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MORE ONLINE

Apple relents on self-repairs

Apple is letting some iPhone users fix their own phones, a sharp turnaround for a company that has long prohibited anyone but company-approved technicians from fiddling with its proprietary parts and software.

The shift reflects a strengthening "right to repair" movement embraced by President Joe Biden and affecting everything from smartphones to cars and tractors. It's a reaction to the infusion of software into more everyday products and the practices of manufacturers who have increasingly made those products difficult and expensive to repair.

Apple is launching an online store for self-service repairs early next year.

Read the story at mankatofreepress.com.

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High in the mid 30s. Low in the low 20s.



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Mankato, Minnesota

Former MSU president Preska dies

Held post from 1979 to 1992

The Free Press

MANKATO — Former Minnesota State University president Margaret Preska, the first woman to serve in the role, died Wednesday at age 83.

Preska led the university

from 1979 to 1992, a time of enrollment growth and construction on the Mankato campus. MSU's newest residence hall, finished in 2012, bears her name.

The long-time president was a "student-focused leader," a "champion of

learning" and a "true Maverick to the end," wrote current MSU President Edward Inch in an email to staff announcing Preska's passing Wednesday.

"She had a profound impact on the university and helped set it on the path to become the flagship institution it is today," stated Inch.

He offered condolences to Preska's family on behalf of the MSU community. Preska is survived by three children, Robert, William and Ellen. Her husband, Dan, died in 2017.

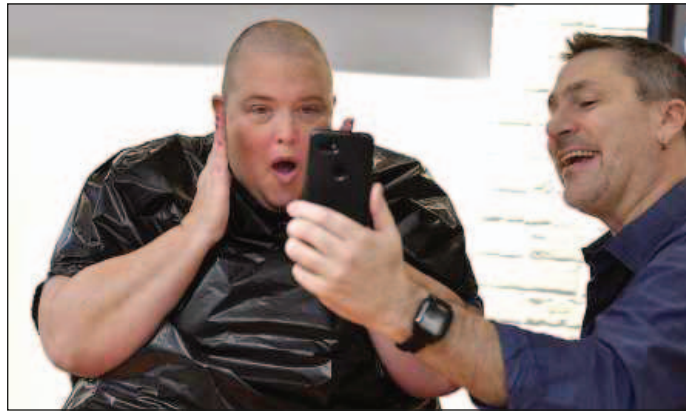
Preska became MSU's 10th president in 1979 after previously serving as the vice president of academic affairs and equal op-

portunity officer from 1975 to 1979. Although she was the first woman president at MSU, the institution had a woman principal, Julie Sears, from 1872-1873 when it was known as the Mankato Normal School.

Under Preska's tenure, MSU's enrollment

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HAIR YOU GO



Carrie Vershelde reacts to her new look after having her head shaved as maintenance manager Eric Myers holds up a phone Wednesday.



Photos by Pat Christman

Atwood Management administration manager Carrie Vershelde has her head shaved by her husband, Glenn, Wednesday after the organization raised nearly \$20,000 for the United Way. Others in Atwood's leadership also ate turkey gizzards and had pies thrown in faces.



Carrie Vershelde smiles before having her head shaved Wednesday.

2 more virus deaths in area

28 in region so far this month

The Free Press

MANKATO — A Brown County resident and Watonwan County resident died of COVID-19, raising this month's regional toll to 28.

The Brown County resident was between 45-49 years old and the Watonwan County resident was older than 100, according to the Minnesota Department of Health on Wednesday. They were among 46 COVID-19 deaths confirmed statewide, bringing Minnesota's pandemic toll to 9,093.

South-central Minnesota's nine counties have now combined for 349 total COVID-19 deaths during the pandemic.

November's COVID-19 death toll through just 17 days is already the fifth highest out of all months since the pandemic began. This month is on track to surpass October's 42 deaths, the second-highest monthly total yet.

Brown County accounts for 57 of the region's 349

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Provocateur using race to reach Gen Z

Charlie Kirk made Mankato stop in October

By Thomas Beaumont Associated Press

MANKATO — Charlie Kirk stood 80 miles from where George Floyd was murdered, faced an overwhelmingly white audience, and declared he was going to say things "no one dares say out loud."

What followed was an avalanche of aspersions and debunked claims about Floyd, the Black man whose death at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer set off a global reckoning over racial injustice and broad calls for change. But the white conservative agitator had a counter view: Floyd

was a "scumbag," he said, unworthy of the attention.

The insult lodged at Floyd — a 46-year-old father suspected of passing off a counterfeit \$20 bill — was intended to be shocking. But anyone familiar with Kirk shouldn't be surprised.

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Jackson Forderer for the Associated Press

Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk speaks to an audience at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event on Oct. 5, 2021, in Mankato. It was the second stop of an eight-stop tour.

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## NATION BRIEFS

## Rittenhouse defense seeks mistrial

**KENOSHA, WIS.** — Kyle Rittenhouse's attorneys asked the judge to declare a mistrial even as the jury in the murder case was deliberating Wednesday, saying the defense received an inferior copy of a potentially crucial video from prosecutors.

Judge Bruce Schroeder did not immediately rule on the request, the second mistrial motion from the defense in a week. The jury deliberated a second full day without reaching a verdict and will return in the morning.

## Deere workers ratify contract

**DETROIT** — Deere & Co. workers approved a new contract Wednesday that will deliver 10% raises immediately and end a monthlong strike for more than 10,000 employees.

This latest proposal made only modest changes to the details of Deere's internal incentive pay plan. The new contract covers 12 plants in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas where the Moline, Illinois-based company's iconic John Deere green agricultural and construction equipment is made.

## Mississippi breaks execution drought

**PARCHMAN, MISS.** — A man who pleaded guilty to killing his estranged wife and sexually assaulting her young daughter as her mother lay dying was put to death Wednesday evening, becoming the first inmate executed in Mississippi in nine years.

David Neal Cox, 50, abandoned all appeals and filed court papers calling himself "worthy of death" before the state Supreme Court set his execution date.

*The Associated Press*

## WORLD BRIEFS

## China blocks Philippine vessels

**MANILA, PHILIPPINES** — Chinese coast guard ships blocked and used water cannons on two Philippine supply boats heading to a disputed shoal occupied by Filipino marines in the South China Sea, provoking an angry protest to China and a warning from the Philippine government that its vessels are covered under a mutual defense treaty with the United States, Manila's top diplomat said Thursday.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said no one was hurt in the incident on Tuesday.

## Dirty-air crisis grips Indian capital

**NEW DELHI** — Authorities closed schools indefinitely and shut down some coal-burning power plants Wednesday to reduce air pollution in India's smog-shrouded capital and neighboring states, as the country weighs an unprecedented and more far-reaching step: a lockdown in New Delhi.

The dirty-air crisis in the city of more than 20 million people has underscored India's heavy dependence on coal, which accounts for 70% of the country's power.

## At least one dead in Canadian landslides

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA** — The Canadian Pacific coast province of British Columbia declared a state of emergency Wednesday following floods and mudslides caused by extremely heavy rainfall, and officials said they expected to find more dead.

Every major route between Canada's third largest city of Vancouver and the interior of the province has been cut by washouts, flooding or landslides following record-breaking rain.

*The Associated Press*

## Two to be cleared in Malcolm X slaying

**The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — Two of the three men convicted in the assassination of Malcolm X are set to be cleared Thursday after insisting on their innocence since the 1965 killing of one of the United States' most formidable fighters for civil rights, their lawyers and Manhattan's top prosecutor said Wednesday.

A nearly two-year-long re-investigation found that authorities withheld evidence favorable to the defense in the trial of Muhammad Aziz, now 83, and the late Khalil Islam, said their attorneys, the Innocence Project and civil rights lawyer David Shanies.

Aziz called his conviction "the result of a process that was corrupt to its core — one that is all too familiar"

even today.

"I do not need a court, prosecutors or a piece of paper to tell me I am innocent," he said in a statement. But he said he was glad his family, friends and lawyers would get to see "the truth we have all known, officially recognized."

He urged the criminal justice system to "take responsibility for the immea-

surable harm it caused me."

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. tweeted that his office would join the men's attorneys in asking a judge Thursday to toss out the convictions.

"These men did not get the justice that they deserved," Vance told The New York Times, which first reported on the developments. Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck

called the case "one of the most blatant miscarriages of justice that I have ever seen."

One of the civil rights era's most controversial and compelling figures, Malcolm X rose to fame as the Nation of Islam's chief spokesperson, proclaiming the Black Muslim organization's message at the time: racial separatism as a road to self-actualization.

## CENSURED

## Ariz. rep. rebuked for violent video



*The Associated Press*

Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., was stripped of his committee seats Wednesday after he posted an animated video depicting himself killing Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D.-N.Y. The House vote was nearly party-line, with two Republicans joining the Democrats in the majority.

## GOP leader warns of future retribution

**The Associated Press**

The House voted Wednesday to censure Republican Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona for posting an animated video that depicted him killing Democratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with a sword, an extraordinary rebuke that highlighted the political strains testing Washington and the country.

Calling the video a clear threat to a lawmaker's life, Democrats argued Gosar's conduct would not be tolerated in any other workplace — and shouldn't be in Congress.

The vote to censure Gosar and also remove him from his House committee assignments was approved by a vote of 223-207, almost entirely along party lines, with Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois the only Republicans voting in favor.

Gosar had deleted the tweet days ago amid the criticism, but he retweeted the video late Wednesday shortly after the vote.

He showed no emotion as he stood in the well of the House after the vote, flanked by roughly a dozen Republicans as Speaker Nancy Pelosi read the censure resolution and announced his penalty. He shook hands, hugged and patted other

members of the GOP conference on the back before leaving the chamber.

Republican Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy called the censure an "abuse of power" by Democrats to distract from national problems. He said of the censure, a "new standard will continue to be applied in the future," a signal of potential ramifications for Democratic members should Republicans retake a majority.

But Democrats said there was nothing political about it.

"These actions demand a response. We cannot have members joking about murdering each other," said Pelosi. "This is both an endangerment of our elected officials and an insult to the institution."

Ocasio-Cortez herself said in an impassioned speech, "When we incite violence with depictions against our colleagues, that trickles down to violence in this country. And that is where we must draw the line."

Unrepentant during tense floor debate, Gosar rejected what he called the "mischaracterization" that the cartoon was "dangerous or threatening. It was not."

"I do not espouse violence toward anyone. I never have. It was not my purpose to make anyone upset," Gosar said.

He compared himself to Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first Treasury secretary, celebrated in recent years in a Broadway musical, whose censure vote in Congress was defeated: "If I must join Alexander Hamilton, the first person attempted to be censured by this House, so be it, it is done."

The decision to censure Gosar, one of the strongest punishments the House can dole out, was just the fourth in nearly 40 years — and just the latest example of the raw tensions that have roiled Congress since the 2020 election and the violent Capitol insurrection that followed.

Democrats spoke not only of the deadly Jan. 6 insurrection, but also the violent attacks that have escalated on both parties, including the 2017 shooting of Republican lawmakers practicing for a congressional baseball game and the 2011 shooting of former Arizona Rep. Gabby Giffords as she met with constituents at an event outside a Tucson grocery store.

Republicans largely dismissed Gosar's video as nothing more than a cartoon, a routine form of political expression and hardly the most important issue facing Congress.

## Bishops avoid Biden rebuff

**The Associated Press**

**BALTIMORE** — U.S. Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a long-anticipated document on Communion on Wednesday that stops short of calling for withholding the sacrament from politicians such as President Joe Biden who support abortion rights but offers plenty of tacit justification for individual bishops to do so.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' first major statement on Communion in 15 years, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," does not explicitly address the debate over elected officials, abortion and the sacrament that has surrounded the document over the past several months and partly inspired its creation in the first place.

Instead, it gives an overview of church teaching, emphasizing the centrality of the Eucharist in the faith and worship and in part reflecting concern among bishops that many Catholics don't know or accept such teachings.

It was approved by a 222-8 vote at the conference's fall assembly in Maryland after receiving only minor revisions in recent days by drafters on the bishops' Committee on Doctrine.

Drafters added a reference to defending "the unborn" along with other vulnerable persons, such as immigrants, older adults and victims of racial injustice. They also bolstered the definition of "scandal" as weakening the resolve of other Catholics to follow church teachings.

The latter revision came in a passage reaffirming a 2006 statement saying it's a scandal if a Catholic "in his or her personal or professional life were knowingly or obstinately to reject" the church's doctrines.

## Arbery killer takes stand, says Arbery grabbed his gun

**The Associated Press**

**BRUNSWICK, GA.** — The man who fatally shot Ahmaud Arbery spoke publicly about the killing for the first time Wednesday, testifying at his murder trial that the 25-year-old Black man forced him to make a split-second "life or death" decision by attacking him and grabbing his shotgun.

"I was thinking of my son," a teary Travis McMichael told the jury of the moment before he pulled the trigger. "It sounds weird, but that's the first thing that hit me."

He was the first witness called as defense attorneys for the three white men charged in Arbery's death opened their case, building on arguments that their clients were lawfully trying to stop burglaries in their



*The Associated Press*

Travis McMichael was the first defense witness called in the Georgia murder trial.

neighborhood and that McMichael opened fire in self-defense.

The Feb. 23, 2020, shooting of Arbery after he was spotted running in the defendants' neighborhood deepened a national outcry

over racial injustice after cellphone video of his death leaked online two months later. The slain man's family got support not only from civil rights activists, but also from powerful figures including Georgia's gov-

ernor and President Joe Biden.

The three men on trial — Travis McMichael; his father, Greg McMichael; and neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan — have had virtually no defenders aside from their attorneys. Travis McMichael's testimony marked the most personal and detailed account yet of why the men suspected Arbery of wrongdoing and why McMichael shot him.

"He had my gun," McMichael, 35, testified. "He struck me. It was obvious that he was attacking me, that if he would have gotten the shotgun from me, then this was a life or death situation, and I'm going to have to stop him from doing this so I shot."

He said warnings between neighbors and social media chatter about car

break-ins and suspicious people had been increasing since 2018 when he moved in with his parents in the Satilla Shores subdivision just outside the port city of Brunswick.

A man building a house five doors down from the McMichaels installed security cameras after items were stolen from a boat in his open garage.

Those cameras recorded Arbery inside on four nights and on the day he was killed.

The defense began its case after Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley denied a request from defense attorneys to ban prominent civil rights leaders and other high-profile visitors from the courtroom, where seating has been limited because of COVID-19 precautions.

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## OUR VIEW: INFLATION

# Policy choices fan the flames

Jerome Powell, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, knows far more about the “dismal science” of economics and the specific details of the American economy than we do. And he continues to insist that the inflation buffeting the American public is temporary.

We hope he's correct. But we also know that today's

### Why it matters:

Behind our current inflation is years of consistently inflationary public policy, from spending to taxes to tariffs to immigration.

inflation follows years of inflationary government policies under three different presidents — some of which were necessary responses to crippling blows to the economy, and some of which were not.

Barack Obama took office in January 2009, soon after the financial markets cratered. The federal deficit rose from \$459 billion in calendar 2008 to over \$1.4 trillion in calendar 2009 as the government correctly tried to right the ship. After that, deficits receded to roughly the level preceding the Great Recession, and the U.S. economy grew at a slow but steady clip.

Donald Trump took office with that slowly rising economy and sought for four years to goose growth. There was a massive tax cut with no corresponding reduction in spending. Federal deficits rose accordingly. The national debt — the total of the annual deficits — rose almost \$7.8 trillion during his four years in office. That's inflationary.

But that was not the end of the inflationary policies he pursued. His immigration restrictions had the effect of constricting growth in the labor market, creating shortages of workers in agriculture and other fields. That's inflationary.

Raising tariffs, which Trump did repeatedly, was inflationary also, artificially raising the cost of goods coming to this nation from other countries. Trump never seemed to grasp that it wasn't China or Mexico or the European Union paying those tariffs; it was the American consumer.

And, of course, the pandemic, like the financial collapse, created an economic crisis. Congress has passed, and two presidents have signed, repeated stimulus packages of increasing size intended to keep the economy afloat. Those stimulus measures were necessary. They were also inflationary.

Not every aspect of today's inflation is the result of government policy. It was not the federal government that outsourced industrial production overseas, and there is no obvious federal policy keeping container ships bearing those goods backlogged at U.S. ports. These are major factors in the supply chain snags that have created shortages and raised costs.

But behind the rising prices consumers confront on a daily basis is at least five years, arguably more, of consistently inflationary public policy. Sooner or later, inflation was bound to emerge. The wonder is that it took so long to do so. President Joe Biden, Congress and the Fed all should recognize that.

## OTHER VIEW

# Build, don't just spend

New York Daily News

President Joe Biden took but a few seconds to sign the bipartisan infrastructure bill into law. That brief moment, built on cooperation among senators from both parties, should have happened long ago.

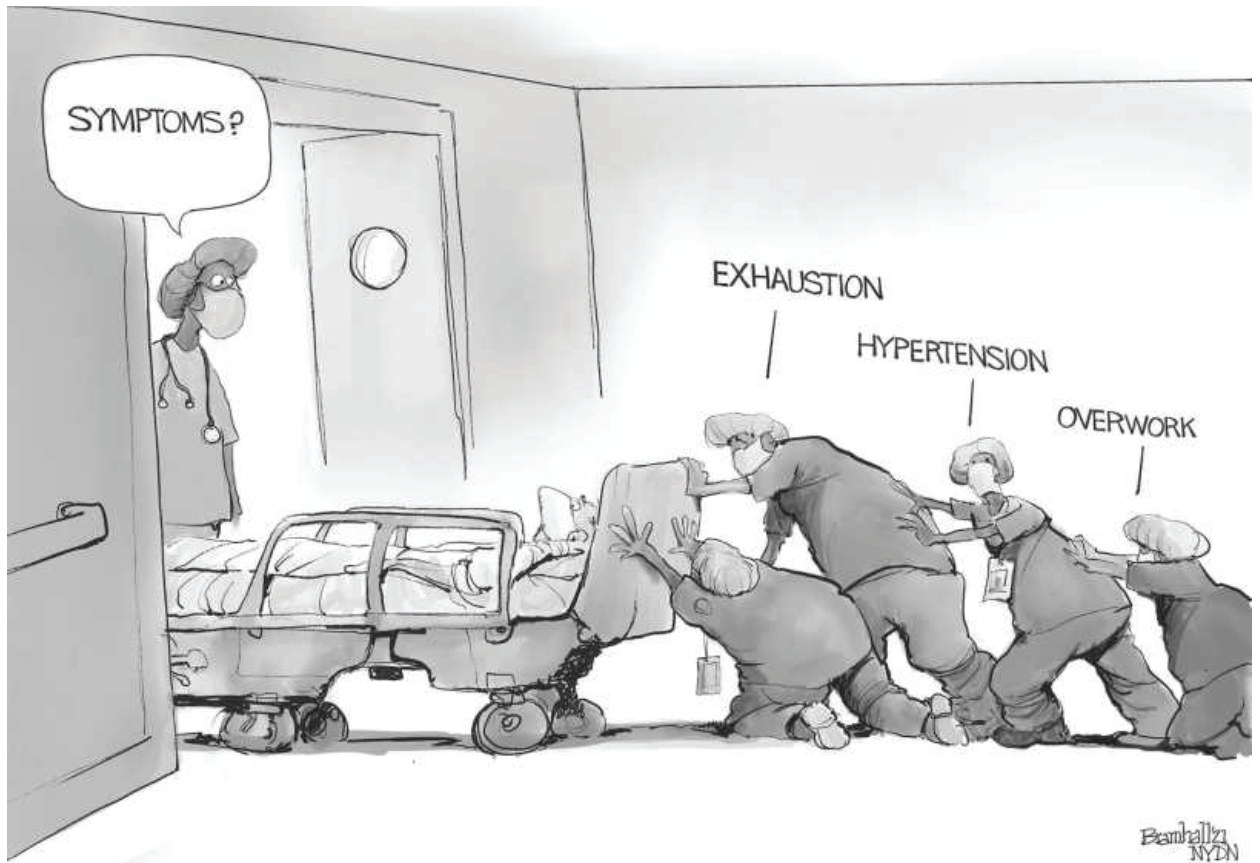
Real investments in roads and bridges and ports and transit have been needed for many years and it's something in which America once led the world. Now, we're the laggard with new competitors like China churning out high-speed rail and new airports while we plod along on the aging systems put in place by our distant predecessors.

But it's not only about just printing money in Washington and dropping it across the country. It must be used wisely and economically. Projects, from expanded broadband to up-

graded water delivery and sewage disposal to those roads and bridges and rails, must be worthwhile. And crucially, they must stay in budget and on schedule.

Jobs are great and good jobs are greater and good union construction jobs are the greatest to many, especially to politicians running for reelection. But there's a big difference between spending and building.

You can spend \$1 million or \$1 billion to hire crews to dig a hole, generating a payroll and getting those bulldozers bulldozing. You could then spend the same amount to hire the equivalent crews to fill it in. But you've now produced a huge investment in construction jobs, but have no improved infrastructure allowing for economic growth and greater efficiencies in moving people or goods or ideas.



## YOUR VIEWS

# Republicans should oust carpetbaggers

My state legislator sent me a request for funding last week. In it she let slip that the Republican strategy in 2022 would be Law and Order. Like it has been off and on going back to the Reagan years.

I wonder how the Republicans will explain away the line of Republican carpetbaggers facing legal action between now and the election.

I believe in a two-party system and am by heritage a Republican. But I can't be part of a political party that is willing to call out soldiers to put citizens “in their place” as the loser of the last presidential election was.

This is not the first time my chosen party has told me to stand down and wait for a future justice. I won't be fooled again. I will work to heal the Republican Party by voting against the carpetbaggers who have been

sent to misrepresent my interests.

We do hope for peace in our lives, but I know justice is the way to peace.

Larry Kiewel  
St. Peter

### Hagedorn doesn't care about infrastructure

Rep. Jim Hagedorn, R-1st District, doesn't care about failing bridges in his district. He doesn't care about crumbling roads in the counties he represents. He doesn't care about safe drinking water in the 1st District.

He doesn't care about effective internet access. He really doesn't care if it leaves his rural constituents

struggling to get online. And Jim Hagedorn doesn't care to explain his “No” vote on the federal infrastructure bill which provides \$6.8 billion to fix bridges and roads, to repair aging water systems and to expand broadband access.

So, what does Hagedorn care about? Not much. He likes slinging mud at Democrats in the hopes something sticks. And he likes petty partisan politics. You can see it all over his Facebook page.

But the people in his district and what they need? Rep. Jim Hagedorn just doesn't care.

Next November, it's time to send Hagedorn a clear message: We don't care for you as our representative.

Dan Cronn-Mills  
North Mankato

# Harris was set up to fail

Everyone lately seems to have an opinion about Vice President Kamala Harris. Depending on which news source or social media site you visit, she's either improving the United States's global profile or embarrassing the country every time she boards



KATHLEEN PARKER  
Washington Post

What she said, by the way, sounded nothing like French.

But no matter. What does matter is that 10 months into the job, Harris's approval rating is at just 28%, according to a USA Today/Suffolk University poll published on Nov. 7. Well, it beats nothing, I guess. More importantly, bad polls can change in a blink if you know what you're doing.

Alas, Harris doesn't seem to. And she isn't getting much support from the White House. With inflation breathing down President Joe Biden's neck and his own approval rating dipping to 38%, Harris probably is among his lesser concerns.

A recent CNN report based on numerous off-the-record interviews within the executive branch seems to confirm this. The piece details an edgy relationship between Team Biden and Team Harris, which Harris's people have dismissed as “gossip.”

Caught in the crossfire between her critics and defenders, Harris is a sympathetic character. That's chiefly because every White House, no matter the party, witnesses a certain amount of tension between the president and vice president. But there is little question that she is becoming a problematic sidekick to a man who plucked her from a crowd after only four years in the Senate.

Everyone knows that Biden's chief claim to fame in 2020 was being the only Democrat who could conceivably beat Trump. He became the de facto nominee when Rep. James E. Clyburn, D-S.C., hand-delivered the Black (and predominantly female) primary vote in South Carolina, launching the tidal wave that swept



Vice-President Kamala Harris speaks during a press conference in Paris on Friday.

the rest of the South and gave Biden his main chance at the Oval Office.

This meant, in effect, Black women gave Biden the nomination, and in return, he put Harris, a Black woman, on his ticket. I'm certain Biden loved the idea of Harris — it was a historic pick — even if he had his doubts about the fit. And he should have because she wasn't, in my view, ready for the job, and I am betting he must have sensed it. Did he not care? Did he think no one would notice?

What has happened to Harris reminds me of another — but very different — female vice-presidential pick: former Alaska governor Sarah Palin, R, John McCain's 2008 running mate. Republican influencers hand-picked Palin because she wasn't former senator Joe Lieberman, I-Conn., whom McCain wanted, and because she had it all; She was striking, popular and (at least to some) was a family-values exemplar. Just what we need in a vice president, right?

So thought a few hormonally altered GOP pundits and political operatives. Uncharacteristically, McCain, after meeting with Palin for just over an hour, surrendered to the argument that she could rally the troops with a wink and a pair of red heels. Why, Republicans could even claim a feminist coup. And they were right — for about 30 minutes at the 2008 Republican National Convention. Things went downhill after that.

Harris, similarly, wasn't ready for the job a heartbeat away from an elderly president.

This was apparent when she failed to catch fire as a top-of-the-ticket

contender, and she dropped out of the presidential race relatively early in December 2019. When you don't have money to continue a race, as she said at the time, then you don't have support. Her performance in office, especially her handling of the border crisis, has only confirmed those early judgments.

In no other recent presidency has a vice president been so ill-prepared for office — or because of Biden's age, more in need of being ready.

Ronald Reagan chose former Texas congressman, Chinese envoy, and former CIA director George H.W. Bush. When Bush became president, he chose Dan Quayle, who had served four years in the House and eight in the Senate.

Bill Clinton picked Al Gore, who had served 24 years in elective office. George W. Bush chose Richard B. Cheney, who had been in public service most of his adult life. And

Barack Obama chose none other than Biden, elected to the Senate when he was a mere 29 years old.

No one knew better than Biden what the job entails and, had he been a stronger candidate himself, he'd have selected a running-mate who could best serve him and the country.

Several years ago, I wrote about Palin that men used her the way men have always used women — as bit players on a stage set for their success and her failure. I'm afraid Harris, who by most accounts has been sidelined by the president, is beginning to get the picture.

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## Seniors happy to get last chance at state swim meet

### East/Loyola's Dauk qualifies in diving

**By Jim Rueda**  
Special to The Free Press

**MANKATO** — A year ago, the top seniors on area girls swim teams were denied a chance to compete at state due to cancellation of the meet because of COVID-19.

The state meet is back on this year, and the current crop of seniors couldn't be happier. "I'm excited," said Mankato

West senior Lydia Krautkremer. "This will be my first and only time going to state."

Teammate Annika Younge echoed those sentiments: "I went to state as a freshman and sophomore, but it's still exciting to go. I'll be a little nervous even though I've been there before."

Mankato West is sending seven swimmers to the state meet, which begins Thursday. Four of those seven swimmers/divers are



Lydia Krautkremer

Sophia Leonard

Jenna Sikel

Annika Younge

seniors. Leading the way for the Scarlets are the Leonard sisters — senior

Catherine Bittner and Younge qualified from the Section 1A meet in the 200-yard freestyle

Sophia and Olivia, a sophomore. Each has qualified in four events. Sophia Leonard, Olivia Leonard, sophomore

relay with a first-place time of 1:40.45.

Sophia Leonard is also on the 200 medley relay (1st, 1:50.36 qualifying time) along with Bittner, freshman Ella Lee and Krautkremer. Sophia Leonard's other events will be the 100 backstroke (1st, 59.38) and 100 freestyle (2nd, 53.64).

Olivia Leonard will be swimming the 400 freestyle relay (2nd, 3:43.58), along with Krautkremer, Lee, and Younge. She will also

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### BRIEFS

#### NSIC honors 7 MSU football players

**MANKATO** — Seven Minnesota State football players have received All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference honors, which were announced Wednesday.

Junior receiver Jalen Sample, senior lineman Hunter Toppel and senior Ty'Shonan Brooks claimed first-team all-conference accolades.

Junior lineman Jared Gossen, sophomore running back Kaleb Sleezer, sophomore defensive lineman Nic Dahlke and senior linebacker Jack Leius each received second-team recognition.

Sample led the Minnesota State receivers with 64 catches for 1,047 yards and eight touchdowns. His 1,047 yards are the 10th most in a season in program history.

Toppel started all 11 games, earning all-conference honors for the fourth time.

Brooks recorded 29 tackles with a team-best five interceptions, one of which he returned for a touchdown.

#### Geistfeld receives national award

**MANKATO** — Bethany Lutheran senior Hanna Geistfeld has been named to the D3hoops.com Team of the Week.

Geistfeld, the two-time reigning Upper Midwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year, averaged 22.7 points, making 16 of 18 at the free-throw line and shooting 48% from the field.

Geistfeld tallied 30 points in a win over Augsburg, then helped the Vikings defeat No. 17-rated Wisconsin-Oshkosh 65-61, scoring 17 points. It was Bethany's second win over a Top 25 opponent in program history.

Geistfeld ranks No. 1 in NCAA Division III for made field goals (40).

The Vikings travel to Chicago to play in the North Park tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Free Press

#### Vikings designate Peterson for return

**EAGAN** — Minnesota Vikings cornerback Patrick Peterson will practice this week with an opportunity to play against NFC-leading Green Bay, after missing the past three games with a hamstring injury.

Peterson was designed for return Wednesday by the Vikings, making him eligible for action against the Packers if he's deemed ready by Sunday. Coach Mike Zimmer was noncommittal when asked about Peterson's status.

Linebacker Anthony Barr returned to practice on a limited basis, after sitting out last week with a lingering knee injury.

The Associated Press

## Duehr makes NHL debut after Tough Journey



David Faulkner/SPX Sports

Walker Duehr played four seasons with Minnesota State from 2017-21. He made his NHL debut with the Calgary Flames Sunday, becoming the 17th Maverick to play in an NHL game.

### Former Mav is first S. Dakotan to skate in NHL game

**By Kevin Dudley**  
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Fourteen years old, halfway across the country from home and chasing a dream that didn't come with very good odds.

Playing AAA hockey in Las Vegas as a freshman in high school, Walker Duehr wondered almost every day if it was worth it.

No friends, no parents and no normal high-school experience. However, Duehr knew playing AAA was necessary given the lack of high-level competition in his hometown of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

"There were definitely times that year that I wanted to go home," Duehr said. "It was pretty difficult for a 14-year-old kid starting high school."

Almost a decade later, Duehr finally got the ultimate pay off for all his sacrifice. The former Minnesota State winger became the first South Dakota-born player to skate in an NHL game, debuting for the Calgary Flames on Sunday against the Ottawa Senators.

Duehr is the 17th MSU player to play in an NHL game.

"I wouldn't trade it for another life at all," Duehr said. "Wouldn't be here without those challenges and those sacrifices."

After playing a year in Vegas, Duehr played AAA hockey in Chicago the following season.

He credits his older brother Wyatt, who was with him both AAA

seasons, for getting him through those tough years. Wyatt played on the 18U AAA teams at both stops, while Walker played on the 16U teams.

Duehr then played three seasons in the United States Hockey League before spending four seasons with the Mavericks.

At MSU, he finished with 25 goals and 26 assists for 51 points in 102 career games from 2017-21.

"You want to talk about climbing mountains — he did it for a long time," MSU coach Mike Hastings said. "The things that were put in front of him to stop him from making it, and him deciding they weren't going to get in his way."

Duehr was called up to the NHL club from the Flames' American Hockey League affiliate in Stockton, California, in early November. The call came after he showed very well in training camp and started the AHL season recording two goals and an assist in five games.

The call was followed by the hard part: waiting.

Duehr wasn't in the lineup his first six games with the NHL club, but the day before the game against Ottawa, coach Darryl Sutter pulled Duehr aside and told him to "be ready."

"I put it together that I was probably going to be playing," Duehr said. "The nerves just kind of kept growing more and more as game time grew closer."

Duehr got 14 shifts in Calgary's

4-0 victory over the Senators, totaling 8:47 of ice time. He didn't have any points or shots on goal.

He was happy to get the first one out of the way and said it was surreal playing with and against guys he's been watching from afar.

"Being able to be out there face-to-face with those guys and being able to play and compete against them, that was kind of (special) for me," Duehr said.

His old coach got a chance to watch the debut and liked what he saw.

"I thought he did very well for himself," Hastings said. "To be the first player out of the state of South Dakota to play in the National Hockey League, that's something that he'll have forever."

#### Five things to know

The No. 3 Mavericks (9-3, 5-1 in CCHA) play a home-and-home CCHA series against St. Thomas (1-10-1, 1-6-1) Thursday and Saturday. MSU will host the Tommies on Thursday at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center (7:07 p.m.), and play at Mendota Heights on Saturday (7:07 p.m.). Both games can be heard on KTOE AM-1420. Thursday's game will be televised on Spectrum channels 191 and 826.

Here are five things to know about the matchup.

**1. A new foe:** St. Thomas was the eighth team added to the new

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## Edwards, Wolves down Kings

**By Brian Hall**  
Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS** — Anthony Edwards scored 16 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and Karl-Anthony Towns had 22 for the Minnesota Timberwolves in a 107-97 win against the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

Patrick Beverley added 14 points, six rebounds and six assists for Minnesota, which lost eight of its previous nine games.

The Timberwolves' improved defense held Sacramento to 36.6% shooting and forced 20 turnovers.

Edwards hit four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to push Minnesota to just its third win in 10 home games.

DeAaron Fox had 28 points for the Kings and Buddy Hield finished with 16 off the bench. Sacramento had a season-high 20 offensive rebounds but lost for the fifth time in six games.

Prior to the game, Kings coach Luke Walton stressed the need for better rebounding from his team, repeatedly mentioning it in regards to matchups in the game and potential lineups going forward.

The rebounding kept Sacramento in the game.

The Kings had 13 offensive rebounds in the first half, led by Richaun Holmes with four.

The focus resulted in 16 second-chance points and a close game despite the poor shooting and heavy turnover totals.

Minnesota also struggled shooting in a lackluster first half for both teams.

Towns finally took control in the third quarter. He scored the first seven points of the second half and the Wolves used a 10-2 run to take command.

The lead grew to eight and Minnesota found its shooting by going 13 of 20 from the field and 4 of 7 from 3-point range in the third quarter.

## Jefferson revs up Vikings offense after quiet games

**By Dave Campbell**  
AP Pro Football Writer

**EAGAN** — The lack of involvement for Justin Jefferson was so glaring in Minnesota's two recent losses that coach Mike Zimmer made a point to pull him aside last week

and assure him the ball was coming his way.

Zimmer rather paternally asked Jefferson to promise to practice and study hard, as if there were any question about the effort and precision the Vikings would get from their star receiver.

The result of this renewed commitment was predictably positive, at a time when the Vikings needed it most. Kirk Cousins threw 11 passes to Jefferson in the 27-20 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers, with nine completions for 143 yards.

Seven of them went for first downs. One third down attempt drew a pass interference penalty.

Jefferson's nickname is "Jet." Just 25 games into his NFL career, it's clear nobody can rev up the Vikings offense quite like him. In four games the Vi-

kings have won this season, Jefferson has averaged 11 targets and 116 yards. In their five losses, he has averaged seven targets and 66 yards.

With 2,175 receiving yards in 25 games,

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SCORECARD

TV Today

Thursday, November 18
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
11 a.m.
ESPN — Myrtle Beach Invitational: Davidson vs. New Mexico St., Quarterfinal, Conway, S.C.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, GB. Rows include L.A. Rams, San Francisco, Seattle.

Thursday's Games
New England at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Baltimore at Chicago, 12 p.m.

NBA

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, GB. Rows include Brooklyn, New York, Phila., Toronto, Boston.

Expanded NCAA tourney helps Mavs

Young people participate in college athletics for a lot of different reasons. For a select few, the goal is to play professionally.



KEVIN DUDLEY The Free Press

After a proposal to expand the tournament to 10 teams was tabled by the committee in September, the findings of a recent NCAA external gender equity report seemed to prompt the immediate change.

Despite the different motivations for competing, almost all college athletes — no matter the division — have one common goal. Compete in the national tournament.

While 16 out of 60 men's hockey teams make the national tournament (26.7%), only eight of the 41 women's teams (19.5%) made the tournament prior to the change.

VIKINGS: A renewed focus on Jefferson, Thielen

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Jefferson has the second most at this career point in the history of the NFL's Super Bowl era that began in 1966.



The Associated Press

Justin Jefferson made nine catches for 143 yards in the Vikings' 27-20 victory over the Chargers Sunday.

"I feel like any receiver would be a little frustrated, just wanting to be a big part of the offense, wanting to make big plays," Jefferson said.

The big question for Cousins and offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak was why such accommodation was necessary in the first place.

Part of the issue, though, is the personality and tendency of the quarterback himself. "I'm pretty methodical," Cousins acknowledged.

Cousins threw 12 times on third or fourth downs against the Chargers. Five of those went to Jefferson and three to Adam Thielen.

Wolves summary

SACRAMENTO (97)
Barnes 3-10 6-6 13, Metu 2-9 0-0 4, Holmes 6-10 0-1 12, Fox 10-20 6-8 28, Haliburton 3-10 0-0 7, Bagley III 1-5 0-0 2, Thompson 2-6 4-6 8, Hield 5-17 1-2 16, Mitchell 2-7 2-7. Totals 34-93 19-25 97.

MINNESOTA (107)
Edwards 11-24 0-0 2, Vanderbilt 1-1 2-2 4, Towns 9-12 3-3 22, Beverley 5-12 4-4 14, Russell 6-15 4-4 17, Knight 0-0 0-0 0, McDaniels 3-5 0-1 7, Prince 2-4 0-0 5, Reid 3-4 1-2 8, Beasley 1-5 1-2 4, McLaughlin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-82 15-18 107.

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-38 (Hield 5-14, Fox 2-5, Barnes 1-2, Haliburton 1-5, Mitchell 1-5, Bagley III 0-2, Metu 0-4), Minnesota 10-36 (Edwards 4-10, Reid 1-2, Prince 1-3, Towns 1-4, Beasley 1-5, Russell 1-6, Beverley 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 47 (Thompson 9), Minnesota 35 (Vanderbilt 7). Assists—Sacramento 19 (Fox 5), Minnesota 20 (Beverley, Russell 7). Total Fouls—Sacramento 22, Minnesota 24. A—13,108 (19,356)

NHL

Table with 5 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows include Florida, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Boston, Buffalo, Montreal, Ottawa.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SWIM: Three-day state meet with finals on Saturday

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compete in the 200 individual medley (1st, 2:09.73) and 100 breaststroke (2nd, 1:07.94).

Two of the relays — the medley and 200 freestyle — are seeded among the top eight going into the meet. West's other top-eight seeds are Olivia Leonard in both the IM and breaststroke, Sophia Leonard in the backstroke and Bittner in the breaststroke.

proved a lot this year with my form and entry. I'm sure I'll be a little nervous, but that's to be expected."

East/Loyola coach Greg Summers said the goal for Dauk is to make it to the Top 16. "Diving is hard to judge, but if you hit your dives at state you can do well," Summers said.

In addition to West and East/Loyola, St. Peter advanced three athletes to state. Sophomore Hannah Denzer qualified in two events: 500 free (1st, 5:22.27) and 200 free (1st, 1:58.13).

Her older sister, senior Olivia Denzer, made it with a second-place time

of 2:02.53 in the 200 free. St. Peter's other qualifier is diver Laura Klatt, who finished second at sections with 303.7 points.

Tri-City United will send section swimmer of the year Ella Schmiesing to state in two events. She was the section champ in both the 50 freestyle (24.18) and 100 freestyle (53.02).

The state meet begins with diving preliminaries on Thursday, continues with swimming preliminaries on Friday and concludes with finals in all events Saturday. The competition takes place at the Jean Freeman Aquatic Center at the University of Minnesota.

HOCKEY: Home-and-home series with St. Thomas next

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CCHA and is in its first season in Division I. The change is an exciting one for MSU, giving the Mavericks a second in-state conference rival as they adjust to life in a new league.

"They're only an hour down the road here, so it's pretty cool to start that rivalry early this year," MSU defenseman Jack McNeely said. "It's a rivalry that will obviously grow over time."

bad because the Mavericks scored five times with the man-advantage in the series. Still, the Falcons were able to score three power-play goals in Saturday's game.

"When you talk about a really good penalty kill, it starts with your goaltender. Our goaltender would be the first one to say he wants to be the ignitor ... we need him to be better in those situations," Hastings said. "Then we need to support him more. Make sure he's not seeing second and thirds."

3. The State of MSU: The Mavericks out-scored

Bowling Green 14-5 in a sweep last weekend, including a 9-2 outburst in Game 1 of the series. The weekend was filled with individual standouts, including Cade Borchardt, Nathan Smith, Sam Morton and Lucas Sowder, who each finished the weekend with four points. Borchardt recorded a hat trick in Game 1.

4. Scouting the Tommies: St. Thomas is coming off a bye week, but was swept by Bowling Green Nov. 5-6. The Tommies' lone win this season was a 5-2 home triumph over Ferris State. Matthew Jennings

leads the team with eight points.

5. Women travel to Ohio State: The Minnesota State women's hockey team (5-7, 1-7 in WCHA) resumes conference play with a road series against No. 2 Ohio State this weekend.

The Mavericks were swept by St. Cloud State on Nov. 5-6, and are coming off a well-deserved bye after navigating a tough start to their WCHA schedule. MSU plays at 5:01 p.m. Friday and 12:01 p.m. Saturday.

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HORSE RACING
11 a.m.
FS2 — NYRA: America's Day at the Races
NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
NBATV — Philadelphia at Denver
NFL FOOTBALL
7:20 p.m.
FOX — New England at Atlanta
NFLN — New England at Atlanta
TENNIS
4:30 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
5 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
7 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin
11:30 a.m.
TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
2 p.m.
TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin
5 p.m.
NBCSN — WTT: San Diego vs. Chicago, Indian Wells, Calif.
8 p.m.
NBCSN — WTT: New York vs. Orange County, Indian Wells, Calif.
4:30 a.m. (Friday)
TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin
5 a.m. (Friday)
TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin

Week in sports

THURSDAY
Minnesota State women's swimming at Augustana Invitational, TBA, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Minnesota State men's hockey vs. St. Thomas, 7 p.m., Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center
Mankato East girls hockey vs. Owatonna, 7:15 p.m., All Seasons Arena
Mankato West/Loyola/St. Clair girls hockey vs. Winona, 5:30 p.m., All Seasons Arena
FRIDAY
Minnesota State women's swimming at Augustana Invitational, TBA, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Minnesota State women's soccer vs. Oklahoma Baptist, NCAA tournament, 10 a.m., Waukegan, Mo.
Minnesota State women's hockey at Ohio State, 5 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus men's hockey at Bethel, 7 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus women's hockey vs. Bethel, 7 p.m., Don Roberts Ice Rink
Bethany Lutheran women's basketball vs. Elmhurst, North Park tournament, 4 p.m., Chicago
Bethany Lutheran men's basketball vs. LeTourneau, Carroll Classic, 5 p.m., Waukesha, Wis.

SATURDAY
Minnesota State women's swimming at Augustana Invitational, TBA, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Minnesota State women's hockey at Ohio State, noon
Minnesota State men's basketball vs. St. Cloud State, 1 p.m., Bresnan Arena
Minnesota State women's basketball vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, 3 p.m., Bresnan Arena
Minnesota State men's hockey at St. Thomas, 7 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus women's, men's swimming and diving hosts Grace Goblirsch Invite, 10 a.m., Gustavus pool
Gustavus Adolphus women's basketball at Bethel, 1 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus women's hockey at Bethel, 2 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus men's basketball at Bethel, 3 p.m.
Gustavus Adolphus men's hockey vs. Bethel, 7 p.m., Don Roberts Ice Rink
Bethany Lutheran women's basketball vs. TBA, North Park tournament, 4 p.m., Chicago
Bethany Lutheran men's basketball vs. TBA, Carroll Classic, 4 p.m., Waukesha, Wis.
Mankato East girls hockey vs. Marshall, 2 p.m., All Seasons Arena
Mankato West football vs. Rogers, Class AAAAA semifinals, 7 p.m., US Bank Stadium

NFL

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Buffalo, New England, Miami, N.Y. Jets, Tennessee, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Houston, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Kansas City, L.A. Chargers, Las Vegas, Denver.

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Rows include Tampa Bay, New Orleans, Carolina, Atlanta, Green Bay, Minnesota, Chicago, Detroit, Arizona.







## Much of Minneopa to close for deer hunt

Rasmussen Woods, Flandrau parks also have hunts on weekend

By Tim Krohn  
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**MANKATO** — About a dozen youth ages 12 to 16 will take to the woods of Minneopa State park Saturday and Sunday for the annual deer hunt. The bison range/camp-

ground side of the park will be closed to the public both days. The waterfalls and the picnic area near the falls will be open to the public, but nothing else on that side of the park will be open. Only the youths who were drawn in a lottery are al-

lowed to hunt in the park. "If you weren't drawn, you aren't able to hunt there. It's not open to the general public," said Park Manager Craig Beckman. This is the third year of the youth firearms hunt. The hunt is intended to control deer numbers in the park and also give youth a good hunt experience with a fairly high potential for success.

Each hunter can shoot up to two deer, but only one buck can be taken by any hunter. Beckman said that usually about half of the hunters get at least one deer. Beckman said there are a high enough number of deer in the park that staff sees some over-browsing. "There's enough deer there. Not as many deer as at some parks, but enough."

Beckman said Flandrau State Park in New Ulm has a much higher deer population as does much of the rest of the city. New Ulm has long had an annual in-city archery deer hunt and about half of the hunting stands allowed each year are inside Flandrau. No stands are allowed near any of the trails in Flandrau. At 29 years, New Ulm's in-city deer hunt is one of

the longest-running ones in the state. That hunt runs through Dec. 31. Beckman is in the process of moving from manager of Minneopa to become manager at Flandrau. He also will oversee Fort Ridgely State Park near Fairfax. He said the DNR will soon post the job for a new Minneopa manager.

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## Two file for county seat

The Free Press

**NORTH MANKATO** — Two North Mankato men with prior government experience have filed to replace a late Nicollet County commissioner in a special election occurring early next year.

David Haack and Kenneth DeWitte both applied to represent District 3, which encompasses Precincts 1, 2 and 3 of North Mankato, after the filing period began Tuesday.

Haack, a retired long-time North Mankato city employee, held the County Board District 3 seat until 2016 but decided not to run in that year's election. Denny Kemp succeeded him and served until his death at age 63 in September.

DeWitte was a North Mankato city councilor for four years until he lost his reelection bid in 2010. He has worked as a line technician at Crown Cork & Seal for nearly 37 years, according to his LinkedIn page.

A special general election will be Feb. 8, unless more candidates file for the seat. If others apply, the Feb. 8 election will become a primary and the general will occur April 12.

Other candidates have until 5 p.m. Nov. 30 to submit their applications.

Filings will be accepted at Nicollet County Public Services, 501 South Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Candidates may file in person or by mail.

Only residents in the relevant precincts can vote in the special election.

### BRIEFS

#### 2 dead in Fargo shooting

**FARGO, N.D.** — A 35-year-old Moorhead, Minnesota man has been arrested on suspicion of two counts of murder after a shooting that left two people dead Wednesday at a north Fargo business, police said.

Police Chief David Zibolski said officers were called to Composite America at 2:10 p.m. and discovered two gunshot victims. A woman died at the scene and a man was declared dead at a local hospital, KVRN reported.

The suspect walked into the police department and turned himself in, Zibolski said. The weapon believed to be used in the shooting was recovered.

The Associated Press

## TRADES TRYOUT



Pat Christman

Students try operating an excavator using a simulator at the International Union of Operating Engineers booth at the Construct Tomorrow construction trades fair Wednesday at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center. Students from area high schools got to try out various construction trades during the fair.

Pat Christman  
Luke Meier helps a student try out welding using an augmented reality workstation Wednesday at the Construct Tomorrow fair.



## Defense Department will help relieve 2 hospitals

The Associated Press

**MINNEAPOLIS** — The Department of Defense will send medical teams to two major Minnesota hospitals to relieve doctors and nurses who are swamped by a growing wave of COVID-19 patients, Gov. Tim Walz announced Wednesday. The teams, each comprising 22 people, will arrive at Hennepin County Medical Center and St. Cloud Hospital next week and begin treating patients immediately, Walz said in a conference call from the Finnish capital of Helsinki, the latest stop on his European trade mission.

Minnesota has become one of the country's worst hotspots for new COVID-19 infections. Hospital beds are filling up with unvaccinated people, and staffers are being worn down by the surge. Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm said Tuesday that she's ready to expand ac-



Star Tribune via the Associated Press

Critical care nurses and respiratory therapists flip a COVID-19 patient upright in North Memorial's South intensive care units in December.

cess to booster vaccines to all adults by the end of the week if the federal government doesn't act first. "Our best defense against this is the vaccine," Walz told reporters. He noted that Minnesota is No. 2 in the county for

the number of booster shots given, behind only Vermont, and that first doses have risen 60% over the last week. "And we know that that is our way out of this. ... I need Minnesotans to recognize, as we've been saying, this is a

dangerous time." Walz and Malcolm thanked U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar for helping to secure the federal teams and said they hope more will be approved for other

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## Paap to step down as head of ag group

Farmer served for 16 years

By Patrick Condon  
Star Tribune

Over 16 years as president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, Kevin Paap had a go-to line whenever he formally introduced himself.



Kevin Paap

"He would always get to the Farm Bureau title, but first he'd say: 'I'm Kevin Paap, I'm a fourth-generation farmer in Blue Earth County, and I raise corn, soybeans and sons,'" recalled Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, who's worked with Paap on farm policy for more than 20 years. "It took you right to where he was coming from."

On Friday, Minnesota Farm Bureau members gather at a hotel in Bloomington for their 103rd annual meeting. On the agenda is the election of a new president to succeed Paap, who decided not to seek an eighth two-year term.

He'll leave office immediately upon selection of his successor, wrapping up a stint as one of the most influential voices in Minnesota agriculture.

"When I was a younger farmer, I maybe was critical of people who would stay in leadership positions for too long, who didn't want to make room for the next generation of leaders," Paap said in an interview. "In 2005 I seized this opportunity and now I need to remember it's time to let the next generation lead us in these roles."

A state chapter of the American Farm Bureau, the Minnesota Farm Bureau says its members come from about 30,000 dues-paying family farms. County chapters set the dues, which run between about \$60 and \$90 a year. Like the other major farm policy group, Minnesota Farmers Union, the bureau lobbies state and federal lawmakers on behalf of farmer members and agricultural interests.

In broad terms, the Farm Bureau leans to the right and the Farmers Union to the left, although those distinctions are less sharp than in other industries because of the frequently bipartisan nature of agricultural lawmaking.

Petersen, who serves in the cabinet of Democratic Gov. Tim Walz, previously

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# HOSPITALS: 'There's just been a tremendous demand'

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Minnesota hospitals, which have already applied for them.

"There's just been a tremendous demand for those teams nationwide. At this point in time, there are very, very few teams available to be deployed across the whole nation, so the fact that Minnesota's getting two of them is great good news," Malcolm said.

The Minnesota Nurses Association said the staffing shortage is the result of years of cost-cutting and short-staffing that have left hospitals poorly equipped to handle the pandemic.

"There is no shortage of Minnesota nurses who want to work at the bedside and care for patients. There is a shortage of nurses willing to work under the unsafe and unsustain-

able conditions hospitals have created," the union's president, Mary Turner, said in a statement. "For years, hospitals have been understaffing nurses, leaving fewer of us to care for more patients. These decisions have driven nurses away from the bedside and created the current retention crisis."

The governor also announced that a third skilled-nursing facility has agreed to serve as a "hospital decompression" site for patients who no longer need acute hospital care but aren't ready to go home. Cerenity Senior Care-Marian of St. Paul will accept up to 27 patients from Twin Cities hospitals that are close to capacity.

Ten nurses from the federal Public Health Service and 15 nursing assistants from the Minnesota Na-

tional Guard and private vendors will provide transitional care. Similar sites have already been set up at nursing homes in Brainerd and Shakopee to create additional transitional care beds, which are in short supply.

Walz renewed his calls for the Legislature to approve a series of proposals he made early last month to give hospitals and care centers more flexibility to cope with the surge. A special session needed to pass that plan, plus \$250 million in bonuses for frontline workers and drought aid for farmers, has been held up for months over a stalemate between the Republican-controlled Senate and the Democratic governor, who insists that Republicans agree not to use the session to fire Malcolm, as some have threatened.



Star Tribune via the Associated Press

North Memorial Health Hospital Critical Care Nurse Kayla Lynch wears a protective gown before entering the room of a COVID-19 patient last year.

## Judge scrutinizes force law passed after Floyd killing

By Brian Bakst

Minnesota Public Radio News

A signature law change made after George Floyd's killing by Minneapolis police remained in legal limbo Wednesday as a judge weighed the new deadly force standards for police.

Ramsey County District Court Judge Leonardo Castro, who in September suspended the law, heard arguments over whether to

reinstate the law, modify it or throw it out.

The law that narrowed the situations under which deadly force is considered justified went into effect in March. But this summer, a group of police associations sued. Castro granted a temporary injunction so he could more carefully study the case without putting officers at risk of being charged until the matter is resolved.

Castro's ruling was a win for police groups, who sued on grounds the law violated constitutional rights of officers by requiring them to give details of a specific threat that led them to use force. Prior to the change, pointing to an apparent threat was enough.

Attorney Mark Schneider, who represents several law enforcement associations, said the new law effectively forces officers to the witness

stand to defend themselves.

"Not only are they compelled to do so, but they would be incriminated by doing so because any statement they provide could be used as a sword, not necessarily only as a shield, but as a sword by the prosecution," Schneider said.

In questioning Schneider, Castro noted that other areas of law seek to elicit proof without compelling on-the-stand testimony.

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## PAAP: Farmer known for outreach efforts, policy engagement

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spent 16 years as chief lobbyist for the Farmers Union.

"I always appreciated Kevin's willingness to find the common good for farmers," Petersen said. "There are states where the two groups don't get along, and that we do has I think been a benefit to Minnesota agriculture."

Two Farm Bureau members, Wright County farmer Dan Glessing and Roseau County farmer Shayne Isane, are competing to succeed Paap. Both offered nothing but praise for his leadership, particularly his commitment to constantly visiting far-flung corners of the state and his insistence that farmers should directly engage in policy discussions.

"One of his favorite sayings is that you have to be at the table or you might be on the menu," said Isane, the director of the bureau's District 7, which covers most of northwestern Minnesota.

Many Farm Bureau members have lifelong associations with the group. Glessing, the current Farm Bureau vice president, recalled how as a kid he would help set up the Farm Bureau booth every year at the Wright County Fair in Howard Lake. The Farm Bureau has an affiliated farm insurance company.

Paap, too, got active early in farm organizations. He was an FFA member in high school, which he said led him to get involved with the Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers program. He graduated from college in 1981 and joined the family operation,

giving him a close-up look at the farm crisis of the mid-1980s.

"Things were rough. We made it work, we learned a lot," said Paap, who now farms with one of his two sons on the family land in Garden City Township. "You learn a lot in challenging times."

Paap isn't leaving public life. Last year, he was elected to the Blue Earth County Commission. Local politics is in the blood — his grandfather was a longtime mayor of Vernon Center and his father served for 30 years on the township board.

But he's looking forward

to less time on the road and more with his two grandsons, who he hopes will be the sixth generation to run the farm.

## Deer: Archery hunt through end of year

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### Mankato hunt

Meanwhile, the Mankato archery deer hunt continues until Dec. 31.

Justin Lundborg, public works program coordinator for the city, said so far hunters have registered 23 deer taken within the city limits, including five bucks.

"We had 32 deer taken all of last year and the five-year average is 36 deer each year," he said.

About 30 hunters take part in the hunt. Those who were drawn for a spot to hunt in Mankato can each shoot up to five deer. Hunters who win a spot to hunt must go through a safety training program and can only hunt in designated spots.

Mankato has done the hunts since 2003.

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## THE SIDEBAR

### Review: Too many old ghosts in new 'Ghostbusters'

By Mark Kennedy  
The Associated Press

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" — the direct cinematic follow-up to the 1984 classic — is haunted, of course. But not in a good way.

Director and co-writer Jason Reitman's sequel leans so hard into his dad's original that it sometimes seems like a checklist of the megahit's touchstones, from the Ecto-1 tricked-out Cadillac, to Stay-Puft marshmallows, appearances from the surviving Ghostbusters and even the same Ray Parker Jr. theme song.

It has taken Ivan Reitman's original — which had the feel of an anarchic "Saturday Night Live" skit taken as far as it could go — too seriously. It fetishizes the ghost-trapping equipment and limps along until the original actors arrive — one cynically resurrected — to wring some sort of emotion it hasn't earned.

The film is set several decades after the events in "Ghostbusters," trading in the urban for the rural and ignoring any other sequels. It focuses on a struggling single mother Callie (Carrie Coon, treading water) and her two kids, the very, very teenage son Trevor (Finn Wolfhard) and her precocious science whiz daughter Phoebe (Mckenna Grace, also on the soundtrack with the appropriately titled "Haunted House").

After Callie's estranged father dies, the family pack up for his dilapidated farm in Summerville, Oklahoma, where the kids realize their grandfather was famed Ghostbuster Egon Spengler (the late Harold Ramis), who abandoned their mom for reasons unknown and hasn't been forgiven. "Take a little advice," mom tells the kids, "Don't go chasing ghosts."

Eerie things happen for the first hour and it's appropriate that Wolfhard of "Stranger Things" fame is here, mixing that show's vibe with an early Steven Spielberg suburban-stressed-out-parents-and-their-quirky-kids movie feel. (The family's motto: "Don't be yourself!") Chess pieces move on their own, flashlights get used a lot and proton packs

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## SINGEN STOLZ

### Concord Singers celebrate 90 years with free concert



Courtesy Concord Singers

The Concord Singers of New Ulm performed their first concert in 1931. The group is celebrating 90 years of entertaining New Ulm audiences.

### Group hopes to pack State Theater

By Renee Berg  
Special to The Free Press

Now in its 90th year, the Concord Singers of New Ulm will hold a free anniversary concert 7 p.m. Saturday at New Ulm's State Street Theater.

Drawing lots of Mankato residents, the men's chorus sings festive German music. Music lovers will enjoy the group's Octoberfest repertoire, said Joe Meyer, Concord Singers vice president and singer with the group since 1982.

"We'll make the blood move a little and have some fun," said Dick Seeboth, a 43-year Concord Singers veteran. "We present a program with a lot of energy."

Seeboth notes the group has changed over its 90 years. At its inception, the Concord Singers performed traditional English songs. Next up came some barber shop, shoulder-to-shoulder concert music, and

then in the 1970s there was a cultural resurgence that led the group to start performing songs in German.

The group has more than 400 songs in its library. For the free concert the men's chorus will dive back into the olden days and work its way to the present.

The Concord Singers performs about 15 to 20 concerts per year. Typical fans are those who favor Octoberfest music, said Concord Singers member Andrew Miller.

"They can expect some of our original songs from our early days," Miller said of the free concert. "They're also going to get an experience of a little of our Christmas music, and then we're going to put on a full show of our present music."

The group hopes to pack the State Theater, which seats up to 1,000 people. The Concord Singers began in 1931 with 30-some men coming together to organize a men's chorus. Concord was the name chosen because it brings to mind

musical harmony, mutual understanding and strong camaraderie.

The new group memorized 15 standard male chorus songs in English and presented its first annual concert on March 31, 1932, at the old Junior High School. In 1956, the group held its 25th anniversary concert.

In 1958, The Concord Singers began its tradition of singing Christmas carols for nursing home residents, earning themselves the title of Ambassadors of Good Will.

Later, in 1965, the group took its first long-distance trip to sing in Chicago. They recorded their first album in 1973, and now have seven CDs. The Concord Singers have gone on five European performance tours, giving New Ulm world recognition.

"It's not just a circle of friends," Meyer said of the group today. "It's more like a brotherhood. The camaraderie to get together to sing music plays an important part in the life of a human being. There were many philosophers who supported the idea that music or song uplifts the human soul, the human psyche, above drudgery."

#### If You Go

**What:** Concord Singers 90th Anniversary Concert  
**When:** 7 p.m. Saturday  
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## Fabulously chic hotel opening in New York City celebrates Broadway

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — Visitors to the latest chic hotel to open in New York's theater district can easily walk to any Broadway show — or they can stay inside and celebrate them.

The Civilian — a 203-room hotel with bars, lounges and a bistro — is packed with hundreds of pieces of Broadway art, including sketches, set models, costume pieces, photographs and artifacts that show theater past and present.

"I think people don't realize that this neighborhood is just like a walking history of so much," said award-winning architect and theater designer David Rockwell during a tour of the hotel he helped craft. "So I think it deserves to have a place that's dedicated to that."

The 27-story building — at 305 W. 48th Street, between 7th and 8th avenues — is from Sixty Collective hotelier Jason Pomeranc, who says the goal is to immerse visitors in a theatrical experience. The Civilian opens Nov. 24.

Nearly every inch of the Civilian has been designed with a theatrical flourish, from the marquee-inspired lighting, dramatic curtains, stage-like elements to the

raw industrial materials of backstage life.

On display are set models of shows — like "Hadestown" designed by Rachel Hauck and "Slave Play" by Clint Ramos — and sketches from "Chicago" designed by William Ivy Long. The hotel plans to cycle new items in every year or so.

Wallcoverings throughout the guestroom floors and elevators are taken from abstracted details from costume designs by Isabel and Ruben Toledo ("After Midnight") and William Ivy Long ("Beetlejuice" and "Hairspray"). Creators hope this is a chance for the talent offstage to shine.

"I'm always amazed when I work on a project and there's a moment in the show when you realize 25 people touch that moment to make it work. So, in some ways, this is a chance to be exposed to all of those different people," said Rockwell.

One wall area displays art from 20 artists and students who offered works inspired by a quote — "It's a city of strangers/Some come to work/Some to play" — from the musical "Company." A piano — lent by Rockwell himself — will become the focus of impromptu performances, the hotel's creators hope.



The Associated Press

The Civilian's Blue Room, decorated with theater memorabilia as it appears in New York's Theater District on Monday.

There's also a private library finished in royal blue hues and marquee lightbulbs where visitors can find replica guns and a crown from "Hamilton," the original set model for "Company" as well red boots from "Kinky Boots" and a pink shrug from "Cabaret." "This really feels like a dressing room," says Rockwell.

Upstairs, the guest rooms — a two-person Cozy or a 4-person Spacious — have one of two color schemes — deep blue or wine-maroon — hand-

painted details, four-poster beds, upholstered benches and framed costume and set sketches. High design meets homey.

On the beds are pillows with abstracted patterns by costume designers Jeff Mahshie and David Zinn. Luggage fits under the bed, and bathrooms with glazed porcelain sinks have heated floors.

"Even though the rooms are more petite than what we've done in the past, I don't believe that the guest should have to sacrifice anything on a visual or

textual experience, whether it's the rich velvets from the fabrics or the tile in the bathroom or the quality of sheets and linens and pillows," says Pomeranc. "The quality level should not diminish because of the room size."

Visitors enter through a lobby that feels like a stage door and into a vestibule with an abstract interpretation of marquee lighting imbedded into the ceiling. A bank of theater seats rescued from an upstate theater sit along a brick wall and visitors climb a set

of metal spiral stairs past a curtain to the second-floor bar, lounge and library.

"Does it feel like you're stepping into kind of the fly loft you always wanted to get in?" asks Rockwell and, to be sure, there's a strong "The Phantom of the Opera" feel.

There are photos throughout, starting in the lobby with black-and-white photos by Little Fang, the husband-and-wife team known for their opening-night portraits. Each floor will have framed art in the hallways clustered around a theme. The fourth floor, for example, is dedicated to rehearsal shots, with photos of Michael Bennett at "Dreamgirls" and the cast of "Miss Saigon."

In the restaurant are 41 round, custom sconces featuring sketches of the Broadway theaters by set designers including Derek McLane, Es Devlin, Scott Pask, Tony Walton, Mimi Lien and Rockwell. A roof deck to open in the spring will have an enclosed lounge and bar.

Pomeranc hopes to create a series of different types of public space experiences, from turning the lounge from a place where people can work and communicate during the day to a

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# Father's anger issues stem from head injury

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a divorcee who has reconciled with a childhood neighbor, "Levi." He was physically assaulted as a teenager and badly injured. He has made almost a complete recovery, but has a metal plate in his skull and a traumatic brain injury. We have always been friends, and after my divorce, he asked me out.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Universal Press

I began to resent Levi. Neither of us was capable of raising children. Our 5-year-old now lives in chaos. I didn't know Levi as well as I thought. His TBI is a much bigger problem than I realized. He cannot control his temper. He's quick to yell at our son, "Jaden," and me, and puts me down in front of him. We have to move to a different area of the home to give Levi space.

It felt strange, akin to dating my brother, but he was persistent. We had fun, enjoyed parties and hanging out, and I got pregnant. Immediately

He truly cannot help it, but it's hard to tolerate the tantrums. Jaden loves his

father anyway and never holds a grudge. Levi frequently apologizes, but the behavior never stops. He has never been physically abusive, but he's walking a fine line with the verbal nastiness. I'm constantly a referee to prevent escalation.

I love both Levi and my son. We are not married. Should I continue trying to make it work? Or should I run for the hills with Jaden? It's loud and often contentious. — **SECOND-GUESSING MY LIFE**

**DEAR SECOND-GUESSING:** Your love for Levi is beside the point.

The longer Jaden is subjected to his father's irrational outbursts — whether they are aimed at you or at him — the more the boy will feel this is what a normal adult relationship is like. For your son's sake, you should separate. If Levi's abuse escalates from verbal to physical, THAT'S when you should "run for the hills."

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a mother of three adult kids. We are all comfortable financially. My eldest and youngest are successful. They work hard, and enjoy their homes and their life-style of entertaining and eating out.

My middle child lives far away and is happy to say he is not a capitalist. He works for nonprofits and barely makes ends meet. He went to college, but dropped out in his last semester. He has no health insurance. He drives a car, but has no insurance or driver's license. He clearly knows better, but insists that all these concerns of mine are "old world and overrated" and that I worry about "nothing."

I'm sick about the mistakes I've made with him, but I'm not sure what they were. I try to focus him on his license and insurance, but nothing gets done.

What's the next best step? — **HELICOPTER MOM IN MICHIGAN**

**DEAR HELICOPTER MOM:** I am sorry you didn't mention what exactly your son does for these nonprofit organizations. Because they are "nonprofit" does not mean there is no money to pay their employees. Not only do staffers at nonprofits earn good wages, there are also benefits. The next best step for YOU would be to step back, and allow your adult son to conduct his life the way he has chosen and to accept the consequences of his responsibility.

## The winning score was how much?

Many years ago at a bridge club in New York City, a 13-table section played 12 two-board rounds. When the scores were computed, the East-West winners had 49.13%. With no irregularities of any sort, how could a winning score



**PHILLIP ALDER**  
Bridge

be under average? In 1986, the World Bridge Federation introduced instant matchpoint scoring in the Epsilon

Worldwide Simultaneous Pairs. After each deal was played, you learned your score immediately. For example, if you were plus 650 on board 26, you received 56 matchpoints and your opponents got 44.

The American Contract Bridge League liked the idea. Today's deal is from its 1991 instant matchpoint event.

A common line of play in six hearts was to win trick one with dummy's club ace and run the heart queen. West won with the king

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♥ Q J 6 5			
♦ A Q 4 3 2			
♣ A 10 9			
West		East	
♠ J 4		♠ K 10 9 5 3	
♥ K 10 4 2		♥ 7	
♦ 9 8 7 5		♦ 6	
♣ K 7 4		♣ Q J 8 6 5 2	
South			
♠ A Q 8 6 2			
♥ A 9 8 3			
♦ K J 10			
♣ 3			
Dealer: East			
Vulnerable: North-South			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♦	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♥	Pass	6♥	All Pass
Opening lead: ♣ 4			

and then led the club king. South ruffed, cashed the heart ace and ran the heart nine. The diamond 10 was overtaken with dummy's queen and the last trump drawn. But the unfriendly 4-1 diamond split killed the contract.

Did you spot South's error? When East drops the heart seven at trick two, South should unblock his eight. West does best to duck his king, but if he wins and returns the club king, South ruffs with the heart nine, cashes the heart ace and leads the heart three for a finesse of dummy's six. Now he can draw the last trump and run the diamonds without hindrance.

With instant matchpoint scoring, which has fallen out of favor, it was possible for the winning pair to finish under average.

## HOTEL: 'For theater people'

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music-filled space in the evening to relax. "It really speaks to the journey of the guest that's looking for an authentically New York experience," he said.

Partial proceeds from the Civilian will be donated to the American Theatre Wing, which also has supplied the hotel with images from its photo archives.

Wing President and CEO Heather Hitchens says a watering hole for the theater community is deeply needed.

"A place for theater people to gather that also showcases and celebrates the work of those who don't always get the attention they deserve is a welcome addition," she says.

## MOVIE: Paul Rudd is a studly teacher

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get played with. The amount of acting talent wasted in this film is astounding, from a Slimer-esque critter named Muncher "voiced" by Josh Gad (bravo, eating noises!) and Logan Kim playing an intensely weird podcaster, to acting greats J.K. Simmons and Tracey Letts (Coon's real-life playwright-acting husband). A mom love interest is offered by Paul Rudd as a studly teacher, but 2021's Sexiest Man Alive is unable to create comedic sparks due to so much slime.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife" meanders along like an after-school special — kids, did you know science can be cool? — until the inevitable: Original stars Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd and Ernie Hudson arrive in the final 10 minutes to save the day (curiously also appearing, but sidelined, are OGs Annie Potts and Sigourney Weaver). And then comes the breaking point: Ramis heroically reappears thanks to supernatural computer



Sony Pictures via The Associated Press

Celeste O'Connor, from left, Finn Wolfhard, Logan Kim and McKenna Grace in a scene from "Ghostbusters: Afterlife."

work, a moment that can seem either incredibly crass or honorifically crass.

"What the hell is going on?" asks one character and she's right. Poorly edited, the film's musical queues must often signal to the viewer what they should be feeling. Poorly explained, the plot relies on the audience already knowing about the first film and especially

the same villains — Gozer, the Gatekeeper and the Keymaster. Come on, at least update the baddies.

Once viewers realize this is merely a greatest hits compilation, they can settle in and anticipate the reappearance of lines like "Are you a god?" and "Who you gonna call?" After all, this is not a movie that can stand alone. It is more like

half a movie, standing in the shadow of its parent. It is a film made to sell us more lunchboxes.

"Ghostbusters: Afterlife," a Sony Pictures release that hits theaters exclusively Friday is rated PG-13 for "supernatural action and some suggestive references." Running time: 124 minutes. One star out of four.

## Boston museum workers on strike over pay, safety

The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Pandemic-weary workers at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts went on a one-day strike Wednesday over stalled contract negotiations with management, the latest strike amid an monthslong uptick in labor action nationwide.

Members of the Museum of Fine Arts Union that represents about 200 workers picketed outside the museum starting at around 8:30 a.m. More than 100 people at one point were

out holding signs saying "No curation without representation" and urging people not to cross the picket line to enter the museum.

The union says workers are concerned about pay, safety, workplace diversity and job growth, and that more than 96% of its members had voted in favor of striking. The museum remained open during the one-day strike and had 900 visitors, down from about 1,200 the prior Wednesday, spokesperson Karen Frasca said. Officials have said they're

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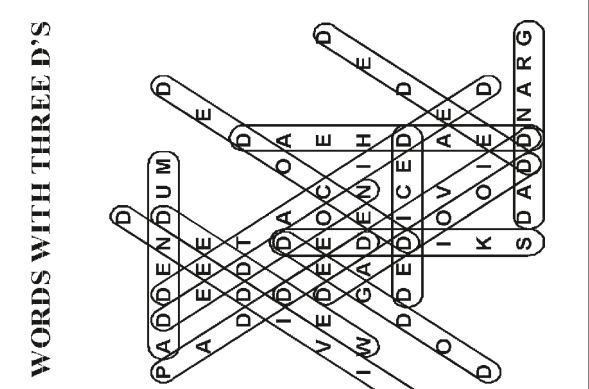
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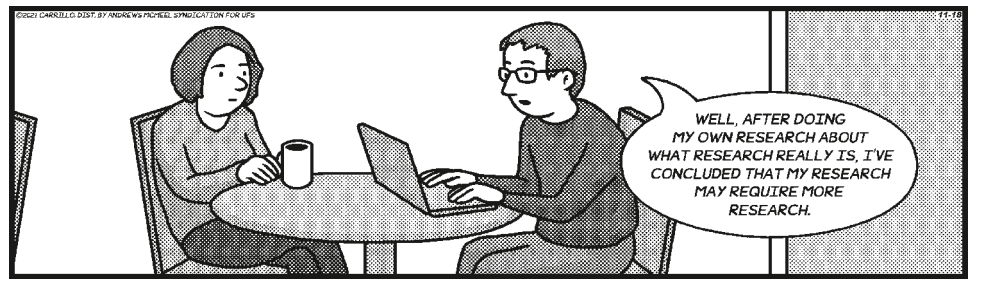
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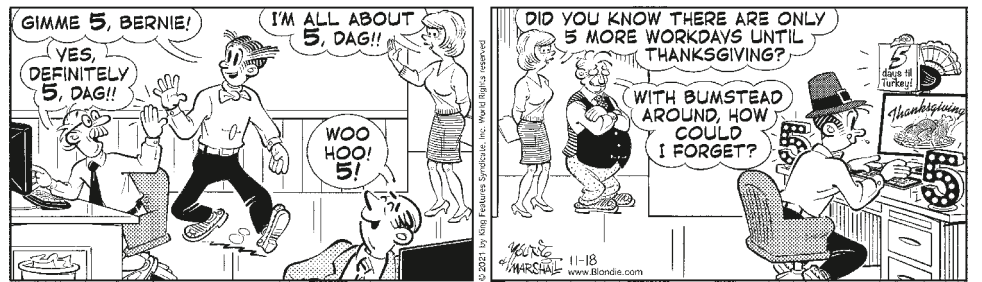
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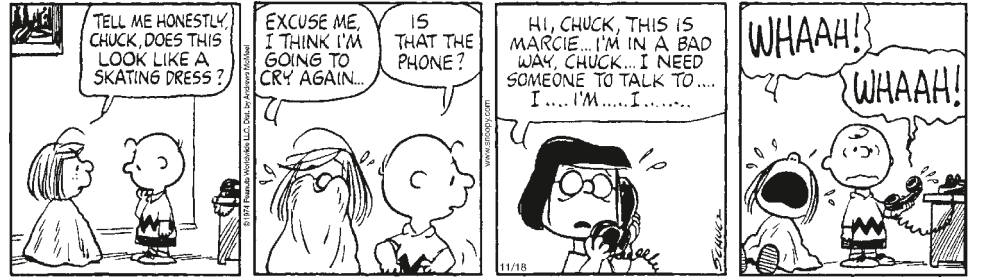
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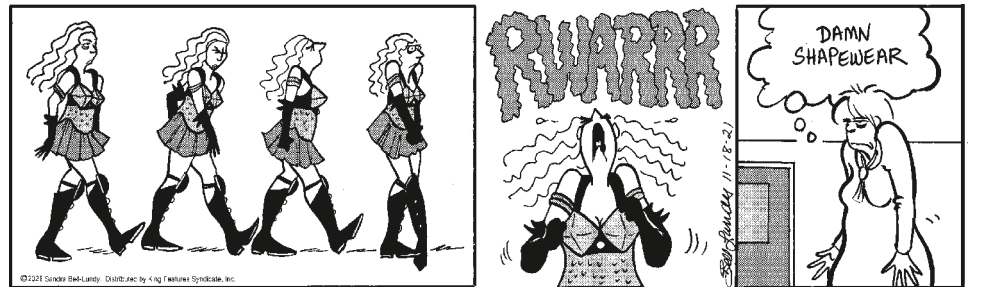
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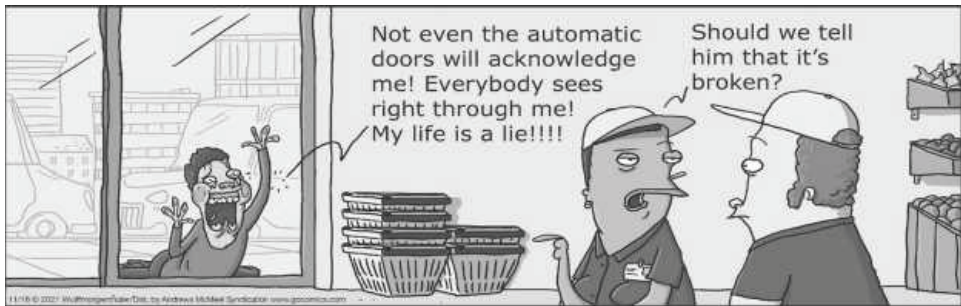
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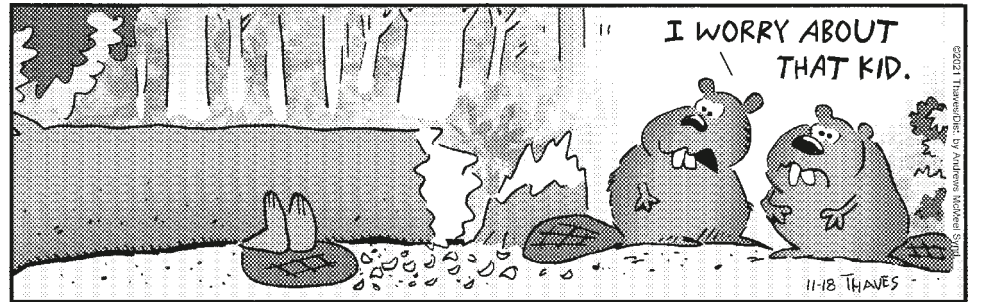
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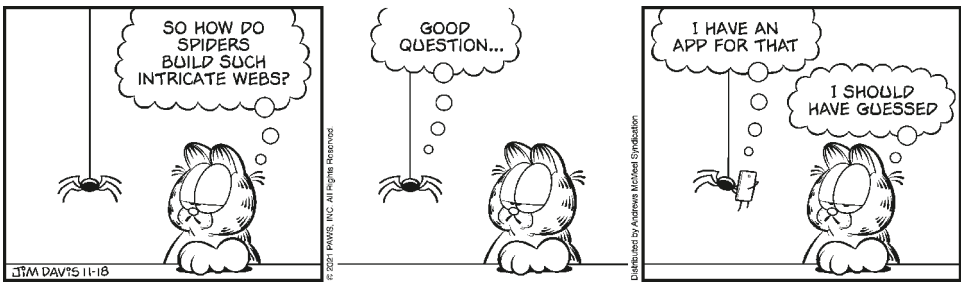
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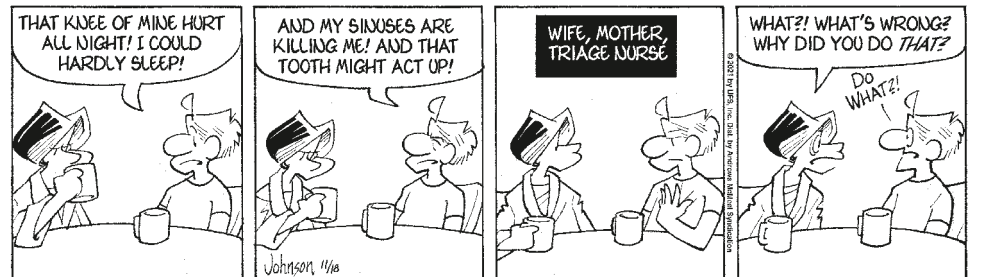
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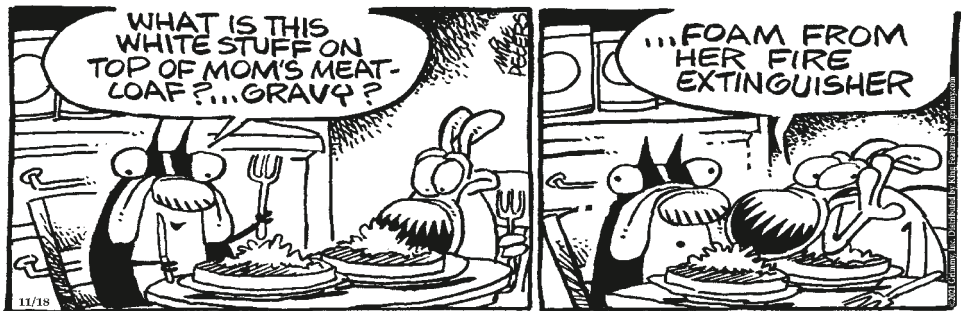


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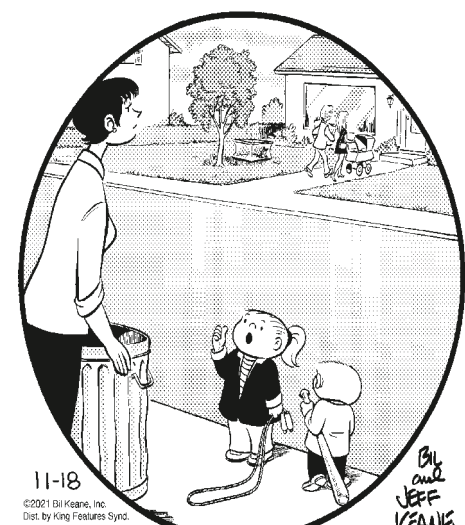


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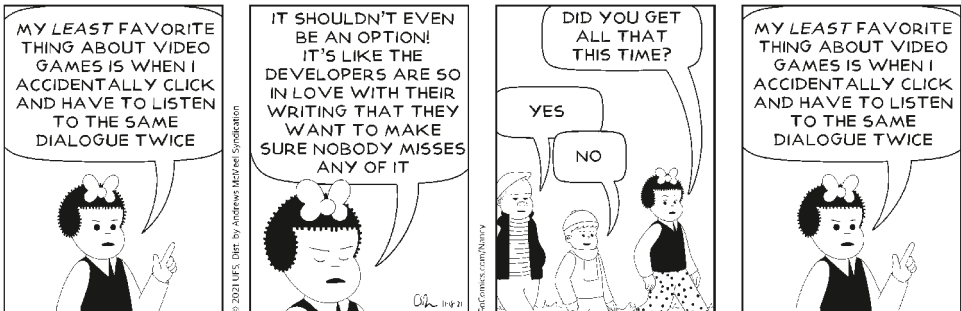
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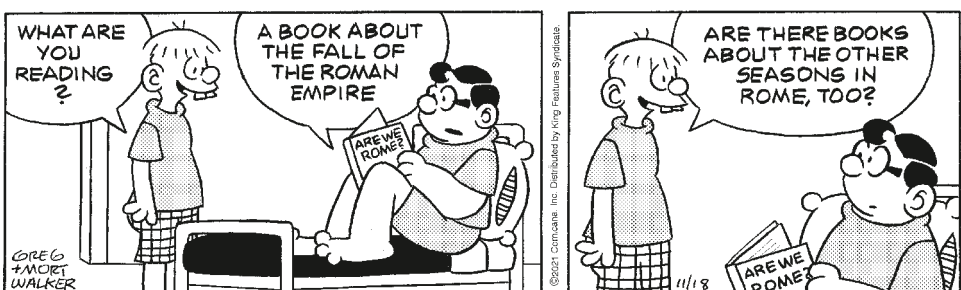
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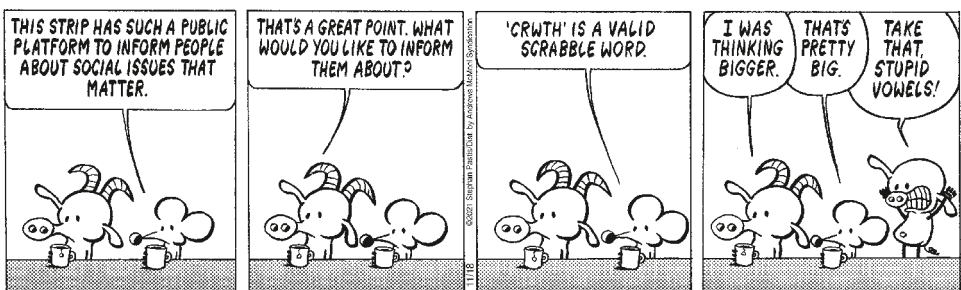
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Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

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Another Conceptis Sudoku grid with numbers and empty cells.

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