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Vander Veer Botanical Park is among the parks under the direction of the Davenport parks director.

Search has started for Davenport parks director

Q. Aug. 2 was the last day for the Davenport Parks director. Is there search underway for his replacement?

— **Bob, Davenport**

A. Yes. Craig Malin is serving as interim Parks and Recreation director. A search is underway to replace Seve Ghose, former director of the Davenport Parks and Recreation Department. Ghose took a job in Oregon in July.

Q. When the bridge to Campbell's Island was rebuilt in 1999, it looks as though some of the concrete was dumped in the water. As a result, it is hard to get watercraft through the area. What agency could I contact to see about removing the concrete?

— **Tom, Campbell's Island**

A. We contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Hilary Markin, public affairs specialist, and Donna M. Jones, P.E., chief enforcement section, regulatory branch, both with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, responded.

Under section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbor Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers does have jurisdiction over certain activities on the Mississippi River. They regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waterway or its adjacent wetlands under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The Corps would have no authority to dredge in that area because it is not part of the 9-foot navigation channel project.

However, if the question pertains to shallow water and potentially dredging a channel, there are permits that would need to be obtained.

There is a Joint Application form for construction projects in Illinois Waterways, floodplains and wetlands. The link can be found here: www.mvr.usace.army.mil

The approval process goes through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on the process:

- The Rock Island Districts Regulatory website can be found at mvr.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx.
- Details and information regarding permit requirements for Illinois can be found at mvr.usace.army.mil/.



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Campbell's Island is in the background of this photo.

ASK THE TIMES

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David Frost, known for Nixon interview, dies

Associated Press

LONDON — David Frost may be best remembered for his post-Watergate interviews with former President Richard Nixon, but the veteran British broadcaster was equally at ease as a satirist, game show host and serious political journalist.

In a TV career that spanned half a century across both sides of the Atlantic, Frost interviewed a long list of the world's most powerful and famous, including virtually every British prime minister and U.S. president of his time. He also was a gifted entertainer, a born TV host, and his amiable and charming personality was often described as the key to his success as interviewer.

"Being interviewed by him was always a pleasure but also you knew that there would be multiple stories the next day arising from it," former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said.

Blair's former communications chief, Alastair Campbell, added on Twitter that Frost was "one of best interviewers because his sheer niceness could lull you into saying things you didn't intend."

Frost, 74, died of a heart attack Saturday night aboard the Queen Elizabeth cruise ship, where he was due to give a speech, his family said. The BBC said it received the statement from Frost's family saying it was devastated and asking "for privacy at this difficult time." The cruise company Cunard said its vessel left the English port of Southampton on Saturday for a 10-day cruise in the Mediterranean.

Prime Minister David Cameron, one of the first public officials to send condolences, praised Frost for being an "extraordinary man with charm, wit, talent, intelligence and warmth in equal measure," while BBC executives lauded him as "a titan of broadcasting."

Frost began his career almost fresh out of college as the host of an early 1960s BBC satirical news show "That Was The Week That Was," then a pioneering program that ruthlessly lampooned politicians. The show gained a wide following, and Frost's signature greeting, "Hello, good evening and welcome" was often mimicked.

Frost was popular in Britain and just beginning to launch a career on U.S. television when he became internationally known in 1977 with a series of television interviews with Nixon.

They were groundbreaking for Frost



AP PHOTOS

ABOVE: Broadcaster Sir David Frost poses for the photographers as he arrives for a film premiere in 2011. Frost has died at the age of 74 his family said in a statement Sunday.

TOP: Former President Richard M. Nixon appears with broadcaster David Frost in California in this 1977 file photo.

and the ex-president, who was trying to salvage his reputation after resigning from the White House in disgrace following the Watergate scandal three years earlier. At the time, it was the most widely watched news interview in the history of TV.

The interviewer and his subject sparred through the first part of the interview, but Frost later said he realized he didn't have what he wanted as it wound down. Nixon had acknowledged mistakes, but Frost pressed him on whether that was enough. Americans, he said, wanted to hear him own up to wrongdoing and acknowledge abuse of power — and "unless you say it, you're going to be haunted for the rest of your life."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Dancer-actress **Marge Champion** is 94. Jazz musician **Horace Silver** is 85. Former Sen. **Alan K. Simpson**, R-Wyo., is 82. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman **Peter Ueberroth** is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Sam Gooden** (The Impressions) is 74. Singer **Jimmy Clanton** is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Rosalind Ashford** (Martha & the Vandellas) is 70. Singer **Joe Simon** is 70. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer **Terry Bradshaw** is 65. Basketball Hall of Famer **Nate Archibald** is 65. Actor **Mark Harmon** is 62. Sen. **Jim DeMint**, R-S.C., is 62. International Tennis Hall of Famer **Jimmy Connors** is 61. Actress **Linda Purl** is 58. Rock

musician **Jerry Augustyniak** (10,000 Maniacs) is 55. Country musician **Paul Deakin** (The Mavericks) is 54. Pro Football Hall of Famer **Eric Dickerson** is 53. Actor **Keanu Reeves** is 49. International Boxing Hall of Famer **Lennox Lewis** is 48. Actress **Salma Hayek** is 47. Actor **Tuc Watkins** is 47. Actress **Kristen Cloke** is 45. Actress **Cynthia Watros** is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer **K-Ci** is 44. Actor-comedian **Katt Williams** is 40. Actor **Michael Lombardi** is 39. Actress **Tiffany Hines** is 36. Rock musician **Sam Rivers** (Limp Bizkit) is 36. Actor **Jonathan Kite** is 34. Actress **Allison Miller** is 28. Rock musician **Spencer Smith** (Panic! at the Disco) is 26.



Reeves



Hayek



Walker



Boseman

STARGAZING

Beetle Bailey was known to be a lazy Army private, but the creator of the popular comic strip is getting accolades from top military brass and others as he celebrates his 90th birthday.

Mort Walker is receiving good wishes from Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Dolly Parton and even Prince Albert II of Monaco.

Walker's birthday is Tuesday. He lives in Stamford, Conn.

He told The Associated Press in 2010 as the comic strip marked its 60th anniversary that he would continue with his creation until he's no longer able.

The comic strip featuring Beetle Bailey, Sarge and his dog, Otto, Gen. Amos Halfrack

and Miss Buxley has more than 200 million readers in 52 countries.

After bringing Jackie Robinson to the big screen, **Chadwick Boseman** is going to try another icon: James Brown.

Boseman has been cast to play the Godfather of Soul in a planned biopic by "The Help" director Tate Taylor. The film from Universal Pictures and Imagine Entertainment is currently untitled. Mick Jagger and Brian Grazer are among the producers.

The project has been in development for years, with various actors and directors attached. It's set to finally begin shooting this fall in Mississippi.

In an interview Monday with The Associated Press, Taylor said of the great soul singer: "Those are big shoes to fill."

5 THINGS TO DO TODAY

ROCK ISLAND LABOR DAY PARADE

9:30 a.m., Begins at 18th Avenue and 24th Street

Theme: Celebrating You. Travels west along 18th Avenue, turns south at 24th Street, then west on 25th Avenue, and ends at Rock Island High School 25th Avenue.

Q-C LABOR

ALLIANCE PARADE

11 a.m., downtown East Moline. Parade goes west on 15th Avenue from 13th Street to 3rd Street

VILLAGE

FALL FESTIVAL

11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Walnut Grove Pioneer Village, 18817 290th St., Long Grove

Fall harvest in the Village featuring period dressed actors demonstrating crafts and selling wares. Food, children's games, make-it-take-it crafts and music by Johnny Outlaw. Cost: \$2. **Contact:** 563-328-3283

MCCAUSLAND DAYS

Downtown McCausland, Iowa 7 a.m., Firefighters breakfast, 307 Salina St.; 8 a.m., United Methodist Church craft fair; 1-3 p.m., car show; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., concessions, carnival games, craft and merchandise vendors; noon, parade; 2 p.m., Ringneck Kennel Club dog training demonstration.

RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS

1 p.m., iWireless Center, 1201 River Drive, Moline Ticket prices: \$13, upper bowl; \$18, main bowl; \$32, VIP; \$65, circus celebrity. Animal open house before show.

For more things to do, go to qctimes.com/calendar.

WHO? IS IN THE NEWS

"The Other Side of Crazy," a collection of poetry by **Jodie Toohey**, has been released by 918studio.

The book is Toohey's second collection of poetry. Toohey of Davenport will read from her collection at a launch party and book signing from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Midwest Writing Center, third floor conference room of the Bucktown Center of the Arts, 225 E. 2nd St., Davenport. The public is invited and refreshments will be available.

Toohey's first poetry collection was "Crush and Other Love Poems for Girls" (2008) and she authored the young adult novel, "Missing Emily: Croatian Life Letters" (2012). She was a contributor to the MWC Creative Writing Primer and operates a professional writing and editing business, Wordsy Woman Word Sales and Service. She also volunteers generously for the Midwest Writing Center.

"The Other Side of Crazy" will be available for purchase at the Midwest Writing Center, The Book Rack, and Amazon.com.

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