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PLACING FLAGS ON the graves of soldiers buried at Oak Lawn Cemetery is an annual Memorial Day tradition for the scouts of Troops 61 and 61G. In this cemetery lies the remains of veterans of nearly every military conflict the United States has been involved in back to the civil war. From left: Maggie Cundall, John Marlowe and Brock Larsen.

COVID-19 Coronavirus

Need-to-Know Info

MISSOURI

Positive tests: 11,558
Over 4,000: St. Louis County.
Over 1,500: St. Louis City.
Over 900: Kansas City.
Over 700: St. Charles.
Over 500: Buchanan.
Over 400: Jackson.
Over 300: Jefferson.
Over 200: Saline.
Over 100: Boone, Clay, Franklin, Greene.
Over 75: Lincoln, Scott.
Over 50: Cape Girardeau, Cass, Cole, Johnson, Lafayette, Mississippi, Pemiscot, Pettis, Platte, Stoddard.
Over 25: Adair, Audrain, Butler, Camden, Dunklin, Moniteau, Perry, Pulaski, St. Francois, Sullivan.
Over 10: Andrew, Callaway, Christian, Clinton, Jasper, McDonald, New Madrid, Newton, Pike, Ray, Taney, Warren, Webster, Wright.
Deaths: 671 (Bates, Boone, Buchanan, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cass, Clay, Cole, Dunklin, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Jackson, Jefferson, Kansas City, Lafayette, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Moniteau, New Madrid, Newton, Pemiscot, Pettis, Pike, Platte, Pulaski, Scott, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Taney, Washington).

No cases reported:

Barton, Dade, Douglas, Grundy, Hickory, Knox, Mercer, Monroe, Ozark, Putnam, Shannon, Texas, Wayne.

ARKANSAS

Positive tests: 5,612
Over 900: Lincoln.
Over 700: Pulaski.
Over 600: St. Francis.
Over 500: Jefferson.
Over 200: Benton, Crittenden, Washington.
Over 100: Craighead, Garland, Union.
Over 75: Faulkner, Lawrence, Pope, Saline, Yell.
Over 50: Cleburne, Mississippi, Sevier.
Over 25: Clark, Cross, Greene, Hot Spring, Independence, Johnson, Lonoke, Miller, Poinsett, Sharp, Van Buren, White.
Over 10: Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Crawford, Desha, Drew, Grant, Hempstead, Howard, Izard, Lee, Perry, Randolph, Sebastian.
Deaths: 113: (Bradley, Cleburne, Columbia, Conway, Crittenden, Drew, Faulkner, Garland, Hempstead, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lee, Lincoln, Miller, Mississippi, Phillips, Poinsett, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Sevier, Sharp, St. Francis, Union, Van Buren, Washington, White, Yell).

No cases reported:

Calhoun.

Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Arkansas Department of Health.

WEST PLAINS ELEMENTARY

New pre-K, kindergarten screening dates announced

West Plains R-7 School District has announced new dates for preschool and kindergarten screening.

Appointments will be taken for screenings to be scheduled June 11 and 16 for children entering preschool at West Plains Elementary, and June 17 and 18 for children entering kindergarten at the same school. Parents are asked to bring a birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency for each child.

Children must be 4 by Aug. 1 to enter preschool, and 5 by the same date for kindergarten.

An appointment must be made in advance for screenings. Call 256-6158 to schedule an appointment. Each screening should take about an hour and 15 minutes.

Police say locking cars reduces theft

Officials with the West Plains Police Department are again cautioning the public to help prevent theft and possibly burglary by securing their vehicles any time they are going to be unattended for any amount of time.

Warm weather typically precludes an increase in vehicle break-ins, officers warn, and can lead to entry into a home if a garage door opener is left in the vehicle, or the theft of the vehicle and valuables if car keys are left in it.

Tips offered by the police department to deter these car thieves include locking vehicle doors at home, at work, while shopping or any other time the vehicle is left unattended, even if just for a few minutes. Don't leave the vehicle keys and valuable items in the vehicle and park in busy, well-lit areas. Avoid parking in a spot where the vehicle is concealed by objects like other vehicles, fences, trees or bushes.

If you see something, say some-

thing, and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.

"The West Plains Police Department works around the clock to provide the best services we can for our community," Public Information Officer John Murrell said, speaking on behalf of Police Chief Stephen Monticelli and the West Plains Police Department. "Following these tips are ways you can help us deter crime as well. Put it up, lock it up and don't be a victim."

West Plains distillery sets sights on June opening



STAFF PHOTO BY NICHOLAS HARING

OPENING SOON — Mmad Distillery Owners Amanda and Michael Osborn say they anticipate a soft opening in June and will offer tasting, mixed drinks and bottles of their spirits for purchase. The selection at first will be limited to an unaged white whiskey, apple pie moonshine and an unaged white rum, but the couple say they will expand the product line in the near future.

by Nicholas Haring

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Those traveling along Porter Wagoner Boulevard, north of Gibson Avenue in West Plains may have noticed a new distillery setting up shop.

The wait for Mmad Spirits Distillery, 1524 Porter Wagoner Blvd., to open its doors to the public was lengthened because of the pandemic, but it is almost over. Mmad owners Michael and Amanda Osborn say they anticipate a soft opening in June, with a larger grand opening

event to come in September.

"The business gets its moniker from the first letters of Michael and Amanda's names, plus those of their children McKylee and Desmin."

Recently, Mmad has had limited openings, selling T-shirts and gallons of hand sanitizer, but soon Michael says the distiller will have a small product line of unaged white whiskey, apple pie moonshine from a distillery in Virginia and an unaged white rum.

He added that later on, once the distillery is more established, it will offer more aged products and differ-

ent types of liquors such as gin and an agave spirit similar to tequila.

Michael says he will offer tastings of his products, along with mixed drinks, and the business will sell spirits to take home in 25-ounce bottles, also known as a fifth, for \$30.

"It takes a lot of time to make a craft liquor," he said. "People don't understand the heart and passion that goes into it." He explained it takes at least two weeks to make an unaged product for sale.

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Memorial Day kicks off '100 Deadliest Days of Summer'

Sarah Anne Harden of West Plains is the parent of a son, Jett Kenneth, born May 13 at 8:35 p.m. He weighed 4 pounds 8 ounces and was 17 inches long. His grandparents are William and Judy Harden of West Plains.

Ethan and Ericka Busbey of Peace Valley are parents of a son, Rhett Owen, born May 14 at 11:38 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces and was 22 inches long. His sibling is Remington, 1. His grandparents are Steven and Lonna Holmgren of Salem, Ark., and Dewayne and Mary Busbey of Peace Valley.

James and Hope Reed of Koshkonong are parents of a son, Ryder Reed, born

May 16 at 3:14 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. His siblings are Beau, 6 and Rebecca, 1. His grandparents are Bobby and Jennifer Johnson of Thayer and Timothy Reed and Shelly Reed, both of Mtn. View.

Landon Walker and Morgan Melvin of Vanzant are parents of a son, Kayson Everett Walker, born May 16 at 7:59 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. His grandparents are Donny and Deanna Frazier of Vanzant, Justin and Jennifer Melvin of West Plains, and Vanessa May and Tom Walker, both of Mtn. Home.

Jake and Lyndsay Carroll of West Plains are parents of a son, Stone Thomas, born May 19 at 9:17 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 21 inches long. His siblings are Aniston, 7, Alivia, 5, and Sutton, 2. His grandparents are Bob and Sharon Holland and Kenny and Robin Carroll, all of West Plains.

Cole Henley and Shelby Detwiler are parents of a daughter, Paisleigh Lane Henley, born May 20 at 12:18 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her grandparents are Ashley Anderson and Matt Howard, James Detwiler of Pomona, and Jason and Jill Henley of Willow Springs.

CAPITOL REPORT

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The 2020 legislative session came to a close on May 15. In a normal year, the Legislature considers well over 2,000 separate pieces of legislation, and typically passes somewhere between 60 to 100 bills. This year, our scheduled 18-week session was significantly reduced due to the coronavirus. When we finally returned to the Capitol on April 27, we had just three weeks to pass a budget and whatever legislation we could agree to. I'm proud to say the Legislature rose to the occasion, completing our work on the budget and passing 31 non-budget measures, including several omnibus bills with multiple provisions.

Bolstered by an influx of federal coronavirus relief money, the Legislature approved a \$35 billion budget that fully funds K-12 classrooms and maintains vital social services for Missouri's most vulnerable citizens. Lawmakers spent the final week of session focused on other priorities. Although we passed fewer bills than in previous sessions, we actually addressed many legislative priorities by grouping related proposals together. Here are a few of the highlights from the 2020 session:

House Bill 2046 and House Bill 1511 both extend professional license reciprocity to military spouses. Now, the husband or wife of a military member stationed in Missouri may transfer professional accreditation earned in other states, allowing them to join our workforce quickly. Two other bills passed in 2020 relate to veterans and military personnel. Senate Bill 656 and Senate Bill 718 contain overlapping provisions that streamline the issuance of teaching certificates to military spouses,

provide legal services for veterans, increase support for residents of Missouri's veterans homes, expand Mo HealthNet eligibility to disabled dependents of military personnel and create a number of designations and special license plates relating to veterans.

House Bill 1682 contains a variety of provisions relating to health care. One provision allows Missourians to set money aside for long-term disability care, with contributions free from state taxes. Other provisions of HB 1682 provide coverage for COVID-19 testing, prohibit vapor products in schools, modify limits on the sale of drugs containing pseudoephedrine, allow physician assistants to serve on ambulances traveling across the state and modify laws relating to health care providers. Both HB 1682 and House Bill 1896 outlaw edible marijuana products in shapes or flavors intended to appeal to children. Several bills I sponsored this year were included as amendments to HB 1682. These include measures that provide epi-pens to rural fire departments, expand liability protections for those housing automated external defibrillators on their property, modify statutes relating to escrow accounts held for residents at long-term care facilities and allow for the redistribution of the funds remaining in the Ripley County Hospital Trust Fund.

Senate Bill 569 establishes a "Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights," ensuring that victims will

be treated with respect and have access to the resources they need following an attack. The bill also expands access to forensic evidence collection ("rape kits") via the telehealth network. Evidence collection kits will be tracked electronically, bringing an end to lost or misplaced rape kits.

House Bill 1963 contains nearly three dozen separate provisions relating to transportation. Motorcyclists over the age of 26 can ride without a helmet if they can show proof of medical insurance. The bill also makes several changes to driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. I believe businesses will have greater protection from frivolous lawsuits because of Senate Bill 591. Once enacted, the new law will raise the bar for punitive damages judgments and enact limits on accusations of unlawful merchandising. Missourians who worry about going to the polls during the coronavirus crisis will be able to request a mail-in ballot once the governor signs Senate Bill 631. The \$1,200 coronavirus stimulus checks many Missourians received this year will not be subject to state income tax thanks to a provision of Senate Bill 676. That legislation also establishes new timelines for property assessment notices, ensuring taxpayers will always have adequate time to appeal an increase. Senate Bill 600 increases penalties for armed criminal action and other violent offenses and raises the stakes for felons caught with



MIKE CUNNINGHAM
Senator

OREGON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

SHERIFF'S ARRESTS

On May 12 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office arrested Guymon Hurtado, 17, of West Plains, for careless and imprudent driving, driving while intoxicated and failure to comply with intermediate drivers license. He was released with a citation.

On May 12 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office arrested Justin Turner, 17, of Dadeville, for being a minor in possession of alcohol with an open container. He was released with a citation.

On May 12 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office arrested Tristin Clark, 17, of West Plains, for being a minor in possession of alcohol with an open container. He was released with a citation.

On May 12 he Oregon County Sheriff's Office arrested a 16-year-old male, of Dadeville, for being a minor in possession of alcohol with an open container. He was released with a citation to his parents.

ALTON POLICE ARRESTS

On May 12 the Alton Police Department arrested Kimberlie Ab-

bott, 24, of Alton, for possession of a controlled substance. She was released with a citation.

On May 13, the Alton Police Department arrested Samantha Ray, 29, of Alton, for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released with a citation.

OREGON COUNTY TICKETS

On May 3 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office issued a citation to Tyler Martin, 22, of Thayer for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

On May 18 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office issued citations to Christopher Cone, 33, of Alton for failure to register a motor vehicle, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no driver's license and possession of marijuana.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The week of May 11 through 17 the Oregon County Sheriff's Office received 38 calls for service and the Alton Police received five calls for service.

Weather

Today: Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy with a high near 78.

Sunrise: 5:54 a.m.
Sunset: 8:20 p.m.

Temperature Year Ago:
High: 83
Low: 68

Rainfall: 29.73 in.
Last year: 27.25 in.

TONIGHT: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 65.

OZARKS MEDICAL CENTER BIRTHS

The "100 Deadliest Days of Summer" are designated as the days between Memorial Day and Labor Day. These days cover the summer travel season and are historically a deadly time on our nation's roadways. During this time in 2019, there were 291 fatalities on Missouri's roadways. That's nearly three lives lost each day during that timeframe.

As they continue their work toward a goal of zero fatalities on their roadways, the Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety want to urge all who travel in and around the Show-Me State this summer to buckle up, slow down,

drive sober and never drive distracted.

"It's easy to let your mind wander especially when you might be getting on the road for the first time in weeks," said Jon Nelson, executive chair to the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety. "Make a conscious effort to arrive at your destination safely, and do your part by paying attention, slowing down, and always wearing your seat belt."

Distracted driving, excessive speed and following too closely are three of the main causes of crashes, particularly in and around work zones. Drivers are reminded to pay attention to warning signs, obey the speed limit

and put their phones down. In every instance, wearing a seat belt is a must. Of the drivers and passengers killed in 2020 traffic crashes, 66% were not wearing a seatbelt. Remember: Buckle Up Phone Down.

Travel safely this summer and remember that it's also peak season for highway work zones. Information on all MoDOT work zones statewide is available on the department's Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org. The map is available as a free app for iPhone and Android phones. Motorists can also call MoDOT's 24/7 customer service toll free at 888-ASK-MoDOT (275-6636).

VA hosts remote training for caregivers of veterans

The John J. Pershing VA Medical Center in Poplar Bluff will offer a special telephone Caregivers FIRST training for caregivers of veterans with physical or cognitive impairments.

The four-part series is scheduled to be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. June 2, 4, 9 and 11, and telephone dial-in information will be provided upon registration. The classes are free of charge and open to any Veteran caregiver, but attendance at all four classes is requested.

"The program is designed to help care-

givers learn new skills, practice positive self-care, connect with other caregivers and navigate VA and other community resources," stated VA Caregiver Support Program manager, Jessi Houchins. "This will be a great opportunity for caregivers to learn about some tools and resources that can help with their caregiving responsibilities."

Participants are asked to register by Wednesday, by calling Jessi Houchins at 573-778-4545 or Vicki Burns at 573-686-4151, extension 59118.

The Staff Members In The Picture Are:

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BRTC receives federal funding

Black River Technical College has received federal CARES Act money and more than \$800,000 must be distributed to students by fall.

Over 700 spring semester students were emailed May 7 with instructions on how to request to be evaluated for the funding. Those students should check

their email because they have until June 1 to complete the eligibility form.

Full-time eligible students will receive \$510 and eligible part-time students will \$255.

BRTC students enrolled in summer and/or fall classes will be notified via email during those semesters

with instructions for how to request funds. Students should watch their BRTC email for more information. Additional deadlines and disbursements will be announced at a later date time as the summer and fall semesters near.

In all, BRTC will be making three disburse-

ments, but students will have to respond by the deadline identified in emails sent to them by BRTC.

For more information and to keep up to date on the latest deadlines, visit www.blackrivertech.org/financial-aid/cares-act-funds-for-students or the BRTC homepage.

Convoy of Hope continues pandemic response

Convoy of Hope, based in Springfield, has delivered more than 17 million meals to partners, community organizations, and churches across the nation. Convoy of Hope has received more than 1,000 requests for meals and supplies from 46 states.

As unemployment continues to rise to levels unseen since the Great Depression and an unprecedented amount of families are applying for food assistance, Convoy of Hope is seeing an increase in the number of individuals seeking help at distribution sites. Cars often line up for blocks waiting to receive food and supplies.

In addition to their work in the United States, Convoy of Hope has continued their in-

ternational efforts. The organization has distributed more than 3.3 million meals in more than 250 communities around the world in response to COVID-19.

"Convoy of Hope continues to feed over 300,000 children each day through our school-based feeding program, even though the schools are shut down," says Heath Adamson, vice president of international program. "At Convoy of Hope, we continue to respond to natural disasters even though borders are closed — you can't shut off compassion and kindness."

Follow Convoy of Hope's COVID-19 response at convoyofhope.org/coronavirus, to find videos, photos and stories of hope from around the world.

Chloe Autry named to honor roll

Chloe Ellis Autry, of West Plains, was recently named to the University of Mississippi's spring 2020 honor roll lists.

Autry was named to the dean's honor roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semes-

ter and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

The University of Mississippi, affectionately known as Ole Miss, is the state's flagship university. Included in the elite group of R1: Doctoral Universities - Highest Research Activity by the Carnegie Classification, it has a long history of producing leaders in public service, ac-

ademics and business.

With more than 23,000 students, Ole Miss is the state's largest university. Its 16 academic divisions include a major medical school, nationally recognized schools of accountancy, law and pharmacy, and an Honors College acclaimed for a blend of academic rigor, experiential learning and opportunities for community action.



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AID DOWNTOWN ANTIQUES employees Leslie Wilbanks and Corinne Honeycutt sit for a spell in front of a wall of historic photos taken over the years at the 106-year-old building, 1 Court Square in West Plains. In addition to antiques, the store offers books and coins for sale, as well as coffee for carryout. Customers are asked to wear a mask or cover faces to protect older shoppers and follow social distancing guidelines. Those with items to sell must call the store first, at 293-6487, to make an appointment. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



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Obituary

Elmer Robert Lindeman

Elmer Robert Lindeman, age 87, of Aurora, Mo., passed away at 4:06 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at his home. He was born March 23, 1933, in West Plains, Mo., the son of John and Ella (Muel-



LINDEMAN

ler) Lindeman. Elmer was a 1951 graduate of West Plains High School and was a United States Navy veteran serving during the Korean War. He retired after 35 years from Con-

tel Phone Company. He was member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Aurora, where he was a very active member. On July 18, 1959, he married Margaret Lucille Evans, in West Plains, Mo. She preceded him in death on Oct. 19, 2016, after enjoying 57 years together. Elmer is survived by his three sons Bob Lindeman and his wife Denise, of Wheaton, Mo., Mark Lindeman and his wife Tami, and Tim Lindeman and his wife Tina, all of Aurora; nine grandchildren Susan Weldy and her husband Clay, Sarah Lindeman, Johnny Lindeman and his wife Brook, Devin Lindeman and his wife Kayla, Alicia, Amber and Austin Lindeman, Kevin Schlessman and his wife Am-

ber, and Kallie Bateman and her husband Josh; eight great-grandchildren, Kellen, Kiera, Brynn and Bowen W e l d y , Devin and Brody Bateman, and Addy and Avery Schlessman; sister Erma Brown and her husband Jim, of Springfield, Mo.; sister-in-law Edna Beasley and her husband Bill, of Houston, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents John and Ella, wife Margaret, brother Don Lindeman and his wife Carol, sister Velma Ramey and her husband Harvey and nephew Kevin Lindeman preceded him in death. There will be a private family service under the direction of the Crafton-Cantrell Funeral Home in Aurora, at 10 a.m. on Saturday May 23, 2020, at the Grace Lutheran Church in Aurora. A graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. for friends and family at the Maple Park Cemetery in Aurora.

Memorial donations may be made payable to the Grace Lutheran Church, in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences may be shared at www.CraftonCantrellFuneralHome.com.

DISTILLERY

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Michael said that for the last six years he has been making, installing and training people to use distilling equipment.

"I wanted to make money for myself and took a leap to go into business to make my own product," he said, adding that Ozarks Small Business Incubator was a huge help in getting the distillery started.

"The people of OzSBI have been absolutely amazing," Amanda added.

In addition to working with OzSBI, Michael said he has gotten a lot of help from Phil Wages, owner of Wages Brewing Company in West Plains.

"We're excited to be working with Wages and we're looking at having a tasting event there soon," Michael said. "Phil and I will also be looking at working on a beer whiskey."

"We're especially excited for future collaborations," said Wages. "We discussed making a beer whiskey that starts out as beer and is then distilled into



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WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS — Michael Osborn shows the 53-gallon still he will use to make his spirits. Osborn explained that, from start to finish, it takes about two weeks for him to make a product for sale.

a special West Plains-original spirit." He added that, in the long term, Wages hopes to be able to use Mmad's whiskey barrels to age special beer for fu-

ture releases.

For more information about the distillery call 270-1750 or 270-0940, or visit their website at www.mmadspiritsdistillery.com.

Medicaid expansion plan to appear on Missouri ballot

Initiative to expand eligibility passes muster

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri voters will get to decide whether to expand Medicaid health care coverage to thousands of low-income adults.

Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft said Friday that the initiative had received more than enough petition signatures from registered voters to be placed on the November ballot. It will be known as Constitutional Amendment 2.

Missouri's Medicaid program currently does not cover most adults without children, and it's income eligibility threshold for parents is one of the lowest in the nation at about one-fifth of

the poverty level.

The ballot proposal would expand eligibility under the terms of the 2010 federal health care law signed by President Barack Obama. That law provides a higher-than-usual federal funding share for states that expand Medicaid coverage to adults earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level, about \$17,600 for an individual or \$30,000 for a family of three.

Thirty-six states have adopted Medicaid expansion measures.

Supporters estimate 230,000 additional adults would enroll in Missouri's Medicaid program, if voters approve the expansion.

Missouri's Republican-led Legislature had repeatedly rejected

Medicaid expansion proposals over the past decade, which prompted supporters to turn to the initiative process. By proposing a constitutional amendment instead of a new law, supporters have ensured that lawmakers will be unable to change it without going back to voters.

Ashcroft, a Republican, said he chose to verify the petition signatures by random sampling rather than sending the petitions to local election officials for verification. He said local officials were busy preparing for the June 2 municipal elections, which were delayed from April because of the coronavirus, and he didn't want to burden them with more work.

Missouri jobless rate more than doubles to 9.7% due to virus

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Missouri's unemployment rate more than doubled last month due to the shutdown caused by the coronavirus, state officials said Friday.

Still, Missouri's jobless rate of 9.7% was well below the national rate of 14.7%.

The Missouri Department of Economic Development released its April jobs report that spelled out the devastating impact of the halt to the economy that was part of the effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, the illness caused by the coronavirus.

Missouri's seasonally adjusted jobless rate rose to 9.7% in April, compared to 3.9% in March, when it had already started to rise because of the pandemic. The agency said it was the state's largest ever unemployment rate increase.

SPIKE IN NEW CASES

The state health department on Friday reported 218 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus, bringing the total to 11,558 since the pandemic began. That was the largest one-day total since 319 cases were reported on May 1. Ten new deaths brought that total to 671.

HELP FOR NURSING HOMES

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Friday began distributing more than \$165 million in federal relief funds to skilled nursing facilities across Missouri.

Since the start of this year, skilled nursing facilities nationwide have seen a 6% decline in patient population as residents chose other care settings or died from the virus, HHS said.

The department said the funding can be used for

critical needs such as labor, increasing testing capacity, acquiring personal protective equipment and other expenses directly connected to the pandemic.

CAPE GIRARDEAU BLOOD STUDY

A blood sample study in southeast Missouri indicates that many people may have had the coronavirus and not realized it.

The Cape Girardeau Public Health Center studied blood samples collected last week from 1,845 county residents, in search of coronavirus antibodies, the Southeast Missourian reported. Preliminary results showed that 16 participants had the antibodies. Based on the study, it's possible that more than 650 of the county's 79,000 residents could have had COVID-19 and not known it, health center officials said.

HOSPITAL WORKERS REUSING MASKS

N95 masks are meant for one-time use, but the shortage of the protective masks is forcing frontline workers at Mercy hospitals in Missouri and three other states to use them for three shifts in a row.

Mercy spokesman Joe Poelker confirmed to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that the three-time reuse policy was instituted across its hospitals in early April to help preserve the supply. The tight-fitting masks have filtration materials capable of blocking 95% of particles transmitted in the air by coughs, sneezes and medical procedures.

Federal crisis guidelines recommend storing the masks for at least five days in between shifts.

Mercy, based in suburban St. Louis, operates hospitals in Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

PARKING LOT DINING IN KC

The city council in Kansas City on Thursday approved guidelines allowing restaurants and bars to set up temporary dining areas in parking lots, sidewalks and green spaces.

KCUR reported that under the new guidelines, restaurants and bars must space tables 10 feet apart, a potential challenge for smaller venues. The council also agreed to allow establishments to continue selling liquor to-go.

WORKERS RELUCTANT TO RETURN

Jana Franklin is ready to reopen her three St. Louis-area Jimmy John's franchises, but convincing staff to return is proving difficult.

Franklin told the Post-Dispatch that she was forced to lay off around two dozen workers when dining rooms closed as part of the coronavirus shutdown. When she reaches out asking them to return, "It's crickets," she said.

The emergency response to the pandemic supplemented state unemployment programs with \$600 weekly payments for displaced workers. In Missouri, payments can reach as high as \$920 before taxes, and some workers have said they're making more money by not working.

Missouri is asking employers to report workers who refuse to return, allowing the state to remove them from unemployment rolls. Franklin is still weighing how to handle that request.

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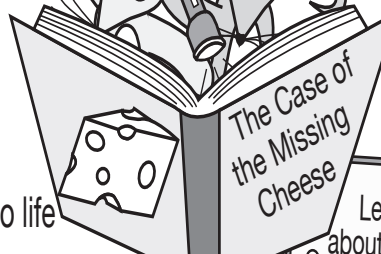
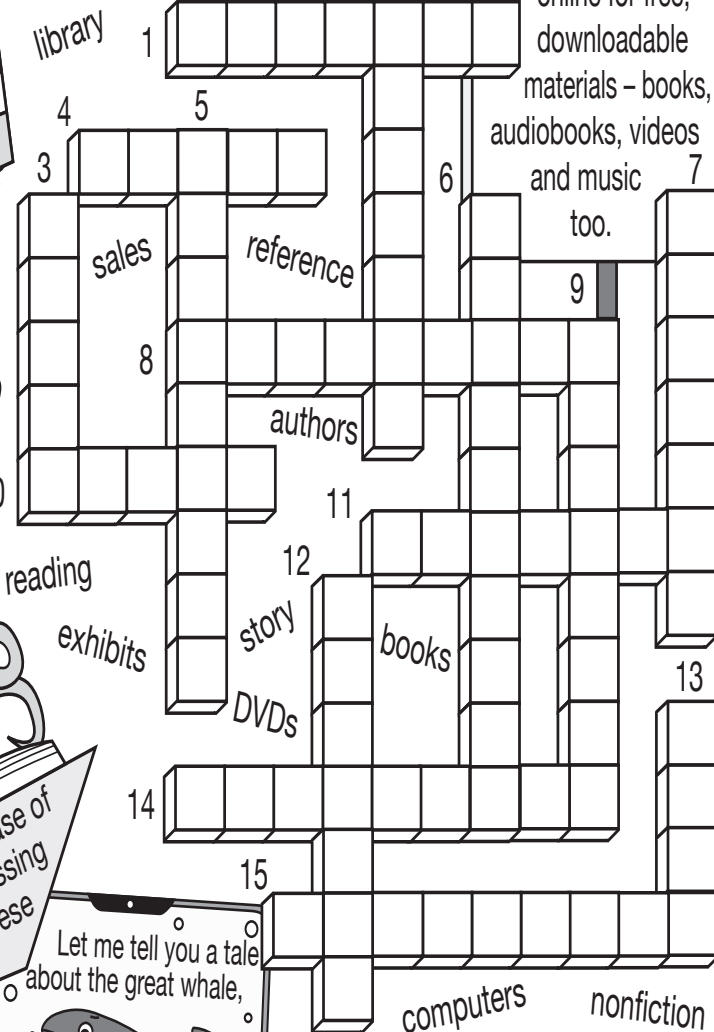
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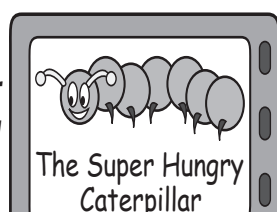
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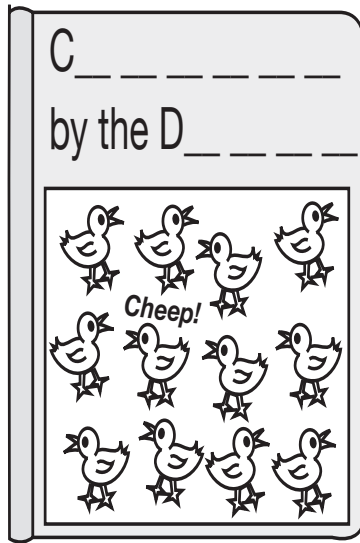
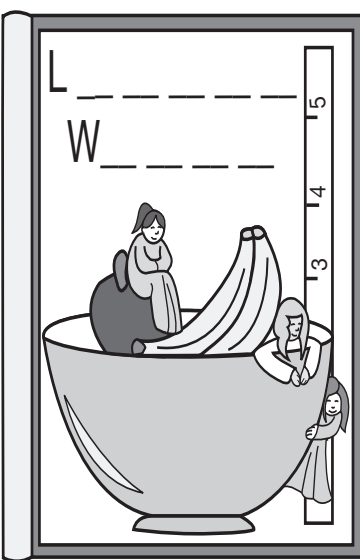
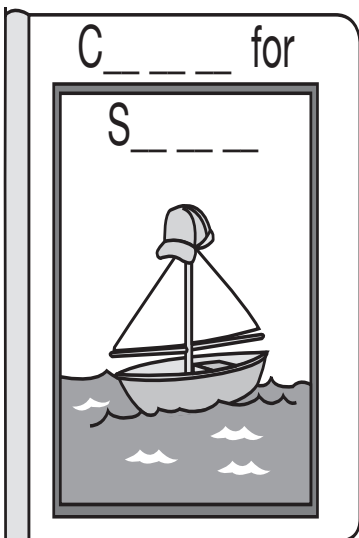


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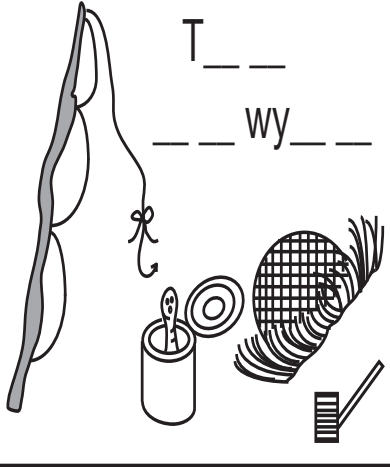
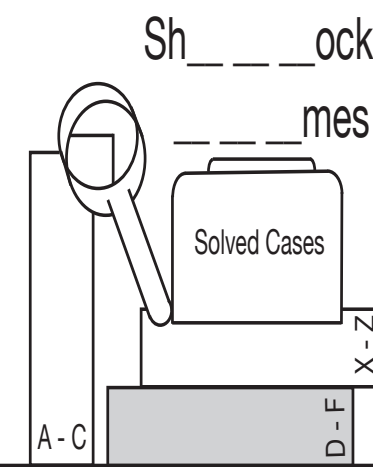
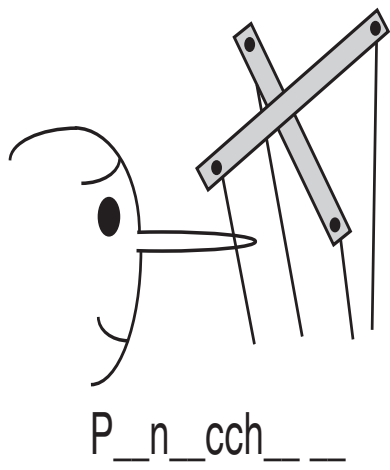
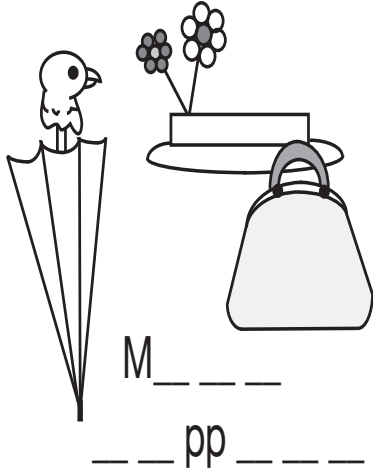
Favorites Through the Years

These older, favorite books need their titles completed. **Study their covers for clues, then fill in the blanks.** Ask Mom or Dad to help you if you get stuck.



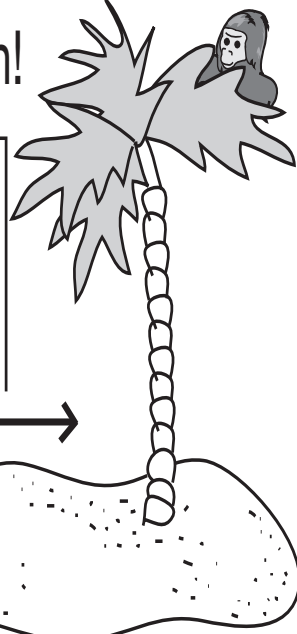
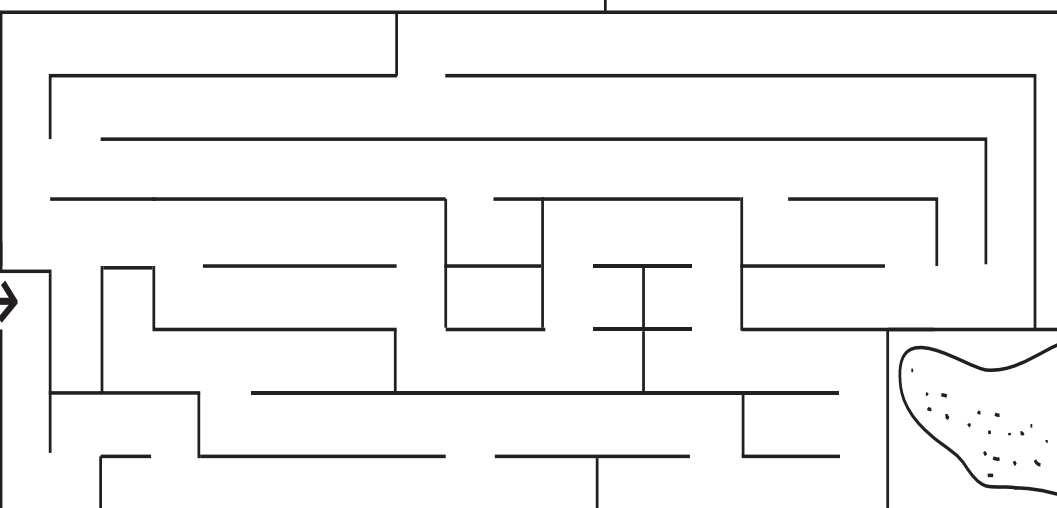
Who Is It?

Just about every book has one main character or person. **Study the pictures below.** Do you know who owns each group of things?



Plan a fun book and movie night with your family. One idea is to find out about King Kong, the giant ape, by borrowing books from your library. Then, borrow the movie to watch it together! Compare the book and movie.

Now, help me find my way to Skull Island. Do you think I'll find King Kong hiding there?



Lights, Camera, Action!

Newspaper Fun answers are on page 9.

Hiland Dairy announces virtual cooking lesson contest ‘In This Together’

Hiland Dairy, based in Springfield, is give regional residents an opportunity for a cooking lesson with professional chef with its “In This Together” contest.

The prize up for grabs is a virtual cooking lesson with Hiland’s Team Milk Chef Alli, hilanddairy.com/chef-alli, and a year’s supply of Hiland Dairy products.

The company recently launched the contest to address the role dairy plays in household meals and meal preparation.

Now, maybe more than ever, families are gathering around the table to share meals and make memories. It is an excellent opportunity to remind them of milk’s role in bringing the family together, say company officials.

To participate, consumers just need to go online to hilanddairy.com/together. The promotion runs through July 31 and the giveaway include a year’s supply of Hiland Dairy products in coupon form and a one-on-one virtual cooking lesson with Chef Alli.



COURTESY PHOTO

Dairy done right with creamy enchiladas

(METRO CREATIVE)

Dairy is enjoyed in its many forms for the creamy, rich texture it can provide to various dishes. This Latin/Creole-inspired dish makes use of dairy’s tangy, decadent side by employing a silky cream sauce that tops the meal as well as a sprinkling of queso fresco that adds a little extra appeal.

This recipe for “Crawfish Enchiladas With Creole Cream Sauce” courtesy of “Jon Bonnell’s Texas Favorites” (Gibbs Smith) is the perfect treat to whip up on a weekday and add some spice and flavor to your typical routine. This recipe easily can be swapped out for other Mexican favorites.

CRAWFISH ENCHILADAS WITH CREOLE CREAM SAUCE
Serves 10

Creole Cream Sauce
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 yellow onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 red bell pepper, diced
1 green bell pepper, diced
1/2 fresh jalapeno
1 rib celery, diced
1/2 carrot, peeled and diced
3 tablespoons creole seasoning rub
2 cups chicken stock
2 cups canned chopped tomatoes
1 cup heavy cream

Crawfish filling
2 tablespoons butter
2 small shallots, minced
1 poblano pepper, seeded and diced
2 pounds crawfish tail meat
1 tablespoon kosher salt
2 Roma tomatoes, seeded and diced
3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
Juice of 1 lime

Tortillas
1/3 cup vegetable oil for frying
20 corn tortillas
10 ounces queso fresco, grated

For the creole cream sauce: In a large saucepan, melt the butter and add in the flour to form a roux. Stir constantly, cooking the roux over medium-high until it becomes a dark caramel color.

Add in the onion, garlic, peppers, celery, and carrot and cook for 2 minutes. Season with the creole spices, then whisk while adding in the chicken stock to avoid lumps.

Add the tomatoes and simmer together for 15 minutes, then puree with a stick blender. Stir in the heavy cream and simmer for an additional 2 minutes.

For the crawfish filling: In a large saute pan, melt the butter and saute the shallots, pepper and crawfish tails for 3 minutes; season with salt. Add the tomatoes, cilantro and lime juice, then remove from the heat.

To assemble the enchiladas: In a separate pan, heat the oil and fry the tortillas one at a time for 5 to 6 seconds on each side, just until soft. Drain on paper towels, then fill with the crawfish mixture and roll. Line up the enchiladas in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish.

Once the enchiladas are all rolled, pour some of the creole cream sauce over the entire pan, enough to cover the tortillas, and generously sprinkle with grated queso fresco. Bake at 400 F for 2 to 3 minutes, just until the cheese is melted. Serve the enchiladas family style with the remaining sauce on the side.

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Shoppers save big on groceries with Healthy Savings powered by AARP Foundation

(NAPSI)—Good nutrition is important at any age. But for older adults on a tight budget, regular access to nutritious foods can be limited — and expensive.

A new program aims to change that by making it easier to get healthy foods at the local grocery store for an affordable price. With Healthy Savings powered by AARP Foundation, shoppers pay a small fee of \$4.99 per calendar year for a card that can save them up to \$200 a month on groceries.

The program is part of AARP Foundation’s work to help people over 50 with limited income eat more nutritious foods, ultimately improving their well-being. Research shows that more than 10 million older adults don’t get enough nutritious food on a daily basis, most often because they can’t afford it.

Eating healthy is about more than affordability, however. Not only does Healthy Savings reduce costs, it also identifies healthy options in the store. All products available through Healthy Savings are scored against the USDA’s Healthy Eating Index to make sure they qualify as nutritious. The index makes it convenient to choose the healthiest foods, which include lean meats, eggs, yogurt, whole grains, and a wide range of other options.

The typical over-50 diet scores low in key food groups like whole grains and dairy. By encouraging the purchase of more of these nutrients through coupon discounts,



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SAVE BIG -- Older shoppers can save big on groceries with a new program that lowers costs and identifies healthful options right in the store.

Healthy Savings can help older adults:

- Lose weight or maintain a healthy weight.
- Reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease.
- More easily manage a chronic disease.
- Increase or maintain energy levels.

Shoppers who sign up for Healthy Savings receive a card in the mail and can download a mobile app, both of which can be used at 22,000

grocery stores across the U.S. for instant savings at checkout. The savings come on top of any from store loyalty cards and manufacturers’ coupons (so long as coupons don’t add up to more than the price of the item).

Each week, new coupons are automatically loaded onto the card and app—no coupon clipping required. Over the course of a year, Healthy Savings can save shoppers as much as \$2,400.

More information, including recipes and tips for shopping smart, is at aarpfoundation.org/save.

Kitchens get smarter at CES tech show, not yet in many homes

By MATT O'BRIEN and JOSEPH PISAN

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tell your refrigerator about your dietary preferences and it’ll concoct a recipe plan for the coming week, sending a shopping list to your smartphone when it notices you’ve run out of the right ingredients.

Counter-top robotic arms help chop veggies. Artificially intelligent oven cameras and internet-connected meat thermometers keep track of what’s cooking. And then — voila! — a stove-top camera can show off your culinary creations on Instagram.

These are some of the new “smart kitchen” tech features on display this week at the CES Gadget Show in Las Vegas. Appliance-makers are competing with one another to show off futuristic kitchen innovations they hope might resonate with younger consumers, knowing that once these appliances squeeze themselves into a home, they could stay for a while.

Just don’t expect to get much help at your local Home Depot anytime soon. There’s also the challenge of getting consumers interested and keeping up with rapid changes in technology.

“The problem is that refrigerators are 10-year devices,” said food technology analyst Michael Wolf, who hosts a podcast on smart kitchens. “The sales personnel haven’t really asked about smart features and consumers really aren’t asking for them.”

That hasn’t stopped big appliance-makers like Samsung, LG Electronics, GE Appliances, Whirlpool

and Bosch from trying to reinvent the kitchen around internet connectivity.

Their mission: Appeal to consumers who are comfortable with smartphone apps. Target consumers include those looking to discover new step-by-step digital cooking instructions and consider themselves foodies even if they’re not necessarily expert chefs with a lot of free time.

“Food and food culture is just really one of the dominant things that Millennials and ‘Gen Z’ put on their social media,” Wolf said.

GE Appliances added a third, AI-powered oven camera to its Kitchen Hub system, which includes a 27-inch touch screen for interacting with friends and family or tuning into Netflix or Spotify while a watchful computer helps make sure you don’t burn dinner.

Bosch is using its partnership with startup Chefing to send recipe commands to appliances such as refrigerators, which have cameras inside to keep track of inventory. Bosch is one of several companies using computer vision inside refrigerators to recognize items and how long they’ve been sitting there.

Whirlpool unveiled its Yummly smart thermometer, which can be pierced into a raw chicken. As your meal roasts, your phone will get alerts when the thermometer reaches the right temperature. Later this year, the \$129 thermometer will also be able to follow recipes on the Yummly app and automatically adjust the temperature of Whirlpool’s smart ovens.

LG showed off an entire “smart” restaurant at its CES booth, complete with a robot to cook and make coffee, one to greet customers and a tabletop robot to take orders. The rounded, expressive robots are part of LG’s CLOi line announced at CES in 2018. The South Korean company debuted the cooking Chefbot robot in November at a restaurant in Seoul.

Samsung also emphasized an artificial intelligence-laden kitchen that could help plan meals and monitor nutrition. The company also has a robotic kitchen aid — Bot Chef — a mechanical arm that can chop, whisk, stir and otherwise help prepare food.

As with all internet-connected home devices, some of them raise privacy and security concerns. The devices record audio and video as they listen for your cooking commands and watch from your stove-top or from behind the milk cartons. Hackers could spy inside homes if the apps or devices have security flaws, as many do.

But even if appliance-makers are able to address those risks, some experts say they’re still focusing too much on what’s technologically possible and not on the improvements in the food experience that consumers might actually want.

“It fits the old school way they’ve been thinking about this — that every year or two they update the physical models,” said Frank Gillett, a tech analyst for For-

rester Research. “They’re not thinking in terms of outcomes, which are meals. How do you shift the thinking from delivering the best stove to giving people the meal experience they want to have?”

Gillett predicts big structural changes in the food tech industry in the coming years. One far-out possibility: subscription services enabling consumers to commit to a favored supermarket, tech company or other provider. This company would deliver groceries and help run the appliances that work with its system.

Wolf is not as excited by all these AI-enabled bells and whistles as he is about other food tech innovations such as indoor hydroponics, the practice of growing plants without soil. A few big appliance-makers like LG are now experimenting with indoor gardening technology. Previously, the products were confined to startups like Indiana-based GroPod, which showed off a prototype that can sustain 60 plants that just need water and small nutrient pods.

But none of these smart appliance features and hydroponic gadgetry have taken off with consumers as much as simpler kitchen tech innovations that sit on counters and don’t need internet connections.

“Two counter-top appliances have become mainstream: Instant Pot and air fryers,” Wolf said. “Five years ago, no one was using those.”

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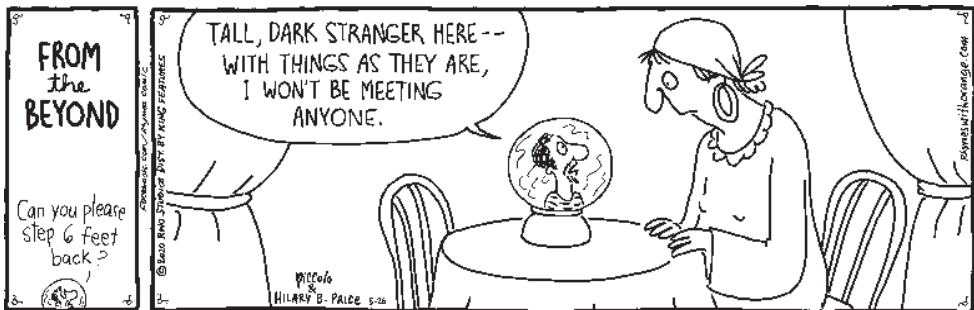
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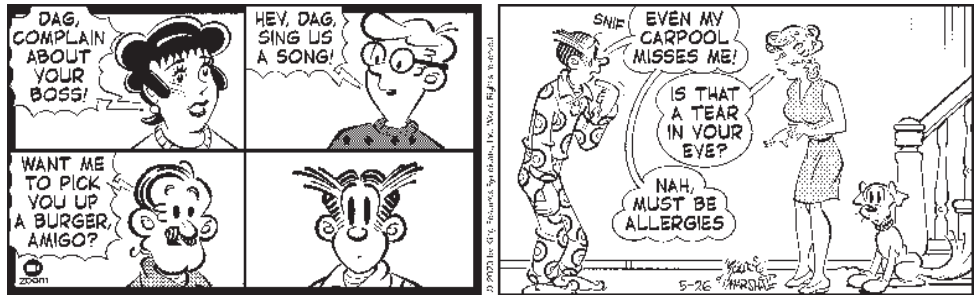
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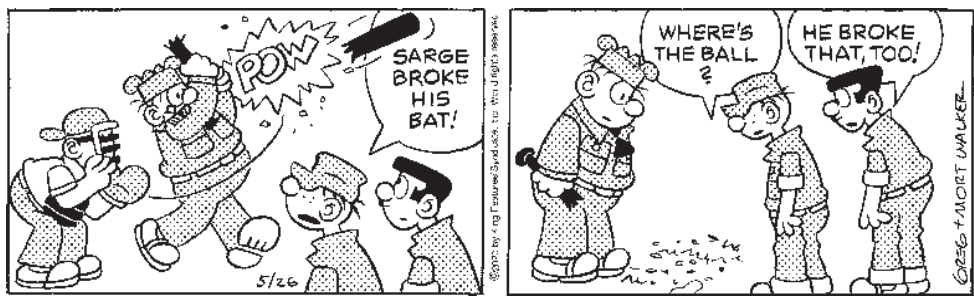
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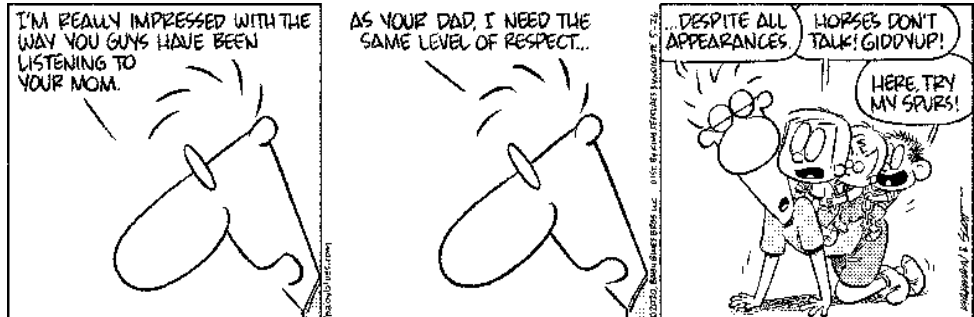
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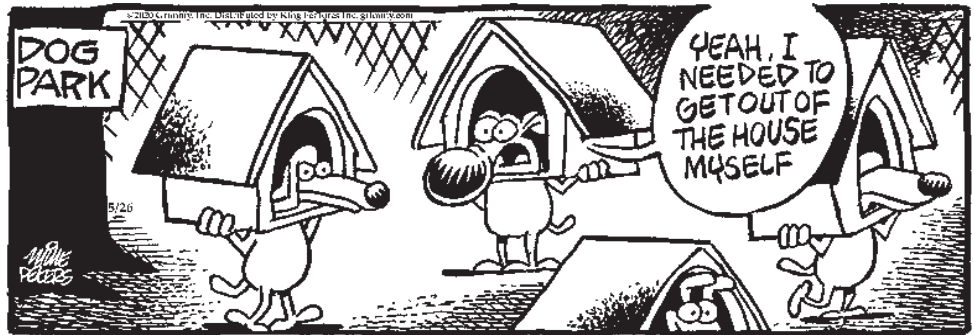
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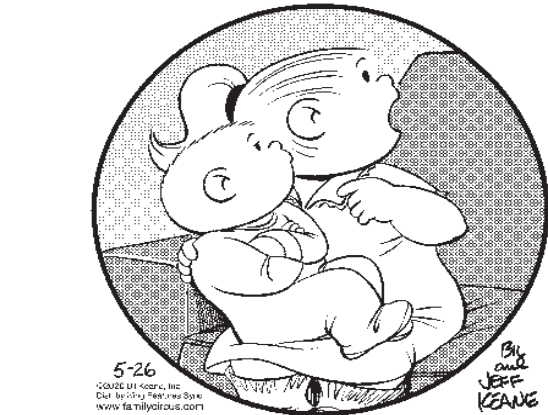
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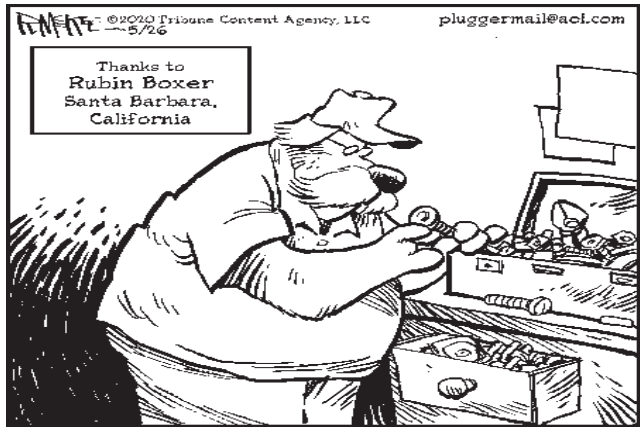
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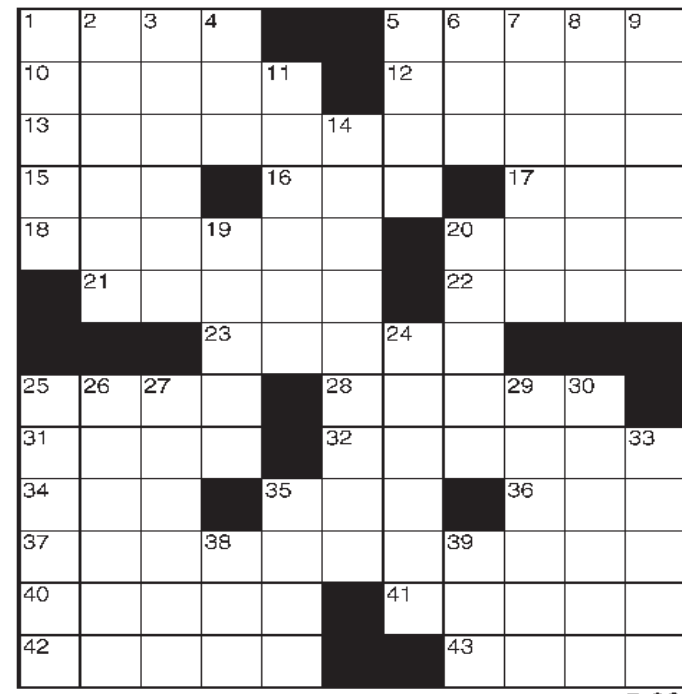
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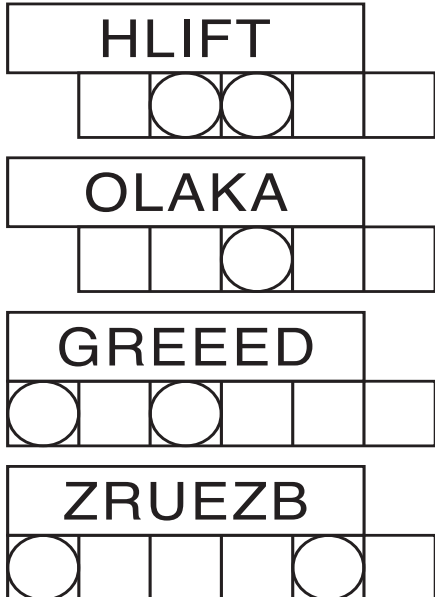
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Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's

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Answer: The automobile featured in Stephen King's "Christine" had — BAD CARMA

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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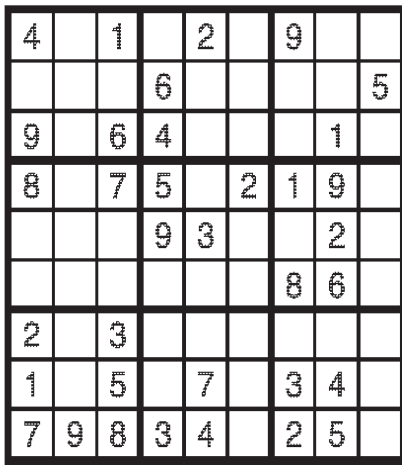
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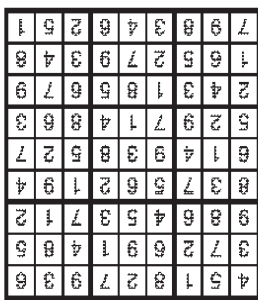


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Texas County - Sargent Township	Cabool High School Gym

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Done by the Order of the Election Authority of the County of Howell, State of Missouri, this first day of May 2020.

Kelly Waggoner

Howell County Clerk/Election Authority

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Done by the order of the West Plains City Council this 27th day of January 2020.

Mallory Snodgras
City Clerk

I, Kelly Waggoner, County Clerk and Election Authority for the County of Howell, State of Missouri do hereby acknowledge receipt of the above and forgoing Notice of Election and Sample Ballot(s) attached hereto.

Done this 27th day of January 2020.

Kelly Waggoner
Howell County Clerk/Election Authority

SAMPLE BALLOT

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HOWELL COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

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Frank Mydler

Board Member

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Done this 23rd day of January 2020.

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OOohh...quick, what happens next?

SiriusXM keeping sports fans entertained during hiatus

By **JOE REEDY**
AP Sports Writer

When you oversee 19 sports stations, radio programming is a daily challenge. During a pandemic, it can become like throwing a no-hitter, scoring a hat trick and winning a NASCAR race all in one.

Just ask Steve Cohen, SiriusXM's senior vice president for sports, whose company broadcasts everything from baseball to hockey to soccer to football to golf to, well, you get the idea.

Cohen and his team had to devise plans for the 19 sports channels SiriusXM radio produces. Some stations have kept their programming lineup in the two months since the pandemic halted sports. Other channels taped shows that ended up airing in their normal time slots. Regardless, some quick thinking for the short and long terms was needed.

"We were totally reinventing how we do things," says Cohen, who has been in sports broadcasting for more than three decades. "We quickly had to identify which channels needed to stay live and what was most important, while taking into account the safety of our staff.

"The day everything was postponed, we knew we were going to be challenged. Our goal throughout has been what we could do to be entertaining."

And informative, naturally. With so much uncertainty surrounding the sports world, SiriusXM's on-air talent needed to adjust their roles. Cohen says what has pleased him most is their transition into being talk show hosts. With a base of long-time subscribers and regular callers, keeping a daily routine was important.

"They have had to talk about Netflix and what they are doing to take care of themselves. It has been great to hear that because we are all going through this together," Cohen says.

Even though most of the hosts already were doing shows out of their homes, they had to make some adjustments with producers having to work remotely.

The Mad Dog Sports Radio and NFL Radio channels — two of SiriusXM's most popular sports outlets — were able to run close to normal due to NFL free agency and the draft. Mad Dog Sports Radio also main-

tained its lineup and was able to delve into other topics throughout the sports world.

Former NFL team executive Pat Kirwan, the long-time host of NFL Radio's "Movin' the Chains" afternoon show, has been working almost exclusively from home since he was hired in 2004. The only times he sees co-host Jim Miller, the former NFL quarterback, is when they are at the Senior Bowl, Super Bowl, training camp or league meetings.

Kirwan explains that technology has progressed greatly during his 16 years with the network, going from using ISDN lines that had to be installed for home studios to a high-speed fiber internet connection that delivers better quality.

"We can do a show without seeing each other. The only time we step on each other's toes is when we want to," Kirwan said. "Every couple of years the technology takes us to a deeper and better place."

Which certainly has come in handy the last few months, particularly during the NFL draft, when SiriusXM covers every selection.

Adam Schein, who hosts a weekday late-morning show on Mad Dog Sports Radio, rarely worked from home before the pandemic because he preferred being in the studio. But he notes he's adapted well to not being in the studio — and the shows remain rewarding even when the regular assortment of topics are not available with no games or events until last weekend.

"The calls to the shows have been excellent. We still have our regular callers, but there have been a lot of first timers," he said. "In the beginning, there was a 'Groundhog Day' quotient to everything, but there have been some great moments with me and others talking about their family and what they are doing."

Balancing what listeners are accustomed to with adjusted programming due to the pandemic has been an important step.

Most channels have kept a semblance of their daily lineup but have taped their programs in advance. Even those shows have required last-minute changes. NASCAR Radio host Dave Moody said there were times they had to re-record new segments for his afternoon show because news was happening. The biggest example was Chip Ganassi Racing firing driver Kyle Lars-

en after he used a racial slur, and replacing him with Matt Kenseth, who came out of retirement

With NASCAR returning to racing last week, the channel has gone back to live programs.

"A big part of our show is based on talking to fans, but we couldn't do that," Moody says. "No one held that against us: Everyone's lives got changed. They were appreciative that instead of going off the air for six to eight weeks we were doing some content to keep them informed."

The NASCAR hiatus also had a side benefit. Star driver Kevin Harvick elected not to do his "Happy Hours" show this year as he cut back on some media appearances. But Harvick revived the show during the layoff.

"To have the opportunity to talk with the fans during this pandemic was important for me, as well as for our sport," Harvick says. "We feel like it filled a huge need not only for myself, but for our fans and our partners."

To boot, Harvick won the first race when NASCAR returned last Sunday.

The channels also have tried to address various issues during the pandemic, as well as informing listeners to turn to Doctor Radio on SiriusXM for coronavirus updates.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski had Dr. Anthony Fauci as a guest on his "Basketball and Beyond with Coach K" weekly radio show. There's also been a "Sports from the Sidelines" series in which athletes have gathered for virtual round-table discussions about how they were dealing with sports on hold, and trying to stay active for whenever their seasons resume.

Even with commutes to the office on hold pretty much everywhere, many of the 34.8 million total subscribers are still tuning in by accessing the SiriusXM app on their phones or via portable home speakers. A company executive recently said that overall weekly active users via streaming have increased 30% since January.

"The way everyone has jumped through hoops to make things happen and reinvent the wheel is phenomenal. It didn't take 30 days to make executive decisions, it took 30 minutes," Moody says. "In terms of reacting quickly we all found a way."

Loughlin, Giannulli plead in college scam but await fate

By **ALANNA DURKIN RICHER**
Associated Press

"Full House" star Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, pleaded guilty Friday to paying \$500,000 to get their two daughters into the University of Southern California as part of a college admissions bribery scheme, but a judge has not decided whether he'll accept their plea deals with prosecutors.

Under the proposed deals, Loughlin, 55, hopes to spend two months in prison and Giannulli, 56, is seeking to serve five months. But U.S. District Judge Nathaniel Gorton said Friday at the famous couple's video hearing that he will de-

cide whether to accept or reject the plea deals after further consideration of the presentencing report.

The famous couple, who appeared on separate video screens, both sitting with a lawyer, made no comments during the hearing other than to answer the judge's questions.

They were among dozens of wealthy parents, athletic coaches and others charged last year in the bribery scheme. The parents paid hefty bribes to get their kids into elite universities with bogus test scores or fake athletic credentials, authorities said.

The couple have been scheduled to go to trial in October on charges that they got their two daughters into USC as crew recruits, even though neither girl was a

rower. Prosecutors say they funneled money through a sham charity operated by college admissions consultant Rick Singer, who has pleaded guilty to orchestrating the scheme.

Loughlin has also agreed to pay a \$150,000 fine and perform 100 hours of community service. Giannulli has agreed to pay a \$250,000 fine and perform 250 hours of community service.

Loughlin pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud. Giannulli pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire and mail fraud and honest services wire and mail fraud. Prosecutors agreed to dismiss charges of money laundering and federal programs bribery that were added after the case was filed.

Loughlin and Giannulli had argued

they believed their payments were legitimate donations to the school or Singer's charity and accused prosecutors of withholding evidence that would exonerate them. The judge this month rejected the defense's bid to dismiss the case over allegations of misconduct by federal agents.

An attorney for the couple declined Thursday to comment.

They are the 23rd and 24th parents to plead guilty in the case.

Others who have admitted to participating in the scheme include "Desperate Housewives" actress Felicity Huffman, who paid \$15,000 to have someone rig her daughter's entrance exam. Huffman was sentenced to two weeks in prison.

Jerry Sloan, Jazz great and Hall of Fame coach, dies at 78

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Basketball Writer

Jerry Sloan, the Hall of Fame coach who was a fixture for decades in Utah and took the Jazz to the NBA Finals in 1997 and 1998, died Friday. He was 78.

The Jazz said he died from complications of Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. Sloan had been in failing health for many years.

Sloan spent 23 seasons coaching the Jazz. The team — with John Stockton and Karl Malone leading the way in many of those seasons — finished below .500 in only one of those years. Sloan won 1,221 games in his career, the fourth-highest total in

NBA history. Only Lenny Wilkens, Don Nelson and Gregg Popovich have more victories.

"It was an honor and a privilege to have one of the greatest and most respected coaches in NBA history coaching our team," the Miller family, who own the Jazz, said in a statement. "We have appreciated our relationship with Jerry and acknowledge his dedication to and passion for the Utah Jazz.

"He has left an enduring legacy with this franchise and our family. The far-reaching impact of his life has touched our city, state and the world as well as countless players, staff and fans."

Utah went to the finals twice under Sloan, both

times falling to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls.

Sloan entered the Hall of Fame in 2009.

"I'm not into numbers and stuff like that," Sloan said when he passed Pat Riley for No. 3 on the NBA's all-time win list in 2010; Popovich has since surpassed him for that spot. "I never have been. I've got a great organization to work for that's given me an opportunity to stay there for a long time. I'm very thankful for that and the coaches that I have with me. It's not about me."

He spent 34 years in the Jazz organization, as head coach, assistant, scout or senior basketball adviser. Sloan started as a scout, was promoted as an assistant

under Frank Layden in 1984 and became the sixth coach in franchise history on Dec. 9, 1988, after Layden resigned.

"Like Stockton and Malone as players, Jerry Sloan epitomized the organization," the Jazz said in a statement. "He will be greatly missed."

Sloan's longevity with the Jazz was remarkable. During his time in Utah, there were 245 coaching changes around the league and five teams — Charlotte, Memphis, Toronto, Orlando and Minnesota — did not even exist when he took the helm with the Jazz.

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He also was the coach in Chicago for parts of three seasons, going 94-121. But his ties with the Bulls were much deeper. His No. 4 jersey was retired by the team after a playing career in which he averaged 14.0 points, 7.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists in 755 games over 11 NBA seasons.

They even called him "The Original Bull" because he was selected in the 1966 expansion draft and became a two-time All-Star known for his toughness and grit.

He remains the only NBA player to average more than seven rebounds and more than two steals a game in his career.

"Jerry was the face of the Bulls organization from its inception through the mid-1970s, and very appropriately, his uniform No. 4 was the first jersey retired by the team," Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said Friday. "A great player and a Hall of Fame NBA coach, most importantly, Jerry was a great person."



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