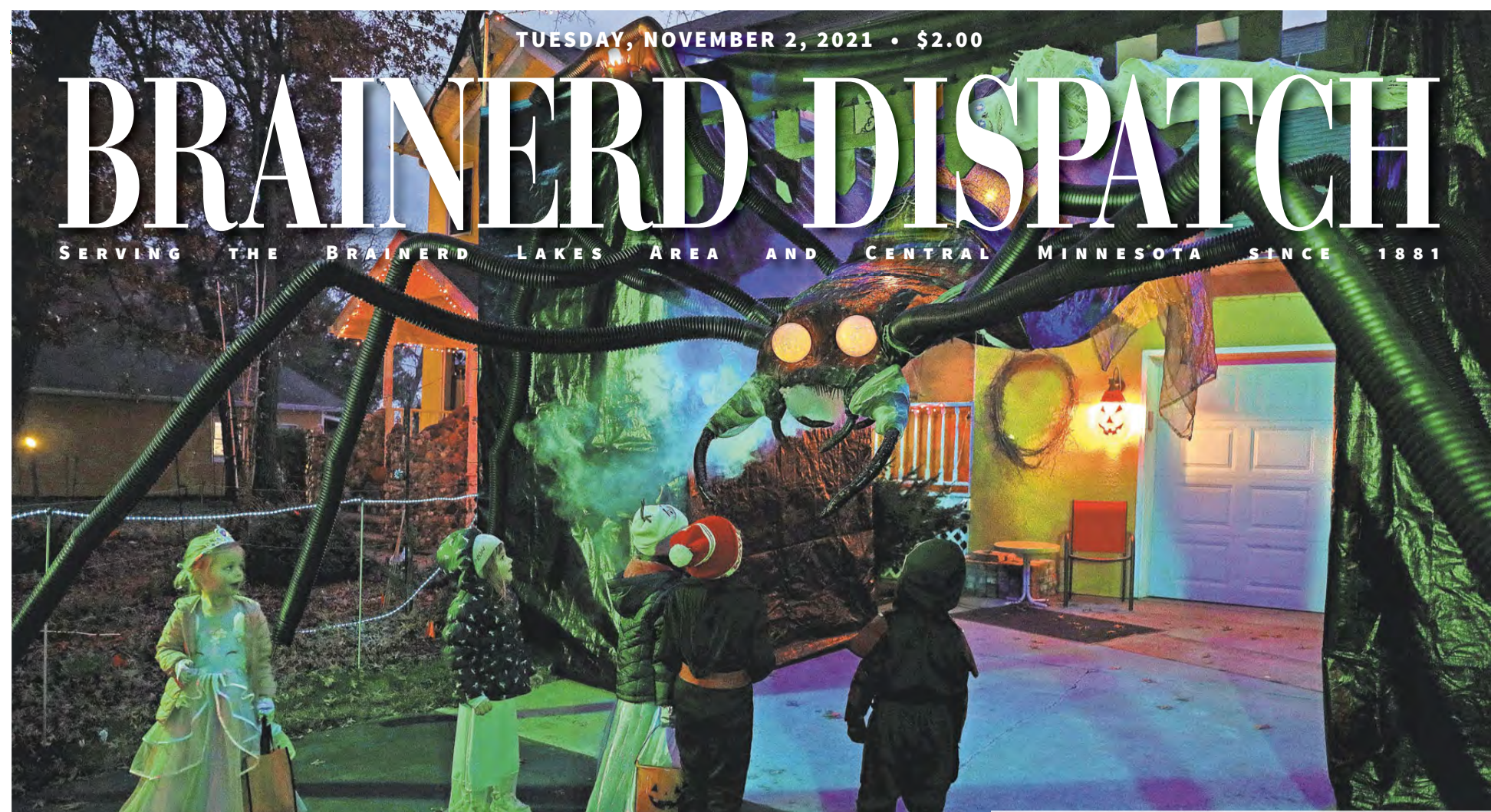


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A giant spider named Shelob, created by Scott Harrison in homage to the "Lord of the Rings" saga, stands guard in front of the Harrison house on Halloween night Sunday on Memorywood Drive in Baxter. The garage-sized arachnid conversed with the throngs of trick-or-treaters and emitted fog from its mouth at intervals.

## Spooktacular Shelob

Halloween in Baxter isn't just for children — adults get in on the fun with spectacularly spooky displays

By Tim Speier  
Brainerd Dispatch

Giant talking spiders, 10-foot-tall animatronic werewolves, and a pumpkin spiced corgi welcomed Baxter Halloweeners Sunday night, Oct. 31, as the city came alive after dark.

For some, Halloween is a meticulously planned night and one that people look forward to. That statement rings true for both Scott Harrison and Bob Musielewicz, whose decorations could rival some pay-to-enter haunted houses.

Musielewicz, who displayed a 10-foot-tall werewolf in his front yard, has created his own mystical creatures for Halloween for more than 21 years after being drawn into the horror theme as a kid while watching all the "Frankenstein," "Dracula," "Invisible Man," and "Creature from the Black Lagoon" movies. "I build everything myself," Musielewicz said. "The bodies, I buy the rubber pieces from Hollywood-type people that build this stuff in the offseason. Then I (put together) the bodies and cranks. Everything moves, some of it runs on compressed air and



Trick-or-treaters admire a 10-foot tall animatronic werewolf in front of the Musielewicz house Sunday at the corner of Wedgewood and Parkwood in Baxter.

some of them run on electricity."

Expecting about 800 people to come through, Musielewicz said the number of people out for Halloween this year was down from years past as they had about 580 this year. He keeps a running count Halloween night.

Tantalizing the kids this year was Harrison's smoke-spewing talking spider.

"This year's theme was spiders," Harrison said. "So my big feature attraction spider is named Shelob."

Named Shelob after the massive spider in the "Lord of the Rings," the garage-sized arachnid was the centerpiece of his Halloween display. Bringing the children close enough to see

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## Dissolving a commission

City aims to simplify police, fire hirings

By Theresa Bourke  
Brainerd Dispatch

The Brainerd City Council is moving toward dissolving the city's police and fire civil service commission.

The city established a police and fire civil service commission by ordinance in 1973. Under Minnesota Statute 419.05, cities with a police civil service commission grant the commission "absolute control and supervision over the employment, promotion, discharge, and suspension of all officers and employees of the police department."

The commission is composed of three resi-

dents who are appointed by the council to three-year terms and have meetings as needed.

Essentially, with the creation of the civil service commission, the council delegated part of its hiring and disciplinary authority to the commission.

Human Resources Director Kris Schubert told the council's personnel and finance committee Monday the idea to dissolve the commission came up a couple years ago and is an issue the commissioners themselves have been discussing since.

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## Application period opens for grants intended to expand child care options

By Chelsey Perkins  
Brainerd Dispatch

Existing Crow Wing County day care providers and those considering opening a child care business may now apply for grants intended to help increase availability for parents.

Between now and 4 p.m. Dec. 6, Crow Wing County will accept applications from those interested in acquiring a piece of the \$500,000 pie county commissioners agreed last week to use in an effort to address a significant shortage in

slots revealed in a recent study. Tyler Glynn, executive director of the Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corp., told commissioners last month a recent study surveying employers, parents and day care providers in Crow Wing County revealed a need for at least 1,200 more slots for children to receive care. This shortage, Glynn said, is a contributing factor to the overall labor shortage plaguing many industries.

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## Voters to decide police dept. future

Plan could change it to department of public safety

By Dana Ferguson  
Brainerd Dispatch

ST. PAUL — Minneapolis voters on Tuesday, Nov. 2, are set to decide whether the city should dismantle its police department after the 2020 murder of George Floyd at the hands of a former police officer there.

As part of the city's election, residents will decide if they want to replace the Minneapolis Police Department with the Department of Public Safety, which would include police and public health services as determined by the mayor and city council. The plan would also get rid of requirements dictating the minimum amount

of funding and staffing levels at the Minneapolis Police Department.

If 51% or more voters who vote on that question agree to the change, the language transitioning the police department to the Department of Public Safety would take effect in 30 days. City officials have said it would likely take longer than that to pass ordinances fleshing out the new department, and in the meantime, police officers would likely remain on duty as their contracts would remain in place past that date.

The campaign over the amendment and the upcoming vote have spurred national media attention. And support-



Evan Frost / MPR News

New police officers raise their hands to take an oath at a Minneapolis Police Academy graduation ceremony at the Minneapolis Convention Center on July 17, 2020.

ers — including businesses, faith groups, the American Civil Liberties Union and progressive Democratic-Farmer-La-

bor policymakers — said the proposal is necessary to improve public safety

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Schleper named North Division Player of the Year



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# Giraffe surgery at zoo is a tall task

By Tim Nelson  
MPR News

ST. PAUL — How do you knock down a 16-foot-tall, 2,000-pound wild animal for surgery?

Very, very carefully. That's what vets and zookeepers did, as they brought down Como Zoo's male giraffe, Skeeter, on Thursday. University of Minnesota veterinary surgeon Dr. Fausto Bellezzo shot him in the right hip with a dart gun, loaded with a dose of drugs so powerful that staff had to have an opiate antidote on hand in case any people came in contact with the dart or drugs while working on the giraffe.

The first few minutes are the worst, Bellezzo said. "What is going to happen when that mountain comes down? If it's gonna fall down in a bad position, possibly even break his neck, which, there's a lot of neck there to break."

Happily, that did not happen Thursday. Dr. Liza Dadone, from

the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, set to work on him with an animal care army brought in from all over the country. Zookeepers, animal anesthesiologists, biomedical researchers, veterinary surgeons and exotic animal farriers raced to treat Skeeter in the few minutes they could safely let him be on the ground. Giraffes did not evolve to be off their feet, and it is one of the most dangerous things that can happen to them.

"We did a lot of preparation to make sure he would go down as smoothly as possible, and in the grand scheme of things, he did," said Dadone, who oversees a herd of 17 giraffes and is considered one of the top experts on anesthetizing and treating the animals. "It is always a little bit of a moment," she said.

Zookeepers strapped Skeeter's limp neck to an 8-foot padded board to keep it straight, while a veterinary anesthesiologist shoved a two-inch-wide pipe nearly as

tall as she was down his throat to pump oxygen to his lungs — giraffes did not evolve to breathe lying down and they have to be intubated and ventilated for surgery.

And how did it come to this, you might ask? Well, it turns out that giraffes in the wild evolved to naturally wear down their hooves — or claws, as they're called. But zookeepers haven't figured out a surface that mimics that effect in captivity. Their claws grow and grow, and in some cases, it fractures a bone in their foot, which is what happened to Skeeter.

"It's very common, but it's hard to fix," says Jill Erzar, a giraffe keeper at Como Zoo. "So we decided, August of 2021, we were going to go in and put a pair of shoes on him, and the shoes essentially act like a splint."

She's Skeeter's favorite, and he hers, but she said she couldn't bear to watch him be darted again, as those shoes, actually flat, glue-on rubber pads, were

removed. And as long as he was down, zoo staff gave him the full workout: radiologists X-rayed his feet, and a team of zoo animal farriers from Colorado trimmed his claws.

While that was going on, Michigan State University exotic animal researcher Dr. Valerie Johnson also administered an experimental stem cell therapy.

"These cells have many properties that are helpful, with osteoarthritis and also with fractures. They both decrease inflammation, but they also stimulate cells that are already in the body to start becoming more active," Johnson said.

She says she and her colleagues have tried it on about 10 giraffes so far, and they've all done well — a promising treatment for a problem that plagues many captive giraffes.

Zoo staff also gave him a full-body massage so he didn't stiffen up and lifted and lowered his head every few minutes so that his neck would stay flexible and his airway would stay open. Staff had worked out a minute-by-minute plan to treat him for more than an hour.

And one other thing: Bellezzo, Como's vet, surgically removed Skeeter's testicles.

Skeeter has sired eight calves already, and the association of zoos and aquariums species survival plan has determined that there's already enough of Skeeter — as well as Como's females, Daisy and Clover — in the giraffe gene pool.

Jill Erzar, the giraffe keeper, said it will probably just be better for everybody: "For the sake of the girls, we thought, if we take away that testosterone,

maybe they can live a little more peacefully in retirement."

And by the way, those testicles won't go to waste: They were packed in a cooler and Johnson, the Michigan State researcher, carried them off to be turned into more stem cells.

All in all, it took about an hour and a half, with

dozens of people working on him all at the same time, the last of them dashing out of his stall after administering reversal drugs and helping him struggle to his feet — some even choking back tears.

They watched from outside his stall as Skeeter got back up — all 16 feet of him.



Tim Nelson / MPR News

University of Minnesota veterinary anesthesiologist Erin Wendt Hornickel attends to Skeeter the giraffe at Como Zoo in St. Paul as he undergoes treatment for a broken foot bone Thursday.

# Jupiter's Great Red Spot storm is deeper than expected

By Will Dunham  
Reuters

WASHINGTON — Data from NASA's Juno spacecraft is providing a deeper understanding of Jupiter's wondrous and violent atmosphere including its Great Red Spot, finding that this immense swirling storm extends much further down than expected.

Researchers said on Thursday the Great Red Spot plunges between roughly 200 to 300 miles below the cloud tops on Jupiter, based on microwave and gravity measurements obtained by Juno.

The data is giving scientists studying the solar system's largest planet — so big that 1,000 Earths could fit inside it — a three-dimensional account of Jupiter's atmosphere.

The planet, known as a gas giant, is composed primarily of hydrogen and helium, with traces of other gases. Stripes and a few storms like the Great Red Spot dominate the colorful appearance of Jupiter, the fifth planet from the sun with a diameter of about 88,850 miles.

The Great Red Spot is a storm roughly 10,000 miles wide churning in Jupiter's southern hemisphere, boasting crimson-colored clouds that spin counterclockwise at high speeds. It is one of the marvels of the solar system and has been in existence for centuries, but scientists until now

have had little understanding of what lies below its surface.

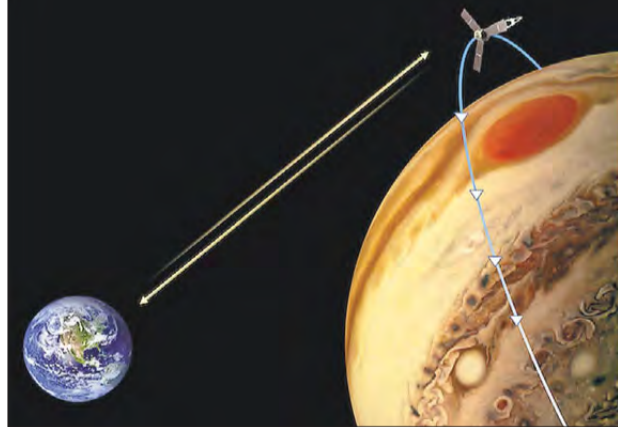
"From a scientific point of view, it's puzzling how the storm can last so long and be so big," said Scott Bolton, principal investigator of the Juno mission at the Southwest Research Institute in Texas and lead author on one of two Jupiter studies published in the journal Science on Thursday.

"It is wide enough to swallow the Earth," added Marzia Parisi, a Juno scientist from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California and lead author of the second study.

An instrument called a microwave radiometer enabled scientists to peer beneath Jupiter's cloud tops and investigate the structure of its numerous vortex storms including the Great Red Spot, showing that they exist very deep in Jupiter's atmosphere — much deeper than expected.

Rather than being confined to the uppermost parts of Jupiter's atmosphere, the Great Red Spot's roots plunge to regions beyond where water condenses and clouds form — and below where any sunlight reaches.

Assumptions based on how Earth's atmosphere



NASA / JPL-Caltech / SwRI / Handout via Reuters

This representation depicts how NASA's Juno mission obtained gravity science data of Jupiter's Great Red Spot in this handout provided by NASA. The spacecraft flew twice over the vortex in 2019 at low altitudes with the goal of picking up its subtle gravitational signal. The concentration of mass related to the powerful winds surrounding the Great Red Spot induced a minute Doppler shift in the spacecraft's radio signals that could be measured by a NASA's Deep Space Network tracking antenna on Earth.

behaves, as well as models produced over past few decades, had given the impression that the Great Red Spot was a relatively shallow storm, Bolton said.

"Jupiter works in this mysterious way that we're sort of revealing for the first time — because this is the first mission that's been able to look inside the planet," Bolton added. "And we're seeing surprises."

Jupiter and Earth are vastly different worlds, and not just in terms of size. Earth is a rocky place. Jupiter lacks a solid surface though it may have a solid inner core. Juno has been orbit-

ing Jupiter since 2016, obtaining information about its atmosphere, interior structure, internal magnetic field and the region around it created by its internal magnetism. Juno also is due to fly by Jupiter's large moons Europa and Io and explore the small rings around the planet.

The Great Red Spot has evolved in shape over time and there are indications that it may be shrinking in size.

"It's the biggest storm in the entire solar system. There isn't anything else like it," Bolton said. "The extremes are usually fascinating but they also create incredible beauty."

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

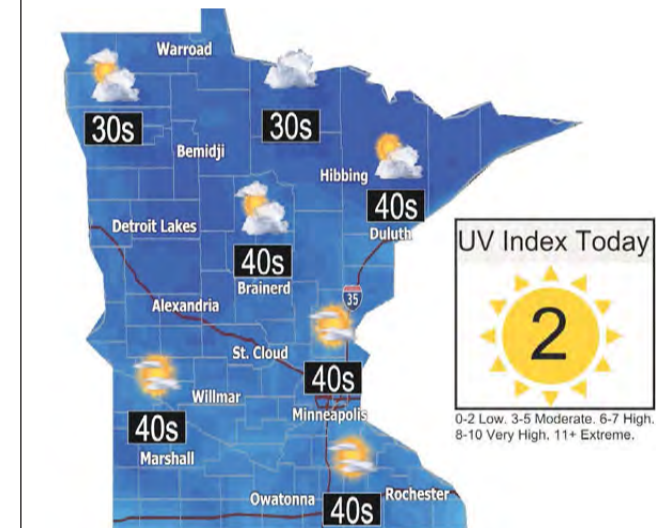


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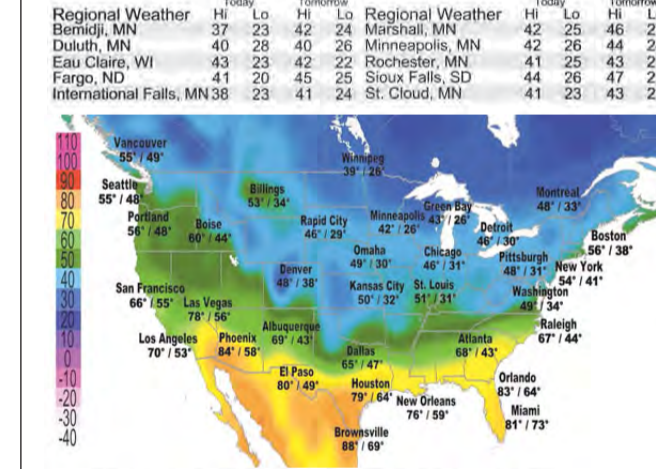
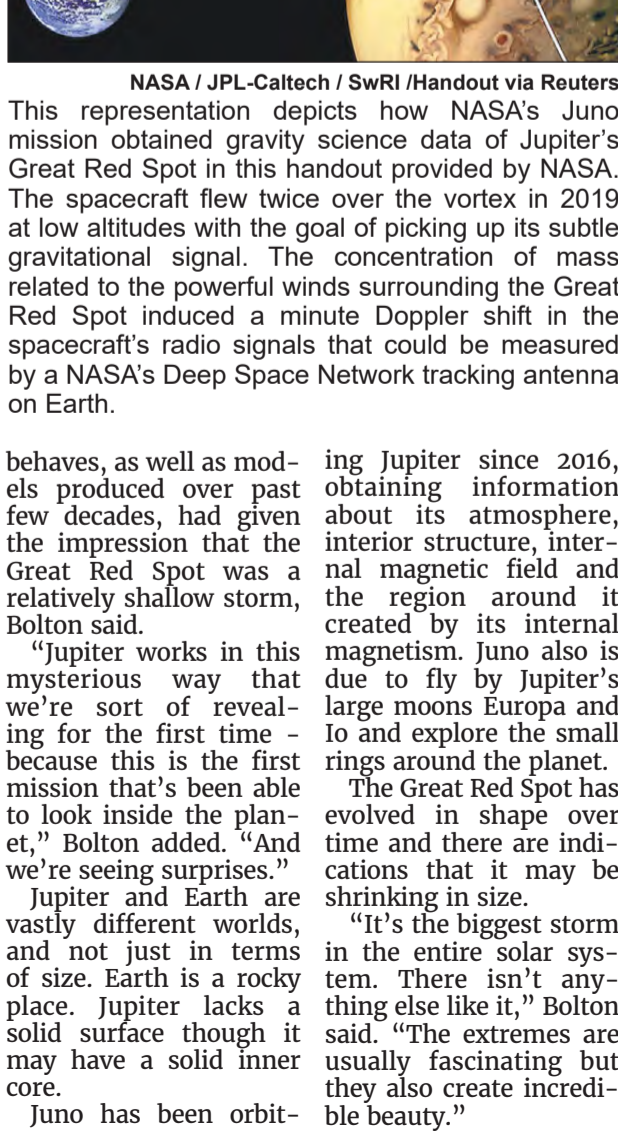
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\*Average wind speed for each day



## Oh sunny day

Weather drawing by Korbin Vice from Mrs. Martin's first grade class at Garfield Elementary School. Attention teachers: Don't forget to submit your students' weather drawings to the Brainerd Dispatch, P.O. Box 974, Brainerd, MN 56401



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# Precarious fishing



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An angler uses rocks in the Mississippi as stepping stones to find the right spot to fish Saturday below the Blanchard Dam in Swan River Township near Royalton.

## BRIEFS

### MNsure's open enrollment period now begun

Open enrollment refers to the once-a-year opportunity when all Minnesotans can enroll in affordable, comprehensive health and dental coverage through MNsure, Minnesota's health insurance marketplace.

This year, Minnesota's open enrollment will run Nov. 1 until Jan. 15, 2022, with two important deadlines:

- ▶ Minnesotans must enroll by Dec. 15 to get coverage beginning Jan. 1.
- ▶ Minnesotans have until Jan. 15, the last day of open enrollment, to enroll in coverage beginning Feb. 1.

"No matter where you live or how much money you earn, MNsure has health insurance options for you and your family," stated CEO Nate Clark, in a news release. "MNsure offers free help from our health insurance experts so you can access all the savings you may qualify for and find the right plan to meet your needs and support your unique life story."

MNsure's statewide network of certified brokers and navigators are ready and able to assist Minnesotans during open enrollment. Minnesotans can access this free help through virtual meetings, phone appointments or in-person meetings. MNsure reported appointments will fill quickly, so Minnesotans are encouraged to find assistance near them and schedule a free help session right away.

Minnesotans can use MNsure's plan comparison tool to preview health and dental plans for 2022 and explore details about monthly premiums, deductibles, out-of-pocket costs and more. New this year, Minnesotans can use the comparison tool to confirm which plans offered through MNsure cover their preferred doctor or other health care provider. Additional online help tools include videos with quick tips for using MNsure and answers to frequently asked questions.

Minnesotans also can contact MNsure representatives directly at 651-539-2099 or 855-366-7873.

MNsure Contact Center hours through Jan. 15, 2022, are:

- ▶ Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- ▶ Thursday: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- ▶ Saturdays in November: closed.
- ▶ Saturdays in December: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (except for Dec. 25).
- ▶ Sunday: closed.

More information, including contact center hours on holidays and extended hours leading up to 2022 enrollment deadlines, is available on the MNsure website at bit.ly/31muDcq.

### Walz appoints new state tourism director

ST. PAUL — The head executive of a Minnesota craft beer industry group will be the next director of the state's tourism promotion agency, the governor's office announced Monday, Nov. 1.

Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director of the Minnesota Craft Brewer's Guild, will assume her new role as director of Explore Minnesota Tourism on Nov. 15, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan said in a news release.

McGinty has more than a decade of experience working in a wide range of roles at Minnesota nonprofits, according to the governor's office. As executive director of the craft beer guild, she conducted lobbying activities for craft brewers and guided marketing for more than 160 breweries.

Explore Minnesota Tourism partners with businesses to promote tourism in the state. Tourism generates about \$1 billion annually in sales tax revenue, according to state figures.

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### High school students eligible for Teen Alzheimer's Awareness scholarships

High school seniors impacted by Alzheimer's disease can win up to \$5,000 for college through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's Teen Alzheimer's Awareness Scholarship.

Students can enter the contest by visiting alzfdn.org/scholarship. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2022.

"Teens across the country are making an impact because they've been impacted by Alzheimer's — they are caring for loved ones, volunteering, working at care settings, raising awareness and conducting research," stated Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., the foundation's president and CEO, in a news release. "These college scholarships will help tomorrow's leaders in the fight against Alzheimer's disease with their college education. We invite all high school seniors who have been affected by Alzheimer's to enter."

Student submissions must include an essay describing how Alzheimer's disease has impacted their lives and what they have learned about themselves, their family and/or their community through their experience with Alzheimer's. Students already attending college are not eligible to participate.

Awards include a first prize of \$5,000, second prize of \$3,500, third prize of \$2,500, fourth prize of \$1,500, fifth prize of \$1,000 and honorable mentions between \$750 and \$400. Since the program's inception, more than \$350,000 in college scholarships were awarded.

The Alzheimer's Foundation of America provides these scholarship funds with the support of charitable donors.

For more information on supporting this and other programs and services for families affected by Alzheimer's disease, visit alzfdn.org/donate or call the foundation at 866-232-8484.

### CLC voter turnout increased in 2020

Student voting at Central Lakes College increased nearly 10% in 2020 from 2016.

The college reported Monday, Nov. 1, that 70% of students voted in last year's presidential election, compared to 61% in 2016.

Prior to the 2020 election season, the Central Lakes College Student Senate established a plan to build upon their past success and increase voter registration and voter turnout numbers at CLC.

Despite the pandemic, student leaders were undeterred and adapted their programming to accommodate both in-person and virtual voter registration drives, a news release stated. They worked closely with the Brainerd Lakes League of Women Voters and the Minnesota Secretary of State Office to provide timely and informative voting information.

"We are proud of our Student Senate leaders for prioritizing such a vital civic duty," CLC President Hara Charlier stated in the release. "Due to their hard work and dedication, more of our future leaders had their voices heard and cast a ballot. We look forward to continuing our work in encouraging every student to vote."

Monday's report comes from the Institute for Democracy & Higher Education — creators of the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement at Tufts University.

Nationwide, the study's authors report a record-breaking set of findings. On campuses across the country, students built on the momentum swing of 2018 and voted at high rates in the 2020 election, with voter turnout jumping to 66% in last year's presidential election. The 14 percentage point increase, from 52% turnout in the 2016 election, outpaces that of all Americans, which jumped 6 percentage points from 61% to 67%, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"That students, often younger and first-time voters, turned out at rates commensurate with the general public is nothing short of stunning," Nancy Thomas, director of the Institute for Democracy & Higher Education, stated in the release. "We attribute this high level of participation to many factors, including student activism on issues such as racial injustice, global climate change and voter suppression, as well as increased efforts by educators to reach students and connect them to the issues and to voting resources."

# Sanford Health suspends employees for refusing vaccine

By Jeremy Fugleberg  
Brainerd Dispatch

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Sanford Health has suspended 82 employees for refusing to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or get an exemption from doing so, the Sioux Falls, South Dakota-based health system reported Monday, Nov. 1.

Sanford Health leaders in late July set Monday as the deadline for its 48,000 employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19 or be granted a medical or religious exemption to the vaccination.

All those suspended have 60 days to comply with the health system's expectations or will be considered to have voluntarily resigned and be terminated from their jobs.

"Sanford Health was proud to be one of the first health care providers in the country to announce we would require all employees to get a COVID-19 vaccination to protect our patients and our people," Dr. Jeremy Cauwels, chief physician at Sanford Health, said in a statement. "We remain committed to doing all we can to ensure a safe care and work environment for our patients and employees. As a result of our high employee vaccination rate, we have also seen a decline in COVID-19 infections and sick leave among staff."

Sanford Health has major medical centers in Sioux Falls, Fargo and Bemidji, Minnesota, among its 46 medical



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Sanford Medical Center in southwest Fargo.

centers, as well as 224 clinic locations and 200 Good Samaritan Society senior care facilities. Its workforce includes about 1,500 physicians and 8,700 registered nurses.

The number of those suspended varies across Sanford's footprint, and totals less than 1% of its workforce, Sanford Health noted.

- Suspension include:
- ▶ 31 in Fargo
  - ▶ 28 in Sioux Falls
  - ▶ 16 in Bismarck
  - ▶ 7 in Bemidji

None of the 31 suspended in Sanford's Fargo region were physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners or certified registered nurse anesthetists, said Dr. Doug Griffin, Sanford Fargo vice president and medical officer, in a statement.

Asked to clarify how many medical or religious exemptions it had granted, Sanford Health spokesman Jon Berg didn't directly answer, stating, "Exemption data is a personnel matter."

Those granted an exemption will be required to comply with regular COVID-19 testing, he said.

The health system hasn't unilaterally granted any religious exemptions without being asked, and hasn't given employees who refuse to get vaccinated a choice to work remotely or other accommodations, Berg said.

Sanford Health also didn't directly answer a Forum News Service question on whether any exemption requests were denied.

"Consistent with applicable state and federal law, Sanford has a system in place to review and provide exemptions for critical medical conditions, or if employees demonstrate a sincerely held religious belief warranting the exemption," Berg said.

Fugleberg covers regional health issues, with a focus on Sanford Health. He can be followed on Twitter at @jayfug and reached at jfugleberg@forumcomm.com or 605-777-3357.

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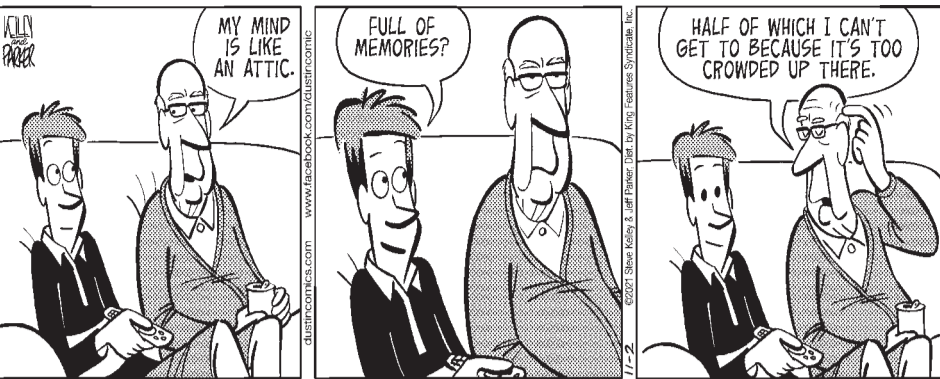
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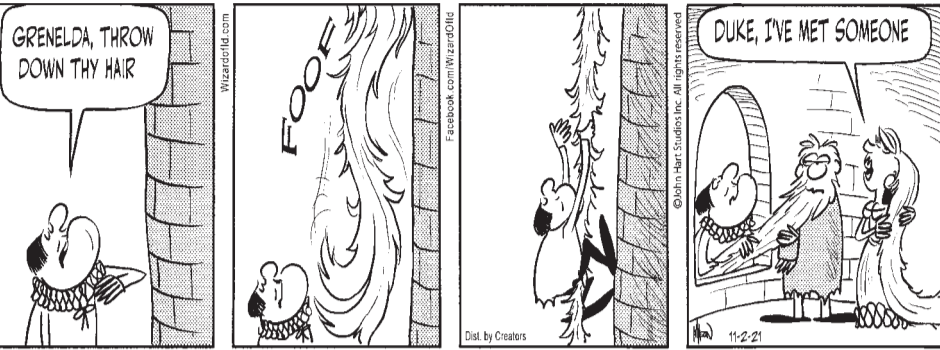
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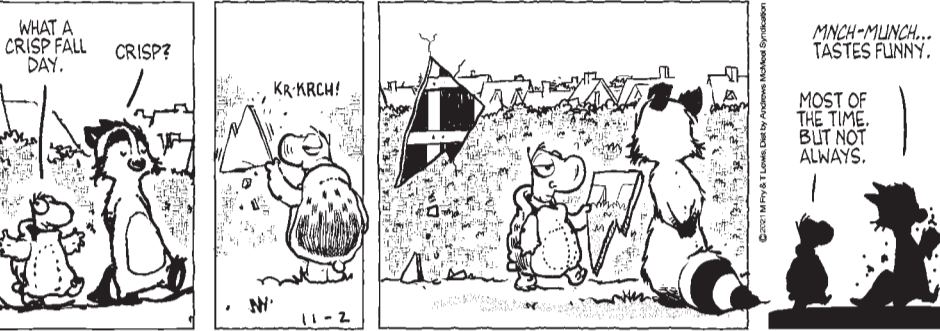
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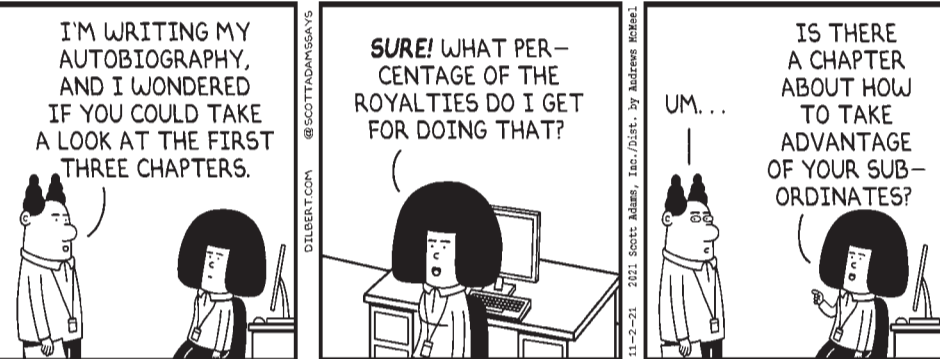
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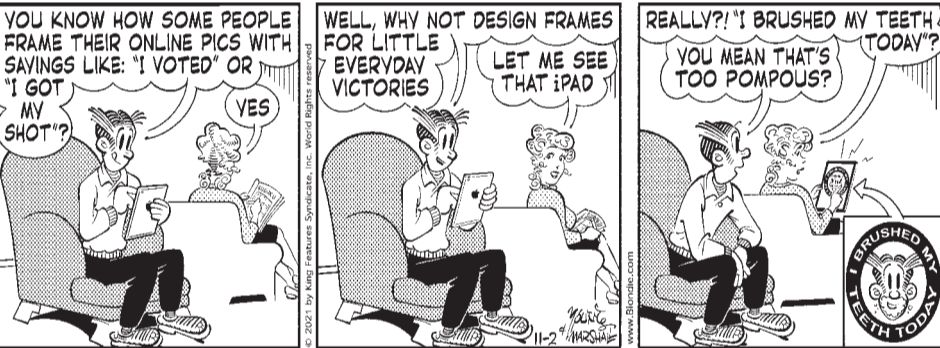
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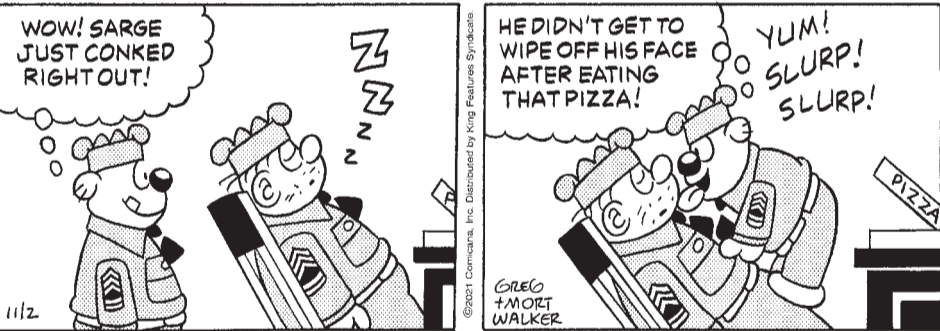
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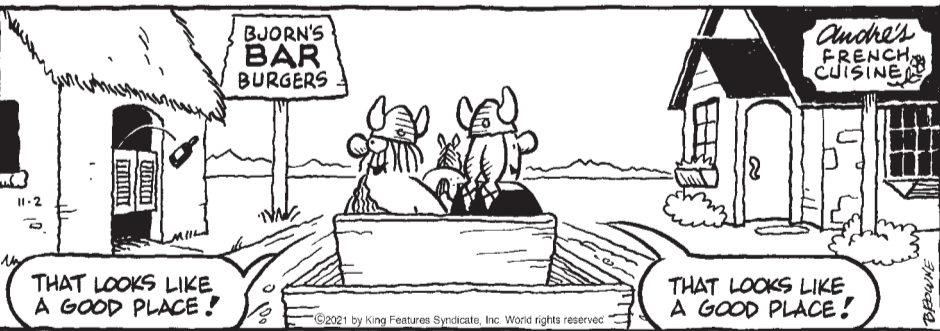
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It's written in the stars

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Question your assumptions and learn from the new. You may need to be more flexible about your spending habits. There is no shortage of innovative techniques in the world but often a shortage of people who use them wisely.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Try not to find fault with others or notice if someone else seems more exacting than usual. Be glad when someone promotes high standards; rather than take something as a personal criticism, see it as an opportunity to improve yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Networking for dollars might lead nowhere. Keep flattering words under wraps and treat other people with dignity and respect. Focus on filling in the gaps in your knowledge. Put your money safely in the bank.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): If you remain centered you can reach your objective. You may seem to have everyone's attention, but they might point out your errors as well as your assets. Don't risk your reputation by doing anything questionable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): A stitch in time can save nine. You might find a chance to deal with problems that could trip you up later if not taken care of now. There is no better time than the present to put things in order and make fixes.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Some conversations may arrive via high-speed internet when your ability to absorb them is on dial-up. You might find it challenging to keep pace with a swift flow of information and knowledge that comes your way at this time.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Any talent for diplomacy can be put to good use during the next several days. A polite and thoughtful demeanor can be appealing to those who are in a bad mood. You might enjoy a chance to mix business with pleasure now.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trying to get your point across to someone else could feel difficult or impossible. Tempers could flare if a situation changes and frustrates someone's goals. Escape censure by making careful and wise observations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel your own road. You may feel that you are finally making progress and improvements in your life. Keep a watchful eye on the due dates so that you can be sure to take care of everything on time.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you fall off the horse, dust yourself off and get back up in the saddle again. Do not be discouraged by minor social blunders or disappointments. Remind yourself that you are accomplished and self-disciplined.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may become more aware of how your feelings are kept in check. This is the start of several days when you should not push your luck or ignore the rules. Help to plan a group gathering so things run as they should.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Be grateful for the blessings that make your life worth living. New ideas can change and improve your outlook. Make your peace with the requirements of the mundane world and don't let them dampen your mood.

**IF NOVEMBER 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Abundant energy and foresight go hand in hand during the next two to three weeks and can help you achieve your dreams. Your independence may seem to be suppressed by heavy-handed authority figures in December even if you feel you are right. Be cautious about forming new relationships and follow rules faithfully since some people might penalize you for mistakes and errors. In February life can take a turn for the better especially if you embrace opportunities to improve your existence. People are more likely to grant you favors and give you the benefit of the doubt. Take advantage of favorable publicity and remember to honor commitments. This can be an excellent time to change jobs or launch important projects.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Sandbox toys
  - 6 Accumulate
  - 11 MacDowell of "Groundhog Day"
  - 12 Sold for
  - 13 Activating, in a way
  - 15 Light brown
  - 16 Fish eggs
  - 17 "... man — mouse?"
  - 18 Pencil ends
  - 20 Mouse's cousin
  - 21 Greek vowel
  - 22 Heroic tale
  - 23 Fire-fighting needs
  - 26 Rx amounts
  - 27 Important times
  - 28 Spider's home
  - 29 Boxing great
  - 30 Sicilian wine
  - 34 June honoree
  - 35 Smart — whip
  - 36 Tennis hit
  - 37 Turning informer against
  - 40 Funny Murphy
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Egypt's Sadat
  - 3 Menzel of "Frozen"
  - 4 Set fire to
  - 5 Classified stuff
  - 6 Zodiac ram
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  - 8 Some cats and rabbits
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  - 10 Orchestra pieces
  - 14 Circle dance
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  - 26 Fouls up, as plans
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Contract Bridge

Too many cooks spoil the broth

West dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ 8 7 5  
♥ J 10 7  
♦ A Q J 10  
♣ 9 7 2

**WEST**  
♠ A Q J 9  
♥ K 2  
♦ 8 6 5 4  
♣ Q J 10

**EAST**  
♠ K 10 6 3 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ K 7 2  
♣ 8 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ 4  
♥ A Q 9 8 6 4  
♦ 9 3  
♣ A K 5 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♠ Pass 2♠ 3♥  
Pass 4♥

Opening lead — queen of clubs.  
"Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies." So cried a famous French general to Louis XIV long before bridge was invented. After an inspired but unsuccessful attempt to defeat four hearts on this deal, East knew exactly how the general felt.

West led a club, and South could see at once that he would make the contract unless he lost both red-suit finesses. After taking the club lead with the ace, South tried a diamond finesse at trick two, losing the ten to East's king.

East now went into a long huddle,

trying to work out South's distribution and find the best defense. He knew from the opening lead that declarer had the A-K of clubs, and he also knew from the bidding that South had at least six hearts.

East concluded that there was no hope for the defense unless his side could collect a spade, a club and a trump trick in addition to the diamond trick already won. So East led the king of spades, planning next to shift to a club and in that way eventually score one trick in each suit.

The spade lead at this point was vital, since otherwise South would shed his (assumed) spade loser on dummy's third diamond. Furthermore, a low spade lead from East could prove disastrous because West, unaware that declarer had only one spade, might try to cash a second spade.

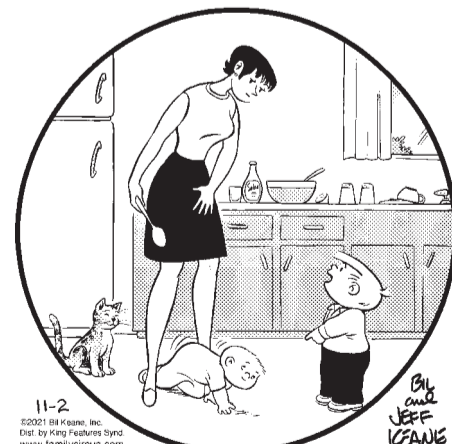
East's thoughtful defense would have succeeded had West, alas, not interfered with it. So delighted was West by the king-of-spades return that he joyfully overtook the king with the ace and continued with the queen. South ruffed, played the ace and a low heart, and later discarded two clubs on dummy's diamonds to make the contract.

The French general was indeed correct. East's defense would have overcome his enemy, South, but he could not protect himself from his supposed friend, West.

Tomorrow: Anticipatory declarer play.  
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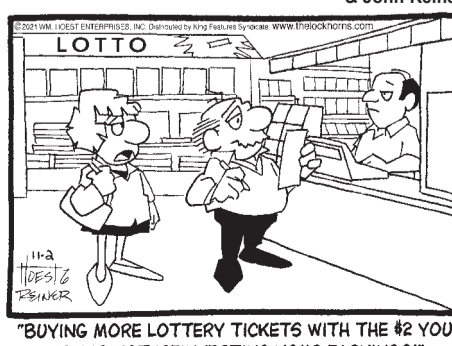
Find Friday's Sudoku answers in Sunday's TV Week

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane



"PJ picked that up from Kittycat. It means he's hungry."

THE LOCKHORNS By Bunny Hoest & John Reiner



"BUYING MORE LOTTERY TICKETS WITH THE \$2 YOU WON IS NOT "REINVESTING YOUR EARNINGS.""/>

SUDOKU

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:

Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

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# Brainerd man faces child sexual assault charges

A 37-year-old Brainerd man faces charges for allegedly engaging in sexual conduct with a child while she attended distance learning.

Justin Dexter Antonsen made his first appearance Wednesday, Oct. 27, in Crow Wing County District Court in Brainerd and faces charges of second-degree criminal sexual conduct involving a vic-

tim under the age of 13 who was known to the defendant.

The charges stem from a May 2020 incident involving an 8-year-old girl under Antonsen's care. The alleged incidents took place over the course of a month while the victim was participating in distance learning.

The court documents state Antonsen

engaged in sexual conduct with the child when she would be on break during school and stated this happened for about a month when she was going to bed.

The Brainerd Police Department became aware of the alleged criminal sexual conduct Oct. 13, 2020, when a therapist made a report after learning of the alleged crime.

Two other children were home during the alleged incident.

According to court documents, the mother learned of the incident after returning home from work and was informed her daughter was crying. After talking with her daughter, the mother confronted Antonsen, who allegedly admitted to the incident and stated he "didn't

understand what he had done" and was "bawling when he realized the extent of what he did."

The maximum sentence for felony second-degree criminal sexual conduct is 25 years in prison and a \$35,000 fine.

Antonsen posted the \$50,000 bond Oct. 27. His next court hearing is set for Jan. 27, 2022.

FIRE CALLS

Brainerd firefighters were called at 8:16 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29, to Harmony House, 218 SW Ninth St., for a fire alarm.

Upon investigation, it was determined to be unfounded.

# Minnesota adds greenhouse gas estimates to EAWs

By Jeff Beach  
Agweek

Starting in January, a pilot program in Minnesota will be asking for an estimate of greenhouse gas emissions on projects requiring an environmental assessment.

This will include some large farm expansions and many rural county projects and will likely mean the added expense of hiring a consultant to help complete the assessment.

The move was approved at a Sept. 15 meeting of Minnesota's Environmental Quality Board, including a yes vote from Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Thom Petersen, despite push back from farm groups.

Lucas Sjostrom, executive director of Minnesota Milk, said in an interview that dairy groups are willing to do their part on climate change, but that this change is too soon. He cites an Aug. 7 United Nations study that he says shows the methane contributions from livestock have been overestimated while fossil fuel use has been underestimated in climate studies.

He said that throws the current tools for estimating greenhouse gas emissions into question.

"The current formulas are wrong," Sjostrom said in an interview.

An April 9, 2020, letter regarding changes to Environmental Review Program signed by the Minnesota Milk Producers Association and several other Minnesota farm said, in part:

"We should not be comparing chickens, cows, pigs or turkeys to cars or power plants. The accounting on this has been incorrect for the previous 20 years. . . (T)he policies being implemented by EQB and MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) do not seem to fit the updated science involved in greenhouse gases."

In a letter dated Sept. 10, 2021, just before the vote, a letter from the farm groups said, in part:

"Last year, our organizations commented on integrating climate change information into the Environmental Review Program and answered surveys in relation to those comments. However, no one ever followed up with any of our organizations on the comments."

While there are no standards for greenhouse gases yet for Minnesota farms, some fear the change will lead to regulations and empower environmental groups opposed to animal ag.

The lone dissenting



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Minnesota ag groups are against a Minnesota pilot program that will require estimates of greenhouse gas emissions on projects requiring an environmental assessment, fearing it will stifle new animal ag projects.



Petersen



Sjostrom

vote on the pilot project came from Bryan Murdock of Wyoming, Minnesota, a public member of the board.

Murdock is president of Condition Services, which provides environmental consulting services, including projects requiring an environmental assessment worksheet and livestock facility permitting.

One of his fears is that it will make it easier for people opposed to livestock agriculture to weigh in against expansion projects.

"It's giving them another tool to stop projects they don't like," Murdock said in an interview.

He's also concerned about the expense of hiring a consultant, not only on small businesses, but also on local governments that may need a consultant to interpret the information presented in the assessment.

"I think it's going to hurt all the little guys, regardless of whether it's ag or not," Murdock said.

Petersen in an interview said the change is in line with the priorities of Gov. Tim Walz's administration to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The resolution approving the pilot says that state agencies, such as the MPCA, will participate in the program but that participation for local governments is voluntary. Petersen said the greenhouse gas emissions estimates could add anywhere from \$3,000 to \$30,000 in expenses per assessment, but he hopes that most will be on the lower end of that.

There are no limits on greenhouse gas emissions other than for large power plants in Minnesota, but the state wants to gather data on greenhouse gases.

Luke Johnson is a Pipestone County commissioner and chairs the environment and

natural resources policy committee for the Minnesota Association of Counties.

He testified against the greenhouse gas estimates during a July meeting of the Environmental Quality Board.

He complains that there is not a standardized way of calculating the emissions and that it is up to the regulating agency to decide which method should be used when calculating the estimate.

"You'd think there would be a standardized process," Johnson said in an interview.

Beyond that, he says that "for something this impactful, the Legislature should weigh in," rather than the unelected members of the Environmental Quality Board.

Johnson said his group heard about the proposal "late in the game." His July testimony was not included in the public comments submitted to the Environmental Quality Board that were overwhelmingly in support of the worksheet changes.

The pilot program is set to run from January through September of 2022.

Denise Wilson, director of the environmental review program for the Environmental Quality Board, said the value for local governments in participating in the program is to get state support in learning how to navigate the program and be able to provide more valuable input into a final form of the updated worksheet.

The pilot period also still allows for additional comments from the ag sector.

"There's still an opportunity for ag groups to weigh in," Petersen said.

Isaac Orr, with the Center of the American Experiment, a free market think tank in Golden Valley, Minnesota, said that while the state is not requiring any mitigation yet, he fears it will lead to regulations.

And he said it will "empower the NIMBY's, which is unfortunate."

# Driver gets prison time for killing couple in Fergus Falls chase

By April Baumgarten  
Brainerd Dispatch

FERGUS FALLS, Minn. — A 32-year-old man has been sentenced to almost 19 years in prison for killing an elderly couple after crashing into their vehicle last year during a law enforcement pursuit in Fergus Falls.

Cody James Freitag of Barrett, Minnesota, cried as family and friends of Steven Christianson, 72, and Diane Christianson, 71, spoke Monday, Nov. 1, in Otter Tail County District Court.

Freitag fled Otter Tail County sheriff's deputies on Oct. 2, 2020, in a vehicle before running a stop sign at Cavour and Union avenues in downtown Fergus Falls.

That's where he crashed into the Christiansons' vehicle. The couple died at the scene.

One of the deputies in the chase was Kelly Backman, who was found to have fentanyl in his system during the pursuit. The former officer, according to court documents, also had drug paraphernalia in his desk and locker, and investigators determined



Freitag

he failed to log some drug-related items into evidence, despite reporting that he found them

during his work as a narcotics officer.

Backman was fired in April and later sentenced to 30 days of electronic home monitoring after pleading guilty to misconduct by a public official.

Freitag pleaded guilty in September to two felony counts of fleeing law enforcement during a vehicle chase that resulted in death, with each charge carrying a maximum punishment of 40 years behind bars. Because of a plea agreement, he was sentenced to 225 months in prison, which works out to 18 years and nine months.

Two counts of criminal vehicular homicide were dismissed.

If Freitag doesn't commit any disciplinary offenses in prison, he will be released after serving 150 months, or 12.5 years.

# Almost 7,600 Minnesotans are reported as having COVID reinfections

By Paul John Scott  
Brainerd Dispatch

MINNEAPOLIS — Following are the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 case rates, deaths, hospitalizations and vaccinations as of Monday, Nov. 1. Because all data is preliminary, some numbers and totals may change from one day to the next.

**Statewide case rates**

- ▶ **NEW CASES:** 2,857 (including a backlog of 7,597 reinfections since the start of the pandemic; Monday's new case number was 10,454).
- ▶ **SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE OF NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE:** 39.5 (as of 10/22)
- ▶ **TOTAL CASES, INCLUDING REINFECTIONS:** 797,984
- ▶ **TOTAL REINFECTIONS:** 8,184
- ▶ **SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE:** 7.3 (as of 10/22)

Beginning Nov. 1, the MDH has begun to report "reinfections." In keeping with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention terminology, this denotes cases in which a person tests positive more than 90 days after a previous positive test. As "total recovered" does not reflect known recovery but rather those no longer in isolation, with this updating we will remove that metric.

**Hospitalizations, deaths**

- ▶ **ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS:** 908
- ▶ **TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS:** 41,392
- ▶ **DEATHS, NEWLY REPORTED:** 25
- ▶ **TOTAL DEATHS:** 8,694

**Vaccinations**

- ▶ **FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED:** 3,468,379 and 74.8% of population
- ▶ **COMPLETED SERIES (2 doses):** 3,306,034 and 71.4% of population



## OTHER OPINION

## EV demand affirms Walz plan

While electric vehicle incentives and mandates have riled the internal combustion crowd, it appears the invisible hand of the market is stronger than the heavy hand of political rhetoric.

Rental car giant Hertz announced Monday it would purchase 100,000 electric vehicles from Tesla, a deal that boosted Tesla stock 13% and the company's market value past \$1 trillion for the first time.

Just a few months ago, Minnesota auto dealers and Republicans said there wouldn't be enough demand for electrical vehicles to justify Gov. Tim Walz's modest clean air standards. But the market is speaking.

Hertz CEO Mark Field told the Associated Press some electric vehicles will be in Hertz lots by November.

Analysts say the deal is just the start for anticipated roaring demand for electric vehicles from rental car companies and others who have become acutely aware of the environmental destruction caused by global warming, the majority of which is caused by the transportation sector. They note that EV rental cars will offer a great "test drive" for consumers eventually purchasing their own. Amazon bought 100,000 electric delivery vans in 2019 from Rivian, a startup manufacturer in which Amazon has an ownership stake.

If two of the richest people in the world, Elon Musk of Tesla (\$229 billion) and Jeff Bezos of Amazon (\$194 billion) have decided a substantial investment in electric vehicles is a good idea, it seems they're on to something the rest of us should consider.

That includes those critics of Walz's push to adopt air standards that will require more and more electric vehicles. In July Minnesota approved stricter tailpipe emissions standards that will take effect Jan. 1 and incentivize new car dealers to stock more electric vehicles. More than a dozen states have adopted the standards, with Minnesota being the first Midwest state to do so.

Senate Republicans and the Minnesota Auto Dealers Association fought the standards in the Legislature and in the courts but were not successful. Statements from the auto dealers group that "California bureaucrats" will somehow be in charge of Minnesota policy and that internal combustion cars will be "effectively outlawed" are ridiculous claims that should be ignored.

For their part, Senate Republicans ousted Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Laura Bishop, a businesswoman with sterling credentials, due to the politics of the clean car rules. Republicans orchestrated the removal as retaliation for Walz using his rulemaking authority to improve air quality for all Minnesotans.

Minnesota companies will benefit from the new rules. Phillips & Temro Industries, makers of electric charging equipment, plan to add 200 to 500 jobs in the next few years, again indicating strong demand for electric vehicles. Eden Prairie plans to move its entire fleet to electric vehicles.

The free market has clearly spurred electric vehicle demand. Auto dealers and Republicans should not try to fight capitalism.

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## THIS WAS BRAINERD

NOVEMBER 2  
20 years ago (2001)

(Photo) It's been a long, tortured road to fame for the large plaster deer statue that's become a well-loved mascot for Deerwood. He's been shot a few times. A carload of teenage vandals once stole a leg and left it in a field. Seamstress Shirley Lundstrom made the deer a huge, blaze-orange hunting jacket and hat, but on Halloween, vandals stole the hat.

30 years ago (1991)

His nickname should be Stormy, or maybe Crash. Joshua Dixon was born a couple of weeks early after his mother, Jodi, was involved in a car crash on Hwy 371 north during the 12-inch snowstorm on Halloween. Jodi wasn't badly hurt, but she, husband Kip and Dr. Mark Gray agreed not to take any chances and induced labor. Josh is doing great.

40 years ago (1981)

(Photo) Gary Hassel, a printer for the Brainerd Dispatch, needed 15 minutes to land this 41-8 muskie in the Mississippi River – and he needed help from fishing partner Larry Specht to do it. The lunker, which measured 52 inches long and 25 inches around, struck a Lindy Tandem. Marv Koep's Nisswa Bait Shop weighed it and took the photo.

60 years ago (1961)

Brainerd's Chamber of Commerce board of directors today issued a challenge to any group or individual to show why the city should not join 63 others in the state and 2,000 in the nation in fluoridating its water supply. Last night the Jaycees also voted 100 percent in favor of Brainerd fluoridation.

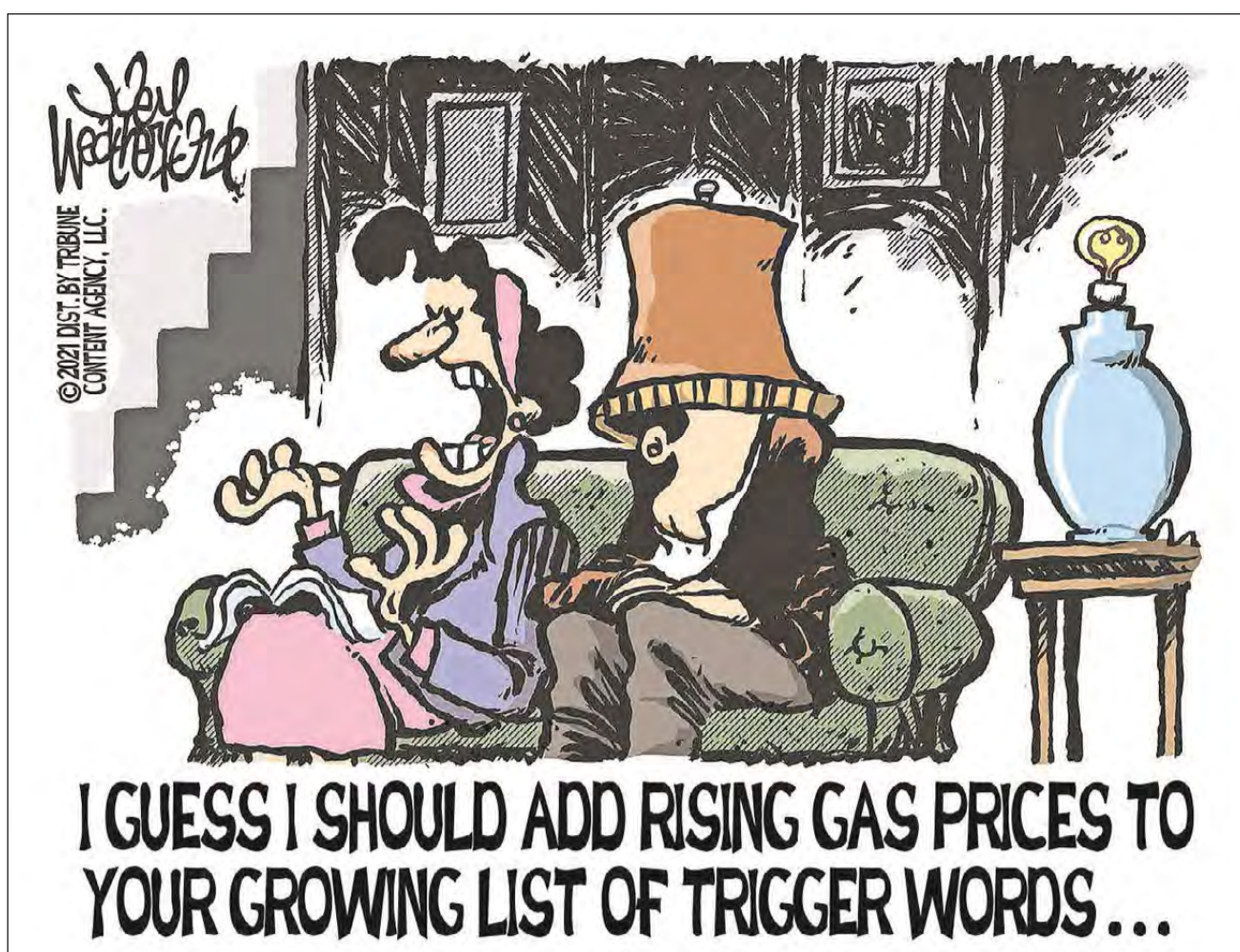
80 years ago (1941)

Halloween vandalism resulted in widespread damage at Gregory Park. It included lighting globes and light bulbs broken, a large birdhouse destroyed and electric wire stripped from the bandstand. Meanwhile, at neighboring Whittier School, hundreds of adults and children gathered for an evening of food and games.

100 years ago (1921)

The Brainerd Bowling Alleys have been the scene of several great battles, but none more so than the contest between Brainerd and Wadena. The visitors arrived at 7:30 chilled after their auto trip but soon warmed to the battle. Brainerd won the four-game match by a razor-thin margin of nine pins, 2,530 to 2,521.

—Compiled by Terry McCollough—



I GUESS I SHOULD ADD RISING GAS PRICES TO YOUR GROWING LIST OF TRIGGER WORDS...

## GUEST OPINIONS

## The US economy is better than it looks

By Karl W. Smith  
Bloomberg Opinion

The U.S. economy was weaker than expected in the third quarter, which is bad news for any American whose livelihood depends on strong economic growth and especially disappointing for the White House, which is struggling to reassure voters about the state of the economy amid rising prices and a historic supply crunch. Overall growth in the third quarter was 2%, a fair step down from rates of 4.5% and 6.7% the U.S. economy logged in the first and second quarters.

On closer inspection, however, the report looks a lot better.

For starters, the federal government's most comprehensive measure of economywide demand, something called final sales to domestic purchasers, rose roughly 6.6%. Notably, it's almost perfectly on track with the pre-pandemic trend. This measure, unlike the headline GDP number, isn't adjusted for inflation. So it's indicating that businesses, consumers and the government spent more, but they took home fewer goods and services because

of higher prices.

Moreover, the lion's share of the decline in real purchases is exactly where it would be expected: the automobile sector. The decline in sales of motor vehicles and parts alone chopped 2.7 points off gross domestic product. This suggests that, absent the chip shortage that continues to plague the auto industry, the economy would have registered annual growth of 4.7% in the third quarter — roughly in line with its pace earlier this year.

Meanwhile, household consumption of services continued to rebound, adding 3.6 points to real GDP, compared with 2.1 and 5.4 in the first two quarters of the year. That suggests the economy is continuing to rebalance from the lockdowns of last winter and spring, which caused a collapse in the service sector and a corresponding explosion in the consumption of goods.

Perhaps most important, compensation of employees at private businesses grew at a robust 9.2%, easily outpacing the rise in inflation. Remarkably, compensation is slightly above its pre-pandemic trend. As long

as that's the case, the outlook for growth will continue to be positive.

Finally, producer inventories continued to fall, as they have all year, indicating that pent-up demand is accumulating among businesses as well as consumers. This factor will help propel economic growth into next year and beyond.

Taken as a whole, then, the report is a sign that stagflation — negative real growth combined with high inflation — is not in the cards. For that to happen, there would have to be rising prices alongside static or declining spending power. That's the opposite of what this report shows.

Yes, real GDP growth slowed dramatically in the third quarter. But the gap is more than accounted for by the supply crunch in automobiles. At the same time, consumers and businesses are in the process of rebalancing from goods to services, causing some supply-chain bottlenecks. As soon as those are cleared, the U.S. economy will be poised to return to higher growth.

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## Gen Z needs to get our act together before we vote

By Charlotte Hampton and Isabel Tribe  
Los Angeles Times

Gen Z is getting the vote. About 8 million of us will have turned 18 between 2020 and the 2022 midterm elections, and we need to get our act together now.

We're coming of age in the looming shadow of the climate crisis, political unrest and a pandemic from which previous generations failed to protect us. As we expand our political voice, we need to act swiftly and strategically — an increasingly difficult task in a country that can't agree on basic truths, and where we're bombarded by false information on social media.

In a world already dominated by Apple and Instagram, we consume media in a way that has never been seen before. At our age, our parents were watching TV and reading newspapers; we're scrolling through Twitter and TikTok, spending hours immersed in constantly updating information. The difference is social media is riddled with misinformation and disinformation, favoring content designed to provoke. According to a 2020 Pew Research Center study, people who rely on social media for their news are actually less politically informed.

There are many reports on the ramifications of the spread of false information via social media. Yet, there is little that helps young people spot and understand

what they're seeing. We're not going to be able to address global problems unless we're united on the facts.

Social media allows us to retreat into curated silos that tell us what we want to hear: Part of TikTok's allure is the endless For You page, a customized feed that filters out what each user doesn't want to see and can make it feel like our generation is uniquely polarized.

This is why we created Teens for Press Freedom (TPF), a national, youth-led organization, to promote media literacy among high school students. TPF holds twice-weekly online workshops about news consumption and current events. With rotating teen hosts, we draw a new audience of our peers every session: The participants may be from Missouri one week, Texas the next.

Our workshops are effective because the information is coming from young people. The sessions don't feel like an extension of the school day; instead, they create an informal space to debate controversial political ideas. One past session questioned the value of wartime photography, another examined hidden corporate influence on trusted media, and one tackled the decline of local news.

At these meetings, we briefly present on the issue to create a baseline for discussion. The host comes prepared with open-ended questions, though the conversation is largely steered by the participants.

In a recent TPF survey, 90% of respondents said the workshops have increased their awareness of misinformation and disinformation on social media. And they're taking action. As one attendee said, "I've been more thoroughly checking everything I repost on Instagram."

We believe states and local school districts across the country should mandate media literacy training, with a focus on social media, in every high school government class. Only by teaching students how to assess information skeptically, verify sources and differentiate between news and opinion can we have the vigorous public discourse that democracy requires.

The News Literacy Project, a nonprofit organization, has been providing educators with curricula along these lines since 2020; every high school needs such a program now. As we have found in our workshops, even informal conversations about how we use social media can change behavior.

When millions of us step up to the ballot box in 2022, TikTok shouldn't be telling us how to vote. Countering the pervasive and profitable ecosystem of fake news online starts with educational policy, moves through peer-to-peer conversations and ends in high school classrooms.

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# Family friend knows too much about couple's finances

**DEAR ABBY:** I am friends with "Pete" and "Pam," a couple I have known for more than 20 years. Pam is keeping secrets from Pete, and, unfortunately, I'm aware of it.



**JEANNE PHILLIPS**  
Dear Abby

I need a way to address my concerns to Pete. He works full time in a great job, and his salary goes into a joint bank account. Pam handles all the finances and pays the bills – rent, car, etc. When Pete and I hang out and he asks Pam (who has the credit cards) for small amounts of money, she says, "Sorry, we don't have it." I understand that might be the case sometimes, but it happens ALL THE TIME.

Pam also secretly borrows cash from me. She pays it back late sometimes, but not always. I talked with Pam and told her to tell Pete she

borrowed. I don't think she did, and it concerns me. I'm her enabler but I'm putting my foot down and not doing it anymore.

I'm worried because Pete thinks they have all this money saved for a house. I'm starting to think Pam has spent it, or most of it. How can I tell Pete as a friend to check the finances without starting World War III? I'd hate to lose my friends over this, but I'm afraid the money he is earning is going somewhere else – where, I have no idea. Please help.  
– IN DANGER OF LOSING

**FRIENDS**  
**DEAR IN DANGER:** Tell Pete everything you have written to me. If he is so financially ignorant that he doesn't know how to check his balances and his credit rating, he should talk with a CPA for help ascertaining his financial status. Whether Pam has a spending problem or some other type of addiction, he needs to know. He also needs to know how long his dreams of homeownership may need to be postponed if what you are concerned about is true.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 37-year-old woman who has had to move back to my mother's home after ending a long-term relationship. I love her dearly and appreciate her letting me stay with her until I can get back on my feet. The problem is, I never have any alone time at home or even

out when I socialize. She's close with all my friends and frequently goes to the same bars and restaurants I do.

When I go out on weekends, she invariably asks me where I'm going and then shows up and sits with me and my group. I love her, but I really need some space. I'm single. I want to meet people when I'm out, and I can't do it with her there. When I try to talk to her about it, she gets upset and thinks I don't "ever" want her around. That's not true. I just want my own social life without her ALWAYS being there. Please help. – NEEDING SPACE IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR NEEDING SPACE:** It's time for an adult conversation with Mama. Explain that you enjoy her company but need some time by yourself – whether it's at home or with your friends.

If you don't want her beside you all the time when you're home, agree on a place you can retreat to for some solitude – like your bedroom.

When you're going out with friends, be clear that you want SOME time with them without her being present because it inhibits you. This does not mean she's not ever welcome, but maybe HALF the time. Encourage her to spend more time with her own friends. If she doesn't have any, help her to find some. Your problem may be that your mother is simply lonely and starved for company.

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# Leading Democrats skip campaigning against policing question

By Hunter Woodall  
Star Tribune

**WASHINGTON** — Three of Minnesota's leading Democrats oppose the Minneapolis ballot question that could replace the city's police department with a new public safety agency, but they aren't campaigning against it.

More than a year after George Floyd died at the hands of Minneapolis police, the divide over Question 2 has torn through established partisan political lines. With polls closing Tuesday, U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith and Gov. Tim Walz have made their opposition clear, but appear to be staying away from actively campaigning to defeat the measure.

The ballot question is a complicated one for Democratic politicians, said Kathryn Pearson, a University of Minnesota political science professor. It's a rare local measure that has attracted statewide and national attention.

"They would just as

soon not get involved in Minneapolis politics and be out front on an issue that's, no matter what position they take, guaranteed to upset some of their supporters," Pearson said. "If they were to be actively campaigning, it would also really highlight the divide within the Democratic Party."

Two of the most prominent Democratic supporters of the measure are taking a more active approach. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, both progressives who live in Minneapolis, are working to see Question 2 pass.

"I have been campaigning with Yes4Minneapolis and the candidates for City Council and mayor who support the efforts to put control of Minneapolis' public safety in the hands of its people, and my organizing team has been working hard doing what they do best: getting out the vote," Omar said in a statement.

On Oct. 24, Ellison and Omar headlined an event

supporting a yes vote on the question that was publicized as an "early vote rally and caravan to the polls." Ellison's campaign said he's also knocking on doors to help turn out voters. "I'm voting yes because we've got to be able to do better than this," Ellison said during the Oct. 24 event. "I'm voting yes because the status quo is just not working."

"The Minneapolis vote comes as lawmakers in Congress have failed to find a bipartisan solution on federal police reform legislation. When Smith announced her opposition to the Minneapolis ballot question in October, she stated "that Amendment #2 does not address the core public safety challenges we face, and may well move us in the wrong direction."

Smith, who like Klobuchar lives in Minneapolis, said in an interview that she wanted "Minneapolis voters to think this through carefully for themselves and reach the conclusion that they think is the right con-

clusion.

"She added: "And I'm not planning on campaigning on it."

Walz, who lives in St. Paul, recently announced he's running for a second term. A spokesperson for the governor's campaign said that while he has come out against Question 2, he hasn't donated to opposing the question or actively campaigned on the issue.

And a spokesperson for Democratic U.S. Rep. Angie Craig, another opponent of the measure who lives outside Minneapolis, said Craig hadn't done any campaigning or spending against the amendment following her criticism of it in an August announcement.

Klobuchar, whose 2020 presidential primary campaign made her more well known across the country, has posted on Twitter in the last two months about campaigning for Democratic candidates for governor in Virginia and New Jersey. Her spokesperson noted Klobuchar has made her opposition to the Minneapolis policing

Committee spokesperson Preya Samsundar said in an email.

Positions taken on the ballot question could also be a factor for Democrats within their own party, where activists play a major role. Democratic politicians who run statewide face the challenge of attracting not just urban votes but support throughout the state, where views on policing and reforms can vary considerably.

Matt Bennett, co-founder of a moderate Democratic think tank in Washington called Third Way, said he worries about the ballot measure's impact on Democratic politics.

"Look, I think it can be very politically dangerous for anybody in Democratic politics to appear to get crosswise with activists," he said. "So I'm not surprised that those offices were unwilling to get into it."

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in the city and shore up more resources for mental health counseling and violence prevention.

"We've got to be able to do better than this," Attorney General Keith Ellison, who lives in Minneapolis, told a group of the amendment's

supporters last week. "I'm voting yes because the status quo isn't working."

Opponents, including law enforcement groups, Mayor Jacob Frey, Gov. Tim Walz, U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, and others, meanwhile, said the change could leave the city with too few police officers to respond to crime in Minneapolis and transition the city away from a police department without a

clear alternative.

"We're down one-third of our sworn officers and we've asked these officers that have remained, that continue, to show up day and night to serve our communities, to keep them safe but we're asking so much more of them," Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said last week. "To vote on a measure of public safety without a solid plan and an implementation or direc-

tion of work, this is too critical of a time to wish and hope for that help that we need so desperately right now."

If approved, the proposal would also eliminate the police chief post. A commissioner would be appointed to lead the Department of Public Safety.

A Star Tribune/MPR News/KARE-11/Frontline PBS poll in September found that 49% of Minneapolis residents sur-

veyed supported the effort to replace the police department with a department of public safety, meanwhile 41% opposed it and 10% remained undecided. And 29% said the city should reduce its police force while 55% said it should not.

Minneapolis polls close Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

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the glow of its eyes, Harrison hid a two-way

radio inside of the head, treating all that would come close enough with a Halloween trick to remember.

Musielewicz and Harrison said they

both enjoyed having pirate-themed displays, although Harrison has a leg up on his competition.

"One of my favorite themes — pirates,"

Harrison said. "And because I have an artificial right-hand leg, and I've made myself an actual pirate pegleg. ... The kids, they just can't believe that it's real."

Harrison said it takes him about 40 hours to set everything up and around a day and a half to take everything down. "It's so fun seeing all these kids and the

way they enjoy this," Harrison said. "I mean, this is why I do it."

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## CHILD CARE

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"I look at this as, it's one step in the right direction, and I think we can really make an impact here if we put some resources toward this. ... With some of this funding, we can help with the licensing, help with the startup costs," Glynn said last month. "We still need bodies, just like everything else. This is a great step in the right direction, utilizing these funds."

The funds are a portion of the first half of the \$12.6 million awarded to the county in the federal American Rescue Plan Act. There is no cap on individual child care grant requests, but there is a set of requirements as well as a list of eligible expenses for providers to consider. To be eligible, providers must have or plan to have a physical location in Crow Wing County, they must be licensed through the state or be obtaining a license and they must commit to operating the business for

at least two years upon the acceptance of funds.

If selected, providers may use the grant dollars on eligible expenses including child care business start-up or expansion, training, facility modifications or improvements required for licensing, assistance with licensing or other regulatory requirements, playground equipment, safety equipment, curriculum and potentially other expenses, as approved by county officials and eligible based on federal guidance.

Funds cannot be used for lobbyists or political contributions, taxes (except sales tax on goods and services considered eligible), fundraising, bad debts, late payment fees, finance charges, contingency funds, parking or traffic violations, or out-of-state transportation and travel expenses.

Those interested can find more information and the online application at <https://bit.ly/3GG6JZu>. Applicants will be required to upload a proposal narrative describing how the project will increase the supply of quality child

care, which communities are targeted and how funds would be used, along with a timeline. A detailed budget will also be required, and for start-up businesses, a business plan and detailed financial projections. Those looking for help with this requirement may contact BLAEDC to be connected with a business consultant.

For questions, call 218-828-0096 or email [tyler@grow-brainerdlakes.org](mailto:tyler@grow-brainerdlakes.org).

### Other spending priorities

In addition to shoring up child care, commissioners also agreed to four other spending priorities for the \$6.3 million in federal funds: bolstering spending on expanding broadband access and infrastructure including sewer and water, internal Crow Wing County department needs, county government capital improvements and funds to ensure the future independence of the Family Services Collaborative of the Lakes Area.

Finance Director Nick Miel-

ke told commissioners last month language in the law passed by Congress authorizing the relief funds for local governments stated those dollars could be spent on public health, addressing negative economic impacts, offering premium pay for essential workers, governmental revenue loss or broadband, sewer or water infrastructure projects.

A total of \$1 million is set aside for proposals from internet service providers and the three sanitary sewer districts in the county, with applicants agreeing to fund at least 20% of the cost of their proposed projects. And depending on the location of the infrastructure, Houle noted collaborating with township governments to tap some of their federal funds may help stretch the dollars further.

Two internal county uses are on the docket: permitting leaders of each department to pitch various proposals that may fall under allowable uses for the funds, and identifying projects on the county's capital improvement

plan that could utilize those funds instead of county property tax levy dollars. A total of \$1.5 million is set aside for departmental use, and the capital improvements portion remains open-ended.

The final element of the relief program is to solicit a grant request from the Family Services Collaborative of the Lakes Area. The collaborative was originally a joint effort between school districts, the federal government and county governments to draw down federal resources for various child social work programs. As federal resources to this programming dries up, American Rescue Plan Act dollars provide an opportunity to give the organization independence from governmental reliance, county leaders said.

No maximum dollar amount was associated with this proposal, but the collaborative will be asked to offer a figure that would assure its independence.

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# Family: UND student pilot killed in crash was dealing with 'mental health concerns'

## NTSB preliminary report finds no mechanical problems in October crash

By Adam Kurtz  
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — The University of North Dakota commercial aviation student killed in an Oct. 18 plane crash suffered from mental health issues, and his family has established a memorial fund to support the mental health of UND aviation students.

Robert Kraus, dean of Aerospace at UND, said administrators were previously unaware of any mental health issues student pilot John Hauser may have been dealing with, but Hauser's family confirmed that was the case. Kraus said the official cause of the crash will be made known when the NTSB releases its final report, which could take up to a year. A preliminary NTSB report said that there were no mechanical problems with the plane.

"We don't want to do anything official until the NTSB report comes out but his family has allowed us to say that yes, there were mental health concerns," Kraus said.

Kraus said there were no "warning signals" prior to the crash, and that Hauser was an "outstanding student" who had good grades and was progressing well through UND's program. Kraus said it is difficult to look back and determine what Hauser was thinking at that time, which fuels speculation about the crash.

"Everybody thought everything was normal, and then this event happened," Kraus said. "Everyone is scratching their head as to why. Were there missed signals or is there something that we could have done prior?"

An investigator from the National Transportation Safety Board has ruled out the possibility of mechanical problems, according to an initial report of the crash, though that report is preliminary and may be changed.

Hauser was killed on a night flight to Fargo, where he was scheduled to practice taking off and landing before returning to Grand Forks. Kraus said the flight is a normal way for students to gain hours in the cockpit.

Hauser already had a private pilot's license before he came to UND, Kraus said, though he wasn't sure which school or flight academy he attended. Of the 250 hours needed for commercial aviation, Hauser had 133 hours, on top of what he had flown for his private pilot's license.

Shortly after his death, Hauser's family established the John A. Hauser Mental Health in Aviation Initiative Fund, with the UND Alumni Association & Foundation. The fund can be found online at undalumni.org/JohnsFund. As of Monday morning, Nov. 1, more than \$20,000 has been raised for the fund.

### Flight students, doctors and therapists

A problem particular to aviation, Kraus said, is that pilots don't want to see a doctor and they "really don't like to go see a therapist" out of concern they may be grounded for a medical or mental health issue.

When it comes to mental health, conditions including psychosis, bipolar disorder and severe personality dis-

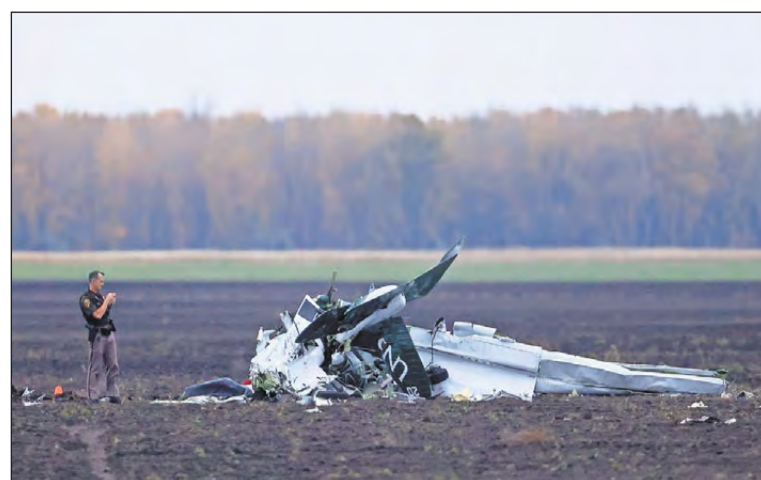
order disqualify a pilot from obtaining a Federal Aviation Administration medical certificate, according to the FAA's website dealing with pilot mental fitness. Kraus said Hauser was not affected by those conditions. But the stigma against seeking counseling for a mental health issue remains, and Kraus said UND is working to address it.

"We have to say there are ways to talk to somebody, and this is how you do it," he said.

Mental health professionals are obligated to report pilots who show signs of a severe mental illness, Kraus said, but the matter isn't always cut and dry. Simply feeling stressed or sad does not necessarily mean a pilot, even a student pilot, will have the medical certificate called into question. Kraus said there are "degrees of OK," before a pilot can be grounded. But it's the fear of losing their flight status that keeps them away.

UND has taken several steps to address the mental health of aviation students both before and after the crash. In April, the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences enacted the JDO Mental Health Task Force. It's a group made up of students, faculty and staff who work to raise awareness of mental health related concerns. The goal is to put in place programs and training for the college.

The week of the crash, Kraus said students could speak to workers at UND's counseling center on an anonymous basis. It was a chance for them to open up about the crash, without their feelings being recorded on the record.



Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald

A North Dakota Highway Patrol officer photographs the scene Oct. 19 where a University of North Dakota plane crashed in a field near Buxton, North Dakota, killing the pilot.

"The idea is to help somebody before they get to the point that they would be grounded," Kraus said.

Counseling services remain available on the campus, as are aviation support groups. There are telehealth services 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays for students who want to discuss their experiences together. Those sessions are also available in person from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays in room 207 of Ryan Hall.

On Oct. 28 a special training on suicidal behavior was held on campus, which included ways to help a person who is in crisis. The training will be periodically held over the next few weeks.

Another issue in aviation is how mental health professionals record the diagnosis of a pilot. Kraus said education is important for clinicians, when it comes to pilots. A minor issue not requiring medication should be recorded as such, instead of a diagnosis that would ground a pilot.

### NTSB report

According to the NTSB's preliminary report, the Piper PA-28-181 airplane operated by Hauser, a 19-year-old sophomore and commercial aviation student, made a "rapid descent" into the ground, not long after the plane took off.

NTSB preliminary reports do not include causes of crashes, however the report, written by

Aaron Sauer, the NTSB investigator in charge, indicated: "The airplane damage was consistent with a high angle and high energy impact with terrain."

Sauer concluded his report with: "Post-accident examination of the airplane revealed no mechanical malfunctions that would have precluded normal operations."

The report includes information that was mostly already known, but refined the timeline of events leading up to the crash.

Hauser took off from Grand Forks International Airport on Oct. 18 at about 7 p.m. About 30 miles south of Grand Forks, the plane made a 180 degree turn heading north before quickly descending into the ground. Air traffic control lost contact with the plane at about 7:24 p.m. The wreckage of the plane was discovered by local law enforcement at about 8:40 p.m., in a field near Buxton, North Dakota.

The main wreckage of the plane was found about 25 feet from the initial point of impact. The report indicated crushed pieces of the plane were found at those two locations, and debris was found forward of the main wreckage.

Information in the preliminary report is subject to change. Any errors will be corrected in the report's final version, according to the NTSB.

# Revised budget bill cuts more than \$10 billion in transportation funds

By Jessica Wehrman  
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — The latest iteration of congressional Democrats' budget reconciliation package reduces the amount of transportation-related spending by a little more than \$10 billion, paring down funding for ports and sustainable aviation fuel from the original proposal by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

While most of the focus among transportation groups has centered on the bipartisan infrastructure bill, which includes \$550 billion in new spending for built infrastructure such as highways and transit, Democrats had hoped to flesh out investments further when crafting the reconciliation package. That larger spending bill also includes dollars for child care, fighting climate change and other domestic priorities.

The newest version of the reconciliation bill, trimmed at the insistence of moderate Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin III of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, still includes

\$10 billion for a new program that would bring more transit services to low-income communities and spends \$10 billion for a high-speed passenger rail program. Both are key priorities of President Joe Biden that were also in the original reconciliation measure the committee approved Sept. 15.

The newest version of the bill also still includes \$4 billion for a program aimed at removing infrastructure that separates Black and brown communities from cities, and \$4 billion for a greenhouse gas emission reduction program for highways, both also Biden priorities.

But the latest version reduces port infrastructure grants from \$2.5 billion to \$600 million — a move that may be controversial as the United States grapples with a supply chain logjam that has clogged the nation's ports.

In an emailed response to a query about the cuts, a spokeswoman for the American Association of Port Authorities said while they were grateful the dollars for port infrastructure were not cut entirely, the group is disappointed nonetheless.

"This money is a generational investment in port infrastructure, and more will be needed to prepare supply chains for the future of freight transportation," she said.

The money in the reconciliation bill would be in addition to \$10 billion overall devoted to ports infrastructure in the bipartisan infrastructure bill that passed the Senate in August, according to the American Association of Port Authorities. The original deal had included some \$17 billion for ports.

Among the allocations in the bipartisan bill are \$250 million for a study on reducing truck emissions at port facilities and \$2.25 billion for a port infrastructure development program. There are also broader grant programs in the bill that could benefit ports.

Adie Tomer, head of the Metropolitan Infrastructure Initiative at the Brookings Institution, said while the current House reconciliation bill would "certainly limit" the Maritime Administration's ability to help solve supply chain challenges, many are difficult for government to solve. Most of the supply

chain is controlled by the private sector, not the government, and "the vast majority of supply chain issues originate with private sector decisions like workforce conditions, local shipping-related laws like empty container storage, and global economic conditions beyond any one party's control," Tomer said.

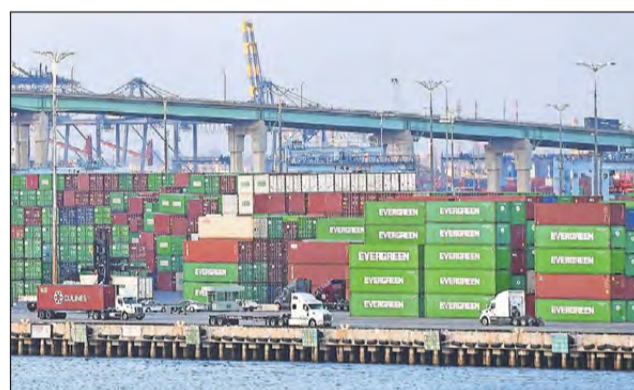
"Whether \$2.5 billion or \$600 million, MARAD funding alone can't do much to solve shipping issues at this scale," he said.

The newest version of the bill also cuts to \$300 million what had been a \$1 billion competitive grant program to encourage the development of sustainable aviation fuel. And it eliminates the \$6 billion allotted for member priorities, known as earmarks.

Jeff Davis of the Eno Center for Transportation found differences as well in programs for tribal transportation, a clearinghouse of information on autonomous vehicles and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Changes Davis identified included:

—Elimination of \$1 billion for the Federal Highway Administra-



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Containers stacked high are seen at the Port of Los Angeles on Sept. 28 in Los Angeles. Congressional Democrats' latest version of the spending bill reduces port infrastructure grants — a move that may be controversial as the United States grapples with a supply chain logjam that has clogged the nation's ports.

tion's Tribal Transportation program.

—A \$50 million reduction to the \$100 million allotted for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Traffic Safety Clearinghouse.

—Elimination of \$8 million to create a clearinghouse for information on autonomous vehicles and mobility innovation.

—Elimination of \$100 million for the U.S. Maritime Administration's innovation and climate resilience program.

—A reduction to \$650 million from the \$1 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard's Climate Resilient Infrastructure program.

—Addition of \$50 million for environmental review implementation.

—Creation of a \$900 million program for low-carbon transporta-

tion materials.

Transit was thought to be one of the more controversial items in the transportation section of the bill, with Sen. Patrick J. Toomey, R-Pa., the ranking member of the Senate Banking Committee, writing a letter to Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Chairman Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio to protest the additional funding.

But the spending found allies in Sen. Jon Ossoff, D-Ga., and Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., who fought for the new \$10 billion program, which would pay for construction of public transportation systems connecting affordable housing with transit networks.

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## COUNCIL

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"This adds another layer onto our hiring process. It adds a little bit of confusion," Schubert said, referencing last year's search for a new police chief that had candidates

interviewing in front of the council and the civil service commission separately, with the commission then recommending candidates to the council. After two candidates turned down the job offer, the council promoted an internal candidate to police chief.

"The civil service commission has done a great job over the years, but I think we are

seeing that maybe their situation really isn't helping us, it's more hindering us," Schubert added. "So at this point, staff and the civil service commission are actually recommending that we dissolve the civil service commission."

Schubert said the normal hiring process for a city employee takes about eight weeks, whereas having to go

through the civil service commission typically takes about 12 weeks.

Because the commission is written into the city's code, dissolving it requires an ordinance repealing that part of the code.

The full city council voted unanimously at its meeting later Monday night to direct staff to draft language for an

ordinance to repeal the commission, which will come before the council Nov. 15.

"If a commission wants to dissolve itself, I think that's probably a sign that their job is done," city council member Tiffany Stenglein said.

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## AREA VOLLEYBALL



Brainerd Dispatch / Steve Kohls

Pequot Lakes Patriot Maci Martini hits the ball across the net Monday against Foley in the Section 6-2A Quarterfinals at Pequot Lakes.

# Patriots, Tigers advance in section playoffs

**Pequot Lakes 3, Foley 0**  
PEQUOT LAKES — Ella Kratochvil recorded 14 kills and five digs for No. 2 Pequot Lakes as they swept the No. 7 seed Foley Falcons 3-0 in the Section 6-2A Quarterfinals Monday, Nov. 1.

Maci Martini totaled 12 kills and nine digs while Abi Martin dished out 32 set assists for the Patriots in the win.

Kelsi Martini added 11 digs for the Patriots who advanced to the Section 6-2A Semifinals at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 4, at St. Cloud Tech.

Foley 17 18 14  
Pequot Lakes 25 25 25  
Pequot Lakes statistics  
Abi Martin 3 digs, 1 block, 1 ace, 32 set assists  
Camille Haman 4 kills  
Morgan LaRock 7 digs, 2 aces  
Isabel Larson 1 dig, 2 blocks, 4 kills, 1 set assist  
Grace Haffard 1 dig, 1 kill  
Maci Martini 9 digs, 1 ace, 12 kills  
Ella Kratochvil 5 digs, 14 kills  
Kelsi Martini 11 digs, 2 aces, 3 set assists  
Joselyn Rinio 2 digs, 3 blocks, 4 kills  
Lauren Schultz 9 digs, 1 set assist  
Charlee Sullivan 2 digs, 1 ace  
Overall: PL 23-6. Next: Pequot Lakes vs. Milaca in Section 6-2A Semifinal at St. Cloud Tech 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

**PRB 3, Mille Lacs 1**

AITKIN — Hannah Barchus totaled 21 kills, 23 digs, seven blocks and an ace for the top-

seeded Pine River-Backus Tigers as they defeated No. 2 seed Mille Lacs 3-1 in the Section 5-1A Quarterfinals Monday, Nov. 1.

Claire Dahl recorded 12 kills, 25 digs and two aces while Alaura Dahl dished out 36 set assists to go with 15 digs, two aces and two blocks for the Tigers.

Cate Travis added 23 digs for PR-B which advanced to the Section 5-1A Semifinals 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, at Crosby-Ironton High School.

Mille Lacs 13 19 25 16  
Pine River-Backus 25 25 20 25

**Pine River-Backus statistics**  
Hannah Barchus 23 digs, 21 kills, 7 blocks, 1 ace  
Brianna Hanneken 1 set assist, 1 ace  
Chloe Andrus 1 set assist, 10 digs, 3 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace  
Meagen Irish 8 digs, 3 kills, 4 blocks  
Alaura Dahl 36 set assists, 15 digs, 1 kill, 2 blocks, 2 aces  
Claire Dahl 25 digs, 12 kills, 1 block, 2 aces  
Emily Hanneken 5 digs, 4 kills, 1 ace  
Cate Travis 23 digs  
Overall: PRB 23-7. Next: Pine River-Backus vs. Braham in Section 5-1A semifinals at Crosby-Ironton High School 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

**Milaca 3, Staples-Motley 1**

STAPLES — Morgan Becker tallied 17 kills and 15 digs for the third-seeded Staples-Motley Cardinals as they fell 3-1 to the No. 6 seeded Milaca Wolves in the Section 6-2A

Quarterfinals Monday, Nov. 1. Leah Bestland recorded 33 set assists and 19 digs while Maggie Claussen added 29 digs for the Cardinals.

Staples-Motley concludes their season with a record of 23-7.  
Milaca 25 12 25 25  
Staples-Motley 15 25 21 20  
Staples-Motley statistics  
Leah Bestland 2 aces, 1 kill, 33 set assists, 19 digs  
Emily Case 1 block, 2 digs  
Bo Erholtz 9 kills, 2 blocks, 5 digs  
Morgan Becker 1 ace, 17 kills, 15 digs  
Grace Jennissen 1 kill, 1 dig  
Klaire Storry 1 ace, 1 set assist, 8 kills, 2 blocks, 1 dig  
Jayce Kobilska 2 aces, 1 kill, 15 digs  
Steffany Sullivan 2 aces, 1 kill, 11 digs  
Maggie Claussen 1 ace, 29 digs  
Overall: SM 23-7.



Bruce Kluckhohn / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Jarred Vanderbilt, left, battles with Orlando Magic center Wendell Carter Jr. for control of the ball Monday at Target Center in Minneapolis.

# Magic roar past Wolves in fourth quarter

Orlando outscores Minnesota 43-19 over final 12 minutes.

**Field Level Media**  
MINNEAPOLIS — Cole Anthony scored 31 points, rookie Franz Wagner had a career-high 28 and the Orlando Magic ended a four-game losing streak with a 115-97 comeback victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday.

Anthony (14 points) and Wagner combined for 24 fourth-quarter points as Orlando outscored the Timberwolves 43-19 over the final 12 minutes. Minnesota was on top by 13 points in the second quarter and 11 late in the third.

The Timberwolves took a 78-72 lead into the fourth period, but the Magic pulled ahead

94-85 on Anthony's 3-pointer with 6:28 remaining. Wagner hit a 3-pointer from the corner to make it 99-89 at the 4:57 mark, and he later drove the lane for a dunk and a 104-91 advantage.

Wagner shot 10-for-18, including 5-for-9 from beyond the arc, as the Magic salvaged one victory during its three-game road trip that included losses to the Toronto Raptors and Detroit Pistons. Wagner has reached double figures in all eight Orlando games this season.

Anthony made six triples and added nine

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# Vikings' Hunter done for the season

Defensive end tears pectoral muscle against Cowboys

By Chris Tomasson  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings star defensive end Danielle Hunter will miss the rest of the season after suffering a torn right pectoral muscle during Sunday night's 20-16 loss to Dallas at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Hunter was injured in the second quarter and did not return after playing 27 snaps. He had an MRI on Monday morning, and an initial diagnosis of the injury was confirmed.

"I don't think you replace him, he's one of a kind," said Vikings coach Mike Zimmer. "It's unfortunate that we're going to miss the next half of the season with him."

Hunter missed all of last sea-

son with a neck injury but looked strong in his return this season. He had six sacks in the first six games before being hurt against the Cowboys.

"He's a great kid," Zimmer said. "He'll do a great job in his rehab and he'll be ready to go."

Hunter is expected to be replaced in the lineup by D.J. Wonnum at left defensive end. Wonnum began the season as the starter at right defensive end before Everson Griffen took over for the past three games.

"We know losing Danielle possibly is very hard," Griffen said. "He's a big-time player for us and that situation is hard. But in this game that's why you got a football team and we got to go out there and we got to get the young guys going and get them ready to play. But losing Danielle is a big blow. ... It's devastating."

The Vikings have little experienced depth after Wonnum and Griffen. Kenny Willekes, a sev-

enth-round draft pick in 2020 who is on the practice squad, was elevated to the roster and made his NFL debut by playing 16 snaps against the Cowboys. They also have rookie defensive end Patrick Jones II, who has yet to play this season.

"(Willekes has) been coming up," Zimmer said. "Pat's got some ability, and he's been working real hard. So they'll get some opportunities now."

Minnesota traded veteran defensive end Stephen Weatherly to Denver on Oct. 23 after he had played little in the first six games. He had his first sack of the season for the Broncos on Sunday against Washington.

The Vikings have talked about not wanting to overuse Griffen, who turns 34 in December. He played 60 of the 73 defensive snaps on Sunday while Wonnum played 53.

"I just got to take care of my body better and ready to go out there and work," Griffen said.

# Gophers lose another running back

Bryce Williams out with season-ending injury

By Andy Greder  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Gophers are now without five scholarship running backs.

Bryce Williams has become the third running back to be lost to injury during this season; he follows Mo Ibrahim in September and Trey Potts in October. This injury bug actually started when reserve Preston Jelen was ruled out for the year after a knee injury in pre-



USA Today Sports file photo

University of Minnesota running back Bryce Williams runs against the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Oct. 16 at Huntington Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

season camp in August. In addition, Cam Wiley entered the NCAA transfer portal in October.

"It looks like it will be season-ending," head coach P.J. Fleck said of Williams on Monday.

"It's unfortunate. It's one of those years that's kind of got us right now. But it's next man in, it's the next man up."

Williams appeared to injure his left ankle when tackled after a 19-yard reception in the first quarter of Saturday's 41-14 victory over Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. He couldn't put weight on his leg and needed assistance to get to the bench and then the locker room.

With Ibrahim and Potts out, Minnesota had Williams, Mar'Keise Irving and Ky Thomas split the carries in

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# Fiala 'not concerned' with recent scoring drought

## Wild winger scoreless in five straight games

By Dane Mizutani  
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Wild winger Kevin Fiala hasn't scored a point in nearly two weeks.

After netting a goal in the Oct. 15 season opener against the Anaheim Ducks, and a couple of assists in the games that immediately followed, Fiala looked poised for the breakout season he confidently promised back in training camp.

Instead, the 25-year-old from Switzerland has ghosted his teammates during the latest slump of his young career. He will enter Tuesday's game against the Ottawa Senators at Xcel Energy Center scoreless in five consecutive games, and even worse, has fallen back into his old habits of taking unnecessary risks in his search of offense.

His lack of success on the ice has manifested itself off the ice as Fiala declined interview requests following losses at Seattle and Colorado over the weekend.



USA Today Sports file photo

Minnesota Wild left wing Kevin Fiala shoots on goal Oct. 16 against the Los Angeles Kings at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

He spoke to reporters after Monday's practice at TRIA Rink in downtown St. Paul and took accountability for his recent struggles.

"I feel I'm a goal-scorer, and if I don't score goals in some games, it's getting a little bit in my head," he said. "I've been long enough in the league to know that it can't happen. Just have to stay with it, stick with it, be a good teammate, be happy, and do a lot of other things."

That answer from Fiala is a sign of maturity. Not only did he own up to thinking too much on the ice, he emphasized how he needs to find a way to make an impact when he's not scoring goals. He's playing on

the penalty kill for the first time in his career, for example, and understands his effort in that realm can make a difference.

"It's not always just scoring goals," he said. "Sometimes, for me, it's a good game just to have a good defensive game. It's not always just being offensive. Of course I want to be offensive. Of course I want to score every game. But it's not going to happen."

Still, the truth is the Wild need Fiala to be a top-tier scorer. Especially with skilled winger Mats Zuccarello currently in COVID protocol.

If Monday's practice was any indication, coach Dean Evason is trying to get Fiala going by playing him along-

side center Joel Eriksson Ek and hulking winger Marcus Foligno.

Asked about his scoring drought, Fiala quickly noted, "There's still 74 games left." He mentioned how he's hit the post a few times this season, and how the power play as a whole has garnered quite a few good looks, narrowly missing out on scoring goals.

"We had so many chances that just didn't go our way," he said. "It's a little unlucky right now, so if it turns, it turns, and hopefully very soon. What I can do right now is just come here and have fun and work hard."

How has he stayed positive in the meantime?

"You know, we're 5-3-0 right now, so it's going well for the team," Fiala added. "That's how I stay positive. It's just awesome to get every day to work with this group. Just having fun. I'm not concerned. I'm sure it's going to turn and go the right way."

The most encouraging thing about Fiala is he's gone through these slumps in the past, and whenever he finds the back of the net, the goals usually start coming in bunches.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Pierz vs. NLS at St. Cloud Tech

The Section 6-3A Championship game between the No. 2 seeded Pierz Pioneers vs. the No. 4 seeded New London-Spicer Wildcats has been moved to St. Cloud Tech High School.

The final will start at 5 p.m. with the Section 5-3A championship game between Annandale and Spectrum to follow.

## GIRLS TENNIS

# Folden, Ruhl named MVPs

Seniors Brynne Folden and Taylor Ruhl were named Most Valuable Players for the Brainerd Warriors girls tennis team at the team's end-of-season banquet Sunday, Oct. 31.



Folden



Ruhl

Lila Collins. All-conference honorable mention was earned by Moraghan, Lindsay Busch and Ericah Folden.

Anakkala, Moraghan and Ruhl earned all-conference scholar-athlete honors as well as all-state individual academic awards. Brainerd as a team earned the gold level award with a team grade-point average of 4.0 or higher.

Lily Knoepke earned the junior varsity team's Grit Award for the hardest worker.

Olivia Dehning and Sophie Chamber were named Most Improved singles players. Reese Glynn and Lauren Castle were named Most Improved doubles players and the Let's Go Award was earned by Dehning and Olivia Orlovski.

That went to Catherine Moraghan and Ruhl.

Ella Chaussee was named the Most Improved Singles player. Most Improved doubles went to Avery Anakkala and Claire Erdal.

The Let's Go Award went to Lydia Olson and Brynne Folden.

Earning All-Central Lakes Conference honors were Chaussee, Ruhl, Brynne Folden and

Brainerd assistant coach Chad Anderson was named the Section 7-2A Assistant Coach of the Year by the Minnesota State Tennis Coaches Association.

## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

# Schleper named North Division Player of the Year

Central Lakes College Raiders sophomore Haley Schleper was named the Minnesota College Athletic Conference North Division Player of the Year.

The award is voted by the coaches.

The middle hitter racked up 379 kills on the season to lead all MCAC hitters, averaging 3.64 kills per set and a .307 hitting percentage on the season. She has also served 47 aces and blocked 50 balls to go with 301 digs. Schleper will lead her Raiders team into the NJCAA DIII National Tournament Nov. 11-13 in Rochester.



Schleper

Joining Schleper on the North All-Division team are teammates Sarah Bennett (libero), Grace Peabody (setter) and Megan Rinicker (middle hitter).

Jaime Johnson was named to the North second team.

The four first-team members were also named to the All-MCAC Volleyball team.

# Another stop-gap at shortstop for Twins?

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MINNEAPOLIS — In a perfect world for the Minnesota Twins, top prospect Royce Lewis would not have torn his ACL last February. He would not have needed season-ending surgery, and instead would have spent his season in the high minors.

Maybe he would have debuted in the big leagues last season, as he had hoped, and shown everyone why he was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 draft. Perhaps he would have been ready to slide in and take over starting duties near the beginning of the 2022 season.

Of course, the second part didn't play out that way. Lewis's injury means he hasn't played in a minor-league game since 2019 (he spent the 2020 season at the Twins' alternate site in St. Paul). It also means that he won't be the Twins' answer at shortstop this season — or if he is, it certainly won't be at the beginning of the season.

So, the Twins enter the off-season — one with an incredibly strong free-agent shortstop class — in need of an answer at the position.

## 2021 season

Andrelton Simmons was brought in on a one-year deal last offseason for his glove. And

defensively, the four-time Gold Glover gave the Twins more or less what they were expecting. He was sixth among all defenders per Statcast at 16 outs above average and helped turn a position of weakness, defensively at least, into a strength.

But while he did help the Twins shore up their infield defense, he quite simply didn't hit. Simmons finished the year batting .223 with a .283 on-base percentage and .274 slugging percentage. All three numbers — along with his .558 OPS and 57 OPS+ — marked career lows for Simmons.

When Simmons was out of the lineup, Jorge Polanco occasionally shifted back to his former position. At the end of the season, Nick Gordon got a couple of looks at shortstop, too, though the Twins didn't seem to be too inclined to use Gordon there even though it was the position he primarily played in the minors.

## 2022 outlook

The free-agent shortstop class is littered with stars. There's Carlos Correa and Corey Seager. There's Javier Báez and Marcus Semien. There's Trevor Story.

None will come cheap, and all presumably will be looking for longer-term deals.

If the Twins believe Lewis — or even perhaps Austin Martin

— will be manning shortstop for them one day in the somewhat near future, it would make more sense for them to instead look at another stop-gap type deal for the immediate present.

Martin, another top prospect, was acquired at the trade deadline from the Blue Jays and split time between shortstop and center field last year. It's not clear that he's going to be a shortstop in the future, though what position he'll end up at in the majors still has yet to be determined. It's possible, too, that Lewis eventually gets moved off the premium position.

Either way, the Twins will need an answer at short to begin the season. Among their internal options, Polanco would be the most capable, yet the Twins would suffer defensively if they moved him back from second base.

"We're hopeful we have a couple guys who can play shortstop and be in the mix in the middle of the diamond," president of baseball operations Derek Falvey said in late September. "I would say right now that anything is on the table. We have to put everything on the table, with where our team is and what it looks like. We have to be able to (look at) free agent considerations, trades or even internal guys that move around if we feel that's the best place for them to go."

## BRIEFS

### NFL's leading rusher done for season

NFL leading rusher Derrick Henry broke the fifth metatarsal in his foot and will undergo surgery on Tuesday.

Head coach Mike Vrabel confirmed the Tennessee Titans are planning on life without Henry and working out veteran free agents.

Vrabel said the Titans will not know the timeline for Henry's return until the surgery has been completed. However, he's expected to be out 8-12 weeks.

NFL Network reported that the team will work out future Hall of Fame running back Adrian Peterson. Peterson reportedly confirmed a Monday workout.

Multiple running backs are expected to be invited to a Tuesday workout, per reports, which falls

on the same day as the NFL trade deadline. Buccaneers backup Ronald Jones is reportedly being shopped and could interest the Titans if the price is right.

Henry leads the NFL in carries (219), rushing yards (937) and rushing touchdowns (10).

He injured his foot in the first quarter at Indianapolis and attempted to play through the pain, finishing the game with 29 carries for 68 yards.

### Broncos trade Miller to Rams

Von Miller was traded from the Denver Broncos to the Los Angeles Rams in a blockbuster deal agreed to on the eve of the NFL trade deadline, he said Monday afternoon.

Miller said he hopes to be able to play this week with his new team on Sunday night.

Miller, inactive for Sunday's game against the Washington Football Team, can become a free agent at the end of the 2021 season after eight years with the Broncos.

ESPN reported the Rams part with second- and third-round picks in the 2022 NFL Draft but will pay only \$700,000 of Miller's remaining \$9.7 million salary. The Broncos will pay the balance, per the report.

Miller, 32, has 4.5 sacks in seven games this season and 110.5 sacks in his career. The prospect of blocking Miller and All-Pro defensive tackle Aaron Donald, who has 5.0 sacks this season and 90.5 in his career, would be daunting for most teams.

Four of Miller's sacks this season were recorded in September and he has gone three consecutive games without one.

Miller was the No. 2 overall pick out of Texas A&M in 2011.

### Padres hire away A's manager Melvin

San Diego struck early in free agency, hiring Oakland Athletics manager Bob Melvin to take over in the Padres' dugout.

The Padres and Melvin agreed to a three-year deal, the team confirmed Monday morning, that brings Melvin back to the National League after 11 seasons with the Athletics.

Melvin's contract expired in Oakland at the end of the 2021 season. The Athletics won .528% (.853-.764) of games under Melvin. He led the team to six playoff appearances (2012-14, 2018-20).

The Padres missed the playoffs in a stacked National League West

following a poor September. San Diego fired Jayce Tingler after two seasons and interviewed multiple candidates, including former White Sox and Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen and former Cardinals manager Mike Shildt.

A three-time Manager of the Year, Melvin has 18 seasons experience in that role and is 1,346-1,272 overall.

His .514 winning percentage in 2,618 games includes stints with the Seattle Mariners (2003-04), Arizona Diamondbacks (2005-09) and Oakland Athletics (2011-21).

### Cavs' Love to miss several games

Cleveland Cavaliers forward Kevin Love has entered the league's health and safety protocols and is expected to miss several games, The

Athletic reported Monday.

It's unclear if Love tested positive for COVID-19.

However, players who are fully vaccinated are not required, in most cases, to quarantine if they're exposed to someone who has tested positive, though they will need seven days of testing. Unvaccinated players flagged by contact tracing will need to quarantine for seven days.

Love, 33, has played in all seven games off the bench and is averaging 9.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He's averaging a career-low 20.7 minutes per game.

The five-time All-Star is in his 14th season overall and eighth in Cleveland. The 6-foot-8 forward has career averages of 17.9 points and 11.0 rebounds per game.

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