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blockbuster territory. It won a bidding war for the project from much of the production team behind the 2022 box-office smash “Top Gun: Maverick.” Apple then partnered with Warner Bros. to distributed the film starring Brad Pitt, Damson Idris and Kerry Condon.

With a production budget over \$200 million, “F1” still has several laps to go to turn a profit. But for now, “F1” is full speed ahead.

“The film’s outstanding debut reflects both the excitement of Formula 1 and the deeply emotional and entertaining story crafted by the entire cast and creative team,” said Zack Van Amburg, who heads worldwide video for Apple with Jamie Erlicht. “Their dedication and innovation have fueled an unforgettable cinematic experience.”

Car racing movies have often struggled in theaters; crash-and-burn cases include Ron Howard’s “Rush” (2013) and Michael Mann’s

“Ferrari” (2023). But “F1” built off the Formula 1 fandom stirred up by the popular series “Formula 1: Drive to Survive.” And it leaned on “Top Gun: Maverick” director Joseph Kosinski, a Marshalltown native, and producer Jerry Bruckheimer to deliver another adult-oriented action thrill ride.

As in “Top Gun: Maverick,” the filmmakers sought an adrenaline rush by placing IMAX cameras inside the cockpit in “F1.” IMAX and large-format screens accounted for 55% of in its ticket sales. IMAX, whose screens are much sought-after in the summer, has carved out a three-week run for the movie.

Warner Bros. expected “F1” to perform well overseas, where the sport is more popular than it is in the U.S. Jeffrey Goldstein, distribution chief for Warner Bros., said Pitt was the movie’s “secret sauce.” The \$144 million global launch is the actor’s biggest opening weekend.

“We came up with multiple campaigns based on where you are in the world,”

said Goldstein. “We planned for an audience-winner: screen the movie and get it out there. People talking about this movie drove this movie.”

Reviews have been very good for “F1” and audience reaction (an “A” via CinemaScore) was even better. That suggests “F1” could hold up well in the coming weeks despite some formidable coming competition in Universal Pictures’ “Jurassic World Rebirth.”

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for data firm Comscore, praised Warner Bros. for making “F1” a theatrical event. The studio was also behind the year’s other big original release, “Sinners.”

“For Apple, this demonstrates to them the prestige factor of having a big theatrical release,” said Dergarabedian. “It elevates their brand.”

Universal’s “M3gan 2.0” had been expected to pose a greater challenge to “F1.” Instead, the robot doll sequel didn’t come close to matching the 2022 original’s box-office launch.

“M3gan 2.0” collected \$10.2 million in 3,112 theaters. Memes and viral videos helped propel the first “M3gan” to a \$30.4 million opening and a total haul of \$180 million, all on a \$12 million budget.

Still, the Blumhouse Productions horror thriller could wind up profitable. The film, written and directed by Gerald Johnstone, cost a modest \$25 million to make. A spinoff titled “Soulm8te” is scheduled for release next year.

“M3gan 2.0” ended up in fourth place. The box-office leader of the last two weekends, “How to Train Your Dragon,” slid to second with \$19.4 million. The DreamWorks Animation live-action hit from Universal Pictures has surpassed \$200 million domestically in three weeks.

After a debut that marked a new low for Pixar, the studio’s “Elio” gathered up \$10.7 million in sales in its second weekend. That gives the Walt Disney Co. release a disappointing two-week start of \$42.2 million.

Laurel

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when it hit his face.

“I don’t want to waste a good strawberry rhubarb,” the pastor said.

Event organizer Stephanie Hansen, and Matt Hansen’s wife, said the pie auction is what most of the people engage in during the event.

“It’s our big money raiser,” she said. “We have 23 pies this year. It’s the most fun we have here.”

This year, an Oreo pie seemed to draw the most talk before the auction began. However, one portion of the auction left it open for the winning bidder to choose whatever pie they desired. The winner walked away with a \$250 coconut cream pie.

Hansen said proceeds from the event will be split between the 4:12 Youth Group and the family of Jim Freerks.

“Jim has been going through cancer treatments, but he’s on a brutal path, so we’re raising money for their family,” she said. “We’re also giving to the youth group, and whatever is left over will go toward their mission trip.”

While a portion always goes to the youth group for their mission trips, Hansen

said they determine who will get the rest.

“It depends on who is most in need in the community,” she said. “We don’t have a goal [amount.] We have free will baskets. It’s whatever God does. All of the things we have here are sponsored. The church doesn’t pay for anything. So, everything that is raised go to those two causes.”

In addition to the pie auction, the Laurel Fire Department made walking tacos, and folks could look at the 50 car show entrants and place bets on the cow pie drop. For the kids, there were bubbles, face painting, a bouncy house and food party.

For Hansen, the best part of the annual event is the chance to get the community together.

“There’s not anything in Laurel anymore,” she said. “We don’t have any coffee shops, any restaurants. We have nothing for people to get together in Laurel. We did it just to bring people together.”

In addition to the Laurel Community Church, Bolli-ver’s Garage and the fire department were sponsors of the Laurel’s Midsummer Carnival and Car Show for a Cause.

Bill

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conversation. She voted to proceed.

A short time later, Thune drew conservative holdouts Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, Mike Lee of Utah and Cynthia Lummis of Wyoming to his office, with Vance and Johnson also joining. Talks dragged on.

Then swiftly, Vance led them all back in to vote.

Later, Scott said he had met with the president, adding, “We all want to get to yes.”

Lee said the group “had an internal discussion about the strategy to achieve more savings and more deficit reduction, and I feel good about the direction where this is going, and more to come.”

After setbacks, Republicans revise some proposals

The release of the bill’s draft had been delayed as the Senate parliamentarian reviewed the measure to ensure it complied with the chamber’s strict “Byrd Rule,” named for the late Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va. It largely bars policy matters from inclusion in budget bills unless a provision can get 60 votes to overcome objections. That would be a

tall order in a Senate with a 53-47 GOP edge and Democrats unified against Trump’s bill.

Republicans suffered a series of setbacks after several proposals, including shifting food stamp costs from the federal government to the states or gutting the funding structure of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, were deemed out of compliance with the rules.

But over the past days, Republicans have quickly revised those proposals and reinstated them.

The final text includes a proposal for cuts to the Medicaid provider tax that had run into parliamentary hurdles and objections from several senators worried about the fate of rural hospitals. The new version extends the start date for those cuts and establishes a \$25 billion fund to aid rural hospitals and providers.

The CBO had said that under the House-passed version of the bill, some 10.9 million more people would go without health care and at least 3 million fewer would qualify for food aid. The budget office has started releasing initial assessments of the Senate draft, which proposes steeper reductions.

Sensory-Friendly Morning returns to the Iowa State Fair Aug. 13

TIMES-REPUBLICAN

DES MOINES — The Iowa State Fair is partnering again with presenting sponsor ChildServe, along with programming sponsors Drake University and IAble, to host Sensory-Friendly Morning from 8 a.m. to noon on Aug. 13.

Now in its fourth year, Sensory-Friendly Morning continues to grow, offering a welcoming and accessible Fair experience for individuals and families. Thoughtful adjustments will be made across the Fairgrounds to reduce sensory overload, including lower sound levels, limited flashing lights, clearly marked directional signage, designated educational areas and trained volunteers throughout the morning.

For the morning, two air-conditioned calming rooms will also be available for anyone needing a break. “Calm Your Body” Room – A quiet, relaxing space with fidgets, dimmable lighting, soothing music, coloring sheets and soft seating will be in the Robert G. Horner and Sheri Avis Horner Service Center. “Move Your Body” Room – An active area featuring stretching, jumping, therapy balls and a small obstacle course will be in the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center classrooms. Both rooms will be staffed by ChildServe Occupational Therapists from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 13.

New this year:

- A welcome tent, sponsored by Drake University at Gate 15: Stop by the new welcome tent inside Gate 15, where families can get all questions answered and get a jump-start on the adventure.
- Variety Star Playground near Hy-Vee Fun Forest: The new inclusive playground features agriculture-themed equipment with accessible ramps and easy-to-navigate surfaces where children of all abilities can play.
- Stage Programming at the MidAmerican Energy and Susan Knapp Amphitheater stages: Stop by the Susan Knapp Amphitheater or MidAmerican Energy stage for special programming on mobility, sensory adventures and make-and-take activities.

A full schedule of Sensory-Friendly Morning fun will be posted in mid-July at www.iowastatefair.org.

Can’t make it that morning? Visit the website for daily recommendations and activities designed for individuals with sensory processing needs. The Service Center’s calming room will also be open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L – picocuries per liter
- N/A – Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA – Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL – Single Sample Result
- RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. CONRAD WATER SUPPLY is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains some or all of its water from another public water supply. It is a consecutive water supply, where an originating parent supply provides drinking water to one or more downstream supplies.

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| Original Supply ID | Original Supply Name |
| IA0990701 | IA REGIONAL UTILITIES ASSOC (WAVERLY) |

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to have low susceptibility to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide natural protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Buried Sand and Gravel wells will have low susceptibility to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-753-7913.

This water supply obtains its water from the limestone and dolomite of the Mississippian aquifer. The Mississippian aquifer was determined to be susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide some protection from contaminants from the land surface. The Mississippian wells will be susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 641-753-7913.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact CONRAD WATER SUPPLY at 641-366-3036.

PURCHASED WATER INFORMATION

Our water system purchases water from the system(s) shown below. Their water quality is as follows:

| CONTAMINANT | MCL - (MCLG) | Compliance | | Date | Violation | Source |
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| | | Type | Value & (Range) | | Yes/No | |
| Lead (ppb) | AL=15 (0) | 90th | 2.00 (ND - 4) | 2022 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits |
| Copper (ppm) | AL=1.3 (1.3) | 90th | 0.01 (ND - 0.02) | 2022 | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| 950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM | | | | | | |
| Chlorine (ppm) | MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0) | RAA | 2.51 (2.47 - 2.51) | 2024 | No | Water additive used to control microbes |
| 03 - WELLS 3, 4, 6-9, 11, 15 AFTER TREATMENT | | | | | | |
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4 (4) | SGL | 0.82 (0.55 – 0.82) | 2024 | No | Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Sodium (ppm) | N/A (N/A) | SGL | 16 (15 – 16) | 2022 | No | Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process |