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Police overview committee seeks reactivation

Committee has not met since 2019

BY BRIAN JONES bjones@cdispatch.com

It's been a long time since Columbus Police Department Overview Committee met, and NAACP Pres-

ident

Latham



wants it reactivated. Harris, who sat on the committee, went before Columbus City Council Tuesday night to ask the council to consider making some new appointments and allowing it to meet with Chief Joseph Daughtry. She was joined by committee members Colin Krieger and Tiffany Turner and former city councilman Marty Turner, who was on the council when it was

The committee was created in the aftermath of the October 2015 shooting death of Ricky Ball by then-CPD officer incidents with different police

Canyon Boykin. It was intended to be a liaison between the community and CPD, and, as of September 2021, was made up of Steven L. James, R.J. Matthews, Lee Roy Lollar, Harris, Turner and Krieger. Public Information Officer Joe Dillon, then-Chief Operations Officer David Armstrong and then-Chief Fred Shelton were all non-voting members.

"This is about giving the citizens transparency and the chance to give their input and analyze different scenarios and

■ SURVEY: Survey asks for input for recreation on the Lux at Propst Park.

officers," Harris said. "It gave the police department the chance to have another set of eyes." The committee stopped

pandemic, she said. It has not met since 2019. "The committee was never

meeting due to the COVID-19

dismantled," she said. Harris said she wanted the members of the committee to sit down with Mayor Keith

Gaskin and Daughtry "... and discuss where we're at with the overview committee."

Ward 1 Councilwoman Ethel Stewart asked Harris why there

was interest in reviving the committee.

"Are there any particular questions or problems?" Stewart



"I've had questions and calls after the incident that hap-See COMMITTEE, 8A

SEXTORTION

After son's suicide, father raises awareness of social media dangers



Jessica Lindsey/Dispatch Staff

Brian Montgomery speaks to a group of approximately 50 parents of Heritage Academy students Monday night at the school's activity center. Montgomery's son Walker, pictured behind him, was the target of an organized online extortion effort, which ultimately led the 16-year-old to take his own life.

BY JESSICA LINDSEY jlindsey@cdispatch.com

rian and Courtney Montgomery woke up on Dec. 1, 2022, to find their 16-yearold son Walker dead from suicide.

By all accounts, Walker was a normal child in a tight-knit family. The Montgomerys had sought a rural life, living on a farm in Lowndes County. They ate dinner as a family and the parents prayed with the children nightly before bed.

"To put it in perspective, I would have bet you that I was more likely

to get struck by lightning on a clear day than Walker do this," Brian Montgomery told a crowd of approximately 50 parents at Heritage Academy on Monday night.

"We knew it was wrong. We knew something happened that was terrible, but we had no idea why or how it happened to us," Montgomery said.

Montgomery, who was joined by lawyer Lindsay Clemons, recounted his family's devastation from the tragedy and his subsequent work in raising awareness about the type of sextortion that led to Walker taking his own life and – more generally – the dangers of unchecked technolo-

gy in the hands of minors. Sextortion is when someone is threatened with the distribution of their private, including sexual, material if they do not provide money or more sexual images or favors in return, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Around midnight Dec. 1, a girl sent Walker a direct message on Instagram, striking up what was initially a casual conversation.

See MONTGOMERY, 6A

Cutting edge equipment upgrades coming to Okt. sheriff's dept.

County, city pursue grants for license plate readers, other tech

BY ABIGAIL SIPE ROCHESTER arochester@cdispatch.com

STARKVILLE City and county law enforcement agencies are in for some technological grades.

The Oktibbeha County Emergency Management Agen-

cy received approval to purchase an almost \$850,000 public safety equipment update from 365Labs at the board of supervisors meeting on Monday night. EMA Director Kristin Campanella said this update would be a huge change for the

county's sheriff's office. See **UPGRADES**, 8A

Making a difference has been driving factor in **Baptist's new CEO**

Former nurse. administrator Robert **Coleman to replace** Paul Cade at BMH-GT

BY GRANT MCLAUGHLIN grant@cdispatch.com

Robert Coleman has always tried to outperform himself and make a lasting impact on both health care and the patients he has served, first as a nurse and then in hospital adminis-



Coleman

tration. On April 3, he'll be doing See COLEMAN, 6A

INSIDE

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FIVE QUESTIONS

1 What member of the Roots was also named musical director on "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"? 2 What funny lady played Sean

Spicer on "Saturday Night Live" during Spicer's brief tenure at the White House? 3 Disguised as various char-

acters, what comedian duped several high-profile targets during interviews for his series "Who Is America"? 4 What out-of-this-world 2011 novel by Andy Weir was adapt-

ed into a film starring Matt

5 What fast-food chain replied "18 million" to a teen's 2017 viral Tweet asking "how many retweets for a year of free chicken nuggets"?

Answers. 8B

CALENDAR

Today-Saturday

■ Festival: The Charles H. Templeton Sr. Ragtime and Jazz Festival will open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday with the Gatsby Gala, and run through Saturday. Concerts are at 7:30 pm in Bettersworth Auditorium in Lee Hall on MSU's campus along with a two-day "Business of Music Symposium" being held from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Tickets range from \$15-\$65 depending on the package chosen and can be purchased via the link at library. msstate.edu/ragtime-festival.

■ Concert: The W Department

of Music will hold its spring recital featuring a variety of genres starting at 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

■ Music on Main: Starkville's Music on Main will feature Mitch Warner at 4 p.m. on the Main Street Breezeway.

■ Annual Meeting: United

Way of Lowndes and Noxubee is hosting its annual meeting at 11:30 a.m. on March 24 at Lion Hills Center, 2331 Military Road, Columbus. Meet the new board president, hear a recap of 2022, meet funded agencies and learn how to get involved. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling (662) 370-1922 or visiting the link on the event Facebook page.

LOCAL FOLKS



Malaysia Nalls, of Columbus, enjoys art and praising God.

PUBLIC

MEETINGS

Today: Mayor's press conference 10:30 a.m., City

March 30: Columbus City Council work session. 10:30 a.m., City

April 3: Lowndes County Board of Supervisors, 9 a.m., Lowndes County Courthouse

April 3: Historic Preservation Commission, 4 p.m., City Hall

Trump legal woes force another moment of choosing for GOP

After almost eight years of near-constant scandal, Republicans have ultimately rallied behind Trump over and over and over again

BY STEVE PEOPLES, FARNOUSH AMIRI AND LISA MASCARO The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. - From the moment he rode down the Trump Tower escalator to announce his first presidential campaign, a searing question has hung over the Republican Party: Is this the moment to

break from Donald Trump? Elected Republicans have wavered at times - whether it was Trump's condemnation of John Mc-Cain's war record, his racist attack against a Mexican-American judge, his sexually predatory language caught on video, his alleged extramarital affairs, his decision to side with Russian President Vladimir Putin over U.S. intelligence, his promotion of false allegations of election fraud and his incitement of a violent mob that threatened the lives of lawmakers in both parties.

But after almost eight years of near-constant scandal, Republicans have ultimately rallied behind Trump over and over and over

Now, on the eve of a new presidential campaign season, that loyalty is being tested anew as Trump prepares for the possibility that he may soon become the first former U.S. president charged with a crime. New York prosecutors are wrapping up their probe into whether Trump engaged in an illegal hush money scheme involving a

"This is another moment - not just this indictment, but the others likely to follow - where Republicans have the opportunity to break with Trump," said Sarah Longwell, a vocal Republican Trump critic and founder of the Republican Ac-

Trump waits out grand jury as New York braces for protests

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Facing the possibility of criminal charges, Donald Trump waited it out in Florida on Tuesday as New York braced for disruptions that could follow an indictment. Republican contenders in the 2024 race sized up the impact a prosecution could have on a campaign in which the former president is a leading contender.

Trump over the weekend claimed without evidence that he would be arrested on Tuesday, but there was no indication that prediction would come true. A Manhattan grand jury did appear to take an important step forward on Monday by hearing from a witness favorable to Trump, presumably so prosecutors could ensure the panel had a chance to consider any testimony supporting his version of events.

The next steps were unclear, and it was uncertain if additional witnesses might be summoned. But a city mindful of the riot by Trump loyalists at the U.S. Capitol more than two years ago took steps to protect itself from any violence that could accompany the unprecedented prosecution of a former president.

Monday's testimony from Robert Costello, a lawyer with close ties to numerous key Trump aides, appeared to be a final opportunity for allies to steer the grand jury away from an indictment. Costello was invited by prosecutors to appear after saying he had information to undercut the credibility of Michael Cohen, a former lawyer and fixer for Trump who later turned against him and then became a key witness in the Manhattan district attorney's investigation.

countability Project. "If they fail to do so, they'll have no one to blame but themselves when Trump is the nominee again."

So far, at least, the vast majority of the Republican Party appears to have made its choice.

As charges loom, many party leaders have begun to defend the former president - even as other Republicans with far less baggage line up against him in the nascent 2024 Republican presidential pri-

Former Vice President Mike Pence, a likely presidential contender, said over the weekend that Americans don't want to see Trump indicted. Another 2024 Republican prospect, New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu, said there is a sense that the former president is being unfairly attacked. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a frequent Trump critic also eyeing a White House bid, also said New York prosecutors may be unfairly prosecuting

There are cracks in such support, however. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis,

Trump's strongest prospective rival, offered a mixed assessment when asked to address the potential indictment on Monday.

"I don't know what goes into paying hush money to a porn star to secure silence over some type of alleged affair," DeSantis said as some in the audience laughed uncomfortably. "But what I can speak to is that if you have a prosecutor who is ignoring crimes happening every single day in his jurisdiction and he chooses to go back many many years ago to try to use something about porn star hush money payments, that's an example of pursuing a political agenda and weaponizing the office. And I think that's fundamentally wrong."



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Yellen: Bank situation stabilizing, different from 2008

'This is different from 2008. 2008 was a solvency crisis, rather what we're seeing now is contagious bank runs.'

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen

BY FATIMA HUSSEIN

The Associated Press WASHINGTON

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen projected calm on Tuesday after recent regional bank collapses but told a gathering of bankers that additional rescue arrangements "could be warranted" if any new failures at smaller institutions jeopardize financial stability.

Yellen, who made her remarks at the American Bankers Association, said that overall "the situation is stabilizing."

"And the U.S. banking system remains sound,'

Yellen said, drawing clear differences between recent events and the 2008 financial meltdown, which triggered trillions of dollars of financial losses globally.

"This is different from 2008," she said. "2008 was a solvency crisis, rather what we're seeing now is contagious bank runs."

Yellen's remarks come after a series of troubling bank developments this

Silicon Valley Bank, based in Santa Clara, California, failed on March 10 after depositors rushed to withdraw money amid anxiety over the bank's health. It was the second-largest bank collapse in U.S. history. Regulators convened over the following weekend and announced that New Yorkbased Signature Bank also had failed. They said that all depositors at both banks, including those holding uninsured funds, those exceeding \$250,000, would be protected by federal deposit insurance.

And last week a third bank, San Francisco-based First Republic Bank, was fortified by \$30 billion in funds raised by 11 of the biggest U.S. banks in an attempt to prevent it from collapsing.

The government is now determined to restore public confidence in the

banking system and to prevent any more turmoil. The Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission have launched investigations into the Silicon Valley Bank collapse, and President Joe Biden has called on Congress to strengthen rules on regional banks and to impose tougher penalties on executives of failed banks.

Yellen said the government's intervention was necessary to "protect the broader banking system" and more rescue efforts could be necessary, noting that the government is still closely monitoring the banking sector.

"Similar actions could be warranted if smaller institutions suffer deposit runs that pose the risk of contagion," she said.



Biden issues first veto, taking on new Republican House

Biden said he vetoed the measure because it 'put at risk the retirement savings of individuals across the country'

BY ZEKE MILLER AND SEUNG MIN KIM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden issued the first veto of his presidency Monday in an early sign of shifting White House relations with the new Congress since Republicans took control of the House in January — a move that serves as a prelude to bigger battles with GOP lawmakers on government

debt limit. Biden sought to kill a Republican-authored measure that would ban the government from considering environmental impacts or potential lawsuits when making investment

spending and the nation's

decisions for people's retirement plans. In a video released by the White House, Biden said he vetoed the measure because it "put at risk the retirement savings of individuals across the country."

His first veto represents a more confrontational approach at the midway of Biden's term in office, as he faces a GOP-controlled House that is eager to undo parts of his policy legacy and investigate his administration and his family. Complicating matters for Biden, several Democratic senators are up for re-election next year in conservative states, giving them political incen-

tive to put some distance

between them and the White House.

The measure vetoed by Biden would have effectively reinstated Trump-era ban on federal managers of retirement plans considering factors such as climate change, social impacts or pending lawsuits when making investment choices.

The veto could also help calm some anger environmentalists who have been upset with the Biden administration for its recent decision to greenlight the Willow oil project, a massive and contentious drilling project in Alaska.

"The president vetoed the bill because it jeopardizes the hard-earned life

savings of cops, firefighters, teachers, and other workers," White House spokesperson Robyn Patterson said.

But critics say so-called environmental, social and governance investments allocate money based on political agendas, such as a drive against climate change, rather than on earning the best returns for savers. Republicans in Congress who pushed the measure said environmental or social considerations in investments by the government are just another example of being "woke."

"In his first veto, Biden just sided with woke Wall Street over workers," House Speaker Kevin Mc-Carthy, R-Calif., tweeted on Monday. "Tells you exactly where his priorities

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Poll: 79 percent of Mississippians support full funding of public education

The Mississippi Adequate Education Program covers most of the state costs for the basic operation of school districts, ranging from textbooks to utilities to teacher salaries

BY BOBBY HARRISON Mississibbi Todav

Mississippi voters, by an overwhelming margin, support full funding of the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, which provides to local school districts the state's share of money to pay for their basic

A Siena College/Mississippi Today poll released on Monday found that 79 percent of respondents - including 91 percent of Democrats, 73 percent of Republicans and 77 percent of independents - support fully funding MAEP, while just 9 percent are opposed. Eleven percent of respondents are undecided.

The poll was conducted on March 6-8 of 764 registered voters. The poll was conducted soon after the state Senate, in a surprise move, voted unanimously to make a few changes to the MAEP formula and appropriate an additional \$181 million to achieve full funding. If the House and Gov. Tate

Reeves agree to the Senate proposal, it will mark the first time the formula, viewed as landmark legislation nationally when it was passed in 1997, has been fully funded since the 2007-08 school year.

Siena asked poll respondents if they support "fully funding, with the addition of about \$275 million, the Mississippi Adequate Education Program or MAEP, the formula that sends state money to local schools for basic school needs." (Note: Mississippi Today commissioned the Siena poll before the Senate released its final additional cost estimate of \$181 million – about \$94 million less than the \$275 million asked of poll respondents.) The Senate passed legisla-

tion, now pending in the House, that would make technical changes, resulting in less than \$275 million to provide full funding. Even with the changes to the formula, all 138 school districts, plus charter schools, would receive more funding than they garnered last year and are scheduled to get this year under the budget proposals of the governor and legislative leaders. The formula was underfunded by \$273 million last year and was scheduled, to be underfunded by about \$275 million for

The Senate plan would not require any school district to raise taxes to receive the additional funding.

MAEP was approved in 1997 and fully funded in 2003, its first year of full enactment. It also was fully funded in 2007.

According to the Parents' Campaign, an education advocacy group, MAEP was underfunded by \$3.3 billion since 2008. But still, it is generally the largest state expenditure each year. In the 2022 session, the Legislature appropriated \$2.1 billion for MAEP.

State Superintendent of Education Robert Taylor said of the possibility of full funding for the local districts: "It would be significant. That (fully funding) means that they now have the resources to put toward things that they haven't been able to do. We know that proper funding in education is what is going

to give any district the capacity to do the work."

MAEP covers most of the state costs for the basic operation of school districts, ranging from textbooks to utilities to teacher salaries.

Siena has been rated as one of the top pollsters in the nation by the FiveThirtyEight Blog, which analyzes pollster data. The poll has a margin of error of 4.6 percent, meaning the results could vary by that margin.

The respondents had a racial breakdown of 57 percent white voters and 35 percent African American voters. It also included 35 percent Republicans, 33 percent Democrats and 31 percent independent and other

The poll was conducted via cell phones, landlines and "from a proprietary online panel of Mississippians."

Mississippi Today's Julia James contributed to this report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT ROTARY



Josh Read, left, and Allison Krieger, right, look on as James Hazard talks to Golden Triangle Development LINK CEO Joe Max Higgins, left center, at Columbus Rotary Club Tuesday at Lion Hills Center. Higgins said The LINK is still looking for available land for its next megasite, "Cinco" and is meeting with landowners to find the next site. He is also working with the Tennessee Valley Authority for approval on the future site. A megasite is a large swath of land, usually more than 1,000 acres, dedicated to industrial developments for several companies to build and operate on. The megasite program is operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

AROUND THE STATE

Mississippi doctor avoids prison time for health care fraud

JACKSON-A Mississippi doctor will not spend time in jail after pleading guilty to federal misdemeanor charges for his role in a health care fraud scheme that prosecutors said cost insurers about \$515 million.

Dr. Gregory Auzenne, 51, of Meridian, entered a guilty plea Monday to charges related to his failure to disclose information involving expensive prescription pain cream. He was sentenced to five years of probation and ordered to pay a \$20,000 fine and \$116,623 in restitution, according to the

"I realize I made mistakes in the past," Auzenne said at his sentencing hearing. "I'm really sorry. I

will work harder than ever to be a better person." Prosecutors said the fraud began in Mississippi and cost in-state insurers about \$515 million and \$1.5 billion nationwide. Auzenne was accused of causing about \$18 million in fraud, in part by signing preprinted prescription forms for medicines.

LOWNDES COUNTY

Lowndes County is seeking public input or public comment on the benefits or concerns with a proposed county ordinance prohibiting the sale of Tianeptine (ZaZa).

A public hearing will be held at 9:15 AM on Monday, April 3, 2023, in the Board of Supervisors Boardroom at the Lowndes County Courthouse located at 505 2nd Avenue North,

Columbus, MS 39701.

Safety board: Alabama derailed train lacked needed couplers

Train derailed on March 9 in Anniston

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio A Norfolk Southern train that derailed in Alabama earlier this month lacked required alignment control couplers for two of its locomotives and a company inspection did not identify their absence, federal investigators said Monday.

The notation comes in one of three preliminary reports issued Monday by the National Transportation Safety Board about Norfolk Southern train accidents this month as the board investigates railroad's safety practices after the fiery February derailment and toxic chemical burn in East Palestine, Ohio.

In a report released Monday about a March 9 derailment of two locomotives and 37 rail cars in Anniston, Alabama, the safety board said two of the train's six locomotives were "waybill locomotives," or towed cars not used for any tractive power. The cars weren't equipped with alignment control couplers that "resist lateral coupler movement under compressive in-train forces." A company rule bars towing waybill locomotives without such couplers, the report

The waybill locomotives were coupled together and picked up from Bluffton, Indiana, on Feb. 24 and a Norfolk Southern inspection before the first movement involving the coupled locomotives "did not identify the absence of alignment control couplers," the safety

board said. A company spokesperson said in an e-mail Monday that "these locomotives were not owned by Norfolk Southern and the couplers on these locomotives are not common on

our network." "We have taken immediate action to update our manuals with photos and details to implement training with our crews. Safety is a priority at NS and we'll continue working with the NTSB to identify the final cause of this derailment and implement any other necessary changes," said Connor Spielmaker,

senior communications manager with Norfolk

Southern. No injuries were reported; three derailed tank cars were carrying hazardous material residue but all remained intact, the report said.

April 1 and 2

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SUMMARY: Temperatures are going to keep warming up each day of the week. Cloud



New law allows anti-abortion monument at Arkansas Capitol

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders has signed a new law that will allow a monument near the state Capitol marking the number of abortions performed in Arkansas before the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v.

Sanders' office said Friday night that the Republican governor signed the bill that will allow the creation of a privately funded "monument to the unborn" on the Capitol grounds. The bill, approved by lawmakers last week, requires the secretary of state to permit and arrange the placement of

the monument. It also requires the Capitol Arts and Grounds Commission to oversee the selection of the artist and the design of the monument, with input from

anti-abortion groups. A law Arkansas approved in 2019 banning nearly all abortions took effect last year when the U.S. Supreme Court

struck down the 1973 Roe

decision. Arkansas' ban only allows abortions to save the life of the mother in a medical emergency.

Tennessee lawmakers approved legislation in 2018 allowing a simfunded ilar privately monument on its Capitol grounds. The monument has not yet been installed.

Arkansas' proposal faced opposition from some anti-abortion Republicans who said it was counterproductive, Democrats who said the monument proposal was divisive.

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SLIMANTICS

Tate Reeves' love/hate relationship with "woke capitalist" Steel Dynamics

of Republicans, particularly the form of Trump Republicanism that has dominated the party for the past seven years.

But credit must be given where it is due and there is one strategy Republicans continue to use to great effect:

hostage-taking of words, phrases and ideas and reshaping them into pejoratives. The tactic not only fuels the

perpetual outrage that drives most of the content on Fox News, it confuses issues and serves as a distraction from issues of far greater importance.

Probably the most familiar example is Critical Race Theory (CRT) which was an obscure college-level course taught mainly in law schools that explained institutional racism, both in history and in its current state. CRT was presented

30 years ago when legal scholars began to question the concept of value-neutral law and its effect on perpetuating racial injustice. Then conser-

vative activist Christopher Ruso transformed it into an attack on white Americans. It caught fire

almost immediately. Soon state legislatures, including Mississippi, were creating laws banning CRT in schools where it has never been taught.

Slim Smith

Other ideas, phrases and movements have been similarly mischaracterized and weaponized, including Black Lives Matter, Antifa and the "woke movement" which is particularly popular among conservative office-holders and politicians. Anything approaching racial justice, or sexual orientation, climate change or any other issue considered "liberal" is

labeled as the work of "the woke mob."

Of course, you have to keep feeding the beast and conservatives may have found their next hostage: ESG.

The average person may never have heard the term until this week, when President Biden vetoed legislation that overturned a Labor Department rule that permits fiduciary retirement fund managers to consider climate change, good corporate governance and other factors when making investments on behalf of pension plan participants.

It is a concept called ESG and it has been around since the 1980s. It's used as an investment tool to evaluate public-traded companies. The 'E" stands for environmental impact, the "S" stands for Social Impact (how the company affects the community where it is located) and "G" stands for the company leadership's commitment to living up its environment and social/com-

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munity obligations.

Until now, the idea was hardly controversial. Honoring the values of ESG is not only good for the company's standing with the community, it's good business. Investors find value in that, too.

But suddenly the word has gone out for Republicans to redefine this otherwise benign idea as "woke capitalism."

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves was all over it, tweeting, "ESG throughout America is a direct threat to the American economy, individual economic freedom, and our way of life, putting investment decisions in the hands of the woke mob to bypass the ballot box and inject political ideolo-

That "woke mob" apparently includes Steel Dynamics CEO Mark Millet. You may recall that Reeves called a special session to secure \$250 million in incentives for the company's new aluminum plant in Lowndes County. The company's \$2.5 billion project is the biggest in state history.

Here's something else you should know about SDI: Investors' Business Daily named Steel Dynamics as one of the 100 Best ESG Companies of

"What is called ESG and sustainability is something that's been woven into the fabric of our company since our inception 27 years ago," Millet said in acknowledging the designation.

be so eager to hand out \$250 million in incentives to a "woke capitalist organization" like Steel Dynamics is anyone's It could be that Reeves is

Why the governor would

full of crap and simply cannot resist any opportunity to fear-monger.

It is, after all, his only discernible talent.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Letter to the editor

The weaponization of government? The Republican majority in the House has led

to the new House panel on the "weaponization of government," chaired by Jim Jordan, (R-Ohio). A key motivation for this panel is the Republican belief that former President Trump has been treated unfairly by the Department of Justice (DOJ) while President Biden, and his family, son Hunter are getting a pass from that same institution. Rachel Maddow was discussing a host of former

politicians who've been indicted in the past – not just Republicans, she included former Democratic presidential hopeful, John Edwards among them. But the first name really caught my attention – and for a different reason. She was making the point that, in view of all the to-do about Trump getting arrested (unlikely), a politician getting indicted doesn't rock the country or bring it to its knees -"It happens all the time."

This story which first highlighted Texas Attorney General, Ken Paxton, sent me off in a different direction than Kachel had in mind. Paxton was indicted on felony charges of defrauding investors in a Texas tech startup in 2015. Since then, at least three things have happened: Paxton has run for Texas AG and won - twice. Yet, despite the FBI's interest in this case, it has progressed very little in that time. Certainly no trial has resulted. One wonders why? Could there be some influencing behind the scenes? I doubt Mr. Jordan (R-Ohio) is concerned about that.

And Jordan now wants to haul in Alvin Bragg, the DA in New York who would be responsible should Trump be brought up on charges in the Stormy Daniels affair. The audacity: Recall that Jordan refused to testify in front of the Democratic House's January 6 panel in the last Congress. The audacity. Carry on, Mr. Jordan. You are an actor not a policy maker. Ohio, please please, please elect a statesman in Jordan's place. That seat is wasted.

Paul Mack **Columbus**

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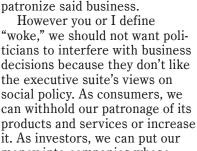
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But pursuing a kind of authoritarian chic, right-wing politicos have stuck their unwanted noses into companies engaged in "socially conscious" investing. As cover for what is essentially socialist meddling, they argue that "woke"

They are saying with a straight face that the executives at so-accused Wall Street firms - Black-Rock, Vanguard and State Street aren't into the money. Well, the rubes might buy it.



Froma Harrop

'Woke' or not, executives are into money

The California governor has no business "canceling" Walgreens. But I could. The Florida governor has no business punishing Disney for disagreeing with him over his state's "Don't Say Gay" bill. But people who agree with Ron DeSantis here can boycott Disney World.

THE NATION

There is a difference between government interference with a private company's legal activities and the right of consumers to not

money into companies whose values we share or take it out if

policies are bad for the bottom

The bottom line should be the concern of investors and managers whose payday is tied to the price of the stock. Those on the right who think that executives are being pressured by underlings to adopt "woke" policies are naive in the extreme.

In a recent Wall Street Journal opinion

piece, histrionically titled "Employees Terrorize Their Bosses Into Going Woke," Dave Seminara wrote, "Corporate leaders often fear their younger, more sensitive and progressive subordinates, as well as the advocacy groups that rate companies on woke metrics."

A "subordinate," as the definition goes, is someone under their authority. That someone can be fired, demoted or otherwise pressured to leave if deemed an impediment to the company's interests. It happens that in many industries, the best educated and most creative workers want to affiliate with companies that share their liberal values.

Corporate leaders have a strong business interest in attracting and keeping such people. They also have an interest in maintaining a reputation for supporting values that their customers share.

Late in his essay, Seminara seems to get the idea. "I used to be addicted to Chipotle," he wrote, "but when their marketing became too woke for my taste, I gravitated to a local burrito chain

called Casita Taqueria." That was your right, Dave, as was mine when I decided to personally join a boycott against Chick-fil-A after the fast food chain gave money to groups opposed to same-sex marriage. There's a Chick-fil-A right near me employing nice people. I would not want my local or state government to make life hard for the

place over its conservative values. As for California Gov. Gavin Newsom's move freezing renewal of a big state contract with Walgreens, that, too, is inappropriate meddling. Walgreens did not break a California law. The issue was its decision to not dispense abortion pills in certain states where abortion remains illegal.

The drug chain was responding to legal threats by 20 Republican state attorneys general if they dispense mifepristone where it is allowed. Other pharmacy giants have not said whether they would do likewise.

Walgreens has been put in a tough position, but if it refuses to offer mifepristone in places where abortion is legal, then I'll move over to a competitor that does. Other consumers may go to Walgreens for the very reason I might leave. We're all acting out of "socially conscious" motives, are

There is a way, meanwhile, politicians can put themselves in charge: They can buy the busi-

Froma Harrop, a syndicated columnist, writes for the Providence (Rhode Island) Journal. Her e-mail address is fharrop@gmail.com.

New law puts Wyoming at forefront of abortion pill bans

Fifteen states now restrict access to the pills

BY MEAD GRUVER The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Wyoming has pushed to the front of state efforts to prohibit the most common type of abortion by instituting the nation's first explicit ban on pills that terminate pregnancies.

Medication abortions, which usually involve taking two pre-

scription medications apart at home or in a clinic, became the preferred method for ending pregnancy in the U.S. even before the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade -- and now account for more than half of all abortions according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research group that supports abortion rights.

More than a dozen states have responded to the Supreme Court's ruling by effectively banning abortion pills through prohibitions on all forms of

Fifteen states restrict access to the pills. Of those, six - Arizona, Indiana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota and South Carolina – require a doctor to administer them in person. Arizona also bans mailing abortion pills.

But before a law signed Friday by Wyoming Republican Gov. Mark Gordon, no state specifically banned abortion pills. The law passed alongside a new abortion ban that seeks to sidestep issues with an earlier state ban that's been held up

With these two new abortion laws, the Wyoming Legislature is "kind of trying to cover all its bases" to prohibit abortions, said Elizabeth Nash with the

Guttmacher Institute.

Gordon allowed the new broad abortion ban to take effect Sunday without his signature. Whether the abortion pill ban he signed takes effect July 1 as planned remains to be seen. It could be delayed in the courts if an abortion provider in the state sues over it. Meanwhile, a federal judge in Texas is considering a case with implications for abortion pill access nationwide.

How to shop for new insurance if you lose Medicaid coverage

States will cut people from government-funded plans when they no longer qualify based on income, a process that has been paused since shortly after the pandemic hit

BY TOM MURPHY AP Health Writer

Medicaid coverage will end for millions of Americans in the coming months, and it will push many into unfamiliar territory: the health insurance marketplace.

States will start cutting people from the government-funded plans when they no longer qualify based on income, a process that has been paused since shortly after the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

The timing of these cuts will vary. But all states have insurance markets where people who lose Medicaid can buy new coverage with help from subsidies. Some states will even connect shoppers with a potential new plan.

Shopping for affordable insurance that covers regular doctors and prescriptions can be daunting, especially in marketplaces that offer dozens of choices and subsidies to help pay for them. Experts say it helps to start this search with a plan. Here's a deeper look at the process.

What's happening to Medicaid?

Nearly 85 million people are covered by government-funded Medicaid,

which focuses on people with low incomes.

At the start of the pandemic, the federal government prohibited states from kicking people off Medicaid if they were no longer eligible. That ban ends this spring, and many people on Medicaid will be introduced to this so-called redetermination process for the first time.

States are already verifying eligibility. Some, like Arizona, Arkansas and Idaho are expected to start ending coverage for ineligible people in April. Most states will be doing that in May, June and July.

Federal officials esti-

mate that more than 8 million people will lose eligibility and leave Medicaid mainly because their incomes have changed.

Where to get new coverage

State-based health insurance marketplaces created by the Affordable Care Act are the only places where people can buy individual insurance with help from an income-based subsidy. They can be found through the federal government's healthcare. gov website.

Shoppers also can find coverage sold outside these marketplaces, but it may be risky. For instance, short-term plans can exclude coverage of certain things like a medical condition someone had before signing up.

Income-based subsidies

The cost of any new plan should be one of the first things people consider. Shoppers can get income-based subsidies to help pay monthly premiums of plans they buy on the state-based marketplaces. Those subsidies were enhanced during the pandemic.

People often don't realize they can get this help, said Jeremy Smith, director of West Virginia's health insurance navigator program, which helps shoppers find coverage.

"A very large percentage of people can qualify for a plan starting at \$0 per month," he said.

Coverage differences

Individual insurance differs from Medicaid in several ways. Some marketplace plans come with a big deductible that people must pay before most coverage starts.

Shoppers should understand deductibles and other payments they will need to make before committing to a plan, Smith noted. Individual insurance

also groups hospitals and doctors in networks. The insurance may cover much less of the bill for care received outside those networks. Shoppers should learn how any regular doctors and medications are covered before enrolling in a new plan.

Individual insurance also can give people more care choices. Many doctors don't accept Medicaid, and states may pay for only a limited amount of prescriptions.

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Larry Stevenson WEST POINT -Larry Dale Stevenson, 53, died March 15, 2023, at North Mississippi Medical Center. Funeral services

will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, at J.F. Carter Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Fountain Head M.B. Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. today, at the funeral home. Carter's Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrangements.

Pamela Roach

WEST POINT -Pamela Ann Roach, 54, died March 19, 2023, at West Point Community Living Center.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today, at Craig Springs Cemetery in Sturgis, with Rev. Dan Robertson and Rev. Jeremy McCrory officiating. Visitation will be from 1:45-2 p.m. at the cemetery. Calvert Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrange-

ments. Ms. Roach was born on Oct. 5, 1968, in Starkville, to Charlotte F. Roach and the late Billy Fred Roach. She was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her brother, Erwin Roach of Starkville.

Memorials may be made to Friendship Baptist Church, 5491 Craig Springs Road, Sturgis, MS 39769 or Palmer Home for Children, P.O. Box 746, Columbus, MS 39701.

Sherry Prather

WEST POINT -Sherry Ann Wooten Prather, 58, died March 19, 2023.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, at Robinson Chapel. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Robinson Funeral Home of West Point is in charge of arrange-

ments. Mrs. Prather was born Oct. 5, 1964, in West Point, to the late

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Alice Ann Greenwood Wooten and Lucian Edward Wooten. She attended Oak Hill Academy, Mississippi University for Women and Mississippi State University. She was formerly employed as a reading tutor for the West Point School District.

She is survived by her husband. Felix Prather of York, Alabama; her children, Sarah Prather, Marianna Prather Chauvin, Cara Prather Dyer and Nate Prather; brothers, Lucian Allison, Shannon Wooten and Buck Wooten; and one granddaughter.

Earl Craddieth Jr.

COLUMBUS - Earl Junious Craddieth Jr,

52, died March 14, 2023, at **Baptist** Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle.

Craddieth Jr. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, at United Faith Interdenominational, with Johnny Durrah officiating. Burial will follow at Sandfield Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12-5 p.m. today at Carter's Funeral Services. Carter's Funeral



Services of Columbus is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Craddieth was born July 29, 1970, in Columbus, to the late Earl Coleman and Gussie Mae Craddieth. He was formerly employed at Sanderson Plumbing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, John Durrah and Rosie Mae Craddieth; and daughter, Terrance Henley.

He is survived by

his spouse, Cassie Craddieth of Pickensville, Alabama; children, Shameka Owens, Shanta Hill and Ieisha Nickelson; siblings, Edna Ussery, Annie Iean Mixon. Jimmy Craddieth, Willie Durrah and Sammy Lathan; 17 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Kunta Gordon, Anthony Durrah, Jimmy Craddieth Jr, Dennis Mitchell, Timothy Bell and M.C. Lowery.

Loventrice Edwards

Loventrice Smith Edwards, age 103, died March 18, 2023, at Fair Haven Retirement Center in Birmingham, AL.

A private family graveside service will be held at Friendship Cemetery. Memorial Gunter Peel Funeral Home & Crematory is in charge of

Mrs. Edwards was born December 19, 1919, in Lamar County, AL, to the late William Lias and Verla Robertson Smith. She was a long time member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus, MS, where she was a member of the Lucy Puckett and the George Shalles Sunday School classes. She was also a teacher of the Baptist Training Union youth class. She graduated from Millport High School. After high school, she took courses at Vivian's Beauty School while working full time at Seminole Manufacturing Company. She was the owner of Loventrice Beauty Shop for over 60 years and retired at 82 years old. She enjoyed

cooking and sewing for family and friends. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Malvin C. "M. C." Edwards; her brothers, James Vance Smith, Wilburn Harold Smith and George William Smith.

She is survived by her son, Carl Edwards (Melody) of Birmingham, AL; grandson, Zachary I. Edwards (LaDonna) of Birmingham, AL; great-grandchildren, Mollie Edwards, Rory Edwards, Avery Edwards, Anna Vinson and J. D. Vinson, Birmingham, AL.

The honorary pallbearers will be Jerry M. Smith, George E. Smith, Stephen K. Smith, Luanne Green, George Green, Carwin Green, Bill Trawick, Brett Smith, Blake Smith, David Smith, Justin Edwards, Andy Edwards, Edward C. Bozeman, Ira Fuqua, Allen Boyd Puckett III, Mike Powell and Don Harris.

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Lenora Vickery

Lenora Freedle Vickery, 87, passed away March 21, 2023, at the Carrington Nursing Center

in Starkville. She was born in Nashville, TN, to her parents Edgar Dean Freedle and Ruth Ellen Harper. Lenora's grandfather Joseph

Gerald Harper was a Methodist circuit rider in the late 1800's and passed his strong faith to his daughter Ruth and granddaughter Lenora and grandson Shirley

Dean Freedle, brother of Lenora. Lenora often sat with her Mother at church, turning the pages of the hymnal as Ruth played both the piano and organ for services. Sunday was a special day in the Freedle household as the

family would gather in the afternoons to listen to music and enjoy fellowship. Her final years were often eased by listening to music. She was a graduate of the University of

Alabama with a Masters in Counseling and Guidance. Lenora began her career as a physical education teacher in Winfield, AL where she taught swimming to children before starting her first year teaching. There she met the love of her life Joe Edd Vickery and married on August 17, 1958. Although her teaching career began in P.E, she quickly moved into Guidance Counseling for her professional career. She served over 25 years at several Alabama public high schools and ended her career in Mississippi. After retiring

she traveled extensively with her husband throughout the United States. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughter, Allyson Turnbull (Douglas T. Turnbull, II) of Enterprise, AL; sons, Chris Vickery of Columbus, MS, and Michael Vickery of Starkville, MS; grandson, Douglas T. Turnbull, III; and niece, Elizabeth

There will be a private graveside service at a later date in Winfield City Cemetery in Winfield, You can leave the family a condolence at www.

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Virginia teacher shot by 6-year-old: 'I thought I had died'

'I'm not sure when the shock will ever go away because of just how surreal it was ...'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - AVirginia teacher who was shot and wounded by her 6-year-old student said it has changed her life and she has vivid memories and nightmares about that day.

"I just will never forget the look on his face that he gave me while he pointed the gun directly at me," first-grade teacher Abby Zwerner said during an exclusive interview with NBC's Savannah Guthrie about the student. "It's changed me. It's changed my life."

She said she's still in shock and can't make sense of it, in a portion of the interview that was aired Tuesday morning on

"I'm not sure when the shock will ever go away because of just how surreal it was and the vivid memories I have of that day. I think about it daily. Sometimes I have nightmares," she said.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the Jan. 6 shooting, Zwerner said in a portion of the interview that was aired Monday on "NBC Nightly News" that she's had a challenging recovery. She's had four surgeries and has some days when she "can't get up out of bed." Other days she can go about her day.

"For going through what I've gone through, I try to stay positive. You know, try to have a positive outlook on what's happened and where my future's heading," Zwerner said

Zwerner was hospitalized for nearly two weeks after being shot in the chest and left hand as she taught her class at Richneck Elementary School in Newport News, Virginia. The shooting rattled the military shipbuilding community and sent shock waves around the country, with many wondering how a child so young could get access to a gun and shoot his

In the moments after she was shot, Zwerner said the other first-graders in her class were screaming.

She was terrified. But her concern centered on the children - "I just wanted to get my

babies out of there."

"I think they knew as well that they had to get out of there," Zwerner said. "But they were extremely frightened and

screaming." What happened next is still kind of a blur. Zwerner got the

kids out of the classroom. She knew she needed help. The fire alarm had gone off, heightening her awareness that she'd been shot.

She had trouble breathing. Her vision failed.

"I went to the office and I just passed out," Zwerner said. "I thought I had died."

Montgomery

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The conversation turned sexual and eventually the two video-called each other to do mutual sex acts on camera, Montgomery said. Unbeknownst to Walker, he was being filmed from a secondary

As soon as the call ended, the extortion began. Messages recovered

from Walker's phone show the extortionists demanded \$1,000 or the video of him would be shared with his friends and family. "They had the most

leverage on Walker as they could get," Montgomery said. "So they have this video of Walker, and if we can all imagine ourselves in that position – we are all adults here, and we've all been in positions that are not very friendly to a video camera. ... I can only imagine what went through Walker's mind..."

Within four hours of the initial contact, Walker had taken his own life.

Suspects and targets When the FBI combed

through Walker's phone, they found no evidence of depression or other underlying issues as conver'If we are trying to protect them by keeping the knowledge this stuff exists, we're doing them a disservice, so I think the first thing that needs to happen is you need to talk to them about it. ... The biggest thing they need to know is that you're in their corner no matter what.'

sations across his various apps were "normal."

During the investigation, FBI agents found and tracked the account Walker interacted with to a place in Nigeria and determined it was from a criminal group, not just a singular person, Montgomery said.

Walker, who attended Starkville Academy, was likely targeted because people often equate private school students with having money and valuing reputation said his father.

"Walker did what he did because of how he thought we would react," Montgomery said. "... My point is really just on us and to teach our kids compassion because we don't ever really know how our reactions are going to drive someone else's actions, and obviously I'm here in front of you today because Walker thought that all they were saying

was true - that his life was over. ... None of that was true. I can't speak for how the kids would've reacted, but for me personally, I would have moved across the country if I thought it would make his life better, and it hurts me to think he didn't realize that in that moment."

Raising awareness

Montgomery appeared on Fox News in mid-February to discuss the reality of sextortion and criminal groups targeting kids via social media. He said after the Fox interview about 25 parents from the South, and a handful from the Golden Triangle, have reached out to him about their own children dealing with sextortion.

Clemons, a former employee of the 16th Circuit District Attorney's office who now operates her own law practice, said within two weeks of

Montgomery's interview with Fox News, she had five meetings regarding sextortion.

She stressed parents need to have frank conversations with their children about the topic. "This is the new

frontier of the repercussions of us living in a culture where we have these cell phones," Clemons

Clemons

said. "... If we are trying to protect them by keeping the knowledge this stuff exists, we're doing them a disservice, so I think the first thing that needs to happen is you need to talk to them about it. Even that isn't going to guarantee this isn't going to happen. ... The biggest thing they need to know is that you're in their cor-

Attorney Lindsay Clemons

ner no matter what."

Clemons said paying extortion money only leads to additional demands of money. Contacting the authorities and preparing for the possibility of the images or videos being leaked are the best actions to take. "The more shame

is associated, the more the risk, especially with high-achieving students who are going to church and trying to be good people ... A lot of it is self-imposed pressure on them," Clemons said. "They've got to know that God's grace is bigger than anything, and that yours is too. It's one thing to know that God has your back, but moms and dads can be real scary. ... They can't think their life is going to be over if they do the worst thing that they can imagine."

Clemons and Montgomery both suggested

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addressing any lapses in judgment later and immediately reassuring a child who is being exploited.

Both acknowledged there is only so much parents can do when it comes to technology because, oftentimes, children are more tech savvy than parents ever will be. They said the solution lies in legislation and making tech companies liable.

"It's a double-edged sword," Montgomery told The Dispatch. "It's great we're helping somebody and that Walker's life amounted to people having that conversation with their kids. On the other hand, it's always there and a constant reminder of what we're dealing with and going through. ... If I could say one thing it would be stay vigilant with our phones, and let your kids know there's nothing they could do that would stop you from loving them."

Coleman

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for Baptist Memorial Hospital-Golden Triangle.

On March 13, Coleman was tapped for the top position at the 323-bed hospital in Columbus. BMH-GT is one of the largest hospitals in the Memphis, Tennessee-based Baptist Memorial Health Care system.

Former CEO Paul Cade is transitioning to the CEO position at BMH-Memphis on April 3.

Coleman began his path in health care at Mississippi University for Women, earning his bachelor's degree in nursing in 2003 and following the course of several family members and friends who had also chosen a career in health care.

He would stay in the

those things as the new out the rest of that year County Hospital before moving to Vicksburg with his wife to be a nurse at River Region Medical Center's critical care unit. Working there, he began to informally take on leadership roles when the opportunity arose. It did not go unnoticed.

"I was taking on team leadership nurse roles to orchestrate different things and also planning and strategizing (care at the hospital)," Coleman said. "And I did that while I was working at the bedside in the critical care unit.'

That attitude would lead a supervisor to ask him to apply for a job as director of the hospital's critical care units in 2005, where he would oversee the day-to-day operations of the unit until 2010.

tem administration first as an administrative director for emergency and critical care services at Mississippi Baptist Medical Center that same year until 2015, then as assistant vice president for Mississippi Baptist Health Systems until 2018, when he took over at Yazoo and

Attala. "I really liked it, really making a difference, you know?" Coleman said. "Working with people and providing the best results for the patients we're serving, and how can we do it better. I really liked that challenge with health

In managing care units and as VP for Baptist Health Systems, Coleman focused on growing Jackon's and later Attala and

CEO and administrator as a nurse at Oktibbeha Baptist Health Care Sys- attracting optometrists, (Attala and Yazoo)." obstetricians, gynecologists and other private practitioners to locate on Baptist properties. In 2019, he led a kick-start of Attala's outpatient care facility and helped open Yazoo's rehabilitation and outpatient care center in 2021 to serve more pa-

tients at the hospital. "These hospitals didn't have a lot of outpatient services and I saw that as a huge opportunity for me with some of the connections I had with specialists in the Jackson market for so many years," he said. "So I went in, used my networking with the relationships that I had in the Jackson market, and over the past three and a half to four years, I've been able to add probably around seven or eight spe-

packing up his desk and moving to Columbus, he said he needs to get his feet wet before he starts implementing any changes or improvements to the hospital.

"I don't think the right

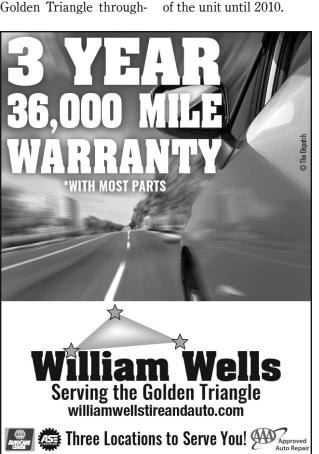
thing to do is to go in there and make changes when you don't even know about the team or what was being done," he said. "The best thing for me is I'll have a 90-day plan for myself to go in, meet and learn the teams and providers and employees. I'll do a lot of learning, self reflecting on myself for what they've done. If there are opportunities (to grow), then we will work together as a team to figure those out."

Coleman also noted

Coleman joined the Yazoo's outpatient care by cialists to these markets the challenges facing many hospitals such as recruitment and sustaining staff, don't appear to be an issue at BMH-GT because of the work of the hospital recruitment team. Currently, the hospital has a staff of more than 100 physicians and surgeons

and 1,200 other staff. Even still, Coleman has seen a shortage of medical technicians and other technical skilled labor and sees the goal of obtaining and retaining those staff at the hospital important to the vitality of any hos-

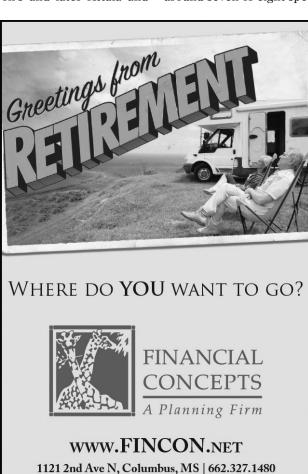
"GTR has done a phenomenal job to be able to retain nurses," he said. "The other big challenge is our technicians, technologists, those are hard to come by. There is an opportunity that we can look at there."



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The Council of Community Organizations of Oktibbeha County Inc. meets at 3 p.m. every fourth Saturday of the month at 13608 MS Hwy. 182 E., Starkville. For more information, call Peggy Rogers, 662-251-5724 or James Little, 662-617-1636.

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Memphis Town Community Action Group meets

■ ENVIRONMENTAL MEETING

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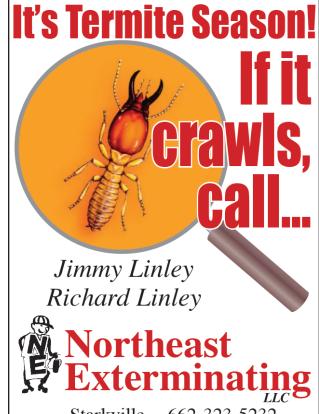
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Superbug fungus cases rose dramatically during pandemic

The fungus is a form of yeast that is usually not harmful to healthy people but can be a deadly risk to fragile hospital and nursing home patients

BY MIKE STOBBE AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK - U.S. cases of a dangerous fungus tripled over just three years, and more than half of states have now reported it, according to a new

The COVID-19 pandemic likely drove part of the increase, researchers

at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention wrote in the paper published Monday by Annals of Internal Medicine. Hospital workers were strained by coronavirus patients, and that likely shifted their focus away from disinfecting some other kinds of germs, they said.

The fungus, Candida

that is usually not harm-reported 53 cases. people to healthy but can be a deadly risk to fragile hospital and nursing home patients. It spreads easily and can infect wounds, ears and the bloodstream. Some strains are so-called superbugs that are resistant to all three classes of antibiotic drugs used to treat fungal infections.

It was first identified in Japan in 2009 and has been seen in more and more countries. The first U.S. case occurred in 2013, but it was not reported until 2016. That

auris, is a form of yeast year, U.S. health officials

The new study found cases have continued to shoot up, rising to 476 in 2019, to 756 in 2020, and then to 1,471 in 2021. Doctors have also detected the fungus on the skin of thousands of other patients, making them a transmission risk to oth-

Many of the first U.S. cases were infections that had been imported from abroad, but now most infections are spread within the U.S., the authors not-



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Committee

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pened with (John Musa)," Harris said.

Musa, who owns United Deli, was arrested last month after allegedly holding a man he believed was stealing copper from a building he owned at gunpoint. A GoFundMe set up to help Musa recover from a series of thefts at his property raised nearly \$30,000.

Gaskin said he had

asked Hu-Reman sources Director Pat Mitchell to try to find where in counmincil's



Gaskin

utes the committee was created, but she hasn't been able to find anything.

"The committee was formed by the council,

and it will be the council who will make the determination," Gaskin said. "We need to look at the appointments of each council member and discuss new ones or continued appointments."

Previously each council member appointed one person to the committee, according to Harris.

Ward 2 Councilman Jo-

seph Mickens questioned the need for the committee.



sion to look over the (police department)," Mickens said. "You're welcome to come to some of those meetings and see what's going on. ... The civil service

Survey asks for input for recreation on the Lux at Propst Park

DISPATCH STAFF REPORT

Interested in water-based recreation at Propst Park? Students in Mississippi State University's master of business administration program want to hear about it.

MSU students are conducting a study to gauge interest in water-related activities at the Luxapalila Creek, which runs through the park. That study will help the city of Columbus better plan improvements at the park.

A proposal generated by Neel-Schaffer in 2022 for Propst Park raised the possibility of kayaking and access to the Lux. This survey is attempting to flesh out that idea to see if there is sufficient public interest.

The study, which takes about five minutes to complete, asks participants some basic questions about kayaking and tubing down

Participants are asked how often they visit Propst Park and if they are aware of the Lux Creek. Users are asked to rank their interest in kayaking and tubing, as well as how long, in hours, they

want a single visit to last.

Respondents are also asked to rank various services, including the ability to rent equipment on site; the ability to take guided tours; availability of self-guided tours; and whether or not they can use personal kayaks.

Finally, questions ask about prospective price ranges for those services, as well as whether they are interested in fishing or children's fossil hunts while on the Lux.

The survey can be found online

at https://bit.ly/3ltHF24

Chief Operations Officer Jammie Garrett said she would set up a meeting with Daughtry to discuss the committee's

Daughtry was out of town and not at Tuesday's meeting.

looks at everything."

Marty Turner said he supported the chief, but still thought the committee was a good idea.

"I'm 100 percent behind the chief," he said. "... It was formed after (the Ball shooting) and

we had officers turn their body cameras off, and we didn't want that to happen again."

Ward 5 Councilman Stephen Jones pointed out that officers would now be terminated if they failed to turn on their

tee)," she said. "That was one of the recommenda-

body cameras, and Tiffa-

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"This will be the latest and greatest technology in Mississippi," Campanella said. "No one has this technology right now. We will be the only ones in the state, which is a first." Campanella said the

package includes computer-aided dispatch mobile systems for sheriff's department cars, a digital record management system, in-car cameras, body-worn cameras, fire station alerting, and an e-citation system for the sheriff's department to digitally file warrants, evidence, and other case management information.

Originally, the package from 365Labs was quoted as a \$2 million upgrade. Campanella negotiated with the company and removed some items to lower costs, but the amount was still over the county's \$600,000 budget.

Captain Brett Watson of the Sheriff's Office encouraged the board to take the leap and find ways to absorb the additional cost.

"I don't want to over-

this, state y'all have heard me sav this. Watson said. "Again, this is the difference between going from written



reports to computers... this is a technological leap that Kristen and I have been trying for several years to make."

Watson said the updates may help with officer retention in the department, as new hires will deal with less frustration working with new technology.

County Administrator Delois Farmer suggested the additional funds for the project come out of leftover ARPA funds. The board approved an order to use ARPA funds for the remaining cost.

Future equipment upgrades

Following the board's approval of the public safety equipment system, Watson also asked to apply for a Homeland Security grant to purchase new automated license plate readers that could integrate into the new system.

ALPRs are high-speed



Abigail Sipe Rochester/Dispatch Staff

Oktibbeha County Board of Supervisors meets Monday night. At the meeting, the purchase of new public safety equipment was approved, as well as approval to seek a grant for additional equipment. Starkville board of aldermen voted to seek a grant for similar equipment Tuesday night.

computer-controlled camera systems used to capture an image of a vehicle's license plate as it drives by. The plate readers would be used to minimize threats coming into the area, according to Watson.

"We've got to be aware," Watson told The Dispatch after the meeting. "We know Highways 82 and Highway 25 are corridors for a lot of criminal activity ... and it's not just criminal activity. There's also potential for terroristic threats. We have Mississippi State right here ... and it will give us the opportunity to respond quicker."

Watson told The Dispatch he was still unsure about the grant amount, but he said the sheriff's office would be getting quotes on the cost of three permanent automated license plate readers from 365Labs, and possibly other providers.

Watson said currently the Sheriff's Office only has one mobile license plate reader, which is down for repairs.

Orlando Trainer, board

president, expressed his support for the upgrades and the grant request, saying all these chang- Trainer es will push



Oktibbeha County to the "cutting edge" of technology. He also said he hopes it will further cooperation between multiple law enforcement agencies in the area.

"I'm hoping that all of this stuff can be intertwined, integrated, and interactive with what goes on with the city and with MSU," Trainer said. "We don't want there to be any miscommunication or interference between any of the parties involved."

City pursuing similar technology

The Starkville Police Department made a similar grant request for LPRs on Tuesday night at the board of alderman meeting. The department requested to apply for a Homeland Security Grant worth about \$30,000 to purchase three new plate readers from American Integration Contractors.

"We've been working

very hard for over two years now to build our Real Time Intelligence Center where



have sever- Ballard al cameras

coming online with our businesses," SPD Chief Mark Ballard said to The Dispatch before the meeting. "The LPRs fill a gap in that we're no longer just looking for a vehicle description. We have accurate information on the vehicle that we're looking

According to the city's grant application, the LPR system would be used to detect "threat actors" that enter the area who are registered in local databases or the National Crime Information Center database.

Currently, Starkville Police Department only has one stationary LPR camera, even though five highways and several county roads allow access to the city. Additional LPRs would be used to form a "net" around the city to monitor

incoming threats. The city police department also requested to apply for a second Homeland Security Grant worth \$65,785 for additional fingerprinting equipment and forensic software. This software would give the Starkville Police Department the ability to compare fingerprints to national databases, making investigations move more quickly.

The police department's grant application requests passed on the aldermen's consent agenda Tuesday night. Mayor Spruill voiced her support of the grant requests to The Dispatch after the meeting.

"We are trying to stay

on the cutting edge with everything we do as it relates to the police department," Spruill said. Spruill



"From our cameras to our body cams that we spent a good bit of money on... to our cars. Every time we take another technological step forward, it reduces stress load on our police officers and assists our department."





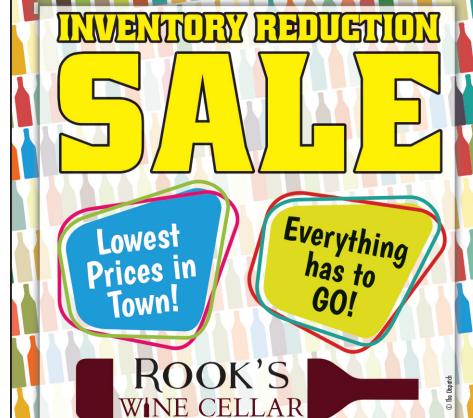




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US probes reports of steering glitch on newer Honda Civics THE ASSOCIATED PRESS tional Highway Traffic

DETROIT - U.S. auto safety regulators are investigating complaints from Honda Civic drivers that their steering can stick, causing a momentary increase in effort and increasing the risk of a crash.

The probe by the Na-

Safety Administration covers an estimated 238,000 Civics from the 2022 and 2023 model years. The agency says it has

145 complaints about the problem, which happens mostly at highway speeds. The complaints came over the past 11 months and occurred mostly on vehicles with low miles. An increase in steering

effort can cause an overreaction or inability to avoid a road hazard, the agency said in documents posted Tuesday on its website.

NHTSA has no reports of crashes or injuries from the problem.

SIGNING DAY

Life-long friends to play soccer at Meridian CC

New Hope sends pair to play for Eagles

BY ALEX MURPHY amurphy@cdispatch.com

NEW HOPE - The chance to play at the next level doesn't come to many, but it seems like the pipeline between New Hope soccer and college soccer has continued to grow in recent years.

Tuesday morning saw two more Trojans sign to play at the next level: boys soccer defender Cole Crawford and girls soccer midfielder Katie Hayes.

Being lifelong friends, the choice for both to go to Meridian Community College was purely a coincidence, but starting out, the two will already have a familiar face once they get on campus the first time.

"It's great," Hayes said. "We have built-in friends, so it will be really fun. We'll keep each other in line. I know our moms will be really happy about it. I'm really excited."

New Hope has grown in stature and success in recent years as the program has seen the boys team reach the state championship game over the past few years and the girls team go on deep playoff runs in the MHSAA Class 4A state playoffs.

The Trojans have won four-straight regular season district titles in boys soccer and three-straight in girls soccer, all during

Crawford and Hayes' time on varsity as they've helped to usher in newfound success under head coach Andrew Olsen.

"Hard work and dedication," Olsen said. "In practice and in games, you can always bank on them to give you 100 percent. I just think it's them grinding and being dedicated has gotten them to this point. I know they're going to do good things."

Eagles soccer struggled at MCC recently, with both teams posting below-.500 records this past season.

The men's team didn't find great success, going See SIGNING DAY, 2B



New Hope seniors Cole Crawford, bottom left, and Katie Hayes, bottom right, pose with Trojan soccer head coach Andrew Olsen, center, as the two signed their National Letters of Intent to play at Meridian Community College on Tuesday morning.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Here's what to watch for this spring as Ole Miss starts practice

BY MICHAEL KATZ

Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal

OXFORD - There's less than 170 days until Ole Miss football's 2023 season opener against Mercer. And that can only mean one thing it's time for spring football.

The last time the Rebels took the field was a 42-25 loss to Texas Tech in the Texas Bowl. The loss was Ole Miss' (8-5, 4-4 SEC) fourth-straight to end the season and fifth in its final six games. As they did the season before, the Rebels loaded up in the transfer portal, bringing in a handful of big names, particularly in the quarterback room.

The Rebels start spring football practice on Tuesday, and the Grove Bowl will take place April 15 at 2 p.m.

Here are a few storylines to watch this spring.

What is the current status of the quarterback

Junior Jaxson Dart was Ole Miss' big prize in last year's transfer portal class. Dart thew for 2,974 yards and 20 touchdowns with an additional 614 on the ground. This offseason, head coach Lane Kiffin brought in former Oklahoma State quarterback Spencer Sanders and LSU's Walker Howard. Sanders was a four-year starter with the Cowboys, was first-team All-Big 12 in 2021 and has more than 9,500 passing yards to his name and nearly 2,000 rushing yards. Howard was a blue-chip recruit in the 2022 class.

Is this an open quarterback competition? Is it Dart's job to lose? Will we learn any of these things in the spring? Stay tuned.

Who are the wide receivers?

Jonathan Mingo and Malik Heath each had 800 receiving yards last year. Both are gone now, however, leaving a void on the outside. Senior Jordan Watkins had 449 receiving yards and a pair of touchdowns last season. Is he the next man up? Is it another in-house option, like senior Dayton Wade or sophomore J.J. Henry? Or is it one of the transfers the Rebels brought in, like Texas A&M's Chris Marshall or Louisiana Tech's Tre Harris? Marshall was a five-star recruit in last year's class,



Ole Miss quarterback Jaxson Dart (2) throws a pass during the Rebels' first practice of the spring on Tuesday. Dart threw for nearly 3000 passing yards and 20 touchdowns while running for over 600 yards for the Rebs last season.

and Harris had 935 yards and 10 touchdowns for the Bulldogs last season.

What will the defense look like?

In addition to the moves in the portal, the Rebels made a splash with a coaching hire by bringing in Alabama defensive coordinator Pete Golding to run the defense. Ole Miss got off to a good start defensively in 2022 but faded down the stretch, giving up 35 points per game over the final seven contests. Golding had exceptional talent at Alabama, but the numbers were good, too – the Crimson Tide gave up just 18.2 points per game in 2022, which was ninth na-

tionally.

What changes will Golding implement schematically, and how long will those adjustments take?

There are also new players in the fold – NC State senior defensive tackle Joshua Harris, Miami (OH) senior cornerback John Saunders and Louisville senior linebacker Monty Montgomery, among others. Will they hit the ground running and be impact players?

Who is going to share the carries with Quinshon **Judkins?**

Judkins was first-team All-SEC as a true freshman, racking up more than 1,500 yards and 16 touchdowns on the ground. He and Zach Evans were among the best

running back duos in college football, as Evans finished just shy of 1,000 yards. Evans is gone for the NFL, however, and given recent history, someone else is going to get carries besides Judkins: In 2021, three running backs had at least 550 rushing yards. The year before, two running backs had at least 400 yards.

Senior Ulysses Bentley IV returns after an injury-plagued first season at Ole Miss after transferring from SMU. True freshman Kedrick Reescano was a four-star recruit, but he will not be on-campus this spring. Who is going to get the other carries when Judkins isn't in?

TRACK AND FIELD

Jackets place second at Big Blue **Invitational**

BY ALEX MURPHY amurphy@cdispatch.com

Starkville track and field participated in the Big Blue Invitational in Meridian on Monday afternoon. The Yellow Jackets' boys and girls teams both finished second on the day. Monday was highlighted on the boys

side by their 4x100 meter relay team of Sanchez Brooks, Anthony Hogan, Jejuan Davis and Evan George, who ran a 42.59. The foursome won the event, setting

a new best time for the state this season, and the mark ranks second all-time in Starkville history. Finishing out the track events for

the boys, Scott McDonnell won the 800 meter and 1600 meter races and Giles Jones won the 3200 meter race. In field events, Hogan won for discus.

On the girls' side, there were seven event winners on the day.

In the track events, Indya Sparks won

the 200 meter sprint, Addyson Vickers won the 400 race, Emma Claire Spradling won in the 3200 meter race and Jariyah Lowe, Jamaica Young, Ra'una Robinson and Jocelyn Randle took home the win in the 4x400 meter relay.

In field events, Jada Harris won in high jump and Zariyah Edwards took home wins in both shot put and discus.

Starkville's next event will be the annual Starkville Invitational, taking place at 2 p.m. March 28.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Starkville Academy hosts golf invitational at Starkville CC

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STARKVILLE - On Monday, Starkville Country Club played host to a number of golf programs throughout the state in a one-day invitational.

Among those included Starkville Academy, the host school for Monday's tournament, and Heritage Academy, who is fielding a golf team for the first time in several years under the leadership of coach Bill Gates.

'We are currently trying to rebuild the program and fielded a host of new players that have never played competitive golf before," Gates said. "...We are learning, progressing, and having fun in the pro-

See GOLF, 2B

Navratilova says she is cancer-free, returns to her TV work

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON – Martina Navratilova returned to TV work at Tennis Channel for its coverage of the Miami Open on Tuesday, less than three months after saying she had throat cancer and breast cancer.

"It's great to be back. ... Thrilled to be here," said the 18-time Grand Slam singles champion and member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame. "So happy to be working. How many people can say

The 66-year-old Navratilova

said her sense of taste disappeared during the treatment for cancer and she lost 15 pounds. She did not appear on television during the Australian Open in January or the BNP Paribas Open this month.

"It puts you face-to-face with your mortality, No. 1, because at the beginning, I wasn't sure if it was treatable, so that was hard," she said, wiping away tears. "But once I got into the program, it was a little easier emotionally, but more difficult physically. ... But I'm still stand-

In an interview with Talk-TV's Piers Morgan shown later Tuesday, Navratilova said she has been told by doctors that, "as far as they know, I'm cancer-free," and she should be "good to go" after some additional radiation treatment.

"I definitely won't be missing any of my checkups. I will be very, very diligent about it. But the prognosis is excellent," Navratilova said. "But you never know. Just, like, you never know."

She also told Morgan that when she was diagnosed, "I was

in a total panic for three days, thinking I may not see next Christmas" and came up with a bucket list of things she wanted

She noticed an enlarged lymph node in her neck while attending the season-ending WTA Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, in November, and a biopsy showed early stage throat cancer. While Navratilova was undergoing tests on her throat, she said, the unrelated, early stage breast cancer was discovered.

Navratilova was diagnosed

with a noninvasive form of breast cancer in 2010 and had a lumpectomy.

She won 59 Grand Slam titles overall, including 31 in women's doubles and 10 in mixed doubles. The last was a mixed doubles championship with Bob Bryan at the 2006 U.S. Open, a month shy of her 50th birthday.

Navratilova originally retired in 1994, after a record 167 singles titles and 331 weeks at No. 1 in the WTA rankings. She returned to the tour to play doubles in 2000 and occasionally competed in singles, too.

Signing day

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2-11-2, while the women's team fared slightly better with a 5-10-1 record.

Results on paper might not be showing yet, but players like Hayes and Crawford were recruited in to help elevate the status of the program, and in

talking with both, it was clear that MCC wanted both to play for them.

"They reached out to me and they were always checking on me throughout the season," Crawford said. "I liked the people down there and I liked

the campus. It felt right to me. ... It helped out my confidence throughout the year, knowing that I have someone thinking of me that I'm good enough to

The trajectory of New Hope soccer continues to

play at the next level."

be slanted upward and the Trojans show no signs of stopping.

Crawford and Hayes are two more names to add to the list to showcase the talent that the program has shown.

Moments like Tuesday

are a way of motivation for the younger players, the underclassmen who are striving to reach that same pedestal down the road.

"It shows the younger guys coming up that we can be successful," Olsen said. "If you just work and

do it the right way that we will get over that hump eventually. [Crawford and Hayes] have a lot to do with where our program is at today compared to where it was four years ago ... I'm so proud of both

Golf

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Starkville Academy freshman Gibson Nickels lines himself up for a putt during Monday's tournament at Starkville Country Club. The Vols finished third among nine teams with a 332 on



Heritage Academy senior Lane Goodman sets up for a putt at Greenwood Country Club on March 6. Goodman shot an 86 to lead Heritage Academy in Monday's tournament at Starkville Country Club, where the Patriots finished seventh.

cess. We just need some time to grow into a competitive team."

Starkville Academy finished third in the tournament with a team score of 332. Eighth grader Christian Reikhof was the top golfer for the Volunteers, finishing with a score of 78.

The Vols' score on Monday is a 20-stroke improvement from their performance at the Oak Hill Invitational in West Point on Feb. 19-20, where they posted a twoday score of 707, with individual scores of 352 and 355.

Heritage Academy finished seventh in the tournament with a score of 367. Senior Lane Goodman was the top golfer for the Patriots with a score of 86. His performance earlier in the month, shooting an 81 at Greenwood Country Club, secured him a spot in the North State tournament the week of April 14.

"I was very pleased with our performance at Starkville on Monday," Gates said. "...Sure, we had some higher scores, but to watch these kids learn and develop is what it's all about."

Heritage Academy and Starkville Academy will both be back on the golf course at Clarksdale Country Club on Monday.



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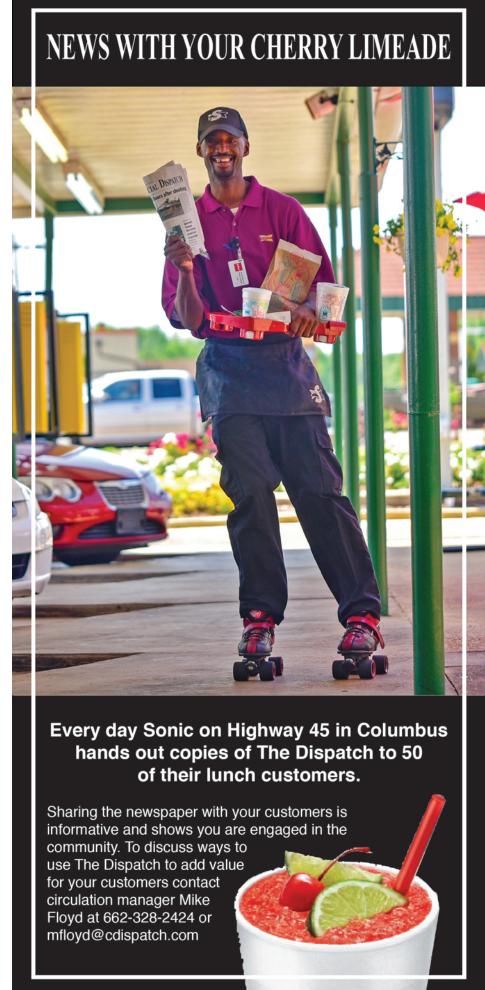
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6 p.m.: NHLN — Milwaukee at Toronto **COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)**

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8 p.m.: ESPN2 - NIT Tournament: Cincin-

nati at Utah Valley, Quarterfinal **COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)**

6 p.m.: CBSSN — NCAA Division II Tournament: Catawba vs. Minn. Duluth,

Semifinal, Saint Joseph, Mo. 8:30 p.m.: CBSSN — NCAA Division II Tournament: Glenville St. vs. Ashland,

Semifinal, Saint Joseph, Mo. **COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)**

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COLLEGE LACROSSE (WOMEN'S)

7 p.m.: ACCN — Stony Brook at Syracuse **COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

5 p.m.: PAC-12N — Boise St. at Utah 6 p.m.: SECN — Kennesaw St. at Georgia

FIGURE SKATING

5 a.m.: USA — ISU: The World Figure

Skating Championships, Women's Short, Saitama, Japan

GOLF

1 p.m.: GOLF — PGA Tour: The WGC Dell Technologies, Match Play - Day 1, Austin Country Club, Austin, Texas

2 a.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: San Francisco vs. LA Dodgers (Split Squad), Scottsdale, Ariz. (Taped)

5 a.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: Tampa Bay vs. Minnesota, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped)

8 a.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: Miami vs. Houston, West Palm Beach, Fla.

12 p.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: Baltimore vs. Toronto, Dunedin, Fla. 3 p.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: LA

Angels vs. Colorado, Scottsdale, Ariz. 8 p.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: San Diego vs. Cincinnati, Goodyear, Ariz. 11 p.m.: MLBN — Spring Training: Minnesota vs. Boston, Fort Myers, Fla. (Taped)

NBA

6:45 p.m.: ESPN — Golden State at

9:05 p.m.: ESPN — Phoenix at LA Lakers

NHL 7 p.m.: TNT — Pittsburgh at Colorado

9:30 p.m.: TNT — Arizona at Edmonton SOCCER (MEN'S)

2:30 p.m.: FS2 — International Friendly: Ireland vs. Latvia, Dublin

TENNIS

10 a.m.: TENNIS — Miami Open-WTA/ATP Early Rounds

Tobin Anderson leaving FDU to replace Rick Pitino at Iona

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. Tobin Anderson is leaving NCAA Cinderella Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) after one story-book season and replacing Rick Pitino at Iona.

Iona athletic director Matt Glovaski announced the hiring on Tuesday, just a day after Pitino left to take the job at St. John's of the Big East Conference. Anderson led the No. 16

seeded Knights to a win over No. 1 Purdue in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament last week, only the second time a No. 16 seed has knocked off a top-seeded team. UMBC beat No. 1 Virginia in 2018.

"Iona University represents everything my family and I were looking for in a school, a basketball program and a campus atmosphere," Anderson said in a statement. "Our goal is to build

upon the tremendous tradition of Iona basketball and elevate the program to greater heights."

Iona of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference was knocked out of this year's tournament by UConn on Friday.

"We have long known him to be a fantastic coach and an even better person," Glovaski said. "Now, with his team's impressive run in the NCAA tournament, everyone paying attention to March Madness also knows this. We're delighted that he will be at the helm of our men's basketball program."

Anderson led FDU to a 21-16 overall record and went 10-6 in Northeast Conference play. The Knights lost to Merrimack in the conference title game, but got the NCAA berth because Merrimack was ineligible to compete as a transitioning school from Division II.

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cut ties before my

heart gets broken? - TENTATIVE IN

DEAR TEN-

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he stole from you

should be. How is

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WISCONSIN

FDU, one of the shorter teams in the 68-team field, beat Texas Southern in a First Four game and followed that with the upset over Purdue. Florida Atlantic knocked them out of the tournament on Sunday.

FDU had a 4-22 record in 2021-22. Anderson was hired after running a successful program at St. Thomas Aquinas, located less than 25 miles from Iona's New Rochelle campus. In nine seasons, he turned the team into a perennial Top 25 program in Division II after inheriting a team that won just five games prior to his hire.

Anderson got his first taste of Division I coaching, serving as an assistant at Siena for two seasons from 2011-2013. Before his time at Siena, Anderson was a head coach at the Division III level at Hamilton College and Clarkson University in upstate New York.

Comics & Puzzles







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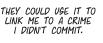






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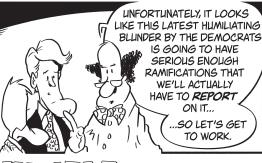
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BOSSY CHURN WIZARD CEMEN' When told the pricy headphones he loved were on sale, it was — MUSIC TO HIS EARS



Little Billy continues his coverage of Daddy's bout with the flu.

Dear Abby DEAR ABBY:

My ex-husband and I separated two months after our wedding. Our divorce was final five months ago. After I left him, I started talking to a younger guy I had a lot in common with. However, he has a gambling problem and ended up stealing money from my cash app. He eventually

paid me back and

has done everything in his power to get me to trust him again. We are both VERY attracted to each other. After he repaid the money, he told me he was in a very dark place and felt horrible about doing it. He says he loves me, and even

though I tried fighting it, I love him too. But there are issues — the trust, the gambling and the age gap. I'm 15 years older. He's still very young, and I know when I was his age, I wanted different things than I want now. I'm worried he'll lose interest in me because we are at different points in our lives.

We aren't exactly labeled a couple but we act like we are. No



he dealing with his gambling addiction? Is he still gambling? Has he joined a support group such as Gamblers Anonymous to help him cope with it? Because you divorced after only two months of marriage — and now this — there may be something wrong with your "manpicker." Before you make any more big decisions about men, I

suggest that you talk to a psychol-

ogist about why you seem to be

rushing in and out of relationships. DEAR ABBY: I just found out my husband and our female friend of 18 months have been texting each other. Allegedly, according to my husband, it's about politics. My husband and I don't share the same political views. He says

he has nobody to talk to about politics. I don't understand why he doesn't talk about politics with his male friends.

I find it suspicious that neither my husband nor this "friend" ever mentioned they were communicating with each other. I think he is going outside our marriage seeking validation from another woman. When I said it, he called me crazy, immature and insanely jealous.

I think he's endangering our marriage because things can start innocently, and he's seeking some thing I can't give him. He knew my political affiliation before we married. Our marriage barely survived the last presidential election. Now this. Can I have some advice, please? — UNEASY IN FLORIDA DEAR UNEASY: You're not

crazy, immature or jealous. You are a wife who is worried that her marriage is in jeopardy. If the three of you socialize together and the subject of politics comes up, engage with them diplomatically without allowing the conversation to degenerate into an argument. And suggest to your husband privately that since the texts are 'only political" in nature, you would like to be able to look at them

Horoscopes

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 22). Welcome to your year of youth. It will be as though you are reverse-aging in the months to come. Your energy will increase, and your views will become more hopeful and forward-thinking. More highlights: the support of a big team with means, an award that comes from thousands of miles away and a lovely person reordering your world. Gemini and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 3, 32, 17

and 48. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll reach one checkpoint and be up, the next you'll be down. These measurements are a matter of tradition, though less important than you might imagine. What matters is not how you're counted on arrival but that you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Each family is its own country with customs and language foreign to outsiders. You will interact with those from another family. Tread lightly, as it's easy to cross boundaries you don't GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Because you are so open and approachable, where you go is very important. If you're in a place where like minds and upbeat people are, you'll probably get more out of the interactions you're bound to have.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-care is different for every-one. For some, silence is selfcare, and for others a long conversation is self-care. Exposure to a variety of experiences will

teach you what nurtures you. It's not always what you expect. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). There's not one style of being that's better than another, though there are styles more or less suited to the moment. What suits you best today will be po-

etic and organized aesthetically rather than logically.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't expect the breakthrough to come to those who are ready for it. Luck goes by its own rules. Often, opportunity arrives at the same time as problems, chal-

lenges and setbacks. Good for tune has many faces.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your mood turns social just in time to make some key connections. You're like a hitchhiker in that you'll get where you're going because other people going the

same direction could use a little company. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who would be more comfortable if you were to stick with the way it's always been done, but you're not living for them. Get on your own side. Do it your way. Experimentation

is both necessary and fun. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. **21).** Your attraction to the exotic leads you to new people and realms. You will come bearing gifts, and you will not stay too long in one place. When the mystique has worn off, you will move

along CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You get the feeling that it's all going to be different just as soon as you get to the other side of this barrier, which could break open at any moment. This belief is the key to your persistence. Keep going

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Loved ones will tell you exactly what they want, though not in words. So it's mighty convenient that you're paying close attention today and are even more sensitive than usual to the subtleties of interaction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships will be like a rubber band. When pulled a distance away from the other person, energy will build in the bond. At a certain point, this will cause you to come quickly and forcefully back together.



Find the familiar phrase, saying or

name in this arrangement of letters.

Аңогпеу general : ВОГПТІОИ:

Find the word held in common by the three words in each puzzle. The three solution words will form a fourth puzzle. The numbers indicate each answer's length, and the + tells you its position. Example: The solution to +FLOWER, WAILING+ and BERLIN+ is WALL black+ farmers+ 6 stock+ bowling+ golf+ 4 +master +hunter +banger FINAL ANSWER 4 мавкет, вась, неар, меат

Daily Bridge Club Feline fine By FRANK STEWART

Tribune Content Agency

"I thought I had a serious problem today," a club player told me. "We were running late for the afternoon duplicate. My wife dashed in from Target and grabbed something from the fridge for lunch. She mistakenly gobbled down some leftover cat food. "She seemed okay, but on the second round she started licking her dress, and then she booted this 3NT. East won the first heart with the king and returned a heart. My wife took the queen and cashed the A-K of diamonds. "When East discarded, my wife tried the A-K and a third spade. The suit broke 3-3, but West took two diamonds and led a club. My wife never got dummy's ace of hearts and won only eight tricks."

NINE LIVES

South didn't need nine lives to make 3NT. She lands on her feet by leading a low spade from dummy at Trick Five, keeping communication to take all nine of her winners. "Is your wife all right now?" "Seems so. To be safe, I called our

vet."
"What did he say?"
"Said if my wife starts meowing, bring her in." DAILY QUESTION

♠ A K 6 ♥ A 7 4 **♣** 8 3. You open one

diamond, and your partner responds one spade. The opponents pass. What do you say?

ANSWER: In some bidding styles, to raise a major-suit response absolutely guarantees four-card support. A more flexible and effective support. A more flexible and effective style allows a raise with three-card support in a suitable hand. I would surply raise to two spades here (and would also raise if the response had been one heart). South dealer N-S vulnerable

NORTH ♠ A K 6 ♡ A 7 4 ◇ K 9 8 5 2 ♣ 8 3

EAST ♠ J 9 2 ♡ K 10 9 * QJ 10 9 5 2

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Dishing out the facts on good fats

FAMILY FEATURES

Tor those seeking to be more health-conscious, the idea of eating nutritiously seems simple. However, understanding what's truly "good for you" can sometimes be confusing.

In honor of National
Nutrition Month and Healthy
Fats Day in March, Avocados From Mexico is sharing
how avocados - a super good
food and source of good fats
and several vitamins - make
everything better. Avocados
From Mexico conducted a
survey and found that while
76 percent of respondents

believe fat is an essential component of a healthy diet, less than one-third are confident they know why it's important to have "good fats" in their diets.

For starters, according to the survey, nearly half of Americans didn't realize foods with good fats, like avocados, can help with weight management. However, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats found in avocados can lower the risk of becoming overweight, according to research published in "Nutrients."

"Most people are aware of the Mediterranean Diet, but nearly half (40 percent) of survey respondents didn't realize that this eating pattern does not limit fat coming from plant sources like avocados," said nutrition expert and registered dietitian Barbara Ruhs. "These types of unsaturated good fats are also recommended by the American Heart Association for heart health. Eating avocados in place of foods containing saturated fat is an easy and delicious way to approach healthy eating."

Virtually the only fresh fruit with good fats, avocados can help people meet both good fat and fruit and vegetable recommendations in the same bite with approximately six grams of good fats per serving (one-third of a medium avocado). They are nutrient-dense, making avocados a superfood with super benefits. Avocados are also free of cholesterol and sodium and have nearly 20 vitamins and minerals.

Another finding from the survey is that while people believe fat is essential to a healthy diet, one-third of survey respondents believe saturated and trans fats are associated with health benefits, indicating confusion

See GOOD FATS, 6B



Family Feat

Harvest Bowl Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette is a healthy dish featuring Avocados, virtually the only fresh fruit with good fats.

Four tips for a healthy lifestyle

BY QULA MADKIN

MSU Extension Service

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Nutrition
Month is
a time to
sharpen
your focus
on your
lifestyle,
with an
emphasis
on your



eating and physical activity habits. Learn what this campaign is about and get tips to help you improve your lifestyle from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics:

National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign created 50 years ago in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

This year's theme is "Fuel for the Future." Eating with sustainability in mind is a tasty way to nourish ourselves during every phase of life and protect the environment.

Eat with the environment in mind.

Enjoy more plant-based meals and snacks.

Purchase foods with minimal packaging.

Buy foods in season and shop

locally when possible.

Start a container or backyard garden to grow food at home.

See a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN).

Ask your doctor for a referral to an RDN.

Find an RDN who specializes in your unique needs.

Learn how nutrient needs may change with age.

Receive personalized nutrition information to meet your health goals.

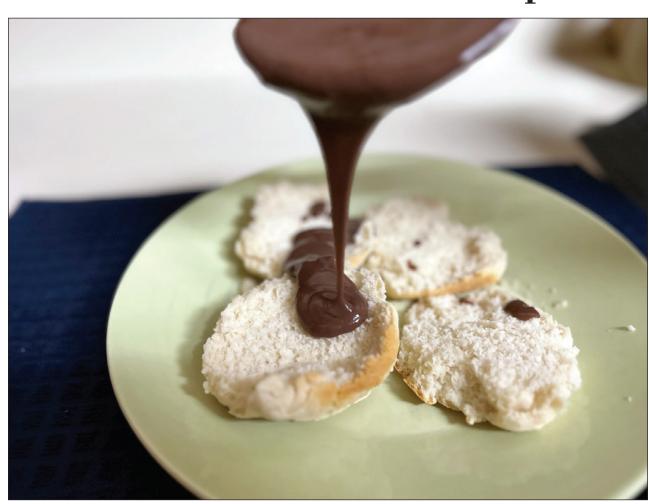
Stay nourished and save money.

Plan your meals and snacks.

noon family snack.

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Chocolate gravy and biscuits offer a blast from the past



Robert Scott/Dispatch Staff

Chocolate Gravy and Biscuits offers contrasting flavors and consistencies, making for a delectable treat that surprises with each hite

BY ROBERT SCOTT rscott@cdispatch.com

y mom decided she wanted to have a blast from the past this weekend and make a dish she has loved for years, chocolate gravy and biscuits

The twist on the classic southern comfort dish is an interesting one

Where there would be salty gravy paired with the buttered biscuits, this recipe flips it on its head and adds a sweet component with the gravy.

I will admit, I had never really heard of this before, but she was confident in her recipe and I trusted her. She was right!

The buttery, flaky biscuits paired with the sweet smooth gravy was an experience I have not had before.

I love classic pan gravy, which is made with flour, and biscuits. I have enjoyed this dish many times throughout the years and don't plan to stop anytime soon.

But I was hesitant

about this one.

I saw how much she and my brothers were enjoying it though, and it swayed me. I decided to pass the point of no

return.
 I will say, I still prefer the pan gravy, but that is more a matter of

habit than a reflection of the dish.

I would also add that homemade

biscuits are always the way to go.

There really is no substitute for a good homemade biscuit, or if there is, I haven't found it yet.

Granted, you will spend some

extra time making the doughy treats, but it is worth it in the end.

That is not to say that

frozen biscuits should be cast away, never to be spoken of again. They are good for what they are and can definitely make a serviceable accompaniment to a meal.

They are especially useful when time is lim-

ited, such as preparing a

meal after work and/or school.

If you prefer frozen biscuits, then by all means use them! That is the beauty of cooking, there is no one way to do things. As long as you are happy and enjoy the product of your labors, then it has been a successful venture as far as I am concerned.

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Family Features
Margherita Pizza Pierogy Skewers can make a meal for one, a gathering of friends or an after-

Stress-free steps toward self-care

Robert Scott

FAMILY FEATURES

ver the last few years, self-care has taken on heightened importance for moms across the country.

That is why Mrs. T's Pierogies is partnering with actress, entrepreneur and mom JoAnna Garcia Swisher for its "All-Star Moms" campaign to spotlight the importance of finding ways to recharge and help these real-life superheroes prioritize me-time.

Simplifying self-care

for All-Star Moms everywhere can be as easy as designating a "recharging room" in the home, which offers a personal space to reset and relax. When creating your recharging room, keep these tips from Garcia Swisher in mind:

Balance Beautiful with Functional: Find hosting staples like cutting boards, utensils and napkins that match the vibe of your personal space so the area can double as an entertaining

■ Keep it Easy to

Clean: Choose furniture and decor that can handle a little mess from snacks, like Mrs. T's Mini Pierogies and your favorite dip, which are perfect for enjoying while binge-watching favorite shows.

Add a Personal
Touch: Showcase a piece
that tells a story, like a
favorite embroidered pillow, piece of meaningful
jewelry or framed photo
of an amazing memory.

Bring In Something Cozy: Add cozy touches like a blanket, fluffy pillow or favorite slippers

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What's in a date? History, health and sweetness

BY MICHAEL MERSCHEL American Heart Association News

ates have long been a snack full of sweetness and significance. Cultivated for at least 6,000 years, the palm date tree plays a role in several religious faiths. Among Muslims, a taste of date is given to infants as a ceremonial first meal, and the fruit is prominent during Ramadan, a month for fasting from sunrise

"It's customary for Muslims all around the world to break their fast with dates and water, or dates and milk," said Sara Elnakib, chair of the department of family and community health sciences at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She has a doctorate in public health education. Their combination of fiber,

nutrients and energy mean dates are "a great way to break your fast," she said. And as a snack for other times, they're "on the healthier

Around the world, you'll find thousands of varieties of

dates. In the United States, you're most likely to encounter the plump medjool or the smaller Deglet Noor.

Their flavor and nutritional profiles vary, but overall, dates tend to be good sources of fiber, vitamin B and minerals such as potassium and magnesium, Elnakib said.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one medjool date (weighing in at a little less than 1 ounce) would have more than 4 percent of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin B-6 for adults. It also would provide almost 5 percent of the recommended potassium for men and more than 6 percent for women. Potassium is important for controlling blood pressure.

One medjool date also offers about 4 percent of the recommended magnesium for women, and about 3 percent for men. Dates also are a good source of antioxidants, Elnakib said.

That one date also has 1.6 grams of fiber, around 5 percent of an adult's needs, which also helps balance the effects of the 16 grams of total sugar in each date.

Elnakib said because of the high fiber content in dates, they end up having a low glycemic index, a measure of how fast blood sugar rises after

food is digested. Such sweetness does come with calories: 66 per medjool date - which can add up.

Elnakib recalls one woman who would break her Ramadan fast by eating 10 dates. "And then she was complaining that she was gaining weight during Ramadan. I was like, 'You know, maybe don't break your fast with 10 dates."

In Zimbabwe's rainy season, women forage for wild mushrooms

BY FARAI MUTSAKA The Associated Press

HARARE, Zimbabwe – 'imbabwe's rainy season brings a bonanza of wild mushrooms, which many rural families feast upon and sell to boost their

But the bounty also comes with danger as each year there are reports of people dying after eating poisonous fungi. Discerning be-

tween safe and toxic mushrooms has evolved into an inter-generational transfer of indigenous knowledge from mothers to daughters. Rich in protein, antioxidants and fiber, wild mushrooms are a revered delicacy and income earner in Zimbabwe, where food and formal jobs are scarce for many.

Beauty Waisoni, 46, who lives on the outskirts of the capital, Harare, typically wakes up at

dawn, packs plastic buckets, a basket, plates and a knife before trekking to a forest 9 miles away.

Her 13-year-old daughter Beverly is in tow, as an apprentice. In the forest, the two join other pickers, mainly women working side by side with their children, combing through the morning dew for shoot-ups under trees and dried leaves.

Police routinely warn people of the hazards of consuming wild mush-

rooms. In January, three girls in one family died after eating poisonous wild mushrooms. Such reports filter through each season. A few years ago 10 family members died after consuming poisonous mushrooms.

To avoid such a deadly outcome, Waisoni teaches her daughter how to identify safe mushrooms.

"She will kill people, and the business, if she gets it wrong," said Waisoni, who says she

started picking wild mushrooms as a young girl. Within hours, her baskets and buckets become filled up with small red and brown buttons covered in dirt.

Women such as Waisoni are dominant players in Zimbabwe's mushroom trade, said Wonder Ngezimana, an associate professor of horticulture at the Marondera University of Agricultural Science and Technology.

"Predominantly women have been gatherers and they normally go with their daughters. They transfer the indigenous knowledge from one generation to the other," Ngezimana told The Associated Press.

They distinguish edible mushrooms from poisonous ones by breaking and detecting "milk-like liquid oozing out," and by scrutinizing the color beneath and the top of the mushrooms, he said.

Self-care

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for something comfort-

■ Make a Statement: Let your inner designer shine by taking a chance on something bold that represents a part of your personality you don't normally indulge.

■ Plan an Anchor Piece: This item is the foundation for everything, such as a vintage armchair, comfy couch or storage piece that tells a story. Choose this item

first then build around it. Moms can also prioritize self-care by whipping up an easy-to-make recipe, like these Margherita Pizza Pierogy Skewers, for themselves, a gathering of friends or an afternoon family snack. Pasta pockets filled with creamy mashed potatoes, cheesy goodness and other big, bold flavors, Mrs. T's Pierogies are simple to prepare. This means more time for moms to

do the stuff they love like unwinding from the day with favorite foods in

their recharging spaces. Visit MrsTsPierogies. com for more recipe inspiration.

MARGHERITA PIZZA PIEROGY SKEWERS

Prep time: 10 minutes Total time: 35 minutes Servings: 9

Pizza Skewers:

1 box (12.8 ounces) Mrs.

T's Mini Classic Cheddar Pierogies

3 cups cherry tomatoes 2 tablespoons olive oil, plus additional for brushing piero-

gies, divided 1 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon ground black

pepper 1/2 teaspoon oregano 1-2 cups mozzarella balls (18

fresh basil leaves bamboo skewers (10 inches)

Fresh Pesto:

2 cups fresh basil 2 garlic cloves, peeled 1/2 cup olive oil 1/4 cup pine nuts 1/4 grated Parmesan cheese

salt, to taste ground black pepper, to taste

■ Preheat the air fryer to 400 degrees.

■ To make pizza skewers: In a small bowl, combine cherry tomatoes, olive oil, salt, ground black pepper and oregano: toss to coat. Transfer tomatoes to the air fryer tray

fryer for 10 minutes, or until tomatoes are slightly charred: remove and set aside. ■ Lay pierogies on the same

or basket. Cook in the air

tray or basket. Make sure not to overlap. Lightly brush each side with olive oil. Cook for about 12 minutes, or until golden brown and crispy. Flip halfway through cooking.

■ To make pesto: In a food processor, process basil: garlic; olive oil; pine nuts; Parmesan cheese; salt, to taste; and pepper, to taste, until smooth, (If preferred, use store-bought pesto.)

■ Add one pierogy to a bamboo skewer followed by one tomato, one mozzarella ball and one basil leaf. Repeat with ingredients until each skewer is filled. Drizzle with pesto.

Good fats

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about the various types of fats. Many Americans need to balance their overall fat intake by reducing "bad" or saturated fat intake and increasing "good" or unsaturated (monounsaturated and polyunsaturated) fat intake. Replacing saturated fats with unsaturated fats can help reduce LDL, or

bad cholesterol levels. Dietary fat helps the body absorb vitamins A, D, E and K. These vitamins are fat soluble, which means they can only be absorbed by the body with the help of fats. Per one-third of a medium avocado (50 grams), avocados contribute six grams of unsaturated fats, which are known to be essential for normal growth and development of the central nervous system and brain.

Make good fats a part of your next trip to the grocery store with this

avocado-inspired Harvest Bowl Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette certified by the American Heart Association.

To find more nutritional facts and figures, along with recipes featuring the superfood, visit Avocados-FromMexico.com.

HARVEST BOWL SALAD WITH BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE Servings: 8

Balsamic Vinaigrette:

1/2 Avocado From Mexico,

- 1 tablespoon avocado oil 2 tablespoons shallots, minced 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar 1 tablespoon honey
- 3 tablespoons water

Salad:

2 Avocados From Mexico, diced 2 sweet potatoes, roasted and 2 cups quinoa, cooked 2 cups arugula 2 cups kale

1 cup Brussels sprouts petals, roasted 2 Honeycrisp apples, diced

2 tablespoons roasted pecans, unsalted 2 tablespoons roasted pepi-

tas, unsalted

2 tablespoons dried cranber-

■ To make balsamic vinaigrette: In a food processor. process avocado, avocado oil, shallots, Dijon mustard, balsamic vinegar, honey and water to smooth consistency. Set aside.

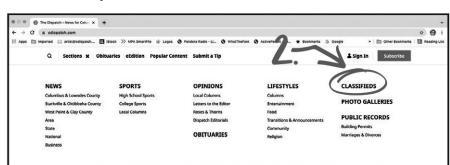
■ To make salad: In a large bowl, combine avocados, sweet potatoes, quinoa, arugula, kale, Brussels sprouts petals, apples, pecans, pepitas and dried cranberries. Pour balsamic vinaigrette over salad mixture.

■ Toss salad to coat. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Nutritional information per serving: 390 calories; 16 g total fat; 0 g saturated fat; 0 g cholesterol; 370 mg sodium; 55 g total carbohydrates; 11 g dietary fiber; 12 g sugar; 15 g protein.

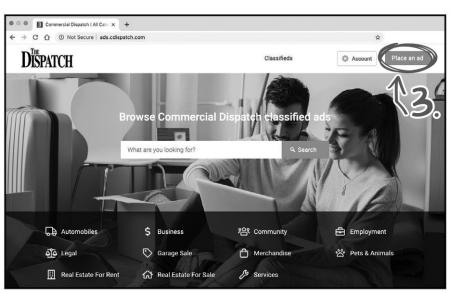
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Tips Continued from Page 5B

See what food you have at home before purchasing more. Use a grocery list and shop sales

when purchasing food. Learn about community resources such as SNAP, WIC and local food

Eat a variety of foods from all food groups. Include your favorite cultural foods

Eat foods in various forms including fresh, frozen, canned and dried.

Avoid fad diets that promote unnecessary restrictions. Practice gratitude for your body by

giving it the fuel it needs. For more information and resources related to the campaign, visit the Acade-

my of Nutrition and Dietetics website. For more helpful tips like these and healthy recipe options, visit extension. msstate.edu and join our MSU Nutrition and Wellness Facebook group.

Gravy and biscuits Continued from Page 5B

4 tablespoons flour 3 tablespoons cocoa

Add the milk and cook on

1 cup sugar

2 cups milk

in a large skillet.

CHOCOLATE GRAVY

and traditions.

■ Mix sugar, flour and cocoa

HOMEMADE BISCUITS 2 cups self-rising flour

medium heat, whisking contin-

uously, until thick.

2 tablespoons shortening

- Work the shortening into the
- 1 cup buttermilk 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Pinch or cut dough into desired size and shape.
 - Place biscuits in a greased

flour until it forms crumbs.

■ Add the buttermilk and stir until it makes a solid dough

■ Bake at 400 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

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You are hereby invited to sub mit a sealed bid (or at the Bidder's option, electronically sub-mitted Bids) for "Reroof of Stokes-Beard Elementary". Bids will be received from contractors at the Columbus Municipal School District, Brandon Central Services Center located at 2630 McArthur Drive. Columbus, MS 39705, until 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 13, 2023, and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the Contract Docu-Instructions to Bidders.

Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid. Form of Contract. Form of Contract Bond, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

1. Office of the Architect, Eley Guild Hardy Architects, P.A., 1091 Tommy Munro Drive, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532. 2. ABC Plan Rooms, Gulfport and Jackson, Mississippi and Jackson, Mississippi.

Bid documents are being made available via hard copy or CD at www.eleyguildhardyprojects.co m. Interested bidders should log-in or register for a free account to view and order Bid Documents. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. The cost of the bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website (digital and hard copies). Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House at (662) 407-0193.

All proposals must be on file with the Columbus Municipal School District prior to the opening time as stated above All proposals must be sealed and clearly marked on the outside of the envelope as indicated "Reroof of Stokes-Beard Elementary" to be opened on (insert bid date here). Envelopes not so marked are submitted at the risk of the Bidder and the School District assumes no responsibility for the premature opening of same by any School District employee

At the Bidder's option, in lieu of submitting a physical sealed Bid, electronic bids may be submitted at www.eleyguild-hardyprojects.com. Bids shall be received electronically until the date/time as stated above For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Plan House at (662) 407-0193. Electronic submittal of Bids is not re-

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid (or upload at Bidders security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instruc-tions to Bidders. Performance and Payment Bonds will be required from the successful bidder. Bidders shall comply with law of the State of Missis sippi requiring Certificate of Responsibility.

Resident contractors shall, in accordance with laws of the State of Mississippi, be gran ted preference over non-residents in the award of this con-tract in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state of domicile of the non-Resident. A non-resident contractor shall attach to his proposal a copy of his resident state's current law pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contract-

The successful bidder must adhere to the Owner's policy con-cerning non-discrimination without regard to race, creed, color, age, sex, national origin or handicap. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date

of the opening thereof. BOARD OF TRUSTEES COLUMBUS MUNICIPAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLISH: 3/15 & 3/22/2023

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4/5/2023

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSIS-

IN THE MATTER OF THE ES-TATE OF MILDRED VIRGINIA WHEELER, DECEASED

LARRY D. WHEELER, EXECUTOR

NO. 2023-0045-PDE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary have been granted and issued to Larry D. Wheeler, Executor of the Estate of Mildred Virginia Wheeler, deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 14th day of March, 2023. This is to dive notice the all persons. is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register

same with the Chancery Clerk

of Lowndes County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice to Creditors. A failure to so Probate and Register said claim will forever bar the same.

THIS the 15th day of March,

/s/Larry D. Wheeler

Larry D. Wheeler OF COUNSEL:

M. Jay Nichols, MBN 10066 Crowell Gillis & Cooper, PLLC Post Office Box 1827 Columbus, MS 39703 PHONE: (662) 243-7330

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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEF'S NO-

WHEREAS, Timothy J. McMullin and wife, Alisa J. McMullin, executed and delivered to Frank A. Riley, as Trustee for the benefit of BancorpSouth 212 and re-recorded in Book 1265 at Page 139 and modified in Book 2003 at Page of Lowndes County, Missis-

WHEREAS, by merger and name change effective October 29, 2021, BancorpSouth Bank became Cadence Bank;

Firm PLLC has been substi-tuted as Trustee under the

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and condi-tions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby. Cadence Bank, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the land and property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attor ney's fees, Substituted Trust-ee's fees, and expense of

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on April 12, 2023, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the main front door of the Lowndes County Courthouse in Columbus, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Lowndes County, Mississippi:

Estates, Part II, as shown by map or plat of same recorded in Plat Book 3 at page 13 in the office of the Chancery Clerk

and as amended by decree of the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, dated January 3, 1975, in Cause No. 13.801 and recorded in Lowndes County Chancery
Court Minute Book 80 at pages 693-704; Subject, however, to easements reserved for the installation and maintenance of utility and or drainage facilities as shown on said recorded plat: and also Subject

to the restrictive covenants and conditions made and entered into between Lowndes Invest-ment Company, a Mississipp corporation, and others, dated

Book 503 at page 74 of the land records of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is

vested in it as Substituted

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 2nd day of March,

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC P.O. Box 1874 Madison, MS 39130

File No. 23020037

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLISH: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5/2023

Bank, a Deed of Trust dated December 3, 1998, which is recorded in Book 1260 at Page 7551 and further modified in Book 2016 at Page 26451 in the office of the Chancery Clerk

WHEREAS, Underwood Law

Deed of Trust; and

Lot No. 109 of East Emerald

Lowndes County, Mississippi.

July 9, 1974 and recorded in Deed

Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862)

Phone: (601) 981-7773

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

COUNTY OF Lowndes

WHEREAS, on the 30th day of June, 2021, SA'Derrick Deariel White, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Todd Stiverson, Trustee for NewRez LLC, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi in MORT Book 2021 at Page 23129;

WHEREAS, on the 28th day of December, 2021, NewRez LLC f/k/a New Penn Financial LLC, assigned said Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee of NRZ Inventory Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in MORT Book 2021 at Page 38376: and

WHEREAS, on the 8th day of December, 2022 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in MORT Book 2022 at Page 29734; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 29th day of March, 2023, I will dur-ing the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the south east front door of Lowndes County Court-house, 505 2nd Ave. North at Columbus, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Lowndes County, Mississippi, to-wit:

A TRACT OF LAND BEING LOC-ATED IN THE WEST HALF (W 1/2) OF SECTION 3, TOWN-SHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 17 WEST, LOWNDES COUNTY MISSISSIPPI AND MORE PAR TICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 3; RUN THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 432.6 FEET TO A POINT IN THE CENTERLINE OF NASHVILLE FERRY ROAD; RUN THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 40 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID NASHVILLE FERRY ROAD A DISTANCE OF 588.7 FEET A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 25 DE-GREES OO MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID CENTERLINE A DISTANCE OF TO 1353.0 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID CENTERLINE AND THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY NO. 69; RUN THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MISSISSIPPI HIGH-WAY NO. 69 A DISTANCE OF 530.4 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO AN IRON PIN AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT; ERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF WAY DISTANCE OF 69.6 FEET. MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT; RUN THENCE NORTH 27 DE-GREES 44 MINITES WEST ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY A DISTANCE OF 135.6 FEET TO AN IRON PIN: RUN THENCE SOUTH 45 DEGREES 55 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 138.8 FEET TO A POINT; RUN THENCE SOUTH 45 DE-GREES 50 MINUTES FAST A DISTANCE OF 208.3 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; RUN THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 44 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF

BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.5 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute

74.5 FEET TO THE POINT OF

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this

28th day of February, 2023.

Dean Morris, LLC Substitute Trustee 855 S Pear Orchard Rd., Ste. 404, Bldg. 400 Ridgeland, MS 39157

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PUBLISH: 3/8, 3/15 & 3/22/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF LOWNDES COUNTY, MISSIS-

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A. JENNINGS COX, JR., DECEASED

ARTEMUS J. COX, III, EXECUT-

NO. 23-42-PDE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary have been granted and issued to Artemus J. Cox, III, Executor of the Estate of A. Jennings Cox, Jr., deceased, by the Chancery Court of Lowndes County, Mississippi, on the 1 day of March, 2023. This is to give notice to all persons having claims against said estate to Probate and Register same with the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of this

THIS the 6 day of March,

so Probate and Register said claim will forever bar the same.

Notice. A failure to

/s/ Artemus J. Cox, III Artemus J. Cox, III, Executor

OF COUNSEL: William F. Gillis, MBN 4854 Crowell Gillis & Cooper, PLLC Post Office Box 1827 Columbus, MS 39703 (662) 243-7329 wgillis@cgclawpllc.com

PUBLISH: 3/8, 3/15 & 3/22/2023

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2017, Ray J. Barksdale and Karen Ann Barksdale, husband and wife executed a certain deed of trust to Westcor Land Title Insurance Company, Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Beneficiary, as nominee for Freedom Mortgage Corporation, its suc-cessors and assigns which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes, County, state of Mis-sissippi, on May 12, 2017, in Book MORT 2017, Page

WHEREAS, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the current holder and/or assignee, substituted Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. as Trustee by instrument recor-ded in the Chancery Clerk's Of-fice on February 7, 2023 in Book 2023, in Page 2628; and WHEREAS, Default having been

made in the terms and condi-tions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Freedom Mortgage Corporation, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee in said deed of trust. will on April 12, 2023 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the main front door of the County Courthouse of Lowndes County in Columbus, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Lowndes County, Mississippi, to wit:

The land hereinafter referred to is situated in the City of Columbus, County of Lowndes, State of MS, and is described as fol-

A lot located in the West Half (W1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4) of Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 17 West, Lowndes County, Missis sippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 2; thence South 88 degrees 00 minutes East along the Section line a distance of 140 feet to an iron pin; thence South 4 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 1829 feet to a point on the North right of way line of a gravel road; thence South 79 degrees 45 minutes East along said North right of way line a distance of 111.4 feet, to the initial point of the property herein described; thence South 79 degrees 45 minutes East along said North right of way line a distance of 111.4 feet; thence North 4 degrees 00 minutes West 200 feet: thence North 79 degrees 45 minutes West 111.4 feet: thence South 4 degrees 00 minutes East 200 feet to the initial point of

More commonly known as: 2237 Old Yorkville Rd, Columbus, MS 39702

this description

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Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C.

Substituted Trustee Halliday, Watkins & Mann, P.C. 244 Inverness Center Drive Suite 200

Birmingham, AL 35242 (801) 355-2886 PUBLISH: 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 & 4/5/2023

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FOREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE ON COUNTY SCHOOL LANDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Lowndes County School District, at 1053 Highway 45 South, Columbus, Mississippi up to and not later than 10:00 a.m., on April 13, 2023, for the right to purchase all timber marked or designated for cut-ting in Section 16, Township 18 South, Range 17 West,

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the material for sale, conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Area Forester, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Stark-ville, Mississippi.

Lowndes County, Mississippi.

The right to reject any and all

bids is reserved. PUBLISH: 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31, 4/1, 4/4, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/8 & 4/11/2023

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE NOTICE

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2021, Jabari O. Edwards, Sr. executed a certain Deed of Trust to Mark S. Vemer, for the bene fit of Bank of Commerce, which Deed of Trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Missis sippi In Deed of Trust Book 2021 at page 10949 and

WHEREAS, Bank of Commerce has heretofore substituted Charles J. Swayze III as Trust-ee in place and in lieu of the present Trustee by instrument recorded on February 13, 2023, in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at page 2953 in the of-fice of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk; and

WHEREAS, default having been

made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due in accordance with the terms thereof, Bank of Commerce, the legal holder of said indebtedness requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees, and ex-

penses of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charles J. Swavze III. Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on the 24 day of March, 2023, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. offer for sale and sell th at public auc tion for cash to the highest and best bidder at the main front door of the Lowndes County Courthouse in Columbus, Mississippi, the following described property conveyed by said Deed of Trust, to-wit:

Lot W, containing 6.29 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, and being a portion of an unrecorded subdivision known as Rain Tree Colony of Bent Tree Plantation, lying in the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of Section 29. Township 17 South, Range 18 West, Lowndes County, Mississippi, more particularly described as

Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot Q of Doubletree Colony of Bent Tree Plantation, a residential community as shown by plat recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 6 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of said Lowndes County, Mississippi, run thence North 81 degrees 55 minutes West along the north right of way of a public road known as Bent Tree Trail (30 feet from centerline) for 114.3 feet; thence Westerly along said north right of way and a curve to the right (Delta= 12 degree, 43 minutes, Radi-us= 445 feet, Chord=North 75 degrees 34 minutes West-98.5 feet) for 98.7 feet; thence North 69 degrees 13 minutes West along said north right of way for 47.4 feet; thence Westerly along said north right of way and a curve to the left (Delta= 44 degrees 43 minutes, Radius= 188.8 feet, Chord=South 88 degrees 26 minutes West- 143.6 feet) for 147.3 feet; thence South 66 degrees 05 minutes West along said north right of way for 136.4 feet; thence Westerly along said north right of way and a curve to the right (Delta=77 24 minutes, Radius= 129.0 feet, Chord=North 75 degrees 13 minutes West-161.3 feet)for 174.2 feet; thence South 53 degrees 28 minutes West for 60.0 feet to the west right of way of said Bent Tree Trail and the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence North 36 degrees 32 minutes West along said west right of way (30 feet from centerline) for 80.6 feet; thence Northwest erly along said west right of way and a curve to the right (Delta=06 degrees 49 minutes, Radius= 870.6 feet, Chord= North 33 degrees 07 minutes West 103.4 feet) for 103.4 feet; thence North 29 degrees 43 minutes West along said west right of way for 66.0 feet; thence South 31 degrees 06 minutes West for 267.2 feet; thence South 44 degrees 18 minutes West for 162.2 feet: thence south 21 degrees 17 minutes West for 199.8 feet to a point on the circumference of cul-de-sac at the end of a public road known as Bellewood Trail; thence Easterly, Southerly and Westerly along said cir cumference and a curve to the right (Delta=166 degrees 11 minutes, Radius= 50.0 feet, Chord= South 07 degrees 37 minutes West- 99.3 feet) for 145.0 feet: thence North degrees 09 minutes West along the south right of way of said Bellewood Trail (30 feet from centerline) for 111.0 feet; thence South 53 degrees 40 minutes East for 452.0 feet; thence North 01 degree 38 minutes East for 245.5 feet to an existing iron pin at the Northeast Corner of the Southwest Quarter of aforemen-tioned Section 29; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes East along a fence line for 351.6 feet to the centerline of an existing ditch; thence Northerly along said ditch centerline for 388 feet, more or less, to a point that is 372.1 feet North 12 degrees 36 minutes West from the previous point; thence Northwesterly along the west right of way of aforementioned Bent Tree Trail and a curve to the right (Delta= 24 degrees 20 minutes, Radius= 189.0 feet, Chord= North 48 degrees 42 minutes West- 79.7 feet) for 80.3 feet to the point of be-

ginning as shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. TOGETHER WITH AND INCLUD-ING permanent, but non-exclusive, easements for the pur-poses of ingress and egress on, over and across Bent Tree Trail, Bellewood Trail, Boxwood Drive and Ashwood Drive, all as more particularly described in Exhibit "B" to the Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants for Rain Tree Colony of Bent Tree Plantation as recorded in Deed Book 1352 at page 500-519 in the land re-cords of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

scribed in deed to Ellen Milling, dated July 13, 2015 and recorded in Deed Book 2015 at Page 4256 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi. LESS AND EXCEPT, all oil gas

LESS AND EXCEPT Lot W-1. de-

and other minerals, of every kind in, on, or under the said real estate, heretofore re-served by prior owners, the ex-ploration for and drilling or production of which are restricted by the covenants and conditions in that certain deed dated April 14, 1998, and of record in land Deed Book 1204, Page 312-316, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

SUBJECT TO the restrictive and protective covenants of RAIN TREE COLONY OF BENT TREE PLANTATION, ("covenants running with the land") as set forth in Deed Book 1352, Pages 500-519 and restate ment of restrictive and protect-ive covenants of RAIN TREE COLONY OF BENT TREE PLANT-ATION, as set forth in Deed Book 2005, Page 8761 of the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Lowndes County, Mississippi.

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stituted Trustee.

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/s/ Charles J. Swayze III CHARLES J. SWAYZE III SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

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4 6

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9 Irritable 11 Shrinks 15 Neighbor of Ga.

17 Visionary 20 — Aviv

