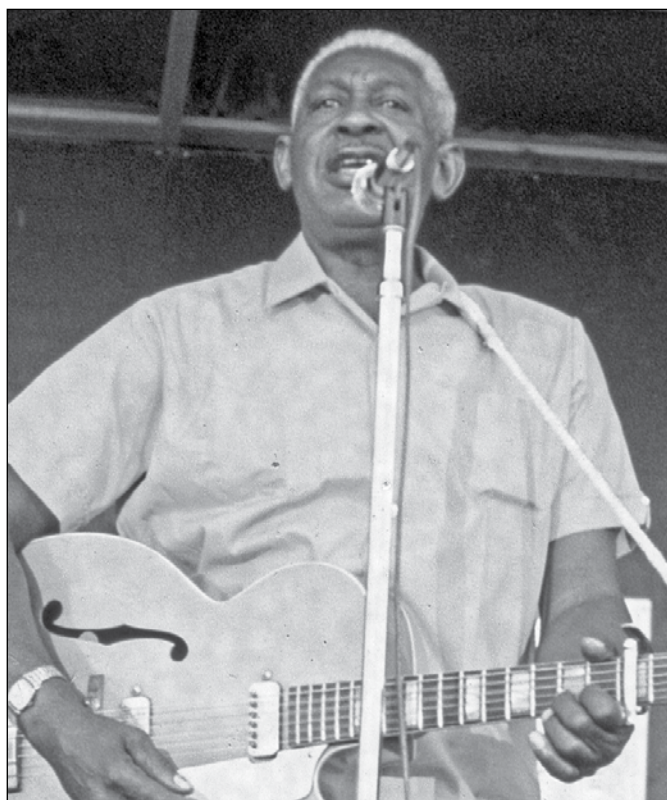
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Evening— 6 p.m. 82°
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BEYOND SEK



This image provided by the estate of Dick Waterman, shows Arthur Crudup, who wrote the song "That's All Right," which Elvis Presley later recorded for his first single. Crudup died in 1974, leaving behind one of the starker accounts of Black-artist exploitation in the 20th Century. DICK WATERMAN VIA AP



In this image provided by Jeff Titon, Arthur Crudup performs in Ann Arbor, Mich., Sunday, Aug. 3, 1969. Crudup wrote the song "That's All Right," which Elvis Presley later recorded for his first single. JEFF TITON VIA AP

Arthur Crudup, man who wrote Elvis' first hit, barely got paid

FRANKTOWN, Va. (AP) — Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup helped invent rock 'n' roll.

His 1946 song "That's All Right," an easygoing shrug to a lover, would become the first single Elvis Presley ever released. Rod Stewart would sing it on a chart-topping album. Led Zeppelin would play it live.

But you wouldn't have known it if you saw Crudup living out his later years on Virginia's Eastern Shore, dressed in coveralls and leading a crew picking cucumbers, tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

Despite being dubbed "the father of rock 'n' roll," Crudup received scant songwriting royalties in his lifetime because of a recording contract that funneled the money to his original manager. Crudup died 50 years ago, leaving behind one of the starker accounts of 20th century artist exploitation.

"Of course materialistic things don't mean everything," says Prechelle Crudup Shannon, a granddaughter. "But they took so much more than just money. They left him with all of the burdens of a poor Black man. And even more so because they left him with a broken heart."

In recent years, Crudup has received flashes of recognition. He was briefly portrayed by Gary Clark Jr. in the 2022 biopic "Elvis" and mentioned last year by a California reparations task force examining the long history of discrimination against African Americans.

The 70th anniversary

of Presley recording "That's All Right" is Friday — many historians consider July 5 a cultural milestone — and comes as the state of Virginia plans a highway marker honoring Crudup.

"Among others who covered Crudup were the Beatles, B.B. King, and Elton John," the marker will state. "Rarely receiving royalties, Crudup supported his family as a laborer and farm worker."

"A brand new thing" Crudup was born in 1905 in Forest, Mississippi, and started singing the blues when he was about 10, he told Blues Unlimited magazine. By 14, he was working in a foundry. It wasn't until his 30s that he took up the guitar. Self-taught, he played parties and nightclubs in the Mississippi Delta. In Chicago, seeking a better job, he busked and slept in a crate under an L station. One evening on a street corner, Crudup met Lester Melrose, a white field agent for Bluebird Records.

"He put a dollar in my hand and asked me to play," Crudup told High Fidelity magazine.

Arguments abound over who wrote the first rock 'n' roll song. But "That's All Right," mixing elements of blues and country, stakes a strong claim.

"It doesn't sound like country, it doesn't sound like blues, although I can hear them in there," says Joe Burns, a professor of communications and media studies at Southeastern Louisiana University. "It really is a brand new thing."

Crudup recorded

some 80 songs for Bluebird between 1941 and 1956, including "That's All Right," "My Baby Left Me" and "So Glad You're Mine." He held the rights to none.

His original manager had them.

"I wouldn't record anybody unless he signed all his rights in those tunes over to me," Melrose once said, according to Alan Lomax's book, "Mister Jelly Roll."

Crudup spent years off and on in Chicago, recording songs there and returning south by bus to work jobs in Mississippi. One was hauling trash for \$28.44 a week.

"I had the family to take care of, a car note to pay off, a gas bill, a light bill," Crudup said. He left music in his early 50s to work on farms. "A kind of hillbilly record"

In 1954, Presley was on a break during his tryout session in Sun Studios when "this song popped into my mind that I had heard years ago," according to Peter Guralnick's book, "Last Train to Memphis."

Sam Phillips, the studio's legendary founder, immediately recognized Crudup's song. Phillips was amazed the 19-year-old knew it and felt his version "came across with a freshness and an exuberance."

A Memphis, Tennessee, radio station soon broadcast Presley's recording. The response was "instantaneous," with phone calls and telegrams asking the station to replay it, Guralnick wrote.

"It was by far Elvis's biggest seller on the

Sun label and set him off on what would soon become his almost unimaginable path to stardom," Guralnick tells The Associated Press.

Although Crudup is often elided from accounts of Presley's rise, the singer did publicly credit the songwriter.

"Down in Tupelo, Mississippi, I used to hear old Arthur Crudup bang his box the way I do now," Presley told The Charlotte Observer in 1956, "and I said if I ever got to the place I could feel all old Arthur Crudup, I'd be a music man like nobody ever saw."

Crudup himself liked Presley's interpretation.

"He made it into a kind of hillbilly record," Crudup later told the Los Angeles Times. "But I liked it. I thought it would be a hit. Some people like the blues, some don't. But the way he did it, everyone liked it."

In the early 1960s, Crudup finally got a sizable royalty check — for \$1,600. But Melrose refused to turn over the copyright.

Many Black musicians signed over copyrights or were forced to share them, Southwestern Law School professor Kevin J. Greene says.

"A huge chunk of what we're talking about in terms of exploitation is still under copyright," says Greene, who testified before the California reparations task force.

In 1971, Downbeat magazine estimated that Crudup probably should have earned over \$250,000 — nearly \$2 million today — from "That's All Right" as well as "My Baby Left Me," which Creedence Clearwater Revival recorded.

Woman shamefully targets man with disabilities

DEAR ABBY: My son "Ethan" is a visually impaired adult with disabilities. He's articulate, down to earth and joyful to be around. He's a homeowner in a nice area of town. A woman we met through the Nextdoor app bought an expensive winter coat from us very cheap. She and her husband know Ethan is in Special Olympics and awaiting a guide dog. She raised chickens, and when Ethan mentioned the new egg hatcher we bought for him, she asked if she could borrow it. I told her she could, after our one chick was grown enough. I have asked repeatedly for her to return it. She said she would, and even asked for our address. I provided her with the information. She has since moved, but she's still in town. When I asked her more recently to please return it, she posted Ethan's photo from the Nextdoor app with a quote, "Dangerous and Unstable Person." What can I do to defend him? Legally, I think something needs to be done for his reputation now. -- PERPLEXED MOM IN COLORADO



DEAR ABBY
Abigail Van Buren

on hold after we had a fight. He told me he can't marry me if I act like that. Abby, he's exaggerating the fight. He's my best friend, and he's always there for me if I need him. He lives two hours away. After I had a flood, he came to help. He couldn't even see too well. (He got shingles two days before my flood.) Regardless of how sick he was, he drove all that way to help me. Roger has his own construction company. He has remodeled my kitchen and bathroom and done many other things for me. This is the second time he has postponed our wedding. I can't imagine life without him. Should I stay with him? Should we break up? I'd really hate to start dating again. Do you think he will marry me? -- ON HOLD IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MOM: There is enough discrimination toward people with disabilities without this awful woman contributing to it. Consult an attorney to discuss her behavior and find out how to defend your son from her uncalled-for attack. To label your son as dangerous and unstable is a slander intended to damage his reputation.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship for 11 years. I love "Roger." He's a hardworking, decent person. He says he loves me too. We got engaged three years ago and set a date for this year. Well, Roger has called it off, but he still wants to be together. He put our wedding

DEAR ON HOLD: You stated that Roger lives two hours away. Have you driven those two hours to be with him? If you haven't, it may be time you did because he may have another romantic relationship going on closer to home that would be complicated to get out of. From your description, he seems like a caring person, but there has to be a reason why he refuses to make a commitment. Until you get some honest answers from him, a marriage isn't likely to happen. If he is unattached, some premarital counseling may help to calm his fears.

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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The Northeast School District received \$2,500 from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation's Healthy Habits for Life grant program to install a disc golf course at the high school campus, which is free and open to the public. COURTESY PHOTO

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just maybe beautifying our district as well a little bit in the process ... I'm fairly confident that Piper (Richardson, physical education teacher) will be incorporating that (disc golf) in her classes as well."

Streeter also commended the efforts of the school district's maintenance staff for installing the disc golf course.

"Dan Erker is the maintenance guy and I do want to give some props to him, Dan Erker, our maintenance director and the crew that helps him," he said. "I know Dustin McMurray who is one of our high school staff members helped him develop a map for the course.

"... I don't know the name of it but there's some sort of disc golf app or club that you can be a part of, and it'll show you the map on your phone like the order or sequence of the disc golf, so we are anticipating, hopefully, getting that going too."

According to the BCBSKS Foundation, Healthy Habits for Life is a grant-giving program for schools, that helps schools fund healthy initiatives for students kindergarten through 12th grade.

The grant encourages school nurses, physical education teachers, principals, health or family and consumer science teachers, as well as other administrators to apply for the funding in order to foster life-long healthy habits

and behaviors, tackling childhood obesity while also improving mental health for students.

The grants focus on funding programs that help Kansas youth reduce their cardiovascular risk, increase their physical activity, learn healthy eating habits, or reinforce positive mental health. Since its creation in 2005, the grant program has awarded nearly \$2 million through more than 1,900 grants.

While the current registration period is closed, next year's registration period is scheduled to begin around September. Those interested can email BCBSKS Foundation Chief Operating Officer Marlou Wegener at marlou.wegener@bcbsks.com.

ARMA

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Methodist Church visited the council requesting permission to use the city park for a program that closes the church's Vacation Bible School.

"My wife and I are serving on the education committee for the United Methodist Church and our plan is to offer a Vacation Bible School dates running July 29 through the 31st and culminating in a petting zoo on the 31st. It is our request that we be allowed to use the park that is across the street from the church. We will be using Kramer's Livestock and Petting Zoo in Arcadia and will be paid for all their expenses by the Methodist Church, and they will also be doing all the cleanup for that service."

Johnson also touched base on whether the general public can attend.

"If it's of interest to the Arma general

public to participate, the petting zoo is open to that where we would sell cups of feed for \$1," he said.

Closing the discussion, the council approved the Arma United Methodist Church's request contingent upon receiving a certificate of insurance from Kramer.

Police Chief John Austin also presented the council with his police report for June.

According to Austin, the Arma Police Department had 29 reports for June consisting of 10 incidents, one burglary, one theft, eight warrants, one drug, four dog-at-large, one driving under influence, two traffic, and one battery report that resulted in 10 arrests.

The report also stated that the police department had 93 calls for service, 793 section checks, three vehicle checks, two periodic checks, 133 traffic stops, 63 citizen contacts, two alarm calls, one grass ordinance letter served, four

motorist assists (unlocks), eight assisting other agencies, two lift assists, four codes violations of the burn ordinance (2) and dog-at-large ordinance, as well as one park hours warning.

Austin also presented the council with two recommendations for police department hires. Following a brief discussion on experience and pay, the council approved the hiring of Jesse Snider at \$20 per hour and Baylor Jaynes at \$18 per hour.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, July 15. Meetings are located at the council meeting room next door to City Hall, located at 701 E. Washington St. For more information, call the Arma City Hall at 620-347-4125.

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A surfer braves the waves in Carlisle Bay as Hurricane Beryl passes through Bridgetown, Barbados, on July 1. AP PHOTO/RICARDO MAZALAN

Hot water foretells a scary storm season

Hurricane Beryl's explosive growth into an unprecedented early whopper of a storm shows the literal hot water the Atlantic and Caribbean are in right now and the kind of season ahead, experts said.

Beryl smashed multiple records even before its major-hurricane-level winds approached land. The powerful storm is acting more like monsters that form in the peak of hurricane season thanks mostly to water temperatures as hot or hotter than the region normally gets in September, five hurricane experts told The Associated Press.

Beryl set the record for earliest Category 4 with winds of at least 130 mph (209 kilometers per hour) — the first-ever Category 4 in June. It also was the earliest storm to rapidly intensify with wind speeds jumping 63 mph (102 kph) in 24 hours, going from an unnamed depression to a Category 4 in 48 hours.

Late Monday, it strengthened to a Category 5, becoming the earliest hurricane of that strength observed in the Atlantic basin on record, and only the second Category 5 hurricane in July after Hurricane Emily in 2005, the National Hurricane Center said. Category 5 storms have winds exceeding 157 mph (250 kph).

Beryl is on an unusually southern path, especially for a major hurricane, said University at Albany atmospheric scientist Kristen Corbosiero.

It made landfall Monday on the island of Carriacou with winds of up to 150 mph (240 kph), and is expected to plow through the islands of the southeast Caribbean. Beryl may stay near its current strength for another day before it begins weakening significantly, according to the late Monday forecast.

"Beryl is unprecedentedly strange," said Weather Under-

ground co-founder Jeff Masters, a former government hurricane meteorologist who flew into storms. "It is so far outside the climatology that you look at it and you say, 'How did this happen in June?'"

Get used to it. Forecasters predicted months ago it was going to be a nasty year and now they are comparing it to record busy 1933 and deadly 2005 — the year of Katrina, Rita, Wilma and Dennis.

"This is the type of storm that we expect this year, these outlier things that happen when and where they shouldn't," University of Miami tropical weather researcher Brian McNoldy said. "Not only for things to form and intensify and reach higher intensities, but increase the likelihood of rapid intensification. All of that is just coming together right now, and this won't be the last time."



A hiring sign is displayed at a restaurant in Arlington Heights, Ill., Friday. On Tuesday, the Labor Department reported that U.S. job openings rose slightly in May. AP PHOTO/NAM Y. HUH

U.S. job openings rise despite higher interest rates

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. job openings rose slightly to 8.1 million in May despite the impact of higher interest rates intended to cool the labor market.

Vacancies rose from a revised 7.9 million in April, the first reading below 8 million since February 2021, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. April openings were marked down from an originally reported 8.1 million.

Layoffs rose to 1.65 million in May from 1.54 million in April. The number of Americans quitting their jobs — a sign of confidence in their prospects — was basically unchanged.

"The report was another sign that the labor market is holding firm ... The expansion looks solid," said Robert Frick, economist at the Navy Federal Credit Union.

The U.S. economy and job market have been remarkably resilient in

the face of the Federal Reserve's campaign to raise interest rates to rein in inflation. The Fed hiked its benchmark rate 11 times in 2022 and 2023, lifting it to a 23-year high.

Defying expectations of a recession, the U.S. economy kept growing and employers kept hiring.

But lately there have been signs the economy is losing some steam. Job openings have come steadily down since peaking at 12.2 million in March 2022. The job market is still strong. There are 1.25 jobs for every unemployed American, but that's down from a 2-to-1 ratio in January 2023. Fed policymakers welcome lower job openings — a relatively painless way to cool a hot job market and reduce pressure on companies to raise wages, which can feed inflation.

From January through March this year, the economy

grew at an annual pace of just 1.4%, slowest since spring 2022. Consumer spending, which accounts for around 70% of U.S. economic activity, expanded just 1.5% after advancing at a pace of more than 3% in each of the last two quarters of 2023.

The Labor Department is expected to report Friday that employers added 190,000 jobs last month, down from 272,000 in May, according to a survey of forecasters by the data firm FactSet. Unemployment is forecast to stay low at 4%.

High interest rates have helped bring inflation down closer to the Fed's target of 2% a year from a four-decade high 9.1% in June 2022. Progress on containing price increases is expected to allow the central bank to start cutting rates. Wall Street investors are expecting the first rate cut at the Fed's September meeting.

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Nixon Brannan named academic All-American

By Jim Henry
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Pittsburg State catcher Nixon Brannan has received Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Communicators.

Brannan, from Austin, Texas, was named to the third-team squad for NCAA Division II.

Brannan has a 3.70 grade-point-average as a marketing major. He earned second-team All-MIAA and second-team NCAA Division II All-Central Region honors after hitting .343 with 15 doubles, 15 home runs and 50 runs batted in this season.

Brannan is the 13th Pittsburg State baseball player to earn CSC Academic All-America honors and the first since Garrett McGowan in 2022.



Nixon Brannan

The Gorillas' other academic All-Americans are Eric Miller, 1993-94; Brad Shorter, 1998; Mark Drake, 1998-99; Austin Kinsey, 1999-2000; Ryan Bevins, 2002; Brian Ahlers, 2004; Ryan Burke, 2004; Brad Smith, 2006; Kevin Deao, 2007; Taylor Sibala, 2010-11; Brad Foss, 2013-14.

Utah State names Dreiling interim head coach

By Jim Henry
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Former Pittsburg State All-American and assistant football coach Nate Dreiling was named interim head coach at Utah State on Tuesday.

The announcement came after the school announced it was firing head coach Blake Anderson after an external review of allegations that he hadn't complied with Title IX policies regarding the reporting of sexual misconduct cases.

The school also said associate vice president/deputy athletic director of external affairs Jerry Bovee and football director of player development and community Austin Albrecht were fired "for violations of university policies related to the reporting of sexual and domestic violence and failures of professional responsibilities."



Nate Dreiling

Bovee was Utah State's interim athletic director in 2023. Utah State said Anderson was being fired for actions that took place in the spring of 2023.

Utah State noted that Title IX policies "require full and timely reporting of disclosures of sexual misconduct — including domestic violence — and prohibit employees from investigating disclosures of sexual

misconduct themselves."

School officials noted that Anderson has 14 days to respond to the university's decision under terms of his employment agreement. School officials said they couldn't release any additional information until all opportunities to respond or appeal to the decision have expired.

Anderson posted a 23-17 record in three seasons at Utah State, with the Aggies reaching bowl games each of those years. He went 11-3 in 2021 before going 6-7 each of the last two years.

Dreiling was hired at Utah State after spending the past two seasons as defensive coordinator at New Mexico State under Jerry Kill, another former PSU coach. The Aggies went 17-11 in the last two years, played in bowl games both seasons and lost in the Conference USA championship game

SEE DREILING, 2B

J.L. Hutch all-stars shine brightly



Frank German League all-star Reed Proffitt hits his fourth and final home run to win the home run derby Monday night at the PSU Softball Complex.

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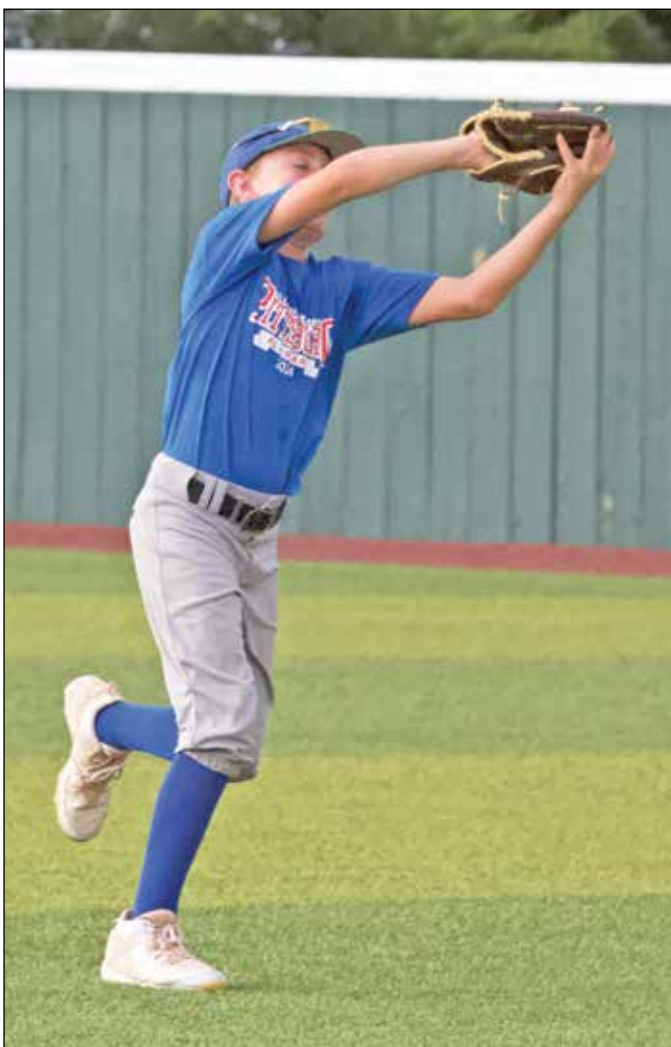
Blue pitcher Trayvon Logan fires one Monday in the Ted Carnino League all-star game at the PSU Softball Complex.

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Red pitcher Zach Brown delivers to the plate Monday in the Carnino League all-star game.

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Blue center fielder Michael Anthony makes a catch Monday in the Carnino League all-star game.

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German League all-star Cameron Walker hits a homer in the home run derby Monday night.

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Red player Carson Farabi makes contact Monday in the Carnino League all-star game.

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BASEBALL

**MLB STANDINGS
American League**

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	53	31	.631	—
New York	54	32	.628	—
Boston	44	39	.530	8½
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	11
Toronto	38	46	.452	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	52	30	.634	—
Minnesota	47	37	.560	6
Kansas City	47	39	.547	7
Detroit	38	46	.452	15
Chicago	24	62	.279	30
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	47	39	.547	—
Houston	43	41	.512	3
Texas	38	46	.452	8
Los Angeles	36	47	.434	9½
Oakland	30	56	.349	17

Monday's Games
Houston 3, Toronto 1
Tuesday's Games
Boston at Miami, 5:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 5:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
Houston at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 6:40 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 8:40 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Boston (Bello 7-5) at Miami (Rogers 1-8), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Fedde 5-3) at Cleveland (Williams 0-0), 5:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Abbott 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Rodón 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Blanco 8-3) at Toronto (Kikuchi 4-8), 6:07 p.m.
San Diego (Mazur 1-2) at Texas (Gray 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Flaherty 5-5) at Minnesota (Festa 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Peipiot 4-4) at Kansas City (Wacha 4-6), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Daniel 1-0) at Oakland (Estes 2-3), 8:40 p.m.
Baltimore (Burnes 9-3) at Seattle (Gilbert 5-4), 9:10 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	55	29	.655	—
Atlanta	46	36	.561	8
New York	41	41	.500	13
Washington	39	45	.464	16
Miami	30	54	.357	25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	50	35	.588	—
St. Louis	43	40	.518	6
Pittsburgh	40	43	.482	9
Cincinnati	39	45	.464	10½
Chicago	39	46	.459	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	52	33	.612	—
San Diego	46	42	.523	7½
Arizona	41	43	.488	10½
San Francisco	41	44	.482	11
Colorado	29	55	.345	22½

Monday's Games
N.Y. Mets 9, Washington 7, 10 innings
Colorado 8, Milwaukee 7, 10 innings
Tuesday's Games
Boston at Miami, 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 5:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 5:45

p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Yankees, 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 6:20 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 7:40 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Boston (Bello 7-5) at Miami (Rogers 1-8), 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Jones 5-6), 5:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Scott 0-2) at Washington (Parker 5-4), 5:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Abbott 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Rodón 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Hicks 4-4) at Atlanta (Sale 10-3), 6:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wheeler 9-4) at Chicago Cubs (Imanaga 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Mazur 1-2) at Texas (Gray 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Rea 7-2) at Colorado (Hudson 2-11), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Montgomery 6-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Stone 9-2), 9:10 p.m.

TENNIS

**PRO TOURNAMENT
Wimbledon**

At London (Seeds in Parentheses)
Tuesday's Results
Men's Singles
First Round
Tomas Martin Etcheverry (30), Argentina, def. Luca Nardi, Italy, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.
Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, def. Nuno Borges, Portugal, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 2-6, 6-3.
Alexei Popyrin, Australia, def. Thiago Monteiro, Brazil, 6-4, 6-7 (8), 6-3, 6-4.
Jaume Munar, Spain, def. Billy Harris, Britain, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Hubert Hurkacz (7), Poland, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Alex de Minaur (9), Australia, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (4).
Lorenzo Musetti (25), Italy, def. Constant Lestienne, France, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-2.
Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, def. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.
Luciano Darderi, Italy, def. Jan Choinski, Britain, 7-5, 4-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, France, def. Sebastian Korda (20), United States, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), 7-6 (6), 6-7 (4), 6-3.
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Vit Koprieva, Czechia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
Francisco Comesana, Argentina, def. Andrey Rublev (6), Russia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Thiago Seyboth Wild, Brazil, def. Paul Jubb, Britain, 1-6, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 7-5.
Adam Walton, Australia, def. Federico Coria, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5.
Jacob Fearnley, Britain, def. Alejandro Moro Canas, Spain, 7-5, 6-4, 7-6 (12).
Holger Rune (15), Denmark, def. Kwon Soon Woo, South Korea, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.
Arthur Fils, France, def. Dominic Stricker, Switzerland, 6-3, 6-2,

3-6, 6-4.
Stefanos Tsitsipas (11), Greece, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 7-5.
Marcos Giron, United States, def. Henry Searle, Britain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Flavio Cobolli, Italy, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Cameron Norrie, Britain, def. Facundo Diaz Acosta, Argentina, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3.
Taylor Fritz (13), United States, def. Christopher O'Connell, Australia, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
Jack Draper (28), Britain, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

Women's Singles
First Round
Jessica Pegula (5), United States, def. Ashlyn Krueger, United States, 6-2, 6-0.
Harriet Dart, Britain, def. Zhuoxuan Bai, China, 6-4, 6-0.
Laura Siegemund, Germany, def. Kateryna Baindl, Ukraine, 6-4, 6-1.
Wang Xinyu, China, def. Viktoriya Tomova, Bulgaria, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 6-0.
Elena Rybakina (4), Kazakhstan, def. Elena-Gabriela Ruse, Romania, 6-3, 6-1.
Jessica Bouzas Maneiro, Spain, def. Marketa Vondrousova (6), Czechia, 6-4, 6-2.
Cristina Bucsa, Spain, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (5).
Anna Kalinskaya (17), Russia, def. Panna Udvardy, Hungary, 6-3, 6-2.
Liudmila Samsonova (15), Russia, def. Rebeka Masarova, Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Marie Bouzkova, Czechia, def. Julia Riera, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1.
Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-1, 6-2.
Elina Avanesyan, Russia, def. Anhelina Kalinina, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-3.
Iga Swiatek (1), Poland, def. Sofia Kenin, United States, 6-3, 6-4.
Katie Boulter (32), Britain, def. Tatjana Maria, Germany, 7-6 (6), 7-5.
Leylah Annie Fernandez (30), Canada, def. Lucia Bronzetti, Italy, 6-4, 6-3.
Caroline Garcia (23), France, def. Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-4, 7-5.
Bernarda Pera, United States, def. Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Dalma Galfi, Hungary, def. Mayar Sherif, Egypt, 6-1, 6-2.
Robin Montgomery, United States, def. Olivia Gadecki, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.
Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, def. Angelique Kerber, Germany, 7-5, 6-3.
Caroline Wozniacki, Denmark, def. Alycia Parks, United States, 6-2, 6-0.
Daria Snigur, Ukraine, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-4, 6-0.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Francesca Jones, Britain, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Ons Jabeur (10), Tunisia, def. Moyuka Uchijima, Japan, 6-3, 6-1.
Katerina Siniakova (27), Czechia, def. Marina Stakusic, Canada, 6-4, 6-2.



“SOONERS” stands on the football field at Oklahoma during an event kicking off the school’s move from the Big 12 to the Southeastern Conference on Monday. (AP PHOTO/CLIFF BRUNT)

By **CLIFF BRUNT** and **JIM VERTUNO**
AP Sports Writers

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma finally got the chance to celebrate its long-awaited move to the Southeastern Conference.

As the switch from the Big 12 became official on Monday, the school finally was letting loose.

Festivities started Sunday night and stretched to events statewide on Monday. There were pep rallies in Norman on Monday afternoon. In the evening, the free “Party In The Palace” at Memorial Stadium included music, a brew garden, a basketball court, a gaming trailer, a mechanical bull and a photo booth.

“Today is a celebration,” Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said. “It’s about engaging our fans

and our stakeholders. That’s what this is, rather than having a quick press conference and an announcement and moving on. We’ve tried to really bring our fan base into it because we were very, very strident about not trying to celebrate it before the official day would come.”

There was no downplaying it on Monday. The SEC logo was plastered all over Oklahoma’s stadium and the campus — even painted on the sidewalks.

Not to be outdone, Texas made its long-awaited conference switch at the same time and celebrated with campus parties, carnivals, concerts and fireworks.

Now Oklahoma and Texas, rival programs that were co-founders of the Big 12 in 1996, finally are in the SEC. And their celebrations

fit the conference mantra: “It Just Means More.”

At Texas, thousands poured onto campus in near 100-degree heat Sunday for a carnival and concert with “Mr. Worldwide” pop star Pitbull under the iconic campus clock tower.

The SEC Network had live programming from both campuses over the two days, and Longhorns and Sooners fans had their first chance to buy SEC-branded school merchandise.

“We’ve had the mantra, ‘It Just Means More,’ since 2016,” said SEC commissioner Greg Sankey, who visited both campus parties, “Oklahoma and Texas fit that clearly.”

Texas women’s basketball coach Vic Schaefer, who coached in the SEC, called the switch “a match made in heaven.”

Utah favored in Big 12 football

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Big 12 newcomer Utah has been picked to finish first in the expanded 16-team football conference this fall in a preseason poll of media who cover the league.

The Utes got 20 of 61 first-place votes in the poll released Tuesday, a week before the start of the league’s football media days in Las Vegas. Kansas State got 19 first-place votes and

was picked second, ahead of last year’s Big 12 runner-up Oklahoma State, which was first on 14 ballots. Kansas (five first-place votes) and Arizona (three) rounded out the top five.

Pac-12 teams Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah officially became Big 12 members this week, at the same time that reigning Big 12 champion Texas and Oklahoma joined the

Southeastern Conference.

Colorado and coach Deion Sanders were picked 11th in the preseason poll, with Arizona State picked 16th.

The league also announced its preseason individual awards, led by NCAA rushing champion Ollie Gordon II from Oklahoma State as the offensive player of the year.

Uruguay eliminates US from Copa America

By **DAVE SKRETTA**
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gregg Berhalter gave a single-word answer after the United States was eliminated from the Copa America with a loss to Uruguay when asked whether he was the right man to lead the Americans into the 2026 World Cup. “Yes,” Berhalter said.

Plenty of others are sure to have plenty more to say about his future with the national team.

After a disastrous loss to Panama put the U.S. in a dire predicament, Berhalter’s line-up of players from European clubs created precious few opportunities against Uruguay. And when Mathías Olivera found the back of the net for a questionable second-half goal, La Celeste walked out of Arrowhead Stadium with a 1-0 victory on Monday night and the Americans were left wondering how everything had gone so wrong.

“We’re all going to do a review of the whole tournament and see where we fell short,” Berhalter said. “It’s obvious the Panama game hurt us, put us behind the 8-ball, and I think collectively — the staff, the players, the sporting department — have to look at where do we improve. How do we get better? We know it’s a talented team, one with big potential, and we didn’t show it.”

Berhalter and the U.S. hoped to show the team had advanced since its round-of-16

elimination against the Netherlands at the 2022 World Cup. Instead, the U.S. managed only a 2-0 win over lowly Bolivia and were upset 2-1 by the Panamanians.

“We had a good start and brought a lot of energy but at the end of the day, just not enough quality,” U.S. captain Christian Pulisic said. “I felt like we gave it everything but we just couldn’t score.”

Indeed, the lone goal Monday night came in the 66th minute when Nicolas De La Cruz swung a free kick in front of the American goal. Matt Turner parried a header by Ronald Araújo, who out-jumped defender Tim Ream, but the rebound went right to Olivera and he tapped the ball in with his left foot.

Olivera appeared to be offside on the initial header but the goal stood after a video review.

Three minutes before Uruguay scored, the U.S. was in position to advance.

DREILING

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in its first year in the league in 2023.

Dreiling’s coaching career began as a graduate assistant at Kansas in 2015-16. He returned to Pittsburg State, serving as safeties coach in 2017 and defensive coordinator the next two years. He coached 1 1/2 years at Oregon before going to Southeast Missouri State.

Dreiling played line-backer at Pittsburg State from 2010-13 and graduated as the PSU and MIAA leader with 491 tackles.

A four-time All-American, he was the NCAA Division II Player of the Year in 2011 after helping the Gorillas win the national championship.

Dreiling and his wife, Alexa, have two daughters, Baylor and Baisley, and a son, Baker.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



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National Make A Difference to Children Month is observed in July. The month raises awareness about the vulnerability any child in the world can face if they do not have the right person in their lives to guide them. Children, being pure of heart and still lacking experience about life, need guidance to choose the right paths. Oftentimes such guiding figures can be parents, older siblings, teachers, or other types of guardians. However, it also happens that many times children do not have such mentors, and this can put them in harm’s way. A study shows that children are more likely to pursue higher studies if they have mentors and ideals in their lives. Children are the future of the world, and this is why it is important to make a positive difference in their lives.

How to observe national make a difference to a children month:

- 1. Talk to a child-** One of the best ways to help make a difference in a child’s life is to get to know them better by understanding their needs. In many cases, all a child requires is the attention and time of someone as it makes them feel heard and cared for. So, talk to the children in your life, and spend time with them.
- 2. Vow to protect children-** If you see abuse or neglect happening to a child around you, you can help them by stepping in or informing the authorities. But always make sure that you are aware of the situation between parents and their child before you take any action. Context is important.
- 3. Donate to United Way’s Education Pillar-** Donations ensure adequate funding to vital youth programs. You can also spread the word about them by talking to your friends and family, and encouraging them to donate, too.

We are honored to partner with several remarkable agencies that make a difference in the lives of children, not only in July, but all year long. We are grateful for the Acts of Kindness that they provide to the children in our communities.

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Defending champ loses at Wimbledon

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Marketa Vondrousova became the first defending women's champion at Wimbledon to lose in the first round the next year since 1994, eliminated 6-4, 6-2 by Jessica Bouzas Maneiro at Centre Court on Tuesday.

Vondrousova was a surprise title winner at the All England Club 12 months ago, the first unseeded woman to claim the trophy at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

Now she enters the books in another — and less-wanted — historic way. The only other time in the sport's Open era, which dates to 1968, that a woman went from a championship at Wimbledon to an immediate exit a year later was when Steffi Graf was defeated by Lori McNeil 30 years ago.

"I was happy to be back on the Centre Court," Vondrousova said. "It just didn't go as planned today."

Vondrousova was seeded No. 6 this time, but the left-hander, who was the runner-up at the 2019 French Open

and a silver medalist at the Tokyo Olympics three years ago, was never quite able to demonstrate her full game Tuesday. She appeared to still be suffering after-effects from a fall during a tuneup tournament on grass in Berlin last month that hurt her hip.

"I was a bit slower, maybe. I was a bit scared," Vondrousova said. "But credit to her. She was playing a good match, too. I didn't feel at my best, (but) she didn't give me many points for free."

How big a deal was this for Bouzas Maneiro?

She is competing in a Grand Slam tournament for only the third time and came into the day with an 0-2 record at those events. Bouzas Maneiro also had never won a match at a tour-level grass tournament and never beaten an opponent ranked in the top 10.

"This is one of the most important moments in my life, in my career, here in this sport. This is amazing," said Bouzas Maneiro, a 21-year-old from Spain who is ranked 83rd this week, equaling her ca-

reer high.

"I was like, 'I have no pressure. Just enjoy the moment, enjoy the tournament.' Just trying to be free playing, and I did it, so I'm happy for that," she said.

Vondrousova added to the series of past major title winners dropping out of the singles brackets within the first 30 hours of action at Wimbledon this year — although others did so without playing a point.

Earlier Tuesday, Andy Murray pulled out of singles because he decided he wasn't able to compete a little more than a week after having surgery to remove a cyst from his spine. His final appearance at Wimbledon, which he won in 2013 and 2016, will come in doubles alongside his older brother, Jamie.

Two seeded women who both have been ranked No. 1 and own two Australian Open championships apiece, No. 3 Aryna Sabalenka and No. 16 Victoria Azarenka, withdrew on Monday before their first-round matches because of shoulder injuries. Sabalenka was the pre-tournament fa-



Jessica Bouzas Maneiro of Spain celebrates after defeating Marketa Vondrousova of the Czech Republic during their first-round match Tuesday at Wimbledon. (AP PHOTO/KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH)

vorite to take the women's title, according to BetMGM Sportsbook.

Intermittent rain delayed matches on the outside courts more than once Tuesday, and the retractable roofs at Centre Court and No. 1 Court were shut to allow play in those two stadiums. No. 6 seed Andrey Rublev lost, while winners on Day 2 included No. 1 Iga Swiatek, 2022 champion Elena Rybakina and No. 5 seed Jessica Pegula among the women, and seven-time champion Novak Djokovic, No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev and No. 7 Hubert Hurkacz among the men.

For Djokovic, his 6-1,

6-2, 6-2 win against qualifier Vit Koprivka was the first match since having surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee on June 5.

"Obviously started a little bit more cautious, I would say. I didn't really maybe go for certain shots 100% ... (in) the first set," said Djokovic, who wore a gray sleeve on his right knee. "I played, I think, just enough to win confidently in straight sets. I felt like as the match progressed, I moved better."

The initial signs of trouble for Vondrousova on Tuesday came right away: She double-faulted three times in the very first game and got

broken to trail 1-0.

"My serve wasn't so good today," Vondrousova said. "Overall, I think, I wasn't at my best."

She would wind up with seven double-faults, part of her total of 28 unforced errors, twice as many as Bouzas Maneiro in a match that lasted only a little more than an hour.

"I'm surprised with myself, honestly. At the beginning, I was a little bit nervous, but then ... the atmosphere was so nice," Bouzas Maneiro said. "I was comfortable here playing, and I was like at home. I don't know why."



Andy Murray (left) and Jamie Murray take a break from their practice session on Tuesday at the Wimbledon Championships. (JORDAN PETTITT/PA VIA AP)

Andy Murray withdraws from singles

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**
AP Tennis Writer

LONDON (AP) — Andy Murray withdrew from singles at Wimbledon a little more than a week after surgery to remove a cyst from his spine, and the two-time men's champion at the All England Club said he would make his farewell appearance at the tournament by playing doubles with his older brother, Jamie.

"I'm disappointed. I wanted to play in the tournament, and I wanted to have a chance to go out there and walk out on my own on Centre Court again and give it another go. But I also was only going to do that if I felt like I could be competitive. And I didn't feel like that today," Murray said.

"I'm sorry, obviously, for everyone that came and wanted to support and watch again. And I wanted that moment, as well, as much for me as for the people that have supported me over the years. The fans, but also my closest friends, family, my team. It was important for me to do that with them, as well," he said. "It's one of those things. Unfor-

tunate. The timing was horrible. The surgery was a complex one. It wasn't to be."

The 37-year-old Murray — who has been planning to retire after the Paris Olympics, which start later this month — was supposed to face Tomas Machac at Centre Court on Tuesday in the first round of singles. Murray was replaced in the bracket by David Goffin, who lost during qualifying rounds last week.

Murray won Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016; the first of those made him the first British men's singles champion at the tournament in 77 years, and he was awarded a knighthood by Queen Elizabeth II after the second title.

He said over the weekend that he was hoping for "maybe a bit of closure" by getting one more chance to "feel that buzz" of playing at Centre Court before the end of his career.

He won the U.S. Open in 2012, made it to No. 1 in the ATP rankings and is the only player to win two consecutive singles gold medals at an Olympics. Those titles came at London in 2012 — when the match-

es held were at the All England Club — and at Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

Murray came along during an era of unprecedented excellence in men's tennis, dominated by the Big Three of Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. That trio has combined for 66 Grand Slam titles — led by the 24 for Djokovic, who was born a week after Murray in May 1987 — and swapped the top ranking for years, but Murray managed to elbow his way in, eventually.

"Just incredible resilience throughout all his career," Djokovic said Tuesday. "Multiple Grand Slam winner. Legend of the game."

A grinding game style, mainly at the baseline, superb serve returning and an unrelenting attitude that propelled Murray to success with a racket in his hand and popularity away from the game. He has been an advocate for women in the sport, including hiring Amelie Mauresmo as his coach — a rare instance of a top male player working with a female coach — and never been shy about voicing his opinions on various issues.

Oklahoma State's Gordon arrested

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
AP Sports Writer

Oklahoma State running back and Doak Walker Award winner Ollie Gordon II was arrested Sunday morning for suspicion of driving under the influence, police said.

A state trooper in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, reported seeing Gordon swerving in his black 2024 Cadillac. The vehicle was clocked at 82 miles per hour in a 65 mph zone, according to a probable cause

affidavit.

The trooper pulled the vehicle over, smelled alcohol and found half-full bottles of vodka and tequila inside of it, according to the affidavit.

Gordon, 20, was arrested and registered breath alcohol content levels of 0.11 and 0.10 at the Cleveland County jail.

The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office said Gordon posted bond and was released on Sunday.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Gor-

don had an attorney.

Gordon ran for 1,732 yards and 21 touchdowns last season. He won the Doak Walker Award for the nation's best running back, finished seventh in the Heisman voting and was a first-team Associated Press All-American. He was named Tuesday as the Big 12's preseason offensive player of the year.

An Oklahoma State spokesman said the school is aware of the situation.

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No doubt you're ready to celebrate like it's 1776 tomorrow—or at least you're prepared for a festive and possibly quiet 4th of July. If you're out making a last run to stock up on supplies, don't forget to stop at the library to pick up a book, if not three or four. We'll be open until 7pm (but closed on Thursday).

One of my favorite

books as a kid was Esther Forbes' "Johnny Tremain" which is set in the days leading up to the Revolution. In Doris Overman's 8th grade English class, we memorized "Paul Revere's Ride" by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Perhaps my bent towards history began then and was only solidified by graduating from PHS in the bicentennial year of 1976. Yet, that's not my favorite time period. Go figure.

But if you want to read something set in the early days of our country, I

can find one for you. If you prefer fiction, let me suggest Jeff Shaara's "Rise to Rebellion". It begins with the Boston Massacre and ends with the early days of the war while its sequel, "The Glorious Cause", continues with the battles that ultimately determined the defeat of the Redcoats. In "The Fort", Bernard Cornwell tells the story of the Penobscot Expedition, one of the very first skirmishes of the war before the colonial army was even established. "The Hornet's Nest", a novel by

former President Jimmy Carter, takes place in the southern colonies which is a change of pace from the usual Boston/Philadelphia locations.

Of course, we have a number of nonfiction books dealing with the American Revolution but perhaps you'd prefer something less historical and more sociological, perhaps even philosophical. Dan Rather's "What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism" and "It Occurs to Me That I Am America", edited by Jonathan Santlofer, make observations

about how our country has changed over the past 248 years. In "A Patriot's Handbook", Caroline Kennedy selected songs, poems, stories, and speeches spanning US history that extol its people and ideals. It would be the perfect choice to pick up on Independence Day and find entries that speak of the cultural, legislative, and judicial history of our nation.

Or perhaps you want to do some armchair traveling. Lonely Planet has put out "The Unique States of America", a travel guide to each state's iconic tour-

ist destinations, many of them off the beaten path. Places that are often referred to as the "real America".

And if none of the above titles strike your fancy, come to the library and find a book that does. Because not only should we celebrate freedom but also "freedom"—the right to freely choose whatever title(s) you want to read. That's a basic liberty that libraries (and this librarian) believe in. I'll be reading tomorrow and invite you to join me as we celebrate this day of freedom.

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Frontenac Marine presented a flag flown at historic monument

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Excerpted stories in Crawford County newspaper archives

100 Years Ago July 3-4, 1924

Noon trains today carried a horde of Teachers College students, estimated to number more than 1,500, to their homes to spend the Fourth of July vacation, which began at 11 o'clock this morning. Arrangements were made to carry students round trip to their destinations over the Kansas City Southern, Frisco and Santa Fe for one and one half fares. Santa Fe furnished two added coaches and held its train until 11:45 for the students.

In a short, patriotic address delivered before the student body of

the college in assembly this morning in Carney Hall, President W. A. Brandenburg spoke in support of the efficacy of democratic government, stressing the big part education plays in perpetuating such government. "The fact that persons in high places found unworthy can be indicted is the strongest argument in favor of our form of government," Mr. Brandenburg said.

No larger quantity of liquor has been found within the city limits of Pittsburg in many months than that discovered at the home of Mrs. Emilene Azzi, 302 E. Park, when police and a federal prohibition enforcement officer raided yesterday afternoon. In the cellar of the house, were found 56 quarts of "choc" beer and 48 quarts of sour wine.

Decision was reached last night by the Wom-

en's Missionary Society of the Christian Church to contribute \$1,000 annually toward the support of a foreign missionary. This gives the local society credit as a "living link." Miss Minnie Nicholson of Reserve, Brown County, Kansas, will be the charge of the local society. Miss Nicholson is scheduled for a return visit before departing in September for India.

50 Years Ago July 3-4, 1974

The Fourth of July is not what it used to be. And that's a good thing. We're thinking of the noise. Time was when Mom and Pop were jolted out of bed early on the rambunctious day that lads had been looking forward to for weeks. The nature of the day changes as the years go by. At Columbus the celebration will

include two contests: tobacco spitting and cow chip throwing. It is to be hoped no cross winds are blowing.

Dr. Carl S. Newman, 83, who served the Pittsburg area as physician and surgeon for 51 years, died yesterday at Mt. Carmel Medical Center where he had been a patient since June 26. He retired on July 1, 1973 when he reluctantly ceased practice even though he had served long past what is considered the normal retirement age these days. While a general practitioner, Newman was recognized widely for his ability in surgery.

Dr. Richard K. Hay, director of the Center for Business and Economic Development, reports that a one-credit course, "BASIC Programming I-161," is being offered for anyone wishing to become familiar with

operation of the center's new computer facilities, including six telephone terminals in five KSCP campus buildings. "BASIC Programming II-161" will be elected to follow the first course.

He wasn't very big – as basketball players go – but Eric Johnson loomed over opponents when the Gorillas hit the hardwoods for Kansas State College of Pittsburg. A real team player, the 6-0, 165 guard and playmaker takes over this fall as head basketball coach at Horton. In addition, Mary Sue Cuthbertson, spring college graduate, will teach third grade. The two have a wedding scheduled Aug. 16.

25 Years Ago July 3-4, 1999

If you didn't do holiday shopping early, you're paying more for gas and other consumer goods in Crawford County. A countywide half cent sales tax took effect July 1 to pay for a new judicial center in Pittsburg. More important to those heading out for Fourth of July fun, gas prices went up by 2 cents a gallon across the state. This raised average prices of gas in Pittsburg from \$1.05 to \$1.07 for unleaded.

John Fuertsch already had photographs, a personalized license

plate and shrapnel in his lungs to remind him of his role in the historic World War II battle of Iwo Jima. Yesterday he received a new memento – a flag that was flown over the U.S. Marines Iwo Jima monument in Washington, D.C. The flag was presented to Fuertsch at his Frontenac home.

A Wichita businessman says he is thinking about purchasing the Camptown Greyhound Racetrack in Frontenac. But despite rumors to the contrary, nothing is a done deal. "I'm kicking the tires," said Phil Ruffin, who owns the Wichita Greyhound track. He also owns two Marriott hotels in Wichita. Bob Terlip, who owns the property with Waldo Morris, was unavailable for comment yesterday. Ruffin said, "My guess is it'll be 30 days if anything would transpire."

When was the last time wooden bats were used at Jaycee Ball Park? And does anyone remember hearing the crack of a wood bat there? No, not the ding of an aluminum bat. A crackling wood bat? Get ready baseball fans. The wood bat is back in Pittsburg this weekend, when the Pittsburg American Legion Post 64 baseball team will arm itself and five other squads in the inaugural Pittsburg Wood Bat Tournament.

Spice things up this year by taking a unique approach to life and romance. Stop merely thinking about your dreams, hopes and wishes, and start working to realize them. Invest more time and money in yourself, and build a financial cushion to live life your way. An opportunity to expand your interests will bring you closer to the life you desire.

ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last

CANCER (June 21-July 22) --Take pride in your work. Making a change will enhance your chance to connect with someone who can offer a unique perspective. Think about how you can use your skills and experience to gain leverage.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Try something new, do things differently and let your creative imagination lead the way. Head in a direction that will provide excitement

and enrich your life. Use your powers of persuasion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Observe what others do before you take on too much or get involved in something for the wrong reasons. A change may excite you, but educate yourself before you jump into something.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Boredom is a sign it's time to shift gears. Before you go to extremes, take it upon yourself to figure out what's best for you and, more importantly, what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- All work and no play will drag you down. Make plans to get together with someone who makes you think. A change will enhance your life, but first you must make plans that satisfy your needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Talk the talk and walk the walk. Make your presence felt, and everything will fall into place. Live up to your word, and make fairness your calling card.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Welcome change and embrace

new beginnings. Think outside the box, and dazzle everyone with your ingenuity and candor. Share your intentions with a loved one. Romance is in the stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Put your energy and power where it brings the highest returns. Focus on what makes you happy and explore how to increase your productivity and expand your interests.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Make self-improvement your goal instead of trying to change others. Once you are hap-

py with yourself, you'll know who you want in your life and who you want to set free. Don't overreact.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your creative imagination will encourage you to follow your heart and enjoy what life offers. Speak up and share your ideas, and you'll gain insight. You can't please everyone, so don't try.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Before you make a move, get your facts straight and your plans in place. Timing is everything; feel free

to change your mind midway if something doesn't feel right.

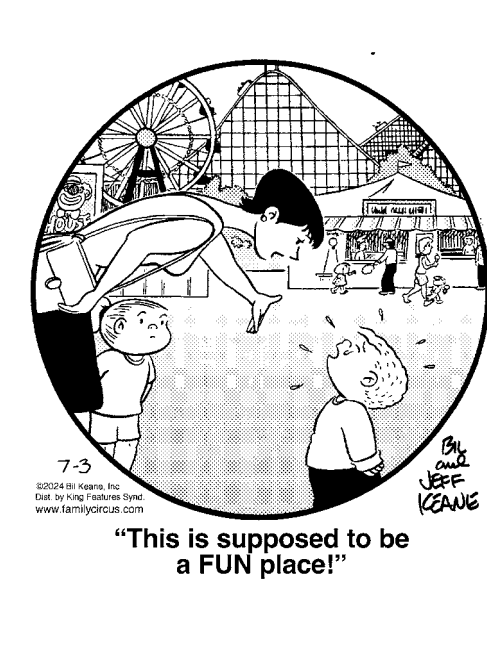
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Don't trust secondhand information or ads that promise the impossible. Make decisions that fit your standards. Preparation will make a difference in what and how you achieve your goal.

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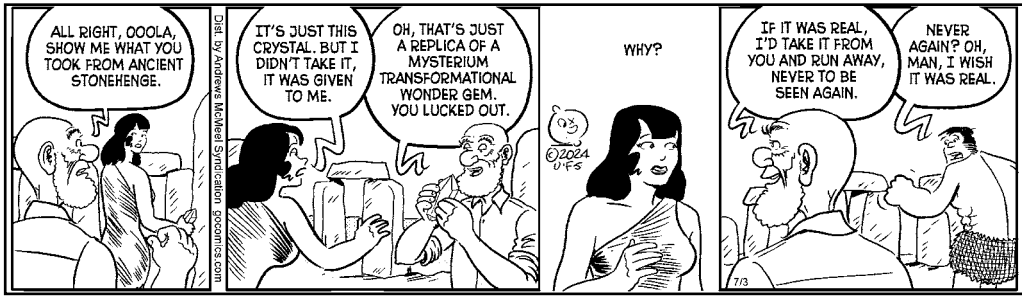
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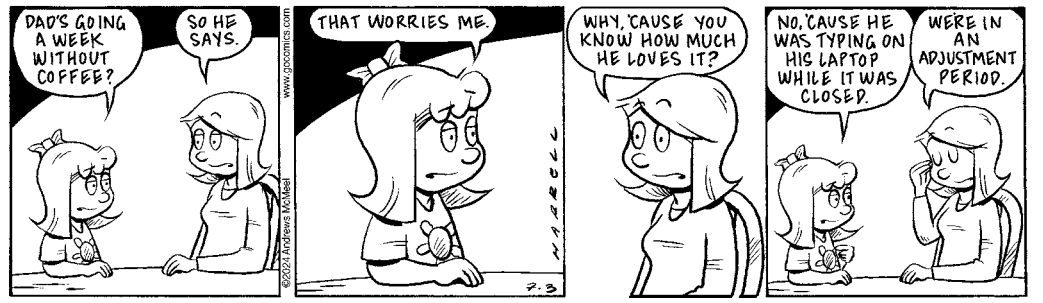
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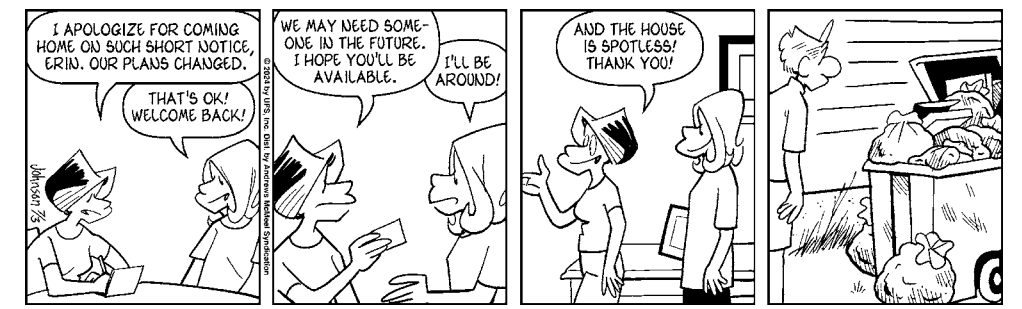
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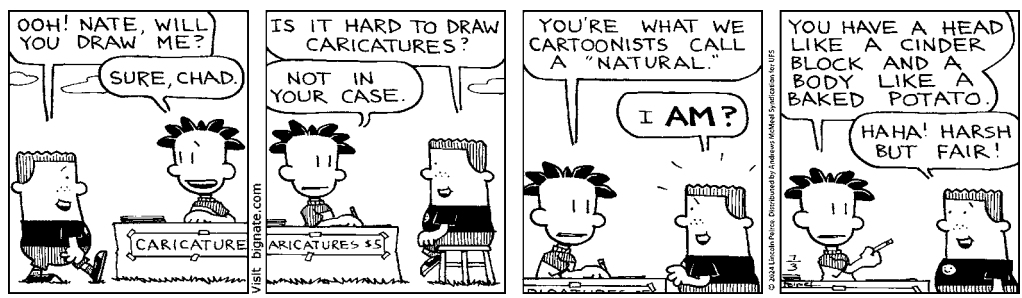
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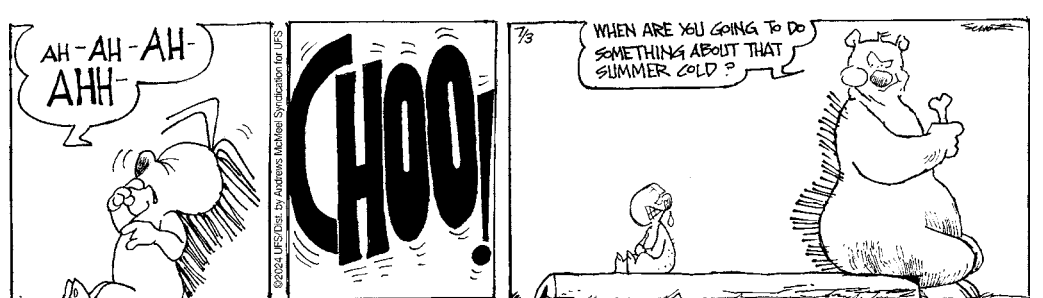
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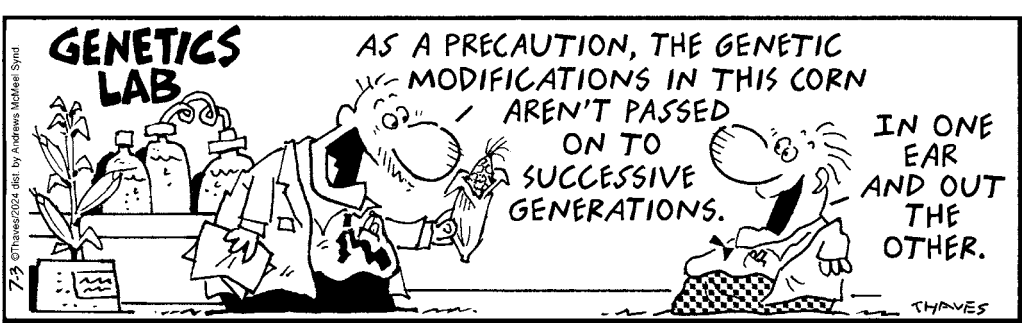
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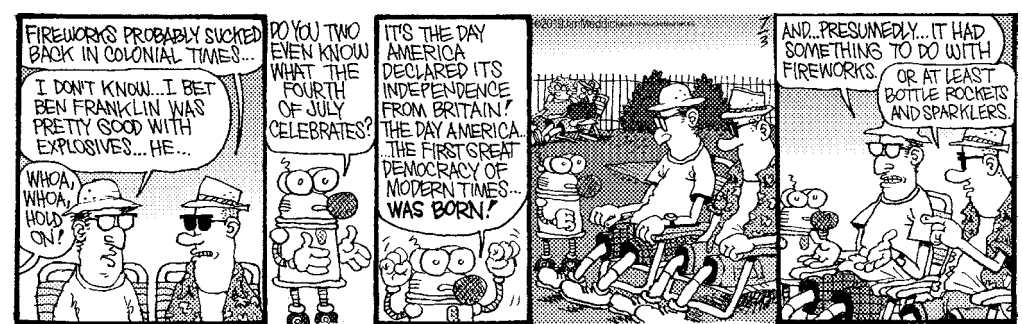
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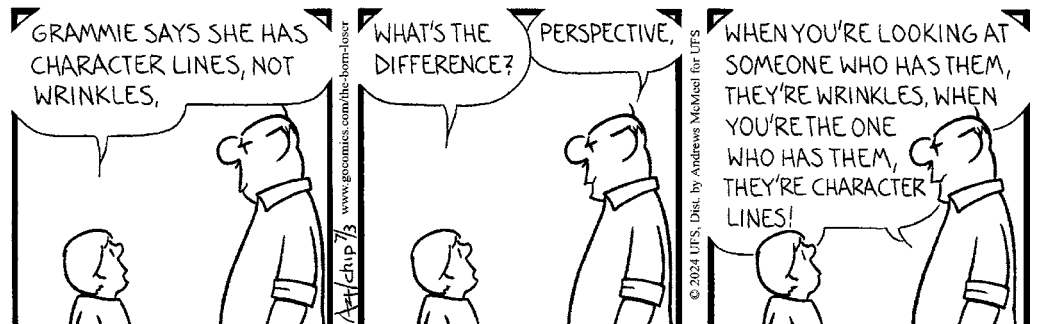
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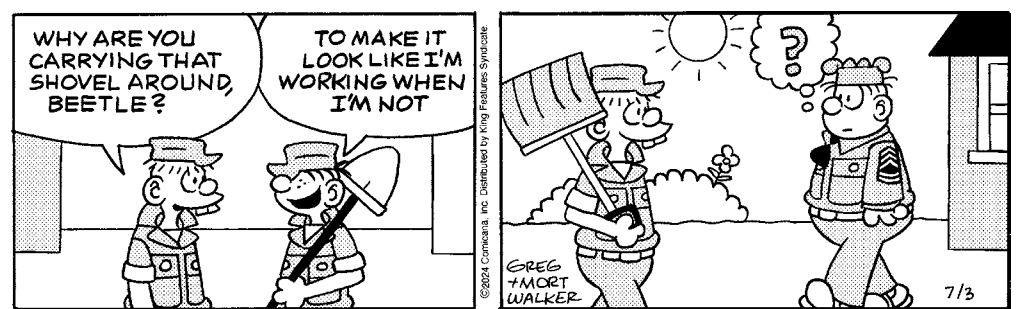
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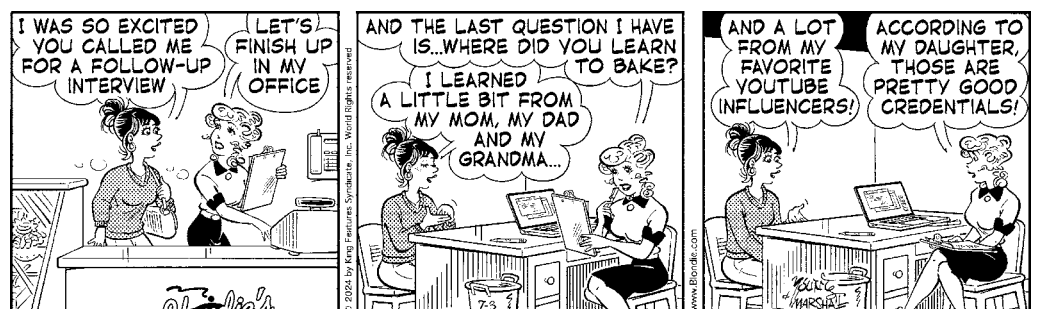
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Tuesday's unlisted clue: MCHENRY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: THE FOUNDING —

- Anthem
- Democracy
- Festivals
- Fireworks
- Flag
- Food
- Liberty
- Loyalty
- Music
- Parades
- Patriotism
- Picnics
- Pride
- Sacrifice
- Unity

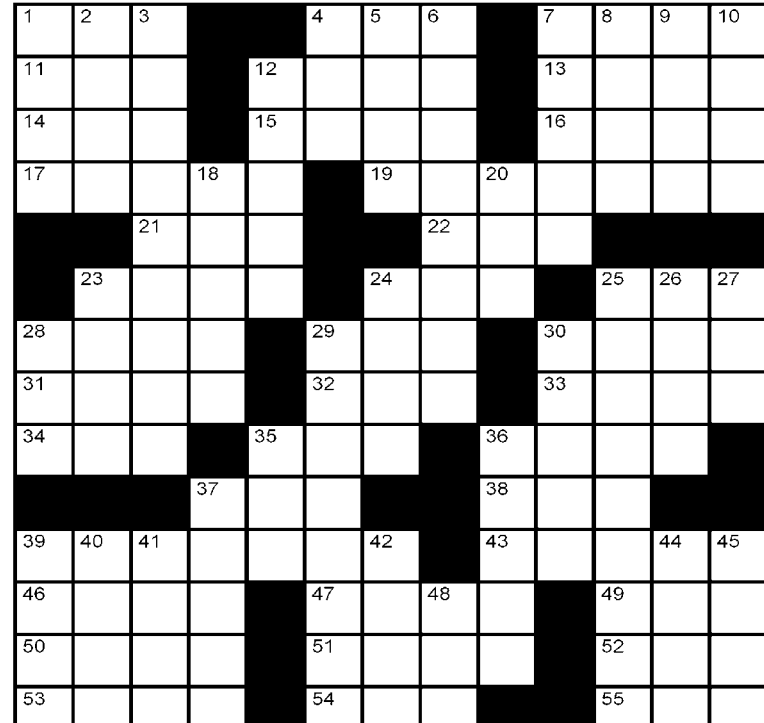
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ACROSS

- A —, skip and a jump
- 4 "Serial —"
- 7 Nearly boundless
- 11 String instrument
- 12 Desert in Asia
- 13 Hodgepodge
- 14 Stray
- 15 "— my word!"
- 16 Force
- 17 Strongboxes
- 19 Connection
- 21 Cereal plant
- 22 — culpa
- 23 Therefore
- 24 Order's partner
- 25 Certain vote
- 28 Matching
- 29 — and away
- 30 Athletic contest
- 31 Employer
- 32 Play a part
- 33 Divisible by two
- 34 — capita
- 35 "Live and Let —"
- 36 Rara —
- 37 Mongrel
- 38 Roast chicken portion
- 39 Stream
- 43 Andes animal
- 46 Malaria symptom
- 47 Continental coin
- 49 Outdo
- 50 Slight error
- 51 Pack
- 52 "— on a Grecian Urn"
- 53 Superman's alter ego
- 54 — rosa
- 55 "The Hunt for — October"

DOWN

- Colors
- Goopy veggie
- Entertainer
- Head of hair
- Old Greek coin
- Convenience store
- Clear liquor
- Inter —
- Belt out a tune
- Carry
- Enthusiasm
- Keen to act
- Not seen before
- Relaxation
- Shoestring
- Course plotter
- Playing cards
- Desire
- Eat
- Impartiality
- Have a happy time
- Payable
- Let
- Went very slowly
- Chore
- Eye amorously
- Wreck
- Skirt for a ballerina
- Manner
- Tried to be like
- Actor — Lowe



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GINA MARIE DAVIED, deceased

CRP-2023-PR-000075

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition for Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale has been filed in this Court by Joseph Davied, Administrator of Gina Marie Davied, deceased, requesting that: the Estate of Gina Marie Davied, deceased, located at 101 Durant, Frontenac, Kansas, situated in Crawford County, Kansas, legally described as:

Commencing One Hundred Thirty (130) feet West of the Northeast Corner of Lot Five (5) in "Highland Place Addition" to the City of Frontenac, Crawford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof, thence South Ninety (90) feet, thence West Eighty seven (87) feet, thence North Ninety (90) feet, more or less, to the North line of Lot Five (5), thence East Eighty seven (87) feet, more or less, to the point of beginning. Except a strip five (5) feet wide off the full North side thereof included in Druart Street. Surface only.

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You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Crawford County District Court, 601 N Locust, Pittsburg, Crawford County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted by:

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