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SCOTT COUNTY SHERIFF

Sikeston man is arrested for drugs

BENTON - A narcotics investigation led to the arrest of a Sikeston man.

Jonathan Schuereberg, 31, is charged with five counts of possession of a controlled substance, one count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one count of delivery of drug paraphernalia, according to Scott County Sheriff Rick Walter.

During a narcotic investigation, information was received related to Schuereberg's alleged involvement in illegal drug activity.

"Scott County deputies obtained a search warrant which was executed late Friday evening at Schuereberg's residence," Walter said in a news release. "Deputies seized marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and prescription narcotics and multiple items of drug paraphernalia." Schuereberg remains in the Scott County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.



Jonathan Schuereberg

SIKESTON FARMER'S MARKET OPENS



Jill Bock, Staff

Skies cleared Saturday morning for the opening of the Sikeston Farmer's Market in American Legion Park. The opening day featured a variety of local vendors, including several who had planned to attend the cancelled Sikeston in Bloom event. Suzy Bennett ponders which of the Scentsy products offered by Lydia Kern to buy. She was accompanied by husband, Corey, who is holding their daughter Bailey. The Farmer's Market will continue each Saturday, opening at 7 a.m. until sell out.

MO. ANALYSIS

Nixon pans proposed Mo. office building

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Lawmakers envisioned a shiny new state office building potentially constructed on the site of a now-closed Missouri prison. Gov. Jay Nixon called it a "building for bureaucrats that I didn't ask for." The contrasting visions means the office building could join several college construction projects as existing only in a spending plan.

An uptick in Missouri's tax revenues prompted Nixon this month to suggest funding for work at the state mental hospital, Capitol and park system. Lawmakers made adjustments and added \$38 million for planning, design, and construction of a state office building, including space for and renovation of the Missouri Department of Transportation Central Office.

Legislative supporters said the new building could house offices for several state agencies, including the Transportation Department. It could be built on the site of the former Missouri State Penitentiary, which closed in 2004 and overlooks the Missouri River about a mile from the state Capitol. A new federal courthouse sits on part of the land, and tours take visitors through some of the remaining buildings at the old prison.

"With the new state office building that could be built, we will move agencies from leased facilities into that building that will save money down the road on leasing costs," said House Budget Committee Chairman Rick Stream, R-Kirkwood.

But Nixon said he speaks with many Missourians and has "yet to have a single person come up to me and say: 'Boy, what we need governor is for the Legislature to go above your budget request to build a brand-new building for bureaucrats in Jeff City.'"

Lawmakers wrapped up work this past week on the state budget that takes effect July 1. In addition to a \$24.8 billion operating budget, the Legislature approved a capital improvements plan covering the next two years that includes the office building; \$50 million for

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DUCK MAN



John Lawrence Kanazawa Jolley and his duck, "the boss," recently made a stop in New Madrid.

Man and his duck paddling rivers to 'save the world'

BY JILL BOCK
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NEW MADRID - If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck, it could be one man's way of catching your attention.

John Lawrence Kanazawa Jolley paddled his canoe through the flood

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Meeting on interchange project coming up

BY SAMANTHA RINEHART
SEMO News Service

KELSO — A proposal for a new Scott City interchange will be discussed at a public hearing May 23 at city hall in Kelso.

After the Missouri Department of Transportation completed environmental and architectural evaluations to determine the best location for the construction of an interchange, which would help alleviate the traffic congestion in Scott City by diverting traffic from the city's primary Interstate 55 interchange, the agency determined the best option was to use the existing overpass for Route PP, said project manager Eric Krapf.

"When we met with Scott City last fall, we had considered putting an interchange between Route PP and Scott

"I think at this point everyone is pretty much on the same page. We need something to help our traffic problem, and this could be very beneficial to Scott City, depending on where it's built."

TIM PORCH,
Scott City mayor

City, but that turned out to be a problematic location," he said. "The environmental evaluations determined that it would impact Ramsey Creek and the surrounding wetlands, as well as nearby

historic properties."

Krapf said the newest project plans would add connecting roads to the overpass, located about two miles south of Scott City.

Officials say the roads would divert heavy traffic away from the section of Route PP that runs directly through the city of Kelso, near schools and residential areas, and would improve the connection between the western part of the town and east Scott City.

"We would make a connecting road to Route 61 at the south end of Kelso so the traffic doesn't go through the main part of town then get dumped off at the interchange," Krapf said. "This will help alleviate congestion by allowing more cars to get through the traffic signals during the available green time."

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BLOWING THE DOOR IN



Members of the Sikeston Department of Public Safety's Special Operations Group demonstrate using an explosive to open a metal door during the annual Jungle Walk held at the Matthews Farm near Sikeston on Saturday.

Scott Welton, Staff

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TUESDAY'S WEATHER



Mostly sunny and warmer
High: 86 Low: 62

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CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

MAY 14

PORTAGEVILLE — The New Madrid County Health Department will hold WIC satellite clinics from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. May 14-15 at the army in Portageville.

For more information, call 1-800-870-5581.

SIKESTON — The Trailblazers adult walking club will meet at 6 p.m. May 14 at the Clinton Building.

For more information, call Brenda Freed, 471-4044 or Jiggs Moore, 475-3725.

SIKESTON — The Bootheel Quilters' Guild of Sikeston will have their regular monthly meeting May 14 at the First Christian Church, 1006 N. Main in Sikeston. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. for social time with business meeting at 10 a.m.

This month's program will be "The Basics of Fabric Dyeing." Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the program. The Guild meets the second Tuesday of each month. For information call 573-471-8701.

MATTHEWS — The reservation due date has been extended to May 31 to attend the Matthews High School reunion which will be held at 6 p.m. June 15 at the Clinton Building in Sikeston. The cost is \$25 per person. Several invitations and reservation forms were returned in the mail due to incorrect addresses. If you would like to attend, or if your address has changed and you did not receive a reservation form, call Lena Wood at 471-5409. This will be the last MHS reunion planned by the Alumni Committee as they are retiring.

SIKESTON — Chapter JU of P.E.O. Sisterhood will meet at 1:15 p.m. May 14 at the home of Rhea Boyce with Amy Alcorn serving as co-hostess.

MAY 16

SIKESTON — The public is invited to the Sikeston Junior High and Sikeston High School spring concert at 7 p.m. May 16 at the Sikeston High School Field House. The concert will feature music of early American traditions.

MAY 18

BENTON — Levi's Block Party will be from noon until 10 p.m. May 18 between the Benton Bar & Grill and Scott County Courthouse in Benton.

The outdoor event will include kids activities from noon to 5 p.m. with live entertainment throughout the day, and the night will be geared toward the older crowd.

All proceeds from the outside sales will be donated to the Levi's Adventure Trail exhibit at Discovery Playhouse in Cape Girardeau. The Benton Bar and Grill will donate 10 percent of all of its sales that day from inside the restaurant/bar. There will be an outdoor silent auction.

Tickets, which are \$5 each, are available for pre-purchase at Hi-Tech Communications, Benton Bar & Grill or Subway on Malone Avenue in Sikeston.

To learn more about Levi's Adventure Trail go to the website

www.levisadventuretrail.com.

KELSO — A poker run to benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital will be held May 18.

Signup will be from 11 a.m. till noon at Lefty's Bar 101 on Highway 61 in Kelso.

Cost is a \$10 donation per rider or \$15 if there is a passenger. All vehicles are welcome to participate.

The poker run ends at 4 p.m. at the Woodshop located at 104 Kirkwood in Morley. Cards will be drawn at 5 p.m.

Music by DJ Doc Dave will begin at 4 p.m. with free food and beverages available while it lasts.

All proceeds will be given to Elli, an 11-year-old St. Jude patient, to take to the children's hospital.

For more information call Cheri Parsons at 573-545-4591.

LOTTERY

SUNDAY

Pick 3 Evening: 7-6-2
Pick 3 Midday: 6-0-0
Pick 4 Evening: 3-3-8-5
Pick 4 Midday: 5-4-3-4
Show Me Cash: 18-22-25-26-34

SATURDAY

Pick 3 Evening: 2-9-1
Pick 3 Midday: 3-6-8
Pick 4 Evening: 4-1-5-0
Pick 4 Midday: 2-1-4-8
Show Me Cash: 1-3-7-33-35
Lotto: 13-17-18-30-41-44
Powerball: 6-13-19-23-43,
Powerball: 16

TODAY'S NEWSMAKERS

Florida teacher fired
over racy bikini photos

MARTIN COUNTY, Fla. — A Florida teacher's extracurricular activities got her sent to the principal's office.

Olivia Sprauer, 26, an English teacher at Martin County High School, was fired after risqué modeling shots were discovered by the school.

The suburban mother of two, who had planned to resign at the end of the school year, said she was called into the principal's office on April 29 and was shown a modeling photo of herself. After Sprauer confirmed it was her, she was asked to resign.

A statement released from the Martin County School District confirmed Sprauer no longer works for the district.

Known by her stage name Victoria Valentine James, she posed in scantily clad bikini promos for xxxtremevisionradio.com.



This photo from Facebook shows Olivia Sprauer in one of her modeling photos that led to her being fired as a teacher in Florida.

"About to take some new sexy shots ... Stay tuned!" Sprauer writes on her disenabled Facebook page, which has more than 500 fans.

Since her true identity was discovered, Sprauer's Facebook page has been filled with

fans wishing her well.

Photos of her two daughters flooded her Facebook page. One photo from her 2011 birthday shows a cake in the shape of a book and a recent post shows a \$50 gift certificate to a steak restaurant from her students.



Jill Bock, Staff

John Lawrence Kanazawa Jolley and his duck, "the Boss," stopped in New Madrid recently as they were making their way down the Mississippi River. Jolley is using the trip as an opportunity to tell the public his ideas to improve the world and his duck helps him draw an audience, including this patron at the New Madrid Memorial Library.

Jolley/

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waters of the Mississippi River with his duck, "the boss," perched behind his seat and landed in New Madrid. It wasn't long before the duck had done his job, drawing interested inquiries from bystanders.

Jolley is looking for an audience. He has a message that he wants to spread.

Since the summer of 2011, Jolley has paddled the nation's rivers. He explained he began his journey at St. Helen's traveling the Columbia River. His route has taken him to the Snake, the Yellowstone, the Missouri and now the Mississippi River where on each stop he wants to gather an audience.

"Basically I'm here to save the world," Jolley said.

The way he proposes to save it is to make people aware of what he sees as its problems, in particular dams. Jolley said the dams are preventing the rivers from flowing freely and he added, the reservoirs next to the dams are filling with silt.

He proposes doing away with the flush toilet, replacing it with a machine that would turn waste into fertilizer. Also he urges collecting rain water for use rather than letting it run-off and undermine structures.

Jolley expressed concerns about genetically modified



While John Lawrence Kanazawa Jolley's duck, "the Boss," rides on the back of a canoe when they are traveling on the river, in town he waited patiently for his owner tucked away in a bucket.

foods, explaining that the altered food is now altering the humans who consume it.

Most recently, Jolley presented his ideas when he docked his canoe at Jefferson City and again to visitors under the arch at St. Louis.

"People have lost sight of what life is all about," he

lamented during his stop in New Madrid. "Life has descended into a hoax. I'm putting forth an idea that is easy for me because it is the only one that makes sense."

Jolley's travels have taken him back and forth across the United States. The Florida native has even traveled to Cuba to promote his ideas.

He has put his ideas on the internet and in letters and hopes that young people, in particular young women, will take up his demands. Explaining that women are the leaders in society, he said they could go to government officials, demanding change.

"We need to fix the problems so we can go on and live," said Jolley.

His stop in New Madrid gave him the opportunity to go online at the New Madrid Public Library to catch up on emails and voice his concerns to those who inquired, including librarian Cyndi House.

House said she wasn't sure how practical his ideas would be, noting that dams are good and bad, protecting people while also having an environmental impact. "I thought he was really interesting," she added.

Although pleased to talk about his plans, Jolley soon packed up "the boss" and together they headed downstream.

To read about Jolley's life and ideas go to <http://infinityproject.wordpress.com>



AP Photo

Bystanders comfort a shooting victim while awaiting EMS at the intersection of Frenchmen and N. Villere Streets after authorities say gunfire injured at least a dozen people, including a child, at a Mother's Day second-line parade in New Orleans on Sunday.

Police vowing to
solve shootings of
19 in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Video released early Monday by New Orleans police shows a possible suspect in the Mother's Day gunfire that wounded 19 people during a neighborhood parade.

The grainy surveillance video shows a crowd suddenly scattering in all directions, with some falling to the ground. They appear to be running from a man who turns and runs out of the picture. The person is wearing a white T-shirt and dark pants. The image isn't clear but police say they hope someone will recognize him and notify investigators.

Still pictures of the suspect have been posted on YouTube, police said.

Police believe more than one gun was fired in the burst of Sunday afternoon violence — the latest to flare up around a celebration this year — and they have vowed to swiftly track down those responsible. Detectives were conducting interviews, collecting any surveillance video they could find and gathering evidence from the scene. Cell phone video taken in the aftermath of the shooting shows victims lying on the ground, blood on the pavement and others bending over to comfort them.

Police also say the reward for information leading to arrests and indictments in the case is \$10,000.

At least three of the victims were seriously wounded. Of the rest, many were

grazed and authorities said that, overall, most wounds were not life threatening. No deaths were reported.

The victims included 10 men, seven women, a boy and a girl. The children, both 10 years old, were grazed and in good condition.

It's not the first time gunfire has shattered a festive mood in the city this year. Five people were wounded in January after a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade, and four were wounded in a shooting in the French Quarter in the days leading up to Mardi Gras.

"The specialness of the day doesn't appear to interrupt the relentless drumbeat of violence," Mayor Mitch Landrieu said at a news conference outside a hospital where victims were being treated Sunday night.

Mary Beth Romig, a spokeswoman for the FBI in New Orleans, said federal investigators have no indication the shooting was an act of terrorism.

"It's strictly an act of street violence in New Orleans," she said.

As many as 400 people came out for the second-line procession — a boisterous New Orleans tradition — though only half that many were in the immediate vicinity of the shooting, Police Superintendent Ronal Serpas said. Officers were interspersed with the marchers, which is routine for such events.

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stonework, window repair and structural repair to the state Capitol complex; and \$13 million for planning and designing a new facility at the Fulton State Hospital.

However, just because funding is included in the budget does not guarantee money goes out the door for the project. That is because governors have the authority to determine what can be spent by state agencies.

Nixon gave no indication he plans to break ground soon on the new office building. But he said that "if the economy gets rolling and we have more money rolling in than we know what to do with, we'll come back ... and we'll look at what's there."

Missouri has a recent example of the potential gulf between what's budgeted and what's built. In 2007, then-Gov. Matt Blunt signed legislation to use money from the Missouri State Higher Education Loan Authority to pay for dozens of construction projects at public colleges and universities. The loan agency made an

initial \$230 million payment to the state in September 2007 but delayed subsequent quarterly payments because of financial troubles caused by the credit market crunch and changes in federal student loan laws.

Nixon opposed the college building plan while serving as attorney general because it took money away from the student loan authority. Shortly after taking office as governor in 2009, he suspended funding for some projects. Nixon included a continued freeze for projects after lawmakers in 2011 again included them in a capital improvements measure because they wanted to reaffirm that they still expected the buildings to someday be completed.

Instead of constructing the buildings, the student loan agency helped finance college scholarships. The Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority transferred \$30 million in 2010 and an additional \$30 million in 2011 to be used for Missouri's main scholarship program.

Now, it appears Nixon will decide what becomes of another construction project he did not develop.

Meeting/

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Three roads meet at the city's primary interchange -- Interstate 55, U.S. 61 and Main Street -- creating a logjam at heavy traffic times. A short distance from the interchange is the Scott City School District, exacerbating

the problem during morning rush hour, when adults are leaving for work and children are arriving at school.

Scott City Mayor Tim Porch said he's been working with MoDOT on the project for "many, many years."

"I think at this point everyone is pretty much on the same page," he said. "We need something to help our traffic

problem, and this could be very beneficial to Scott City, depending on where it's built."

Porch said he's concerned moving the interchange away from the city may decrease its effectiveness.

"The further south it goes, the more difficult it is to annex it and benefit from its development," he said. "I don't doubt that it will take some pressure off the traffic

congestion, but I'm not sure this is what the city really needs. We need to sit down and discuss it, and who knows? It could be sold on it after it's been studied a little more."

Krapf said questions and concerns are encouraged at the hearing. Maps and detailed information also will be available for public inspection.

For those unable to attend the hearing, Krapf said the MoDOT Southeast District website will have an "online public hearing," where visitors can access the same information available at the hearing and leave comments. The online public hearing will be set up closer to the time of the hearing in Kelso and may be found at modot.org/south-east.