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Democratic Women host gun violence forum

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The Bedford County Democratic Women hosted Linda McFayden-Ketchum, a volunteer Co-Lead for State Legislative Work for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. Alongside McFayden-Ketchum was also Anna Caudill, who was good friends with Katherine Koonce, the headmaster of The Covenant School who was killed during the March mass shooting. Wearing a "Survivor" advocate button, Caudill retold the story of how she met Koonce, whom she referred to as Katherine. Caudill credits Koonce with encouraging her to become a special needs advocate, even in adopting

two special needs children from China. "Katherine inspired that," she said. But the support she found in Koonce "ended with one shooter." "Three months ago and two hours ago, she engaged a young woman in a mental health crisis in the middle of the hallway to buy her children more time and buy her staff more time...and she dies as a result of that," said Caudill. "I'm learning because of losing Katherine that I have to speak up. I don't think we can afford to lose people like that." McFayden-Ketchum said, "I am a small-town girl. I grew up in a place much like Shelbyville. I know the benefits of small communities—and the drawbacks.

And we're very, very interested in finding out what your thoughts and feelings are about our gun violence epidemic." The discussion, which was held at the Woodfork Chapel AME Church, opened up questions such as "Are you worried about gun violence? And, if you had a magic wand, what is one thing you would change?" The group collectively said, "Banning assault rifles and military-style weapons." "If they would just ban those AR-14s (sic)...until we change that, I just can't see the change. I'm emotionally upset," said one of the attendees. "You can have a shotgun, a handgun, that's your right. But not a weapon that's

military." Another attendee commented, "I was raised in a household of hunters and we were taught great respect for guns and what they were for and what they were not for...We weren't dealing with the mental health issues and stressors of today...So having to navigate between...honoring their right to hunt and then on the other side trying to navigate...the conversation of 'guns don't kill people, people kill people.'" "I'm not taking anyone's gun away. They might shoot me if I try," said one attendee. "But the point is, AR-15s, or whatever they are, they can keep them, and the

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Senior Center's Nellie Smith

Lifestyles/1B

A conversation about gun ownership

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With gun violence on many people's minds and with red flag laws a highly debated topic, what is the fine line between gun ownership, availability, and safety? Bo Gill, chair of the Bedford County Republican Party and a self-described "amateur gunsmith," explained some of the main features of different types of firearms and current regulations. "I don't think people think about how precious and delicate our country's freedom is. We could lose it, and we want to hold on to that. When our framers of our Constitution came up with the Second Amendment, they saw what could happen without it," said Gill.

The basics
Many are familiar with basic weap-

ons-handguns, rifles, shotguns, and machine guns. Gill said firearms are broadly categorized into two main types: automatic and semi-automatic. The difference lies in their firing mechanisms, which significantly impact their functionality and practical applications. Semi-automatic firearms are designed to fire one round with each pull of the trigger. After firing, the expended cartridge is ejected, and a fresh round is automatically loaded into the firing chamber for the next shot. Unlike automatic firearms, the trigger must be released and pulled again to fire subsequent rounds. For reference, the transgender shooter at The Covenant School used a semi-automatic, which is the most common type used for recent mass shootings. "Any semi-automatic firearm can-

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Linda McFayden-Ketchum, standing, with Anna Caudill.



Beech's stellar season

Sports/1C



Major General Joseph Wheeler's cavalry jumping off Skull Camp Bridge as depicted by Harper's Weekly.

Shelbyville during the Civil War

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Did you know that during the American Civil War, Shelbyville was dubbed "Little Boston"? Bedford County archivist Carol Roberts said this was not necessarily the case in Bedford County but in the city where a business district was just beginning to boom. "There was tremendous Union sympathy in the citizens. In fact, when there were elections related to secession, it went through two or three state-level elections and referendums of voting," said Roberts. Tennessee's governor at the time, Isham Harris, wanted to push the State to secede, but Shelbyville voted not to, according to Roberts. Shelbyville in the mid-19th century consisted mostly of business owners, who "were thrilled the Union troops were coming this way" during the march

to Chattanooga. "The citizens, though they were Union sympathizers, just went about their business, kind of like today with political conflicts," Roberts said. **From Murfreesboro to Chattanooga** But Shelbyville saw its share of battles. In fact, the anniversary of one of Tennessee's major cavalry clashes was last Tuesday, June 27—and it happened in Shelbyville. According to Roberts, Shelbyville was posed as the ideal location as a crossroads town between the cities of Murfreesboro and Chattanooga. The nearby railroad, turnpike, and river systems brought both Union and Confederate forces through the Square as well. The Courthouse was used as a high point. From the top, you could see

Horse Mountain where the Signal Corps. would have been stationed. "And the river protected it. You couldn't just cross this river back here and sneak up on anybody. So, it was a good point to guard," Roberts said. According to the article, "The Battle of Shelbyville" by Sean Michael Chick, "One of the most dramatic and decisive cavalry clashes of the American Civil War occurred at Shelbyville on Sunday, June 27, 1863." The battle was part of Union Major General William Rosecrans' Tullahoma offensive. Roberts explained that after the Battle of Stones River, around early January in 1863, the Confederate army retreated, their fortifications and people encamped in Shelbyville, a town that Confederate General Braxton Bragg had fortified over the winter.

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DEATH NOTICES

Charles Curtis Blessing

June 15, 2023

Mr. Charles Curtis Blessing, age 77, of Shelbyville, passed away on June 15, 2023, under the loving care and comfort of his family and the professional staff of Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro.

Charles was born on April 25, 1946, to the late Clifton Edward Blessing and Nannie Mae Jones Blessing. After Charles graduated from Shelbyville Central High School in 1964, he joined the Navy. Charles later started his job at an Oklahoma Post Office, kickstarting a 35-year career in the postal service. He retired in 2015 from the Tullahoma Post Office. In addition to serving in the Navy during the Vietnam War, Charles served in the Army National Guard during the Gulf War/Desert Storm. Charles was an avid bowler competing and placing in many tournaments. He held a church membership at Fair Haven Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Jeanne Blessing, brothers Henry Blessing, Ralph Blessing, Tony Blessing, and Larry Blessing, and sister Novella Blessing Adcock.

He is survived by children, Amy (Dustin) Sharp, of Smyrna, Emily (Edgar) Lindo, of White House, Tiffany Blessing and Tony Blessing, both of Shelbyville; stepchildren Kimberly (J.D.) May and Laura (Kenny) Leftrick, both of Shelbyville, grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Cody) Dunn, Darwin Reed, Leigha May, and Ta'Liyah Sharp, brother Stephen Wayne (Sandra) Blessing of Manchester, sisters Alfreda Blessing Blake of Katy Texas, Sarah Reynolds of Wartrace, Nancy Sanford (Thomas Howard) of Tullahoma, sister-in-law Sue Blessing of Shelbyville, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel. Reverend Mike Lovvorn and Reverend Martin Nutter officiated. Burial, with full military honors, followed in Willow Mount Cemetery.

The family received visitors 3-7 p.m. Friday, June 23, 2023, at the funeral home.

Charles would be honored with memorials made to Shriners Children's Hospital or New Destiny Dog Rescue.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Frances Justice

June 26, 2023

Mrs. Frances Justice, age 92, of College Grove, Tenn., died Monday, June 26, 2023.

Visitation was held Thursday, June 29, from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Lawrence Funeral Home. The funeral service was held at Holts Corner Baptist Church on Friday, June 30, at 11 a.m. Visitation at the church was at 10 a.m. Burial followed at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace.

OBITUARIES

Patrick Shawn Moynihan

June 25, 2023

Mr. Patrick Shawn Moynihan, age 60, of Shelbyville, passed away June 25, 2023, at his home, under the loving care and comfort of his family and Aveanna Hospice.

Funeral Mass will be 1 p.m., Monday, July 3, 2023, at Corpus Christi Chapel in Franklin, Tenn.

The family will receive visitors 3 - 7 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

He was born June 21, 1963, in Detroit, Mich., to the late Patrick Anthony Moynihan and Loretta Canning Moynihan. He was an industrial mechanic and small engine mechanic. He held membership in Corpus Christ Church in Franklin.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Brigid Hart.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Kim Rae Reynolds Moynihan; children, David (Alexis Burke) Moynihan, Timothy (Shannon) Moynihan, Andrew Moynihan, Michael (Ashley Ortiz) Moynihan, Nicole (Brian) O' Leary, Bernadette (Timothy) Harris, Thomas Moynihan, Cecilia (Estaban) Freeman, Philumena Moynihan, and Francis Moynihan; grandchildren, Patrick, Cecilia, Peyton, Scarlett, Evelyn, Alanah, Stella, Arthur, Bradlee, Elizabeth, Jayda, Evalynne, Killian, Declan, Jayden, Jacob, Connor, Chris, Mylise, Ciaran, Christopher, Isabella, Luca, Asher, Gieseppe, and two more on the way; siblings, Jim (Lou) Moynihan, Kath (Mark) Plummer, Ann (Alan) Taube, Dan Moynihan, Mike (June) Moynihan, John (Dorothy) Moynihan, Mary (Robert) Hovansian; brother in law, Brian Hart.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Linda Carol Shearin

June 28, 2023

Funeral services for Linda Carol Shearin, age 78, of Shelbyville, were held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 30, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Bro. Eddie Reed officiating. Burial followed in the Houston-Whitworth Cemetery. Mrs. Shearin passed from this life Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at NHC of Tullahoma.

Visitation with the family was held one hour prior to the service beginning at 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Linda was born on February 18, 1945, in Shelbyville, to the late John Edward O'Neal and Iris Margaret Burns O'Neal. Before her retirement in 2008, she worked many years at Empire Pencil Company, and she was a faithful member of Living Stone Church.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, John Paul Shearin; daughter, Bernice Wilson; and foster grandson, Daniel Thomas Warren, all of Shelbyville; siblings, Sandra O'Neal and Eddie O'Neal.

Along with her parents, Mrs. Shearin is preceded in death by her stillborn son, John Phillip Shearin; siblings, Don O'Neal, Phineas O'Neal, and Gary O'Neal.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family.

OBITUARIES

Jean Naron Steinquest

June 25, 2023

Funeral service for Jean Naron Steinquest, age 94, of Fayetteville, Tenn., was held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, 2023, at Higgins Funeral Home with Mike Layne officiating. Visitation with the family was from 5 p.m. until the time of service on Thursday, and a repast followed the service on Thursday at Higgins Funeral Home.

Private burial took place at Shelton-Eaton Cemetery in Rutherford County, beside her husband, Dr. Eugene Steinquest, who passed away in 2014.

Jean was born on September 20, 1928, in Shelbyville, Tenn., to the late Hughes Coop Naron and Nannie Gray Eaton Naron. Mrs. Steinquest earned her bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky College (now University). She worked as an elementary school music teacher in Cookeville, Tenn., and Monroe, La. Jean enjoyed sharing her love of playing the piano and playing bridge with her friends and family. Mrs. Steinquest was a member of the Fayetteville First United Methodist Church. She passed away on June 25, 2023, at Bailey Manor in Fayetteville, Tenn.

Survivors include her children, Deborah (Wesley) Ingram of Kingsport, Tenn., David Eugene (Allison) Steinquest of Springfield, Tenn., and Benita (Wes) Remaley of Jerome, Idaho; grandchildren, Ethan Steinquest, Benjamin Steinquest, David (Chelsea) Maynard, Phillip (Hannah) Maynard, Michelle (Tony) Luna, Michael (Shelly) Ingram, Melissa (Eric) Laughman, and Sam Campbell; great-grandchildren, Fitz Maynard, and Ava Laughman; and cousins, Louise (Wayne) Jones of Shelbyville, Tenn., Nancy Whittenberg of Morristown, Tenn., Toddy Layne (husband of the late Lucille Layne) of Fayetteville, and Robert (Vickie) Elrod of Bowling Green, Ky.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Tennessee, PO Box 1373, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Higgins Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Jean Naron Steinquest.

DEATH NOTICES

Reuben Starnes

June 27, 2023

Mr. Reuben Starnes, Sr., age 70, passed away on June 27, 2023.

Funeral services, with full military honors, will be at noon Monday, July 3, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service Monday at the funeral home. Complete obituary information to follow.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Civil War

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But the Union troops under Rosecrans had been assigned from Murfreesboro to Chattanooga—and needed to pass through Shelbyville.

To the west, Rosecrans sent two divisions to threaten Shelbyville and attack Bragg's right flank. However, Rosecrans' entire offensive was slowed down by a great rainstorm that began on June 24 and did not abate stop until July 4, according to Chick.

But when Union forces began striking a division of Major General Joseph Wheeler's cavalry corps, the Confederates were out of position. That is, Wheeler's two divisions were stretched thin, according to Chick.

Bragg heard that the position at Hoover's Gap in Beechgrove had collapsed. He ordered General Leonidas Polk of the infantry division to give up Shelbyville, and in the early morning, on June 27, the Confederates abandoned Shelbyville.

That same day, Union forces were told to "dislodge" the enemy from Guy's Gap, just north of Shelbyville.

Marshall Thatcher of the 2nd Michigan Cavalry, who witnessed the clash, wrote: "The sun burst through the heavy clouds and shone full in the faces of 10,000 cavalry, in two lines, division fronts; banners flying, bands playing and the command marching in as perfect lines as if on a parade. Such a sight was rare in the history of the war."

All these skirmishes in the various gaps throughout the region were meant to hold back the Union headed to Chattanooga.

According to Roberts, Union troops turned around and used these same barricades of entrenchments by Bragg for their fortification. During the construction of the 437 Bypass, an archaeological dig was conducted and determined some of the placement of trenches, according to Roberts.

Then, when Shelbyville was captured by Union forces, many City residents were proud to have the Stars and Stripes flying above the courthouse once again.



Gun

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not be readily converted into an automatic firearm," though bump stocks, which the 2016 Las Vegas shooter used, can mimic an automatic.

Automatic firearms, commonly known as machine guns, are capable of firing rounds continuously as long as the trigger remains depressed. These firearms use the energy from each fired round to automatically load and fire subsequent rounds without the need for additional manual manipulation.

Often automatic weapons are \$10,000 and up and not readily available in gun stores but are available online.

However, like some gun owners, Gill agrees, "I don't think automatic firearms have a place anywhere but war. They're not practical and they're a waste of ammo."

There is also much discussion around "military-style" weapons.

Gill explains, "Visual resemblances do not necessarily indicate an increase in functionality or lethality beyond that of other semi-automatic firearms."

Military-style firearms, also referred to as "assault weapons," feature certain cosmetic characteristics that resemble firearms used by military or law enforcement agencies. These features can include folding or collapsible stocks, pistol grips, flash suppressors, and detachable magazines, among others.

Then there are genuine firearms that come in a multitude of designs and models, serving various purposes such as self-defense, sport shooting, hunting, and collecting.

Gill explained, in an opinion letter he wrote in 2020, that, "It is important to evaluate the firearm's functional characteristics rather than solely relying on its appearance to determine its intended purpose or danger level.

He said, "The main thing is the guns are not the issue. It's the intent, the person that does it."

"Now the ease of mentally ill getting a gun, it could be tightened," Gill added, "I think private sales is something that could be done more responsibly."

He explained those purchasing firearms in private sales are asked for the receipt, name, and number. This information is then run through the sheriff's office.

"That is what a law-abiding citizen should do," said Gill. "But, see, that's not going to happen with 'no guns allowed.' All the responsible gun owners are going to put their guns

Forum

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way we pay is all these children are just collateral damage. Doesn't anybody see that?"

The group tossed around ideas such as putting in metal detectors at schools, repealing permit-less carry, voluntary buy-backs, and

back and that's going to create soft targets."

Often, places that do not allow for guns on the premises, such as schools, some churches, and movie theatres, are the targets of mass shootings.

"I don't think the solution is taking away guns. It's a societal issue that independent families have to fix," said Gill.

Regulations
Machine guns, sub-machine guns, AOWs (any other weapons), short-barreled rifles, and suppressors are all highly-regulated.

For example, for a machine gun, you have to be 21 years of age to purchase with a clean record. Then you have to use a Class III dealer who deals under the regulations of the National Firearms Act of 1934. You then have to complete a "Form 4" and apply for a tax transfer (which is usually a stamp). This costs around \$200 and was implemented in the 1930s to discourage people from buying them.

Gill said this cost hasn't been adjusted to today, so it may be one way to further regulate today's purchases. In 1934, \$200 is equivalent to about \$4,500 today.

In addition to a thorough background check, fingerprints and a photo then have to be sent to the sheriff's department.

Once all this is submitted, it can often take up to over a year before the buyer receives the weapon.

"I think that's the whole problem that they stand on—that we're for guns over safety. And that's not what it is...It's not that we will just give them away for the kids. We want to protect kids, and I think responsible gun ownership is the main thing for that."

Gill said it also starts with educating children about guns, something he practices in his family. "I think we need to be educated and not scared of guns," said Gill. "When I turned 10, I got a .410 shotgun. We had to go through hunter safety classes. It was a sin if you didn't have your barrel towards the ground or up. Got reprimanded so many times, and rightfully so."

Gill said that even if more anti-gun laws were enacted, a person with intent would still find a way around the law.

"I think that all should be able to defend themselves. Just like the Second Amendment says, you have a right to bear arms. But with rights, you also have to abide within the laws. If you don't abide by the laws or you're a criminal, your right gets suppressed," said Gill.

"When you have a firearm, it's not just another thing. It is a lethal weapon and it has to be respected."

making it as "hard for people to get guns as it is for people to pass the citizenship test to become an American."

"If we stop the flow, it will become harder and harder because we don't let just anyone go and purchase a gun. There should be a million hoops to jump through," said one attendee.

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As a third generation real estate agent in Bedford county, Jessi has been in the business since 2016. She has a passion for helping others find their perfect home, as well as helping sellers showcase their properties. Her hard work has earned her the International President's Circle Award representing the top 7% of CB sales associates worldwide and the International Diamond Society Award. She is certified as a Senior Real Estate Specialist, catering to the needs of seniors. She is a member of SouthSide Church of Christ and has been a business owner for over 17 years. Jessi and Donald have two children Eli 17, and Violet 11. Donald is a contractor and together they have built and designed dozens of homes in Bedford County. Real Estate runs in her blood and she is dedicated to providing professional service to her clients.

Use these hints to save drying time

Dear Heloise: If you use a laundry mat, always use the bottom dryers. They are not used as often as the top dryers; therefore, there will be less lint in the filter, so your clothes will dry quicker.

Hints from Heloise

Heloise



whether you love getting out to enjoy the outdoors, cooking over a campfire or hiking. But with camping also comes the problem of getting our sleeping bags clean. Here's the best way to do so:

First, look for directions on the label attached to your sleeping bag and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Most bags can be washed, and if your sleeping bag is one of those, use warm water on a gentle cycle. You will probably have to use the spin cycle twice to get all of the excess water out.

One of the best ways to dry your sleeping bag is to unzip it, spread it out on the patio or clothesline and let it dry in the sun. Have fun camping! -- Heloise

PET PAL

Dear Heloise: Our Dusty was left as a tiny helpless kitten on my daughter's porch, and of course, she took him in and gave him a good home. Just before she passed away, she gifted him to us, and now he is all we have of her. We adore him very much. -- Pat & Bud R., via email

Readers, to see Dusty and our other Pet Pals, go to Heloise.com and click on "Pet of the Week."

Do you have a furry friend to share with our readers? Send a photo and a brief description to Heloise@Heloise.com. -- Heloise

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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LONGTIME READER WRITES IN

Dear Heloise: My 101-year-old mother reads your column every day and often shares it. (By the way, we love your olive nut dip.) Anyway, I live with her and am her caregiver, and she was very sad to read the letter about the residents in facilities.

Keep up the great advice and tips. -- Trudy Eaton, via email

BEST WAY TO DUST

Dear Readers: Dust in our homes seems to be never-ending. But here's a hint: When you dust, don't just move it around. Instead, remove it. Using a dry cloth just rearranges it. So, depending on the surface that needs to be cleaned, you should use a furniture polish, multipurpose spray cleaner or a lightly damp cloth to pick up, hold the dust and then remove it! -- Heloise

CLEANING BLINDS

Dear Readers: Grab those used fabric softener sheets to clean blinds, because they pull away the dirt and dust. They also make great dust cloths, and the leftover fragrance leaves a nice scent. -- Heloise

GET YOUR SLEEPING BAG READY

Dear Readers: With summer comes camping for lots of families,

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Send community events to tgnews@t-g.com.

TODAY	JULY 6	JULY 10	JULY 26
<h3>Constitution Mini-Bootcamp</h3> <p>The Constitution Study will hold a Mini-Bootcamp in Shelbyville on Saturday, July 1, at Microtel in Shelbyville. Doors will open at 10:30, and they will be bringing in pizza for lunch. Tickets are free, but a suggested donation of \$10/person would be appreciated. For more information or to register, visit https://constitutionstudy.com/bootcamp.</p>	<h3>School Safety Day</h3> <p>The BCSO SRO/SPD School Safety Appreciation event will be Thursday, July 6, at 6 p.m., at the Bedford County Justice Center, 108 Northcreek Drive.</p>	<h3>Food Distribution</h3> <p>There will be a Commodity Food Distribution for Bedford County residents on Monday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bedford County Ag Center, 2119 Midland Road. For any questions call, 931-685-9962.</p>	<h3>Red Sand Project</h3> <p>Join County Mayor Chad Graham and the Bedford County Health Council for a Red Sand Project installation on July 26 at 9 a.m. outside the Bedford County Court House. This project is to remember and honor those who have fallen through the cracks of human trafficking.</p>
<h3>Flat Creek Fireworks</h3> <p>Flat Creek Community Center will meet at Roger and June Debatin's house at 848 Hilltop Road, Saturday, July 1, at 7 p.m. The Community Center will be cooking hamburgers. Guests are asked to please bring a covered dish. Fireworks will follow after dark. If it rains, they will be meeting at the Community Center.</p>	<h3>Self-defense class</h3> <p>On July 7, at 9 a.m. the Shelbyville Senior Center will have Carol Jean from the Shelbyville Sheriff's Department for a Safety and Self Defense Class. All Seniors 60 and older are invited to come. Call the Center to sign up at 931-684-0019.</p>	<h3>BOE meeting</h3> <p>The Bedford County Board of Education will hold its regular meeting Thursday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at Central Office, 500 Madison St. in Shelbyville. Individuals wishing to address the Board during the public comment period may sign-up at the superintendent's office the Monday before the school board meeting.</p>	<h3>Meals on Wheels</h3> <p>Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.</p>
<h3>Bag Day</h3> <p>Good Samaritan Bag Day will be Monday, July 3, at 201 Highland St., from noon to 2 p.m.</p>	<h3>Family reunion</h3> <p>John K. Lawwell and Thomas Cook's Descendants will have a reunion Saturday, July 8, at 11 a.m. at Crowell's Chapel Church in Halls Mill. Bring a covered dish; lunch will be around noon. Attendees are also asked to bring any pictures or history to share (a copy machine will be available). For questions, contact Margaret Polk at 931-580-9418.</p>	<h3>Normandy Music Nights</h3> <p>The second Friday night on Front Street in Normandy will be held July 14 at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the churches of Normandy, it will be a night of food, music, and games. Please bring a lawn chair with you.</p>	<h3>Soup Kitchen</h3> <p>Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon Boulevard and Pickle Street). Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax-deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation. Boxed non-perishables are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.</p>
<h3>Fourth of July</h3> <p>The Shelbyville Rec Center will host its July 4th Celebration at H.V. Griffin Park from 5 to 10 p.m. The National Anthem will be sung by Gary Haile at 4:55 p.m. The band UTOPIA will perform from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Various food trucks, arts/crafts vendors, inflatables, bingo, corn-hole, volleyball, and stick-it archery will be available.</p>	<h3>VFW fundraiser</h3> <p>The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5019, and its Auxiliary will host their second Saturday of the month Fundraiser Breakfast Saturday, July 8, from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the VFW Post, 1320 Depot Street. There will be home-cooked food (including country ham and pork loin). Carry-outs are available. For more information call Alex at 615-513-7959. The food for this fundraiser has been donated by HUMANA.</p>	<h3>Ice cream supper</h3> <p>Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church will be having its annual Ice Cream Supper on Saturday, July 15, at 5 p.m.</p>	<h3>Head Start</h3> <p>Bedford County Head Start Centers are currently taking applications. For more information or to complete an application contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are Wartrace at 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start at 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center at 931-773-0141, and Bedford Early Head Start at 931-685-0876. Head Start is a free child development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. Early Head Start enrolls pregnant women for monthly prenatal educational visits.</p>

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City Hall will be closed Tuesday July 4, 2023, in observance of Independence Day. Tuesday's trash route will be picked up on Wednesday, July 5, with Wednesday's regular route. Please be advised per the Residential Solid Waste Rules of the Shelbyville Public Works Department trash must be curbside no later than 6:00 AM on the scheduled day of collection. To see a complete list of Rules & Regulations please refer to the Public Works Department website www.shelbyvilletn.org/publicworks.htm

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Federal government agrees to \$9.2B loan for Ford projects in KY, TN

By **JON STYF**

The Center Square – The U.S. Department of Energy has conditionally agreed to loan Ford Motor Co. up to \$9.2 billion for the Blue Oval projects in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Ford is partnering with SK On to build two plants costing \$5.8 billion under construction in Glendale, Kentucky, along with an electric vehicle plant in Stanton, Tennessee.

The \$5.6 billion Tennessee plant, being built on a state-owned mega-site in West Tennessee outside Memphis, received an \$884 million incentive package from Tennessee already with costs expected to exceed \$1 billion for the state.

The Kentucky plant will be on a 1,500-acre state-owned mega-site in Glendale. More than 5,000 are expected to work at the plants, which are expected to produce enough battery power to fuel 2 million Ford and Lincoln electric vehicles.

The Kentucky General Assembly approved \$25 million for a new Elizabethtown Community and Technical College to train workers on the mega-site.

The Ford loan remains conditional on terms that have not been made public.

"While this conditional commitment demonstrates DOE's intent to finance the project, several steps remain for the project to reach critical milestones, and certain conditions must be satisfied before DOE issues a final loan," a department statement said.

The loan was identified as furthering the Biden Administration's Investing in America agenda along with the Justice40 Initiative, a goal of having 40% of the benefits of federal investments go to disadvantaged communities.

Gary Humble of Tennessee Stands, however, believes it is continued corporate welfare after Tennessee used a special session to create a large incentive for the company already.

"Which introduces the concern we should always have regarding this continued practice of corporate welfare and government interference in what

should be free market affairs," Humble wrote. "The public is being artificially pushed into a product that so far it does not want and has proven to carry a price tag exceeding the budget of what most Americans can afford. Yet, governments continue to subsidize the push to EVs and they are using our own money against us."

Humble called it the most substantial federal investment in the automotive industry ever, larger than the \$8 billion awarded through the Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing Loan Program.

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TDHS announces 40 recipients of Families First Community Grants

NASHVILLE - The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) today announced the first round of 40 grant recipients for the Families First Community Grant Program, an initiative that will award more than \$95 million in funding to organizations providing innovative direct services to support Tennessee families in need.

The grant program was created through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Opportunity Act, bi-partisan legislation which was passed and signed by Governor Bill Lee in May 2021 in an effort to effectively spend a surplus of federal TANF funds.

"We are honored to announce the 40 organizations that have been selected to receive Families First Community Grant funding to help us ensure that all Tennesseans have a pathway to self-sufficiency and economic prosperity," commented TDHS Commissioner Clarence H. Carter. "At TDHS, we understand that we have the greatest impact when we partner with community-based organizations to provide innovative solutions to better support families in need. With the help of these organizations, it is our goal to transform the state's

safety net for our most vulnerable citizens."

The Families First Community Grant program was created as an additional method to invest TANF funds in ways to provide assistance to low-income families and help them move towards sustainable economic stability. The grants will support a wide range of services in the areas of education, health and wellbeing, economic stability and fostering safe, stable, and nurturing relationships.

The grant recipients were selected through a competitive application process and were evaluated based upon their ability to provide effective services and programs that address the specific needs of the community. In addition to tracking and reporting outcomes, organizations will be expected to conduct pre and post-assessments to each family to identify the strengths and successes of the program.

The Families First Community Grant Program will also open the next application process for a second round in the coming weeks with approximately \$30 million in additional funding available for community organizations. Details of the next open application period will be announced soon.

The Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) consists of multiple divisions with a unified mission to build strong families by connecting Tennesseans to employment, education, and supportive services. Led by governor-appointed Commissioner Clarence H. Carter, TDHS serves nearly two million Tennesseans to ensure that all state residents have an opportunity to reach their full potential as contributing members of their community.

Among the many services and programs provided by TDHS, some of the leading programs include the Child Support Program, Child and Adult Day Services and Licensing, Families First (the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Rehabilitation Services for people with disabilities, and Adult Protective Services, along with many others.

TDHS is an organization committed to connecting people to resources that help individuals, families, and communities thrive toward long-term economic freedom and prosperity. For more information, please visit <https://www.tn.gov/humanservices.html>.

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Warren Wells, left, accepted the gavel from outgoing Rotary president Darin Hasty.

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Baptist

Edgemont Baptist Church will hold its 4th of July musical as their Praise Choir presents "Sing America's Song." Everyone is welcome. The message for July 2 will be "The Call to Serve" from Acts 6:1-3 and 1 Timothy 3:8-16 by Pastor Jimmy West. Their VBS will start July 16 - July 20 from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. nightly.

Church services at **Calvary Baptist Church** will be held on July 2, with the message presented by Pastor Tyler Shoemaker. The title of the message is "Communication and Conviction" from Acts 16:16-34. Services are live-streamed.

Church of Christ

On Sunday morning at **Fairlane Church of Christ**, Lance Bennett will be speaking on "Heroes of Faith: Abraham." This lesson comes from Hebrews 11: 17-19. Their worship begins at 9 a.m. with Bible classes to follow. The first hour of worship, which includes the sermon, is broadcasted on 1580AM, or you can watch the entire service live stream. Sunday evening, they will have a family cookout at 5 p.m. in honor of the Fourth of July. You can access all their current and past live streams on their YouTube channel, @Fairlanechurchofchrist. Click subscribe to be notified when new videos are available.

The **Southside Church of Christ** lesson will be "A New Hope" from Jeremiah 31:31-35 by Tim Gunnells, minister, at 10 a.m. Sunday. The Sunday 6 p.m. service will be "Applying the Sermon." Wednesday will be a Bible Study with Tim at 6:30. Sunday morning is live-streamed at 10 a.m. and Wednesday evening services are live-streamed at 6:30 p.m. at cfcsouthside.com.

First Christian

Everyone is welcome to worship with **First Christian Church** this Fourth of July Weekend as they continue in their current sermon series on "Facing the Giants in Our Life." This Sunday worship starts at 10 a.m., as they will talk about "The Giant of Failure," from II Corinthians, chapter 4. Children's Graded Worship & Nursery are also available at 10 a.m.

Methodist

Pastor Abe Zimmerman's sermon at **Shelbyville First United Methodist Church** will be "Obligated, Eager, Not Ashamed" from Romans 1:14-17. In this scripture, they learn that the Message of God is for everyone. It is how God reveals His righteousness to the faithful, and how Scripture helps people understand their present and future. Worship service is at 10 a.m. Service is also live-streamed on Facebook and broadcast on WLJ 98.7 FM and 1580 AM.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church's service for this fifth Sunday after Pentecost, will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. led by Pastor Jim Moran. All services are streamed live on Facebook. There is no Sunday School over the summer. They will have a nursery available for the little ones. They would love to see some new faces and hope you can join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. for their worship service.

Tips for remaining sober on the 4th of July

July Fourth is America's top beer-drinking holiday, it's an incredibly festive time across the state and nation. There are family gatherings, BBQs, parades, festivals, concerts, and fireworks. In between all of this is heavy drinking.

While every American adult is free to make choices, heavy drinking has its pitfalls. Holidays like the Fourth of July can also be particularly challenging for someone sober or in recovery from alcoholism or drug addiction.

In Tennessee, 15% of adults over 18 binge drink at least once per month, according to the National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics.

Fortunately, there are practical approaches anyone can take to maintain sobriety and enjoy the 4th of July to the fullest.

"If you are newly sober, it just takes some added planning and preparation if you have concerns about relapse. This does not mean you stop having fun; you are just avoiding particular situations," said Marcel Gemme of Addicted.org.

Consider some of the following tips to help maintain sobriety this Fourth of July holiday:

- Begin to recognize and identify relapse triggers. This could be a par-



Michael Leach

ticular environment or situation. It could also be a specific person or a group of individuals. Knowing these triggers makes it much easier to avoid or manage them.

- Have a healthy outlet for any negative emotions attached to these trig-

gers. This helps to maintain a healthy well-being.

- Bring sober friends or relatives to July Fourth celebrations or attend sober gatherings. Consider also bringing non-alcoholic drinks or mocktails. This can help avoid those pesky relatives who insist you always have an alcoholic beverage in your hand.

- Ask for support when needed. It's ok to turn down party invitations or say no; do not feel obligated to put yourself in compromising situations.

- Finally, have an exit plan if things become too much to manage. Set yourself up in a way so that if you have to leave, you can do it easily.

Independence Day is about celebrating freedom in all its forms. Being free from addiction or choosing sobriety is a fantastic feeling. Take this opportunity on July 4th to create new memories and traditions. Spend quality time with friends and family to celebrate Independence Day to the fullest.

Michael Leach has spent most of his career as a healthcare professional specializing in Substance Use Disorder and addiction recovery. He is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant and contributor to the healthcare website Recovery Begins.

Southern Baptists uphold expulsion of churches with women pastors – but the debate's not just about gender

(THE CONVERSATION) The Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant group in the United States, overwhelmingly voted to uphold its Executive Committee's expulsion of two congregations with women pastors on June 14, 2023, during their annual convention.

SBC messengers, as convention delegates are called, also put forward an amendment to make churches' membership within the denomination contingent upon prohibiting women pastors, which will be voted on next year.

Media coverage of this debate has focused on gender. However, as a scholar of Baptists in the U.S., I believe an underlying conversation about sexuality has also shaped the church's opposition to women preaching.

A denomination's decisions about one social issue often influence its position on others, as I have written about with sociologist Gerardo Marti. We argue that the SBC's stance on issues of gender and sexuality have not always been just about fidelity to their interpretation of scripture. Rather, the SBC uses these issues to differentiate itself from other, more progressive denominations.

My recent book, "Binkley: A

Congregational History," examines the history of one of the first congregations to be expelled from the SBC over the issue of sexuality, in 1992.

Gay and called

In 1990, a Duke Divinity School student named John Blevins, who was openly gay, began attending the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. After his first year of Divinity School, he approached the church about the possibility of being ordained.

Blevins was drawn to Binkley for its progressive theology. Founded in 1958, the church became an interracial congregation and supported the Civil Rights Movement at a time when many Southern Baptist churches prohibited Black worshippers from becoming members or even attending Sunday services. Later, the congregation called women to serve as associate pastors and, ultimately, senior pastor as well.

Blevins' request for ordination raised questions among some of Binkley's leaders and members. Between 1976 and 1991, the SBC had passed six resolutions on homosexuality. The first encouraged congregations "not to afford the prac-

tice of homosexuality any degree of approval through ordination, employment, or other designations of normal life-style." Subsequent resolutions grew increasingly harsh. In 1988, the SBC passed a resolution that declared homosexuality an "abomination in the sight of God."

Convention resolutions are not binding on individual congregations, however, and many members of Binkley thought about sexuality differently. Senior pastor Linda Jordan thought that since Blevins was still completing his divinity degree, the church should license him to preach, but wait to formally ordain – meaning he could not preside over communion or weddings, nor hold the title of Reverend.

The church went through a yearlong process of studying faith and sexuality as members wrestled with Blevins' request. In April 1992, the congregation voted to license Blevins to preach the Gospel.

Removal from the SBC

That same year, in Raleigh, North Carolina, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church held a ceremony to honor a same-sex union. As Pullen's pastor Mahan Siler reflected in 2022, it was a first: "there wasn't a congregation we knew out there who we could learn from."

Both congregations' decisions drew the ire of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, as well as the national convention of the SBC, where messengers voted to expel both churches. Minutes from the meeting note that the crowd burst into the "appearance of elation" at the decision.

Messengers proceeded to propose an amendment that congregations "which act to affirm, approve or endorse homosexual behavior" would not be "in friendly cooperation with the Convention." It was adopted the following year.

Barring membership to the SBC over the issue of sexuality presented an opportunity for conservatives who also opposed women's leadership. During the same meeting, in 1993, another proposed amendment sought to prohibit the membership of churches that ordained women.

The proposal failed before being put to a convention-wide vote. Yet it shows how issues

of sexuality and gender were entwined for conservative members of the SBC, who sought similar constitutional amendments for both. One amendment created the opportunity for the other.

'Logical consequence'

The amendment the SBC is currently considering, which seeks to prohibit women pastors, acknowledges this history.

Mike Law, the Virginia pastor who proposed the amendment, does not seek to block women from ordination, as the proposal put forward in 1993 would have done. Rather, his amendment seeks to block women from holding the title of "pastor". This distinction would allow women to be ordained and serve as other types of church leaders, such as deacons or missionaries.

In a series of videos he released before the vote, Law described the issue of women pastors as a "canary in the coal mine." "Once a denomination allows female pastors it's usually just a matter of time until they affirm practicing homosexuals as pastors," he said.

Al Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, offered a similar concern on his blog in 2018. "The same negotiation and 'reinterpretation' of the biblical text that allows for the service of women pastors will logically lead to the acceptance of the LGBT revolution," he argued.

Both men, in other words, believe one kind of acceptance leads inevitably to the other – the proverbial slippery slope. The SBC's history suggests that "slippery slope" could easily cut the other way, too: Once a denomination rejects gay pastors, it may only be a matter of time until it rejects women pastors, too.

Either way, when the SBC is wrestling with issues of gender, issues of sexuality are not too far away.

This article has been updated to correct information about the SBC's June 2023 vote.

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Community's HOSA leads at conference

Last week, nine students from Community High's HOSA attended the 46th Annual HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas. While there, Community High alumni and current Tennessee HOSA State President, Maria Castellano, served as a voting delegate as well as a spokeswoman for the state of Tennessee at the international level. Four students from Community, Jessica Lawwell, Kassadie Mack, Sammy Skinner, and Paige Simmons, competed in their respective events, representing Community High and Tennessee against other students from around the world. Rising chapter officers, Carlie Blanton, D.J. Klootwyk, Alexa Montalvo, and Ashton Pelletier, attended workshops to build their leadership skills, as well as networked with hundreds of students from other chapters.

Submitted photos





Doug Dezotell
Musings and Memories

The Winding Road

The Canadian American writer, Linwood Barclay, wrote one of my favorite quotes; it says this: I think Mr. Barclay must have been driving behind me. I wear my variety of hats proudly, and I am a very cautious driver on any winding road. Some people might even say that I'm a 'sloooowwww' driver on those winding roads. You see, I grew up on the Great Plains of this vast and beautiful country of ours. In particular, on the flat lands of the Red River Valley, where every road is laid out straight. Very straight.

When you fly over that part of the country you look down on what looks like a patchwork quilt. It's beautiful from the air. And on the ground as well.

I don't recall too many winding roads in eastern North Dakota where this boy was raised. And the roads certainly didn't go up and down and around and around.

Like I said, they were straight. Very straight.

I learned to drive on straight streets, straight roads and straight country lanes. And I just happen to tense-up when driving on winding mountain roads and the winding country roads here in Middle Tennessee.

Paul McCartney wrote the lyrics to his song, "The Long and Winding Road," while visiting Scotland, a place he loved. The phrase came to him as he was gazing out at a beautiful country road that lay out before him, winding around he lochs and up into the hills in the remote Scottish Highlands.

McCartney loved that area so much that he bought property there.

Christian author, preacher and teacher, John Piper, often compares life to a winding road. In his book, "A Sweet and Bitter Providence," Piper wrote, "Life is not a straight line leading from one blessing to the next and then finally to Heaven. Life is a winding and troubled road. . . God is not just showing up after the trouble and cleaning it up. He is plotting the course and managing the troubles with far-reaching purposes for our good and for the glory of Jesus Christ."

I know first-hand that there are a lot of winding roads in this life, and I believe that we have to take it easy and be careful as we take this journey.

As Christians, we have our goal set before us (Heaven); that's our 'earth-

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Through their golden years

By **ZOË WATKINS**
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Growing up in Plain View Texas and living as a pastor's wife for 36 years throughout the Midwest and South, Nellie Smith did not imagine that God would ever lead her to Shelbyville. But He has, and for the last year, Nellie and her husband Mark have made Bedford their home.

While her husband serves as pastor at Bell Buckle First Baptist, Nellie is serving as the new activity coordinator at the Bedford-Shelbyville Senior Center.

Studying at Hyles-Anderson College in Indiana, where she met her husband, Nellie said she didn't know her exact path in life. "I didn't know if I wanted to be a teacher or a church secretary," she recalled. But she did know she wanted

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Nellie Smith



Mark McGee
My Take

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My daughter turns 30 July 5.

Gretchen Rubin, a best-selling author is credited with the quote "Enjoy them while they are young; the days are long, but the years are short." She knew exactly what she was talking about.

I was a hesitant father. I wasn't sure what to expect. I guess that is so for most fathers. But when I saw her face the first minute she was alive I was hooked. And 30 years later she still has me on the line.

During her toddler years we had to be keepers of "Lala" a cotton diaper that was always in her possession. We lost it a couple of times and panic ensued. Remnants of it still exist.

I missed talking about Heffalumps and Woozles. To this day I shed a tear whenever I hear "The House At Pooh Corner" by Loggins and Messina on the radio.

Through the years I've watched her play soccer, softball and tennis and participate in piano recitals. But most of all she has loved riding Tennessee Walking Horses, especially her favorite Pride's Ten High.

When her mother and I divorced I was given some of the best advice I could have received from late attorney Andy Rambo who urged me to travel with my daughter as much as possible.

Often, along with my mother, we have been from Boston to Los Angeles and many points in between. I think she would say New York City, Williamsburg, Virginia, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania and Boston were four of her top spots.

I can remember our first day in New York City during the Christmas season. We had been there for a couple of hours when she loudly said, "I hate this place. There are too many people, and it smells. Tickets to see the original cast of "Wicked" and a great late night Chinese meal turned that thought into her wanting to live there.

We arrived at Williamsburg just in the evening and just glimpsed the restored area on the way to our hotel. At dinner that first night she asked, "What are we getting into?"

We have made multiple trips to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She even worked there for a while.

We like ghost tours and Boston and Gettysburg offer interesting ones. In London we took the "Jack the Ripper" tour.

During her elementary school years, I was active in her school experiences. Due to my work in the athletics department at Lipscomb University I wasn't around as much as

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PRETTY IN PINK

Shelbyville-Bedford County Senior Citizens Center celebrated National Pink Day by wearing something pink last Friday.

Submitted photo

John Teague visits Garden Club

John Teague was the guest speaker at the recent meeting of The Shelbyville Garden Club.

The UT Bedford County Extension Agent and Bedford County Director of Agriculture was introduced by club member and long-time friend Suzy Stewart. The East Tennessee native married a Shelbyville girl and moved her and their three children to her hometown after serving as a 4-H agent in several counties in Tennessee.

Shelbyville has been their home ever since. John's actual professional background is in animal science, but he shared that he grew up helping his grandmother in her flower garden as she sold flowers to flower shops.

John joked that one time he entered a Farm Bureau meeting, a man said to him, "There's the man who knows all the answers." John replied "No, but I know the phone numbers of the ones that do."

John stressed the importance of the broadband survey members could take that will ultimately benefit the county. He also shared a publication with all the members listing 1,100 publications having to do with gardening and links. These and many helpful resources

are free and available at the Ag Office on Midland Road. Since 2001, John has authored Bedford County Ag Notes in The Shelbyville Times-Gazette.

One question he is asked frequently is, "When will the farmer's market open?" His answer is, "It all depends". Of course, the weather is a big factor. This year was a very wet spring. The market has since opened. The Bedford County Farmers Market is for products locally grown in Middle Tennessee. It was designed to help farmers in our community add to their income or to be able to sell their excess.

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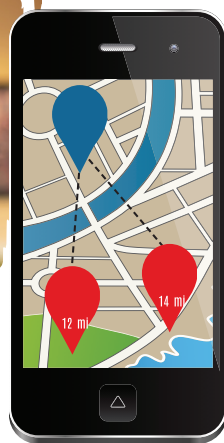


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Large nosegay blue ribbon winner created by **Suzy Stewart**



John Teague and club president Babs Chicoine

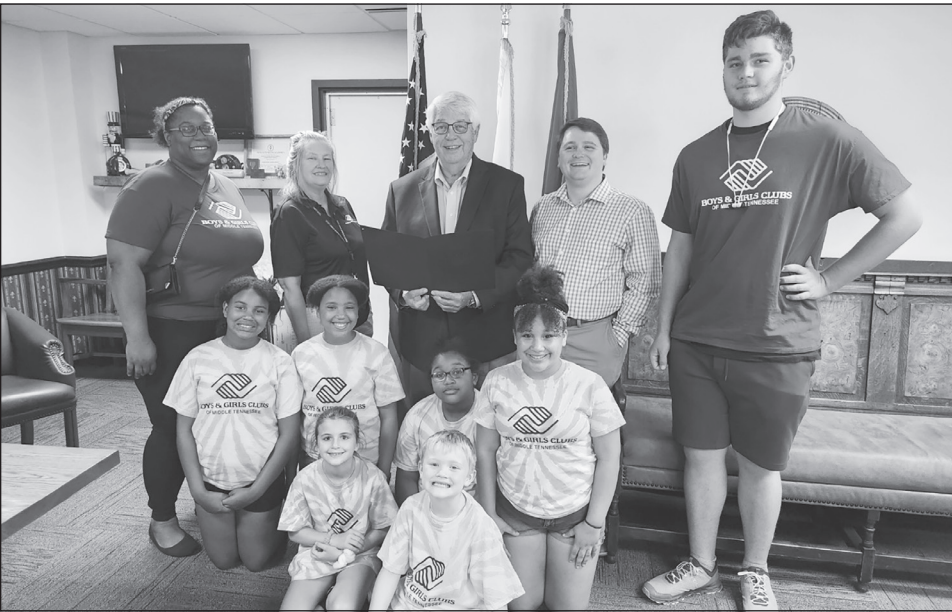


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Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee celebrates National Boys & Girls Club Week

NASHVILLE — Celebrated since 1941, this week recognizes the invaluable service Clubs bring to communities and shares how positive futures start at the Clubs. The entire organization will celebrate by participating in themed activities that demonstrate the safe places they create, the life-enhancing programs they provide, and the caring mentors in their Clubs.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee Club (BGCMT) has uncovered The Blueprint for youth success by ensuring their youth are 100% Ready for their Great Futures. It is not enough to just get a young person through our doors; we want to make sure their time in their Club will leave a lasting impact on their success in life. At BGCMT, they focus on five areas of development that have a profound impact on a youth's ability to become a productive, caring mem-

ber of their community, and ensure their great future is within reach.

This week, BGCMT celebrates National Boys & Girls Club Week by bringing awareness to the mission of the Club and working with the community to support key initiatives. Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee was honored with Proclamations from County Mayor Rogers Anderson of Williamson County and Mayor John Cooper of Davidson County. Each encounter gave youth an opportunity to interact with elected officials and enjoy a Q&A session to learn more about public service.

BGCMT encourages the community to join in on this celebratory week by volunteering in the Clubs or donating to the mission to ensure all youth have an opportunity for a "great future."



About Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee

For 120 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee (BGCMT) has enabled all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, and responsible citizens. Annually, more than 7,000 youth are served at thirteen Middle Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs and through community outreach initiatives. Priority programs emphasize academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. To learn more, please visit www.bgcmt.org.



Headquarters of once-giant Genesco coming down in Nashville

By **BILL CAREY**

I saw recently that the old Genesco headquarters building in Nashville will be razed to make way for the umpteenth expansion of the Metro Nashville Airport.

I know the tear-down is inevitable because no private company has shown interest in occupying the building for a long time. But before it's gone, I'd like to remind everyone what a big deal it was when it was built.

Genesco was, at one time, one of the largest employers in Tennessee. At its peak around 1960, it had shoe factories all over the state, in Nashville, Gallatin, Tullahoma, Waynesboro, Hohenwald, Lewisburg, Pulaski, Cowan, Centerville, McMinnville, Camden and Smithville.

Started in 1924 as the Jarman Shoe Company, the company originally focused on the production and sale of "Friendly Fives"—a \$5 dress shoe which "could take a shine." By the 1930s, these shoes were available nationally and advertised in publications such as the Saturday Evening Post.

Jarman changed its name to General Shoe Corporation in 1933. The company grew during the Great Depression, a time when most shoe and clothing manufacturers were shrinking or going out of business. Its executives — the most important of whom was Maxey Jarman — worked tirelessly to produce a good shoe and sell it aggressively. One of the keys to its success was the fact that labor costs were lower in the union-free South than they were in New England, which was where the shoe business had been centered.

General Shoe made more than five million pairs of shoes and boots for the U.S. military during World War II — including the pair General Douglas MacArthur wore when he accepted the Japanese surrender in 1945.

In the decade after the war, General Shoe acquired at least 18 shoe manufacturing, wholesaling and retailing businesses. Among them were retail chains such as Berland (102 stores), W. L. Douglas (64 stores) and Nisley



The former Genesco headquarters building in Nashville which is now slated to be razed (TN History for Kids photo).

(46 stores). It also bought shoe-making firms such as Johnston & Murphy and I. Miller and Sons.

By 1955, the General Shoe Company had gotten so large that the U. S. Justice Department filed an anti-trust suit accusing the company of trying to become a monopoly. The case caused the company to shift its focus from shoes to the apparel industry in general. Its new name: Genesco. Its new slogan: "Everything to wear."

Hitting the ground running, the company bought the upscale department store chain Bonwit Teller (a purchase that included the jewelry store Tiffany's). Genesco acquired a New York specialty shop called Henri Bendel; underwear manufacturer Formfit Rogers; men's suit maker L. Greif & Brothers; per-

fume maker Parfum Givenchy; the variety store chain known as Kress; and other companies.

It was right about then, in the late 1950s, that Genesco announced it was building a "world headquarters" on Murfreesboro Road in Nashville. The "Genesco campus," as it was dubbed, was built in phases, with a men's shoe plant, then a women's shoe plant, then a distribution center and finally its corporate headquarters.

When the headquarters opened a few years later, local reporters were impressed by the fact that it emphasized corporate efficiency. "Every floor had garbage and mail chutes, to minimize the number of times that janitors and mail clerks had to walk up and down stairs," I wrote in the 2000 book *Fortunes, Fiddles and Fried*

Chicken: A Nashville Business History. "In order to cut down on the length of coffee breaks, there was a snack bar on every floor. In order to eliminate the need to outside window washers, the windows revolved on pivots."

Local and national media were so dazzled by how Genesco did the small things that it never occurred to anyone that the company might be headed off a financial ledge. But it was, because its main business was making dress shoes and clothing in the continental United States, something that soon began migrated overseas.

Genesco also did not foresee the "casual revolution" coming in the workplace. It completely missed the athletic shoe revolution, started by Nike.

Starting around 1969 and continuing for the rest of the cen-

tury, the main businesses that Genesco owned went into rapid decline, and the parent company with it. Genesco eventually closed its manufacturing plants all over Tennessee, with devastating consequences. By 1992, the apparel company that once had 65,000 employees had only about one-tenth of that number.

Today, Genesco no longer makes shoes; it contracts with manufacturers who make shoes in other countries across the world. Genesco has survived by repositioning itself as a retailer; today it owns nearly 1,500 stores, including Journeys, Schuhs, and Johnston & Murphy.

Bill Carey is the founder of Tennessee History for Kids, a non-profit organization that helps teachers cover social studies.



Horticulture winners: Pam Beasley, Freda Head, Shirley McGee



Design winners: Pam Beasley, Babs Chicoine, Suzy Stewart

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The shed at the market was made possible from donations from local civic groups years ago.

John also discussed raised beds for vegetable gardens and shared another helpful handout on insects and which vegetables they attack. When researching for information specific to Tennessee, he always

starts with The University of Tennessee, but there is also a Mississippi State publication on insects with great picture identifications. He advises looking at Kentucky universities and other surrounding state

universities with similar weather to Tennessee for additional information.

Club president Babs Chicoine welcomed members and Kendra Pitner gave the devotional. Hostesses for the meeting

at the Riverbend Country Club were Babs Chicoine and Shirley McGee. Club blue ribbon winners for their hand-tied nosegays were Suzy Stewart (large), Babs Chicoine (medium), and Pam Beasley (small and petite). The winners in

the "what-have-you" horticultural category were Freda Head for her iris, Pam Beasley for her clematis, and Shirley McGee for rose. The program for the next meeting will be succulents.

Years

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to have a family and support her husband as he embarked on becoming a preacher.

When her husband was led to become a senior pastor, Nellie recalled, "That was a transition for me because I tended to be shy, but a pastor's wife can't be shy. There are a lot of times you're in the limelight and have to speak. But you get over yourself...because it's not who I am and it's not about me. So that was a good learning experience for me," she said.

In addition to doing occasional secretarial work and working in schools, Nellie focused on raising her four children and serving as a "preacher's wife." It geared her toward the one

thing most needed with her job: embracing people with her heart.

"I'm a big people person. I tend to embrace people with my heart and this is a place where I can help seniors reach their potential through their golden years," Nellie said.

Safe, fun space

Though often overlooked, Nellie agrees the senior center is a crucial component of a community as it provides a safe space for seniors.

"We're here for their needs. If it's just talking, we're willing to just talk, or if they need information for whatever, then we're willing to help," she said. Nellie is also bilingual, having grown up in a Spanish-English-speaking home, which is another resource she hopes to incorporate into the center.

Despite the challenges of filing monthly reports and clearly communicating with seniors, she says, "I thank the Lord that He's led me here because I feel like it's a God thing."

The number one component of the center, according to Nellie, is for seniors to come to have fun. And second, "I think the fellowship they make here is important," she said.

Not a "last-minute" person, Nellie said she is excited to work ahead to bring a full score of activities for the seniors, such as bingo, bridge, puzzles, crocheting, and card-making classes.

"Even if you don't know how to do any of these things, just come and enjoy the time to be together," she said. "Just pop in and say, 'Hey, I'm here for a coffee.' I love that."

For now, Nellie is look-

ing forward to embracing all the seniors who walk through the door, whether it's five or 100. "I want them to be blessed when they walk in here," she said.

The Shelbyville Senior Center is located at 111 J.G. Helton Drive, behind Central High School. They are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For questions about membership or volunteering, stop by the center or call 931-684-0019.

Upcoming events

The annual board meeting will be on July 11 after lunch at 11 a.m. Everyone is urged to attend and vote on new board members for the new year. Let the center know two days in advance if you are eating lunch.

All are invited to come and eat and shop on August 10 at the Bell Buckle Café. For those who need a ride,

they will meet at the senior center at 10:30. Cost is \$3 for a ride, and sign-ups will be available until August 3. Everyone will pay for their own meal. Stop by the center or call 684-0019.

If you are 60 years old

or older, you may be eligible for SNAP assistance. The senior center will be holding a SNAP Day on September 25. If you need help paying for food, call the center at 684-0019 to set up an appointment.

Mark

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I should have been when she was in high school. I was recovering in rehab from an eight-week coma when she graduated but a film crew from Lipscomb filmed the event and gave me the opportunity to talk with her.

In college I had two unique opportunities. She was a student in several of my classes and I usually ate dinner with her on a daily basis at Lipscomb.

One thread that continues for us is a mutual love of movies. We still watch films and discuss them. Admittedly, our tastes often are a little gruesome when it comes to movie choices.

It has truly been a whirlwind. There are so many memories, big and small, that pour over you when goals like a 30th birthday are reached. It hasn't been perfect, but the Lord has blessed us with many great experiences.

Happy 30th Birthday, Sarah Margaret!

Doug

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ly-journey's end.' To get there we have to endure those 'winding and troubled roads' that Brother Piper talks about.

There are 15 psalms in the Book of Psalms that are called 'Songs of Ascent,' or 'Songs of the Pilgrims.' They are Psalms 120 through 134.

These psalms are called songs of ascent because Jerusalem and the Temple there sat on a high point, and the Jews would ascend or climb up to get to the city and the Temple.

The ancient Jewish people would sing those psalms as they traveled on the rough and rugged winding roads from their homes all around Israel up to Jerusalem at least three times a year.

One of those Songs of Ascent, Psalm 121, has been one of my favorite scriptures over the years.

Psalm 121 says: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

He that keeps thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

This Psalm mentions four tasks that the Lord undertakes on behalf of the Children of God as we're traveling along this winding road of life.

The first is: *The Lord Helps us*, (vv. 1-2): "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord..." The travels to the Holy City could be treacherous, rugged and rocky roads with robbers and wild animals along the way. In fact Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story about a man that was robbed along the road leading to Jerusalem.

The psalmist said God will help us in the midst of all the turmoil going on around us as

we travel on this "winding-road-of-life."

The second task is: *The Lord Keeps us*, (vv. 3-5): "He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keeps thee will not slumber. Behold, He that keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper..."

On these long and winding, sometimes treacherous roads that life takes us on, God will keep us. He keeps an eye on us, and He's always watching out for us. We have to put our trust in Him, knowing God is always available to help us and to keep us.

Third, *The Lord Shades us*, (vv. 5-6): "... the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day nor the moon by night. Not only will God help us and keep us, but He becomes a protector or guardian for us. He's our shield, our wall of protection, our Shade.

And fourthly, *The Lord Preserves us*, (vv. 7-8): "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: He shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

I have always loved the promises of this psalm. God will take care of us as we journey through life. Of course we know there will be troubles, but as Christians we don't have to travel this journey alone. We may be fearful; we may worry (some of us more than others). But God is always there to help us, to keep us, and to protect us.

Pastor Marvin Williams, one of the writers for the devotional "Our Daily Bread," wrote: "Life is a winding road with unknown perils and troubles, but we can be certain of God's providence, security and care."

I know that God is right here with me, with us, on this Pilgrimage of Life.

The writer of Hebrews talked about what I call "The Heroes of Faith" in chapter 11; Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham and Sarah.

He said, "13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were Strangers and Pilgrims on the Earth. 14 For those who say

such things declare plainly that they seek a Homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a Better, that is, a Heavenly Country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a City for them."

This world is not my Home, I'm only a stranger passing through!

I'm just a Pilgrim from the Flatlands, traveling this long and winding road on my Ascent to that New Jerusalem.

As Jim Reeves sang, "The angels beckon me from Heaven's open door, And I can't feel at home in this world anymore."

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COME ON, BEETLE, YOU SAID YOU'D GO WITH ME

WHY WOULD I SAY THAT?

WE MADE IT!

YOU MADE ME EXHAUSTED!

I THINK THE HIKE UP HERE WAS WORTH IT!

DON'T YOU LIKE THE BEAUTIFUL VIEW?

NO...

ALL I CAN SEE IS THE LONG HIKE BACK TO CAMP

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Frank Fletcher's **Dennis the Menace**

INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOOD MORNING, KATE!!

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY WEEKEND!!

UH... TO YOU TOO.

LET FREEDOM RING!!

HI, MARTHA. IT'S KATE. I JUST RAN INTO GEORGE. IS HE OKAY?

ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN, KATE.

THE MITCHELLS WENT ON A ONE-WEEK VACATION THIS MORNING.

BLOWDIE
BY SEAN FOLEY OF JOHN MARSHALL

THAT MOSQUITO IS REALLY GETTING ON MY NERVES!

C'MERE, YOU NOISY BUG!!

HOLD STILL!!!

SMACK! GOT 'IM!!

AHHH... SILENCE AT LAST!

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The FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bill Keane

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PICKLES
by Brian Crink

WHEN DID MEN STOP WEARING HATS?

I THINK IT WAS AROUND THE SIXTIES.

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WE COULD RENEW THE GYM MEMBERSHIP, YOU KNOW.

SPOT ME.

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THAT'S TOO BAD.

I LIKED MEN IN HATS.

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DADDY DAZE

GOOD MORNING! BA BA BA. YOU FEEL SICK?

BA BA BA. OH... YOU DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL TODAY.

LET ME REMIND YOU THAT YOU ARE A BABY AND SO YOU DON'T GO TO SCHOOL.

REAL HATS, LIKE FEDORAS OR BOWLERS, NOT BASEBALL CAPS.

YAY!

BA. "WHOOOPS," INDEED.

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YOU SEE, THERE'S THIS THING CALLED "SUSPENSION OF DISBELIEF"...

YOU'VE GOT A FEW MORE YEARS TO HONE YOUR CRAFT.

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I LIKED WATCHING MEN CHASE THEM DOWN THE STREET ON WINDY DAYS.

SALLY FORTH

by Francesco Marciuliano

WONDER WHAT MY FRIENDS ARE DOING RIGHT NOW.

SO WHY DID YOUR FAMILY RENT THE FORTH'S HOUSE THIS SUMMER, EMMA?

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WELL, WE LIVE IN THE CITY, SO MY FOLKS THOUGHT IT'D BE NICE TO GET SOME FRESH AIR. PLUS, I GET TO MEET COOL PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

TEN YEARS FROM NOW... WELCOME!

TO OUR NEW ROOMMATE EMMA!

WELL, WE'RE NOT THAT COOL.

YES WE ARE. AND IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE WE'RE ALWAYS IMAGINING WHAT IT'D BE LIKE TO LIVE IN THE CITY WHEN WE'RE OLDER...

UM... WHERE WAS HIL IN OUR PROJECTION?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO HER.

WAIT, YOU CAN SEE EACH OTHER'S THOUGHTS?

I WANT IN ON THAT!

The PHANTOM

by Lee Falk

AN ALMOST HUMAN FAREWELL AT THE GATES OF THE DOMAIN

DARLING, THEY REALLY DO SEEM TO THINK YOU'RE A GHOST WHO WALKS...

ARE YOU SUGGESTING I'M NOT?

WHAT'S MORE UNLIKELY? THAT I MIGHT BE AN IMMORTAL? OR THAT THE ALMOST HUMANS EXIST AT ALL?

COH... LET ME THINK ABOUT THAT!

SO FOR US, ANOTHER JOURNEY THROUGH THE LOWER CHAMBERS! THAT MONSTROUS BATTLE-GROUND! OUR ROUTE BACK TO EDEN...

I CAN'T WAIT!

I MEAN... NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT, BUT WE'LL EXIT THE TEMPLE OF THE GODS AT THE STONE LIONS.

I WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THAT ENTRANCE IS SO I CAN MARK IT ON A MAP.

FOR YOUR MUSTY OLD CHRONICLES?

HERE I AM EXPECTING AN ADVENTURE AND WHAT YOU HAVE FOR ME IS A BOOKKEEPING CHORE?

I UNDERSTAND... AN ORDINARY DAY IS BOUND TO FEEL A BIT SLOW AFTER THE CHAMBER OF THE GODS... THE DOMAIN OF THE ALMOST HUMANS...

I'LL BRING MY COPING SKILLS TO BEAR...

LEAD ON, MYSTERY MAN!

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Hi and Lois

by Brian and Greg Walker

I'M GOING DIGGING, MOM.

WHY ARE YOU DIGGING SO DEEP?

I'M LOOKING FOR BURIED TREASURE.

THERE'S NO...

WHOA! I FOUND SOMETHING!!

AN OLD KEY?

I BET IT'S TO A TREASURE CHEST!

WELL, THEY WOULDN'T LEAVE A KEY RIGHT NEXT TO A CHEST.

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'VE GOT A LOT OF DIGGING TO DO.

ERIC REIFES

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

I CAN'T FIND MY TOOTHBRUSH.

I GOT YOU A NEW ONE.

TOOTHBRUSH BRISTLES SHOULD BE FULL AND STRAIGHT, LIKE THIS.

EVENTUALLY, THEY GET BROKEN IN AND RELAXED, BUT...

...THINK ABOUT REPLACING IT WHEN THE BRISTLES LOOK TOUSLED AND DEFINITELY BEFORE IT STARTS TO LOOK TOO...

...PIERCEY.

NO OFFENSE.

NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN ADJECTIFIED.

TZ SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"YOU MAY BE LOSING YOUR HAIR, LEROY, BUT YOU ARE GAINING SKIN."

"FORGET IT, LEROY... WE'RE NOT PUTTING THAT ON OUR FRONT DOOR."

"FINALLY, I GET TO WATCH VOLLEYBALL AND COMMENT ON THE GOOD LOOKS OF THE PLAYERS."

HOEST & REINER

CANDORVILLE

BY DARRIN BELL

YOU MIGHT MISS OUT ON SOMEONE REALLY SPECIAL IF ALL YOU EVER DO IS SWIPE LEFT.

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SLYLOCK FOX

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Count Weirdly sent a flying robot from a secret lab to frighten citizens of Forestville. When the robot is in flight, it becomes invisible. What will Slylock Fox use to visibly follow the stealth metal monster back to Weirdly's secret lab?

Solution: Slylock will tie the balloons to the robot. Even as it flies, the balloons will be able to follow Weirdly's secret lab, he will be able to follow the balloons.

WEBER/STEV

Spot six differences between these panels.

Answer -- Ice cream, hair, wing, finger and collar buckle.

LORETTA SAYS I WATCH TOO MUCH TV AND SHOULD READ MORE... SO I GOT A SUBSCRIPTION TO TV GUIDE.

ALL THESE EMAILS SAY THEY FOUND SOMETHING ELSE YOU MIGHT LIKE.

HOW TO DRAW Max Mouse

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YOUR DRAWING

Today's terrific artist is Anindita, age 10

Which country consumes more ice cream per capita than any other country?

a) Norway
b) Canada
c) New Zealand

Answer (c) New Zealand consumes an average of 28.4 liters per person per year.

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Normandy churches stock Blessing Box

The three churches of Normandy—First Baptist, United Methodist, and the Presbyterian Church—came together last week to collect and donate supplies to the community. A recent Facebook post highlights the work as “shining the Light of God on our community — grateful that God has brought us together — humbled to serve.”

Submitted photos



Wartrace's 'Project Help'

This program is to help Wartrace residents (only) with their water bills who are lacking funds or have health issues making it difficult for them. If you would like

to donate to help someone less fortunate than you, you can send a one-time donation or have an amount added to your bill every month. There are several ways

to donate, through credit card, check, or cash. Call Wartrace Water & Sewer and make a donation by phone, write a check to Wartrace Water and put it in the drop

box, or stop by during business hours. Their P.O. Box is 158, Wartrace, TN, 37183. Call Town Hall for more information at 931-389-6144.

Returning adult learner credits MTSU's online courses for degree



Submitted photos

Middle Tennessee State University senior integrated studies major Devin Hill of Smyrna, Tenn., shown here at the horseshoe in Walnut Grove on campus, will graduate this summer after returning to MTSU after 10 years to earn his degree thanks to the Adult Degree Completion Program and flexibility of online courses for working adults.



At top is the current student I.D. of Middle Tennessee State University senior integrated studies major Devin Hill of Smyrna, Tenn., with his previous I.D. below it when he attended a decade ago before dropping out. Hill will graduate this summer thanks to the Adult Degree Completion Program and the flexibility of online courses.

MURFREESBORO — A future information technology professional says his career is “taking off” thanks to Middle Tennessee State University’s innovative Adult Degree Completion Program through University College.

Devin Hill started at MTSU in 2013 as a recording industry management major soon after graduating from high school. He said he was pretty good at school, but as his music career grew, he became less interested in his classes. When his grades started slipping, he lost his HOPE Scholarship and decided to drop out.

“I didn’t appreciate the things about education and college the way I do now,” said the 30-year-old Smyrna, Tennessee resident. “I was a 20-year-old kid who didn’t quite have everything figured out.”

Once he stopped attending MTSU, Hill took a job in heavy machinery. He said he tried several different jobs from the warehouse, to logistics, to sales, but knew he was in the wrong place.

“I had a big interest in software development and several friends had transitioned to that career. They all had degrees, though, and I knew it was a competitive industry,” Hill said. “So after 10 years of no college, I started the process of re-enrolling.”

Hill chose the integrated studies major so he could retain many of the 75 cred-



Middle Tennessee State University senior integrated studies major Devin Hill of Smyrna, Tenn., shown here at one of the campus entrances, will graduate this summer after returning to MTSU after 10 years to earn his degree thanks to the Adult Degree Completion Program.

its he had accumulated from his first go-round at MTSU. Many adults choose this major because of its flexibility not only with prior credits but also because it can be completed online.

“It turned out it was the quickest way for me to get started and help me graduate quickly,” he said.

Taking online classes made it possible for Hill to balance his job with Rutherford County government as a software specialist.

“The format MTSU uses is accessible and efficient,” Hill said. “All of my classes and literature being in one spot made it easy for me to stay organized.”

Work-life balance is one of the reasons Hill chose the career path he is walking. He didn’t have that balance working the heavy machinery jobs, but it’s something that has become more important to him as he’s gotten older.

“You don’t mind working long hours as much

in your 20s, but some of the people I was working with were in their 60s pulling more than 50 hours a week,” Hill said. “I knew I didn’t want that.”

Hill is not taking any time off from his studies once he graduates this summer. He’s starting the organizational leadership master’s program in August.

Because of his experience with the Rutherford County government, his independent projects, and his Bachelor of Integrated

Studies degree, he is interviewing with a federal government tech consulting firm as a data engineer.

“Earning this degree is very fulfilling,” Hill said. “Some of my friends have been surprised I actually came back, you know? I am genuinely proud of myself that I finished this degree and that I’m starting another one right after.”

Those interested in returning to college can visit [MTSU.edu/FinishNow](https://www.mtsu.edu/FinishNow) for more information.

FCE REPORTS

The Town & Country TAFCE club met on Monday, June 12, at Cannon United Methodist Church, with five members answering the roll call. Janelle Douglas brought the meeting to order and Jane Lile gave the devotion.

Whitney Danhof gave the program, “Flowers and Bows.” Whitney also had a sign-up for volunteers for the Bedford County Fair, which will be from July 17 - 22.

Final plans were made for the club’s contribution to Share Fair on June 20.

Plans were also made for the July meeting, which will be held at Miss Jean’s Sandwich and Ice Cream Shop in Petersburg on July 13. Club members will meet at Cannon United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. for car-pooling.

Lots of demonstrations were brought. Charlene Judd shared a needlepoint piece mounted in a purse and a framed Christmas tree. Janet Boyce brought in a paper-pieced quilt pillow made by Leigh Butler. Janet also shared a variety of handmade cards and a coaster made from a jar lid and marbles.

Liberty FCE met on Monday, June 19. Linda Jernigan called the meeting to order. Bonnye Catron read the call to order, “Marvelous Mike.” Linda Jernigan gave the devotion. Minutes were read and the treasurer’s report was given. The club sent a get-well card to Judy Smith as Doris Turrentine will be celebrating her 60th wedding anniversary in July. Bonnye Catron will attend the County Council meeting in July. Dorris Turrentine has submitted her 50th-year membership application and her writing to Louis Armstrong. The club put together its “Spring” table, displayed at the Share Fair on June 20. The July picnic will be held at Dorris Turrentine’s house. Bedford County Fair will begin July 17. Dorris Turrentine club demonstration was a planted pot and Bonnye Catron brought flowers from her yard. The next meeting will be July 17.

Is your food ultra-processed enough?

When I was a young adult living under my parents’ roof, my late father always made sure I had Beanees, Weenees, Vienna sausage, pot-roasted meat and other such snacks to take to my graveyard-shift factory job.

Of course, I appreciated the display of paternal love; but Chris van Tulleken, author of “Ultra-Processed People,” would probably be aghast.

Granted, van Tulleken is not alone in sounding alarm bells about today’s ultra-processed foods -- groceries characterized by arm-long lists of additives, kaleidoscopic clashes of dyes (“Mambo Number 5 is a color, right?”) and whole grains replaced

with the assurance that “We allowed the shadow of a stalk of barley to fall across the vat.”

I suppose one turning point was when bags of crushed ice started containing more ingredients than all the letters in the extended version of LGBTQ+.

Remember when Mom would insist that her secret culinary ingredient was love? Today’s assembly lines double down on emotions and throw in envy, gluttony, avarice, lust, pride, sloth and wrath for good measure.

According to van Tulleken, the chemical modifications necessary to pacify our addiction to salt, sugar and fat can amplify risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabe-

tes, hypertension, depression and dementia.

No, we’re not far from the touchscreens in convenience markets asking us, “Are you paying with credit, debit or funeral insurance?”

With the normalization of artificiality, Costco will have to be more vigilant about passing out free samples. (“No, wait -- that’s not the onion dip! That’s the scan gun! What? Oh, I’m glad you like the crunchiness.”)

I’ll wager there’s a food-industry chemist somewhere in America telling a buddy, “Hypertension? That’s kid stuff. Here, hold my beer. I’m three processes away from this microwaveable entrée causing spontaneous combustion in left-handed Midwesterners!

As for the San Andreas Fault...”

I know -- I’m being too hard on the R&D people. I salute the amount of trial and error required to guarantee our packaged foods target all the taste sensations: salty, sour, sweet, bitter, umami (savory), Chernobyl-icious, etcetera.

I realize consumers can be infuriatingly demanding about getting the preferred texture, flavor and appearance; but it took Goldilocks only three tries to get everything “just right.” Read a storybook, guys!

Sure, preservatives are needed to ensure reasonable shelf life, but some products have an existence longer than that of the continental shelf! Look for boxes to be stamped with

messages such as “Best if used by...someone who is on Death Row, anyway.”

To his credit, van Tulleken isn’t all about guilt-tripping or crusading for massive governmental intervention in the food industry. He is more interested in tweaks and nudges to produce a healthier culture, rather than one where “Hi, friend” is heard less often than “high fructose.”

Perhaps a soccer mom will brainstorm a way to balance the convenience of Cheetos and Beanees

Danny Tyree

Tyrades



Weenees with the sort of edibles Grandma used to slave over.

“Relax. We can still make it to soccer practice, the dance recital and the karate lessons; but first, we need to swing by the South 40 to harvest a wholesome snack. Oops. I’m sorry the scythe punctured your soccer ball, Amber.”

• Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetyrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page “Tyree’s Tyrades.”



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Former Community standout softball player Brianna Beech had a stellar sophomore season with Walters State Community College. As a team, Walters State forged a path to the NJCAA World Series and finished with an incredible 55-4 overall record in 2023. Beech was a standout in her own right, batting .435 with 23 home runs and 74 RBIs.

Photos courtesy of Rob Harvey/Walters State



David Poile honored to start NHL Draft

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman brought one of the league's most beloved general managers with him to the stage Wednesday night to kick off the draft.

That may have helped keep the traditional booping of Bettman a bit quieter than usual. David Poile, the longest-tenured and winningest general manager in league history, is retiring Friday after overseeing the startup of the Nashville Predators as an expansion franchise in 1997.

Bettman then told fans they weren't booing him up to their usual standards.

"You can do better than that," Bettman said. As the boos grew louder, the commissioner said, "Now you're talking."

Bettman then introduced Nashville captain Roman Josi and retired Predators legend Pekka Rinne, an eighth-round pick in 2004, to present a gift. They brought out a blue Gibson guitar for Poile.

"You're the reason this place is called Smashville, so from the bottom of our heart thank you very much," Josi said to the man who brought him to Nashville as the 38th pick overall in 2008. "We hope you enjoy your retirement."

Poile thanked Josi and Rinne for the gift and Bettman for the



AP Photo/George Walker IV

Long-time Predators general manager David Poile was honored on Wednesday night to kick off the NHL Draft, which is being hosted in Nashville.

introduction. He noted he came to Music City in 1997 with a vision to make Nashville a successful hockey city.

Mission accomplished. Nashville hosted the 2016 NHL All-Star Game weekend, and the Predators reached the 2017 Stanley Cup Final and won the Presidents' Trophy for the 2017-18 season. This is the second NHL

draft hosted inside Bridgestone Arena; the first was in 2003.

The Predators also hosted a Stadium Series game in February 2022. Poile thanked Nashville's fans for making Music City one of the NHL's most successful and passionate towns.

"And as I pass the torch to Barry Trotz, I am very confident that the best is yet to come for

the Nashville Predators," Poile said. "May this year's draft class enjoy great success. Good luck to all players and all the teams. Nashville, thank you for the greatest 26 years in my hockey career."

Poile appreciation night

Each team made sure to say something nice about Poile, which is easy to do for someone beloved

throughout the league and at his 40th draft.

Keith Jones, now president of the Philadelphia Flyers, thanked Poile for selecting him in the seventh round in 1988. That was during Poile's first stint as a GM, with the Washington Capitals.

This was Poile's 26th draft with the Predators. Only Harry
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Simone Biles returning to competition in August

By **WILL GRAVES**
AP Sports Writer

Simone Biles is back. The gymnastics superstar plans to return to competition at the U.S. Classic outside Chicago in early August, her first event since the pandemic-delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

USA Gymnastics announced Wednesday that Biles, a seven-time Olympic medalist and the 2016 Olympic champion, is part of the women's field for the single-day event set for Aug. 5 at NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates.

Biles has taken most of the last two years off following her eventful stay in Japan in the summer of 2021, where her decision to remove herself from multiple events to focus on her mental health shifted the focus from the games themselves to the overall wellness of the athletes.

She served as a cheerleader as her American teammates won the team silver then sat out the all-around, vault and floor exercise finals she had qualified for while dealing with what is known as "the twisties" — a gymnastics term for when an athlete loses their spatial awareness when airborne.

Biles returned for the balance

beam final, where she won a bronze medal that tied Shannon Miller's record for most Olympic medals by an American female gymnast. She hinted at the Paris 2024 Olympics but only after taking a lengthy break.

The last two years have been a whirlwind of sorts. She headlined her post-Olympic tour in the fall of 2021 and married NFL player Jonathan Owens — now a defensive back for the Green Bay Packers — this spring.

The 26-year-old Biles has also become one of the most vocal advocates for athletes finding space to protect their mental health after her stand in Japan put the issue front and center. While the conversation around the subject is constantly evolving, Biles' return to the sport she dominated for nearly a decade suggests an athlete who wants to go out on her own terms.

The U.S. Classic is one of the marquee events on USA Gymnastics' annual calendar and typically serves as a warm-up of sorts for the national championships, this year scheduled for late August in San Jose.

Biles used the Classic as her comeback meet in 2018 following a two-year hiatus after her

record medals haul in Rio de Janeiro. It took her all of two hours to show she remained the gold standard in her sport, setting the stage for another spectacular run that included two more world all-around championships in 2018 and 2019 and three more national titles.

Things could be different this time around, in more ways than one.

Biles courted the spotlight during her run-up to Tokyo, becoming in many ways the face of the U.S. Olympic movement. She appears to be taking a more subdued approach with the Paris Games about a year away. She's kept her various social media channels almost entirely gymnastics-free, instead using them to highlight snippets of her personal life.

And for the first time since rising to stardom as a teenager in 2013, Biles won't have to shoulder the burden of being the standard bearer for the U.S. program.

Sunisa Lee, who won gold in the all-around final in Tokyo, will also be at the U.S. Classic after spending two years competing at Auburn, where she helped spearhead a massive uptick in interest in collegiate gymnastics.

Lee missed the second half

of her sophomore year with the Tigers while grappling with health issues but is eyeing a return to the Olympics not necessarily to defend her all-around title but to take another shot at gold on uneven bars, her signature event.

Lee placed third on bars in Tokyo, due in no small part to the attention she received in the immediate aftermath of becoming the fifth straight American woman to win the Olympic title.

Biles became adept at navigating the various demands of her time as her stardom rose. She appears to be plotting a more subdued path as she tries to make a third Olympic team, a rarity for an American female gymnast. Dominique Dawes (1992, 1996 and 2000) is the only U.S. woman in the last 50 years to be selected for three Olympic teams.

Then again, Biles is also competing at a time when it is becoming more commonplace for elite gymnasts to compete well into their 20s and beyond.

The easing of name, image and likeness rules at the NCAA level have allowed Lee and several other top Americans like Jade Carey, Jordan Chiles and Leanne Wong to not be forced to choose between competing collegiately

and cashing in on their Olympic success.

Carey, the 2020 Olympic champion on floor exercise and the 2022 world champion on vault, has spent the last two years at Oregon State. Chiles, who won a team silver in Tokyo and added three medals — including silvers on floor and vault — at the world championships last fall, has thrived at UCLA. Wong, the 2021 world championship silver medalist, has helped Florida reach the national finals each of the last two years.

They will all arrive in Chicago sharpened by having competed regularly since Tokyo.

Biles, by contrast, is in a different place. She's maintained since she left Japan that she wouldn't rush into any decision attempting to make a run at Paris, stressing all along that she would only return to the sport she dominated for so long because she wants to and not out of a sense of duty.

Registering for the Classic is but one step in several that she'll need to make over the next 14 months. The key for her will be to find the right balance that she mastered while experiencing the kind of crossover success reserved for select few Olympic champions.

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with 28 drafts with Boston, and Lou Lamoriello, who oversaw 27 with the New Jersey Devils, had more seasons as general manager of a single NHL team.

Poile, 73, finishes his career leading NHL GMs with 3,075 games and 1,533 wins combined with Washington and Nashville.

GM award

Jim Nill of Dallas took home the Jim Gregory General Manager of the Year award. The honor was announced during the first round.

Nill received 12 first-place votes and was named on 25 of 40 ballots, finishing with 91 points. Don Sweeney of Boston was second, tying Nill with 12 first-place votes and getting 83 points. Florida GM Bill Zito was third, followed by Tom Fitzgerald of New Jersey and Seattle's Ron Francis.

The Stars reached the Western Conference Final for the second time in four seasons and finished with 108 points. That was their highest total since 2015-16. Nill just marked 10 years in April since being hired as the Stars' general manager. He won this award for the first time after being third twice before.

Goalie apologies

First, Montreal goaltender Carey Price forgot the last name of the Canadiens' first selection at No. 5 overall and needed help finishing the selection of defenseman David Reinbacher.

Price apologized on social media, calling his gaffe "embarrassing."

Reinbacher called it a small shock.

"I guess they said it was a joke or something or it was planned," Reinbacher said. "I'm just happy to get picked by the Montreal organization."

Then a former goalie had his own issues. Pekka Rinne, who has his own statue in front of Bridgestone Arena for his Predators career, could

blame the loud crowd of fans on the plaza outside the draft.

Rinne joined Nashville captain Roman Josi in announcing the Predators' second draft selection of the first round at No. 24. Rinne had no issue with the first name of Trevor, only to pause before saying Molendyk. Rinne made sure to apologize to Molendyk personally later.

Family connections

Two players selected in the first round have fathers who played in the NHL, and defenseman Oliver Bonk and forward Gabriel Perreault wound up going back-to-back.

Philadelphia took Bonk at No. 22. His father, Radek, was a first-round pick by Ottawa at No. 3 overall in 1994. They became the seventh father-and-son duo each selected in the first round of a draft over the last five years.

Perreault followed in a serious family tradition when the New York Rangers took him at No. 23. His father Yanic played 14 seasons from 1993-94 to 2007-08, and his brother Jacob was the 27th pick overall in the 2020 draft by Anaheim.

International flavor

The NHL keeps looking around the world for talent, and teams selected 14 players born outside North America in the first round. That's a small dip from the 17 taken a year ago.

Canada led all countries with 13 first-rounders, followed by Sweden with six and the United States with five.

He said it

Left wing Zach Benson, the 13th selection by Buffalo, was asked if he had done any karaoke while in Music City. He made clear he's not a good singer, but he knows the song he'd choose if forced onto a stage.

"I'd have to say 'Tequila' because it's only one word," Benson said.

NHL, players unveil inclusion plans to make hockey more diverse

By **STEPHEN WHYNO**
AP Hockey Writer

The NHL and NHLPA launched an inclusion committee Tuesday, looking to men's and women's players with minority and LGBTQ+ representation to help diversify hockey and make the sport more welcoming.

The NHL Player Inclusion Coalition is the latest step in a process started in the summer of 2020, when the police killing of George Floyd led to a worldwide reckoning on matters of race. It also comes on the heels of Pride night incidents around the league, when a handful of players refused to wear rainbow-colored jerseys for warmups, prompting the league to drop all plans for teams to wear any themed uniforms.

"It's no secret that this is a sport that struggles with diversity and inclusion sometimes," retired U.S. star Meghan Duggan said at an event in Nashville, Tennessee. "That's why this group is here: to continue to push, to continue to make recommendations, to continue to have players step up and be public allies."

Duggan, who is openly gay, is one of 20 members of the coalition chaired by former NHL players P.K. Subban and Anson Carter,

each of whom is Black. Duggan, now the New Jersey Devils' director of player development, said she wants to help a sport that has sometimes been slow to respond to social change.

"Ignorance is just not an excuse anymore," Duggan said. "We have so many resources at our fingertips to understand: 'What is the terminology for the queer community? What is the acronym? What are different, politically correct ways to address certain groups?' The education is out there for people to understand, not necessarily exactly how to relate to someone from a marginalized community, but just how they can be an ally."

The coalition will start with \$1 million to use for contributions to grassroots programs, education and other special projects. Duggan called the group, which also includes current national women's players Sarah Nurse (Canada) and Abby Roque (U.S.), "action focused" and not just one that holds meetings to complain.

That action means not only donating money to underserved communities but going to them and showing why hockey is for them. It's a task that could take a generation to bear fruit, so kids and families

are a focus.

"We have to make it a safe and nurturing environment for the parents to understand that it's a safe place to put their kids," said former player Jamal Mayers, who's part of the group. "If they don't think it's a safe, nurturing place, you're certainly not going to allow your kid to go into that avenue, so it's important and incumbent upon the league as leaders of the sport to make sure that they're creating an environment that's safe and nurturing, so that parents feel like, 'OK there's an opportunity.'"

Some of the work also happens at the professional level.

Duggan said an important first step three years ago was educating executives on the need for minority and women's representation in front offices, and meetings since then have centered around racial incidents in the minors and Pride nights. Specifically, Duggan said she and fellow coalition member Mark Fraser spoke to Toronto Maple Leafs players about Pride issues.

"I've been happy with some of the progress we've seen," Duggan said. "I think we all know that there's a long way to go, but steps are being taken."

The Hockey Diversity

Alliance did not have any immediate comment. The HDA was established outside the league's umbrella by current and former NHL players of color in 2020 to speak out against racism and intolerance, and with a mission to open up hockey to minorities.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the goal of the coalition was to "provide the NHL with insights regarding equality and inclusivity that only the players can give us." NHLPA executive director Marty Walsh expects the coalition to "continue to do some amazing things for young people" all across North America.

"Hockey players deserve a world without doubt to know that hockey's for them," Carter said.

The announcement came a day after league MVP Connor McDavid said he was disappointed by the NHL's decision to drop Pride jerseys, Duggan shared that sentiment and said she and the group would try to work forward rather than just be mad about the move.

"We're not going to roll over and not celebrate Pride nights and not welcome that community into hockey," she said. "We're just going to do an even bigger event."

Tennessee State ready to make history as the 1st HBCU to add ice hockey

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE — Tennessee State University for so long has been best known in athletics as the place where Olympic gold medalist Wilma Rudolph and the Tigerbelle made track history and produced NFL talent like Super Bowl champ Ed "Too Tall" Jones.

Now the university that's also the alma mater of Oprah Winfrey is taking a big step as the first historically Black college and university to introduce ice hockey.

The school on Wednesday announced plans to have a men's team playing at the club level in 2024, with a goal of fielding Division I men's and women's teams "in the near future."

"It is our hope that while TSU is the first HBCU to

start an ice hockey program, we certainly won't be the last," university president Glenda Glover said at a news conference before the NHL draft.

The Tennessee State program has been created in partnership with the National Hockey League, the National Hockey League Players' Association and the Nashville Predators. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman sat in the front row for the news conference at Bridgestone Arena, which is 4 miles from TSU.

Athletic director Mikki Allen said the program will help diversify hockey with a partnership helping embrace inclusivity and diversity. Allen noted TSU has a full complement of other sports including a football program currently coached by former NFL star Eddie George.

Now they will use TSU's history, Nashville and this partnership to grow hockey from the ground up, and Allen believes the Tigers will be attractive to recruits nationally. The mighty Southeastern Conference has many members who field club hockey teams.

"I want the next P.K. Subban, I want the next Ryan Reaves, the next Willie O'Ree," Allen said.

Since 2017, the NHL and the players' union have sponsored feasibility studies for U.S. colleges and universities interested in exploring the addition of Division I men's and women's programs.

Sean Henry, president of the Predators, said they were talking about helping raise \$1 million in scholarship funds in a month when the subject turned to ice hockey in January 2020. He said the announcement

gives him goose bumps thinking of how this could change hockey.

The next step will be the women's team, then getting to Division I for both teams. The first team will practice at one of the rinks opened and operated by the Predators in recent years around Nashville.

"And 10, 20, 30 years from now, my kids or grandkids are going to look at this and say: 'Wow! Look what we did right here in Nashville,'" Henry said. "It's pretty exciting."

Tennessee State is following a trend of HBCUs adding sports outside their more traditional offerings of football, men's and women's basketball and men's and women's track and field. Earlier this year, The Associated Press contacted 46 Division I and

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D-II HBCUs and five conference offices about the trend. Twenty schools responded, saying they had added at least 42 NCAA championship or emerging sports since 2016, including at least 32 sports since 2020 alone.

In 2022-23, Fisk University became the first HBCU to offer women's gymnastics. Morgan State will become the only HBCU offering Division I men's wrestling this coming school year. Glover said this is part of TSU's

commitment to provide new opportunities to areas where students had limited or no access.

Anson Carter, the former NHL player announced Tuesday as a co-chair of the new Player Inclusion Coalition aimed at diversifying hockey, played collegiately at Michigan State. The Toronto native, who is Black, said he would've looked closely at the chance to play at an HBCU for the cultural opportunity.

"To have the ability to even open up the HBCU in the hockey space ... it really is a game-changer for young kids playing hockey in the United States and Canada," Carter said.

Former NFL QB among 10 dead from rip currents off Gulf Coast

By **FREIDA FRISARO**
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A firefighter from Georgia and two fathers who drowned while trying to save their children are among at least 10 recent victims of dangerous rip currents along Gulf of Mexico beaches stretching across Florida's Panhandle to Mobile, Alabama.

Many of the deaths happened on days with double red flags — which are posted at beach entrances and on lifeguard stations to warn beachgoers of potential rip currents. Since mid-June, there have been six deaths around Panama City Beach in Florida.

Nearby, in Destin, Florida, ex-NFL quarterback Ryan Mallett, 35, drowned Tuesday, but local officials said rip currents weren't observed — and that day, yellow caution flags, not double red flags, were flying at the beach.

Three people drowned off the coast of Alabama between June 20 and June 23, according to the Gulf Shores Police Department.

The Gulf of Mexico's white sandy beaches are a draw for tourists, and as the busy Fourth of July holiday approaches, officials are hoping beachgoers will take extra precaution.

"I'm beyond frustrated at the situation that we have with tragic and unnecessary deaths in the Gulf," Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford wrote in a Facebook post, accompanied by an aerial view that shows deep trenches that rip currents dug into the shoreline along Panama City Beach. "I have watched while deputies, firefighters and lifeguards have risked their lives to save strangers. I have seen strangers die trying to save their children and loved ones, including two fathers on Father's Day."

Ford says his deputies have been cursed at as they've tried to warn visitors of the "life-threatening dangers" in the Gulf of Mexico. He said deputies have handed out \$500 fines when they've seen people in the water during double red flag days.

"We don't have the resources or time to cite every single person that enters the water but we do our absolute best to use it as a deterrent to entering the water," Ford said, explaining that an arrest is only authorized upon a second offense, unless the person resists law enforcement.

The sheriff notes there is only so much local officials can do, so he's asking tourists and residents to pay close attention to the flag status at the beach. "Personal responsibility is the only way to ensure that no one else dies," he wrote.

That message is echoed by Greg Dusek, a senior scientist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's ocean service unit. He said that people can't always see the deep channels on the shoreline

caused by rip currents, or even tell how dangerous conditions are by the weather.

"Waves can happen when there's a storm where you are, but they can also happen from storms far away," Dusek said. "It can be a really nice day at the beach, beautiful, not even much wind. But you have swells coming in from storms hundreds of miles away potentially, and those waves are big enough to drive in rip currents."

Those are the days that officials often see higher numbers of water rescues and drownings.

"That's why I think one of the big messages needs to be: Understand the flag system for the beach you are going to, and follow that guidance," he said.

A rip current is a powerful, narrow channel of water flowing away from the beach and often extending through the breaker zone where waves form. They can emerge on sunny days, and can quickly sweep even the strongest swimmer out to sea.

"A rip current, basically, is water likes to go downhill. When breaking waves hit the shore, they get pushed up the beach," said Daniel Noah, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Ruskin, Florida. "It's trying to find the easiest way to get back into the water. And it finds these rip current channels and it can rapidly move back into the Gulf or the ocean."

"The movement of water has a lot of force," he added. "It's dangerous for kids, it's dangerous for adults, it's dangerous for vehicles."

While the popular Shark Week documentaries and the movie "Jaws" may have etched the fear of sharks into many beachgoers, drownings caused by rip currents claim many more lives. For example, in 2022 there were 108 documented shark bites of all types on humans worldwide, according to the International Shark File at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Of those, Florida accounted for 16 bites, all nonfatal, among the 41 in the U.S. There was one fatality in Hawaii.

Meanwhile, through June 24, 2023, NOAA statistics show 55 deaths related to rip currents in the U.S. The seven deaths in Panama City Beach came between June 15 and 24.

"Even if there are red flags flying, people look at the water and say, 'Oh, I've been in waves that big before. It doesn't look that dangerous,'" Dusek said.

"Many times people don't think about it, and they're caught off guard by the risk," he said. "I guess that's natural human mentality. You get to the beach, you just want to have a good time with your family. You're not necessarily thinking about what can go wrong."



Jimmie Johnson's in-laws were found shot dead in Oklahoma, according to officials.

Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images

Jimmie Johnson's in-laws found shot to death

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — Police in Muskogee, Oklahoma, confirmed Tuesday they are investigating the shooting deaths of three relatives of seven-time NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson.

The bodies of Jack Janway, 69; his wife Terry Janway, 68; and their grandson Dalton Janway, 11, were discovered Monday at a home in Muskogee, located about 50 miles (80 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa,

Muskogee police spokesperson Lynn Hamlin said. Hamlin said investigators believe Terry Janway shot and killed her husband and grandson before shooting herself.

Police responded to the home after a woman called 911 to report a disturbance with a gun before hanging up, Hamlin said.

When police arrived on the scene, they found one person near the front door of the home and then heard

a gunshot from further inside, where officers later found two other people dead, Hamlin said. Hamlin confirmed the three are the parents and nephew of Johnson's wife, Chandra Janway.

Johnson's race team, Legacy Motor Club, announced on Twitter it was withdrawing his No. 84 Carvana Chevrolet from this weekend's NASCAR Cup Series event in Chicago. The team added:

"The Johnson family has asked for privacy at this time and no further statements will be made."

"We are saddened by the tragic deaths of members of Chandra Johnson's family," NASCAR said in a statement. "The entire NASCAR family extends its deepest support and condolences during this difficult time to Chandra, Jimmie and the entire Johnson & Janway families."

Ledecky dazzles again with another dominant national performance

By **PAUL NEWBERRY**
AP National Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Katie Ledecky joined an elite club Tuesday night, earning her sixth trip to the world championships with a dominating victory in the 800-meter freestyle at the U.S. nationals.

Ledecky was under her own world-record pace for much of the race before settling for the victory in 8 minutes, 7.07 seconds — her third-fastest time in the grueling event, which she has dominated over her long career with the 30 fastest times in history.

She was clearly pleased with the performance, flashing a thumbs-up and a defiant shake of the head when she turned and spotted the time.

Ledecky will head to Fukuoka, Japan, next month as only the sixth U.S. swimmer to make the world championships for the sixth time, joining Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, Natalie Coughlin, Elizabeth Beisel and Nathan Adrian.

No one else was even close to Ledecky. When she touched the wall, the closest swimmer was more

than a half-lap behind.

Seventeen-year-old Jillian Cox claimed the second spot on the worlds team in a major surprise. She finished in 8:20.28 — more than 13 seconds behind the winner.

Ledecky didn't seem the least bit surprised by the performance, which was her fastest showing since the world record of 8:04.79 she set at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games.

Next month in Fukuoka, Ledecky will attempt to become the first swimmer ever to win the same event at six world championships. She's already the first to claim five consecutive titles, having started her streak of 800 triumphs a decade ago at the worlds in Barcelona.

"I've been feeling good," Ledecky said. "I thought I would be pretty good tonight. I didn't expect a world record or anything. But felt I could be at least what I was last summer at worlds (when she won her fifth straight 800 title in 8:08.04). I'm really pleased with that. And really pleased with how it felt, as well."

At age 26, Ledecky

shows no sign of slowing down — even though she's been on top of the world in distance freestyle swimming since her surprising gold medal at the 2012 London Olympics.

Next summer in Paris, she'll be expected to add to an already impressive haul of seven gold medals and three silvers at the last three Olympics. Her medal record at worlds is downright staggering: 19 gold medals and three silvers.

Ledecky seems rejuvenated by her move to Florida after the Tokyo Olympics to join a training group led by coach Anthony Nesty.

"Training's been great. Just every day, chipping away and putting in really good work," she said. "Of course, there are ups and downs and days that makes you a little worried. But Coach Nesty always knows how to calm me down."

In other finals on the first night of nationals:

— Defending Olympic champion Bobby Finke broke a nearly 15-year-old U.S. Open record with a winning time of 14:42.81

in the men's 1,500 free. Charlie Clark claimed the second spot for Fukuoka in 14:50.84.

— Regan Smith cruised to victory in the women's 200 butterfly at 2:05.79, with Sun Devil Swimming teammate Lindsay Looney also earning a trip to worlds at 2:07.35.

— Carson Foster claimed the men's 200 fly title in 1:54.32, while 16-year-old Thomas Heilman established himself as a rising star in an event Michael Phelps long dominated by rallying to take the second spot in 1:54.54.

— Olympic medalists Kate Douglass and Abby Weitzeil went 1-2 in the women's 100 free to punch their tickets for Fukuoka. Douglass won with a time of 52.57, followed by Weitzeil at 53.11.

— After defending Olympic champion Caeleb Dressel flopped in the men's 100 free prelims, the finals were wide open. Jack Alexy took the title in 47.93, while Chris Guiliano surprisingly claimed the second worlds spot from lane one in 47.98.

Olympics boss vows Paris Games will be safe

By **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

SAINT-DENIS, France — What was shaping up as a regular workday turned out to be anything but for the organizers of France's first summer Olympic Games in a century.

French anti-corruption police raided their bustling Olympic headquarters on the outskirts of Paris, arriving unannounced and accompanied by a magistrate from a French financial crimes prosecution unit that has made a habit of going after sports' rogues.

This time, they were

zeroing in on twenty or so of the many hundreds of business contracts that Olympic organizers have signed as they race to prepare the French capital for 10,500 athletes and millions of spectators next year. The investigators were hunting for documents and information as they dig into suspicions of favoritism, conflicts of interest, and misuse of some of the billions of euros (dollars) being sunk into the Paris Games that open July 26, 2024.

Tony Estanguet, a former Olympic canoeing star with gold medals from

the 2000, 2004 and 2012 Games, was at work in the Olympic HQ when police came knocking last week. The trim 45-year-old is the face and chief organizer of the Paris Games, presiding over a rapidly growing workforce whose preparations were progressing largely smoothly before investigators arrived with a judge's warrant.

"It's the first time this has happened to us, so we were surprised," Estanguet says. "We said, 'Yes, of course, take all the information you need.'"

"I am cooperating. There will surely be other

stages. We'll surely have to reply to more questions. There will be more checks right up to the end, perhaps even after the Games," he acknowledges. "So I am ready for that and I know that it is part of this kind of adventure. We'll be inspected intensely, criticized hugely."

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, the Paris 2024 president vigorously defended colleagues whose homes also were searched. The two senior organizing committee executives for now

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NFL preparing to hit several players for gambling violations

By **MICHAEL MAROT**
AP Sports Writer

The NFL is finalizing disciplinary action against more players for gambling violations, including Indianapolis Colts defensive back Isaiah Rodgers Sr., two people familiar with the plans told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because an official announcement won't be made until later this week.

A year-long suspension would be consistent with other punishments handed down for similar violations.

A spokesman for the Colts declined comment. Rodgers' agent didn't respond to a message seeking comment Wednesday.

The first indication Rodgers was involved came when a website that covers sports wagering, sportshandle.com, reported in

early June that an unidentified Colts player had been involved with "pervasive" betting. The report said the player placed "hundreds" of bets, some on the Colts.

Rodgers later responded to the report on Twitter.

"Addressing the current reports, I want to take full responsibility for my actions," he wrote. "I know I have made mistakes and I am willing to do whatever it takes to repair the situation. The last thing I ever wanted to do was to be a distraction to the Colts organization, my coaches and my teammates. I've let people down that I care about.

"I made an error in judgment and I am going to work hard to make sure that those mistakes are rectified through this process. It's an honor to play in the NFL and I have never taken that lightly. I am very sorry for all of this."

But Rodgers isn't the only player being punished for violating the league's gambling policy, which bars players, coaches, league and team officials from betting on NFL games, placing bets at team facilities or team hotels or having someone else place a bet for them, among other restrictions.

The other players have not yet been identified.

With many states legalizing sports books specifically and gambling in general, leagues such as the NFL must increasingly contend with gambling infractions.

In April, the NFL suspended five players, four of them with the Detroit Lions, for gambling infractions. The Lions released three players — receivers Quintez Cephus and Stanley Berryhill and safety C.J. Moore. Cephus and Moore were suspended indefi-

nately for betting on NFL games while Berryhill and receiver Jameson Williams each drew six-game suspensions for betting on non-NFL games.

Williams, the No. 12 overall pick in the 2022 draft, remains on Detroit's roster.

Washington Commanders defensive end Shaka Toney also received an indefinite suspension in April for betting on NFL games, and in 2022 the NFL gave then-Atlanta Falcons receiver Calvin Ridley a season-long suspension for betting. He was reinstated in March and now plays for Jacksonville.

Losing Rodgers would be a big blow to a Colts secondary already under reconstruction. He was projected to be a starter this season, his fourth in the NFL, and the former UMass star was expected to add a veteran voice in a young position room.

Indy lost veteran safety Rodney McLeod in free agency, traded cornerback Stephon Gilmore to Dallas and moved Julian Blackmon from free safety to strong safety this offseason. The Colts also took four defensive backs in the draft. Fifth-round pick Daniel Scott, a safety, will miss the entire season after tearing his anterior cruciate ligament this month in practice.

But Rodgers still has the support of his friends and teammates.

"I have just given him words of encouragement," starting cornerback Kenny Moore II said. "I mean it's the same thing you would tell a brother who was going through something — you would give him a hand, you would tell him you'll be there for him, so stay strong. You would do all you can to make sure he perseveres."

Rapinoe's role is evolving as U.S. preps for Women's World Cup

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
AP Sports Writer

CARSON, Calif. — Megan Rapinoe's role is changing as the United States prepares for the Women's World Cup.

The outspoken 37-year-old known for her Easter egg hair colors and the iconic victory pose she struck at the 2019 World Cup is the oldest player on the team now, so change was inevitable heading into the tournament that opens next month in Australia and New Zealand.

"She certainly is going to have different types of minutes. But her role, first from the leadership standpoint is so important, but also her performance on the field is very valuable for us," said coach Vlatko Andonovski.

Rapinoe has been nursing an apparent calf injury she suffered on June 10 while playing for her club team, OL Reign, in the National Women's Soccer League. But she's not expecting it to hold her back.

"It was quite minor, not amazing tim-

ing, but such is life for an athlete. It's nothing I'm worried about for the start of the tournament," Rapinoe said Tuesday at the team's media day. "We have a little bit of time and we'll have quite a bit of time down in New Zealand before we actually get going. I'm feeling good, training is going well and looking forward to getting back out there."

Rapinoe, whose hair is a bright teal blue now, hasn't played for the Reign since the injury, likely out of caution. Her Reign teammate, midfielder Rose Lavelle, has also been held out since April because of a knee injury.

When he announced his roster for the World Cup last week, Andonovski said he expects both Rapinoe and Lavelle to play when the United States hosts Wales in San Jose on July 9, before the team departs for its camp in New Zealand.

Rapinoe has long been a critical part of the team.

At the 2019 World Cup in France,

Rapinoe scored six goals over the course of the tournament, including a penalty in a 2-0 victory over the Netherlands in the final. She also finished with three assists and claimed the Golden Boot and the Golden Ball for the best overall player.

Rapinoe first played for the U.S. senior team in 2006. She has won two Women's World Cup titles and an Olympic gold medal with the United States. She also took home the Ballon d'Or and the Best FIFA Women's Player awards — the game's top individual honors — for her play in 2019.

Last year, she was awarded the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"First, she's an amazing player, so on the field you already know where the level needs to be and stuff like that. And off the field, she's so funny and makes me feel comfortable even though like I'm so young and she's, like, much older than me," said forward Alyssa Thompson, at 18 the youngest player on the roster.

"She just makes me feel like I'm supposed to be here, too. Her not treating me differently and just like keeping that high energy makes me feel really comfortable and like happy in the environment," Thompson added.

The U.S. squad will need Rapinoe's experience and leadership. The team has 14 players on the roster who are making their World Cup debuts. The United States kicks off the tournament in Auckland with a match against Vietnam on July 21.

"It's obviously a little different but the vibe is still the same," Rapinoe said. "Just wanting to constantly strive for whatever the next thing is. This is not a team that does any resting on its laurels, it's always about the next game, the next type of progress we can make, the next thing we can fight for, where we can use our platform and how we continue on the field to be the absolutely best team that we possibly can."

Are US Women vulnerable in chase for 3rd World Cup title?

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
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Even without a few key players, the United States heads into the Women's World Cup with a formidable group of wily veterans and eager newcomers.

The question is, will it be enough for the team to lift international soccer's most prestigious trophy again?

The United States has won the last two World Cups and the goal is to three-peat. But American dominance in women's soccer isn't assured anymore.

Teams like England and France have caught up, Germany and Sweden remain strong, and then there's that rival to the north, Canada, which won gold at the Tokyo Olympics.

The growth of women's soccer globally means greater parity. And that means the United States has had to adapt.

"There's so many leagues around the world that are paying players more, that are playing more often throughout the season, and that are treating players in a professional way that we've been fighting for a long time, so I think that that has a lot to do with it," star forward Alex Morgan said.

The Americans look far different now that they did four years ago, when they beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the World Cup final and fans in Lyon, France, feted them with

chants of "Equal Pay!"

The players did indeed achieve equitable pay with their male counterparts, coming to a historic collective bargaining agreement with U.S. Soccer in 2022. As part of the deal, the men and women on the national teams will split World Cup prize money.

On the field, the team settled for a disappointing bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics two summers ago. Afterward, U.S. coach Vlatko Andonovski turned his attention to developing young talent.

Among the youngsters is 18-year-old phenom Alyssa Thompson and up-and-comer Trinity Rodman, the 20-year-old daughter of former NBA star Dennis Rodman.

There's also Sophia Smith, who has made a quick ascent with the national team and with her club, the Portland Thorns of the National Women's Soccer League. Just 22, she was named NWSL Most Valuable Player and U.S. Soccer's Player of the Year last year.

Smith was left off the roster for the Tokyo Games. Andonovski said it was a tough conversation when he let her know his decision, but he's been impressed with how she responded.

"She had to face some adversity, she had to face some tough times. I know I've

had some tough conversations with her, but from every conversation and every moment she just rose above and was better," Andonovski said. "Every time it seemed like she had a setback or she had a tough moment, she took it as an opportunity to grow and get better and that's why she's where she's at now. She performs very well. We're very happy with where she's at, but I don't think we've seen the best of Sophia Smith."

Two other young players who were also part of Andonovski's plans for the future, Catarina Macario and Mallory Swanson, won't join the team in Australia and New Zealand because of injuries.

Swanson, 25, was the team's top scorer this year before she injured the patellar tendon in her left knee during an exhibition match against Ireland in early April.

Macario, 23, tore an ACL last year while playing for the French club Lyon. She tried to recover in time — she was even treated in Qatar at Aspetar, one of the world's leading orthopedic hospitals — but ultimately time ran out on her return.

Arguably the biggest absence for the United States is captain Becky Sauerbrunn, who announced that a right foot injury suffered in April will keep her out of the World Cup.

Sauerbrunn, 38, has played in three

World Cups and three Olympics. She is more than just the anchor of the team's backline: She led the fight for equal pay and has acted as a moral compass, often speaking out on social justice issues.

The United States, which has won four World Cup titles overall, most of any nation, will play in Group E next month along with Vietnam, the Netherlands and Portugal. The tournament as a whole kicks off July 20, but the U.S. doesn't play until July 22 in Auckland against Vietnam.

The Americans will play their group stage matches in New Zealand. Should they top the group, they'll travel to Sydney for the Round of 16.

There is still also a statement to be made: While the team has won its fight for equality at home, now players are advocating for the movement to go global.

"I'm really proud of being on this national team for the last 12-13 years and fighting for not only ourselves, but for the future of this sport, both in the U.S. and globally," Morgan said. "And as much as we can support other athletes as well in their fight, we will. I think that all of that combined is going to create just an incredibly special World Cup that people will be talking about for a long time."

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now face no allegations and are being looked at because they were involved in business decisions, Estanguet says. "There's no question of envisaging" their resignation "for the moment," he adds.

Estanguet insists that the two financial probes of Paris Games contract awards bear no comparison with corruption and ethics scandals that have for decades dogged the Olympic movement and its flagship money-spinning event, including the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and Rio de Janeiro's bribery-plagued Games of 2016.

"It's unfair to say that we're like the others," he says. "Unfortunately, things went off course in the past

and I think we're all being lumped together a bit, although I can tell you that we're being very careful and everyone here has to be very careful because there is no room for error."

In the hour-long AP interview, Estanguet also addressed other issues crucial to the success of the first Olympics to host spectators again after the COVID-19 pandemic:

— Security preparations for the groundbreaking opening ceremony on July 26 will turn Paris into "the safest place in the world," he boldly predicts. Instead of a traditional stadium ceremony, Paris intends to showcase its iconic monuments with a waterborne extravaganza on a 6-kilometer (3 1/2-mile) stretch of the cleaned-up River Seine.

Hundreds of thousands of spectators will mostly watch for free in the heart of the French capital, where

Islamic extremists attacked twice in 2015, killing 147 people, including outside the national stadium.

"If you want to be safe, come to Paris for the opening ceremony," Estanguet says.

— With just a year to go, Paris still has a lot of unfinished work, and that's fine, he says. "There are lots of things that aren't ready. But that's normal. I used to be a top-level athlete. It's never good to be ready a year beforehand ... You have to be ready on gameday and arrive with the feeling that you're not quite ready. That way you fight, cling on, give everything to really be at your best," he says.

The probes led by France's financial prosecution service — the first opened in 2017, the second in 2022 — threaten to hang over organizers for the duration of the July-August Olympics and the

Paralympic Games that follow into September. Investigators expect to spend months sifting through documents recovered in their searches of the Paris 2024 offices, the homes of Etienne Thobois, its director general, and Edouard Donnelly, executive director of operations. They also searched the HQ of the company delivering Olympic infrastructure, Solideo, and homes of some of its staff, according to a judicial official with knowledge of the investigations who wasn't authorized to discuss them publicly.

The official said the Paris court that would hear any case, if the prosecutors' probes get that far, also has no room on its calendar to hold a trial before September 2024.

Investigators do not suspect that bribes were paid or received, drawing a sharp distinction with

the corruption probes that ensnared Tokyo and Rio, the official said. Instead, two police units that fight financial criminality are investigating about 20 Olympic-related contracts — some worth less than 1 million euros — for suspected violations of French laws governing conflicts of interest, contract dealings and use of public funds, the official said.

Estanguet acknowledges that with an event so big and costly, it's a constant battle to keep tabs on everyone working to make it happen.

He detailed multiple layers of internal and external checks, including continuous scrutiny by state auditors, that he and other Olympic organizers work under in dealing with service providers and in handling their budget of 4.38 billion euros (US\$4.8 billion) — one of the largest

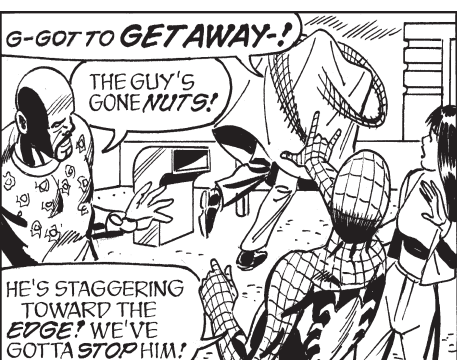
chunks of the overall Paris Games spending approaching 9 billion euros. Paris 2024 says it has signed contracts with more than 1,500 companies so far.

No Paris 2024 employee awards contracts alone, "the decision is always collective," Estanguet says.

"From the outset, we've been very careful because we know we're watched and we know we're accountable. And vis-à-vis the French, we have this duty to be exemplary. Me, I have my image," says the former athlete who at the opening ceremony of the 2008 Beijing Olympics was chosen to carry France's tricolor flag.

"I believe in sport. It changed my life. I want to show that sport will change this country and that sport will be a success. And I don't want this adventure to be remembered as having been badly managed."

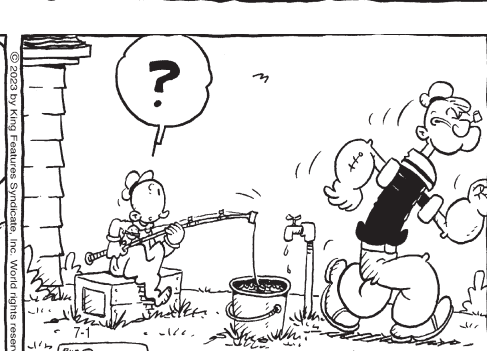
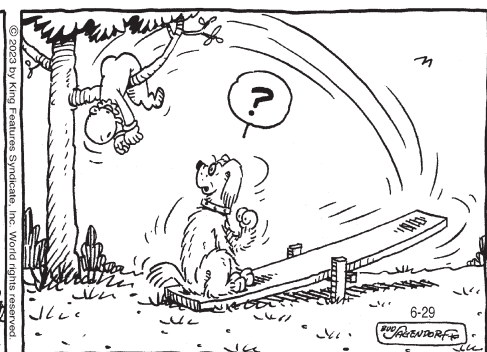
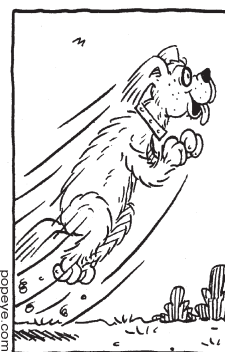
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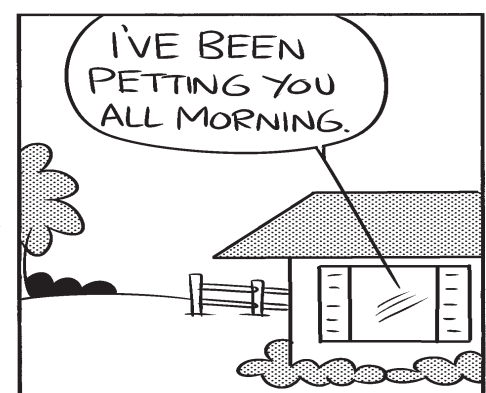


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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Donzella Anderson Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 13 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Donzella Anderson who died 12/29/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/13/2023
Terry Anderson, Administrator
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Jake Hubbell, Attorney for the Estate (June 24 & July 1, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Reba Ann Sanders Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 12 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Reba Ann Sanders who died 3/29/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/12/2023
Lee Ann Richardson & Lawanna Fisher, Co-Executors
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Kirk D Catron Attorney (June 24 & July 1, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Neal Gary Mathews Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 16 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Neal Gary Mathews

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who died 5/29/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/16/2023
Joseph Walter Stovall, Jr., Executor
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Attorney for the Estate (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Carl Edward Gysler Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Carl Edward Gysler who died 5/5/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/20/2023
Rebecca Gysler, Administratrix
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Megan K. Trott, Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Donald Kevin Mosier Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Donald Kevin Mosier who died 5/10/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file

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the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/20/2023
Justin Tyler Perry, Administrator
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Trisha L. Henegar, Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of James Kenneth Cooper Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 20 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of James Kenneth Cooper who died 6/8/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/20/2023
Barry D Cooper & Gary K Cooper, Co-Executors
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Joe M. Lambert, Jr., Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Janie Elizabeth Molder Deceased

Notice is hereby given that on June 15 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Janie Elizabeth Molder who died 6/8/2023 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the date the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/15/2023
Charles L. Rich, Judge (July 1, 8 & 15, 2023)

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may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors, if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 6/15/2023
Teresa Molder Wheeler & Karen Molder Harris, Co-Executors
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Anthony W Harris, Attorney (July 1 & 8, 2023)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT FOR BEDFORD COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT SHELBYVILLE CASE NO. 2023-JV-863

GLENN AND DONNA JOHNSON, Petitioner, vs. TONI HARDIMAN (Mother) Respondent. IN THE MATTER OF: KIMORIA HARDIMAN, d.o.b. 01/03/2011, RAE-CHELLE HARDIMAN, d.o.b. 12/04/2015, Minor Child Under Eighteen (18) Years of Age PUBLICATION ORDER

UPON sworn request of the Petitioners who have filed an action for Guardianship and Custody for the minor children, Kimoria Hardiman and Rae-chelle Hardiman, and for good cause shown, it is HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:
1. The residence of Respondent, Toni Hardiman, is unknown, and after diligent inquiry, cannot be ascertained.
2. Petitioners have conducted a diligent inquiry for Respondent, Toni Hardiman as presented to this court with particularity in Petitioners' sworn petition or affidavit.
3. The best possible notice under the circumstances and notice reasonably calculated to give Respondent actual notice is by publication in the Shelbyville Times-Gazette, a newspaper located in Shelbyville, Tennessee, or another paper of general circulation located in that geographic area, as provided by law.
ENTERED this 5th day of June, 2023.
CHARLES L. RICH, Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:
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(July 1, 8 & 15, 2023)

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The Wartrace Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold a special called meeting on Monday, July 10 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting at the Wartrace Community Center is being held to interview candidates for the Town Recorder position. All meetings are open to the public.
(July 1, 2023)

Bedford County Board of Commissioners Commissioner Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Bedford County Historic Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Courtroom
Call to Order: Chairman, Mayor Chad D. Graham
Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Jason Boyette

Open Meeting: Sheriff Austin Swing
Roll Call: County Clerk Donna Thomas
Minutes Approval:
1. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2023 - Placed on the agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee.

2. Approval of Special Called Commission Meeting Minutes from June 29, 2023 - Placed on agenda without a recommendation by Rules & Legislative Committee.
Elections & Confirmations:
3. Elect Notaries for August 2023 - Placed on agenda by Rules & Legislative Committee.

Presentations: None.
Resolutions:
4. Resolution No. 24-8 Bedford County Corridor Study Transportation Planning Grant-Placed on agenda by Rules & Legislative Committee (4-0).
Additional Items by Standing Committees:
Rules and Legislative Committee:
5. Temporary Public Comment Guidelines - Pursuant to State of Tennessee Public Chapters 213 and 300 effective July 1, 2023, a governing body shall, for each public meeting, reserve a period for public comment on matters that are germane to the items on the agenda for the meeting.

6. Consideration of Petition from Bedford Market, Sunchaser's Market, and Halls Mill Market to Reduce the 2,000 Foot Distance Rule to Zero Footage Distance from a Church, School, or Public Gathering Place to Sell Beer.
Law Enforcement Committee: None.
Courthouse and Property Committee: None.
Financial Management Committee:
7. Spectrum Contract

8. Surplus Property - BOE
Other Business:
9. Q3 Reports
Clerk & Master
Circuit Court Clerk/
Driving School Director
County Clerk
Director of Schools
Election Registrar
Hwy Superintendent
Property Assessor
Registrar of Deeds
Trustee

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Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership
Announcements
Adjourn
Chad D. Graham,
Bedford County Mayor
Accommodations
Persons with a disability who wish to request a special accommodation to participate in the Public Meeting should notify Suzanne Alexander at least one (1) business day prior to the Meeting at (931) 684-7944 or email your request to suzanne.alexander@bedford-countytn.gov to discuss accommodations. Every reasonable effort will be made to meet your need.
(July 1, 2023)

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Bedford County Planning Commission Agenda July 6, 2023 Bedford County Historic Courthouse

1 Public Square, suite 200 at 7:00PM
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
1.Roll Call.
2.Old Business:
A.Recommendation to approve the proposed Subdivision Regulations Amendments, a Public Hearing having been held on 6/27/2023.
B. A vote to recommend the termination of the 6-month moratorium on new major subdivisions, approved by a resolution of the County Commission on February 14th, 2022.
Adjourn
(July 1, 2023)

Noteworthy July Fourth celebrations across the United States

July Fourth is a day of celebration across the United States. The Fourth of July commemorates American independence and millions of people throughout the country celebrate the day with family and friends.

Communities host their own celebrations on July Fourth. Some celebrations are relatively simple, while others are must-see events for any patriot. The following are some of the more noteworthy Fourth of July celebrations that will entertain millions in person or on television this year.

• Washington, D.C.: It should come as no surprise that the capital of the United States hosts an especially awe-inspiring Fourth of July celebration. In addition to a concert featuring well-known musical acts on the National Mall, the festivities in the nation's capital are marked by a fireworks extravaganza that will impress anyone seeking a unique way to celebrate the holiday.

• Boston: Estimates suggest roughly half a million individuals take in the Fourth of July festivities in Boston. A hotbed of patriotism during the American Revolutionary War, Boston embraces that spirit each July with a celebration on the city's Charles River. The Boston celebration spans two days and includes a popular performance by the Boston Pops.

• Philadelphia: Another city with deep ties to the American Revolutionary War, Philadelphia celebrates the nation's independence against the backdrop of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, which is one of the city's more notable and recognizable buildings. Individuals along both sides of the Delaware River can view the impressive fireworks display.

• San Diego: Notable celebrations of American independence are not exclusive to the eastern portion of the country. The Big Bay Boom fireworks over San Diego Bay can inspire any patriot, while across the bay on the island of Coronado celebrants can enjoy a parade and family-friendly concert before settling in for a fireworks show in the evening.

• New York, NY: Perhaps no Fourth of July fireworks celebration is as well-known as the one hosted by the Big Apple. Typically taking place on the East River, the New York City fireworks display can be viewed from various points throughout the city. Individuals looking for a unique way to take in the show can book a spot on a boat sailing in New York harbor.

There's no shortage of Fourth of July celebrations. In addition to these noteworthy spots to celebrate American independence, the cities of Portland, Ore.; Chicago; San Antonio, Tex.; and Atlantic City, N.J. host their own unique celebrations.



France to deploy 40,000 police to quell violence that followed deadly police shooting

NANTERRE, France (AP) — France’s government vowed to restore order Thursday after two nights of urban violence triggered by the deadly police shooting of a 17-year-old, announcing it would deploy tens of thousands more officers and crack down on neighborhoods where buildings and vehicles were torched.

Ministers fanned out to areas scarred by the sudden flare-up of rioting, appealing for calm but also warning that the violence that injured scores of police and damaged nearly 100 public buildings wouldn’t be allowed to continue. After a morning crisis meeting, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said policing will be more than quadrupled — from 9,000 officers to 40,000. In the Paris region alone, the number of officers deployed will more than double to 5,000.

“The professionals of disorder must go home,” Darmanin said. While there’s no need yet to declare a state of emergency — a measure taken to quell weeks of rioting in 2005 — he added: “The state’s response will be extremely firm.”

The police officer who fired the fatal shot in the Paris suburb of Nanterre will be investigated for voluntary homicide after an initial investigation led local prosecutor Pascal Prache to conclude that “the conditions for the legal use of the weapon were not met.”

The killing of the teen, identified only by his first name, Nahel, came during a traffic stop Tuesday. The incident captured on video shocked the country and stirred up long-simmering tensions between police and young people in housing projects and other disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Despite a beefed-up police presence Wednesday night, violence resumed after dusk with protesters shooting fireworks and hurling stones at police in Nanterre, who fired repeated volleys of tear gas.

As demonstrations spread to other towns, police and firefighters struggled to contain protesters and extinguish numerous blazes. Schools, police stations, town halls and other public buildings were damaged from Toulouse in the south to Lille in the north — with most of the damage in the Paris suburbs, according to a spokesperson for the national police.

Fire damaged the town hall in the the Paris suburb of L’Ile-Saint-Denis, not far from the country’s national stadium and the headquarters of the Paris 2024 Olympics.

Darmanin said 170 officers had been injured in the unrest but none of the injuries was life-threatening. At least 90 public buildings were vandalized.

The number of civilians injured was not immediately released.

Prache, the Nanterre prosecutor, said officers tried to stop Nahel because he looked so young and was driving a Mercedes with Polish license plates in a bus lane.

He ran a red light to avoid being stopped but then got stuck in a traffic jam. Both officers involved said they drew their guns to prevent him from fleeing.

The officer who fired a single shot said he feared he and his colleague or someone else could be hit by the car, according to Prache. The officers said they felt “threatened” as the car drove off.

Prache requested the officer be held in custody — a decision to be made by a magistrate.

Two magistrates have been named to lead the investigation, Prache said. Under the French legal system, which differs from the U.S. and British systems, magistrates often lead investigations.

Nahel’s surname has not been released by authorities or by his family. In earlier statements, lawyers for the family spelled the name Nael.

In a separate case, a police officer who fatally shot a 19-year-old Guinean man in western France has preliminarily been charged with voluntary homicide, the local prosecutor said Wednesday. The man was fatally shot by an officer as he allegedly tried to flee a traffic stop. The investigation is still ongoing.

Scenes of violence in France’s suburbs echo 2005, when the deaths of 15-year-old Bouna Traoré and 17-year-old Zyed Benna led to three weeks of nationwide riots, exposing anger and resentment in neglected, crime-ridden suburban housing projects.

The two boys were electrocuted after hiding from police in a power substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois.

French President Emmanuel Macron held an emergency security meeting Thursday about the violence.

“These acts are totally unjustifiable,” Macron said at the beginning of the meeting, which aimed at securing hot spots and planning for the coming days “so full peace can return.”

Macron also said it was time for “remembrance and respect” as Nahel’s mother called for a silent march Thursday that drew a large crowd to the square where he was killed.

Some marchers had “Justice for Nahel” printed on the front of their T-shirts. “The police kill” read one marcher’s placard.

Bouquets of orange and yellow roses now mark the site of the shooting, on Nanterre’s Nelson Mandela Square.

French activists renewed calls to tackle what they see as systemic police abuse, particularly in neighborhoods like the one where Nahel lived, where many residents struggle with poverty and racial or class discrimination. Government officials condemned the killing and sought to distance themselves from the police officer’s actions.

Videos of the shooting shared online show two police officers leaning into the driver-side window of a yellow car before the vehicle pulls away as one officer fires into the window. The videos show the car later crashed into a post nearby.

The driver died at the scene, the prosecutor’s office said.

Red Cross excessive heat safety tips

NASHVILLE — Heat advisories and excessive heat warnings now affect parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, as well as parts of New Mexico and Arizona to the west, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). Tennessee is expected to reach the mid to high 90s by week’s end with heat indexes over 100 degrees forecasted.

The American Red Cross of Tennessee Region warns that excessive heat has caused more deaths than all other weather events, including floods in recent years. A heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat, generally 10 degrees or more above average, often combined with excessive humidity.

Tennesseans should be aware of weather terms when a heat wave is predicted in their community:

Excessive Heat Watch - Conditions are favorable for an excessive heat event to meet or exceed local Excessive Heat Warning criteria in the next 24 to 72 hours.

Heat Advisory - Heat Index values are forecasted to meet locally defined advisory criteria for 1 to 2 days (daytime highs= 100-105° Fahrenheit).

Excessive Heat Warning - Heat Index values are forecasted to meet or exceed locally defined warning criteria for at least 2 days (daytime highs= 105-110° Fahrenheit).

What to do during a heatwave warning:

- Listen to local weather



forecasts and stay aware of upcoming temperature changes.

• Be aware of both the temperature and the heat index. The heat index is the temperature the body feels when the effects of heat and humidity are combined.

• Discuss heat safety precautions with members of your household. Have a plan for wherever you spend time— home, work, and school—and prepare for power outages.

• Check the contents of your emergency disaster kit in case a power outage occurs.

• Know those in your neighborhood who are elderly, young, sick, or overweight. They are more likely to become victims of excessive heat and may need help.

• If you do not have air conditioning, choose places you could go to for relief

from the heat during the warmest part of the day (schools, libraries, theaters, malls).

• Be aware that people living in urban areas may be at greater risk from the effects of a prolonged heat wave than are people living in rural areas.

• Get trained in First Aid at your local Red Cross chapter to learn how to treat heat-related emergencies.

• Ensure that your animals’ needs for water and shade are met.

• Listen to a NOAA Weather Radio for critical updates from the National Weather Service (NWS).

• Never leave children or pets alone in enclosed vehicles.

• Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol.

• Eat small meals and eat more often.

• Avoid extreme temperature changes.

• Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun’s rays.

• Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

• Postpone outdoor games and activities.

• Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat.

• Take frequent breaks if you must work outdoors.

• Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

• Check on your animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

Download the free Red Cross Emergency App, which features expert advice on how to prepare, respond and recover from hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and other disasters and features real-time local alerts for severe weather and hazards, including a map with local Red Cross shelters. Search “Red Cross Emergency” in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

If you would like more health and safety tips this summer go to the American Red Cross of the Tennessee Region website at RedCross.org/Tennessee. You can find a handy checklist for beating the summertime heat online.



Police release video of officer killing a neo-Nazi gunman and ending a mass shooting at a Texas mall

ALLEN, Texas (AP) — Police released video footage on Wednesday of an officer killing a neo-Nazi gunman, quickly ending a mass shooting that left eight people dead and seven others wounded at a Dallas-area shopping mall.

The edited five-and-a-half-minute video details the final moments of Mauricio Garcia, 33, after he unleashed a rain of bullets from an AR-15-style rifle at the Allen Premium Outlets on May 6.

Those killed included three members of a Korean American family including a 3-year-old child, two young sisters, a security guard and an engineer from India.

Police haven’t revealed a motive for the attack.

The shooting came in a year that has seen an unprecedented pace of mass killings.

The footage from a body camera worn by an Allen police officer starts off with the officer telling two children outside the mall to wear their seatbelts and be good.

Moments later, the sound of rapid gunfire erupts from the mall. The children and a woman with them run away as the officer radios in the report, grabs his rifle from his car and dashes toward the gunfire, the body camera footage shows.

As he runs, the panting officer

shouts at people to move and get out. At one point, he tells the dispatcher, “I believe we’ve got a mass shooter” and shouts at the gunman to drop his weapon.

“I’m passing injured (people),” he adds.

The officer continues to run through the outside galleries of the outlet as the sound of gunfire bursts continues. About four minutes into the video, the officer opens fire with at least a half-dozen shots.

An instant later, the officer shouts: “Drop the gun!” and then reports: “I’ve got him down!”

Another officer then confirms the gunman is dead.

The video ends with the two officers standing next to the gunman’s body, which is blurred out.

The video was released a day after a grand jury cleared the officer of wrongdoing, indicating that “the use of force was justified under Texas law,” according to a police statement.

In the statement, Allen Police Chief Brian Harvey praised the officer.

“This video shows how quickly a routine interaction with the public turned into a life-and-death situation,” Harvey said. “The officer recognized the danger, ran toward the gunfire and neutralized the threat — and for his actions, the Allen community is forever grateful.”

Three members of a Korean American family were killed: Kyu Song Cho, 37; Cindy Cho, 35; and their 3-year-old son, James Cho. Their 6-year-old son was wounded.

Also killed were Aishwarya Thatikonda, 27; sisters Daniela Mendoza, 11, and Sofia Mendoza, 8; security guard Christian LaCour, 20; and Elio Cumana-Rivas, 32.

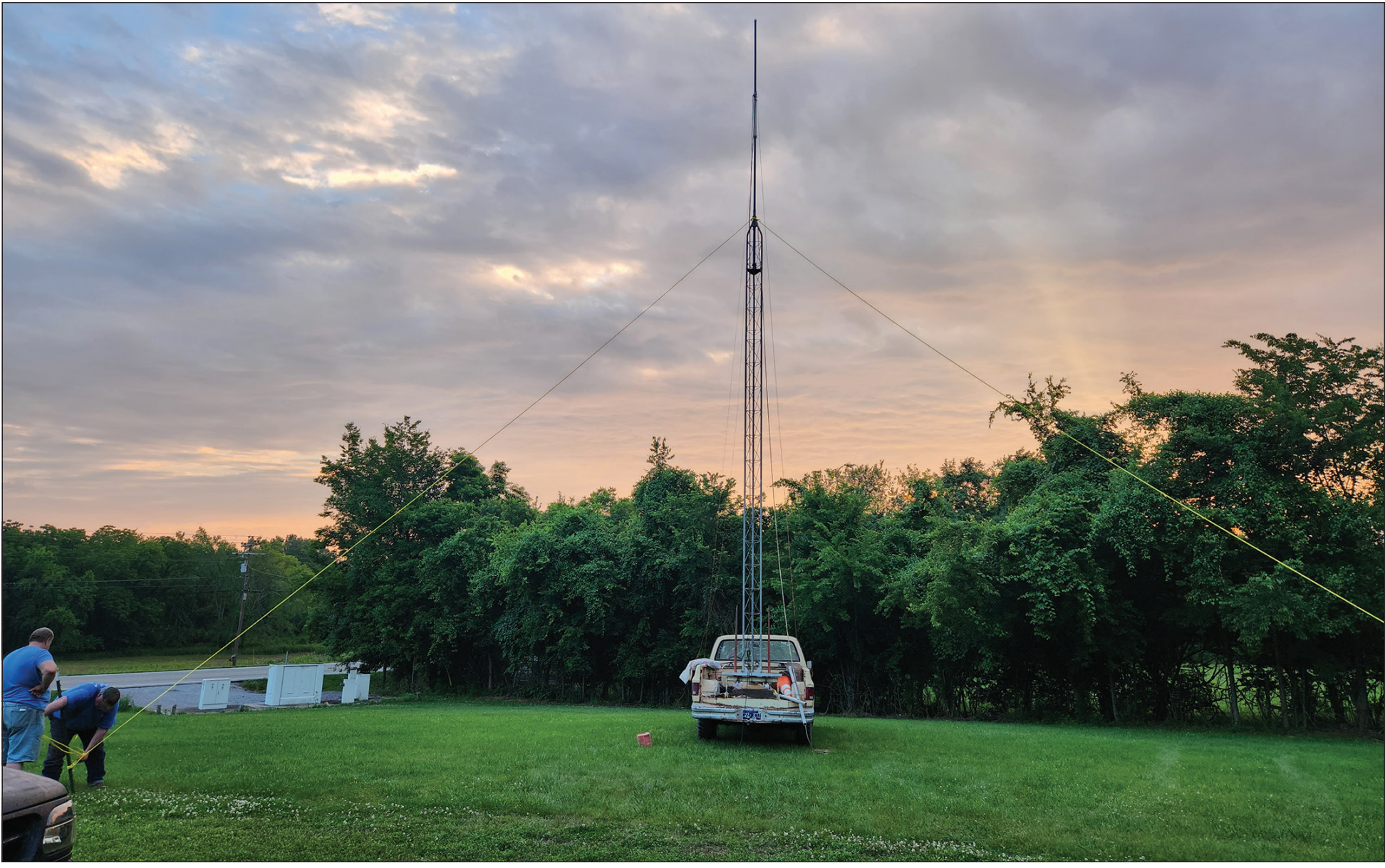
Garcia used one of eight legally purchased guns he had brought to the mall, authorities said.

The killer had no criminal record. An Army official told The Associated Press that Garcia failed to complete basic training about 15 years earlier and was kicked out for mental health reasons. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss personnel matters.

Garcia left a long trail of online posts describing his white supremacist and misogynistic views. He described mass shootings as sport and posted photos showing his large Nazi tattoos and a favorite passage in the “Hunger Games” books marked with a swastika drawn in green highlighter.

He was Latino, and he posted one cartoon image showing a Latino child at a fork in a road, with one direction labeled “act black” and the other, “become a white supremacist.”

“I think I’ll take my chances with the white supremacist,” he wrote.



What did he say?

Submitted photos
 The DAV on Highway 130 was home to ham radio enthusiasts last weekend. BCARS (Bedford County), SMRC (Short Mountain), and MCARS (Marshall County) clubs hosted the annual ARRL Field Day where young and old alike came together to practice, learn, and tune into the old hobby. With more than 150,000 members, ARRL is The National Association for Amateur Radio in the US. Often called "ham radio," the Amateur Radio Service is a worldwide community of licensed operators using the airwaves with every conceivable means of communications technology. The amateur radio frequencies are the last remaining place in the usable radio spectrum where an individual can develop and experiment with wireless communications.

