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Jim Holland
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The Mascots Marching for Meals will return Sept. 18 at the YMCA Pavillion. The event is organized each year by the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri to help fund its Buddy Pack Program, which provides meals to area kids.

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Mascots Marching for Meals returns

Austin Miller

Kirksville Daily Express
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The annual Mascots Marching for Meals event returns this year, along with an added stop.

The event is organized each year by the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri to help fund its Buddy Pack Program, which provides meals to area kids.

Last year, the event was solely online. But this year its physical presence will return, happening in Kirksville at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the YMCA Pavilion. That is a 1.8-mile march where residents can walk around with area mascots while supporting a worthy cause.

And a march in Macon was added this year, happening at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17

at Long Branch Lake.

Teresa Ross, the Northwest Regional coordinator for the food bank, said the 2019 march went so well in Kirksville that they wanted to add another stop. Last year forced a change in those plans, so now they are working with a second stop.

“The community has really gotten behind that, and we’re really excited for those sponsors,” Ross said. “So we hope to have a good turnout and have those Buddy Packs funded, get some community support, and really create more awareness in the smaller communities like Macon.”

The event costs \$10 to register and participants will receive an event shirt. For additional details, visit sharefoodbringhope.org/mascotmarch. To register, visit <https://interland3.donor>

perfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E164454&id=106.

The food bank stretches each dollar well, with \$10 allowing it to buy nearly \$200 worth of groceries.

Last year, 208 students in Adair County needed buddy packs, and five other area counties also receive them, Ross said. Meal items in the packs include fruit cups, peanut butter, cereal and other shelf-stable items. They are meals that kids can handle and prepare themselves.

“All of the proceeds that we get from the march go right into buying Buddy Packs in the area,” Ross said. “... Currently, the price for a child to get a Buddy Pack paid for through the year is \$270. So that’s what we’re trying to cover.”

IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Debi Boughton, Kirksville Tourism Director, has some suggestions for enjoying time “In Your Own Backyard.” For any activities, be sure to follow the CDC guidelines for health and safety. If you have ideas or suggestions email: debi.boughton@visitkirksville.com.

Friday, Sept. 10

● You are invited to the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Rieger Armory at 12:30 p.m. hosted by the military students of ATSU. First Responders, Veterans and the General Public are invited to attend. For more information call 660-626-2544.

Saturday, Sept. 11

● Enjoy the 1st annual Ranch Rodeo and Barrel Race at noon at the NEMO Fairgrounds, 2700 E. Illinois St. The rodeo is sponsored by the Kirksville Professional Firefighters Local 2952. For more information and go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2700-e-illinois-st-kirksville-mo-63501-5052-united-states/1st-annual-ranch-rodeo-and-barrel-race/560658868284020/>.
● Participate in Nature Scene Painting at the Missouri Conservation Center, 3500 S. Baltimore, from 2-3 p.m. Beautiful Nature is all around. Paint landscapes or small scenes of a fuzzy caterpillar scuttling along a leaf. This event is free. Register at www.mdc.mo.gov/events. For more information call 660-785-2420.

Sunday, Sept. 12

● The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce invites all new students from MACC, Truman and ATSU to New Student Welcome. This year the event is on the lawn of the Armory Building on the corner of Elson and Scott Streets from 5-7 p.m. For more information call 660-665-3766.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

● The United Way of Northeast Missouri will hold the 2022 Campaign Kickoff Event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the White Oaks Wedding Barn and Event Venue, 23255 Highway 11. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be available. See the premier of the United Way 2022 Campaign Video produced by Halstead Photography. The winner of our 2nd annual Virtual Talent Show will be announced. For more information call 660-665-1924.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

● Bow Season for deer hunting begins today. The dates are Sept. 15-Nov. 12 and Nov. 24 until Jan. 15, 2022. For license and more information contact the Missouri Conservation Department at 660-785-2420 or mdc.mo.gov.

UM curators approve resolutions prohibiting COVID-19 vaccine mandates

Roger McKinney

Columbia Daily Tribune
USA TODAY NETWORK

KANSAS CITY — In a split vote Thursday, the University of Missouri System Board of Curators approved resolutions prohibiting vaccine mandates for students, faculty and staff, except where they already exist.

“We took a vote today for individual

liberty and freedom,” said board chairman Darryl Chatman during a post-meeting news conference.

The board met at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. It was the first meeting away from the Columbia campus since before the pandemic.

University of Missouri Health Care is requiring vaccines for providers, workers and students by Oct. 1. The prohibition doesn’t apply to that.

Chatman, Todd Graves, Jeffrey Layman, Robin Wenneker and Michael Williams voted in favor of the two resolutions, one addressing students, the other addressing faculty and staff. Board members Maurice Graham, Greg Hoberock and Keith Holloway voted “no.”

There wasn’t any plan to institute a

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vaccine mandate, Hoberock said. “I’m not willing to tie my hands to-day because I don’t know the future,” Hoberock said.

It’s better to communicate with UM System President Mun Choi instead of approving resolutions, Graham said.

“It seems to me we’re trying to fix something that’s not broken,” he said.

Rumors of a vaccine mandate at MU continue, Graves said.

The resolutions risk creating more confusion and division, Holloway said.

“If we make a statement, we’re going to continue to stir this very decisive issue,” Holloway said.

Parents and students deserve credit, Layman said.

“I believe there’s a tremendous amount of institutional pressure,” he said.

Before the vote, Choi said he believes in the vaccine, and the data shows those with the vaccine are less likely to get sick or die. He said if he thought it was needed, he would present the board with a recommendation for a vaccine mandate.

“I just think people need clarity, and clarity to me is no mandates,” Chatman said before the vote.

Veterinary diagnostics building approved

In other business, the board approved a \$30 million veterinary medicine diagnostics laboratory building on the University of Missouri campus.

The 34,200-square-foot building is scheduled to be complete by summer 2024.

The current veterinary medicine diagnostics laboratory was built in the 1970s. It is Missouri’s only laboratory accredited by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnostics and is a resource for the state and nation to monitor and investigate potential outbreaks of animal diseases.

The building is aging and insufficient to comply with current accreditation standards and research growth, the agenda material states.

Funding for the project includes costs to demolish the current building and expand its parking lot.

Plans call for a two-story building on the east side of the existing building, which is on the southeast portion of the campus.

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University of Missouri System
Board of Curators member

“The level of biosecurity will be increased through two separated receiving entries, enhanced necroscopy and a Biosafety Level Three laboratory,” the plan reads.

MU has one other Biosafety Level Three laboratory, the MU Laboratory for Infectious Disease Research.

Plans call for two receiving areas, an incinerator, necroscopy, the biosafety laboratory, bacteriological laboratories, and lockers and showers on the ground floor. The second floor would include laboratories for serology — blood samples — and molecular diagnostics.

The State Legislature already has approved funding of \$15 million, and MU will seek an additional \$15 million in donations.

Hoberock said the state appropriation is appreciated.

“It’s going to bring great value to the university’s research mission and support agriculture in the state,” Hoberock said.

Animal rights groups have protested animal testing on the MU campus.

Choi said animal testing will be conducted in the building.

“There’s very important work going on” with animals, Choi said, adding that researchers follow all the protocols.

“We’re a powerhouse,” Choi said. “The research also benefits the animals.”

NextGen named for Blunt

The board approved naming the NextGen Precision Health building for outgoing U.S. Sen. Roy Blunt. The name chosen for the \$221 million building is the Roy Blunt NextGen Precision Health Building. A grand opening is scheduled for Oct. 19.

Blunt appeared via video link after the board approval, saying NextGen will launch MU into new realms of research.

“I’m delighted to be associated with the building,” Blunt said. “I think great things are going to happen there.”

Scientists will move into the building next month, said Rick Barohn, executive vice chancellor for health affairs.

“The building is nearly complete, inside and out,” Barohn said.

Evictions resume

State fields ‘high volume’ of calls for rental assistance

Rudi Keller and Rebecca Rivas
Missouri Independent

Calls from tenants seeking emergency rental assistance are escalating in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision that blocked a national eviction moratorium.

The Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) has 60 application processors working to distribute hundreds of millions in federal aid and has been fielding about 500 calls and responding to about 200 emails per week, Steven Whitson, community initiatives manager, told the commission in a meeting Wednesday morning.

The agency’s workload spiked after the high court last Thursday evening ruled that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had exceeded its authority with the moratorium.

“The word from our staffing agency this morning is that they are starting to see a pretty high volume,” Whitson said.

With evictions proceeding in many of the state’s judicial circuits, getting rental assistance out the door is becoming more urgent.

So far, Whitson said, almost 14,000 Missourians have been helped and the State Assistance for Housing Relief, or SAFHR, program has distributed between \$3 million and \$4 million a week since early July.

According to data online, the commission has distributed \$45.2 million of the \$324 million the state has received so far to cover unpaid rent and utility bills incurred since April 2020. Applications from 8,968 households have been approved.

That is just a small fraction of the estimated 150,000 to 230,000 Missouri households at risk of eviction.

The slow pace of distributing rental assistance funds nationwide has become a source of controversy as courts again are ordering evictions and mortgage holders are moving to foreclose on unpaid debts.

The U.S. Treasury released data last week showing that only 11% of the \$46.5 billion approved by Congress for emergency rental assistance has been allocated. Of the \$5.1 billion spent so far, \$1.7 billion was doled out during July.

There is no federal mortgage assistance to distribute yet because the U.S. Treasury has not finished processing applications from states, Jennifer Schmidt, deputy director of operations for the MHDC.

The final guidance was not issued until Aug. 6, she said, and the MHDC submitted its application by the Aug. 20 deadline.

On rental assistance, staff is working to streamline applications, reducing the paperwork requirements, while increasing the number of not-for-profit groups helping spread information about the program and help applicants, Whitson said.

By the end of the week, there will be 19 agencies working with the commission, plus groups providing legal help for renters being sued in eviction proceedings.

“We want landlords to get paid and keep people in their houses because that’s good for everybody,” Whitson said.

In the state’s largest metropolitan areas, local governments received funds to help with rental assistance,

he said. The housing commission’s program focused on other, more rural areas of the state at first and it is now expanding its outreach.

“What we want to do going forward is increase our marketing presence in the urban areas because there is a real concentration of need in those areas,” Whitson said.

Both landlords and tenants have complained about the application process and the speed of payments.

Steve Vogel, president of the Missouri Property Owners Association, has 20 tenant properties in Jackson County. So far, he said in an interview with The Independent, he’s participated in three rental assistance applications, and three different organizations processed them, including the state program.

All of them had months-long delays. For the past few weeks, he’s been expecting a check from the state.

“The rent is due again, so it’s time to go see what happened with that check,” Vogel said. “Let’s just say they’re not a lot more reliable than a bad tenant.”

Under the commission’s program, the state will pay all past-due rent from April 2020 forward and up to three months additional rent in advance. While the moratorium was in place, waiting for applications to be approved made sense, Vogel said.

But with paperwork issues – Vogel filed a document that could not be read and did not learn about it until the tenant called to check on the status of the application – in some cases the delays have been several months, he said.

“Before the end of the moratorium, if it took them three months to get the money out, well what else you got to do?” Vogel said. “But now, I would think twice about that.”

The KC Regional Housing Alliance, a group of more than 1,000 landlords and investors, have been hosting virtual seminars to inform themselves and their tenants about the rental assistance available — because they didn’t see the state doing it.

“Missouri is not getting the word out,” said Stacey Johnson-Crosby, a leader with the alliance.

Their members believe evictions should be a last resort, and they want to get the federal relief money flowing, she said. However, they are often seeing a three-month turnaround time from the time the application is submitted — even when landlords try to help the tenants apply.

“If they ever do find out about it, the whole application process is cumbersome and frustrating,” she said. “There’s delays at every part of the process.”


One of the helpful changes in paperwork requirements is allowing renters to apply without providing income documentation, said Elad Gross, an attorney volunteering as a community outreach specialist with the St. Louis Mediation Project.

But processing time remains a big issue, he said.

“It can take up to two weeks to process the rental assistance requests,” Gross said. “During that time, some renters are being charged additional late fees. In some cases, landlords are taking renters who have applied for assistance to court and seeking an eviction.”

The commission is hiring more people to process applications and the time needed to complete processing is falling, Whitson said. The average time for applications in August was 16 days, he said.

“We approve and fund approximately 95 to 97 percent of applications,” he said. “If there are no corrections as submitted, we are able to pay those out very quickly.”



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A boy waves to passing motorists to commemorate the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks from an overpass on Interstate 35 near Melvern, Kan., on Sept. 11, 2019. Area residents began manning the bridge with flags and waving to motorists on the anniversary in 2002 and have done it ever since. CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP FILE

Remembering 9/11 evolves

20 years later, the attacks the world can't forget are a shared experience

Ted Anthony
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. – The hills in Shanksville seem to swallow sound. The plateau that Americans by the millions ascend to visit the Flight 93 National Memorial, to think of those who died in this southwestern Pennsylvania expanse, sits just above much of the landscape, creating a pocket of quiet precisely where quiet needs to be.

It is a place that encourages the act of remembering.

Twenty years have passed since United Flight 93 made its final descent, chaos unfolding aboard as buildings burned 300 miles to the east. Nearly one-fifth of the country is too young to remember firsthand the day that changed everything. Yet at the memorial's overlook, near the patch where the plane hit, remembering is the whole point.

Remembering is not merely a state of mind. As those who beseech us never to forget the Holocaust have long insisted, it is an act. And when loss and trauma are visited upon human beings, the act of remembering takes many forms.

Remembering is political. Those who disagree about the fate of Confederate statues across the American South demonstrate that, as do those who dispute how much the war on terror and its toll should be part of discussions about 9/11 memories.

Remembering arrives in ground zero ceremonies and moments of silence and prayers upon prayers, both public and private. It shows itself in folk memorials like those erected at the sides of lonely roads to mark the sites of traffic deaths. It is embedded in the names of places, like the road that leads to the Flight 93 memorial – the Lincoln Highway. It surfaces in the retrieval of “flashbulb memories” – those where-were-you-when-this-happened moments that stick with us, sometimes accurately, sometimes not.

There are personal memories and cultural memories and political memories. And the lines often blur.

And for generations, remembering has been presented to us in monuments and memorials like Shanksville's, fine-tuned to evoke memories and emotions in certain ways.

Yet while monuments stand, remembering itself evolves. How 9/11 is remembered depends on when it is remembered. What, then, does remembering come to mean on a 20th anniversary of an event like 9/11, even as its echoes are still shaking the foundations of everything?

“Our present influences how we remember the past – sometimes in ways that are known and sometimes in ways that we don't realize,” said Jennifer Talarico, a psychology professor at Lafayette College in Pennsylvania who studies how people form personal memories of public events.



A U.S. flag is draped on the side of the Pentagon where a terrorist attack struck Sept. 11, 2001, as seen from the Pentagon Memorial in 2015. JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP FILE



A U.S. Army soldier pauses at a column taken from the South Tower of the World Trade Center at the Los Angeles Fire Department's Sept. 11 remembrance ceremony in Los Angeles in 2013. REED SAXON/AP FILE

Evidence of that is obvious in the past five weeks in Afghanistan, where a 20-year war waged in direct response to the 2001 attacks ended pretty much where it began: with the repressive and violent Taliban in charge once more.

But even within more static forms of memory, such as the Flight 93 National Memorial, the question of how remembering evolves hangs over so much.

In the visitors' center, visceral, painful artifacts of the moment still bring back the past with astonishing efficiency; twisted, scarred cutlery from in-flight meals is particularly breathtaking. But the variety of remembering that is presented yards away at the quiet overlook and its thoughtful memorial feels more permanent, more eternal.

Paul Murdoch, of Los Angeles, the lead architect on the memorial, said it was carefully calibrated to resonate across multiple stages of memory about the event and its implications.

“You can imagine a memorial approach that sort of freezes anger in time or freezes fear. And that can be a very expressionistic piece of art. But I feel like for something to endure over a long

period of time, I think it has to operate a different way,” said Murdoch, who co-designed the memorial with his wife, Milena.

“Now we have a generation of people who weren't even alive on 9/11,” he said. “So how do you talk to people of this new generation – or of future generations?”

That question is particularly potent on this anniversary. Society tends to mark generations in two-decade packages, so there's an entire one that has been born and come of age since the attacks. That hardly means they haven't been paying attention, though: They “remember,” too.

Krystine Batcho, a psychology professor at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, New York, studies how nostalgia works. She found something interesting a couple of years ago when she was researching how young people encountered stories that resonated with them, both personally and through the news.

Even those who lacked living memories of 9/11, Batcho said, responded with stories about the event. It was remembering as shared experience.

So many first encounters with 9/11 were, in the tradition of an information age, both separate and communal. People in different parts of the country and world, under vastly different circumstances, watched the same live camera angles on the same few feeds and saw the same now-indelible views of the destruction in the same way. They experienced it apart but together.

That formed a communal memory of sorts, even if sometimes people who saw the same things didn't remember them the same way – a specific camera angle or vantage point, a key figure's comments, the exact sequence of events. Remembering can be like that, experts say.

“You would think that the memories would be more cohesive and homogeneous,” Batcho said. “It turns out that it's much more complicated than that.”

The fundamental tension of this kind of remembering – it feels like yesterday but is also becoming part of history – confronts us in the coming days. Memory becomes history. And history – shared history – is held onto tightly, sometimes rabidly. It's why so many people grasp tightly to comforting, nostalgic historical narratives – even when they're shown to have been destructive.

When memory does become history, it can become more remote, like a Revolutionary War memorial for people whose passions and sacrifices have been sanded down by time. With distance, it can calcify.

That's not going to happen with 9/11 for a long time, of course. Its politics are still roiling. The arguments that it produced and the ways they sent society hurtling in a different direction are just as intense as in those early days.

And when a nation pauses to remember the morning 20 years ago when it was attacked, it is not only looking over its shoulder. It is also looking around and wondering: What does this mean to us now?

OPINION



Your Turn
Dr. K. Jeffrey Miller
Columnist

Sharks and lightning and cows ... oh my!

One of my old stomping grounds is Volusia County, Florida. Daytona Beach, to be exact. Two of Volusia's claims to fame are being the number one place globally for shark attacks and being one of the most common places in the U.S. to be struck by lightning. Florida leads the nation in lightning strikes.

I recalled these facts during a recent trip to a beach in South Carolina. I was interested in surfing lessons and looking at the website for Jack's Surf Lessons. Jack had posted a blog with the title, "Seven Things More Dangerous than Sharks."

The point of the posting: shark attacks aren't prevalent, and other animals, activities, and traits are more likely to kill someone. This was all information intended to put aside fears of sharks held by potential customers.

In order of least to worst, the seven items include:

- cows,
- texting,
- vending machines,
- being left-handed,
- party balloons,
- asteroids, and
- crosswalks.

Again, all of these are rare but more prevalent than death by shark.

Cows are known for goring, kicking, and stomping people to death. Most texting deaths occur from driving while texting, although people do die from walking while texting. Here, stepping into a street without looking both ways contributes to both texting and crosswalk deaths. Tipping vending machines to snatch a prize can result in the machine falling on the tipper. The tipper either dies from the trauma of the machine falling on him or from suffocating under the machine's weight.

The reason for left-handed folks dying at higher rates than right-handed folks was vague. The article said left-handed people are five times more likely to be in accidents. To me, this is coincidental. Of note, the article also stated that most kangaroos are left-handed. That is handy information to have.

As for party balloons (excluding hot air balloons), no explanation was given for their inclusion in the list. Asteroids are listed as killing ninety-one people per year globally. The high number is attributed to killing more than one person at a time. Crosswalks...as mentioned, stop looking at your phone long enough to look both ways.

The web browser Yahoo.com frequently reports alligator and bear attacks. Most alligator attacks are coastal, and most bear attacks are in more central areas of the U.S.

Back to Volusia County, there are plenty of alligators there and, surprisingly, a lot of black bears. When I lived there, it seemed like someone frequently had an alligator or bear where they did not want one. Leave your garage door or the gate to your pool open, and company comes.

I'm not doing tourism in Volusia/Daytona a big favor here. But remember, death by shark, lightning, alligator, or bear is still extremely rare. You are more likely to die from a cow or dog attack than a shark or alligator attack. We discussed cows, so let us consider dogs for a moment.

According to dogsbite.org, forty-eight deaths from dog bites occurred in 2019. While making up only eight percent of the U.S. dog population, pit bulls caused sixty-nine percent of these deaths.

During the period spanning 2005 to 2019, dogs killed 521 people in the U.S. Again, pit bulls significantly contributed to this total, combining with rottweilers to cause seventy-six percent of the fatalities. This was three hundred and ninety-seven of the five hundred and twenty-one deaths.

While the animals discussed here so far have been large animals, smaller creatures are more deadly. Bugs, especially disease-carrying mosquitoes, kill a much larger number of people worldwide each year than sharks, alligators, bears, etc. Bees, hornets, and wasps are second in the U.S. to deer as the top killers. This is often associated with the victims having allergies to these insects.

Hunters are sometimes killed when they approach a deer they shot, thinking it is dead. The deer springs up and kicks and gores the hunter. Deer that someone is attempting to keep as pets have been known to kick and gore their captors. Most animal experts recommend against keeping wild animals as pets.

The primary reason deer capture the top spot in the U.S. is because they cause a high number of automobile accidents. Over two hundred people die each year nationwide due to deer-related automobile accidents.

In Missouri, rattlesnakes, brown recluse spiders, and copperhead snakes nudge out deer as the top animal killers.

Hasn't this been fun? Death by animal and other activities and traits doesn't seem like a happy subject, but it sure is interesting. Well, interesting and a bit scary.

After writing this piece, I stocked up on groceries. I will be staying in the house and keeping the dog outside. I know a fellow who calls himself an outdoorsman.

I think I'll be an indoorsman for a while.



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THE PATRIOT LEADER

Pathetic retreat from Afghanistan shows Biden isn't up to the task



Scott Jennings
Guest columnist

Alone under the bright lights of the presidency, Joe Biden has finally shown us the man behind the grin. A man who checked his watch instead of offering empathy to Gold Star families. A man who defaulted to dissembling and exaggeration when a nation yearned for honesty and clarity. A man who found the bottom of his personal deck after a lifetime of free passes from a fawning media establishment desperate to turn this midlevel partisan hack into something he's not – a wise old sage just waiting for history to deliver his moment.

Well, the moment came. But the man didn't. And a nation that is supposed to lead the world in defending Western civilization against the barbarians now looks inept and, perhaps, incapable or unwilling to meet the challenge.

God save us from whatever comes next.

It is often said that President Biden's political superpower is empathy – the ability to understand others, to share in their grief, and to comfort them. Empathy from their commander-in-chief was exactly what Mark Schmitz, Roice McCollum and the other loved ones of 13 American service personnel, the last victims of our longest war, needed at Dover Air Force Base.

Instead, they met with a "bristling" president who offered a handful of "scripted and shallow" words. That attitude continued during Biden's speech to the nation on Tuesday, in which a thin-skinned president angrily and incredulously defended his decision to complete our humiliating withdrawal from Afghanistan.

So anxious was Biden to have American troops leave the Afghan theatre by the 20th anniversary of 9/11, the president went through with a hasty – and ultimately deadly – retreat. Along with the lives of 13 of our finest, the operation produced the most substantial damage to American prestige since the Iranian hostage crisis. Even when it became clear that Biden would leave American citizens behind, he kept his arbitrary Aug. 31 deadline in place.

All for a talking point.

There was nothing magical about Aug. 31, mind you, other than the convergence of two promises Biden made. On one hand, he promised, in an interview with ABC's George Stephanopoulos, he would not abandon a single American in Afghanistan. On the other, Biden promised the Taliban to leave the country by Aug. 31. No foreign policy decision is easy, but when push came to shove, Biden weakly rolled over for the medieval monsters.

As a parting gift, the commander-in-chief left the Taliban with state-of-the-art military equipment they could've only dreamed of, which they are now using to kill our Afghan allies who bravely helped the American mission.

If your blood needs a good boiling, look up the photos of Taliban fighters wearing American uniforms, driving our Humvees and apparently flying our Blackhawk helicopters. Some of the images and stories of the Taliban's revenge are grotesque.

Of Donald Trump's behavior, Biden once famously said: "We have to remember our kids are watching."

They still are, Mr. President.

On Biden's watch, Afghanistan has again become spring training for terrorism. A suicide bomber attacked the Kabul airport after Biden said we were working with the Taliban on security, killing the 13 American soldiers and at least 170 others.

To retaliate, Biden, rekindling the Obama-era

playbook, ordered drone strikes – presumably using Taliban-provided intelligence – that killed several toddlers. Expect more terrorists, more drones and more mayhem in the months ahead. Despite Biden's "the war is over" rhetoric, nothing could be further from the truth. Wars only end when both sides agree to stop fighting, and there's no evidence the radical Islamic terrorists are anywhere close to tiring out.

At every turn during this pathetic retreat, Biden has failed. His television appearances have been unsteady. He has lied, repeatedly, about what he would do and what the Afghan army has done. He blamed his predecessor, giving in to the weak "But Trump!" argument that remains the rhetorical refuge of choice for America's lazy liberals. And he's drawn sharp condemnations from America's closest allies, dealing NATO the alliance's most destabilizing blow in its history.

"American is back!" Joe Biden likes to say. Yeah, right.

Administration officials and Democratic Party leaders have offered weak-sauce tweets and platitudes as though the Taliban terrorists give a damn about their place in the "international community." House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tweeted "the world is watching its actions," as if that would cajole these murderers into turning over a new leaf. With all due respect, Madam Speaker, the Taliban is counting on the world watching them humiliate the world's remaining superpower.

And Biden has made the world less safe while feeding a false narrative that America's presence in Afghanistan has been a failure.

For 20 years, brave American troops stopped Afghanistan from serving as a launching pad for international terrorism. That was always the goal, and our people performed brilliantly. There were humanitarian benefits along the way – females were being educated instead of raped and tortured, as will now happen thanks to Biden's action – but the principal American aims of killing Osama bin Laden and keeping a lid on international terrorism were met.

Since the first U.S. troops landed in Afghanistan, we've operated under a simple premise: We can fight radical Islamist terrorists over there, or we can fight them here. Two decades without a mass-casualty terrorist event on our soil proved the strategy was working. At the mission's conclusion, we had just 2,500 troops in country and were spending about 1% of the Defense budget on operations. We hadn't lost a soldier in over a year. The lid was on.

Casualties overall – 2,448 killed in action before the 13 were lost last week – were modest in the macro sense (though individually tragic, each one, in the micro) when you consider they occurred over a 20-year period. By contrast, despite Biden's lies that the Afghans won't fight, more than 66,000 died battling the Taliban. We had stopped fighting in the Afghan civil war roughly seven years ago and had been focused solely on counterterrorism operations.

Biden defeated Donald Trump in 2020 because we were told he was honest, moderate, had better judgment and cared deeply about other human beings. Next to Trump, his empathy seemed more heartfelt and important. Next to Trump, he seemed honest, possessing of the wisdom and desire for consensus that only four decades in Washington can produce.

"The adults are back in charge," we were told. If this is adult decision-making, please send in the children ASAP.

When you are the president, there's no basement in which to hide and no opponent against whom to post up. There's just the job and the consequences of your words and decisions. For Joe Biden, some of those consequences have names that will be engraved on tombstones in Section 60 at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Relationship problems should be kept private



Dear Annie
Annie Lane

Dear Annie: My boyfriend and I have been talking about moving in together for a very long time. I became pregnant and had our baby, but he didn't move in with me because he was upset that I was talking to other people about our problems.

Well, finally, almost a year later, he has moved in his dresser and bookshelf. But he is mad at me again because he did it all on the weekend, unannounced, and that upset me, and I told my dad that it concerned me. Apparently, my dad asked him about it, and he is upset with me again.

This is driving me crazy because he stays over here 80% of the time, but when he is mad, he just takes off. He told my brother he is done. I'm so tired of this, but I love him. It's constant back

and forth.

I want stability and not to suffer. He has done this even before we had kids. He just takes off, and we can't talk through our issues without him getting mad. At this point, I am wondering, should I continue to work on things – to keep trying? Is the pain and suffering going to be worth it in the end?

Highly Frustrated

Dear Highly Frustrated: Regardless of if you stay or go, you and your boyfriend will experience some pain and uncomfortable feelings. The real question is, can you make that pain and discomfort productive? The best way to do that is to get into counseling for the two of you.

With the help of a professional, he can't just storm off when he is upset; he has to stay in the room and work through his feelings. I know you are going through a hard time, and talking to your father about it might feel like a nice relief in the moment, but it doesn't really help your relationship with your boyfriend. Try to keep the problems in your

relationship between you and your boyfriend and your therapist. In the end, you owe it to your baby and yourself to try to work it out.

Dear Annie: Please pass along the information that extremely strong body odors often occur as the result of a nutritional deficiency: zinc. I found my problem had been solved after less than a week on this regimen.

Also, if you are wildly attractive to mosquitoes, vitamin B complex will make them lose interest.

A good multivitamin/mineral tablet taken daily will keep both problems at bay.

Getting All My Vitamins

Dear Vitamins: Eating or taking vitamins and minerals, within recommended guidelines, is always a good idea for your health, but who knew that they can help with body odor and bugs? Thank you for telling us about these additional benefits.

Dear Annie: In response to "One Grieving Grandmother to Another," who was upset about not seeing her children

and grandchildren on holidays, I was thinking she could try making her own "holidays" or special Sundays. If invited ahead of time, her family might come together and be with her. Competition on regular holidays makes it hard for grown children to see all the family. If there are birthday celebrations for grandkids, I think it's perfectly OK to ask ahead if she may join the festivities, instead of waiting for them to extend the favor. Sometimes, we just have to be proactive.

Understanding Grandma

Dear Understanding Grandma: Being proactive and creative is always a good thing. Thank you for your suggestion.

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Freshly washed eggs should not be put back in carton



Hints From Heloise
Heloise

Dear Heloise: I buy my eggs from a farm where the chickens, geese and turkeys run free. The eggs are sold in cardboard egg cartons, ungraded, and they have not been cleaned, at least not much. They have no straw on them, but they appear to sometimes have smears of feces and other materials, which mostly wash off in warm water and dishwashing liquid.

Although I usually wash them, I want to know if it's safe to use them without washing. I assume that if washed, they should not be put back in the egg carton they came in. Is this so?

Joann H., Yellow Springs, Ohio

Joann, you are correct about freshly washed eggs not being placed back in the egg carton they came in.

Put them in a bowl or some other clean container.

Since you never really know what is smeared on the eggshell, wash the eggs before use. This is the safest and cleanest way to ensure your eggs will not cross-contaminate what you are preparing.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: You have a recipe for Italian Chicken that I absolutely loved. It was tasty and so easy to make. My boyfriend is having a birthday in late September, and I offered to make dinner for him. Would you reprint the Italian Chicken recipe so I can make it for him? I know he'll like it as much as I do.

Casey L., Little Rock, Ark.

Casey, this is a favorite of mine, too. Here it is:

Heloise's Italian Chicken

1 chicken, cut up or the equivalent in parts

1 (8-ounce) bottle nonfat (or regular) Italian salad dressing

1 medium onion, peeled and sliced

4 medium potatoes, sliced (peeled or not) into bite-size pieces

Preheat the oven to 350. Spray a casserole dish with nonstick spray. Place the chicken in the casserole and cover with the Italian dressing. Top with the onion and potatoes. Bake for about 1 hour or until done.

Do you like simple, tasty meals without all the fuss?

Then you need my pamphlet "Heloise's All-Time Favorite Recipes." To get a copy, just go to www.Heloise.com, or send \$5 along with a stamped (75cents), self-addressed, long envelope to: All-Time Fav, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. You'll be glad you have

these handy recipes at your fingertips.

Dear Heloise: Got any leftover potatoes? Cut them up and brown in butter, adding chopped onions and mushrooms for a tasty side dish. You can season with salt, pepper and maybe a touch of garlic.

Leftover carrots?

Add some sliced zucchini, onions, red bell peppers and pecans (or walnuts), and stir-fry in olive oil, adding the precooked carrots last. Use salt and pepper, and any other seasoning you like.

Got a week's worth of leftover vegetables? Try a little butter in a pan and add all of them at once. Stir-fry quickly with a little soy sauce and serve warm. If you have some leftover meats, such as chicken, pork or beef, you can toss that into the mix as well.

Heloise

What to do when the soil stays too wet

Lee Reich
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Odd weather this summer has taken its toll on many gardens. For many the problem is drought, but what if it just keeps raining?

In some gardens, water sits on the surface of the ground or the ground stays slurpy for hours after rain stops. The best advice then is to move the garden to a spot where the soil drains better.

But, of course, you want to keep your garden where it is.

OK, then plant yellow flag iris, sweet flag, marsh mallow, marsh marigold and other plants that like boggy soils.

But, of course, you still want to grow tomatoes, roses and marigolds in that sunny spot.

OK, it can be done. But you have to get some air into the soil – that is, provide for water drainage – so the roots of these plants can breathe.

A ditch of a job

One approach is to drain the water away to some lower location. The simplest way is with a ditch, or, if your garden is large, a few ditches. You will also, of course, need somewhere even lower into which the ditch can drain.

The more clay in the soil, the more ditches are needed to draw off the water.

A drainage ditch does not have to be large. A shovel's width is sufficiently wide for a garden. The deeper the ditch, the greater the depth of well-aerated soil that results, so dig at least 18 inches deep. A gradual slope along the length of any ditch, about a half foot per 100 feet, keeps water flowing downhill.

Ditches crisscrossing your garden need not be either an eyesore or an inconvenience. Picture a garden in which flat stones line ditches that are laid as bridges across ditches and intersect paths. The whole system can be an elegant water "feature."

The effect might be similar to that of a classic Persian garden, though in the latter case the long, narrow waterways are used to bring water to the plants, not



Planted on mounds, these blueberry plants enjoy well-aerated soil, as do most cultivated plants, in this otherwise wet location. LEE REICH VIA AP

take it away.

Pipe dreams

To drain away water without changing the appearance of your garden, use perforated pipe buried underground.

Dig a trench, as described above, then lay in 4" diameter black plastic pipe. Available at home and building stores, the pipe is corrugated to bend easily, and perforated to let in water. Cover the pipe with a water permeable fabric to keep out dirt and a layer of gravel, then backfill the soil.

Make sure the outlet at the lower end of the pipe is either open or in a bed of gravel within the soil.

As with ditching, a lower area is needed into which to drain the water.

Raise the roots

Rather than lower the water level beneath your plants' roots, you could get them air by raising them above the water. Trees and shrubs can be planted on raised mounds. The mounds need to be plenty wide to allow roots to spread. How wide depends on the eventual size of the plant.

For vegetables and flowers, raised beds provide well-aerated soil. Construct enclosures of wood or stone for each bed, then truck in enough topsoil to fill each bed to the depth of a foot or more. The higher the surface of the bed, the greater the depth of well-drained soil for the roots.

Just as long trenches lined with stone can carry you on a magic carpet to ancient Persia, a pattern of raised beds, as

well as the materials used for their sides and the paths, might transport you to medieval Europe. Especially if the edging is of sawn timbers with, say, beige pea gravel for the paths.

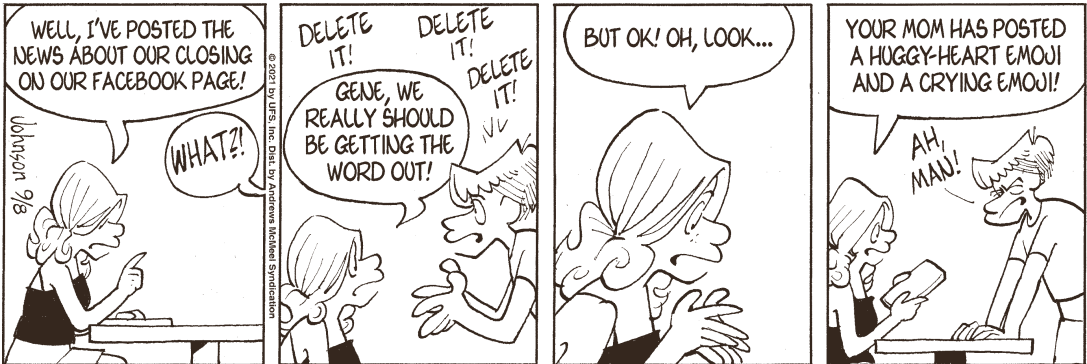
Or line the beds with rough cut logs and lay straw or crushed oyster shells in the paths, and you might instead imagine yourself hitching a horse to a post outside this colonial American garden.

No need to choose between ditches and raised beds to improve soil drainage – why not do both?

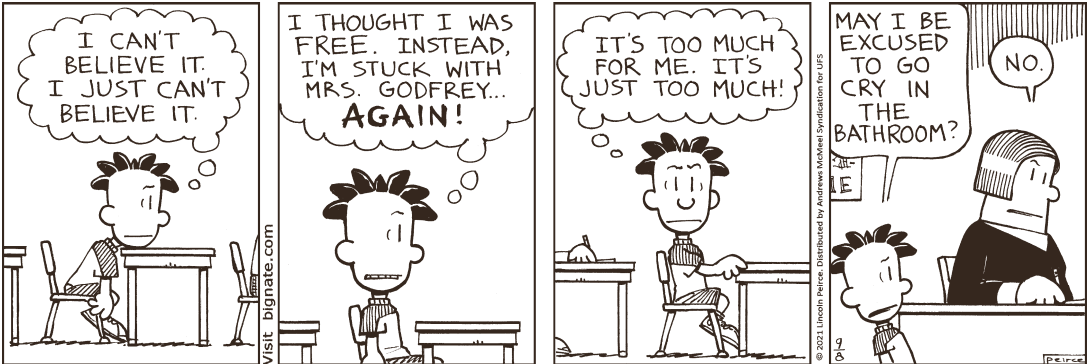
You could emulate the Aztec gardeners at Xochomilicho, who scooped up muck from between their planting beds to keep them raised. Their gardens were actually constructed in water, and boats plied the "paths." Plant plenty of marigolds, a favorite flower in Xochomilicho, to lend authenticity to such a garden.

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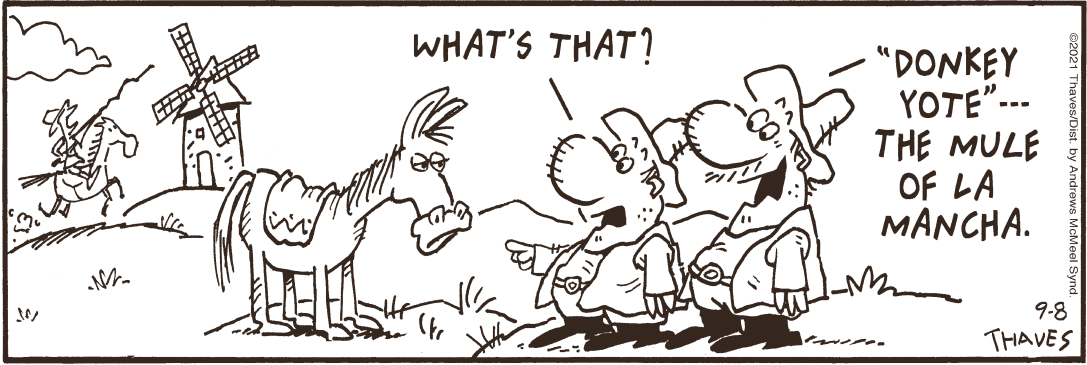
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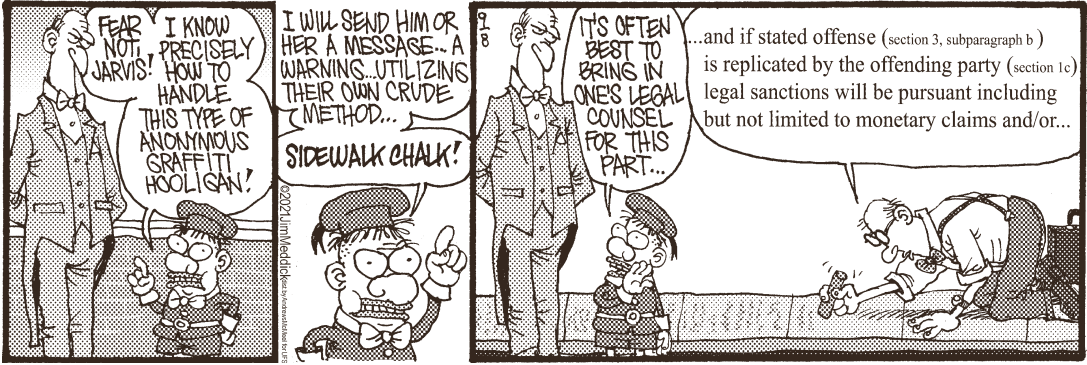
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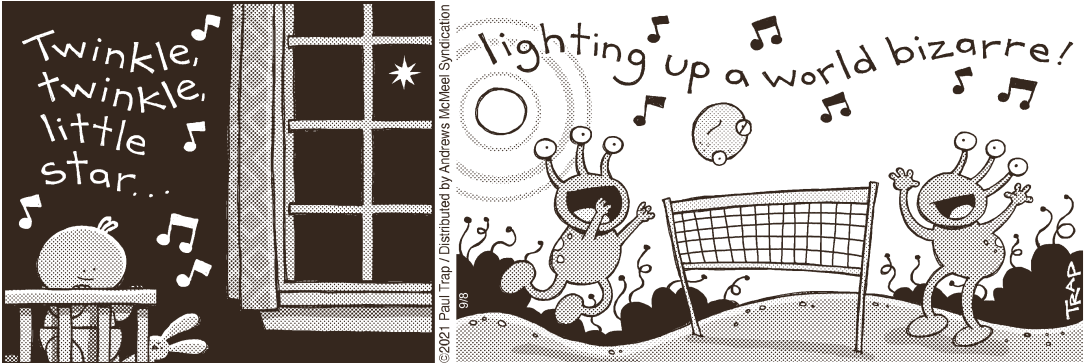
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- ACROSS**
- 1 — Clayton Powell Jr.
 - 5 Hotel entrance
 - 10 Parts with
 - 12 Like most letters
 - 13 Hit the sack
 - 14 Spuds
 - 15 Inventor's spark
 - 16 Teachers' org.
 - 18 Buzz
 - 19 Own up to
 - 21 Not even once
 - 25 Email status
 - 29 Romance, in Venice
 - 30 Laid off from work
 - 32 Rock climber's aid
 - 33 Feminine principle, to Jung
 - 34 Home turnover
 - 37 High school subject
- DOWN**
- 1 Parroted
 - 2 Calendar information
 - 3 Libretto feature
 - 4 Cousteau's domain
 - 5 Pasture
 - 6 Pledge
 - 7 Cheese choice
 - 8 Grassy shoulder
 - 9 Fabric meas.
- 38 Mopes**
- 40 Round veggie**
- 43 Narrow inlet**
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- 53 Hardy or Cromwell**
- 54 First sign**
- 55 Perfect place**

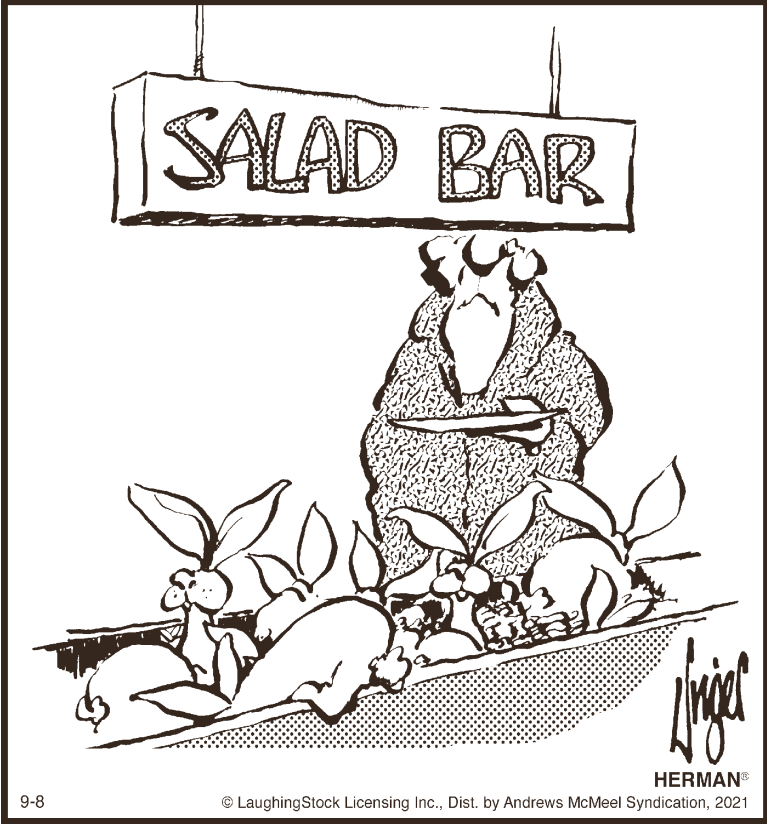
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- 10 — Lanka**
- 11 Broadcast**
- 12 Gravy spot**
- 17 Big bird**
- 19 Boxing venues**
- 20 Prelims**
- 21 Fabric surface**
- 22 Bahrain VIP**
- 23 Pull the lever**
- 24 Winged god**
- 26 Ms. Ferber**
- 27 Got off the plane**
- 28 Moore of "G.I. Jane"**
- 31 Rather or Aykroyd**
- 35 Attracted**
- 36 Wallach or Lilly**
- 39 Boxing win**
- 40 Lowly laborer**
- 41 Congers**
- 42 Having the means**
- 44 Among**
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- 48 "Alice" waitress**
- 49 Permit**
- 51 Yeasty brew**

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Take a stroll down memory lane with someone who shares your sentiments. Make plans that will allow more time to work alongside people who value you. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Put your energy into something worthwhile. Focus on what interests you and how best to use your skills to accommodate your dreams. ☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Learn from experience. Network and attend seminars that will give you a platform to show off what you know and can do, and you will outshine anyone. ☆☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Don't give up or let emotions take over. Ignore negativity, take charge of happiness and distance yourself from anyone who says or does something to disrupt your life. ☆☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Study the changes taking place, and adjust the way you handle your financial affairs. Keep up with the trends, and position yourself to step in as others become dinosaurs. ☆☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Everything depends on detail, precision and discipline. Choose intelligence, and you'll maintain a dependable reputation. ☆☆☆

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A trip down memory lane will confirm your thoughts. Take physical action to ensure that you do what you can to uncover every option available to you. ☆☆☆

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Refuse to let anything limit what you can do. Stand up for your rights, and make your voice heard. Participate in events that offer insight into what's possible. ☆☆☆

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have more leverage than you think. Dissect what others do and say, and you'll realize you have just as much to offer. ☆☆☆☆

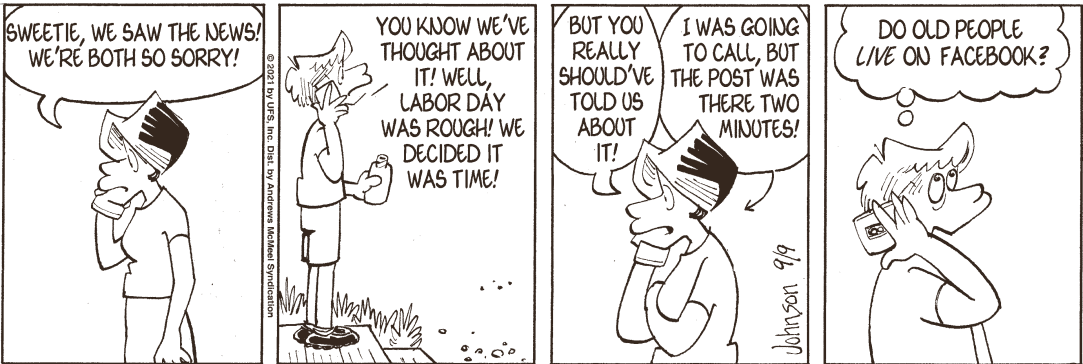
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Think before you act. You'll face opposition that will be difficult to beat if you haven't done your homework. ☆☆☆

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Spend more time planning and less time letting others decide for you. Move forward in secrecy until you feel fully prepared to disclose your intentions. ☆☆☆☆

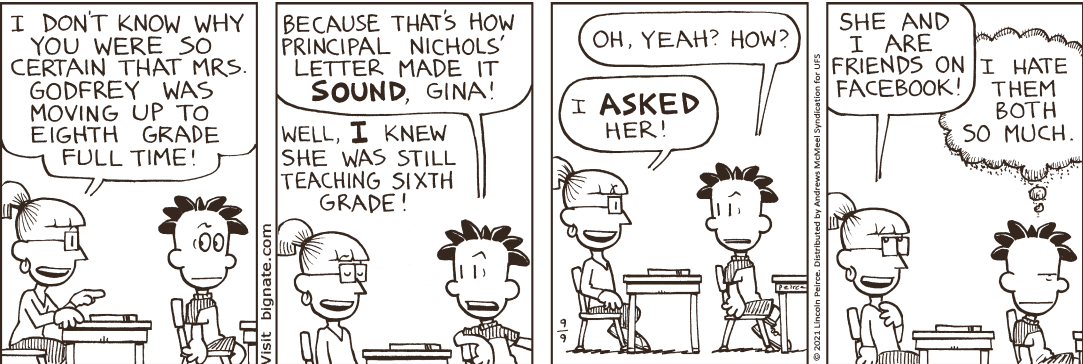
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let change consume you. Look at the logistics, then make a smart move. Keep your expenses down, and pay attention to what's important to you. ☆☆☆

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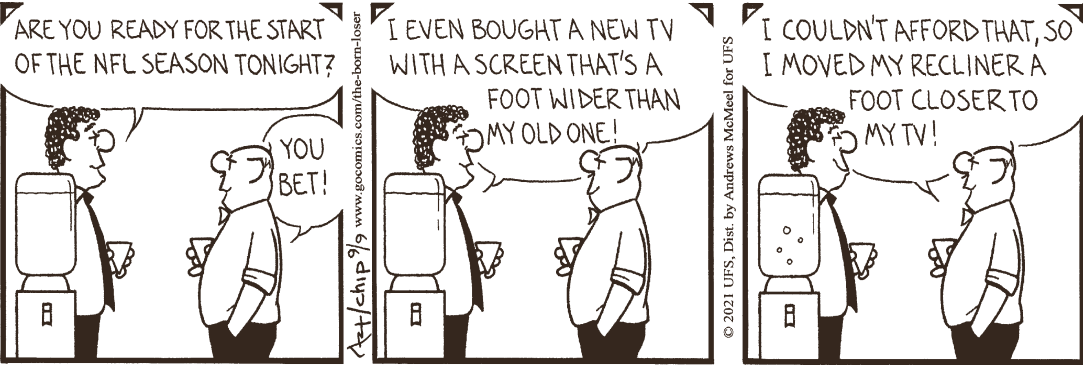
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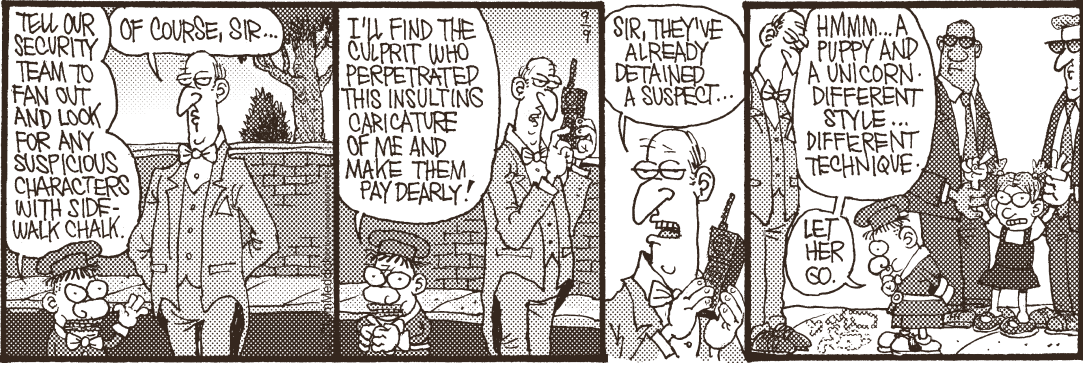
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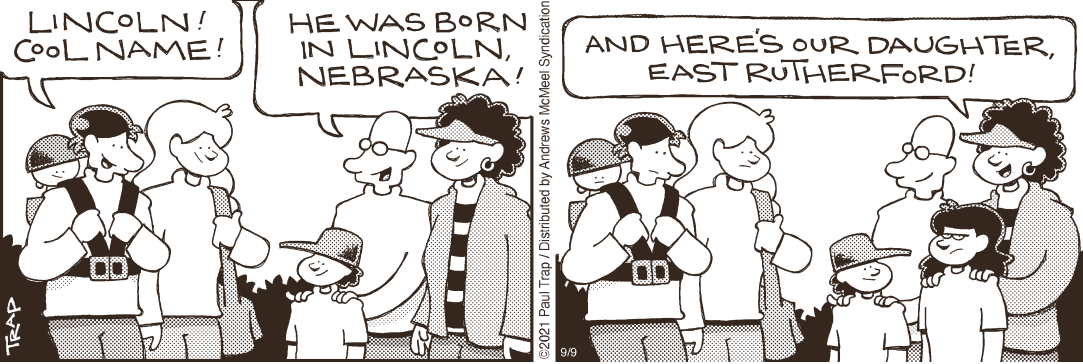
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1 Chirped
5 Barnyard sound
8 Slowly vanish
12 Butter substitute
13 Caviar, actually
14 Harrow rival
15 Period of time
16 Help a stranger
18 Decree
20 Actress — Paquin
21 Night flyer
22 Cast a vote
23 Punch server
26 Up and at 'em
29 Water, to Pedro
30 Signaled
31 Cashew or filbert
33 Kind of student
34 Pistols
35 About 2.2 pounds

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1 Distress call
2 Dog chow brand
3 Not far away
4 Skier's transport
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6 Pizzeria's need

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ACROSS

36 Shove off
38 In a crazy way
39 Believer
40 Always, to the bard
41 Gangplank
43 Appetizer
46 Large trash bin
48 Nutritious grains
50 Elvis, to some
51 More than most
52 "Cujo" author
53 Lap dog
54 TV Tarzan
55 Livy's "it was"

DOWN

7 Graceless one
8 Fakes out
9 Two fives for —
10 Lisbon lady
11 Terminate
17 Speedy
19 Astonish
22 Raw minerals
23 Flee
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25 Tenderfoot
26 Cousin's mother
27 Tennyson heroine
28 Declare invalid
30 Brusque

32 Child pleaser
34 Sounds of fright
35 Bar singalong
37 Complex-ion flaw
38 Uncles and brothers
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Aries (March 21-April 19): Take part in something you feel passionate about, and you will be exhilarated by the people you meet and the progress you make. ☆☆☆

Taurus (April 20-May 20): When in doubt, take a pass. Get involved in something that is geared toward peace of mind, fitness and productivity. Restlessness will set in if you don't keep moving. ☆☆☆

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Get out and away from situations that are causing grief. Spend time with someone who shares your beliefs, enjoys the same pastimes and makes you feel good. ☆☆☆☆

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Go over details and size up situations. Having a clear picture will help you decipher the best way to deal with problems that involve others. ☆☆

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Gravitate toward people, places and opportunities that you find exhilarating. If you get caught in someone's drama, you'll miss a chance to explore new possibilities. ☆☆☆

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let new energy into your life and pursue the people, places and things that bring you joy take over. Live in the moment, and share your feelings with someone you love. ☆☆☆

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SPORTS



The Kirksville volleyball team cheers after finishing the third set Thursday to beat Mexico, 3-0. AUSTIN MILLER/KIRKSVILLE DAILY EXPRESS

Tigers beat Mexico

Kirksville volleyball feeds off first home crowd in 2 years

Austin Miller
Kirksville Daily Express
USA TODAY NETWORK

Kirksville volleyball got used to playing in a quiet gym. With spectator limitations last year, player screams and thwacks of the ball were the only noises on most nights, echoing in a gym that featured just a few parents.

The noise returned for Thursday’s home opener for the Tigers, with members of the football team and other students organizing a loud and raucous student section for the first time in nearly two years. They cheered on the Tigers, called on some bench players to get in the game, and gave their girls a needed spark at times.

Kirksville (5-2) rode that wave to a 3-0 win over Mexico (0-3), winning sets quite decisively.

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Senior

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“It’s really nice if we are struggling with our energy that we can have a crowd to feed off of,” said senior Corinne Vorkink.

The Tigers grabbed big leads in the first two sets, holding control for 25-16 wins in both. Then it was Mexico who started the third set with the hot hand. Playing from behind for the first time on Thursday was a test for the Tigers, but having that home support helped them turn things around.

After trailing 4-2, the Tigers went on a run midway through the set to grab a 19-12 lead. The Bulldogs fought back to

cut the deficit, but Kirksville never lost control. They finished the third set with a 25-17 win.

“Knowing we have a big support system that supports all the girls on the team is really nice,” Kearney said.

Coach Sadie Pafford, for the most part, liked what she saw on Thursday. Kirksville’s offense looked good and clean for most of the night, though there were several times where players were caught out of position. But those are some learning mistakes that will happen as several girls get adjusted to varsity volleyball.

Serves were aggressive but a few too many errors for Pafford’s liking. And

Mexico did a decent job of attacking the corners of the court, which the Tigers were a little slow to figure out. But a straight-set win over a conference foe is a good night.

“I thought when we were disciplined and made the move we were supposed to make, it looked really good,” Pafford said. “There were glimpses of the potential they could have throughout the season.”

The teams are totally different, but Kirksville beat Mexico in a tough district final last season and the Bulldogs have always been a tough program. The same can be said about Marshall, and the Tigers beat them 3-0 earlier this week.

Still early in the season, but those are good measuring-stick wins as the Tigers get going.

“It’s good, I think, to see where we are at the start of the season,” Pafford said. “It’s a good opportunity to see what we need to build on for the rest of the year, but definitely a good starting point for what we need to work on.”

Each NFL team's pressing QB question

Mike Jones
USA TODAY

With training camp and the preseason in the books, clarity has come to many teams' quarterback situations. Now, the focus turns to the regular season, which kicks off next week.

However, there are a good deal of unknowns, even for teams with some of the most proven quarterbacks.

From the seemingly most stable situation in Tampa all the way down to the most shaky of the turmoil-filled Houston Texans, here's a look at the pressing question hanging over every quarterback situation in the league.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers — Tom Brady and his entire supporting cast of starters return in Tampa Bay. But Father Time remains undefeated. Can the GOAT, now 44, remain on top and pull off the second title repeat of his career?

Kansas City Chiefs — According to Next Gen Stats, Patrick Mahomes ran for nearly 500 yards behind the line of scrimmage while trying to evade pass rushers in Kansas City's Super Bowl defeat in February. After a busy offseason in which the team remade its offensive line, have the Chiefs given him adequate enough protection to again contend for the Lombardi Trophy?

Green Bay Packers — Can Aaron Rodgers block out the tumult thoroughly enough to lead the Packers to a Super Bowl in what could be his final season in Green Bay

Baltimore Ravens — What kind of a leap will Lamar Jackson make as a passer after Baltimore upgraded its receiving corps this offseason? And will a slow start to camp caused by his COVID-19 quarantine come back to haunt him?

San Francisco 49ers — How will Kyle Shanahan handle a timeshare quarterback situation with Jimmy Garoppolo and promising rookie Trey Lance?

Buffalo Bills — Josh Allen led Buffalo to its first playoff win since 1995 and then got paid handsomely with a six-year, \$258 million contract extension. Now can he build on last year's MVP runner-up campaign and take the Bills further?

Seattle Seahawks — Will a new offense equip Russell Wilson for greater



Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (1) drops back to attempt a pass against the Atlanta Falcons.

JASEN VINLOVE/USA TODAY SPORTS

success and help resolve his dissatisfaction with the franchise?

Cleveland Browns — Can Baker Mayfield join the ranks of the elite after serving primarily as an up-and-down game manager for the bulk of his career? Can he and the Browns handle the weight of expectations following their first playoff victory in 26 years?

Los Angeles Rams — Can Matthew Stafford deliver as the difference-making upgrade over Jared Goff that Sean McVay is counting on him to be?

Tennessee Titans — Ryan Tannehill has a new offensive coordinator and an additional weapon in Julio Jones. But can he put the Titans over the top in the playoffs, and will he get the defensive help required to do so?

Pittsburgh Steelers — After an 11-0 start, Ben Roethlisberger hit the wall last season. Does he have enough left in the tank to make the Steelers legitimate contenders once more?

Los Angeles Chargers — Can Justin

Herbert build on an impressive rookie season despite having to start over with a new coach and offensive coordinator?

Dallas Cowboys — Can Dak Prescott stay healthy enough to prove he's the elite and winning quarterback he claimed to be leading up to the signing of his \$160 million deal?

Arizona Cardinals — Can Kyler Murray be effective enough to make the Cardinals a factor in a very competitive NFC West?

Miami Dolphins — Can Tua Tagovailoa respond in this high-pressure situation and dispel doubts over whether he can be the guy?

Washington Football Team — Can Ryan Fitzpatrick deliver a full high-level season, or will he fall off after a hot start, which has been customary for the soon-to-be 39-year-old, and force Ron Rivera to turn to Taylor Heinicke to keep Washington's playoff hopes alive?

Las Vegas Raiders — Derek Carr's numbers have steadily improved in each of his three seasons under Jon Gruden. He's playing with improved confidence, the Raiders say. But is he capable of at last leading the Raiders to the playoffs in what could be a make-or-break year?

Indianapolis Colts — Can Carson Wentz shake off the foot injury and whatever else ailed him in Philadelphia to resurrect his career and help Frank Reich and the Colts challenge for the division?

New England Patriots — Can Mac Jones do his best young Brady impersonation and help the Patriots return to the playoffs?

New Orleans Saints — Can Jameis Winston cure his interception-prone woes and give the Saints a chance to remain competitive with Drew Brees now retired?

Minnesota Vikings — Kirk Cousins' clutch moments have been few and far between. Can he finally deliver on the promise the Vikings saw in him when they gave him a fully guaranteed deal three years ago?

Chicago Bears — Can Andy Dalton play well enough to keep Justin Fields on the bench, or will a stumble out of the gates prompt hot-seat coach Matt Nagy to turn to the rookie in an attempt to save his job?

Atlanta Falcons — Can creative roo-

kie head coach Arthur Smith and rookie tight end Kyle Pitts help rejuvenate Matt Ryan and the downtrodden Falcons?

Denver Broncos — Many believe the Broncos are a quarterback away from contending. Is Teddy Bridgewater the answer or simply yet another bridge option for a team on its fifth different Week 1 starting signal-caller in as many years?

Carolina Panthers — Will a change of scenery and more competent coaching staff help Sam Darnold live up to his potential after three forgettable years in New York

Philadelphia Eagles — Is Jalen Hurts a high-level starter? The Eagles had more confidence in the second-year pro's potential than they did in Carson Wentz's ability to set things right. Now first-year head coach Nick Sirianni and the Eagles brass are about to find out if they were right. If not, they have Gardner Minshew on standby and potentially three first-round picks in 2022 to use on a franchise passer.

Detroit Lions — Can Jared Goff prove that the Rams got it wrong and give the rebooting Lions some of the same playmaking abilities he displayed in 2018 while helping L.A. reach the Super Bowl?

Jacksonville Jaguars — Trevor Lawrence appears to have all the tools, but is Urban Meyer knowledgeable enough about the pro game to position the first overall pick for success?

New York Jets — Leading up to the draft, Zach Wilson was billed as a player with an Aaron Rodgers-like skillset. Can he live up to expectations as the Jets hit the reset button once again?

Cincinnati Bengals — As Joe Burrow returns from last year's season-ending knee injury, will Zac Taylor do a better job of protecting his prized franchise quarterback?

New York Giants — Will the healthy return of Saquon Barkley lighten Daniel Jones' load and help the third-year quarterback cut down on his turnover woes and inconsistencies and develop into a quality starter?

Houston Texans — How much longer is the Deshaun Watson mess going to hang over this franchise? In the meantime, can Tyrod Taylor lead this team toward respectability amid David Culley and Nick Caserio's efforts?

Sportsbook deals show NFL's hypocrisy

Mike Freeman
USA TODAY

This week, the NFL announced that FOX Bet, BetMGM, PointsBet and WynnBET became approved sportsbook operators for the 2021 NFL season. What the NFL has done is basically the equivalent of someone swearing off sugar, saying how evil it was, then suddenly jumping naked into a vat of cotton candy.

It's difficult to put into words just how monumental this moment is for the NFL. Monumentally hypocritical. Monumentally greedy. Monumentally, typically, undoubtedly very NFL.

This latest news comes after the league announced in April its first sportsbook partnerships — multi-year agreements with Caesars Entertainment, Draft Kings and Fan Duel as the NFL's "official betting partners" — which was big but pales in comparison to this latest news.

For decades, if not darn near a century, the NFL has warned of the evils of gambling and casinos, while winking and nodding, knowing the lifeblood of the sport was gambling and casinos.

It was always smart to be concerned about players gambling on games. That's not the issue. The issue is the NFL's weapons-grade phoniness that goes back years. Former commissioner Pete Rozelle once actually said that if the city of New Orleans got casinos, he would do everything in his power to steer Super Bowls away from that city.

This was Rozelle in 1963 after suspending Paul Hornung and Alex Karras following a league investigation that found the two bet on NFL games and associated with known gamblers.

"This sport has grown so quickly and gained so much of the approval of the American public that the only way it can be hurt is through gambling," Rozelle said in part. "I considered this in reaching my decision. I also took into account that the violations of Hornung and Karras were continuing, not casual. They were continuing, flagrant and increasing. Both players had been informed over and over of the league rule on gambling; the rule is posted in every clubhouse in the league, as well. Yet they continued to gamble. I could only exact



NFL commissioner Roger Goodell speaks during the unveiling of the "1958 Championship Game" statue in Canton, Ohio. SCOTT HECKEL/CANTON REPOSITORY

from them the most severe penalty short of banishment for life."

This was Rozelle in 1976: "I have frequently expressed my opinion that legalized gambling on sporting events are destructive of the sports themselves and in the long run injurious to the public."

This was Roger Goodell, the current commissioner, during a deposition in 2012, according to ESPN:

"What threats are there to the integrity of pro football in the United States?" a lawyer asked Goodell.

"Gambling would be No. 1 on my list," Goodell responded.

This was Goodell in 2015: "We've been very open about our position that

we oppose legalized sports gambling. We haven't changed our position on that. I don't anticipate us changing that going forward at all."

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The NFL hasn't evolved. That's not what's happening here. What happened is that the NFL saw everyone else, including casinos, online gambling sites and millions of regular jabronis playing fantasy football, making loads of cash and decided to toss its alleged principles into the trash because there were billions to be made.

I can prove this with two words: Tony Romo.

In 2015, the former Dallas Cowboys

quarterback was part of a group sponsoring a fantasy football convention in Las Vegas.

A lawsuit later filed against the NFL stated there was a roster of at least 60 NFL players under contract to participate in the convention, including Romo, Odell Beckham Jr., Rob Gronkowski and Dez Bryant.

However, the lawsuit claimed that NFL officials, according to ESPN, "Contacted people associated with the players who were getting paid to come -- their teams, families, their agents and, in some cases, even their parents -- to tell them they would be fined or suspended if they attended the convention." The convention never happened.

The suit, which was later dismissed by a judge, also said the league told the NFL Network's Michael Fabiano, a fantasy football analyst, that if he remained the host of the event, he would risk losing his job.

When players were poised to make money off gambling (and fantasy football is definitely a form of gambling), gambling was bad.

Now that the NFL will make billions off gambling, it's cool.

But not to everyone. Hall of Fame coach Tony Dungy responded to the tweet of ESPN's Adam Schefter, saying: "I really don't like seeing this Adam. When I came into the league the NFL had a stance against gambling. Now it seems like we've accepted it. I realize it's legal now but we've all seen the damage gambling can do to lives. I don't think we should be promoting it."

There's another person whose views on gambling have been consistent and never changed. It's former commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who just entered the Hall of Fame.

"I was always opposed to it, the gambling stuff, and I didn't want to have a team in Las Vegas," Tagliabue, who retired in 2006 after 17 years as NFL commissioner, told USA TODAY Sports' Jarrett Bell in April.

Tagliabue added: "I still worry about some young guy ... and someone says to him, 'Take the money.'"

Tagliabue is one of the few consistent voices on gambling. One of the non-hypocritical ones.

Unlike Goodell. Unlike the NFL.

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WHEREAS, Dwight J. Brubaker, a Single Person, by his certain Deed of Trust dated November 18, 2016, and recorded on November 18, 2016, in Book 1037 at Pages 512-514, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds Office, within and for Adair County, Missouri, conveyed to **Acting Sheriff of the County of Adair, State of Missouri**, Trustee, in trust to secure the payment of a Promissory Note therein described, and the interest thereon, the following described real estate, situated, lying and being in the **County of Adair, State of Missouri**, to-wit:

All of Lot 3, Block 14, Northeast Addition to Kirksville, Missouri.

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payments due on said note and by reason of said default, according to the terms of said *Deed of Trust*, all of said Note has become due and payable; and,

WHEREAS, it is provided in and by the terms of said *Deed of Trust*, that the holders of the Note may, from time to time, substitute another trustee in place of the trustee named in said Deed of Trust, such appointment to be made by written instrument executed by the holders which shall be recorded among the public records of Adair County, Missouri, at Kirksville, Missouri, and shall be conclusive proof of the proper appointment of the successor trustee, and to whom the title to said premises shall thereupon vest for the uses and purposes expressed in said *Deed of Trust*; and,

WHEREAS, the holder of the note appointed **Jay Benson as Successor Trustee** under said *Deed of Trust* and that said appointment was recorded on August 27, 2021, in Book 1122 at Pages 66-68 in the Recorder of Deeds Office of Adair County, Missouri.

NOW THEREFORE, at the request of the legal holder of said note, **Jay Benson**, the undersigned Successor Trustee, acting as successor trustee and in place and stead of the above-named trustee appointed in and by said *Deed of Trust*, and pursuant to the powers to him given by said *Deed of Trust* and the appointment as successor trustee, will sell the property above described at public venue, to the highest bidder for cash, at the **South front door of the Courthouse in the City of Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, on Thursday, the 30th day of September, 2021, between the hours of 9:00 o’clock a.m. and 5:00 o’clock p.m., more specifically at 2:00 o’clock p.m.**, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.

**Jay Benson
Successor Trustee**

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The City of Kirksville and the County of Adair previously adopted and have in force a use tax. The use tax rate for the City is currently 2.75% and the use tax rate for Adair County is currently 1% both of which are equal to the total local sales tax rate for each entity. The use tax applies to and impacts certain purchases from out-of-state vendors. A use tax is the equivalent of a sales tax on purchases made from out-of-state sellers by in-state buyers and on certain taxable business transactions.

The use tax rate is equal to the total local sales tax rate in effect for the City and the rate for the County. If any local sales tax is repealed or the rate thereof is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall also be deemed to be repealed, reduced, or raised by the same action repealing, reducing, or raising the local sales tax pursuant to sections 144.757 to 144.761 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri. This notice may also be found on the City's website at <http://www.kirksvillemcity.com> or in the offices of the Adair County Clerk or Kirksville City Clerk.

We, Sandra J. Collop, Adair County Clerk and Wanda J. Cagle, City Clerk for the City of Kirksville, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing is, to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct.

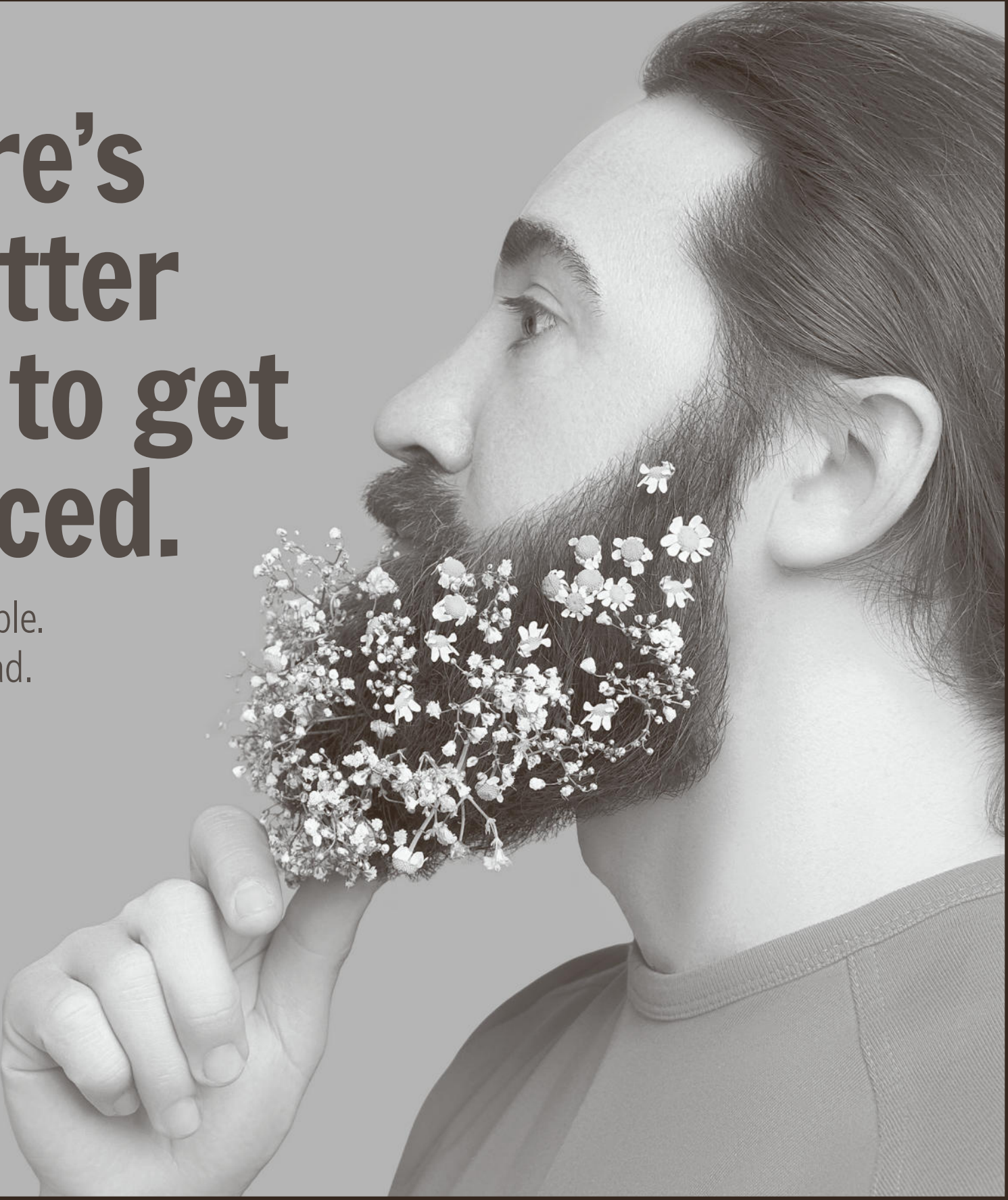
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Rural communities across the country, including Gorham, N.H., are wrestling with the economic perks and environmental drawbacks of opening up their roads to ATVs. PHOOTS BY LISA RATHKE/AP

Rural communities abuzz on perks, drawbacks of ATVs on roads

Popularity of vehicles has sometimes pitted riders against residents

Lisa Rathke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MORRISTOWN, Vt. – Tom and Cynthia Cloutier treasure spending time on their porch, eating dinner on their deck with a view of the mountains, and generally just enjoying the quiet of living in rural Vermont in the home they bought in 2018 after retirement.

That all changed the following year, when a section of road that abuts their property was opened to all-terrain vehicles that previously were not permitted on roads. Frequently, when they’d go outside, noisy ATVs would be charging down the lane, Tom Cloutier said.

“Overnight our Silver Ridge (Road) became a superhighway of ATVs,” he said. “We could hear these machines inside our home, but when we went outside, we could not have a conversation, sit on our front porch quietly with our coffee, or eat dinner on our deck or enjoy watching the sunset.”

What started as a trial run in Morristown, Vermont, in 2019 ended last year after a complaint, a town official said. Now, an ATV group is asking the town to again open up a section of the road and parts of other roads so that riders can get gas, stay or park at a local motel, and eat at local restaurants. The access would connect them to a neighboring community where ATVs are legal on roads.

Their town has joined a small but growing list of rural communities across the country that have opened or are considering whether to open up their roads to ATVs, with some taking advantage of the economic benefits that come with outdoor tourism.

ATV interest has only intensified as more people got outdoors during the pandemic. But the vehicles’ popularity has sometimes pitted riders against residents, with communities struggling to balance the perks with a loss of tranquility.



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“Our vision for our town should be for everybody,” ATV rider Lisa Desjardins said at a July public meeting about the Morristown proposal. “It shouldn’t just be for people who are riding bikes, who are runners. It should be for everybody, whether you like ATVs or not.”

Last year, sales of ATVs rose more than 33%, according to Scott Schloegel, senior vice president for government relations for the Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association, which opposes on-road use of ATVs unless they are trail connectors. That jump in sales creates more interest in access to public lands where trails exist and additional demand for new trails and trail maintenance, he said.

Even though it was closed for two months last year during the pandemic, the 1,000-mile Hatfield-McCoy Trails system in West Virginia sold its highest number of annual trail permits in 2020 at nearly 65,000, according to the office of Gov. Jim Justice, and ATV permits for Maine residents jumped 6%, officials said.

It’s a great economic driver for those communities, Schloegel said of the Hatfield-McCoy trail network.

“It’s everything from the mom-and-

pop gas stations to the motels and hotels to the fast-food joints and the power sports dealerships and service locations that they’ve got across the state,” he said.

Officials with the Open Space & Trails Department in Summit County, Colorado, have noticed an increase in off-highway vehicle use of trails in recent years. ATV trails are also accessible to hikers, bikers and equestrians, the department said.

In northern New Hampshire, Gorham opened some roads to ATVs about eight years ago, and on summer weekends the town of fewer than 3,000 residents is bustling with the machines.

On a Friday in July, riders from as far away as North Carolina had rented machines and were touring the trails. Others from Connecticut and Rhode Island, their ATVs in tow, were staying at a local motel.

John Bates Jr., who doesn’t have trails near his home in Epsom, New Hampshire, visits frequently. He drove 2½ hours and was staying at a motel. Friends were renting machines the following day, and together they planned to hit the more than 1,000-mile Ride the Wilds trail network, “which is absolute-

ly fantastic,” he said.

Some residents near roads open to ATVs are annoyed.

“This little town was the cutest little town, quiet, everybody was friendly. Now it’s a nightmare,” said Sandy Lemire, a longtime resident of Gorham, which sits on the edge of New Hampshire’s White Mountains. She complained about the noise and smell of exhaust.

“Outside is unbelievable,” she said. “You can’t hear yourself think; sometimes I can’t even hear my lawn mower, especially when there’s a festival going on and they’re all traveling this way.”

Residents of Morristown are expected to vote on the ATV proposal this fall. In July, riders testified that opening up sections of certain roads would boost the economy and give them access to food and fuel, while other residents raised concerns about safety, noise and the environment.

“We’re not asking to drive through town, all your other roads, right now. Probably won’t,” said rider Mike Putvain. “Have you ever paid for four-wheeler tires? We don’t want to ride blacktop. We’d rather be on a dirt road or a trail, and hopefully we get more.”



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