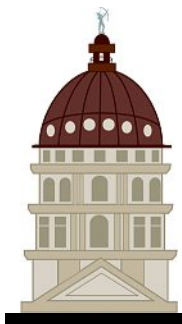




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Former staffers at the Capital-Journal who went on to author books

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Topeka Capital-Journal reporters, photographers and editors have a rich history as writers. More than 30 have written both fiction and non-fiction

books.

"The Silence that Remains," a historical fiction novel set in Stalin's Soviet Union, last month became the first published book by former Topeka Capital-Journal business writer Meg Wingerter.

That epic explores "what decent people do when prosperity, and even survival, depend on falling in line behind one of history's most brutal dictators and his devoted enforcers," said its Amazon.com page.

Wingerter, who is health reporter for

the Denver Post, said she spent about 15 years working on the book, which was published by Mission Point Press. She went by her maiden name, Megan Hart, when she wrote from 2012 to 2015 for The Capital-Journal.

Wingerter's husband, former Capital-Journal reporter Justin Wingerter, is also a published author, having written "Four Shots in Oskie: Murder and Innocence in Middle America."

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Ernie Webb III holds a copy of the cover to his first book, "Goodbye, Butterfly," on the Washburn University campus. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL



NASA Administrator Jared Issacman shakes hands following a ribbon cutting on April 6, at the Cosmosphere in Hutchinson. PHOTOS BY EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

NASA chief visits Kansas

Isaacman gets tour of Hutchinson museum as Artemis II flies by moon

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HUTCHINSON — Houston, Cape Canaveral and Hutchinson, Kansas. Those are the three cities that NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman will spend time in while the Artemis II mission heads to and from the Moon, the first crewed flight there in more than 50 years.

Isaacman visited the Cosmosphere for the first time on the morning of April 6 after an invitation from Sen. Jerry Moran. The Kansas senator wanted Isaacman to see what the senator said the Artemis II crew told him was "the best space museum in the world."

The date Isaacman's visit was historic, as that same crew, consisting of Reid Wiseman, Victor Glover, Christina Koch and Jeremy Hansen, were set to fly by the Moon later that evening to become the farthest humans away from Earth in



Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., gives remarks following the ribbon cutting.

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Lawsuit on Stormont Vail alleges racial discrimination

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A former employee of Stormont Vail Healthcare's Flint Hills campus in Junction City sued the company April 3, alleging racial discrimination and retaliation.

Topeka attorneys Bruce Alan Brumley and Chloe Elizabeth Davis filed the suit on behalf of Moniqua Nicole Iokepa. Iokepa worked as a patient access registrar from March 6, 2023, until being terminated Aug. 27, 2024, the complaint said.

The suit doesn't seek a specific amount. It requests injunctive relief; back pay, front pay and benefits, including interest; non-economic damages; liquidated damages; attorney's fees; costs; and any other damages deemed appropriate.

Here's what Stormont Vail said in a statement

In response to a request for comment from The Capital-Journal, Stormont Vail marketing and public relations specialist Taylor Bugg issued a statement April 6, which said the following:

"Stormont Vail Health employs nearly 6,000 team members across multiple locations in northeast Kansas and works diligently to maintain a respectful, inclusive, and legally compliant workplace. Allegations of discrimination are taken seriously, and Stormont Vail Health has policies and processes in place to prevent discrimination and to address concerns when they arise.

"As of Friday afternoon, Stormont Vail Health has not been served with any lawsuit filed in Federal Court on behalf of Moniqua Nicole Iokepa and therefore cannot comment on the claims and allegations made in such a suit. Stormont Vail Health is aware that a claim of discrimination was previously filed by Ms. Iokepa with the Kansas Human Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Rather than allowing the KHRC and EEOC to review the matter and render a decision, Ms. Iokepa's attorney requested that the administrative charge of discrimination

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