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## BALLOT DEBATE ONGOING

### State GOP seeks to boot four candidates from primary election

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — The Missouri Republican Party is seeking to remove four candidates from the primary ballot, including two congressional challengers, arguing that they aren't really members of the GOP.

The party filed a formal request Tuesday with the secretary of state's office to remove Jim Evans, Noga Sachs, Scott Van Meter and Leonard Hughes. The party also said it's refunding their filing fees. In Missouri, candidates cannot file with the secretary of state's office without a paid receipt from a political party, according to Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft's office.



Scott Van Meter

Evans, a retired teacher and U.S. Army veteran, is challenging U.S. Rep. Billy Long for his seat in the southwest part of the state, while Sachs, a motivational consultant, is vying for U.S. Rep. Ann Wagner's seat outside St. Louis. Van Meter is seeking a state senate seat in Northwest Missouri and Hughes is vying for a state senate seat in the Kansas City area.

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### 'AMERICA'S DAD' CONVICTED



Associated Press

Bill Cosby gestures as he leaves his sexual assault trial at the Montgomery County Courthouse on Thursday in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Cosby was convicted Thursday of drugging and molesting a woman in the first big celebrity trial of the #MeToo era.

## Jury finds Cosby guilty of sexual assault

After decades of whispers, lawsuits, investigations and close calls — and a multitude of women who lost hope anyone would ever believe their word against that of America's Dad — Bill Cosby could be headed to prison at age 80 for the rest of his life.

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## Western eyes 1 percent increase for tuition

By **ZACH MCNULTY**  
News-Press Now

The Board of Governors at Missouri Western State University approved tuition and room and board rates for the 2018-19 school year on Thursday afternoon.

Undergraduate, in-state students can expect tuition to rise 1 percent, from \$204.14 per credit hour to \$206.37. That rate increase is below the 2.4 percent allowed by state statute.



Missouri Western is one of several state universities that has agreed to limit tuition increases to 1 percent if the state's higher education funding is steady this year. If Missouri Western faces a significant cut in the state appropriation, the board approved increasing in-state undergraduate tuition by up to \$4.90 per credit hour, to \$209.04.

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## Women warned by local organizations to avoid dangers

By **KRISTEN CARVER**  
News-Press Now

Many women have learned ways to protect themselves from strangers, but a local organization reminds females to protect themselves from what's right in front of them.

According to St. Joseph police, 4,971 crimes were reported against female victims in 2017.

Sgt. Roy Hoskins with the St. Joseph Police Department said

purses are easy for thieves to grab, which potentially makes women more susceptible to being targeted during a crime. Hoskins advises women to keep purses next to their body.

"They are looking for something to grab and run," Hoskins said. "There are people who patrol the parking lots looking for that particular thing."

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Kristen Carver | News-Press Now

According to St. Joseph police, 4,971 crimes were reported against female victims in 2017. Police said purses are often easy targets for thieves, which means women are more likely to be targeted.



File photo | Associated Press

## Pompeo sworn in

Former CIA director Mike Pompeo was sworn in as America's top diplomat Thursday after being confirmed by Senate, then dashed off to Europe to confront issues.

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### 2018 NFL DRAFT

## Browns take Baker No. 1

Winless Cleveland makes Oklahoma Heisman quarterback top pick, ahead of three other QBs who were selected in the top 10.

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## Convention here celebrates Jefferson Highway

By **KEN NEWTON**  
News-Press Now

One hundred years ago, St. Joseph stood at the crossroads of American motor-vehicle transportation. A group holding its national convention here wants people to recognize that.

The Jefferson Highway Association has gathered at Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center for its 2018 conference, one that celebrates the city that hosted the headquarters of the early 20th century movement

toward improved roads. The gathering wraps up Saturday.

Jefferson Highway historians insist the international route — "Palms to Pines," from New Orleans to Winnipeg, Canada, — came about because of military expediency, the need to move troops and equipment domestically at any time without sinking into the mud.

But the year-round roads

would never have gotten completed in short order without local businessmen, farmers and other workers carrying out the actual labor.

"It was a tremendous benefit to communities to have that highway come through there," said Loring Miller, an association member from Leon, Iowa. "The Jefferson

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Mostly sunny throughout the day and a bit more breezy as winds blow from the west-northwest at 10 to 20 mph.

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