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#### **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.

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# Today's Obituaries 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 opportunity 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



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



**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 ın 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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Windy High in the mid 30s. Low in the

low 20s.



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Mankato, Minnesota

## Provocateur using race to reach Gen Z

Charlie Kirk made Mankato stop in October

**Bv 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

CAA

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,.

SWEET TALK



#### Roadrunner travels to Maine

FREEDOM, MAINE — A wayward roadrunner is on the mend in Maine after traveling across the country in a moving van.

The greater roadrunner, a species native to Southwestern states, hitched a ride in the storage area of a moving van from Las Vegas to Westbrook, Maine. Volunteers took the bird to Avian Haven, a bird rehabilitation facility in Maine.

Avian Haven representatives said that they took the call about the bird Nov. 13 and that it continued to rest Tuesday. They said in a Facebook post that the bird was in "remarkably good shape" for having been stuck in a van for four days but might have lost weight during the journey.

The center is looking at ways to return the roadrunner to Nevada once it is healthy enough, said Diane Winn, Avian Haven's executive director.

The Associated Press

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KIRK: Inflaming racial divides his forte

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For years, the conservative provocateur and his group, Turning Point USA, have built a following inflaming racial divides and stoking outrage. Kirk thrived during President Donald Trump's tenure — landing speaking spots at the Republican National Convention in 2016 and 2020 and occasionally counseling Trump on campaign messaging and tactics.

Now the 28-year-old is expanding his reach, trying to rally a next generation of aggrieved white conservatives. On a tour of college towns, he blasts schools and local governments for teaching about racism, with a confrontational style some call dangerous. Yet Kirk is drawing large crowds of millennials and Gen Zers, millions of online followers and donor cash, often with little media attention.

Kirk is stoking fear among a group that is coming of age in a time of social restlessness, said Nekima Levy Armstrong, a Minneapolis civil rights lawyer and activist.

"He's taking the discontent that some people may be experiencing and combining it with racial animus, which is a dangerous recipe in a country that is still in the midst of racial turmoil," she said.

Like many leading Republicans, including Virginia Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin and Trump, Kirk seizes on opposition to critical race theory. The once obscure academic framework has been transformed by conservatives into a catchall term for education about inclusion, diversity and systemic racism in the U.S.

Kirk's answer is a free K-12 alternative curriculum described as the key to a "reliable, honest and quality America-first education," and is aimed primarily at

homeschooling parents. It's just one offering in Kirk's buzzing conservative content portal designed to meet young people where they live online. There's also an array of podcasts hosted by Kirk and other conservative figures, and a "Professor Watchlist" to label instructors "who discriminate against conservative students and advance leftist propaganda.'

"Turning Point Live" is a three-hour streaming talk show aimed at Gen Z and featuring 20-something host John Root. Recent guests include Sen. Marsha Blackburn of Tennessee and Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan,

both Republicans. And there's plenty of swag: "Buy merch. Save

America," the site suggests. Turning Point USA's online audience is large and growing. It averaged 83,000 monthly unique visitors over the past three years, but it grew to a monthly average of 111,000 in the past year, according to the digital intelligence firm Similarweb. That's more than three times the traffic for conservative radio host Laura Ingraham's website over the past year.

That traffic is driven in part by at least a dozen social media accounts across Twitter, Facebook and Instagram that, combined, have more than 10 million followers online.

Money into Kirk's nonprofit network has followed the traffic.

Turning Point USA is a 501c3 nonprofit, meaning contributions are taxdeductible and its donors



Photos by Jackson Forderer for the Associated Press

Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk addresses an audience of about 600 at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato on Oct. 5.



Members of his Mankato audience applaud at the end of Charlie Kirk's speech.

are not disclosed. But in 2019, the most recent year for which tax records are public, Turning Point USA raised more than \$28 million, according to Internal Revenue Service filings. That's almost twice what it raised in 2014, its first-year as a tax-exempt charity.

**Though Turning Point** USA doesn't have to disclose its donors, some are foundations established by wealthy conservatives, which report their donations to the IRS in annual tax filings. A partial list reads like a roster of conservative megadonors, including foundations affiliated with the late megadonor Foster Friess and the Uihlein and Bradley families, who also help finance leading conservative policy groups such as American Legislative Exchange Council, the Cato Institute and the Federalist

Society. Kirk also leads a fundraising group aimed specifically at political advocacy. That group, Turning Point Action, has endorsed several congressional candidates for 2022. The list includes Washington's Joe Kent, Illinois' Catalina Lauf, Florida's Anna Paulina Luna and Ohio's Max Miller, all candidates who ran to oppose GOP House members who voted for Trump's second impeachment.

Kirk has shown a knack for anticipating the outrage

of the moment. He was quick to assail shutdown orders at the dawn of the pandemic, and then claimed falsely that Trump won the 2020 election. He has attacked Olympic gymnast Simone Biles, blamed spiking violent crime on efforts to defund police departments and months before Youngkin was seizing on parental



Charlie Kirk on stage at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center,

outrage in Virginia, Kirk had turned to critical race

"He works within the framework of the Trump movement. He is a good barometer of what the Republican right wing feels it can get away with," said Michael Hayden, a spokesman for the Southern Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit group that tracks far right figures and organi-

Turning Point USA was listed among the 11 groups involved in the "March to Save America" rally that preceded the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6. Days before the rally, Kirk boasted on Twitter about sending buses "full of patriots to DC to fight for this president." He later deleted the tweet.

Online contributions to Turning Point's website spiked immediately after the riot, according to Similarweb, which can track frequency of online payments

but not amounts. Kirk is not among the more than a dozen rally organizers subpoenaed by the House select committee investigating the Capitol siege. A committee spokesperson would not comment on whether Kirk has been interviewed or approached by the committee.

Lately Kirk, who did

not respond to interview requests, has stayed out of the headlines. However, an event in Idaho drew attention last month when a man shouted from a crowd: "How many elections are they going to steal before we kill these people?"

Kirk answered by denouncing the comment, but blamed the left: "They are trying to make you do something that will be violent, that will justify a takeover of your freedoms and liberties."

Raised in the upperincome Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, Kirk became politically involved young, volunteering in middle school and high school on political campaigns. His quick rise began shortly after high school when he quit attending Harper College, a Chicago-area community college, to pursue political activism and co-founded Turning Point USA with Chicago-area tea party activist and mentor Bill Montgomery.

Kirk's "Exposing Critical Racism Theory" tour has promoted recent stops in Alabama, Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas and Vermont. Last month, he packed a convention center ballroom in Mankato, Minnesota, with roughly 600 people mostly teenagers and

college students — on a Tuesday evening.

Once a prairie farming hub south of Minneapolis, Mankato has swelled into a diversifying mini-metro. Minnesota State University, food production plants and the Mayo Clinic's satellite campus all have drawn African and Latin American immigrants, while the Black population has grown steadily.)

For 90 minutes, Kirk spoke directly to the virtually all-white crowd and told them radical leftists want them to feel ashamed.

"Just because you're a white person does not mean you have to begin apologizing simply for how God made you," he said.

He repeated widely debunked claims about Floyd's criminal record and suggested that the cause of Floyd's death was a drug overdose, rather than homicide, as the medical examiner found.

Rep. Jim Hagedorn, the local Republican congressman, was in the audience and later said in a Facebook post that he "enjoyed attending" and hearing Kirk "discuss the need to stand up and defend America and our founding principles."

Riley Carlson, the campus coordinator for Turning Point USA at Minnesota State, said she didn't know much about critical race theory before the event.

"We're just excited Charlie is here to explain it," said the senior from St. Michael, a Minneapolis suburb. "There's so many different ways you can look at it. And I'm looking for where I stand on it.'

Kirk's message is a hard sell to most young people. Roughly 60% of voters younger than 30 said they think racism is a very serious problem in the United States, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 110,000 voters in the 2020 election. It's the largest percentage of any age group surveyed.

Meanwhile, Trump lost younger voters by 30 percentage points last year, VoteCast shows.

"It's a wedge issue to fire up a shrinking base," said John Della Volpe, director of polling at the Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics and an expert in young voters.

But it demonstrates Kirk's finger is on the pulse of conservative anger, said Peter Montgomery, a senior fellow with the liberal People for the American

## VIRUS: 73 newly comfirmed cases reported Wednesday in area counties

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deaths from COVID-19. It has the third-highest total among the nine area counties, but the highest death rate per 10,000 residents.

Watonwan County's pandemic death toll rose to 18. It has the fourth-lowest death rate per 10,000 residents in the region.

combined for 73 newly confirmed cases Wednesday. Blue Earth County's 27 were the most, followed by Waseca County's 11. The full list of new

cases confirmed by county Wednesday includes:

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• Le Sueur County — 5

• Watonwan County — 5

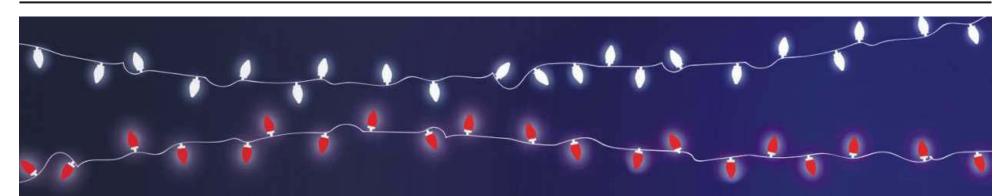
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• Sibley County — 6

• Martin County — 5

• Faribault County — 1

• Waseca County — 11 • Brown County — 7 Area counties also





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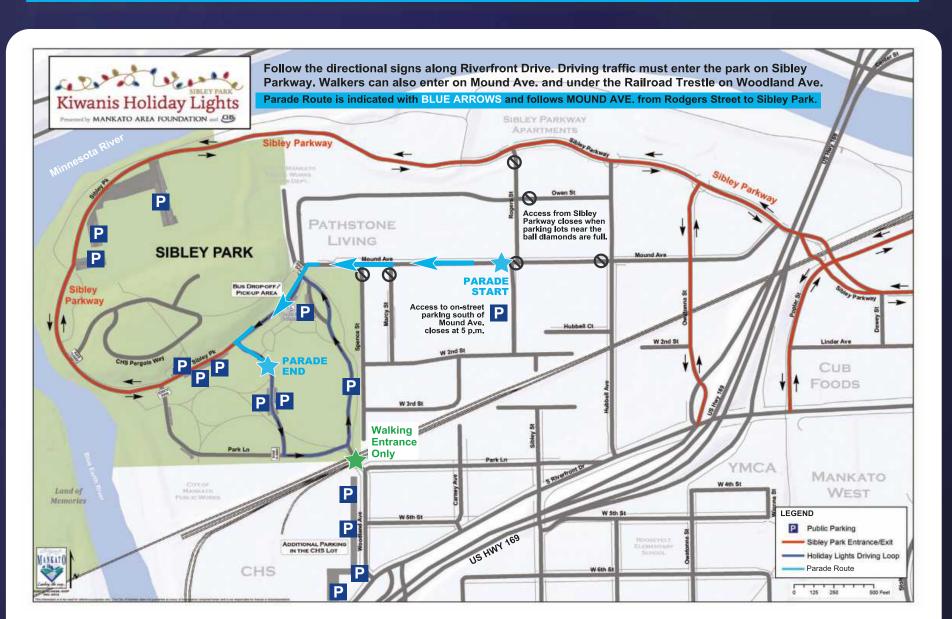
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#### NATION BRIEFS

#### 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 morn-

#### 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, Illinoisbased 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 smogshrouded 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 Vancouverand the interior of the province has been cut by washouts, flooding or landslides following recordbreaking 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 de- of paper to tell me I am fense 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 nized.' '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 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 recog-

He urged the criminal justice system to "take responsibility for the immeasurable harm it caused me." called the case "one of the

nev Cyrus Vance Jr. tweeted of justice that I have ever that his office would join the seen." 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 reported on the developments. Innocence Project co-founder Barry Scheck

Manhattan District Attor- most blatant miscarriages

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 New York Times, which first the Black Muslim organization's message at the time: racial separatism as a road to self-actualization.

## CENSURED

Ariz. rep. rebuked for violent video



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 a sword, an extraordinary rebuke that highlighted the political strains tial ramifications for Democratic

Calling the video a clear threat to a majority. 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. ander Hamilton, the nation's first

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 Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez with standard will continue to be applied in the future," a signal of potentesting Washington and the country. members should Republicans retake

> 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 Alex-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**

**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 222-3 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



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 for 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," Mc-Michael, 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 upgraded 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.

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#### 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.

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.

So, what does Hagedorn care

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



**PARKER**Washington Post

Air Force 2.
During a recent goodwill trip to France, she supposedly faked a French accent while speaking to scientists at the Pasteur Institute.

What she said was pedestrian and perhaps condescending, as though she were talking to children.

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



The Associated Pre

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.

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

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.

judgments.

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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# Target sales surge 13.2%

#### Retailer finds work-arounds on port congestion

**The Associated Press** 

**NEW YORK** — Target delivered another strong quarter, overcoming a slew of challenges, from inflationary pressures to congested ports.

The Minneapolis-based company reported Wednesday that its third-quarter profits rose nearly 47%, while sales increased 13.2%, both exceeding expectations. It also raised projections for fourth-quarter comparable store sales.

Target joins a number of retailers, including Walmart, heading into the holiday shopping season with momentum. Some of the biggest U.S. retailers are rerouting goods to less congested ports, even chartering their own vessels.

Target also said it unloaded about 60% of its containers at off-peak times.

Target and Walmart are using their scale to keep prices comparatively low and perhaps most importantly, keeping shelves full when so much is in short

Target said that inventory levels rose nearly 20% compared with the same period last year.

T.J. Maxx's parent, which posted strong fiscal third-quarter results, said that most of the inventory it needs for the holiday season has already been delivered or is scheduled to arrive in stores or online in time for the holidays.

Yet Target, like many retailers, has not been unscathed by soaring costs.

Its quarterly operating income margin rate during the quarter was 7.8%, down from 8.5% last year. Its gross margin rate was 28%, also down from last year's 30.6%. The company cited higher merchandise and freight costs, on top of rising supply chain costs.

Some of those cost increases will be permanent, company executives said Wednesday. While supply chain bottlenecks should ease over time, Target is seeing rising prices from

suppliers who are also wrestling with higher costs. Labor also remains tight and part of Target's own cost increases came from staffing up to handle online

Target's shares fell nearly 5%, or \$12.58, to close Wednesday at \$253.00.

Sales at stores that have been open for at least a year rose 9.7% in the threemonth period that ended Oct. 30. That was on top of a 9.9% growth in the same 2020 span. Target reported double-digit sales growth across all five of its key merchandise categories including food and clothing.

Online comparable sales jumped 29% compared with a blistering 155% increase a year ago before vaccines against COVID-19 became available and many Americans steered clear of indoor spaces.

Net income rose to \$1.49 billion, or \$3.04 per share, from \$1.01 billion, or \$2.01 per share, last year. Adjusted earnings per share for the recent quarter was

\$3.03, far exceeding the \$2.82 per share Wall Street had been expecting, according to a survey by FactSet.

Sales reached \$25.29 billion in the quarter, topping last year's \$22.34 billion and also the projections of industry analysts.

Target CEO Brian Cornell told reporters that Americans have been shopping throughout the year, particularly during key periods like back-to-school and Halloween.

The company now expects that same-store sales for the fourth quarter will be up in the high single digit to low double-digit percentage range, up from the previous guidance for a high-single digit increase.

Also reporting quarterly earnings Wednesday was Lowe's, which continued a string of topping Wall Street expectations in a red-hot housing market, as did Home Depot on Tuesday.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Lowe's CEO Marvin Ellison said the company secured the goods customers want and is in a "great position."

#### A DAY ON WALL STREET Nov. 17, 2021 **Dow Jones** industrials

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## Musk sales exceed current needs

He has sold more than 8 million shares of Tesla, in part to pay taxes

**The Associated Press** 

**DETROIT** — Elon Musk is selling more Tesla shares than he needs to pay current tax obligations, and experts say he's either converting part of his fortune from stock to cash, or he's saving for bigger tax bills that will come due next year.

As of early Wednesday, Musk had sold roughly 8.2 million shares in the electric car and solar panel maker in the past nine days, worth a total of just over \$8.8 billion.

Of those, Musk sold 2.8 million shares worth about \$3 billion specifically to of stock options that he exercised this week, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

That means he has sold roughly \$5 billion more in shares than he needs at present.

Under a compensation plan from 2012, Musk has options to buy 26.4 million shares. The options expire next year, and the tax bill

will come due. Wedbush analyst Daniel Ives estimates the bill to be \$10 billion to \$15 billion, depending on the stock price. Musk's options so far allowed him to buy shares at \$6.24 each, and the stock is selling for around \$1,080. Erik Gordon, a University

of Michigan business and law professor, questioned why Musk would sell that many shares now to pay obligations that come due next year. He said accruing for future tax liabilities makes sense only if Musk expects the stock price to drop.

"If you think the stock is going to go up, or if you think the stock is going to stay the same, you wouldn't be selling extra shares," he

On Nov. 6, Musk asked his 60 million Twitter followers if he should sell some of his Tesla stock. "Much is made lately of unrealized gains being a means of tax avoidance, so I propose selling 10% of my stock," he wrote. According to Musk, 58% of those who responded said yes.



Elon Musk, chief executive of Tesla and SpaceX, has sold more Tesla shares than he needs to pay current tax obligations, and experts say he's either converting part of his fortune from stock to cash, or he's saving for bigger tax bills that will come due next year.

Musk also conceded his wealth is tied up in stock, tweeting that he doesn't get a year to sell the shares, a cash salary or bonus from Badertscher said. That's anywhere. "I have only stock, thus the only way for sale, the gain is taxed as me to pay taxes personally is to sell stock," he wrote.

Musk started selling on Monday, and as of Wednesday, he had liquidated about 5% of his holdings. His federal tax obligations could be as high as 40% on proceeds from some of the sales, said Brad Badertscher, an accounting professor at the University

of Notre Dame. Musk could have cut his tax bill on the options in

half if he had exercised the options and waited because with an immediate ordinary income. In a year, Musk would pay the much lower capital gains rate, he said.

Wedbush's Ives said that while the Twitter poll is unorthodox, it telegraphed the sale to investors, preventing a huge selloff in Tesla stock. "If he didn't do the Twitter poll and just started selling stock, the stock is probably 15% lower than it is today," Ives

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**Meat futures** 

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## PRESKA: She returned to teaching after her presidency

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increased to 16,500 students, according to a biography in MSU's digital archives.

The archives detail several construction projects on campus while she led the university. The Ostrander-Student Bell Tower, Wissink Center, Memorial Library addition and Andreas Observatory were all built while she was president.

Three more projects — the Wiecking Annex, Pennington Hall and the Alumni and Foundation Building — came later from her efforts to raise private funding through MSU's foundation. The Wiecking project was reportedly the first privately funded building for state use, according to the archives.

Preska earned her undergrad degree from SUNY Brockport before earning a master's degree at Pennsylvania State University, a doctoral degree at Claremont Graduate University, and further studying at Manchester College of Oxford University.

She started her career in education as a kindergarten teacher and high school history teacher in California. Before coming to MSU, she was the academic dean at California's LaVerne College.

After her presidency, she went back to teaching history as the scholar in residence at Winona State University between 1993 and 1998. She later served as founding CEO of Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates from 1998 to 2000.

Preska remained active in the MSU community "long after her retirement," Inch stated in the email, adding she'd often attend campus events. MSU is planning a memorial service for her on campus in early summer Her family requests

memorials in lieu of flowers to be sent to the Preska Scholar Program Endowment, which is through the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation. MSU will post an "in memorium" section on its website Thursday to share more about her impact on the university.



Minnesota State University's digital archives collection

A photo in Minnesota State University's digital archives collection shows former university president Margaret Preska in 1992. Preska died Wednesday at age 83.

## Stocks recede further from highs

#### **The Associated Press**

**NEW YORK** — Stock indexes shuflfed lower on Wall Street Wednesday, pulling a bit further off their record heights. The S&P 500 fell 12.23

points, or 0.3%, to 4,688.67 after earlier drifting between a tiny gain and a 0.4% decline. It's sitting just 13.03 points below its all-time high set a week and a half ago.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 211.17, or 0.6%, to 35,931.05, and the Nasdaq composite lost 52.28, or 0.3%, to 15,921.57.

A 4.7% drop for Visa was one of the heaviest weights on the market. It fell after

longer accept U.K.-issued Visa credit cards amid a dispute about fees. The majority of stocks

Amazon said it would no

in the S&P 500 also sank, while the smaller stocks in the Russell 2000 index dropped even more, down 1.2%. But gains for some heavyweight stocks helped soften the losses. Apple rose 1.6%, and Tesla climbed 3.3%. Because they're two of the biggest stocks on Wall Street by market value, their movements carry extra weight on the S&P 500. Yields in the U.S. govern-

ment bond market, center of some of Wall Street's most turbulent action recently, pulled back following a week of big gains.

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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



seniors.

Krautkremer Leonard

are the Leonard sisters -



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Younge

Each has qualified

Sophia Leonard, Olivia Leonard, sophomore

Catherine Bittner and Younge qualified from the Section 1A meet in the 200-yard freestyle relay with a first-place time of

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 his-

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

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

Leading the way for the Scarlets

# 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 May is first S. Dakotan to skate in NHL game

By Kevin Dudley

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ourteen 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

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 the 18U AAA teams at both stops, while Walker played on the 16U

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

"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, totalthose tough years. Wyatt played on ing 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 faceto-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

"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.

De'Aaron 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

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 paternalistically 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 Vikings 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.
ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: - Myrtle Beach Invitational: Davidson vs. New Mexico St., Quarterfinal, Conway, S.C.

ESPN2 — Charleston Classic: St. Bonaven ture vs. Boise St., Quarterfinal, Charleston, S.C.
ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: Penn vs. Utah St., Quarterfinal, Conway, S.C.

— Jersey Mike's Classic: Green Bay vs. UNC-Greensboro, St. Petersburg, Fla.

3 p.m. ESPN2 - Charleston Classic: Clemson vs.

Temple, Quarterfinal, Charleston, S.C. 4:30 p.m. CBSSN — Jersey Mike's Classic: UMass vs.

Weber St., St. Petersburg, Fla. 5:30 p.m. FS1 — Ohio St. at Xavier

FS2 — New Hampshire at Providence 6 p.m. BTN — Alabama St. at Iowa

ESPN2 — Charleston Classic: Marquette vs. Mississippi, Quarterfinal, Charleston, S.C. ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: Oklahoma vs. East Carolina, Quarterfinal, Conway, S.C.

7 p.m. CBSSN - Jersey Mike's Classic: Ball St. vs. FIU, St. Petersburg, Fla. ACCN — St. Francis (Pa.) at Virginia Tech 7:30 p.m.

FS1 — Rutgers at DePaul

8 p.m.
BTN — Fairleigh Dickinson at Northwestern

ESPN2 — Charleston Classic: Elon vs. West Virginia, Quarterfinal, Charleston, S.C. ESPNU — Myrtle Beach Invitational: Indiana St. vs. Old Dominion, Quarterfinal, Conway, S.C.

9:30 p.m. CBSSN - Arizona St. at San Diego St

- Wyoming at Washington COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S) 5 p.m. ACCN -— FAU at Miami

— Tennessee Tech at Vanderbilt COLLEGE FOOTBALL 6:30 p.m.
ESPN — Louisville at Duke

PGA Tour: The RSM Classic, First Round, Sea Island Seaside Course, St. Simons Island, Ga. 2 p.m.
GOLF — LPGA Tour: The CME Group Tour

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Championship, First Round, Tiburon Golf Club
— Gold Course, Naples, Fla. 1 a.m. (Friday) GOLF — EPGA Tour: The DP World Tour

Championship, Second Round, Jumeirah Golf Estates — Earth Course, Dubai, United Arab **Emirates** 

11 a.m. FS2 - NYRA: America's Day at the Races

NBATV - Philadelphia at Denver NFL FOOTBALL

7:20 p.m. FOX — New England at Atlanta

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TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin - WTT: San Diego vs. Chicago, In-

dian Wells, Calif. 8 p.m.
NBCSN — WTT: New York vs. Orange County,

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 Au-gustana 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

Minnesota State women's swimming at Augustana Invitational, TBA, Sioux Falls, S.D. Minnesota State women's soccer vs. Okla-homa Baptist, NCAA tournament, 10 a.m., War-

State, 5 p.m

Gustavus Adolphus men's hockey at Bethel,

. Gustavus Adolphus women's hockey vs. Bethel, 7 p.m., Don Roberts Ice Rink Bethany Lutheran women's basketball vs. El-mhurst, North Park tournament, 4 p.m., Chicago Bethany Lutheran men's basketball vs. Le-Tourneau, Carroll Classic, 5 p.m., Waukesha,

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Bethel, 1 p.m.
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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

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#### Wolves summary

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MINNESOTA (107) Edwards 11-24 0-0 26, 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. Mitch ell 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)

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Seattle 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

Tuesday's Games Florida 6, N.Y. Islanders 1 N.Y. Rangers 3, Montreal 2 Buffalo 2, Pittsburgh 1 Toronto 3. Nashville 0 Philadelphia 2, Calgary 1, OT San Jose 4, Minnesota 1 Arizona 3. St. Louis 2 Winnipeg 5, Edmonton 2 Dallas 5, Detroit 2 Carolina 4, Vegas 2 Anaheim 3, Washington 2, OT Ottawa at New Jersey, ppd Wednesday's Games Colorado at Vancouve Chicago at Seattle Washington at Los Angeles Thursday's Games Calgary at Buffalo, 6 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 6 p.m. Nashville at Ottawa, ppd New Jersey at Florida, 6 p.m.

Pittsburgh at Montreal, 6 p.m. Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m Dallas at Minnesota, 7 p.m. San Jose at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Columbus at Arizona, 8 p.m. Winnipeg at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Carolina at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

**Transactions** 

Major League Baseball

American League LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHP Noah Syndergaard on a one-year contract. National League MIAMI MARLINS — Named Marcus Thames hitting coach, Al Pedrique third base/infield coach, Edwar Gonzalez assistant hitting coach and Eric Duncan quality assurance coach.

# 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. For others, it may be to help pay for school.

However, for the vast majority, it's because of a passion for a particular sport or sports, and the camaraderie that comes with being part of a team.

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

tournament.

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Last week, the NCAA Division I Competition Oversight Committee approved the expansion of the NCAA women's hockey tournament from eight to 11 teams. The change could go into effect this season but will certainly take place for the 2022-23 season.

"All players ... want to

play for a national championship," Minnesota State women's hockey coach John

Harrington said. 'There's certainly deserving teams that have been left out. This will go a long way toward rewarding teams that deserve to have an opportunity to

play for a national The Free Press championship." 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

**KEVIN** 

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change. 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. With the bump to 11, that figure now sits at 26.8%.

This change is good for all teams.

Athletes want to feel like

they're playing to reach the pinnacle of their sport, and three more teams now get a crack at that.

However, for a program in MSU's position, it could be an even bigger deal.

In the eight-team format, four spots were already taken by automatic bids, with the CHA, Hockey East, ECAC Hockey and WCHA all sending their respective conference tournament champions.

That leaves only four atlarge bids.

For MSU, competing in a league with three teams that have won 17 of the 20 national championships in the tournament's history, getting one of those at-large bids is always difficult.

We don't know how the three extra bids will be allocated, and 11 is a bit of an odd number. However, if they are indeed at-large bids, that's going to be a very big deal. Playing in arguably the

toughest and deepest conference in the nation, MSU has a chance to prove itself every weekend.

MSU's early-season conference schedule this year has been brutal. They've already played Wisconsin and Minnesota, No. 1 and No. 4 in the PairWise rankings, respectively. They have a series at No. 2 Ohio State this weekend.

There's no such thing as a soft win, which is why despite being 5-7 overall and 1-7 in the WCHA, the Mavericks are still currently 20th in the PairWise.

With a schedule like that, what may have seemed like a gauntlet before now feels a little bit more like an opportunity.

"We'll know that ... if we can work ourselves up the standings, or develop ourselves, develop our program to the point where we can contend in our league ... that's going to really improve our chances of getting one of these spots in the national tournament," Harrington said.

Follow Kevin Dudley on Twitter @Dudley7Kevin.

## VIKINGS: A renewed focus on Jefferson, Thielen

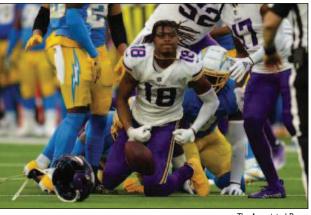
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Jefferson has the second most at this career point in the history of the NFL's Super Bowl era that began in 1966. Only Odell Beckham Jr. (2,625) had more.

"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. "I really didn't get that many opportunities the last games. This game stressed giving me the ball, giving me the opportunity to go up and make a play, and definitely grateful for that."

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

"We made a kind of big adjustment during practice," Jefferson said, "just giving the playmakers the ball whenever they need



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

The big question for Cousins and offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak was why such accommodation was necessary in the first place. Dallas and Baltimore made concerted efforts to blanket Jefferson and Thielen with safeties, to be sure, and Cousins faced as much pressure in those games as he has all season. The play calling always fac-

Part of the issue, though, is the personality and tendency of the quarterback himself.

"I'm pretty methodical," Cousins acknowledged on Sunday, essentially dismissing the notion that he'd taken a more aggressive approach to the game in Los Angeles.

As for targeting Jefferson?

worked him, he was not doubled. Most of the times I didn't work him, he was,' Cousins said. "So I guess they didn't double him just enough to give us the opportunities to give him the ball. They were pretty intentional about putting a safety over the top of where he was lining up, and we had to get creative with the routes he would run, how we could still get him the football."

Thielen, not to be forgotten in this discussion, had five catches for 65 yards on seven targets.

In the overtime loss to the Ravens, he had only two receptions for 6 yards on seven targets, one a touchdown.

Ultimately, given the proven accuracy and strength of his arm, the Vikings want Cousins to be more willing in certain spots to look for Jefferson and Thielen even when the coverage is tight

## **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 topeight seeds are Olivia Leonard in both the IM and breaststroke, Sophia Leonard in the backstroke and Bittner in the breaststroke.

"Those are our best chances for top finishes." said West coach Dave Burgess. "Lucy Vogt was sick and had to miss the section meet so we're going to put her back into the 200 free relay at state. Bittner filled

in for Vogt at sections, but she's fine just swimming her other two events."

West's other state entrant is senior Jenna Sikel. She's the first diver to perform at state for the Scarlets in five years and qualified with a third-place total of 298.5 points at sections.

Mankato East/Loyola has two state entrants, but Jayne Satre, who qualified in the 500 freestyle (2nd, 5:30.84), will not be able to compete due to illness. That leaves junior diver Marah Dauk, who advanced with a fourth-place score of 295.3 at the section meet.

"This was my goal," said Dauk, who is a longtime gymnast. "I feel like I've improved 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 l. 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."

**2. The penalty kill:** The MSU penalty kill went 4 for 8 last weekend against Bowling Green, something that didn't bite MSU too

bad because the Mavericks scored five times with the man-advantage in the series. Still, the Falcons were able to score three powerplay 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 Tom**mies:** 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.

Follow Kevin Dudley on Twitter @Dudley7Kevin.



Trucks crew news: David Gilliland Racing (DGR) announced that crew chief Jerry Baxter will join the team to lead the No. 15 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series (NCWTS) entry with driver Tanner Gray for the 2022 season. Baxter brings a wealth of knowledge to the young NCWTS team with over 35 years of experience in NASCAR.

#### TRUCKS CHAMP: **ANOTHER LOOK**



**TITLE WINNER: Ben Rhodes** 

Ben Rhodes opened the season with a statement, winning back-toback races at Daytona and the track's road course layout. Those proved to be his only two wins throughout the remainder of the regular season, but his consistency radiated throughout the year with seven top-five finishes, 15 top 10s and a trio of runner-up finishes heading into Phoenix.

The Phoenix finale caps off a career year for Rhodes in the Truck Series, including his first multi-win season, but he's no stranger to success behind the wheel.

Before landing at the top of the Truck Series standings, Rhodes burst onto the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East (now ARCA Menards East) scene with a stellar 2014 campaign. At 17 years old, Rhodes scored five wins, 11 top fives, 13 top 10s and six pole awards in 16 races. He had just five finishes outside the top four all season, resulting in a series championship. That same year, Rhodes ran four races in the Truck Series and brought home three top-10 results.

That early success landed Rhodes a part-time ride in the Xfinity Series, driving 10 races for JR Motorsports in 2015. One year later, he earned into a full-time role in the Truck Series behind the wheel for ThorSport and hasn't looked back since. Rhodes joins veteran Matt Crafton (2013, 2014, 2019) on the list of championship drivers for ThorSport.

"I wouldn't even be here today if it wasn't for Duke and Rhonda (Thorson, ThorSport team owners)," Rhodes said. "They gave me my opportunity in this sport. They were my very first full-time national team that I raced for and I've been with them ever since. They're so amazing and I can't even begin to thank them enough. This has just been a ride of a lifetime. I hope it's not over. I want to keep going now. This is amazing."



Ben Rhodes at a post-win press conference



Ben Rhodes, driver of the #99 Bombardier LearJet 75 Chevrolet. practicing prior to his Camping **World Truck Series Championship** at Phoenix Nov. 5.

(Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

#### **CUP CHAMP: ANOTHER LOOK**



Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, leads the field to the green flag to start the Cup Series Championship at Phoenix Nov. 7, on his way to the title. (Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

## Larson's comeback season a perfect 10

yle Larson won. No surprise, Hendrick Motorsports crew to get the No. right? He was, after all, the overwhelming 2-1 betting favorite to win NASCAR's season-ending championship race.

Suspended nearly all of last season for using a racial slur, Larson closed his comeback season in NASCAR with his first championship at Phoenix Raceway.

Larson was in tears during his cooldown laps as he reflected on his rebuild from out-of-work driver to 10-win Cup champion.

Eighteen months ago, I didn't even think I'd be in a Cup car again. Strapping in for the Daytona 500 didn't even seem real, let alone winning the championship," Larson said. "It's definitely been a journey, a rollercoaster. I'm very thankful for my second chance and every opportunity I've been given in these last 18 months. Life's a crazy thing. Just stay positive through it."

Larson led seven times for a race-high 108 laps but was running fourth, last among the title contenders, as teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin controlled the championship late in a pair of Toyotas.

Then a caution reset everything. Because he won the pole in qualifying, Larson had the first stall on pit road and the shortest sprint back onto the track of the four title contenders. He silently prayed for a flawless service call from his

5 Chevrolet back on track ahead of his three title rivals. Wow, did the No. 5 team deliver.

Larson's crew performed its secondfastest stop of the season - a span that stretches 38 races - and Larson wentfrom last among the final four to first.

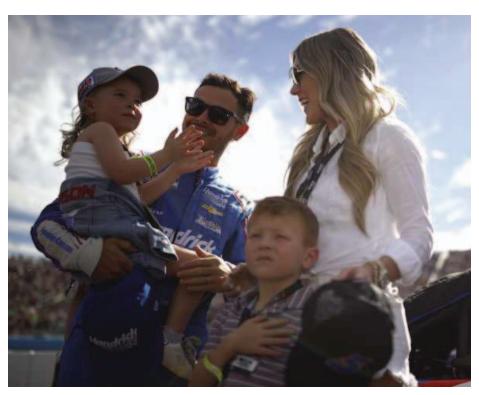
"I knew the only way we were going to pull it off is if our pit crew got us off as a leader, and damn, they did. That was just crazy," Larson said. "Those guys nailed the

Larson controlled the restart with 25 laps remaining, quickly cleared Martin Truex Jr., then held off several of Truex's challenges. There was no stopping Larson, just as he's been impossible to stop all season, and he drove to his 10th Cup victory of the year.

He beat Truex to the finish line by an easy .398 seconds.

"There were so many points in this race where I did not think we were going to win," Larson said. "Without my pit crew on that last stop, we would not be standing right here. They are the true winners of this race. They are true champions.

"I'm just blessed to be a part of this group. Every single man or person, man and woman at Hendrick Motorsports, this win is for all of us, and every one of you. This is unbelievable. I'm speechless."



Kyle Larson with his his wife Katelyn, son Owen and daughter Audrey prior to his Cup Series Championship at Phoenix Nov. 7. (Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images)

#### **VOTE NOW FOR 2021'S MOST POPULAR DRIVER**

Voting for the 2021 National Motorsports Press Association (NMPA) Most Popular Driver Award is now open at nascar.com/mostpopulardriver or on the NASCAR app.

Votes shared by fans on Facebook and/or Twitter count double. Voting closes Dec. 1.

To be eligible, drivers must have declared for series points and be in the top 32 in NASCAR Cup Series points.

The 2021 NMPA Most Popular Driver will be announced at the Cup Series Awards program Dec. 2. NBCSN, MRN and SiriusXM will provide coverage.

The award was first presented to Curtis Turner in 1949 at the completion of NASCAR's inaugural season. It has been administered by the NMPA and

presented annually by the organization since 1983 and remains the only major NASCAR award determined solely by fan

Twenty drivers have received the award at least once since the program began. NMPA Hall of Fame member and 1988 Cup Series champion Bill Elliott holds the record for most popular driver award wins with 16 - 1984-1988, 1991-2000 and 2002.

#### **2021 CUP SERIES** WINNERS

Feb. 9: Busch Clash (Kyle Busch) Feb. 14: Daytona 500 (Michael McDowell) Feb. 21: Daytona Road Course (Christopher Bell) Feb. 28: Homestead (William Byron) March 7: Vegas (K. Larson) March 14: Phoenix (Martin Truex Jr.)

March 21: Atlanta (Ryan Blaney) March 28: Bristol (dirt) (Joey Logano) April 10: Martinsville (Martin Truex Jr.) April 18: Richmond (Alex Bowman) April 25: Talladega (Brad Keselowski) May 2: Kansas (Kyle Busch) May 9: Darlington (Martin Truex Jr.) May 16: Dover (Alex Bowman)

May 23: Austin (Chase

May 30: Charlotte (Kyle Larson) June 6: Sonoma (Kyle Larson) June 13: Texas All-Star (Kyle Larson)

June 20: Nashville (K. Larson) June 26: Pocono (A. Bowman) June 27: Pocono (Ky. Busch) July 4: Road America (Chase Elliott) July 11: Atlanta (Ku. Busch)

July 18: New Hampshire (Aric Almirola) Aug. 8: The Glen (K. Larson) Aug. 15: Indy (AJ Allmendinger)

Aug. 22: Michigan (R. Blaney)

Aug. 28: Daytona (R.Blaney) PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 16

Sept. 5: Darlington (D. Hamlin) Sept. 11: Richmond (M.Truex) Sept. 18: Bristol (K.Larson)

**PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 12** Sept. 26: Vegas (D. Hamlin) Oct. 4: Talladega (B.Wallace)

Oct. 10: Char. Roval (K.Larson)

**PLAYOFFS ROUND OF 8** Oct. 17: Texas (K. Larson) Oct. 24: Kansas (K.Larson)

Oct. 31: Martinsville (A.Bowman) **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND** Nov. 7: Phoenix: (K. Larson)

#### **XFINITY CHAMP: ANOTHER LOOK**

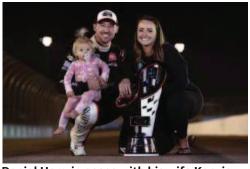


**TITLE WINNER: Daniel Hemric** 

In the Xfinity Playoffs, Daniel Hemric elevated his consistency with five top fives in the six races entering Phoenix and an average finish of 5.3 second-best among the Championship 4 drivers. He had particularly strong runs in the Round of 8 at Texas (second to Joe Gibbs teammate John Hunter Nemechek) and Martinsville (third to Gragson and Cindric).

"Knew that, whatever reason, it was going to work out," Hemric said. "Even when I felt like I gave one up last week in order to make sure we got here as a race team, I knew there was a purpose. I knew the good Lord had a plan. I promise you there can't be much more of a testament of continuing to show up when you don't want to, when you don't think you can anymore.

"For whatever reason I knew when I had that dream two months ago that it was going to come full circle," he added. "We didn't really have a good short run car all night, and Dave Rogers made incredible adjustments to give me exactly what I needed to keep me in sight with an opportunity when we saw the white flag. That's all I wanted, all I needed."



Daniel Hemric poses with his wife Kenzie and daughter Rhen Haven after winning the Xfinity Championship at Phoenix Nov. 6. (Sean Gardner/Getty Images)

#### 2021 CUP SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 30 (champ in bold)

Rank/Driver F	oints	Rank/Driver Po	oints
1 Kyle Larson #5	5040	16 M McDowell #34	2152
2 Martin Truex Jr #19	5035	17 Austin Dillon #3	935
3 Denny Hamlin #11	5034	18 M DiBenedetto #21	775
4 Chase Elliott #9	5032	19 Chris Buescher #17	771
5 Kevin Harvick #4	2361	20 Ross Chastain #42	729
6 Brad Keselowski #2	2354	21 Bubba Wallace #23	699
7 Ryan Blaney #12	2350	22 R Stenhouse Jr #47	666
8 Joey Logano #22	2336	23 Chase Briscoe #14	655
9 Kyle Busch #18	2318	24 Erik Jones #43	641
10 William Byron #24	2306	25 Daniel Suarez #99	634
11 Kurt Busch #1	2297	26 Cole Custer #41	575
12 Chris Bell #20	2279	27 Ryan Preece #37	557
13 Tyler Reddick #8	2250	28 Ryan Newman #6	546
14 Alex Bowman #48	2240	29 Corey Lajoie #7	448
15 Aric Almirola #10	2215	30 Anthony Alfredo #38	352

#### 2021 XFINITY SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

10p 20 (champ in bola)				
Rank/Driver P	oints	Rank/Driver	Points	
1 Daniel Hemric #18	4040	11 Riley Herbst #98	2157	
2 Austin Cindric #22	4035	12 Jer Clements #51	2126	
3 Noah Gragson #9	4025	13 Ty Gibbs #54	663	
4 AJ Allmendinger #16	6 4023	14 Ryan Sieg #38	643	
5 Justin Allgaier #7	2300	15 Michael Annett #1	638	
6 Justin Haley #11	2244	16 Brandon Brown #68	3 620	
7 Brandon Jones #19	2239	17 Josh Berry #31	540	
8 Harrison Burton #20	2194	18 Josh Williams #92	531	
9 Myatt Snider #2	2172	19 Alex Labbe #36	502	
10. Jeb Burton #10	2162	20 Tommy J Martins #	44 497	

#### 2021 TRUCK SERIES FINAL STANDINGS

Top 20 (champ in hold)

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Rank/Driver P	oints	Rank/Driver	<b>Points</b>
1 Ben Rhodes #99	4034	11 Grant Enfinger #9	589
2 Zane Smith #21	4032	12 Johnny Sauter #13	505
3 J. H. Nemechek #4	4030	13 Derek Kraus #19	480
4 Matt Crafton #88	4025	14 A. Wayne Self #22	447
5 Sheldon Creed #2	2325	15 Tyler Ankrum #26	432
6 Stewart Friesen #52	2275	16 Ryan Truex #40	404
7 Todd Gilliland #38	2262	17 Hailie Deegan #1	360
8 Chandler Smith #18	2230	18 Tanner Gray #15	323
9 Austin Hill #16	2210	19 Chase Purdy #23	311
10 Carson Hocevar #42	2204	20 Tate Fogleman #12	2 283

Xfinity notable quote: In 2022, Joe Gibbs Racing Xfinity champ Daniel Hemric will drive the No. 11 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet in the Xfinity Series. He will be the first reigning champion to drive for another organization since Tyler Reddick won the title for JR Motorsports in 2018 before moving to RCR the following year. "It isn't for all those kids, about racing trying to get to a level, it's about people in life. It's about coming from nothing and making yourself all that you work for. That's what it's all about. This is the American dream, I'm living proof of it. Just **unbelievable.**" Hemric, who capped the title with a sweet backflip, post-championship



(Gettv)

**Friday** 

Partly sunny,

breezy and not



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#### Almanac Mankato through 1 p.m. yesterday

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High	. 41°
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Yesterday Season to date Normal season to date ...... 1176 Last season to date

#### Soil Temperature

In Waseca, as of Nov. 16 ...... 37° Source: Minnesota Climatology Working Group

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#### **Today Tonight** Partly sunny A moonlit sky and breezy

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National Allergy Bureau **Sun and Moon** 

Grass

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**Trees** 

Weeds

The Sun

Today

Saturday

The Moon

Full

Nov 19

Day

**Pollen Yesterday** 



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Rise

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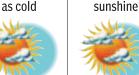
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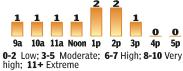


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Today	Low
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#### **River Conditions**

Through 7 a.m. Wed.	Flood stage	Yest.	24-hr change
Blue Earth River			
Rapidan		. 2.46 .	0.04
Le Sueur River			
near Rapidan		. 1.90 .	0.01
<b>Little Cobb River</b>			
Beauford		. N.A	N.A.
<b>Minnesota River</b>			
Henderson	732	716.9	0.06
Jordan	20	. 8.47 .	0.06
Lac Qui Parle		26.03	1.45
Mankato	22	. 5.11 .	0.08
Montevideo	14	. 8.45 .	0.50
Ortonville		. 3.00 .	+0.37
Waterway Diver			

#### **Weather History**

15°

Sunday

A morning

shower, then

breezy; colder

Four people were killed by a massive mudslide near Hubbard Creek, Ore., on Nov.

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29°

Monday

Partly sunny

and cold

16°

#### **Regional Cities**

City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Austin	34/20/pc	41/31/pc
Baudette	31/19/sf	31/18/c
Bemidji	27/13/sf	34/20/c
Blue Earth	34/20/pc	42/31/c
Brainerd	30/15/sf	36/23/c
Duluth	31/20/sf	34/25/c
Faribault	34/20/pc	41/30/pc
Gaylord	34/21/pc	41/29/c
Grand Forks, ND	27/14/pc	36/18/c
Hibbing	30/13/sf	33/16/c
International Falls	31/16/sf	34/18/c
La Crosse, WI	36/22/pc	40/34/pc
Le Sueur	35/22/pc	42/30/pc
Madelia	33/22/pc	43/29/pc
Madison Lake	33/21/pc	41/31/pc
Mapleton	33/20/pc	42/29/pc
Marshall	34/21/pc	43/28/pc
Minneapolis	34/21/pc	41/31/pc
Moorhead	31/19/pc	38/21/c
New Ulm	33/22/pc	40/29/c
Owatonna	33/20/pc	40/30/pc
Rochester	33/19/pc	37/30/pc
St. Cloud	33/20/pc	39/26/c
St. Paul	35/21/pc	41/31/pc
St. Peter	34/22/pc	42/31/pc
Sioux Falls, SD	38/23/s	46/26/pc
Waseca	33/20/pc	41/31/pc
Wells	33/20/pc	41/31/pc

#### **World Cities**

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	54/50/c	55/47/c
Baghdad	77/48/s	76/50/s
Beijing	53/33/pc	49/38/pc
Berlin	49/47/sh	53/48/c
Jerusalem	66/51/pc	62/53/pc
Johannesburg	84/58/t	78/56/pc
London	57/49/c	56/46/pc
Moscow	33/32/c	35/31/sn
Paris	50/40/c	51/41/c
Rio de Janeiro	85/72/pc	75/70/t
Sydney	74/67/pc	78/67/c

60/52/c

64/53/pc

#### **National Cities**

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	Today	Fri.		
City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W		
Anchorage	5/0/s	7/3/s		
Atlanta	74/38/c	61/38/s		
Austin	63/40/pc	67/44/s		
Baltimore	71/40/pc	49/31/pc		
Boston	66/43/pc	49/33/pc		
Charleston, SC	77/57/pc	63/40/s		
Charlotte	75/42/pc	59/31/s		
Chicago	39/25/s	39/32/s		
Dallas	62/37/s	63/47/s		
Denver	54/34/pc	65/37/pc		
Des Moines	42/24/s	46/33/c		
Detroit	44/29/c	44/31/pc		
Fargo	30/19/pc	38/21/c		
Honolulu	84/73/pc	85/73/s		
Houston	66/47/c	68/47/s		
Kansas City	49/29/s	52/39/pc		
Las Vegas	69/51/pc	71/52/pc		
Los Angeles	70/52/c	69/53/c		
Memphis	55/33/pc	55/35/s		
Miami	79/72/r	80/73/t		
Milwaukee	39/26/pc	41/32/pc		
New York City	65/42/pc	47/35/pc		
Omaha	46/27/s	52/34/pc		
Orlando	82/68/sh	78/67/pc		
Phoenix	83/56/s	81/57/pc		
Rapid City	45/28/s	55/30/pc		
San Antonio	63/46/pc	68/49/s		
San Francisco	61/53/c	63/52/r		
San Diego	67/56/c	68/55/c		
Seattle	47/42/r	47/39/pc		
Tampa	80/69/r	79/67/pc		
Tucson	80/51/s	83/49/pc		
Washington, DC	74/41/sh	49/35/pc		

#### **National Summary**

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# 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

Only the youths who were drawn in a lottery are allowed 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 incity 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 longtime 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 Septem-

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-yearold 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, KVRR reported.

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

The Associated Press

# TRADES TRYOUT



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 work station 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. "He would



Kevin Paap

to the Farm Bureau title, but first he'd say: 'I'm Kevin Paap, I'm a fourthgeneration 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 duespaying 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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#### **O**BITUARIES

#### **Ardith Mary Kohnert**



OBITUARY INFORMA-

ARDITH MARY KOHN-ERT, age 91 of Waseca, Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

19, 1930, Ardith was the daughter of Arthur Matthew and Kathleen Mary (Fox) Hutchens. The family moved to the Waldorf area in 1942. Ardith and Lowell Dean

Kohnert met when they caught each other's eyes across the Waldorf school classroom. Following her graduation from Waldorf High School in 1948, Lowell and Ardith were married by Father miller) Trimbo at the family home in St. Henry, Le Sueur Coun-Henry Russel in St. Mary's Catholic Church on February 1, 1951. The temperature was 33 degrees below zero. The newlyweds drove on Route 66 to warmer weather for their honeymoon. Upon their return, Ardith and Lowell settled in Waseca where they lived their entire married life (70+ years) and raised seven chil-

husband, Lowell of Waseca; her children, Bradley of Chicago, IL, Greg (Terri) of Milwaukee, WI, Jeff (Jill) of Sequim, WA, Lori (Steve) of St. Paul, Kathryn (Lee) of Minnetonka, Steve (Monica) of Hampton, VA, and Mary (Rick) of Topanga, CA; seventeen grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and siblings Duane Hutchens, Donald Hutchens, and Betty Scadden. Ardith was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Arthur Hutchens, Jr; and many friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Waseca. Visitation will be held for one hour before the service at the church. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery in Waseca. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Sacred Heart Catholic School. Dennis Funeral & Cremation Services in Waseca is handling the arrangements. dennisfuneralhomes.com

## **Search warrants** unsealed in probe of billionaire Sanford

**The Associated Press** 

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — South Dakota investigators probed an email account belonging to billionaire banker-turned philanthropist T. Denny Sanford, as well as his cellular and internet service providers, for possible possession of child pornography, according to search warrants unsealed Wednesday.

The investigation into Sanford was reported last year by ProPublica and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. Both news outlets went to court for access to the search warrants. The state Supreme Court ruled last month, in a case that only publicly named an "implicated individual," to unseal the warrants and the corresponding lists of what investigators found.

The unsealing of the legal documents Wednesday was the first time investigative documents have been released that name Sanford. However, the affidavits from an agent with South Dakota's Division of Criminal Investigation agent will remain sealed until the investigation is concluded or criminal charges are filed, as allowed under state law. The affidavits, which are sworn statements from law enforcement officers, could detail what investigators found and why the billionaire was under investigation.

Sanford came to the attention of investigators in late 2019, according to the search warrants. A Division of Criminal Investigation agent requested a search warrant seeking information relating to an email account associated with him that December. The agent followed up with a request for four more search warrants on his cellular and internet service providers in March

Sanford has not been

passed away at her home on Born in Austin on October

including leading Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H, Band Boosters, driving to football, basketball, dance, swim, and music activities. She also enjoyed the year-round swimming of family and friends at home (even though she could not swim). In addition to caring for her family, Ardith was a bookkeeper for 46 years for Kohnert & Youngberg Construction. She volunteered with many organizations including Catholic Daughters at Sacred Heart Catholic son and DeAnna Hoffmeister. Church and the Waseca Hospital Board. She played bridge for 60 years with the same group, was an avid reader and crafter, and enjoyed flower arranging, needlework, and crossword puzzles. law, John Sullivan; sister-in-law Rose Trimbo. Ardith traveled throughout the U.S. as well as to Europe, Mexico, Central and South America, and Asia, most often with or to visit family. A special blessing was attending Pope John Paul II's Easter Mass at the Vatican with Lowell, their oldest son Bradley, and hundreds of thousands of others.

Ardith's family was her pride and joy. She is survived by her

charged with a crime and it remains unclear if he will

face any charges. "The ultimate fact remains that the investigating authorities have not found information to support criminal charges," said Sanford's attorney Marty

The legal form that lists what investigators turned up in their search warrants - known as a "verified inventory" — did not detail what investigators found, but indicated that reports and documents from Sanford's cellular and internet providers had been attached to an investigative report.

Jackley also pointed out that Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg's office called statements on the investigation from anonymous sources inaccurate.

Ravnsborg had determined there was sufficient evidence to move toward prosecuting Sanford last year, two people briefed on the matter by law enforcement previously told the Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it.

However, the attorney general passed the case to the U.S. Department of Justice because it spanned to Arizona, California and Nebraska, according to both people. Federal prosecutors have given no indication that they are bringing charges against Sanford.

The DOJ did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In an email from Ravnsborg released Wednesday, the attorney general told a South Dakota judge last year that "multiple states and jurisdictions" were involved and that he would need to consult with the DOJ about the request to access the search warrants.

The 85-year-old is the state's richest man, worth an estimated \$3.4 billion.

#### Kathleen Elizabeth Peters



Kathleen Elizabeth Peters age 84 of St. Peter, died Sunday, November 14, 2021 at Benedictine Living Community in St. Peter.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at the Church of St. Peter. Visitation will be held on Tuesday starting at 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in

St. Peter. St. Peter Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Kathy was born October 30, 1937 to Mark and Helen (Haggenty. She was united in marriage to Clinton Peters on November 25, 1954 at the Catholic Church in St. Peter. Kathy was a home-

maker for her family. She was a member of Church of St. Peter. She enjoyed sewing, spending time at the lake and especially her

(Vicky), John, Ray, Dave (Denise), Lisa (Bob) Schultz, Jim at state parks across Minnesota and Wisconsin. (Julie), and Bob (Kelsie); 21 grandchildren: Mike, Nick, Bill, Cyndi, Teresa, Jake, Gary, Jason, Billy, Brian, Brooke, Jessica, Jennie, Craig, Aaron, Corey, Isaak, Addyson, Elijah, Henry and Archer.; 21 great grandchildren; brother: Mike (Judy) Trimbo; sister Pat Sullivan; and other relatives and friends: Sandy Ander-

2018; two granddaughters, Lora and Sara Johnson; brother-in-

#### **Duane R. Peterson**

Duane R. Peterson, age 78 of St. Peter, passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at home surrounded by family.

Arrangements are pending with St. Peter Funeral Home. www.saintneterfuneralhome.

#### About **Obituaries**

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#### **Lorraine Hansen**



Lorraine Hansen died peacefully the night of November 9 at the New Richland, MN, Care Center after sustaining a serious injury in a fall three weeks earlier. She was 76 years old.

As a long-time elementary school teacher—more than 30 years with Mankato Public Schools—Lorraine guided perhaps as many as a thousand children through the formative

years of their early schooling. She met her husband Glenn, also a teacher, while studying for her education degree at Mankato State College in the 1960s. Glenn and Lorraine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the summer of 2014 with a party at Spring Lake Park, their giant "backyard," just a month before Glenn passed away.

Both Glenn and Lorraine maintained that their three favorite things about teaching were June, July, and August, and they Kathy is survived by her 11 children: Becky (Charlie) Homer, made the most of those vacation months. They enjoyed camping For 25 years Ardith was involved with her children's activities Deb (Rick) Johnson-Zuti, Mark (Sandy), Pam Tollefson, Paul with their family—especially their grandchildren—every summer

Lorraine enjoyed reading, writing, and painting, as well as activities at her church. She was an avid supporter of the arts. Her creativity, humor, and unparalleled wit informed her interactions with everyone she encountered. She was also a recipient of the Martin Luther King Jr. Pathfinder Award.

Lorraine is survived by her daughter Chersti Hansen and her She was preceded in death by her parents; Husband Clinton in husband Joe Breiter of Brainerd; son-in-law Matthew Doyle of Greeley, CO; grandchildren Lyric and Liam Doyle, both of Green Bay; her mother Gladys Samuelson of Duluth; her sister Marlaine Branton (Mike) of Fort Myers, FL, and brother Kiff Samuelson (Renee) of Duluth; and nieces Traci Lyngstad, Aimee Chelman, Aleesha Drost, and Andrea Borich, and nephew Kris Samuelson. She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn and daughter Chandra, and her father Daniel Samuelson.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 4 at New Creation World Outreach Church, 1124 N. River Dr., North Mankato, MN, followed by a luncheon at the Spring Lake Park Warming House (adjacent to the pool) in North Mankato. For those wishing to make a memorial in Lorraine's honor, please consider a contribution to Mayo Hospice.

A memorial service will be held from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on 2021-12-04 at New Creation World Outreach Church, 1124 N River Dr, North Mankato, MN, USA.

# **Exhibit documents freeway toll**

By Sonja Kleven

Minnesota Public Radio News

It's been more than 50 years since the U.S. government started spending billions of dollars on interstate highways

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to link American cities.

But the cost of those freeways was much more than just financial. They also cut through the heart of vibrant neighborhoods,

including in the Twin Cities — displacing residents, and communities of color in particular. The far-reaching impact of the freeway construction is the subject of an exhibit that opened at the Hennepin History Museum this fall: "Human Toll: A Public History of

"It really was much harder on the Black community who had very few housing choices to begin with due to racist housing policies and practices, and prejudices, and then just had tremendous difficulties finding replacement housing," said Greg Donofrio, a professor of historic preservation and public history at the University of Minnesota, who worked with south

Minneapolis community members for two years to document the history and create the exhibit. In 1960, more than 80

percent of the Black population living in Minneapolis resided in the paths Minnesota

of the new freeways.

"We were all young, we were 12, 13 [years old]," recalled Louis Moore. "We were all baffled as to what this was all about. To us it

was, 'Why the heck are they tearing all of this stuff down? This is my neighborhood. What's this about?"

His parents had bought a house on 43rd Street and 3rd Avenue in south Minneapolis in 1954, just a half block from where the highway would be built a few years later.

"It was traumatic for me because I had a lot of friends that lived on the other side of what is now 35W," said Moore, founder of the Major Taylor Cycling Club of Minnesota and part of the community effort behind the new exhibit. "When they came through, it of course divided the neighborhood immensely."

Speaking earlier this fall in a park near where he

grew up, Moore explained that before bridges were built across the new freeway, the only way for kids to get across was to climb down into the construction

the idea that they could put a house up on a big trailer with a semitruck and haul it — not fast, but haul it down the street," Moore Moore then realized that

those were the homes of people who could afford to have their houses relocated. The rest were demolished. The state offered homeowners compensation, but many offers were below the

"We used to come over

here and just kinda stand

around and kinda gawk at

"Unfortunately during the time that they constructed these freeways, they went though the communities that they felt were least resistant. And the majority of those were Black communities," Moore said.

actual value of the houses.

A similar situation played out in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood, which was devastated by the construction of Interstate 94.

The new exhibit specifically explores the stories of marginalized communities in the Twin Cities, but Donofrio said their experiences are not isolated.

"This is part of a nationwide trend, a pattern that took place all over the United States, of freeways being built through or along the edge of Black communities in particular," Donofrio said.

It took two years for his team to gather materials for the exhibit, an effort that relied on people who lived the history.

'There were members of the south Minneapolis community who showed up every week. Members of the community who went into the archives with us and who helped us create meaning out of these sources of information," he said.

They gave oral histories, donated documents and photographs, and helped with research and exhibit development.

"I think it's important for people who've been in the community for a while, especially us older folks, to let people know what the history is," Moore said.

"Human Toll: A Public History of 35W" will be on display at the Hennepin History Museum until next October. Admission is free until the end of this year.

#### **N.D.** benefits from higher oil prices

BISMARCK, N.D. —

Climbing U.S. oil prices that have motorists paying more at the gas pumps are adding to North Dakota's bottom line.

The state's oil production was up slightly in September, but prices for North Dakota crude were 32% higher than the state's tax revenue forecast.

In Minnesota, gas is averaging about \$3.17 per gallon, up from \$1.95 a year ago, according to GasBuddy, a price-tracking firm. North Dakota's average is \$3.19 while the national average is \$3.41. New data shows North

Dakota produced 1.1 million barrels of oil per day in September, up 0.5% from August. The state's natural gas production was stronger, up 1.8% from the previous month, the Star

Tribune reported. The Associated Press

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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 unsustainhave 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 Navendors 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 Republicancontrolled 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.

to less time on the road and

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sons, who he hopes will be

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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.

Deer: Archery

hunt through

end of year

Meanwhile, the Mankato

archery deer hunt continues

Justin Lundborg, public

works program coordinator

for the city, said so far hunt-

ers 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

About 30 hunters take

part in the hunt. Those who who were drawn for a spot

year," he said.

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**Mankato hunt** 

until Dec. 31.

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

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



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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

## **Group hopes to pack State Theater**

**By Renee Berg**Special to The Free Press

ow 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."

**If You Go** 

When: 7 p.m. Saturday

Concert

food shelf.

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 lead 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 1

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 The-

ater, 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."

## Fabulously chic hotel opening in New York City celebrates Broadway

What: Concord Singers 90th Anniversary

Cost: Free, with a good-will donation or

non-perishable food item appreciated for the

Where: State Street Theater, 1 North State St.,

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 203room 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 Ivey 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 — handpainted 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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**DEAR** 

**ABBY** 

# Father's anger issues stem from head injury

ENTERTAINMENT

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a divorcee who has reconnected 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.

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

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.

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 lifestyle 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 irresponsibility.

## 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



In 1986, the World Bridge Federation introduced instant matchpoint scoring in

be under

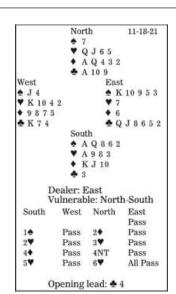
average?

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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

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



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.

## **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:

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

## **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

#### The Associated Press out holding signs saying "No

**BOSTON** — Pandemicweary 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

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 Frascona said. Officials have said they're

committed to properly paying workers, despite the financial challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Boston museum workers on strike over pay, safety

The MFA Union represents

public-facing staff, library workers, educators, curators, conservators, and administrative and professional workers.









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## Journalist Maria Ressa reflects on Nobel Peace Prize win

ENTERTAINMENT

**The Associated Press** 

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. — One month since she was named the first Filipino to win the Nobel Peace Prize, journalist Maria Ressa says much still remains uncertain about her life.

Will her battle against a libel suit in the Philippines lead to jail time? Will she be able to travel to Norway to accept her prestigious award next month? When is the next time she'll be able to see her family?

"You know the painting 'The Scream?" Ressa said Tuesday evening, holding her hands to her face and mock-bellowing into the existential void like the famed Edvard Munch work. "I wake up every day like that."

"I don't know where it will lead," she continued during an interview with The Associated Press at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, shortly before delivering the university's annual Salant Lecture on Freedom of the Press. "But I know that if we keep doing our task, staying on mission, holding the line, that

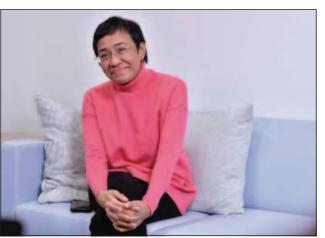
there's a better chance that our democracy not only survives, but that I also stay out of jail. Because I've done nothing wrong except be a journalist, and that is the price we have to pay. I wish it wasn't me, but it

The 58-year-old co-founder of Rappler, a Manilabased news website, said it wasn't lost on her that her Harvard speech came just hours after American journalist Danny Fenster's emotional reunion with family in New York following his negotiated release from military-ruled Myanmar, where he'd spent six months in jail for his work.

"It shows how it crumbles fast. The ground we're on is quicksand," she said. "Power can do what it wants."

Ressa worries about what next year's elections in the Philippines, U.S. and elsewhere will bring.

She assailed American social media companies for failing to act as gatekeepers as misinformation continues to proliferate virtually unchecked across their platforms, allowing repressive regimes like those in



The Associated Press

Investigative journalist Maria Ressa, of the Philippines, speaks during an interview at the Kennedy School of Government on the campus of Harvard University Tuesday in Cambridge, Mass.

Myanmar and elsewhere to thrive and threaten democratic institutions.

"If you don't have facts, you can't have truth. You can't have trust. You don't have a shared reality," she said. "So how do we solve these existential problems — the rise of fascism, coronavirus, climate change if we don't agree on the facts? This is fundamen-

Ressa, who along with co-winner and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov became the first working

journalists in more than 80 years to win the Nobel Peace Prize, is wrapping up a monthlong stint as a visiting fellow at Harvard.

She says she's looking forward to visiting her parents in Florida for Thanksgiving next week before heading back to the Philippines. It marks the first time since she's been out of the country since being convicted last summer of libel and sentenced to jail in a decision seen as a major blow to press freedom globally.

Ressa has remained free

appeal, but faces up to six years in prison, not to mention a series of other active legal cases against her.

Before this month's trip, she had a number of other travel requests denied by Philippine courts, including one she says was to visit her ailing mother. Ressa will also have to get court approval to attend the Nobel Prize award ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on Dec.

"It's like death by a thousand cuts," said Ressa, who was born in Manila but raised mostly in the U.S., before moving back to the Philippines and launching a journalism career. "You don't know how free you are until you begin to lose your freedom, or you have to ask people for your freedoms."

At Harvard, Ressa has been meeting with faculty and students, giving talks and doing research for a forthcoming book.

She co-founded Rappler in 2012, and the website quickly gained notoriety for its reporting on Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's bloody, yearslong

on bail while that case is on crackdown on illegal drugs. The news organization has also documented how social media is being used to spread fake news, harass opponents and manipulate

public discourse. During Tuesday's lecture, which Ressa gave remotely from her hotel room due to a potential COVID-19 exposure related to the campus event, she also reflected on

the toll on her personal life. In the Philippines, she'd taken to wearing a bulletproof vest at times in public, and pleaded with Facebook to delete violent posts against her as death threats mounted.

For female journalists in particular, Ressa said, attacks on social media quickly become menacing. Among roughly half a million online attacks she's received, some 60% were against her credibility while 40% were more personal and "meant to tear down my spirit," she said.

"There are moments when you go, 'Why?' Why does it demand this much?" Ressa said. "But the cost of not doing the right thing is far greater than the consequences for one person."

#### **EXHIBITS**

Four Pillars Gallery — Thirteenth annual juried show Friday through Dec. 17 on the second floor of Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota, New Ulm. Opening reception for ArtScape 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

**Arts Center of Saint Peter** — "Potluck: Buy-andtake exhibition of functional pottery" through Dec. 23 at 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Hours: 1-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat-

www.artscentersp.org. **Blue Earth County His**torical Society History

urday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday;

Center, Mankato — Bend of the River Photography Club exhibit: "Architectural Elements" and "Sips, Styles and Stories: Blue Earth County Beverage and Fashion History" through December at 424 Warren St. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; bluee-

Carnegie Art Center Members exhibition through Dec. 18 at 120 South Broad St. Reception 3-5 p.m. Saturday. Hours: 1-7 p.m. Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

The 410 Project — "Convergence: Paintings by

Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

nam" through Dec. 4 at 523 S. Front St. Hours: 2-6 p.m. Wednesday through Satur-

**VINE Fifth Floor Gallery** — "Paint and Brush: Works by VINE memberartists" — through Dec. 1 at VINE Community Center, 421 E Hickory St. Hours: Gallery open during center's hours. **Ylvisaker Fine Arts** 

Center, Bethany Lutheran **College** — Sculpted environments created by Steven Lemke through Nov. 24 on BLC's campus, Luther Court. Hours: 1-9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 1-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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Entertainment Calendar

Saturday.

#### **Today**

**International Poetry Re**cital — 2-4 p.m., Ostrander Auditorium, Minnesota State University; sponsor: Department of World Languages and Cultures.

Holiday Market — 1-5 p.m., Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave.

New acquisitions **program** — 5:30 p.m., Wanda Gag House, 226 N Washington St., New Ulm; museum opens 3 p.m.

**MSU production: "Slasher"** — 7:30 p.m., Andreas Theatre of the Earley Center for Performing Arts, 320 Maywood Ave.; \$10; MSUTheatre.com.

ITS Troupe 7147 production: "Trap" 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center at Waseca Junior-Senior High School. \$7.

Slam Poet Neil Hilborn/ Maverick Open Mic -

8 p.m., Centennial Student Union's Ostrander Audito-

#### **Friday**

Holiday Market — 1-5 p.m., Arts Center of

Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave.

John Prine tribute show 7-9 p.m., The Grand Kabaret, 210 N Minnesota St, New Ulm; performers Mark Braun, Kaleb Braun Schulz and Ben Scruggs.

**ITS Troupe 7147 production: "Trap"** — 7 p.m. tPerforming Arts Center at Waseca Junior-Senior High School; \$7.

Theater adaptation of: "The Snow Queen" **–** 7:30 p.m., Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive; \$10, ticket reservations, go to: blc.edu/ box-office or call 344-7365.

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#### Saturday

Chilifest/fundraiser for South Central Beyond the **Yellow Ribbon** — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Le Center American Legion Post 108, 97 S. Park Ave.

Cribbage tournament — 1 p.m., WOW!Zone, 2030 Adams St.; entry fee \$5; 720-1790.

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Minnesota Valley **Chorale fall concert:** "Sing Together Always" — 7 p.m., Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College;

**Maverick Jazz Student** Organization Jazz Ball — 7:30 p.m., MSU Centennial Student Union Ballroom,

620 South Road. "Only the Few Brave Souls," a recital with mezzo Anna DeGraff and pianist Szu-Ling Wu 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bjorling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College; free

admission. **Concord Singers 90th** anniversary concert -7 p.m., State Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm; free will offerings accepted at the door as well as dona-

tions to the food shelf. **MSU** production: **"Slasher"** — 7:30 p.m., Andreas Theatre of the Earley Center for Performing Arts, 320 Maywood Ave.; \$10; MSUTheatre.com. Music

The Blue Boat —

7-9:30 p.m.; Bad Liquor Management Loose Moose —

5:30 p.m., Jam Boyz

#### Sunday

Fair Trade Market — 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Hickory St., Mankato.

Holiday Market -1-5 p.m., Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave.

Minnesota Valley **Chorale fall concert:** "Sing Together Always" — 3 p.m., Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College;

Classical piano recital by David Viscoli and Daniel Rieppel — 3 p.m., Halling Recital Hall of the

Earley Center for Performing Arts; general admission \$9, youth tickets \$7; mnsu. edu/musictickets.

ITS Troupe 7147 production: "Trap" — 2 p.m., Performing Arts Center at Waseca Junior-Senior High School; \$7.

#### Wednesday

Pfeffer games — noon, The WOW!Zone, 2030 Adams St.

Holiday Market — 1-5 p.m., Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave.

Exhibits, events and dates are subject to change due to COVID-19.

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#### Briefs

#### Chorale announces fall concerts

MANKATO — Minnesota Valley Chorale has slated two performances of its fall concert "Sing Together Always." The shows are 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College.

Minnesota Valley Chorale members and guest instrumentalists will perform works by Bach, Forrest, Haydn, Victoria, Vivaldi, Whitacre and local composer Benji Inniger.

Tickets cost \$10 at door or online at: Eventbrite (search Minnesota Valley Chorale or Sing Together Always).

#### Tuba musicians to gather to play

MANKATO — Tuba musicians may join others who play the instrument for a performance 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza.

2021 Mankato Tuba-Christmas registration begins 10:30 a.m. Nov. 27 at the center. Musicians will practice from 11 a.m.

to noon to prepare for their performance in the front hockey lobby. The concert is at 1 p.m. as part of the GSR Fine Art Festival.

The registration fee is \$10. Participants should bring their music stands and TubaChristmas Books. The books will be available for sale at the event.

#### **Recital celebrates** 19th amendment

**ST. PETER** — The Gustavus Adolphus College Music Department presents "Only the Few Brave Souls," a recital with mezzo Anna De-Graff and pianist Szu-Ling Wu at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Bjorling Recital Hall.

The concert is free admission and a mask is required to attend.

In 2020, America celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment. "Only the Few Brave Souls" is a belated celebration of increased access to the ballot, and a musical exploration of representation through the words of and music of women artists.

Nebraska native Anna De-Graff is a mezzo who holds a bachelor's degree in voice

and a minor in musical theater from the University of Nebraska and advanced degrees in vocal performance from the University of Minnesota. Her voice has been described as having "great expressive power, errant and wild" (Duluth News Tribune), while her characterizations have been described from "comely" (Minneapolis Star Tribune) to "cute, quirky, and flirty" (Lincoln Journal Star). Szu-Ling Wu is a collab-

orative pianist who works at Carleton College, St. Olaf College and Gustavus Adolphus College. Prior to her position in Northfield, she played for the education program of Minnesota Opera. In addition to degrees from Cleveland Institute of Music and National Taipei University of Education, she earned her Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano from the University of Minnesota.

#### Choruses plan joint concerts

**MANKATO** — The Riverblenders and Sweet Adelines choruses will jointly present two performances of a Christmas season concert

Nov. 28. "Holiday Harmony" shows are slated 3 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., in Mankato, and 7:30 p.m. at the Catholic Church of St. Peter, 1801 Broadway, St. Peter.

Each chorus will perform separately, and quartets from each chorus will perform. In addition, the two choruses will jointly perform Christmas season songs.

There is no admission fee; however the choruses will accept free-will donations.

#### Waseca troupe to present drama

**WASECA** — An ensemble of more than 20 actors will present the drama "Trap" by Stephen Gregg in Waseca. Performances by ITS Troupe 7147 are 7 p.m. today and Friday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Performing Arts Center at Waseca Junior-Senior High School. General admission is \$7. Advance tickets may be

Company. The production showcases both new and veteran acting talent directed by Dawn Lee Skinner with the help of

purchased at Waseca Music

assistant director Andrew S. Harrison and technical director Chuck Pollock.

#### Slam Poet Hilborn at MSU tonight

MANKATO — Minnesota State University's Student Events Team is host to American slam poet Neil Hilborn who will perform 8 p.m. today during Maverick Open Mic night in Centennial Student Union's Ostrander Auditorium.

Hilborn, a Macalester College graduate, is best known for his viral YouTube video "OCD."

There is no admission fee for the open mic event that also features MSU students, members of the Southern Minnesota Poets Society and other poets from southern Minnesota.

For more information, call 389-6076.

#### Gallery talk set at Hillstrom Museum

ST. PETER — Kristen Lowe will discuss her works during a gallery talk 7:30 p.m. museum at The Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College. The presentation is

planned during the opening reception for the exhibit "Battle at the River Bottom: Drawings and Videos by Kristen Lowe" on view Nov. 22 to Jan. 25.

Lowe will give a second gallery talk 2 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Hillstrom.

"Battle at the River Bottom" features a new body of work by the artist, who is an associate professor of art at Gustavus.

#### **Class offers tips** to avoid fraud

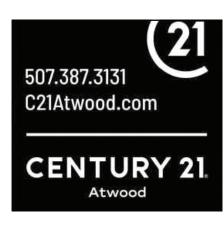
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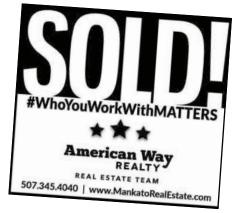
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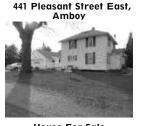
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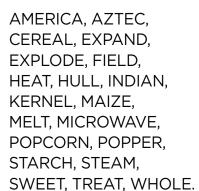
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Words that remind us of popcorn are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



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• 1/4 cup (1/2 stick)

orange food coloring

butter

#### **Mini Popcorn Balls**

#### You'll need:

- 10 cups popped corn
- 1 cup diced dried fruit (papaya, mango or peaches)

Cook's Corner

• 1 cup butterscotch chips

body's outer layer (4)

5. sleepy (6)\_\_\_

7. very pretty (9)\_\_\_

• 1 (1-pound) bag miniature marshmallows

What to do: 1. Place popcorn, fruit and butterscotch chips in large bowl; set aside.

4. Grease hands and form into 3-inch balls. Makes about 16 balls.

- 2. Heat marshmallows and butter in a large saucepan over low heat until melted and
- smooth. Stir in several drops of food coloring. 3. Pour over popcorn and candy, tossing to coat evenly. Cool for 5 minutes.

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2. where Disney World is (7)\_\_\_\_\_

6. U.S. soccer star Megan (7)

4. glad feeling (9)

3. aunt's child (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



Answers: skin, Florida, cousin, happiness, drowsy, Rapinoe, beautiful.



Paco: Why don't people tell jokes about popcorn?

Paula: Because they're so corny!

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Spend time fixing up your space. Feeling comfortable in your environment will ease stress and help you make better decisions regard-

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Use your who can help you will give you hope that change is heading your way. Stop dreaming and start doing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep a close eye on what others do or say. Gather inforarrangements to put your plans in motion. Don't take a health risk to prove a point.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make a physical change that will improve your health, state of mind and financial future. Size up a situation and be prepared to do your own thing. Refuse to let anyone interfere.

take care of your responsibilities. How you conduct business will influence your reputation, position and chance to advance. Refuse to let anyone take credit for your ideas or work.

way. Look for a unique way to use your attributes, and you will excel. Help from someone you least expect will encourage you to broaden your horizons.

decision. An argument will leave you in a vulnerable position. Find a way to get VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Connect with

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Set your sights

Discipline will help you reach your destination with time left over to enjoy your accomplishments. A better health regimen is encouraged.

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November 11, 18, 2021
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FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 07-PR-21-3291
Estate of
Lawrence A. Rathai, Decedent
NOTICE AND ORDER OF
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It is Ordered and Notice is given that an November 20, 2021 at It is Ordered and Notice is given that on November 29, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 406 Carver Avenue, Mankato, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, February 22, 2008, ("Will"), and for the appointment of Gary Rathai, whose address is 26780 Pillsbury Ave, Lakeville, MN, 55044 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPER the Decedent in an UNSUPER-VISED administration. Any ob-jections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Represen-tative will be appointed with full raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to de all presentative retrieve.

and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be

Dated: October 7, 2021

BY THE COURT

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Judge of District Court

Therese Kadrlik

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take care want to do next. Embrace life and entertain

what's necessary from what isn't. Following Self-discipline is encouraged.

imagination to resolve issues that are standing in your way. A discussion with someone

mation, sort through your options and make

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Work hard to

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Change can be good if you implement it the right

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Sit tight until you gather enough information to make a sound along, and you will make progress.

people who have something to contribute, and you will find it easier to get things don on time. A networking function will help you understand what's trending. Romance

on what you need to do, and get moving.

#### **CROSSWORD** By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Wednesday's unlisted clue: DADDY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Thursday's unlisted clue hint: A GOLF PUTTING Badminton

Bocce

Croquet

Dodgeball

Frisbee Hoops

Marbles Sack race Hopscotch Swimming Horseshoes

See Tomorrow's Classifieds for the Answers

WORDS WITH THREE D'

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Wednesday 4 pm

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#### **RED AND ROVER**















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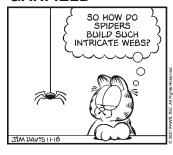


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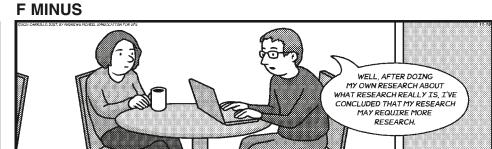








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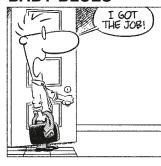








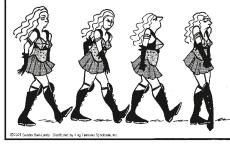
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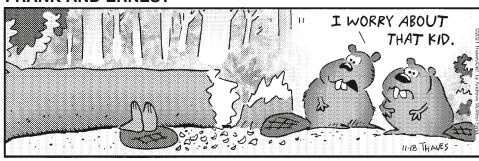
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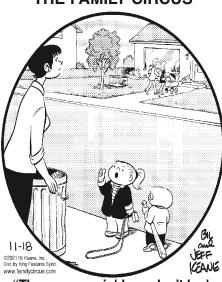




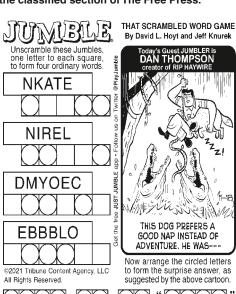


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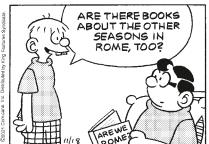
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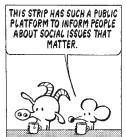
(Answers tomorrow) THIRST EMERGE Jumbles: SUEDE SHAKY Yesterday's Answer: When Curtis thought twice about not getting a roast beef sandwich, he knew it was a - MISSED STEAK

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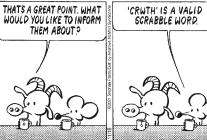


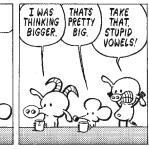


#### PEARLS BEFORE SWINE









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#### 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. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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