



Remembering our heroes
Mendota's Memorial Day Service was conducted in front of a large crowd at Restland Memorial Gardens on May 29. The Veterans' Memorial Council, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4079, its Auxiliary, American Legion Post 540 and the Mendota Alumni Band participated in the program, the purpose of which is to honor and remember all veterans resting on domestic or foreign soil for their commitment and unselfish contribution to our present way of life with liberty and freedom for all. Middle left, The Honorable Judge Todd Martin delivers the Memorial Day address with master of ceremonies Bill Hunt looking on. (Reporter photos)

Farmer's Market begins on June 3rd in Mendota

❑ Street Sale to be held on Illinois Ave.

MENDOTA – The first Mendota Farmer's Market of the season will be held Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m.-noon on Main Street next to the train depot and museum.

In conjunction with the Farmer's Market, a Street Sale is planned on Illinois Avenue from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Reimagine Mendota will be selling items from the fire-damaged antique building in the 700 block of Illinois Avenue, which will be closed to traffic for the event. Items will be pulled and placed on the sidewalk for a donated purchase. Donations will benefit Reimagine Mendota.

Additionally, vendors will be set up on the street to offer local and handmade products for sale. Food will be available for purchase.

Anyone that makes a unique item, has a service to provide or wants to bring their online market to the people is invited to the Street Sale. Space will be provided free of charge to showcase your business.

All participating vendors will be entered into a raffle. The first-place winner will receive an annual paid space at the Farmer's Market. Up to 17 winners will receive a one-time paid space at the Reimagine Mendota booth at the Farmer's Market (dates based on sign-up). The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. on June 3 and winners must be present to claim their prize.

A registration form/contract must be completed and submitted. For more information or questions, email reimagine-mendota@gmail.com or contact Annie Short at 920-242-9881.



State budget vote brings General Assembly's spring session to close

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The 2023 spring legislative session came to an end in the early hours of May 27 after the Illinois House gave its approval to a \$50.6 billion spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year that begins July 1.

The 73-38 party-line vote came around 2:30 a.m. after lengthy debate during which Democrats called the budget "balanced" and "compassionate" while Republicans claimed it masks hidden costs and fails to address the state's most urgent priorities.

"This budget reaffirms our shared commitment to fiscal responsibility while making transformative investments in the children and families of Illinois that will

be felt for years to come," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement after the vote. "I look forward to signing this budget making childcare and education more accessible, healthcare more affordable, and our state's business and economic position even stronger."

Lawmakers had to jump through some procedural hoops to meet constitutional requirements while still passing the bill in time to leave Springfield for the bulk of Memorial Day weekend. That's because the Illinois Constitution requires bills to be read into the record by title on three different days before a vote can be taken.

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Re-enacting Joliet-Marquette again

❑ Original voyage from 1673 will be played out in Midwest this summer

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA – In 1973 and 1976, historians, actors, and adventure enthusiasts re-enacted the 1673 voyage of Louis Joliet and Father Jacques Marquette.

The original voyage through the Mississippi and Illinois river valleys led to the discovery of the Mississippi River running south instead of west and the Chicago Portage, which connected the Great Lakes waterway system with the Mississippi River and showed easy access from the mouth of the St. Lawrence River on the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains, and the Gulf of Mexico.

Joliet and Marquette's findings were huge to the development of the United States of America and connecting many cities via rivers and waterways.

The 1673 travels are now 350 years old. This means it's time to celebrate the explorers, the discoveries, and our history with the Joliet-Marquette 3.

"The first voyage in 1673 started the whole thing," said Greg Taylor, who is organizing Joliet-Marquette

3. "In 1973 was the Joliet-Marquette; that's all that it was called. Reid Lewis (son of Mendota native Perry Lewis, a 1926 Mendota High School graduate), ran the 1973 and the 1976 La Salle 2 expedition. We were all good friends of Ralph Frese. Frese owned the last remaining blacksmith shop in Chicago 13 years ago when he passed away. He is known as 'Mr. Canoe' in the United States.

"There was a movie that was made about him. When he passed away, there were five filing cabinets full of records of anything paddle sport or paddling related in his office. I am one of three (including Rich Gross and Bill Deerah) in the legacy of Ralph Frese that have his entire life story.

"I decided to call this Joliet-Marquette 3 for the 350th anniversary of the original 1673 expedition."

Taylor, who hails from Chicago, has had to make some changes for the 2023 celebration.

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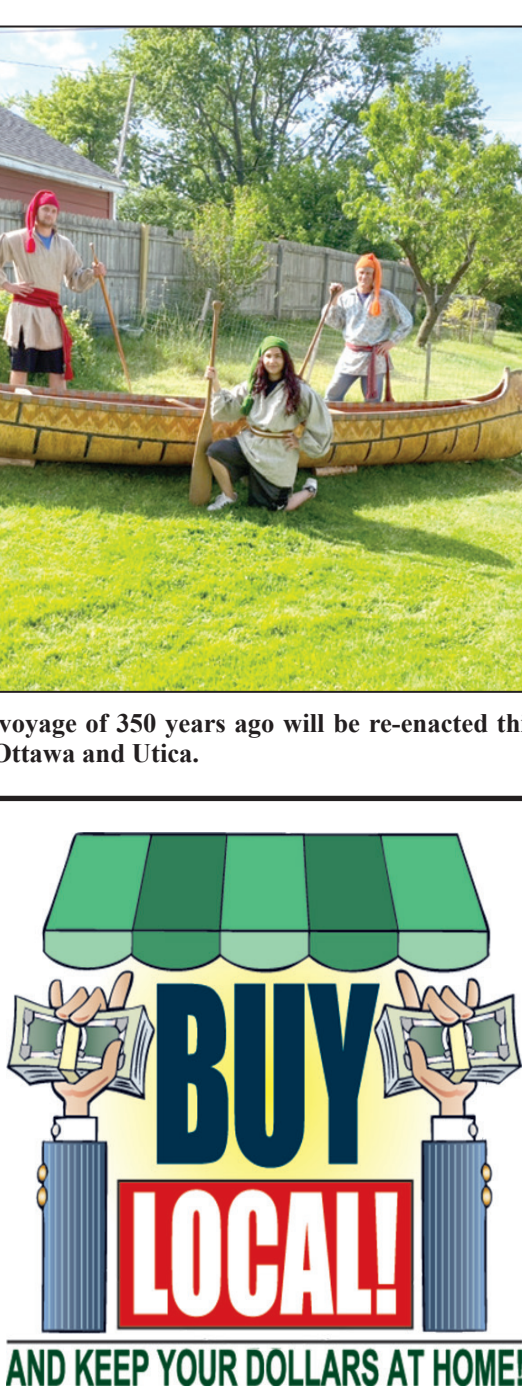


The Joliet-Marquette voyage of 350 years ago will be re-enacted this summer, including in Ottawa and Utica.



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LOCAL AND AREA

Realtors find treasure in historic photos

Work done by The Muzzy Studio left unorganized on tables in basement of old Mendota building

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Staff writer

MENDOTA — When Homestead Realty purchased the building at 703 Washington St., the realtors had no idea what was inside.

Not only had Gloria Cogdal and Sally Corrigan purchased an old jewelry store, but upstairs under the skylights was the resemblance of a photography studio.

When they went downstairs, there were tons of old photos and negatives taken by Rollin Leonard (R.L.) Muzzy and his son Arthur Burt (A.B.) Muzzy.

“I’m a realtor with Homestead Realty and we had the building for sale. When I first showed it, I wasn’t able to get upstairs,” said Corrigan. “When Gloria showed it, she got upstairs, and she said to me, ‘Oh my gosh, you have to see this.’

“All of his photos were there. It was like they left everything where it was, shut the lights off, and walked out of the door. The majority of the photos were in the basement. They weren’t packaged in any certain way to preserve them.”

Corrigan, who has a passion for history, dug into the depths of the internet to find out about Muzzy, the studio, and the photos.

She found some interesting information such as R.L. Muzzy was born on June 22, 1858 in Dover and died on June 28, 1947 at 89. His parents were farmer Luther

Barker Muzzy and Maria Betsey Wood. R.L. Married Lavinia Marie Burt and they gave birth to A.B. In 1884.

On the outside of the building at 703 Washington St. in Mendota, The Muzzy Studio is faintly visible.

“What’s really neat about R.L. Muzzy is that he was born in Dover. He was the oldest son and his father was a farmer,” said Corrigan, who has lived in Mendota for the last 31 years. “His parents supported his desire to become a photographer. That was so unusual before the 1900s. Usually in a farm family, the oldest son was working on the farm and was going to take it over when the father couldn’t farm anymore.

“Muzzy had a photography studio in Malden. Then he went to Leadville, Colo. I’m sure he went there to follow the mining. He wasn’t there very long before he came back to Illinois in Savanna. Then he came to Mendota.”

The photos were found laid on a basement table in no particular fashion or organization. Some had mold. Some were inside falling apart cardboard boxes.

However, 98 percent of them were salvageable.

“It’s crazy. When you think of all of the world events that have happened since these pictures were taken. There they were, just sitting there. It was really weird. It was like a time capsule,” said Corrigan, who stated Homestead Realty purchased



the building in January 2022 and found the photographs on Jan. 22 when the building was being prepared and shown for sale. “I think it was the volume of them. When Gloria Cogdal and I first looked at them, she knew a few of the people in the photos. She grew up in the LaMoille church and there were individuals and families she recognized in the photos from the church and LaMoille.

“After she knew a few of the people in the photos, I knew I needed to put them on Facebook. I thought others would surely know the subjects in the photos as well. There were a lot of negatives for photos Muzzy took for people. There wouldn’t be names on them because he probably thought, ‘If I know them and I took their photographs, they’ll come back.’ Back in those days, they didn’t write on photographs because they were all still alive.”

Since then, Corrigan has met with many people to show the found treasure chest of photographs.

She has also given many of them to loved ones who have the stories behind the images.

“Probably the coolest one I came across was of the Happ family at Peterstown (Catholic church and cemetery south of Mendota),” said Corrigan. “It was a very old picture. This is how old it was; all that was there was a mimeograph copy. No one in the family had the original. I posted the photo on Facebook. Norb Happ contacted me and said, ‘That’s my family.’ He came to the office and pointed out and identified everyone in the photo.

“I have given out at least 100 photographs; if not more. There were a lot of recognizable faces and family names. I’ve sent photos to Texas, Alabama, and Colorado. These were people who were originally from Mendota but have



Sally Corrigan, a realtor with Homestead Realty, looks through boxes of photos taken by R.L. Muzzy. Homestead found thousands of photos and negatives taken by Muzzy (1858-1947) and his son A.B. Muzzy at 703 Washington St. in Mendota. (Reporter photos by Brandon LaChance)

moved to different locations. They saw them on the Mendota, Illinois Neighborhood Facebook page.”

One story even pulled on the heartstrings.

“Some people would come in with tears in their eyes. There was a woman who grew up poor and their family couldn’t afford school pictures,” Corrigan said. “She came in and went through the school photos for her siblings so they could have a school photo now. The woman was

close to 70, so it was cool to help her get the photos her family never had.”

The remaining photos in Corrigan and Homestead Realty’s possession are paper clipped at the office in file folders and bank boxes thanks to Terri Spitz of TJS Excavating, who provided the supplies to aid organization.

Some were given to Carol Ramer as she plans to showcase them at this year’s Tri-County Fair just in case anyone missed the Facebook post.

Workshops scheduled in Dixon to learn more about Illinois Department of Transportation funding opportunities

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Transportation is hosting several workshops throughout the state in May and June to help local governments and communities learn about and apply for funding

opportunities. The Special Programs Assistance Conferences are designed to help potential grantees take part in the department’s Economic Development Program, Illinois Transportation Enhancement

Program and Safe Routes to School Program.

“With the passage of Gov. Pritzker’s historic, bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital program, there are more opportunities than ever to work with IDOT to

improve your community and enhance local quality of life,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “These workshops will help local stakeholders understand the programs we offer, plan projects and

write informative and compelling applications. We are here to work with you.”

Staff from IDOT will be available to offer general information and answer questions one-on-one. The conference will take place

over two days, with morning session the first day and morning and afternoon sessions the second day, at the following location:

• June 13-14: Dixon High School, 315 Lincoln Statue Drive, Dixon

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LOCAL AND AREA

How to make, can, and preserve strawberry jam

OGLESBY – Join Illinois Extension Nutrition and Wellness Educator Susan Glassman and learn to make homemade freezer and canned strawberry jam. This workshop is for both beginners and experienced food preservers. Have fun working together in the kitchen to process summer-fresh strawberries.

During the workshop, Glassman will present Illinois Extension Fill Your Pantry, Jams, and Jellies class. Make and take your jams to enjoy with family and friends. Handouts, recipes, and tasting samples will be available.

The upcoming class is Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to noon at Illinois Valley Community College Culinary Kitchen

in the Peter Miller Community Technology Center, room CTC-123 at 815 N. Orlando Smith Road in Oglesby.

Program fees are \$15 per person. Class is limited to 12 adults. Please register by June 12, 2023, at: go.illinois.edu/jams or by calling Illinois Extension's Main Office at 815-224-0889 or using the QR code to the right.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Susan Glassman at susang@illinois.edu. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

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Breakfast to support superhero Gavin Springsteen

MENDOTA—A benefit pancake breakfast for superhero Gavin Springsteen will be held Sunday, June 4 from 8 a.m.-noon at the Mendota Elks Lodge.

He is the son of Michael and Allie (Nowlin) Springsteen, a brother to Tyler, Emma and Grace, and the grandson of Steve and Janice (Burke) Nowlin of Mendota.

Also, there will be a silent auction, 50/50 and bake sale. Come out and give this deserving family some support dealing with the extraordinary expense of his cancer diagnosis.

Fun filled events taking place at LaSalle Public Library this summer

LaSALLE – The LaSalle Public Library will be hosting a Summer Program for youth ages 13 and under. The program runs from June 5 through July 28, with registration beginning on Monday, June 5. The program is free and open to the public. At registration, participants will receive a raffle coupon for a drawing to win one of eight pairs of tickets to Brookfield Zoo. The program includes fun weekly crafts, movies, Preschool Storytime, and an extended Lego Mania for even more fun.

Mini prizes are won along the way every time a participant completes two hours of reading – just twenty minutes a day for six days, as well as an entry into weekly drawings for zoo tickets. At the conclusion of the summer program, four more lucky winners will be drawn to win one of four pairs of zoo tickets. Participants who complete a log sheet receive a gift book and may take a second log sheet to continue playing to win prizes. On Monday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Library will be handing out glowsticks to celebrate Happy Fourth of July.

For more fun, on Mondays, June 12, June 26, July 10, and July 23, at 2 p.m., youth and their families can enjoy family movies at the Library. A list of the summer movies will be available on the Library's website, as well as a summary of the film, and its rating. On Tuesdays, June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11, 18, and 25, from 3:30-4 p.m., youth ages 3 through 5 years and their parents/guardians are invited to Preschool Storytime. One or two stories will be shared, and a craft will be available to either complete at the Library or to take-home.

On Wednesdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, and 26, the Library will continue Grab & Go craft kits. The kits can be completed at home or at the Library. The kits are available on Wednesdays and for the remainder of a week. New crafts every Wednesday. On Thursdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, and 27, youth ages 5 and up and their families are invited to Lego Mania! This program is free and open to the public, and will be from 1:30-5p.m.

The LaSalle Public Library is located at 305 Marquette, LaSalle, and is ADA compliant and welcoming. For more information, please contact the LaSalle Public Library at 815-223-2341.

Illinois Conservation Foundation accepting nominations for 2023 Illinois Outdoor HOF

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Conservation Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2023 Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame class.

Since 2002, the foundation has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois.

Some inductees touched the lives of thousands of youths and adults by promot-

ing fishing, hunting, conservation, and safety education. Others spearheaded efforts to preserve or enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect and restore Illinois' lakes and rivers. Some inductees are national and international leaders in conservation or advocates for outdoor heritage traditions. All have led by personal example and serve as role models for future generations of conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

Nominees selected will be inducted into the Illinois Outdoor Hall of Fame next spring at the annual Illinois Conservation Foundation Outdoor Hall of Fame Gala. Nominations must be submitted on the official Hall of Fame Nomination form by July 14, 2023, to be considered.

For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at info@ilconservation.org or 217-785-2003. Additional information may be found online at <https://ilconservation.org>.

Blackstone School Report

Stacy Kelly, Principal

Thank you to all of the parents of incoming kindergarten students who attended our registration night on May 23. Parents were able to complete the registration process. The families were also able to meet the kindergarten teachers and take a walk around the school. If parents were unable to attend this event, please call our office at 539-6888 as soon as possible so we can help you finish registration for your child for kindergarten for the

2023-2024 school year.

The first grade students were able to visit Lincoln School on May 25 in preparation for their transition to a new school next year. Thank you to the Lincoln staff and the second grade teachers for welcoming us to visit. It was nice for our students to meet staff, take a tour of the school and talk with current second graders about their experience at Lincoln School. I'm

sad to see our first graders leave us next year, but I know they're ready for second grade!

The students nominated for the principal award this past week included Jonah Carreon, David Albers, Ailani Pedro, Callan Jordan, Jax Topolewski, Eliana Garrett, Jayden Escatel and Mateo Gonzalez. The winners were Adalyn Moss, Sadee Gonzalez and Matthew Krisch. Congratulations to all of you!

We celebrated our last Principal Award Pizza Lunch of the year on May 26. We celebrated the May winners with lunch. The students invited to the lunch included Grayson Kneebone, Cullen Stallings, Leliah Quijas, Clara Sanchez, Azalea Wright-Tveten, Graham Phillips, Adalyn Moss, Tanya Munoz, Damien Arteaga, Hayden Wheeler, Koreann Riniker, Derrick Skaggs, Sadee Gonzalez and

Matthew Krisch.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to donate food or drinks for our end of year picnic. We had a great response and had so many people volunteer to help right away. If you signed up to donate something, we are asking to have it to Blackstone by Friday, June 2. We will enjoy our school-wide picnic lunch on Monday, June 5.



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Farmer's Market and Street Sale

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Farmer's Market: 8-Noon
Main Street - Next to Amtrak train station

Street Sale: 9-2
Illinois Avenue - Street to be closed

Purchase items from the damaged antique building by donation (benefits Reimagine Mendota). Additional vendors will be set up on the street to sell their items.



Farmer's Market

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Street Sale

Purchase items from damaged Antique building. Vendors to sell local and homemade products. Food available for purchase.

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Michael J. Griswold

PANGAINAN, Philippines – Michael James Griswold, 66, of Pangainan, Philippines, formerly of Mendota, passed away peacefully at his home on April 28, 2023, with his special friend, Lhen, by his side.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at the front shelter of Lake Mendota. Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be private.

Mike was born June 7, 1956, to Arthur and Betty Griswold in St. Charles. He was a 1974 graduate of Mendota High School. He then joined the United States Navy following his father and older brother Kirk's military path.

Mike is survived by his daughter, Brittney (Keith) Griswold-Nelson of Rochelle; granddaughters Alex, Ella, Hattie and Taylor of Rochelle; brothers Jeff (Andrea) Griswold Sr. of Mendota, Brad (Debbie) Griswold of Fallbrook, Calif.; special cousin Nia Bagley of Arlington, Va.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Angelo; his parents; brother Kirk; and sister Lori Ann.

Online condolences may be made to his family at theplacemendota.com.



Robert J. Schmitz

TROY GROVE – Robert J. Schmitz, 90, of Troy Grove, passed away unexpectedly on April 25, 2023, in his home.

A Memorial Mass will be recited on Saturday, June 3, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Mendota. Rev. Jeff Windy will officiate. Burial of ashes will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

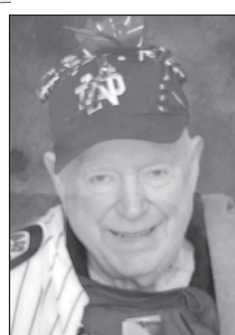
Bob was born March 9, 1933, in LaSalle to John and Norine (Elsesser) Schmitz. He graduated from LaMoille High School in 1951. He married Mary Ellen Stremlau, who preceded him in death in 1964. Bob then married Kathryn E. Jauch McLaughlin on Feb. 9, 1974. She passed on Feb. 19, 2013.

Bob will be forever missed by his son Brian Schmitz of Yulee, Fla.; daughter JoAnn Schmitz of Albuquerque, N.M.; three grandchildren, Missy (Jeremy) Actis of Magnolia, Matthew (Sarah Tucker) McLaughlin of Granville and Xavier Schmitz of Albuquerque, N.M.; four great-grandchildren, Braiden, Karson, Madison and Rilyn Actis; sister-in-law Carla Schmitz of Mendota; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, both wives, brother Paul "Deke" Schmitz and sister Ruth Graham Klopfenstein.

Robert proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was a devout Catholic, belonging to St. Valentine's. Bob was a world traveler, visiting nearly all the 50 states, and traversing six continents. In his youth, Bob loved to play sports, and later he loved watching sports, particularly his favorite teams, the Cubs and Notre Dame. Bob was a joy to be around. He was a caring, generous loving soul who always had a positive outlook on life.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



HONOR ROLL

Holy Cross School

MENDOTA – Holy Cross School in Mendota has announced its fourth quarter honor roll for the 2022-23 school year.

Eighth Grade High Honor Roll: Emily Diaz, Elaina Koch, Kara Miars, Alexandrew Tillman, James Whitmore

Eighth Grade Honor Roll: Abel Belan, Nolan Hagenbuch, Carter Wujek

Seventh Grade High Honor Roll: Mei Booth, Charlee Dankenbring, Komen Denault, Corbin Doll, Karson Doyle, Bear Fitzpatrick, Giselle Gonzalez, Leah Henkel, Shea Kreiser, Kaylee MacDonald, Abby Magallanes, Gaby Martinez, Kamilah Preciado, Maddox Rosales, Elsie Soliman, Ross Sonderoth, Cole Tillman, Charley Wilson

Seventh Grade Honor Roll: Diego Diaz, Hayley Diaz, Ashlynn Rickels

Sixth Grade High Honor Roll: Raegan Atherton, Eva Beetz, Joseph Cackley, Damien Dissell, Cal Doyle, Quinn Eddy, Liam Jones, Catherine Moench, Kyla Muhlstadt, Yulissia Quintana, Nora Rhynedance

Sixth Grade Honor Roll: Claire Atherton, Abby Delao, Elesea Denk

Fifth Grade High Honor Roll: Emme Beetz, Blake Cyrocki, Leo Engels, Cale Full, Linda MacDonald, Lillie Monterastelli, Camden Pawlowski, Ellye Reppin, Molly Wilson

Fourth Grade B.U.G. Roll: Mason Atherton, Brady Aughenbaugh, Nicole Cervantes, Eliana Escatel, Samantha

Escatel, Scout Fitzpatrick, Paul Hochstatter, MingXi Huang, Sofia Lemus, Armani Quintana, George Rhynedance, Breyda Sandoval, Brooklyn Shakespeare, Ally Tillman, Jaxson Zimmerlein

Third Grade B.U.G. Roll: Rose Beetz, Bridget Cackley, Carissa Doll, Isabel Lemus, Addison Mathesius, Juliana Ortiz, Eliana Regan, Ellyn Schmidt

Second Grade B.U.G. Roll: Frank Hochstatter, Peter Konopka, Alexia Lerma, Brooks Pawlowski

First Grade B.U.G. Roll: Stella Beetz, Emmersen Piller, Karissa Weber

Kindergarten B.U.G. Roll: Ivie Beetz, Arya Gann, Linnea Hornung, Trinity Shanyfelt, Liam Stewart

EDUCATION BRIEFS

F. Anderson on Belmont U. Dean's List

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Faith Anderson of Mendota qualified for Belmont University's Spring 2023 Dean's List. Approximately 49 percent of Belmont's 6,552 undergraduate students were named.

Belmont Provost Dr. David Gregory said, "For Belmont's vision of becoming the leading Christ-centered university in the world to be realized, having a student body that is keenly committed to academic excellence, among other things is required. Dean's List achievements are consistently earned by a high percentage of the student body, giving evidence of an ever-increasing regard for scholarship across all programs. It is an honor to have a body of students as dedicated to stellar academic performance as it is to extra and co-curricular excellence."

Dean's List eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Mendotans earn degrees from UWM

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee held its commencement exercises on May 21 in which 3,115 students received their degrees.

Among the graduates were Reiss Buettner of Mendota, Sheldon B. Lubar School of Business, Bachelor of Business Administration; and Maren Wise of Mendota, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts.

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with over 24,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

N. DeLong on Olivet Dean's List

BOURBONNAIS – Noah DeLong of Mendota was named to the dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University during the recently completed spring 2023 semester. To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Illinois, 45 miles south of Chicago. Additionally, Olivet offers Graduate and Continuing Studies via online education. From Oxford to Tokyo, hundreds of Olivet students also experience the global classroom each year through study abroad opportunities, internships and worldwide mission trips.

Area students named to WIU Dean's List

MACOMB/MOLINE – A total of 1,062 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2023 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 113 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

Among the students receiving the honor are Leah Metcalf and Elizabeth Orwig of Ohio, and Robert McCoy of Earlville.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

DEATH NOTICES

The Mendota Reporter will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$75 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to editor@mendotareporter.com.

Three Illinois Waterway locks to close temporarily on June 1

ROCK ISLAND – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, is temporarily closing the Brandon Road, Dresden Island and Marseilles locks on the Illinois Waterway, June 1, to facilitate needed repairs and maintenance. The closures are scheduled to last through Sept. 30 and are being conducted simultaneously to limit impacts to navigation.

During the closures, no vessels will be able to pass through the closed locks, however navigation on the rest of the river will remain possible and water levels will be maintained as usual

throughout the season. Repairs being made during the closures include electrical system upgrades and replacement of miter gates, miter gate machinery and valves.

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Budget

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The Senate passed the budget bill late Thursday night, sending it to the House where it got its first reading shortly thereafter. The House reconvened Friday evening, gave the budget a brief hearing before reading it into the record for a second time, and finally adjourned shortly after midnight Saturday morning. Eight minutes later, the House reconvened yet again for a final vote.

The final spending plan looked substantially like the one Pritzker outlined in his February budget proposal. It contains several new initiatives he asked for, including investments in pre-K through 12th grade education, child welfare, combating poverty and homelessness, and increasing state spending on higher education.

“Smart Start Illinois” is a multi-year plan that aims to make childcare and preschool available to every 3- and 4-year-old whose family wants those services. For the upcoming fiscal year, that includes \$250 million to increase the number of preschool slots available, stabilize the early childhood workforce and expand the Early Intervention and Home Visiting Programs.

The budget also includes Pritzker’s “Home Illinois” initiative – an \$85 million increase in funding to support homelessness prevention, affordable housing, outreach and other programs aimed at reducing homelessness.

It also includes a \$100 million increase in funding for public universities and community colleges, along with a \$100 million increase in Monetary Award Program financial aid grants for low-income college students. Pritzker has said that will effectively make a two-year community college education available tuition- and fee-free for every working-class student in Illinois.

And it includes a \$350 million increase in the Evidence Based Funding formula for K-12 education, the minimum amount called for under the law that lawmakers passed in 2018.

“We should not have to choose between being responsible for being a responsible state and being a compassionate one,” Speaker Pro Tem Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, the top Democratic budget negotiator, said on the House floor. “We can do both. I dare say we have to do both.”

House Republicans, however, had announced earlier in the day that they would not provide any votes to pass the bill, calling it “one of the largest spends in Illinois history.”

“Our shared priorities, surprisingly, were not included and our offers to work with Democrats were ignored,” House Republican Leader Tony McCombie, of Savanna, said during an early afternoon news conference. “We cannot trust the majority party with more money when all they offer is so little in return to tangible benefits for Illinois families.”

Republicans cited several concerns with the budget, such as its continued funding of Medicaid-like health care for undocumented immigrants aged 42 and over, which has grown well past original projections. GOP members also objected Democrats’ refusal to address the Jan. 1, 2024 sunset of a \$75 million tax credit program that funds scholarships for private and religious schools.

Republicans also disapproved of the budget package’s allowance for the automatic inflation-determined growth of lawmakers’ base salary for next year from \$85,000 to nearly \$90,000 – a cost of living adjustment that McCombie argued violates the Illinois Constitution. They also criticized the budget’s failure to address needed funding for pay raises for state workers whose union contracts are up for renewal in the upcoming fiscal year.

“In our eyes, this isn’t a budget that provides for the future of Illinois,” Rep. Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, the House Republicans’ chief budget negotiator, said Friday afternoon ahead of the final vote.

But Democrats countered that the budgets they have pushed through since Pritzker became governor in 2019 have not only been balanced but have resulted in multiple credit upgrades from the three major rating agencies.

“If you want to vote for credit upgrades for the state of Illinois, vote aye,” Gordon-Booth said in her closing speech just before the final vote. “If you want to vote to fund the public school children in your district, vote aye. If you want to vote to fund the cities, towns and villages in your district, vote aye. If you want to vote to give low-income and middle-income college students and your district the opportunity to go to college without being overburdened with college debt, vote aye.”

Passage of the budget allowed the House to ad-

journal its 2023 spring regular session.

According to legislative records, more than 560 bills passed both chambers and will eventually be sent to Pritzker’s desk. Lawmakers are not scheduled to return to Springfield until their traditional two-week fall veto session, which has not yet been formally scheduled.

Before the 2:30 a.m. vote on the spending plan, House members also voted on eight other bills Friday night. Those measures included a controversial bill that would give Ameren Illinois, the electric utility for the southern half of the state, the “right of first refusal” on the construction of transmission lines.

Another pair of bills that received only Democratic votes concern health insurance – one would give the state’s Department of Insurance the power to review and reject insurance rates, and the other would create a new state-based insurance marketplace.

A few of the late-night bills received unanimous votes in the House, including one that would create a tax credit program aimed at eventually attracting one of the six to 10 “hydrogen hubs” the federal government hopes to place around the U.S. as hydrogen clean energy technology continues to evolve.

After lengthy debate on the budget package, a bipartisan majority of House members approved one final measure before adjourning, which would permanently establish a previously experimental diversion program for first-time gun offenders. The pilot program was only open to those under the age of 21, but all first-time offenders would be eligible for the permanent program. It was also modified to allow for greater prosecutorial and judicial discretion in those cases.

(Hannah Meisel contributed.)

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Voyage

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Instead of canoeing the 3,000 miles in four months historic voyage, like originally planned, Taylor is conducting weekend re-enactments in major cities along the path through the summer.

Taylor and his assembled crew of actors and historians will be in Portage, Wis., on June 3-4, Montello, Wis., on June 10, Marquette, Wis., on July 1, Ottawa on July 8-9 for Canal Day, Chicago Portage on Aug. 12, the River History event in Chicago on Sept. 9-10, and Utica for the Burgoo Festival on Sept. 23-24.

“The expedition was going to run May 17, which is the day Joliet and Marquette began their trip, but we’re not going to paddle for 3,000 miles for four months like they did in 1773,” Taylor said. “Instead, it has turned into a re-enactment celebration. Celebration with a capital C because we are

celebrating the 1673 expedition, and the 1973 because half of them are still alive. We couldn’t find enough people to do the four-month canoe trip. I found some, but a lot of things fell apart. It’s now turning into a weekend rolling celebration where I’m hitting all of the major locations.

“I would say 60-70 percent of the 1673 and the 1973 expeditions were in Illinois and Wisconsin. Illinois has the lion’s share because I believe 40 percent of the journey is in Illinois between skirting the Mississippi River and going up the Illinois River and on to Lake Michigan.”

The Mendota connection will not be as strong as it was for the Joliet-Marquette (1973) or the Joliet-Marquette 2 (1976) as Reid and Ken Lewis, who were on both of the previous re-enactments, will not be joining Taylor, who is the president of the Joliet-Marquette 3.

However, Taylor and oth-

ers want to keep the tradition and the history on the rivers.

“It was the Boy Scouts. My son was in the Army. He just got out in April after serving a second tour. I wanted to build canoes and get kids outside and on the water,” said Taylor, who has a degree in chemistry and a minor in physics from his college days. “I’m an American Canoe Association Level 2 river kayak instructor. I’ve always enjoyed the saying, ‘Turning screen time into green time.’”

“I’m building 20-foot canoes out of fiberglass and white cedar for the celebration weekends. I’m following Frese and building them the way he would.

“America needs this. This country needs a good shot in the arm. And history, if you don’t learn from it, you’re doomed to repeat it. There is some really cool history in America. I grew up in Chicago and had no idea the French owned the entire interior of America.”

Stage 212 holding auditions for ‘23 Children’s Theater production

LaSALLE – Stage 212 has announced auditions for the 2023 Children’s Theater production, “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition” will take place Thursday, June 8 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, June 10 at 1 p.m. (attend one) at the theater, 700 First St. in LaSalle. Callbacks will be held on Sunday, June 11 utilizing a time-slot schedule. A full production by kids, for kids, “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition” is open to all children entering grades 5 through 10.

Director Isaac Alvarado will cast approximately 30 children in a variety of lead and supporting roles. Kids should come prepared with 30–60 second (32 bars) of a musical theater song not from the show, and should also be prepared to learn a short dance to perform as part of the audition. Some auditioners

will be asked to read from the script. No advance preparation is necessary, but kids should come dressed in comfortable clothes with shoes suitable for dancing (no sandals or flip-flops). Those auditioning should complete the online registration form at stage212.org. Walk-ins are welcome. Note: children already cast as Munchkins will be unable to audition.

Rehearsals for “The SpongeBob Musical: Youth Edition” are tentatively scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1–3 p.m. Not every actor will be called to every rehearsal. Performances will be Aug. 10–13. All auditioners should bring a calendar with their summer conflicts. For more information, visit Stage 212 online at stage212.org, or on Facebook.

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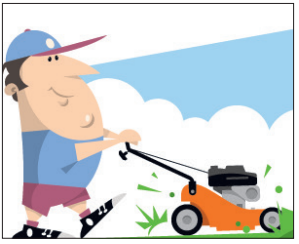
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Protecting pregnant workers

By Scott Reeder

Are you pregnant? Are you planning to get pregnant? Are you in a relationship?

I squirmed uncomfortably as my boss asked these questions to a finalist for a job opening. I'd identified the person as a promising journalist, but he wanted to do the final screening.

The questions he asked had little to do with her experience and much to do with the candidate's child-bearing plans. This incident happened more than a decade ago when I was in management for a different employer.

I would like to say that I stood up and interrupted the interrogation and said, "You can't ask those questions." But to my shame, I remained silent. I didn't want to lose my job.

Only a few months earlier, the same boss became infuriated when another woman announced her pregnancy shortly after she'd been hired.

He said he'd been "tricked" and "deceived" and that he wanted me to fire her. I wouldn't. (Interestingly enough, he could have fired her himself, but for some reason didn't.)

Instead, I spent nearly nine months being harangued daily by my supervisor about the woman's continued employment. It was a miserable experience. He was gestating a grudge.

Call me a Pollyanna, but until this experience it never occurred to me that some employers would retaliate against a worker for getting pregnant.

I grew up in a family business. When my parents learned someone was expecting, it was considered a matter to celebrate. Yes, there was the inconvenience of finding someone to fill in during a maternity leave. But it never would have crossed their minds to penalize someone.

A few days ago, I read about Becky Hammon, the coach for the WNBA team the Las Vegas Aces, being suspended for making inappropriate remarks about the pregnancy of one of her players, Dearica Hamby.

Hamby alleged the Aces "bullied, manipulated and discriminated against" her after she told the team she was pregnant.

"I was asked if I planned my pregnancy," she wrote of the Aces in her statement. "When I responded, 'no,' I was then told that I 'was not taking precautions to not get pregnant.'"

Here's a thought, it's nobody else's business whether a pregnancy is planned or not.

In fact, according to the Guttmacher Institute, 45 percent of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended.

In other words, walk into any preschool and about half of the kids you will see were an oops. Or just look in the mirror and remember your own parents were probably batting 500.

But unplanned doesn't necessarily mean unwanted or unloved.

One of the things that stands out about the Hamby story is that the abuse she allegedly endured came at the hands of another woman.

Her coach, Hammon, was a trailblazer in her own right. She was an Olympian, a professional basketball player, only the second female to be an assistant NBA coach, and she is one of the most highly regarded coaches in the WNBA.

And yet, she apparently hassled another woman for getting pregnant.

Perhaps I should find this surprising. But when I was enduring abuse from my own boss for not firing a pregnant worker, a female editor kept chiming in, "I've seen pregnancy just ruin otherwise good reporters."

Her tone made one think she was describing a prize canine bred by the neighbors' mutt right before competing in the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Every time she'd say it, I'd roll my eyes and wonder how someone could be that stupid.

Next month, a new federal law goes into effect that requires employers with more than 15 employees to make reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers. Such workers could not be denied employment opportunities or retaliated against for requesting a reasonable accommodation.

My friend and Springfield native former U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos helped spearhead that measure into law.

"Like many women, I have seen the impact that it can have on a career when an employer refuses to consider accommodations for a pregnancy," she said. "Years ago, when I was still early in my career, I was up for a promotion. At the time, I had two children at home."

"During my interview, I was asked if I had child care and if I planned to have more children. I replied that I had everything in my personal life in the right place."

"Despite having more experience, an excellent track record and having been with my employer longer, weeks later it was announced that I did not get the promotion. The person who did was single, with no children at home."

Bustos asked that I not identify the employer. That's understandable. No one wants to talk badly about a former employer. And that's why I, too, have held off on identifying the outfit where I had my bad experience.

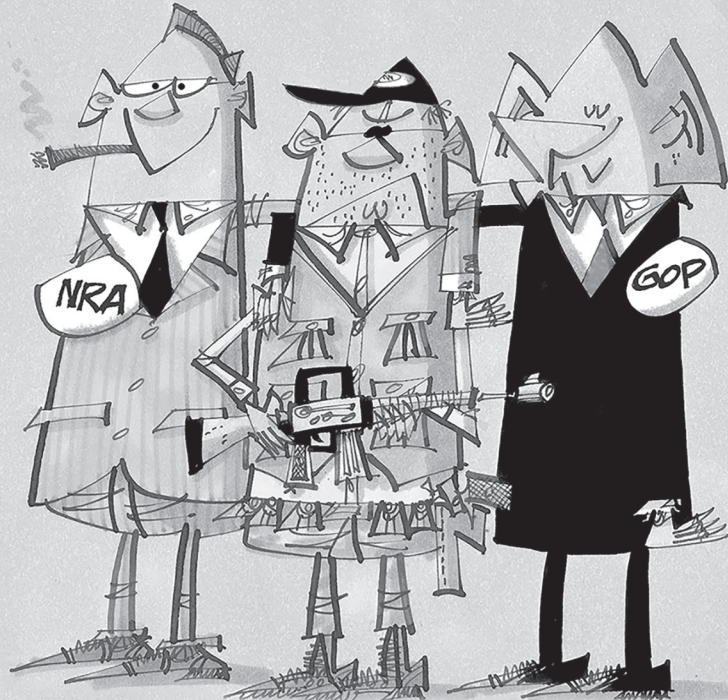
But an interesting aspect of Bustos' situation was that it was a female supervisor who questioned her about whether she planned another pregnancy. In my case, the pressure to fire a pregnant worker came from a man.

Discrimination can come from all quarters.

And that is why I'm glad we will soon have a law protecting all pregnant workers.

(Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.)

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PORTRAIT OF A LONG GUNMAN

Great uncle's grave at Shiloh located

(The following is from Jessica Nashold's Backtracks & Sidetracks column reprinted from May 29, 1991.)

By Jessica Nashold

On Memorial Day we decorate the graves of men and women who served in the armed forces. Not all of our fallen lie in local cemeteries, however.

Harry D. Schaller and his wife, Inger, of Allentown, Pa., recently visited the grave of Schaller's great uncle, Karl Gross, who was killed in the Battle of Pittsburg Landing, also referred to as the Battle of Shiloh, which raged for two days, April 6-7, 1862.

Schaller, son of the late Harry F. Schaller, was visiting in Mendota last fall and was intrigued by a letter found among his father's papers. The letter was in an envelope marked "This is a letter from Karl Gross, killed in the Civil War." The letter was written in German script and dated 1862. Gross was Schaller's grandmother Bertha Schaller's brother.

Translated by a friend of the Schallers, Rene Gerstenberg, a former professor of German, the letter proved to have been written only days before the battle in which Gross lost his life.

He had just received a letter from home on March 24 and hastened to reassure his parents of his well-being.

Your letter indicated to me that you must have worried a great deal about me, which I regret very much. Dear parents, I beg you, do not worry unduly about me, even though we must go to a battlefield.

A second letter had reached him on March 25 and again he reaffirmed that all was well with him.

The merciful God has kept me in good health for which I cannot thank him enough. For it is good health here as well as back home that is most precious.

Karl described his trip on the steamboat Floreng, boarded at St. Louis on March 13. They went down the Mississippi River to Cairo, and on the Ohio River to Kentucky, then up the Tennessee River, with a 15-minute

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stop at Fort Henry to Savannah, Tenn., which they reached on March 18 and where they spent the night.

Approximately 25 steamships stood ready there and went then one by one up the river to pick up troops.

They arrived at Pittsburg Landing on March 19 and spent the night on the Floreng.

Here I also counted 40 steamboats. I must have seen at least close to 75, although I wasn't able to count them all.

During the trip, General Grant passed these troops.

At Pittsburg Landing, there was a tranquil interlude.

We don't sense any danger here and I feel as secure as if I were on your own homestead. So far I have not regretted joining the military for it is here that you see and hear things.

Up until this time, Karl had kept a quilt blanket with him, but wrote that when they moved on he would have to leave it behind.

It is tiring to carry too heavy a load.

He had no complaints about the food except for the "crackers," by which he presumably meant hardtack.

When I eat one-eighth of it I am full.

He found the surroundings agreeable.

The weather is nice and warm, the woods start getting green, the plum trees are blooming and the birds are singing. One could join their song. It is the sound of creation. I only wish Pa could be here to experience this.

Near the end of his letter, Gross

mentions a circumstance that could not have been added to his parents' peace of mind.

Just a moment ago a list was passed around for information to reach the families in the event that we get wounded or killed. They wanted to know your name and address and what church I belong to. Take care and do not worry.

A feature on Schaller's find to Frank Whelan was published in The Morning Call, Allentown, and includes a quote ascribed to Ulysses S. Grant in the aftermath of the fighting at Shiloh. He said, "the field was so covered with the dead that it would have been possible to walk across the clearing in any direction, stepping on dead bodies, without a foot touching the ground."

Casualties during those two days were 10,700 for the south, 13,000 for the north, with the Union eventually triumphing militarily.

A reference book at Shiloh National Military Park records a Charles H. Gross, killed at Pittsburg Landing. Park Ranger George Reaves said it was not unusual for names to be Anglicized -- in which case Karl would have become Charles. Gross had enlisted from Perkins Grove and was with Company B of the 52nd Infantry Illinois Volunteers Regiment. He was 23.

During their pilgrimage to Shiloh, the Schallers learned that northerners killed in the April 6-7 engagement had been buried in a mass grave. Later, it was possible to identify a very few for individual graves, and Gross was one of these. It was not clear what means of identification survived the first interment.

The Schallers also commented that they believed the blooming "plum trees" mentioned by Karl in his letter might have been red buds, as they were at Shiloh about the same time of year and it was red bud trees that were blooming profusely during their stay.

Daniel Penny wasn't a vigilante

By Rich Lowry

Pretty much everything you need to know about the Daniel Penny case you can learn from the "Death Wish" movies.

Or so you might conclude if you took seriously the left's analysis of the tragic incident in a New York City subway car last month that led to Penny, a former Marine, getting charged with second-degree manslaughter.

The upshot of this commentary is that conservatives favor "vigilantism" and support it, of course, because it's a bulwark of white supremacy.

"The Republican Embrace of Vigilantism Is No Accident," according to New York Times columnist Jamelle Bouie.

Greg Sargent and Paul Waldman rapped Ron DeSantis in The Washington Post for his support of Penny: "DeSantis's celebration of vigilantism is a new low in MAGA extremism."

"Daniel Penny shows how much the right loves white vigilante violence," averred the headline on a piece at the Public Notice Substack.

Jon Marshall, an associate professor at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, was quoted in another Washington Post piece, "What we're seeing now for Daniel Penny after he killed Jordan Neely is that he fits within a long, ugly history of some media and politicians glorifying vigilante violence."

There are many problems with this line of argumentation, beginning with the fact that Daniel Penny wasn't a vigilante.

Merriam-Webster defines a vigilante as "a member of a volunteer committee organized to suppress and punish crime summarily (as when the processes of law are viewed as inadequate)."

There can be loner vigilantes, of course. If, say, someone Penny cared about was harmed by a mentally ill homeless man, and he started riding the subways looking for mentally ill homeless men like Neely to take vengeance on, that'd be vigilantism.

This is a version of the scenario that set the Charles Bronson character Paul Kersey on his path of blowing away New York City's muggers and lowlives in the series of movies.

By contrast, conservatives are, as a general matter, viewing

Penny as a defender of himself and, most importantly, those around him -- not an avenging angel administering the justice that Alvin Bragg refuses to.

Indications are that Penny (and his fellow passengers) sincerely believed Jordan Neely, suffering from untreated mental illness, was a threat to people on the train. There's still much we need to know about the particulars of the case, but the impulse to protect others is deeply admirable and rare.

Most people intuit this, and presumably even more so if they have ever been in the confined space of a subway car, with the cops nowhere to be found and everyone else looking at their shoes, with someone acting aggressively or irrationally.

What progressives are doing is taking praise for someone who stepped up in a difficult circumstance and twisting it into something perverse, dangerous and racist.

The fevered theorizing is quite impressive, even by today's standards. According to the Public Notice piece: "Conservatives are desperate to preserve the privilege of white violence, which is why the defenses of Penny sound so rabid and so unhinged. For conservatives, a world in which white men are held accountable for racist murder is a world without law, without order."

Despite the effort to enlist Daniel Penny in the Klan, there's no indication that he was motivated by racial animus and no reason to believe that he would have acted differently if confronted with a mentally ill person of another race acting menacingly.

Of course, if Penny had reacted the same way countering a perceived threat from a white man, the tragic event would be a blip; it's the catnip of a purported racial incident and the opportunity to put Penny, with no justification, in the company of long-ago racists acting extralegally to intimidate and kill Black people that makes the case irresistible for progressives.

Penny's appointed role is to be an archetype, the "white vigilante," with no room for nuance or complication -- or even an accurate definition of vigilantism.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

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D. Fike nominated by IVCC for Distinguished Alumnus Award

OGLESBY — Entrepreneur, developer and philanthropist Donald Fike of Tonica is Illinois Valley Community College's nominee for the 2023 Illinois Community College Trustees Association Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Fike, a 1967 IVCC graduate and 1969 graduate of the University of Illinois, is renowned as the "Godfather" of the developmentally disabled for his passionate advocacy on their behalf.

He began his career as executive director of Horizon House of Illinois Valley, a nonprofit providing services to people with disabilities and their families.

Over nine years at Horizon House, Fike established a work activity center, sheltered workshop, various residential programs, and a summer program for kids. He also worked with La Salle-Peru High School to establish the state's first program in which the Trainable Mentally Handicapped received regular high school diplomas.

After moving to Galesburg, he started his company, initially owning, managing

and building homes for the developmentally disabled and then expanding into residential programs for senior citizens including skilled nursing and assisted living facilities, retirement communities and campuses in over 40 towns in Illinois, Iowa, Florida, South Carolina, and Nevada.

Today, Fike-owned businesses provide a home and services to over 6,000 individuals daily and jobs to more than 5,000.

Throughout his career, Fike has remained a generous benefactor to the IVCC Foundation and many other nonprofits. He credits those first two years at IVCC for playing a role in his success.

"I was able to continue to play basketball at IVCC-LPO, which also helped shape me into the man I am," he said.

"I believe the smaller class sizes, and actually having professors who learn who you are as a person, are invaluable to shaping young citizens. I remember always feeling like I was in a very supportive environment at IVCC."

Fike and 18 other Distinguished Alumnus Award nominees are invited to the Friday, June 2, ICCTA Annual Convention Awards Banquet at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center where the winner will be announced.



Fike

IVCC planning four Teen Career Exploration Camps

OGLESBY — This summer, Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center will offer four Teen Career Exploration Camps for ages 13-17. Designed to help students explore future career paths, IVCC faculty and area career professionals have organized these camps with the goal of exposing participants to a variety of careers through interactive discussion and hands-on application.

On Tuesday, June 20 through Thursday, June 22 from 8 a.m.-noon, Get A Grip: Gears, Drafting, Ions and Pneumatics will be presented as a part of IVCC's Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics academy. Participants will learn

about the various STEM careers with hands on opportunities as they discover what is needed for a career in STEM. This interactive three-day career exploration camp will focus on occupations in electronics, computer-aided drafting and industrial maintenance.

Scrubs IVCC Healthcare Pathways will be offered on Monday, July 10 through Thursday, July 13 from 9 a.m.-noon. With four mornings to learn what it takes in the health care field participants will concentrate on careers in dental health, emergency medical services, pharmacy and nursing.

Grow Ag Technology and Plant Cultivation will run one day on Monday,

July 17 from 8 a.m.-noon. Participants will gain hands-on experience with precision agricultural technology and the basic concepts of plant cultivation. There will be an opportunity to engage with Global Positioning System (GPS) guidance to discover how precision technology is revolutionizing the agricultural industry.

The fourth Teen Career Exploration Camp - Junior Welding Academy is currently full and closed, however interested students can be added to the waitlist.

For further information visit ivcc.edu/summer-camp or to enroll ivcc.edu/enroll or call 815-224-0427.

IVCC schedules food sanitation course in June

OGLESBY — Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center offers Food Service Sanitation Certification classes from 5-7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 6-15 at the IVCC Ottawa Center.

The food service sanitation classes are designed to assist the manager or potential manager in applying sanitation principles in food service establishments. Students learn to identify the causes of food-borne illness, identify and apply procedures for cleaning and sanitizing, recognize problems and potential solutions associated with facility, equipment and layout.

At the end of the classes, students will take the national ServSafe Protection Food Manager Certification exam in class. These classes are required in Illinois for Certified Food Protection Manager Certification and is an American National Standards Institute certified course accepted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. With successful completion and a passing grade students will attain the ServSafe CFPM license valid for five years.

Cost is \$130. The textbook, ServSafe Manager, 7th Edition, is available for purchase online at ivcc.ecampus.com. Due to the fast-paced nature of the class, students should purchase the book in advance and begin review prior to class.

To register, call (815) 224-0427 or go to www.ivcc.edu/enroll.



Carus LLC will hold its annual Summer Science Camp July 17-21 at St. Bede Academy. (Photo contributed)

Carus LLC to hold Summer Science Camp at St. Bede

PERU — Carus LLC is excited to share that its annual Summer Science Camp registration is now underway. This year's registration is once again online at carusllc.com/camp. The free camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon each day from July 17-21 at St. Bede Academy in Peru. It is open to students entering 6th grade this fall. Slots fill up fast, so be sure to act quickly since they are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Summer Science Camp is a popular destination for students in LaSalle, Bureau, and Putnam counties. The free camp allows children hands-on fun as they participate in science and chemistry lessons that include interesting experiments and expeditions led by a team of local teachers and

Carus employee volunteers. "Summer Science Camp is something we look forward to each year. Past experiences have shown us how impactful it can be for students, and we are thrilled to be able to continue to support this STEM educational initiative," said Lyndsay Bliss, Vice President of Human Resources and Communications at Carus.

The Summer Science Camp helps encourage future success by providing participants with a foundation of highly valued STEM skills. According to The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, STEM occupations are projected to grow 8 percent by 2029, compared to just 3.7 percent for all occupations combined during that time period.

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LOCAL AND AREA

City Ordinance - Public Nuisances

MENDOTA – The Mendota Police Department would like to remind home and business owners of city ordinances regarding public nuisances.

It is against city ordinance to have accumulations of trash, building materials, abandoned automobiles, machinery, scrap metal, discarded tires, vehicle batteries or any other material that creates a public health hazard on your property. It is also a violation to permit weeds, grass or plants other than trees, bushes or flowers or other ornamental plants to grow to a height exceeding six inches anywhere in the city. Also, all multi-family structures, including structures that consist of both residential and commercial units, and structures which share a wall or walls with another structure, shall be kept free from infestations of insects (including but not limited to bedbugs, cockroaches and disease-carrying insects), rats or other vermin.

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Chicago to host 2024 Democratic National Convention

City beat out Atlanta, New York after support from Democratic Midwest governors

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Democratic National Committee announced that Chicago will host the party's 2024 presidential nominating convention.

The city beat out Atlanta and New York for the four-day convention next August after Democratic leaders in the Midwest pushed for it to be the site. It will be hosted at the city's United Center and McCormick Place.

A news release announcing the choice noted Chicago is "an ideal backdrop" to host the nominating convention for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. It will also highlight the importance of the Midwest as "a key voting bloc in the 2024 election," the release noted.

"Chicago is a great choice to host the 2024 Democratic National Convention," Biden said in the news release. "Democrats will gather to showcase our historic progress including building an economy from the middle out and bottom up, not from the top down. From repairing our roads and bridges, to unleashing a manufacturing boom,

and creating over 12.5 million new good-paying jobs, we've already delivered so much for hard-working Americans – now it's time to finish the job."

Gov. JB Pritzker was a leading force behind the push to bring the convention to Chicago, as was outgoing Mayor Lori Lightfoot. After a meeting with Mayor-elect Brandon Johnson, Pritzker said his administration has worked to relay to the DNC that "the best convention that anyone could have would be here in the city of Chicago."

He emphasized Chicago and Illinois' status as a pro-choice state that's "stood up for labor rights and workers" and taken action to ban assault weapons.

"And that's not true of some of the other competitors states," he said.

He made similar points at a news conference in Chicago.

"Now after all, Chicago and the entire Midwest looks like America, and is the capital at the heart of the nation," Pritzker said. "Illinois is home to a bustling metropolis, a strong rural tradition, thriving suburbs, not to mention a longstanding history rooted in civil rights, and workers' rights, and

reproductive rights."

The convention is scheduled for Aug. 19-22 next year. It is expected to bring tens of thousands of visitors to Chicago. The city last held the convention in 1996.

"This region was critical to President Biden and vice-president Harris's 2020 victory," DNC Chair Jaime Harrison said. "We won big here in 2020 and it will be a part of how we win big again in 2024. This region will also give us the opportunity to showcase the Biden-Harris economic agenda that is unleashing a manufacturing boom, strengthening U.S. supply chains, creating good paying union jobs and expanding economic opportunities."

The Republican Party will host their presidential nominating convention in July, roughly 90 miles north of Chicago in Milwaukee.

(Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government. It is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide, as well as hundreds of radio and TV stations. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.)

Household income goes mostly toward bills in Illinois communities

By **KEVIN BESSLER**
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – Illinoisans are paying more of their annual income on household expenses than the rest of the country.

An analysis by the website doxoINSIGHTS found that the average Illinois household spends \$2,121 a month on the 10 most common household bills, including a mortgage, auto loan, and utilities. Illinois

is the 17th most expensive state for household expenses and accounts for 35% of the annual household income.

"The main drivers for making a place expensive is usually mortgage and rent," researcher Liz Powell said.

Residents of Kendall County are living in the most expensive county in the state for household expenses, paying over 44% higher than the national average. In comparison, residents in Sangamon

County pay over 19% less than the national average on household expenses.

Chicagoans are paying nearly 7% more on the 10 most common household bills than the rest of the country, which accounts for 40% of their annual yearly income, but that ranks as only the 96th most expensive city in Illinois.

In other areas of Illinois, McLean County residents pay 11% lower than the na-

tional average on household bills. Residents of Madison County pay about 17% lower on bills than the rest of the country. Residents of Jackson County pay 24.6% less on bills than the national average, but they account for 47% of their annual income.

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LOCAL AND AREA

IVCC offering 45+ day camps for youth this summer

OGLESBY – Illinois Valley Community College's Continuing Education Center is offering more than 45 day-camps for youth this summer, including in person, on campus, teen career camps, live online Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) camps.

Themes for IVCC Teen camp ages 13-17 include a STEM academy with computer-aided design, electronics and industrial technology; Health Care Pathways inclusive of career exploration, emergency services, dental health, pharmacy, and nursing; and an Ag Technology and Plant Cultivation program from 8 a.m.-noon.

Available through Black Rocket will be online technology camps of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) including Code-breakers, Robotic, Online, Base Only Xanc (ROBLOX) Makers with both camp opportunities offered June 12-16. Python Programmers and 3D Game Design with Utility will be offered June

19-23. These virtual technology camps are presented live, led by top teachers with small break out session and customer support. Additional online STEAM camps may be found at: www.blackrocket.com/online/ivc

There are 29 in-person classes June through August. A few highlights are: Storytime Yoga for ages 4-7; Mindset Matters for Athletes for ages 7-17; Battle Bots and Camp Kindness for ages 8-12; Empowerment Workshop for Girls ages 7-12; and Beats and Jams: Digital Music Production for ages nine and older.

"With so many exciting opportunities this summer to challenge our area youth, we look forward to helping spark their creativity and expand their education in fun, exciting and creative ways. IVCC is offering some new and amazing camps," stated Continuing Education Center and Business Services Manager Kim Koehler.

For a full list of classes visit or to enroll online ivcc.edu/summercamp or call (815) 224.0427.



Black Bros. Co. donates \$30,000 to IVCC's Career and Technical Program. Left to right, are Evan Carroll, Megan Kneebone, Matt Carroll, Shane Lange, Jennifer Sowers, and Jeff Simonton at Black Bros. Company in Mendota. (Photo contributed)

Black Bros. donates large sum to IVCC Career & Tech Program

OGLESBY – Black Bros. Co. recently donated \$30,000 to Illinois Valley Community College's Career and Technical Program to be used at the discretion of the college to continue to support the CTE programs.

"Everyone I meet at IVCC has a positive outlook concerning their area of expertise. They are continuously putting in place and delivering innovative and effective programs and services for manufacturing and other professions," CEO and Co-Owner, Matt Carroll said.

IVCC has recently redesigned the

Manufacturing program. The Computer Numerical Control and Machining courses have moved from 16-week sessions to eight-week sessions. The modification time will allow students to complete the CNC or the Basic Manufacturing certificate in just two semesters. Students can opt in or out every eight weeks based on their scheduling needs. New students can now conveniently start either of the programs in any of the eight-week sessions as opposed to the start of the semester. The CNC and Manufacturing

certificates are built into the associate's degree in Manufacturing Technology.

"Black Bros. Co. has been a longtime supporter of the college and we look forward to continuing this valuable partnership into the future. IVCC would not be able to deliver the quality of programs and services if it weren't for their support and other valuable company partners," said IVCC Business Training Specialist, Jennifer Sowers. "We cannot thank them enough for this generous donation and investment in our CTE programs."

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GARAGE SALES/NOTICES

MOVING SALE
4183 E. 050th Road,
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(1 mile east of
golf course)
Friday, June 2 &
Saturday, June 3
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sofa, rocking love seat,
antique sewing
machine/cabinet,
new 42" round drop
leaf table/4 chairs,
lift chair, new foldable
treadmill, hightop dining
room table/6 chairs,
home & holiday décor,
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twin bed set, holiday
items, Christmas village,
home décor, bedding,
tools, lawn tools
and much more.
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GARAGE SALE
418 W. Martin St.,
LaMoille
Friday, June 2 &
Saturday, June 3
8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Baby clothes to size 7,
some adult clothing,
some furniture.
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GARAGE SALE
1401 Lincoln Ave.
Friday, June 2
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, June 3
8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Infant girls' clothes
NB-3 mos.,
table & chairs,
microwave, audiobooks,
seasonal.
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GARAGE SALE
1304 Ben Mar Ave.
Friday, June 2 &
Saturday, June 3
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Puzzles, toys,
Avon bottles,
housewares, purses,
women's shoes
(some new),
women's clothing L-2XL,
aquariums & supplies,
tools, much
miscellaneous.
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GARAGE SALE DEADLINES

• Thursday 3 p.m. to
appear in Monday's Money
Saver.

• Monday 10 a.m. to
appear in Wednesday's Re-
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POLICE BLOTTER

**NO VALID
DRIVER'S LICENSE**
Tony W. Wright, 19, of
402 12th Ave., Mendota,
was charged with no valid
driver's license after a traf-
fic stop at 10th Avenue and
Third Street at 5:26 p.m. May
23. The subject was released
with a LaSalle County court
date.

**DRIVING WHILE
LICENSE SUSPENDED**
Kailee J. Longmire, 30, of
399 N. 42nd Road, Mendota,
was charged with driving

while license suspended on
May 26. The subject was re-
leased with a LaSalle County
court date.

MAN CHARGED
Nicholas R. Hender-
son, 35, of Arlington, was
charged with violation of
conditions of pretrial re-
lease after police officers
responded to the report of
a domestic situation at 104
Second Ave. on May 28. The
subject was transported to
the LaSalle County jail to
appear before a judge.

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SPORTS

5 Lady Trojans earn softball all-conference honors for ‘23

MENDOTA – Five Mendota High School softball players earned Three Rivers Conference East Division all-conference honors for the 2023 season.

Heading the list was senior Katie Jenner, who was a unanimous selection to the first team as an infielder.

Capturing second-team recognition were junior Ryleigh Sondgeroth as a pitcher and junior Madelyn Becker as an outfielder.

Senior Emma Schultz (catcher) and sophomore Ava Eddy (utility player) were named to the honorable mention team.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: Ella Hermes, Jr., St. Bede; Madison Smith, So., Bureau Valley; *Reagan Stoudt, Jr., St. Bede; Ady Waldschmidt, Jr., Newman

Catcher: Marissa Stevens, Sr., Kewanee

Infielders: Maddy Dalton,

Jr., St. Bede; *Katie Jenner, Sr., Mendota; Jess Johns, Jr., Newman; Lesleigh Maynard, So., Bureau Valley

Outfielders: *Addie Bontz, Sr., St. Bede; Tessa Duhon, Jr., Newman; Isalbarra, Sr., Princeton; McKensey Stontz, Sr., Kewanee

Utility Player: Ava Balestri, Fr., St. Bede (* indicates unanimous selection)

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Kalleigh Gale, Fr., Kewanee; Charlie Pellegrini, Fr., Hall; Makaela Salisbury, Sr., Kewanee; Ryleigh Sondgeroth, Jr., Mendota

Catcher: Bella Pinter, Jr., St. Bede

Infielders: Brenleigh Cook, Fr., Newman; Makayla Hecht, Fr., Princeton; Kelsea Klingenberg, So., Princeton; Ava LaFollette, Sr., Kewanee; Hope Peed, Jr., Kewanee; Hope Whightsil, Sr., Hall

Outfielders: Madelyn

Becker, Jr., Mendota; Emma Slingsby, Fr., St. Bede; Hannah Tiska, Jr., Kewanee

Utility Player: Carly Reglin, So., Bureau Valley

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitcher: Sylvie Rutledge, Fr., Princeton

Catcher: Carlin Brady, Sr., Newman; Emma Schultz, Sr., Mendota; Emily Wright, Fr., Bureau Valley

Infielders: Landry Hitzler, So., Bureau Valley; Lucy Oetting, Fr., Newman; Madelyn Torrance, Sr., St. Bede

Outfielders: Tessa Dugosh, Jr., St. Bede; Sophia Ely, Jr., Newman; Liana Ledergerger, Sr., Bureau Valley; Mya McLaughlin, Jr., Hall

Utility Player: Ava Eddy, So., Mendota

Final conference standings: St. Bede 11-1; Kewanee 9-3; Bureau Valley 7-5; Newman 7-5; Princeton 5-7; Mendota 3-9; Hall 0-12

Mendota gridders have 4 home games in 2023

MENDOTA – The Mendota High School football schedule has been set for the 2023 season.

There will be four home games and five away games. All games begin at 7 p.m.

The Trojans open the campaign at Morrison on Friday, Aug. 25. Mendota's first home game is set for Friday, Sept. 1 against Orion.

Other road contests are against Kewanee, Bureau Valley, Geneseo and Princ-

eton. In addition to Orion, the Trojans will host Hall, Riverdale and Sterling Newman.

The complete 2023 schedule is as follows:

Friday, Aug. 25 – at Morrison – 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 1 – Orion – 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 8 – at Kewanee – 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 15 – Hall – 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 22 – at Bureau Valley – 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 29 – Riverdale – 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 6 – at Geneseo – 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 13 – at Princeton – 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20 – Sterling Newman – 7 p.m.



MHS Basketball Camp set June 19-22

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojan Boys' Basketball Camp will be held June 19-22 at Mendota High School.

The camp is for third-through eighth-graders and will be divided into two sessions. Third through fifth grade campers will meet from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

each day and sixth through eighth grade campers will meet from 10:45 a.m.-noon each day.

The cost is \$50 per camper and \$35 for each additional family member. T-shirts are only guaranteed to campers whose forms/payments are turned in by Monday, June 12.

Registration forms are available at Mendota High School and will also be sent home with all boys in third through eighth grades. The registration form with payment should be returned to Mendota Boys Basketball, 2300 W. Main St., Mendota, IL 61342.

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MONDAY, 10 AM -

To appear in Wednesday's Reporter

* On a week with a holiday, deadlines may change. Please call to verify.



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SPORTS

2 Trojans named baseball all-conference

MENDOTA – The Mendota Trojans had two baseball players selected for Three Rivers Conference all-conference honors for the 2023 season.

Junior Izaiah Nanez made the second team as a pitcher and sophomore Braiden Freeman was chosen to the honorable mention squad as an infielder.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers: *Payton Dye, Jr., Hall; Kyle Wolfe, Sr., Newman; *Danny Cihocki, Sr., Princeton; Alex Ankiewicz, Jr., St. Bede

Catcher: *Kyler Lapp, Sr., Newman

Infielders: Sam Rouse, Sr., Bureau Valley; *Mac Resetich, Sr., Hall; *Ashton Pecher, Sr., Hall; Colson Welgat, So., Kewanee

Outfielders: *Brendan Tunink, Jr., Newman; *Noah LaPorte, So., Princeton; Evan Entrican, Jr., St. Bede

Utility Player: Garrett Matznick, Fr., Newman

(* indicates unanimous selection)

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers: Izaiah Nanez, Jr., Mendota;

Seth Ferrari, Jr., St. Bede

Catcher: Jaesen Johns, Sr., Newman

Infielders: Nolan Britt, Sr., Newman; Ryan Brucker, Sr., Princeton; Luke Tunnell, Jr., St. Bede; Brendan Pillion, Sr., St. Bede

Outfielders: Max Bryant, Jr., Hall; Joe Oswalt, So., Newman; Augie Christiansen, Sr., Princeton

Utility Player: Ayize Martin, Sr., Bureau Valley

HONORABLE MENTION

Catcher: Andy Osborne, Sr., Kewanee

Infielders: Braiden Freeman, So., Mendota; Gus Burr, Fr., St. Bede

Outfielders: Hunter Meagher, Sr., Hall; Cruz Paredes, Jr., Kewanee

Utility Player: Jordan Reinhardt, So., Princeton

Final conference standings: St. Bede 11-1; Hall 9-3; Newman 8-4; Princeton 8-4; Mendota 2-10; Bureau Valley 2-10; Kewanee 2-10

Wrestling camps for girls & boys planned at MHS

MENDOTA – A Girls' Wrestling Camp will be held June 5-8 from 5:30-7 p.m. each day in the auxiliary gym at Mendota High School. The camp is for ages 7-17 and is free.

In 2023, the state of Illinois had its first girls' only state tournament series. Mendota High School had three girls compete in the tournament. Now is the time to grow girls' wrestling in Mendota.

Girls' weight classes are 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 155, 170, 180 and 235. Girls can wrestle boys at boys' weight classes.

Equipment needed for

the camp includes shorts, shirt, compression shorts, sports bra, towel, water/sports drink, running or wrestling shoes and headgear if desired.

Those interested in attending or seeking more information are asked to email MHS head coach Dale Meyers at meyers185@gmail.com or text 815-343-2864.

For more information on girls' wrestling, go to Wrestle Like a Girl Community Forum on Facebook or www.ihsa.com.

A Mixed Gender Wrestling Camp will be held June 19-22 from 5:30-7 p.m. each day in the auxiliary gym at

Mendota High School. The camp is for ages 7-17 and is free. Campers will learn fundamentals and advanced wrestling.

Boys' weight classes are 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220 and 285.

Equipment needed for the camp includes shorts, shirt, compression shorts, sports bra (girls), towel, water/sports drink, running or wrestling shoes and headgear if desired.

Those interested in attending or seeking more information are asked to email MHS head coach Dale Meyers at meyers185@gmail.com or text 815-343-2864.

Spring turkey harvest totals given in state

SPRINGFIELD - Turkey hunters harvested a preliminary statewide total of 16,121 wild turkeys during the 2023 Illinois spring turkey season. This compares with the 2022 harvest of 13,701.

The top five counties for the 2023 harvest were Jo Daviess, 595; Jefferson, 487; Pike, 419; Pope, 379; and Randolph, 370. The record harvest total for the spring season was set in 2006 when 16,569 turkeys were taken.

The 2023 total includes the youth turkey season harvest of 1,309 birds, which compares with the 2022 youth harvest of 1,258.

This year, 80,643 permits were sold compared to 81,672 last year. Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties. The 2023 season dates were April 3 to May 4 in the South Zone and April 10 to May 11 in the North Zone. The Youth Spring Turkey Season was March 25-26 and April 1-2 statewide.



Illinois High School Shrine football game set for June 17

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois Coaches Association and the Shriners of Illinois will host the 49th annual Illinois High School Shrine Football Game on Saturday, June 17 at Tucci Stadium on the campus of Illinois Wesleyan University. Kick-off for the 49th annual game is scheduled for 11 a.m. The pregame festivities will begin at the stadium starting at 10 a.m.

Ninety-two of the state's best football players participate in this all-star game to raise money for Shriners Hospital for Children, the official philanthropy of Shriners International. More information about scheduled events, along with rosters for both the Red and Blue teams, can be found at IL HS Shrine Game. Admission for the game is \$10 and tickets can be purchased at the gate.

Each year at the Shrine Game, two patients from the Shriners Hospital for

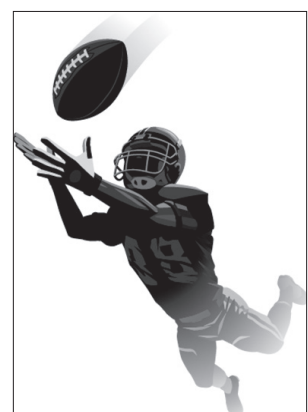


Children are chosen to be the prince and princess. The princess is Ella Strange from Lexington who is a patient at the Shriners Hospital in Chicago. The prince is Judah Tanis from Peoria who is a patient at the Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. The prince and princess are honorary representatives from each hospital that will benefit from the money raised through the game. Last year's event raised nearly \$22,000 that went directly to providing outstanding medical care for children at the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The goal is to create a fun and exciting environment for the players, families, Shrine kids, and Shriners and to

make this a signature event for the Shriners of Illinois. The featured banquet speaker will be John Ridgeway from Bloomington. He participated in the event in 2017 and currently plays for the Washington Commanders.

For more information, contact Eric Tjarks with the Illinois High School Shrine Game (217-781-2400) or Matt Hawkins at the Bloomington-Normal Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (309-665-0033).



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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrity Extra

By Dana Jackson

Q.I really enjoyed a series of movies with Noah Wyle called "The Librarians." I read that it's being turned into a series. Where and when can I watch? -- **H.H.**



Wyle

A. Noah Wyle ("ER") starred as librarian Flynn Carsen in three separate TV movies beginning in 2004: "Quest of the Spear," "Return to King Solomon's Mines," and "Curse of the Judas Chalice." The action-adventure telefilms were later spun off into a successful weekly series called "The Librarians," which ran for four seasons on TNT with Wyle, Rebecca Romijn ("Star Trek: Strange New Worlds") and John Larroquette ("Night Court").

Now, five years after its cancellation, the CW network has announced that it will launch another series, "The Librarians: The Next Chapter," with original executive producer and showrunner Dean Devlin at the helm. According to "TVInsider," the new version "centers on a 'Librarian' from the

past, who time traveled to the present and now finds himself stuck here." There will also be a "new team to help him clean up the mess he made, forming a new team of Librarians."

Due to the ongoing writer's strike and the fact that the show is still in the development stage, it's uncertain whether the show will be part of the CW's fall line-up. ***

Q. Where have I seen the actress who plays Det. Muncy on "Law & Order: SVU"? Was she ever on a soap? -- **A.E.**

A. If you're a "Days of Our Lives" fan then, yes, you've seen actress Molly Burnett before. She played Melanie Jonas on the NBC (now Peacock) soap from 2008 to 2016. She was also a regular on the USA network series "Queen of the South" before making the leap to "Law & Order: SVU."

Her role as Det. Muncy on "SVU" began as a recurring one before turning into a series regular by the seventh episode of season 24. However, during a crossover episode with "Law & Order: Organized Crime," her character announced that she's leaving for a new assignment

on the DEA task force. So far, Burnett hasn't commented on her departure from the show, but hopefully she'll bounce back with a new gig soon.

NBC recently announced that "SVU" will be back for an impressive 25th season this fall, which will solidify stars Mariska Hargitay and Ice-T as the longest running male and female actors in television. Some are speculating whether Burnett's exit might mean they're making room for Kelli Giddish to return as Det. Rollins, but at this stage, it's just speculation. ***

Q. What happened to Christine on the Netflix series "Selling Sunset"? Is she still selling houses? -- **W.J.**

A. After five years as the villain on the real estate reality series "Selling Sunset," Christine Quinn either left or was fired from the Oppenheim Group, the brokerage firm featured on the show. She doesn't appear to miss it, however, hinting that she might someday start her own firm, and she's also said in interviews that she'd like to get back into "scripted" acting again. Her previous credits include parts on "Ballers" and "Drop Dead Diva."

Hollywood

By Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD -- It's been 20 years since Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsey Lohan made "Freaky Friday," (2003). The story about a mother and daughter whose bodies are switched was funny when



Curtis

Curtis was 44 and Lohan was 16. Now, they're 64 and 36, how freaky can that Friday be? Winning a supporting actress Oscar (for "Everything Everywhere All at Once") can make all your wishes come true, and Disney is anxious to utilize her fame. She's already completed the \$158 million horror/comedy, "The Haunted Mansion," with Tiffany Haddish, Owen Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rosario Dawson, Dan Levy and Jared Leto, (the second to feature their Haunted Mansion attraction), hits theaters July 28th. Curtis also wrapped the sci-fi action/comedy, "Borderlands," co-starring heavyweights Cate Blanchett, Kevin Hart and Jack Black.

Lindsey Lohan mounted a successful comeback last year (after a period which included jail and bad press) when she revived her career with the successful Netflix rom/com, "Falling For Christmas," opposite Chord Overstreet and Jack Wagner. It did so well she's currently filming a Netflix fantasy/rom-com, "Irish Wish," with Ed Speleers (Jimmy Kent in "Downton Abbey," Stephen Bonnett in "Outlander" and Jack Crusher in "Star Trek: Picard") and "Dr. Quinn" star, Jane Seymour. Lohan's younger sister, Aliana, (28), had a role in "Falling For Christmas" and her younger brother, Dakota, (26), is in "Irish Wish." Another Netflix rom-com is also being prepped. ***

The long-awaited sequel to "Beetlejuice," (the 1988 classic that grossed \$75 million), has been greenlit as "Beetlejuice 2" and will again star Michael Keaton, be directed by Tim Burton and feature Justin Theroux, (who scored with HBO's "White House Plumbers," opposite Woody Harrelson) as his co-star. It's set for

September 2024. ***

Director Guy Ritchie's hedging his bets by casting three superheroes for his upcoming action film. Jake Gyllenhaal, (of "The Spider-Man" franchise), Henry Cavill, ("The Man of Steel's" Superman) and Eiza Gonzalez, (of "Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw" have all worked with Ritchie before but, as usual, he hasn't revealed the title for this big budget action picture yet. ***

Mix Tom Hiddleston, (of the "Thor" franchise), Mark Hamill, (of the "Star Wars" franchise) and the genius of Stephen King, in an adaption of his "The Life Of Chuck" book and you've got a sure fire hot property for sale during The Cannes Film Festival. Based on King's 2020 short story anthology, "If it Bleeds, The Life Of Chuck," that links three separate stories telling the biography of Charles Krantz in reverse, beginning with his death, from a brain tumor, at 30 and ending with his childhood in a supposedly haunted house. It'll be the first time we prey for a happy beginning since Benjamin Button!

Couch Theater

"Succession" (TV-MA) -- What better way to end the killer lineup that HBO's Sunday night slot has had for the past year than with the finale of the show "Succession"? After four seasons following the dynamic Roy siblings around their vulgar corporate wonderland, the coveted position as CEO of their father's company, Waystar RoyCo, will fall into just one person's hands. As longtime viewers of the show know, anything is possible when it comes to the Roys. The incredible leads -- Jeremy Strong, Sarah Snook and Kieran Culkin -- along with the rest of the talented cast are sure to bring the show to a bittersweet close. The full 10-episode final season is out now. (HBO Max)

"Menendez + Menudo, Boys Betrayed" (NR) -- A new development in the story of Lyle and Erik Menendez, the brothers who were sentenced to life in prison for murdering their parents, has come to light and spawned a three-part docuseries. During their 1996 trial, the brothers alleged that their father, Jose, had sexually abused them

for years, but these claims weren't considered by the prosecution to be their true motivation for the murders. Now, Roy Rosello, former member of Puerto Rican pop group Menudo (previous members also include Ricky Martin and Draco Rosa), comes forward in this docuseries about the sexual abuse he also suffered from Jose Menendez. For those who don't know the Menendez story or the horrific working conditions of being in Menudo -- as well as other American boybands who followed Menudo's lead -- I highly recommend this sobering docuseries out now. (Peacock)

"A Man Called Otto" (PG-13) -- America's dad Tom Hanks leads this sweet comedy-drama film based on the 2012 novel "A Man Called Ove" by Swedish author Fredrik Backman. Backman's novel was first adapted onto the big screen in Sweden back in 2015, but an English-language film was quickly put into motion in 2017. Hanks plays Otto Anderson, a widower in Pennsylvania who has be-

come quite the grump after his wife's passing. After retiring, Otto prepares to end his life, but when a new family moves in nearby, their genuine warmth and love slowly lead Otto to find his purpose in life again. "A Man Called Otto" is out now. (Netflix)
"The Old Way" (R) -- Declaration-of-Independence-stealer Nicolas Cage stars in this new western film out now on streaming. Taking place in the late 1800s, Colton Briggs (Cage) was known as a truly unruly gunfighter -- that is, until he got married. So, now that Colton's a husband to a woman named Ruth, his life has completely altered over the course of 20 years. And he has a spunky 12-year-old daughter, Brooke, to show for it. But, when dear Ruth is murdered in cold-blood by a bandit from Colton's past, the gunfighter he kept tucked away comes out for vengeance -- this time with a sidekick. This is a father-daughter dance like you've never seen before. (Hulu)

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Strange But True

By Lucie Winborne

* In a study to improve hospital design for children, researchers polled 250 kids about their opinions on clowns. The verdict was unanimous: Every single one reported disliking or fearing them. Well, so do some adults.

* A Texas woman named Verda Byrd, adopted by a Black family in the 1940s, only discovered she was white after finding her adoption papers in 2013.

* In 1987, a barge left New York for North Carolina with a whopping 3,168 tons of trash on board. North Carolina didn't want it either, so the barge traveled for seven long months trying (and failing) to find someone to take it, launching a national conversation on the subject of landfills and recycling.

* The town of Dull in Scotland has been twinned with the town of Boring, Oregon, since 2012.

* Because goats can eat poison ivy with no ill effects, some farmers rent out the animals to clear parks, golf courses and historical sites without having to use chemicals or herbicides.

* A nuclear bomb is stuck somewhere in the ice on the coast of Greenland.

* Retired NFL wide receiver Steve Smith left his cleats on the field after every game to raise awareness of homeless people who don't have shoes.

* In 1993, a Missouri man purposely damaged a levee on the Mississippi River to delay his wife coming home from work so he could party. The plan spectacularly backfired when the river flooded 14,000 acres, leading to his arrest and conviction for causing a catastrophe and a life sentence in prison.

* There are cases of identical twins in which only one is born with Down syndrome.

Thought for the Day: "Pay no attention to what the critics say. A statue has never been erected in honor of a critic." -- Jean Sibelius

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Trivia Test

1. MOVIES: When was the first "Star Wars" movie released?
2. GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water is Bermuda located?
3. TELEVISION: Who was the first host of the game show "Jeopardy!"?
4. ANATOMY: Which part of the brain controls balance and coordination?
5. LITERATURE: Which short story is described as the first modern detective story?
6. ANCIENT WORLD: Which two cities were destroyed by a volcano in 79 A.D.?
7. U.S. CITIES: What is the nickname of Albuquerque's (New Mexico) minor league baseball team?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What does

- "en croute" mean?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of farm did Jimmy Carter have before he became president?
 10. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant urges customers to "Eat fresh"?

- Answers
1. 1977.
 2. North Atlantic Ocean.
 3. Art Fleming.
 4. Cerebellum.
 5. "The Murders in the Rue Morgue" by Edgar Allen Poe.
 6. Pompeii and Herculaneum.
 7. The Albuquerque Isotopes.
 8. Food baked in a pastry crust.
 9. Peanut.
 10. Subway.
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Modern taxi alternative
- 5 911 responders
- 9 ER workers
- 12 Zero, in tennis
- 13 Scurry
- 14 Actor Kilmer
- 15 Wharton Sch. offering
- 17 506, in old Rome
- 18 Charon's river
- 19 Speedy
- 21 Devil's domain
- 24 Toppled
- 25 Writer
- 26 Circus gymnasts
- 30 Call -- day
- 31 Kathy of "Misery"
- 32 Pro vote
- 33 "No worries ..."
- 35 GI dining hall
- 36 Cries of discovery
- 37 Third rock from the sun
- 38 Gantry of fiction
- 40 Stable diet
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- 43 Coll. entrance considerations
- 48 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

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- 2 Short 'do
- 3 Actress
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- 5 Jittery
- 6 "Das Kapital" author
- 7 Three, in Rome
- 8 Sound systems
- 9 Movie buff's purchase
- 10 Sitarist
- 11 Lost traction
- 16 Roswell visitors
- 20 Cleric's tunic
- 21 It grows on you
- 22 Initial chip
- 23 Crime lab specimen
- 24 Glenn of the Eagles
- 26 Very small batteries
- 27 Dol. fractions
- 28 Try out
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- 31 Endures
- 34 Common title start
- 35 Brick workers
- 37 And so on (Abbr.)
- 38 Yale students
- 39 Cilium
- 40 Elevator name
- 41 "The Thin Man" dog
- 44 Blackbird
- 45 Tier
- 46 Epoch
- 47 Actor

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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LOCAL AND AREA

Discover your advantage over the enemy

I went to church for years and never heard about the devil. It's not fun talking about him, and I don't ever want to put too much focus on him. But the truth is, we have an enemy. First Peter 5:8 (NIV) says, "... Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

If we're going to defeat our enemy, it's important for us to believe in the power and authority we have in Christ. That's the only way we can have the great life God wants us to have.

There are so many Christians who seem to be going through their daily life just hoping they can make it through the day. They go from one problem or crisis to the

next, and they lack a confident, bold faith in God that can keep them stable, full of His peace and joy in the difficult circumstances of life.

The good news is, God doesn't want us to live in the emergency room of life all the time. He wants us to get to the point where we know what to do to have a great life and take responsibility for ourselves, trusting we can do whatever we need to do through the strength we have in Christ (Philippians 4:13). This means we know who we are in Christ and how to walk in the authority we have as believers in Jesus.

Do You Know What You Have in Christ?

John 10:10 tells us Jesus gave His life so we can "have life, and have it

to the full." When we accept Christ as our Savior, we receive the assurance of eternal life, but we also become joint heirs with Christ (Romans 8:17) and are entitled to have everything He is and everything He has: grace, peace, righteousness, joy, power and authority over the enemy.

Matthew 10:1 says, "Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness." This authority has been given to every believer. It's important to understand that the devil has power, but we have power and authority in Christ.

Our enemy only has the authority that we give him, and many times we give him the ability to attack us through ignorance.

The devil hates anyone who is trying to do any good in the world, and his influence can be seen in the evil things people do. For example, when I'm tempted to be selfish and complain, it's not God working in my life. James 1:13, 17 says, "... God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..."

We need to learn how to be proactive and resist the devil immediately when temptation



comes. First Peter 5:9 says to "withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined]..." (AMPC). Notice this verse says to resist him at his onset.

Don't wait to see how bad things will get or how much you can get away with before you get in trouble. Be firm in your faith at all times, and resist the enemy immediately when he comes against you. God has a plan for your life, and walking in the authority you have in Christ is an important part of experiencing His will for you.

The Greatest Weapon You Have

The Word of God is an offensive weapon in our warfare against the enemy. It has the power to renew our mind, heal our brokenness and change our lives. The Word contains God's wisdom and the direction we need for every problem we face. Everything we need is found in the Word; it's God's love letter to us, our instruction book for

life and reveals all of God's promises to us as His children.

The power and authority in God's Word equips you to go after the devil—he hates the Word and must bow down to it. But we must approach the Word with the attitude, "With God's help, I'm going to do what it says." That's the key to operating in the authority we have in Christ.

I want to encourage you to make it a priority to spend time with God and study the Word. Go for quality, not quantity; meditate on Scripture so you really get it deep down in your heart. Make a predetermined decision to apply what you learn to your life. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you, and He will show you how to obey the Word in your daily life. You can also get more encouraging teaching or submit a prayer request by contacting our ministry at www.joycemeyer.org.

Remember that in Christ, you have everything you need to enjoy your life and over-

come the enemy. God has equipped you to stand up to whatever comes against you. Through the power and authority you have in Christ, you can remain stable, full of peace and joy, and fulfill your God-given destiny. That's God's plan for you!

For more on this topic, order Joyce's six-part teaching resource Battle Strategies for a Victorious Life. You can also contact us to receive our free magazine, Enjoying Everyday Life, by calling (800) 727-9673 or visiting www.joycemeyer.org.

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If I Can

By William Arthur Ward

If I can write one verse of truth today
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If I can push one needless cloud away
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of the King:
If I can lend someone a helping hand
Or warm a place where friendship
needs to be;
If I can build a bridge where
fences stand
And light a lamp that other men
might see;
If I can open doors of hope this day
By letting someone know that
others care;
If I can speak in words that seem
to say:
I know the heavy burdens that
you bear.
If I can guide a pilgrim on his way
Or pause to bid him stay for food
and rest;
If I can do these, Father, this I pray:
"O let me do them with my very best."

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perishing, but to us who are being
saved it is the power of God.
For it is written: "I will destroy
the wisdom of the wise, and bring
to nothing the understanding
of the prudent."

1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18,19

Christ on the Cross with the Virgin and Saint John (15th century woodcut)

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the
Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Luke 8:2, how many
demons did Mary Magdalene
have in her? 1, 3, 5, 7

3. Who wrote in Proverbs 13:24,
"He that spareth his rod hatest his
son"? David, Solomon, Job, Ruth

4. From Judges 13-16, who was
the strongest man on earth?
Hercules, Samson, Obadiah,
Timothy

5. During the great flood, how
many humans were on the ark? 2,
4, 6, 8

6. In Psalms 68:5, who is "father to
the fatherless"? Oneself, Heaven,
Fool, God

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) 7, 3)
Solomon, 4) Samson, 5) 8 (Gen.
7:13), 6) God

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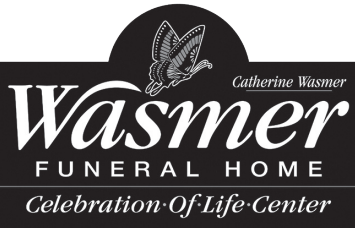
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