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SHIFTING LANDSCAPE

Redistricting changes Minnesota's political map this year

By Alex Derosier and Dana Ferguson West Central Tribune

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innesota's political landscape has shifted ■ in the wake of new legislative and congressional district maps released Tuesday, Feb. 15, by a panel of five judges.

Among the biggest changes are the visible growth of Minnesota's Congressional District 8, which covers most of northeast Minnesota.

The 8th District expands west to include the white Earth and Red Lake nations. All of the state's northern tribal lands are unified in a single district under the new map, something tribal leaders had requested, according to the redistricting panel's ruling. The 8th District, which includes the city of Duluth and spans from the Arrowhead in the east to Bemidji in the west, is represented by Republican Rep. Pete Stauber.

The five-judge panel in a court filing said they'd come up against the deadline for the Legislature to put forward new maps. And since lawmakers in the divided Statehouse couldn't agree, the panel published the new congressional and legislative maps at noon Tuesday.

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To avoid delaying the electoral process, the panel must now act," the judges wrote.

In the five congressional districts around the Twin Cities Metro area, populations grew over the last decade. Meanwhile the three more rural districts saw their populations decline. As a result, the judges said they remained close to the prior congressional maps but redrew each district to get the boundaries closer to containing an even voter population. The five more populous districts shrunk in terms of geography, while the three more rural ones grew.

"Simply put, we are not positioned to draw entirely new congressional districts, as the Legislature could choose to do. Rather, we start with the existing districts, changing them as necessary to remedy the constitutional defect by applying politically neutral redistricting principles," the panel said.



Absentee and mail-in ballots are counted in Kandiyohi County in this undated file photo.

The maps set the new boundaries for Minnesota's eight Congressional districts, 67 Senate districts and 134 House districts, and will be in effect for the 2022 elections. States adjust their representative maps every 10 years based on new data from the Census.

Reaction

To address population growth, the panel moved the southern rural portion of the

2nd District in the Twin Cities' southern suburbs westward, taking Le Sueur County and handing over Goodhue and Wabasha counties in the east to the 1st District, which contains the cities of Rochester and Worthington. Minnesota's 2nd District tends to be competitive in elections, though could favor Democrats more as it becomes more suburban.

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New maps mean big changes for region

By Shelby Lindrud West Central Tribune

WILLMAR across the region will need to relearn their legislative districts after the new maps were released Tuesday.

To evenly distribute the state's population after the 2020 census, the state's eight congressional districts, 67 Minnesota Senate and 134 Minnesota House districts had to be redrawn. A city or county that was in one district Monday might have found itself in a completely new one on Tues-

The region saw changes in both the Minnesota Senate and House districts.

Each Senate district in Minnesota, designated by a number, is made up of two House districts that are designated by the same number with an A or B.

Most of what was Senate District 17 is now District 16 — which includes all of Kandiyohi, Chippewa and Renville counties, including the townships of Birch Cooley and Beaver Falls and the city of Morton. Also added to the district was the western half and a portion of north central Meeker County, including the cities of Litchfield, Cosmos and Watkins.

At the House level, District 16A will represent all of Chippewa and Renville counties, the portion of Meeker County within the new Senate District 16 and the southeastern corner of Kandiyohi County, including the city of Lake Lillian and the townships of Lake Lillian, East Lake Lillian, Lake Elizabeth and Fahlun.

House District 16B covers the rest of Kandiyohi County, including the cities of Willmar, New London, Spicer, Prinsburg, Atwater, Kandiyohi and Raymond.

The northeastern corner of Meeker, with the city of Kingston, is part of Senate District 29 and House District 29A. Portions of central and southeast Meeker County, including the cities of Darwin and Dassel along with the area around Forest City, are part of Senate District 17 and House District 17A.

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Willmar School Board orders construction documents After 2-year delay, middle school addition moves forward

This drawing shows the site proposal for an addition to Willmar Middle School. The blue portion of the addition is a gym and alternative learning classrooms. The larger yellow portion will be used by the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative for classes for special education students with high needs. Contributed / Willmar

Public Schools



By Linda Vanderwerf West Central Tribune

WILLMAR — An addition to Willmar Middle School is moving closer to a construction date after a twoyear delay because of the pandemic. The Willmar School Board

voted Monday to send the plans for the addition to the

Minnesota Department of Education for review and ordered the development of construction documents. The addition was in development two years ago, but was put on hold in March 2020 when the pan-

demic began. If construc-

tion can begin later this

year, the addition could

open in fall 2024, said

Superintendent Jeff Holm.

The addition will represent a partnership between Willmar Public Schools and the Southwest West Central Service Cooperative on the \$17 million project.

The school district's share of that cost will be about \$5 million.

A variety of funding sources will be used, including the district's undesignated fund balance, pandemic aid that is approved for that use and lease payments from the cooperative to the district. The cooperative is also seeking state bonding money.

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How Minnesota's new voting maps took shape

By Dana Ferguson West Central Tribune

ST. PAUL — The release Tuesday, Feb. 15, of Minnesota's new congressional and legislative maps spurred some candidates to announce their bids for office, while others turned to introspection about whether they'd move or retire from their seats.

Lawmakers blew through a legislative deadline (again) making a Minnesota court panel's input necessary to keep state elections on track in the coming months and into the next decade.

Here's a look at what the judicial panel said informed its decisions around the new maps and what the changes could mean for Minnesota vot-

How did they decide how to draw the districts?

The five-judge panel in its orders Tuesday said there were a few criteria that helped it redraw the state's voting maps. They tried to:

- Remain close to a target population to keep districts even
- Comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as well as the 14th and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution
- Respect the lands of federally recognized American Indian tribes
- Respect political subdivisions

DISTRICTS

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In a statement, 2nd

a Democrat, thanked

the redistricting panel

for their commitment

to a "nonpartisan and

disappointed that the

new boundaries do

not include all of the

cities and towns that I

currently represent in

to being the voice of

Congress, I look forward

several new communities

across Minnesota," Craig

Others said they would

take time to examine the

or move to attempt a run

Republican leadership

results before deciding

whether to retire.

did not rule out

announce reelection

in a different district.

challenging the maps

but appeared satisfied

with the results. At

a Tuesday afternoon

news conference at the

Capitol, Senate Majority

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Republicans found the

it was too early to say

maps to be fair. He said

Leader Jeremy Miller,

R-Winona, said that,

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transparent process" and

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"While I am, of course,

District Rep. Angie Craig,

nities of interest (those who share social, cultural, ethnic, occupational or other interests)

▶ Shape districts without the intent of helping or hurting any candidate or political party

Keep the districts reasonably compact

For Congressional districts, the judges aimed to split the state into eight districts with close to 713,312 voters in each. And that meant adjusting each district to add or subtract people depending on how much the district's population changed over the last decade.

The five districts closest to the Twin Cities metro area (Congressional Districts 2, 3, 4, 5 and saw their populations increase at a greater rate than the statewide average in the last 10 years, which meant they needed to shrink (in population and geography) to meet that new target, the panel

Meanwhile, Congressional Districts 1, 7 and 8, needed to grow in geography and people to meet the target.

That means the more urban districts contracted, geographically, to scale down in population size. And rural districts expanded into surrounding areas to grow their populations.

The judges also noted that they took into consideration the representation of Black, Indige-

election, but he projected

going into the 2022

"We're confident

that our priorities for

this session will help

us maintain and grow

our majority," he said.

include boosting funding

crime and cutting taxes.

R-East Grand Forks, said

Republicans were hoping

told reporters he thought

possible to districts. He

balanced map and did a

"good job" of keeping most districts close to

their 2012 boundaries.

Labor Party Chairman

Democratic-Farmer-

Ken Martin reacted to the

new maps in a statement

early Tuesday afternoon.

"It will take some

time for us to conduct

a full analysis of these

maps, but we are excited

nonetheless to have this

process conclude and

have a clear sense of

the political landscape

DFL Party organizing

units will be working

our candidates in new

districts and ensure our

overtime to endorse

in front of us," he said.

"Across Minnesota, local

Republican priorities

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Leader Mark Johnson,

optimism.

 Preserve commu- nous and People of Color changes to the congresaround the state. Those communities fueled popula-Minnesota's tion growth over the last decade.

Why did the court have to draw the maps?

Under the Minnesota Constitution, the state Legislature is charged with redrawing the congressional and legislative maps every decade. But political division has prevented that from happening over several decades. And that means the

court has had to intervene to redraw the maps to ensure they represent the state's changing demographics. Parties sued following the completion of the 2020 U.S. Census, alleging the state's maps published in 2012 were "unconstitutionally malappor-tioned," kick-starting the work of the Minnesota Judicial Branch Special Redistricting Panel in

The panel took testimony around the state, assessed a variety of competing proposals for the new maps and ultimately shared the new maps on Tuesday.

Where did the biggest shifts happen (and why)? Voters in northern and

central Minnesota can expect to see the biggest changes following the sional maps.

The judicial panel expanded the state's 8th Congressional District to the west, as well as south down to Washington County. The district is now set to encompass all populated northern Minnesota tribal lands in one congressional district.

Judges said the district will represent mining, timber, outdoor and tourism industries, while its neighbor to the east, the 7th Congressional District, would continue to represent agriculture and the Red River Valley.

The 7th Congressional District also needed to pick up its population to meet the panel's target, so the judges added part of Cottonwood County, more of Stearns County, pieces of Brown and Hubbard counties, as well as Morrison and Wadena counties to the vast western section of the state.

In southern Minnesota, the 1st Congressional District grew to pick up Goodhue and Wabasha counties from the 2nd Congressional District.

The panel, in an order explaining the changes, noted that while it used the guiding principles to attempt neutrality in redrawing the districts, its approach "does not leave any congressional district unchanged.

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This round of

redistricting will mark a half-century of the courts having the ultimate say in Minnesota's political district boundaries, as Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature have consistently failed to reach a compromise on new maps. The Minnesota Supreme Court appointed the panel in June.

Minnesota lawmakers new maps.

Based on data from the 2020 Census, the ideal population for a Congressional district in Minnesota is now 713,112. Minnesota narrowly held on to its eight districts in the last Census. The

population in Minnesota increased in the last census from 39,582 to 42,586. Minnesota Senate districts are split into two A and B House districts.

New boundaries for representation can affect elections in a number of ways. Shifting boundaries can change the demographics of a district, which can play to the advantage or disadvantage of candidates. For example, a Democrat in a suburban district on the edge of a metropolitan area could have their district boundaries changed to include larger swaths of potentially more conservative rural areas - meaning a disadvantage in the upcoming election.

Incumbent elected representatives can see map changes that make the district they serve disappear from beneath their feet. Suddenly they'll be in a position where they are running against another incumbent sometimes of the same party — or will have to move to run for an open seat in an open district.

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A 50-year tradition

five-judge redistricting

started seeking public input and developing new legislative and Congressional maps after receiving new data from the 2020 Census in August much later than usual. Lawmakers typically expect Census results by February. With a tighter turnaround this year the judicial panel worked concurrently with legislators to develop

ideal legislative district

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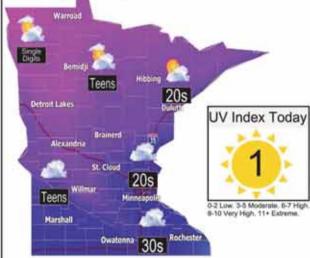
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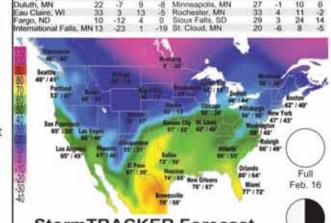
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First flood outlook 'average' for area

By Tom Cherveny West Central Tribune

MONTEVIDEO - A true sign that spring is coming, and it's a good one.

At this point, there is an "average" or normal risk of spring flooding in Minnesota, according to the National Weather Service's first flood outlook report for 2022. The report released Feb. 10 found average snowpack conditions throughout most basins in the

As always, the first report year.

comes with the caveat: Much will depend on weather patterns in March and early April.

The flood risk in the Minnesota River basin is termed average. The National Weather Service calculates a 13% risk of "minor" flooding in the Montevideo area, which compares to a historical average of 10% in mid February.

In general, snow depth and water content on the landscape through much of Minnesota is within the average parameters for this time of

Due to last summer's drought, the National Weather Service reported that there is a lot of room to intercept runoff.

The most snow is found in

the headwaters of the Mis-

sissippi and St. Croix rivers.

Snowfall amounts recorded from Sept. 1, 2021, to Feb. 9 throughout the state are within 25% of normal ranges.

The season's first measurements show the equivalent of 2 to 4 inches of water on the landscape of northern Minnesota and in the 1- to 2-inch range in southern Minnesota.

BRIEF

Carris Health, CentraCare ease visitor restrictions

WILLMAR - Carris Health and CentraCare have updated their visitor guidelines this week.

One healthy adult visitor is now allowed at all Carris Health sites and at all sites of CentraCare, Carris' parent organization.

Two adult visitors are allowed for patients who are

The change is effective at all hospitals, clinics and specialty centers.

The new guidelines do not a positive test for COVID-19 apply to long-term care facilities because of different regulations for vulnerable popula-

As COVID-19 case numbers decline, the health care providers are cautiously optimistic the new guidelines will offer patients a balance of safety and family support while receiving care, according to a news release from CentraCare.

Visitors must be healthy and not have symptoms of COVID-19. Visitors should not visit for 10 full days following

or after a known close contact exposure to someone with COVID-19.

Medical-grade masks are still required at all facilities. Patients and visitors with non-medical grade masks including cloth masks, gaiters or bandanas - will be offered a medical-grade mask upon

Visitor guidelines are constantly under review to be sure patient and employee needs are met while keeping everyone safe, the release said.

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SCHOOL

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Local property taxes will not be affected by the project, Holm said.

The cooperative plans to develop an educational learning center for special education students whose needs aren't met in a traditional school setting. The school district would build a new gym and classroom space for an alternative learning center for middle school-aged students.

The project will be a good addition to the school, Holm

"Our Middle School is woefully inadequate in terms of instructional space for (physical education), which impacts schedules and all sorts of things," he said.

The additional space will benefit all students who attend the Middle School and also benefit the community by adding space for recreation programs, he said.

The school district has tried for several years to keep alternative learning students in grades 7 and 8 apart from the high school students at the Willmar Area Learning Center located at Garfield School, Holm said.

Students at the ALC can be

and the school felt the age range was too wide. Students may attend an alternative learning center for a variety of reasons. Some may need to make up missed credits. Others may just not do well in a traditional school setting.

Middle Currently, the School's ALC students attend school in a basement classroom at Jefferson Learning Center. The building also houses preschool programs and the Adult Basic Education program.

Holm said the classroom used at Jefferson is a nice, well-furnished room in "a very lousy location."

The Southwest West Central Service Cooperative currently has an educational learning center in rented space at the MinnWest Technology Campus in Willmar which is not large enough and wasn't built for that purpose.

"We're talking about students with unique and high needs in areas of emotional/ behavioral as well as autism sometimes," he said. A regular classroom, even with additional support, is often not a good option for those students, he added.

The cooperative offers many services to schools and communities across the southwest part of the state. It has been working to develop educationup to 21 years of age, he said, al learning centers in central

locations around its service area. A new one opened in Montevideo a few years ago.

The hope is that a new center will help meet the needs of students from Willmar and surrounding districts without the long bus rides some now have, Holm said. The addition would begin

on the southeast corner of the school and be built directly south of the school. A parking lot would be added south of the addition, and a playground would be built east of the educational learning center.

Board members commented that the addition would cover a large grassy area often used by physical education classes. "It is a busy space," said board member Mary Amon. "I'm not saying we shouldn't do it, but we will lose some space."

Board Vice Chairman Mike Reynolds pointed out that the school will still have nearly a whole city block of outdoor space to use.

Holm told the board the project is likely to cost more than it would have two years ago, and it could be hit by supply chain issues. The large tip-up concrete panels used for gym walls can take 18 months to be delivered.

The public may see a lot of activity at first and then the site could be quiet, waiting for supplies to be delivered.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Farmers Co-op Oil Company

RENVILLE — The Farmers Co-op Oil Company and Cenex donated a \$5,000 Hometown Pride Grant to Park Moms to complete the renovation of North Park in Renville. The organization has been raising money by selling personalized bricks that will soon create a custom pathway to the

Humane Society

WILLMAR — The 16th annual Save Our Tails fundraiser will be an online auction beginning Feb. 17 and running through Feb. 25 to raise money for the Humane Society of Kandiyohi and Meeker Counties. Go to the website www. ziemerauctions.com to register and bid.

Brew Ha Ha 6.0

WILLMAR — The United Way of West Central Minnesota

and Empower: Women United present Brew Ha Ha 6.0 at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at the Barn Theatre in Willmar to benefit local programs including the Imagination Library program. Beer, cider and wine sampling, appetizers and a show by comedian John DeBoer, Tickets are \$35 online at liveunitedwcm. org or by calling the United Way

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Lower Sioux tribal member to lead Missing and Murdered **Indigenous Relatives office**

West Central Tribune

ST. PAUL - Juliet Rudie, a tribal member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community and lifelong Minnesota resident, will lead Minnesota's new Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives as its director. It's the first office of its kind in the nation, according to a news release from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

The office will be housed in the Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs and will focus on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives. The office will work with the 11 sovereign tribal nations in Minnesota; federal, state, and local law enforcement; federal and state agencies; and community-based organizations and advocates. Additional staff for the office will be hired in the coming

Rudie's career in public safety spans almost 28 years. She began as a patrol officer with the St. Paul Police Department in 1990, later serving as a sergeant assigned to various divisions including Juvenile Investigations, Missing Persons and the Director of Training. She joined the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in 2011, serving as an inspector, undersheriff of the Administration Division and chief deputy

Rudie will begin her new duties as director of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office on Feb. 28.

"For far too long, Native women and girls, men and boys, and two-spirit relatives have been disproportionately impacted by violence. It is through generations of advocacy from elders, mothers, sisters and friends that we are able to launch the first-of-itskind Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office," said Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan in the news release.

The office was a recommendation of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Task Force, which found that while Native Americans make up 1% of Minnesota's population, they account for approximately 9% of all murdered girls and women in the state during the last decade. Anywhere from 27 to 54 Indigenous women and girls were missing in Minnesota in any given month from 2012 to

This new office "continues the work of addressing the root causes of the epidemic of violence faced by Native women, girls, and two-spirit relatives," said Gov. Tim Walz.

Legislation to establish the office was signed into law by Walz in 2021. The office will also help develop and implement future legislation and transformative social justice policies.

For more information on the work of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force, visit the Office of Justice Programs website at ojp.dps.mn.gov.



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> **SENATE MINORITY LEADER** MITCH MCCONNELL

Follow Mitch's lead: He now shows some backbone

By New York Daily News **Editorial Board**

roperly translating the Republican National Committee's Orwellian statement that the Jan. 6 Capitol marauders and rioters were "ordinary citizens engaged in legitimate political discourse," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell dropped the Newspeak and said in plain English: "We all were here. We saw what happened. It was a violent insurrection for the purpose of trying to prevent the peaceful transfer of power after a legitimately certified election from one administration to the next. That's what it was." What a crying shame this seems to be a minority view in

Yes, it was a "violent insurrection" egged on by a president who had lost and was trying to cheat and steal in order to illegally and unconstitutionally cling to power. But his ever-loyal vice president, showing a welcome spasm of principle after years of servility, refused to go along, even with the rampaging mob howling, "Hang Mike Pence!" It took Pence a year to summon the courage. He now says plainly, "President Trump is wrong. I had no right to overturn the election."

Correct. To make it clear to everyone, even Donald Trump and his zombie-like followers, the antiquated, confusing and contradictory Electoral Count Act must be clarified and modernized before the 2024 presidential election. McConnell must put his full weight behind this needed repair, joining the bipartisan effort in

the Senate. Written in 1887, a full decade after a deal to resolve the disputed 1876 election, the Act has an early "safe harbor" provision from the horseback courier days that a GOP-favoring U.S. Supreme Court used in 2000 to stop the Florida recount, handing victory to George W. Bush over Al Gore. It also has the vice president announce the

winner, which the Trumpers claimed (and still claim) grants the veep authority to discard results.

Fixing the law would push back the calendar on when states can report their results and clearly strip the veep of any meaningful involvement — so next time Congress counts the votes, the mob can stay home.

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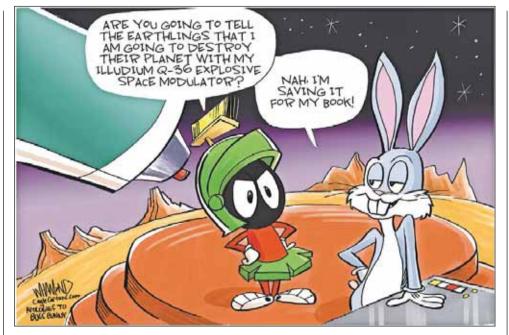
U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, left, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell watch a police motorcade follow a hearse carrying the remains of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick on Feb. 3 after "lying in honor" in the Rotunda of the Capitol in Washington,

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Time to support **Summit Carbon Solutions**

Ethanol has been a cornerstone of the Minnesota economy for decades. However, with small-refinery waivers, electric vehicles, and the pandemic hampering the industry, the future of Minnesota biofuels is full of obstacles.

Considering ethanol contributes roughly \$5 billion to Minnesota's GDP and supports 12,686 jobs statewide, its viability must remain a top priority.

Fortunately, despite the challenges facing ethanol, there is light on the horizon as producers seek new markets. Consumer trends are evolving across the country, and several states are now willing to pay a premium for lowcarbon fuel.

Through carbon capture and sequestration, ethanol plants can lower their emissions and become competitive for decades to come.

Six Minnesota plants have already partnered with a project to capture carbon dioxide from the fermentation process, transport the material to North Dakota, and safely store it underground.

The project developer, Summit Carbon Solutions, understands agriculture and is based in the Midwest.

It plans to employ up to 17,000 workers during construction, create hundreds of permanent jobs, and pay property taxes along the project's entire route. So far, more than 30 plants across

five states have signed agreements with Summit Carbon Solutions.

Minnesota stands to benefit tremendously.

With more E85 stations than any state in the U.S. and nearly half of our corn crop going to ethanol, our state's success is closely tied to the ethanol industry. As ethanol thrives, so does Minnesota.

I encourage all Minnesotans to support Summit Carbon Solutions as it works to create a brighter future for ethanol, agriculture, and Minnesota.

Steve Veverka Marshall

Congratulations to the Vikings' running back Dalvin Cook

Congratulations to the Vikings' running back Dalvin Cook.

According to news reports, he recently graduated from Florida State University. Although he left school early to join the NFL, he still continued his education.

Not all professional athletes do that,

but he did. If possible, he can now do something during the off-season. And once his career in the NFL is over,

he already has another career waiting Thank you, Dalvin Cook, for being an

inspiration to young people, by completing your education. Kent Syverson

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Latinx's meant to be inclusive. It got lost

San Diego

n writing about Latino issues for more than 30 years, there is not much I haven't seen. In fact, there have even been a few things that I wish

I could unsee.



RUBEN NAVARRETTE

And now, as I digest the current telenovela over the term "Latinx," I've caught a glimpse of three familiar threads.

First, there's the complex relationship that Latinos have toward our own identity. Many of us are conflicted or confused. It's why so

many of us have such strong views about how we should be identified. There aren't enough couches in the whole Southwest to allow millions of Mexican Americans to sort out whether we are "Mexican" or "American." Many Puerto Ricans in New York ("Nuyoricans") can't relate to those who grow up on the island of Puerto Rico. And how Cuban Americans see themselves depends on whether they grew up in Cuba or the United States, and — if they came as refugees — in what wave they arrived. Many Latinos know their way around an identity crisis, but it's not a smart idea to use cultural insecurities as a motivator for creating new terminology.

Next, there is the memory of how many people of Spanish origin shunned the word "Hispanic" while others embraced it. In the early 1970s, the Nixon administration — with help from my friend, Grace Flores-Hughes, who worked at what was then called the Department of Health, Education and Welfare — settled on the word "Hispanic" as the preferred term to describe people of Spanish origin. In the 1980s, the word appeared on the official U.S. census form. Some of the "described" accepted the term, but many did not. Some hated the term because it was imposed by the government, and by a Republican administration at that. Others disliked that it harkened back to Spain. In time, someone proposed an alternative: Latino. What's in a name? Experience tells us: Not much.

Finally, then there is the fact that White liberals can't resist their colonial instincts to tell us who we are, what to think and even what we should be called. There is an ongoing debate

about who birthed the term "Latinx,"

though most experts seem to agree

that it arrived in the American lexicon in the mid-2000s. Some of those who embrace the term insist that it came from left-wing activists who wanted an "inclusive" term that welcomed the LGBTQ community. Others say the term came from within the Holy Trinity of White American elitism: media, academia and politics. In my case, when I heard Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., use "Latinx," that was my cue to avoid the term like store-bought tortillas.

Apparently, I'm not the only one. Let's "x-amine" the resistance among Latinos —- to "Latinx."

In December 2021, the League of United Latin American Citizens, the oldest Latino civil rights group in the country, banned the word from its official communications and correspondence. Domingo García, LULAC president and an old friend, told NBC News at the time: "The reality is there is very little to no support for its use and it's sort of seen as something used inside the Beltway or in Ivy League tower settings, while LULAC always rep Jose and María on Main Street in the barrio and we need to make sure we talk to them the way they talk to each other."

In November 2020, Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz., tweeted out a provocative response to a Democrat who asked how the party could "improve our work with the LatinX community" and prevent "republican LatinX voters." Gallego responded: "First start by not using the term Latinx."

In 2020, a study by the Pew Research Center found that only 3% of Latinos most often young women — use the term. In 2021, a survey by Bendixen & Amandi International, a Democratic firm that specializes in Latino outreach, put the percentage of Latinos who use "Latinx" at 2%.

It appears that, when you have a product or project aimed at Latinos, slapping "Latinx" on it is a good way to kill it. The word tells actual Latinos: This isn't for you. This is for White folks who want to pretend they're you.

The term is silly and self-indulgent. The debate over it is a waste of time. As 62 million Latinos get ready to run America, there is a whole ocean of bigger fish to fry. It's time to cast our lines and light up the grill.

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Is the virus really over? We each get to decide

s even Democratic governors race to ease face mask and vaccination requirements, and the number of new COVID-19 cases plummets, one might reasonably ask: Is it over?



FROMA HARROP National commentator

Public health officials offer a variety of answers. But on the personal level, each of us is fashioning our own private policy. I'm truly

done with the coronavirus. But is the virus done with those I care about, to which I'll add myself?

I am triple vaccinated and circulate among mostly vaccinated

people, so I don't worry much anymore. If I have a breakthrough infection, especially from the omicron variant, it is almost certain to be mild, if noticed at all. I will continue to wear masks

without complaint on airplanes, buses and trains. And I'll do so voluntarily in crowds of people. It has come to my attention that ever since this masking business began, I haven't caught a cold, much less the flu.

At the same time, I am tired of having to wear masks in uncrowded stores. That said, even when I disagree with these policies, I follow them to make life easier for the workers tasked with enforcing them. Those who harass these stressed employees are jerks.

Some health officials say, wait a minute. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 remain high, and about 2,000 Americans still die from it every day. But the vast majority are unvaccinated, which makes their illness and death selfinflicted. This is not early 2021, when vaccinations were harder to come by.

Peter Hotez, head of the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College in Houston, is not as relaxed. He warns that another wave may hit the South and Texas this summer.

"I'm hearing the messaging, 'It's starting to look like the flu," " he said. "To me, that all becomes an excuse for inaction."

Is the massive wave of omicron infections creating some kind of herd immunity? How long any protection afforded by the weaker variant will last remains an open question. Also, the low vaccination rates in poorer Asian and African countries create opportunity for other variants to arise.

The politics of this matters, because Democratic leaders are more aggressive about getting their population vaccinated. That is the best way out of this. But the groans unleashed by such White House pronouncements as, "The president's goal is to defeat the virus" (press secretary Jen Psaki, last month) are going to hurt Democrats.

A Cygnal poll of swing states found their voters are more worried about how COVID-19 might hurt the economy than how it might hurt their health. Another poll, from Monmouth University, has half the respondents saying they fear catching the virus, but 70% thinking it's time to accept its presence and move on.

The Democratic governors of Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey and New York are backing exit strategies for bringing daily life back to "normal." Requiring masks in schools stopped making sense some time ago.

Look, the threat posed by the coronavirus is currently low among people who've gotten their shots and high among those who haven't. Today, each of us may decide whether we obtain protection from a vaccine and how we approach crowds, masked or unmasked.

We may not "defeat" the virus anytime soon, but the vaccinated majority can feel they've "contained" it. For them, the pandemic may be over. For the others, maybe not.

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Sandy Hook families agree to \$73M settlement with gun maker

By Dave Collins **Hartford Courant**

HARTFORD, Conn. — The families of nine victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School have agreed to a \$73 million settlement of a lawsuit against the maker of the rifle used to kill 20 first-graders and six educators in 2012.

Remington, which made the Bushmaster AR-15-style rifle used in the massacre, also agreed to allow the families to release numerous documents they obtained during the lawsuit including ones showing how it marketed the weapon, the families said Tuesday.

The families and a survivor of the shooting sued Remington in 2015, saying the company should have never sold such a dangerous weapon to the public. They said their focus was on preventing future mass shootings.

Messages seeking comment

lawyers Tuesday.

The civil court case in Connecticut focused on how the firearm used by the Newtown, Connecticut, shooter — a Bushmaster XM15-E2S rifle was marketed, alleging it targeted younger, at-risk males in marketing and product placement in violent video games. In one of Remington's ads, it features the rifle against a plain backdrop and the phrase: "Consider Your Man Card Reissued."

Remington had argued there was no evidence to establish that its marketing had anything to do with the shooting.

The company also had said the lawsuit should have been dismissed because of a federal law that gives broad immunity to the gun industry. But the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled Remington could be sued under state law over how it marketed the rifle. The gun were left for Remington and its maker appealed to the U.S.



Connecticut State Police via Getty Images / TNS

In this handout crime scene evidence photo provided by the Connecticut State Police, a Bushmaster rifle is shown in Room 10 at Sandy Hook Elementary School following the Dec. 14, 2012, shooting rampage in Newtown, Connecticut. Families of nine victims of the massacre have agreed to a \$73 million settlement of a lawsuit against Remington, the maker of the rifle.

to hear the case.

The case was watched by gun supporters and gun manu- cumvent the federal law and

Supreme Court, which declined facturers across the country because it had the potential to provide a roadmap for victims control advocates, gun rights of other mass shootings to cir-

sue the makers of firearms.

Remington, one of the nation's oldest gun makers founded in 1816, filed for bankruptcy for a second time in 2020 and its assets were later sold off to several companies. The manufacturer was weighed down by lawsuits and retail sales restrictions following the school shooting.

Adam Lanza, the 20-yearold gunman in the Sandy Hook shooting, used the rifle made by Remington and legally owned by his mother to kill the children and educators on Dec. 14, 2012, after having killed his mother at their Newtown home. He then used a handgun to kill himself as police arrived.

Lanza's severe and deteriorating mental health problems, his preoccupation with violence and access to his mother's weapons "proved a recipe for mass murder," according to Connecticut's child advocate.

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AROUND OUR REGION

Area celebrations

Litchfield Peanut Butter & Milk Festival: Feb. 12-19. The 50th annual festival will feature nine guests from Hartford, Alabama — Litchfield's sister city spending the week in Meeker County. The remaining events open to the public is a potluck banquet at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at St. Philip's Church Social Hall with a social time and silent auction at 7 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. Princess Kay of the Milky Way Anna Euerle of Litchfield will be speaking.

Winterfest: **Paynesville** Feb. 19, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Events at the Paynesville Area Community Center, \$5 entry fee, advance registration required at Paynesville Community Educa-

Diamond Edge skating show

WILLMAR — The Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club presents "Skatecation!" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Willmar Civic Center.

The special guest skater is Wren Warne-Jacobsen. She began skating when she was 5 years old at the Bemidji Figure Skating Club and she started

competing at age 7. In 2019 she qualified for and competed at her second U.S. Figure Skating Championships where she finished third in the

Junior Ladies Free Skate and fifth in the country overall. 2022 is the 22nd season of Diamond Edge Figure Skating

Club. All alumni are welcomed

back for this show. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for ages 3-17. They are available online on the club website www.diamondedgeskating.

Income tax assistance

WILLMAR - Free tax with assistance from AARP volunteers will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Thursday through April 14 at the Willmar Community Center. Appointments required: to set up your appointment call 320-354-3529 between 1 and 4 p.m. weekdays.

Ridgewater College

WILLMAR Ridgewater College is presenting a social justice speaker series open to the public via Zoom with registration. All sessions will be recorded. Look for links at ridgewater.edu/about/diversityequity-and-inclusion. The remaining sessions are:

► March 15, 11 a.m. "Tactile the World: A DeafBlind Woman's Journey," with Christine "Coco" Roschaert. An avid traveler, Coco has experienced 62 countries and has had to rely on her instinct, experience, challenges and resources to navigate the globe as a DeafBlind woman using a blind-cane and tactile sign language. This presentation will be in American Sign Language



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with voice interpretation. Register at tinyurl.com/Ridgewater-

► March 24, 11 a.m. "Understanding Somali Culture," with Hudda Ibrahim, author of "From Somalia to Snow" and "What Color is My Hijab?" and a faculty member at St. Cloud Technical and Community College. She will clarify diversity, equity, inclusion and unconscious bias; share how different cultures impact communication: discuss specific needs of Somali students; share language and communication styles and ways to bridge the communication gap; and explore religion, spirituality and Islamic dietary laws. Register at tinyurl.com/RCHudda.

Physical activities

Outdoor ice rinks: Open rinks with lights at Garfield, Hilltop and Lincoln parks.

Garfield warming house: 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday, 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sun-

Open skating: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Willmar Civic Center, \$3 for all ages; \$2 skate

Open curling: 6 to 9 p.m. Saturdays, Willmar Civic Cen-

ter, \$3 for all ages. Adaptive/open curling: 4 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Willmar Civic Center, \$3 for all ages.

Willmar **Community Center**

WILLMAR — The Willmar Community Center has several events set. All events are free unless noted. For reservations call 320-262-5288 or go online at willmarparks-rec.com. The Community Center is closed Monday, Feb. 21, for Presidents

Willmar Area Senior Citizens Club: Feb. 16, 2 p.m., freewill donation, entertainment by Mikko Cowdrey

Friday afternoon of dancing: Feb. 18, 1 p.m., \$2 nondancers, \$7 dancers; light lunch served; music by Michael James.

Charcuterie serving board: Feb. 21 and Feb. 28, 6 p.m., \$15. Come make your own serving board in this two-night woodshop class, advance registration required.

Feb. 26, 2 p.m., free, all ages. Learn a new featured game, bring some friends, and play any available games in our li-

Community bingo night: Feb. 27, 5 to 7 p.m., \$3 per person; two cards per person.

Veterans Coffee social: Feb. 28, 9:30 to 11 a.m., open to all veterans, police, fire and emergency medical services members.

Book Club: Feb. 28, 3:30 p.m. First session of a new group being formed for a relaxed opportunity to read new books and enjoy discussion with other readers. Contact the community center for more details.

Yahoo for Yahtzee: Every Monday, 12:30 p.m.

Let's Draw Art Sketching Club: Mondays, 1 p.m., ages 12-100, \$5 for five classes. A weekly art class that will go over the basics of drawing, sketching and painting with basic art supplies provided.

Check Mates Chess Club: Mondays 6 p.m. Whether you are advanced or just learning the game, we would love to have you join our club.

Hand & Foot Cards: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m., free, popular variation of canasta, easy to learn.

Community Kids: Wednesdays, 4 p.m. Different activities from crafts to science to simple creative snacks for K-5 students. Register one week in advance to assure appropriate supplies, \$5 each week.

Square dance lessons: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Practice and learn the varieties of square dances. All ages and skills wel-

Farkle Fridays: Every Friday, 1 to 4 p.m., all ages, a classic dice game to try and reach 10,000 points first. Each player

will have their own cup and dice. Exercise classes: Gently Yoga, Bone Builders, SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Life), contact Community Center for details and prices.

Community puzzle exchange: Daily, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., drop off, pick up or swap out a puzzle in our exchange program.

Woodshop: Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 6 to 9 p.m.

Community board games: Monday evenings. Advance registration required by calling 320-262-5288. Cost is \$5 for a daily pass. \$25 for a three-month membership, and \$60 yearly.

Willmar **Public Library**

WILLMAR The Willmar Library is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The website is www.willmarpubliclibrary.org. Call 320-235-3162. Curbside pickup remains available during regular hours. Face masks strongly encouraged. Programs are in person in the library. The WiFi can be accessed 24/7 from a parked car in the lot behind the library or in front of the building using your li-

brary card or through Overdrive. Brainfuse HelpNow: Free online tutoring service, grades K-12, one-to-one live homework help from online tutors between 2 and 11 p.m. daily; English or Spanish; math, science, English/language arts, social studies and reading assistance; app available for mobile.

Interactive movie kit: The interactive movie kits include a script along with props for up to six participants. Limit of one per week per household. Register on the library website. New titles each month.

Book Box: Register for a book box on the library website, check out a copy of the book, open the items as you reach specific chapters in the book, all

Teen lit loot: Sign up and you will receive a library book based on your interests and a bag of goodies to go with it. Ages 12-18 only, one per month and will need to re-register each month. February's theme is baking.

Blind Date with a Book/ Find a New Friend: During the month of February, we'll have mystery young adult and adult book dates/friends available for check-out. Each blind-date/new friend will be concealed in a box with some free goodies and a short description outside the box to help you find your perfect match. Be sure to stop in and get one before they're all gone. Adult make-and-take: Open

for galaxy bookmarks. Crafts are posted on the website as they are available, usually around the first and 15th of the month. Use the form on the website to reserve supplies to make your very own featured project. Once you have registered, library staff will call you or email you when it is ready to be picked up. Ages 18 and over.

Teen Take & Make Crafts: Feb. 7 opened for valentine mailboxes, and Feb. 14 opened for photo hanging. For ages 12-18, limit one per person as supplies are limited. Sign up on the library website. **Preschoolers** storytime:

Every Tuesday, 10 a.m., ages 3-6, no registration required. Little People storytime: Ev-

ery Wednesday, 10 a.m., ages 0-3, no registration required. Teen movie: Feb. 16, 5:30

p.m., ages 12-18, no registration required. Movie matinee: Feb. 18, 2 p.m., PG-13 rated, no cost or registration, refreshments provided.

Craft & Coloring: Feb. 23, 2 p.m., upstairs at the library. Bring any crafts or coloring you are working on or use the provided supplies for coloring and

Adult trivia: Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., theme is "Finish the

Teen Book Club: Feb. 25, 4 p.m., club discussion of this month's book, in the multipurpose room, no registration nec-Around Our Region is published

Wednesdays. Submissions may be emailed to news@wctrib.com with "Around our Region" in the subject line. Arts events and museum events are listed in Wednesday's

arts calendar. Benefits for individuals and fundraisers for nonprofit organizations are listed in Good Neighbors elsewhere in Wednesday's paper. Churchsponsored events are listed in Saturday's church page.

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NEWSFACE: I am a 29-year-old speed skater. Last week, I became the first Black American woman to win an Olympic gold medal in speed skating. I almost didn't get to the Olympics because of slipping at qualifying trials. But my teammate Britney Bowe gave up her spot in the womens' 500-meter event to allow me to compete. Who am I?

1. After a six-day blockade by truckers protesting Covid restrictions, Canadian police cleared the ..?.. Bridge in Windsor, Ontario, re-opening traffic there.

2. The Supreme Court blocked a lower court ruling that ordered the state of ..?.. to redraw congressional maps that allegedly discriminate against Black voters.

3. Russian figure skater ..?.., who landed the first quad jump by a woman at an Olympics, is at the center of a doping controversy after it was revealed she tested positive for a banned substance in December.

4. A California judge reversed a Trump-era rule that removed the ..?.. wolf from endangered species list, restoring protections to

5. The ..?.. won Super Bowl LVI, by a score of 23-20.



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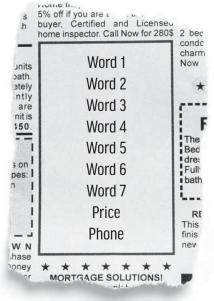


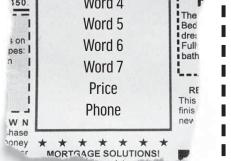
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NEWSPLACE: This country's

central bank criticized U.S. plans to release only half of its

\$7 billion in frozen funds for aid to its citizens. President Biden wants the other half to go to the families of 9/11 victims. The U.N. has asked that all the funds be released to prevent a growing humanitarian crisis in this country. Name the country.



6. Ukrainian President ..?.. invited President Biden to visit his country in the coming days to help "stabilize" the tense situation with Russia.

7. "..?.." won 12 Oscar nominations, more than any other movie this year.

8. Olympic athlete Lindsey Jacobellis won the first gold medal for Team USA. Her sport is ..?...

9. Australia has designated one of its most iconic animals, the ..?.., as an endangered species.

10. Producer and director ..?.., known for directing the original "Ghostbusters" movie, died at age 75.

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DNR stops environmental review of **Twin Metals**

DULUTH -The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources have stopped working on the state's environmental review of the proposed underground copper-nickel mine near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. This came shortly after the Biden administration canceled two federal mineral leases for Twin Metals in late January.

"The DNR will close the administrative record and redirect staff resources to other high priority projects," the DNR said in a statement Tuesday afternoon. The DNR also sent a letter

outlining the next steps for closing out the project con-Twin Metals issued a statement on the cancellation, stat-

ing its determination to con-

tinue to pursue the project.

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"Twin Metals Minnesota is working to determine the next steps to continue to advance our underground copper, nickel, cobalt and platinum group

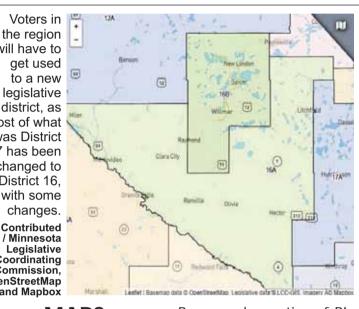
metals project," read the statement. "A pause on the environmental review process is necessary and appropriate while we defend our project and our mineral rights in court.

"We remain committed to the communities of northeast Minnesota and to advancing a modern mine that will produce the minerals necessary for combating climate change, strengthening domestic supply chains and creating American jobs."

This isn't the first time the leases have been rescinded. They were first issued in 1966 and later rescinded in the final days of the Obama administration in 2016. The Trump administration then reinstated the leases in 2017 and renewed them in 2018 and 2019.

The final renewal in 2019 is the main point of contention with the recent cancellation. The Department of the Interior wrote in January that the Trump administration violated Bureau of Land Management regulations and did not prepare an adequate analysis of the renewal.

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MAPS

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All of Swift County has now been placed in Senate Dis-Medicine, Lyon, Redwood,

Brown and a portion of Blue Earth counties make up District 15. The city of Paynesville is now in Senate District 13 and House District 13A.

Every representative and trict 12. Lac qui Parle, Yellow senator is up for election this year due to the redistricting.

Cleveland-Cliffs to idle Northshore Mining for months

Company using more scrap metal, fighting royalty fees

By Jimmy Lovrien **Duluth News Tribune**

DULUTH — Cleveland-Cliffs will idle its Northshore Mining operations in Babbitt and Silver Bay amid a royalties dispute and as the use of scrap metal in its electric arc furnaces reduces the need for its pellets. The Silver Bay pel-

let plant and the Babbitt mine will idle May 1 and last into at least the fall as the company moves production of directreduced grade pellets to its Minorca Mine in Virginia, Cliffs CEO Lourenco Goncalves said in a yearend earnings call with investors Friday morning.

Layoffs are expected for 410 of Northshore's 580 employees, Cliffs spokesperson Pat Persico said in an email to the News Tribune. Some will be hired at Cliffs' other opera-Minnesota tions, she added.

The announcement intensifies Cliffs' efforts to get out of what it has called "absurdly high" royalty fees it pays to Mesabi Trust, a publicly traded trust that collects royalties from Cliffs based on the volume of shipments

from Northshore, the price of taconite and the amount of taconite that was mined from land owned by the trust - namely the Peter Mitchell Mine in Babbitt, which supplies Northshore with ore.

"Because we are now able to produce (direct-reduced) pellets arade Minorca, and mainly due to the ridiculous royalty structure we have in place with the Mesabi Trust, we will be idling all production at our Northshore Mine. ... No production, no shipments, no royalty payments," Goncalves said in the call.

It came in the same call where Cliffs announced a record profit of \$3 billion in 2021 on a record revenue of \$20.4 billion.

In October, the company announced it was moving production of its directreduced, or DR, grade pellets to its Minorca Mine in Virginia and away from its Northshore Mining plant in Silver Bay to avoid Mesabi Trust's royalty fees. The October

announcement came just weeks after an arbitrator ruled in favor of Mesabi Trust lion tons of DR-grade on unpaid royalty Mesabi Trust's

Deutsche Bank manager declined to comment on the idling of Northshore.

Clint Austin / News Tribune file photo Cleveland-Cliffs' Northshore Mining in Silver

report filed Jan. 28, he had known that Mesabi Trust said it received nearly \$21 million in royalty payments from Cliffs during the fourth quarter of 2021. Asked if Northshore

would keep running if Mesabi Trust were to lower its royalty fees, Persico said: "Cleveland-Cliffs has adjusted its fullyear iron ore pellet production volume expectation to correspond to internal steelmaking needs for this year. This adjustment of iron ore pellets reflects our internal use of hot-briquetted iron (HBI) production and increased use of scrap in our steelmaking. We will be curtailing iron ore pellet production and temporarily idling Northshore Mining."

Cliffs spent \$100 million on Northdirectshore's reduced or DR-grade pellet plant, which opened in 2019, and can produce 3.5 milpellets per year.

Goncalves has said he never would have built the plant at Northshore, which also produces traditional pellets meant In its quarterly for blast furnaces, if effect."

Cliffs would ArcelorMittal USA and its Minorca Mine in 2020.

The DR-grade pellets supply Cliffs' new Toledo hot briquetted iron plant, which in turn feeds electric arc furnaces.

Because the company uses more scrap metal in its electric arc furnaces, the idling could be prolonged, Goncalves

Babbitt Mayor Zupancich Andrea told the News Tribune that she was "stunned" by Friday's announcement.

She said that the only positive she got out of it was that it would idle mostly during the summer and hopefully not any longer.

"It's not the miners that are affected, it's absolutely everyone else in town that's affected," Zupancich said. "It's the school that's affected, it's government that's affected, it's businesses in town that are affected, it's the bars and restaurants in town that are all affected. So it's a massive trickle-down

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'It's part of who I am'

Rising health needs drive new effort to draw Native students to medical school

> By Dan Kraker MPR News

DULUTH - Medical student Fred Blaisdell has a few months to go before anyone calls him doctor, but the Oneida Nation tribal member has already learned one lesson around the importance of Native physicians serving

Native patients. During a recent psychiatry rotation at a Minneapolis clinic, he introduced himself to a patient who lit up when she heard him speak Ojibwe.

"After that, the patient really opened up and started to talk about a lot more things that she hadn't really engaged with us before," recalled Blaisdell, 27, who's from the Detroit area but chose the University of Minnesota's medical school in Duluth for its national reputation training doctors from Native populations.

School leaders say the need for doctors like Blaisdell is huge and growing in an era of COVID-19 and other health worries. It led the university to launch a new effort to boost the number of Native physicians and other care workers in Minnesota and across the country.

year, nearly 21,000 students graduated from medical schools in the United States. Only 160 of those new doctors - fewer than 1% - were Native

"It's not just physicians, right? We don't (physician assistants).

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We don't have enough Native nurses. We don't have enough Native pharmacists," said Dr. Mary Owen, director of the U's Center of American Indian and Minority Health. "We tend to work in teams, so it's hugely important that we develop all these different health profes-

'I talk to newborn babies about medical school'

Owen and others seeking to recruit Native students for medical schools say part of the challenge is to create better pathways between two-year tribal colleges and four-year institutions.

"Students have a history of feeling like the university isn't for them. They doubt that jobs are for them, because they don't see themselves in careers," said Anna Fellegy, vice president for academic affairs at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minn.

"And so it takes a different type of service to (get) the students to just allay some of that fear," she said, "take the mystery out of processes and get the ground firmly underneath their feet."

The work also needs to start much earlier. In Minnesota, only about 56% of Native high school students graduate in four years.

Dr. Arne Vainio, a member of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe who has practiced on the Fond du Lac reservation for the past 24 years, said he's always encouraged young people to pursue careers in medicine but now he starts even earlier.

"I talk to newborn have enough Native PAs babies about medical school," he said. "The



Courtesy / Ivy Vainio

Dr. Arne Vainio sees a patient at the Min-No-Aya-Win Human Services Clinic on the Fond du Lac reservation.

parents always listen. But I make sure that I'm talking directly to the baby about that. And, you know, let them know they have options. And then when they come in for visits, we talk about that again."

When young peo-ple see him, a Native American doctor, it allows them to envision themselves in the same position, he said, adding that when he was a little kid, a lot of the Native men he saw were truckers. "And that's all I wanted to be."

He credits a group of people who always encouraged him and held him accountable. "They're the ones that derailed my dream of being a truck driver, and I ended up in medical school instead.'

Growing doctors close to home

Owen, 56, said her journey to become a physician began when she was a patient at the Alaska Native Medical

see any Native doctors or even Native nurses at that time," she recalled.

A member of the Tlingit Nation in Alaska, Owen said that played a role in pushing her to go to medical school. "That anger propelled me, actually - anger at our lack of representa-

She went on to earn her medical degree from the University of Minnesota. She then returned to Alaska to serve her tribal community. She came back to the University of Minnesota in 2014 in part to address the same issue she recognized 30 years ago.

Last year, Owen assembled hundreds of Native American health professionals for a summit on the issue. That led to the creation of regional hubs that are number of Native health care professionals in specific areas around the country.

That's critical because Center in Anchorage, in some areas have more

the late 1980s. "I didn't severe shortages than others. For example, she says Indian Health Service facilities in the Upper Midwest have a nearly 50 percent vacancy rate for physi-

> "I think if we can grow, if we can get more Native students from this area, through school, into practice, they're more likely to serve and stay in this area," said Owen, who's also board president of the Association of American Indian Physicians, "We know that Native students like to go to school in areas closer to their homes."

That includes University of Minnesota medical student Genevieve Bern, who counts Vainio as a mentor. Watching how he interacts with his young patients has inspired her to working to grow the also encourage young



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patients careers in health care.

"That's something that I hope someday I'll be able to have those conversations Native youth," she said.

Bern, 28, grew up in Worthington, Minn. She's Native Alaskan, but she said her culture wasn't a big part of her childhood growing up. She's since enrolled in her tribe and started to learn the language, and when she graduates, she plans to work in some way with Native people.

"It's part of who I am," she said, "and it just has always felt like it's like what I'm supposed to give to my community."



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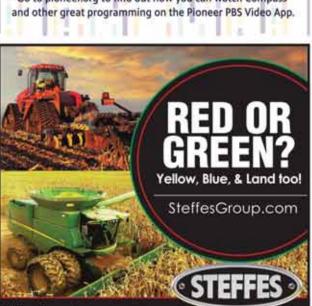


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OBITUARIES

Richard Allen "Dick" Carlson

Richard Allen "Dick" Carlson, 79, Murdock, died Saturday, February 12th at St. Cloud Hospital. His funeral will be held at Friday, 11:00 am, 18th February at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church in Kerkhoven with interment in Frank



Lake Covenant Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 pm, Thursday, February 17th at the church and continue one hour prior to the service on Friday. Funeral arrangements are with Harvey Anderson Funeral Home. www.hafh.org

Dick was born December 20, 1942, in Hayes Township, Swift County, Minnesota, the son of Reynold and Juliette (Gronseth) Carlson. He grew up on the farm and graduated from Kerkhoven High School in 1960. Following high school, he continued to farm with his father.

On November 27, 1960, he was united in marriage to Lorna Lindquist at Monson Lake Lutheran Church. Following their marriage, they spent the next 60 years farming in Hayes Township. Dick even was in the field working during the fall of 2020.

He was a board member of Hillcrest Cemeteries Association for many years. He also served on the Board of Directors of United Farmers Elevator, Kerkhoven Lutheran Church Council and was a member of the Swift County Extension Committee.

Dick had many traits including being a hard worker, determined, independent and had great love for the land, of which he shared and taught his sons.

Surviving are his wife, Lorna; sons: Robbin (Jean) Carlson of Murdock, Reid (Becky) Carlson of Kerkhoven, Ross (Beth) Carlson of Murdock, Leif (Bonnie) Carlson of Murdock and Lane Carlson of Murdock; 14 grandchildren: Brett, Bailey (Brady) Wersinger, Brooke (Cody) Simonson, Ryan (Jessi), Darrin (Kayla), Sarah (Tyler) Eckenrode, Mallory (fiancé Ryan Vos), Tyler (Jessica), Ashley (Hunter) Regan, Weddington, Zachary (Maddi), Jacob, Jared and Julia; and 15 great grandchildren. Also surviving is his sister, Sharon Bowman of Benson.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Christy B. Olson

B. Olson, Christy FCAS (Fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society), 52, of Farmington, beloved wife of Adam B. Olson, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family, loving Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 after a short battle with cancer. Born January 2nd, 1970 in



Plainfield, New Jersey, she was the daughter of Norm and Myra (Levinson) Schreck of Glen Gardner, New Jersey.

Christy graduated from Boston University in 1992. Upon graduating she moved to St. Paul, MN and shortly after this began what would be a 29 year actuarial career with Travelers Insurance. Her career also included stays in London and NYC. She was last working as Vice President, Business Insurance Loss Analytics & Reserving in Hartford, CT. She was honored in 2018 as Mentor of the Year by the Int'l Assoc. of Black Actuaries. She was New Britain High Finance Academy Advisory Board Chair and volunteered with Scout Troop 170 and as mentor/advisor/budget coach to disadvantaged women in CT.

Christy was a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient who enjoyed outdoor adventures. She was always up for a hike, a bike ride, a walk with friends, a lake/river paddle, skiing, yoga and watching her boys' baseball games. She was a foodie who loved sitting by a fire with a glass of wine. Her abilities around the kitchen and with restaurant menus will be missed. Christy was a lifelong learner, curious about people, nonjudgmental, accepting, modest, generous and stood up for her beliefs and those whom she felt deserved a shot, especially woman and people that didn't look like

Christy is survived by her three sons, Matthew, Tyler and Carter, her parents Norm and Myra Schreck, sisters Kathy Schreck of Scottsdale, AZ, Amy Piano of Branchburg, NJ and Mary-Beth Schreck of Anchorage, AK, her mother and father in-law, Charles and Sharon Olson of Naples, FL, her sisters-in-law, Molly K. Olson and her husband Mike Seeber of Stillwater, MN and Amy Olson of Bayport, MN, her nephew, Nicholas Piano of Branchburg, NJ and her niece, Molly & husband Charlie Sandifer of Palmer, PA. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Irwin & Edith Levinson-Rhams and F. Norman & Kathryn Schreck and her sister-in-law, Carrie Olson Baalson.

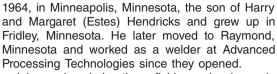
Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Unionville on Friday, February 18th, 2022 from 4:00-6:00pm. We respectfully request that masks be worn. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated Saturday, February 19th, 2022 at 10:00am in the Church of St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville. All are kindly asked to meet directly at church. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Healing Meals healingmealsproject.org, Gifts of Love giftsoflove.com, Farmington Valley Trails Council fchtrail.org, or the Jimmy V Foundation - v.org. To send online condolences to the family, please visit www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

John Hendricks

John Hendricks, 57, Raymond, died Saturday, February 5, 2022, at his home in Raymond.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Harvey Anderson Home Funeral Willmar, www.hafh.org.

John Floyd Hendricks was born February 21,



John enjoyed hunting, fishing, classic rock, going for drives, and hanging out with his friends at Cheers. He was creative and often helped his daughter, Becca, with school projects. He dearly loved his dog, Jenna.

He is survived by his daughter: Becca Hendricks (and Alex Mulder) of Willmar; his granddaughter: River Mulder; siblings: Doug Hendricks, Kenneth Hendricks, Kathy Paron, Nancy Lundstrom, and Phillip Hendricks; many nieces and nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Harry Hendricks and Margaret Ruud; stepfather: Charles Ruud; and his longtime partner: Cindy Pollock.

Louis Orlin "Lonnie" Needham

Louis Orlin "Lonnie" Needham, 76, Litchfield, died Sunday, January 16th at Bethesda Grand in Willmar. His memorial service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday, February 19th First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake



with visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery in Willmar with Military Honors by American Legion Post #167 of Willmar. Funeral arrangements are with Harvey Anderson Funeral Home in Willmar. www.hafh.org

Lonnie was born September 16, 1945, in CA, the son of Louis and Rachael (Dixon) Needham. He grew up in Lake Preston, SD, where he attended school. Following that, he served in the United States Air Force.

He was united in marriage on February 15, 1969, to Brenda Kruger in Minneapolis. To this union two daughters, Stacey and Stephanie, were born. For the next 40 years, Lonnie drove a semitruck, working many of those years over road. He worked as an owner/operator hauling for many different companies racking up MILLIONS of miles. Traveling to 49 of the 50 states and had a story to tell about each one. He took his girls along with him on many trips. He later moved to California for a few years before returning to Minnesota to be near his family.

Lonnie hauled for many different companies over the years including L & D, Long Haul, & Hard Drive before retiring from C.S. McCrossan Construction in 2009

He was an honored member of Teamsters #120 and was recognized for the thousands of miles traveled without an accident or infraction.

On September 1, 1993, he was united in marriage to Joyce Nieman in Rapid City, SD. They enjoyed taking trips with their camper, including the Black Hills and California. They also enjoyed doing the daily crosswords together. They remained friends after their separation. They lived in Ramsey until he retired in 2009. He then moved to New London to be closer to his daughter and grandchildren. With Joyce even moving to the area after she retired. He later moved to Litchfield.

Lonnie was a strong, intelligent, hardworking man, who could be a tad bit stubborn and cantankerous at times. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and completing the daily crosswords, playing cribbage and backgammon. Most of all, he was a diehard Vikings fan, never missing a game. He even had his Freightliner painted purple & gold with the Vikings emblem on the sides. He literally "bled" purple. He was a fantastic cook with a chili recipe that he prided himself on and everyone loved. He was quick witted & loved telling jokes and overall just enjoyed making people laugh. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren & great grandchildren. Lonnie was a member of First Lutheran Church

of Norway Lake where he cherished his many visits with Pastor Wayne whom he affectionately nicknamed, "Padre," and was very thankful and grateful to him for always being available on his "Royal Telephone."

Surviving are his daughters, Stacey (and Larry Harms) Cornell of Spicer and Stephanie Needham of Litchfield; four grandchildren: Tiffany Needham, Danielle (Chris) Eischens, Taylor (Michal Medina) Cornell and Ashley Needham and his brother, Thomas Needham; eight great grandchildren: Elizabeth, Cameron, Jeremiah Peterson, Brooklyn Hookom, Aiden Needham, Parker and Brenna Eischens, Carter and Levi Medina and his 2nd wife, Joyce Nieman, of Willmar.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Brenda Needham, in 2014, great-grandson, Wesley Needham, great-granddaughters, Hailey Peterson and Rachael Peterson.

Jim Berg

James "Chief" Calvin Berg, 59, of New London, died Saturday, February 12th at St. Cloud Hospital. His memorial service will be at 11:00 am, Friday, February 18th at The Open Door Christian Church in Spicer. Visitation will be from 4-7:00 pm, Thursday at Harvey Anderson



Funeral Home in Willmar and continue one hour prior to his service at church. Interment will be in Oak Hill Cemetery in New London. www.hafh.org James "Chief" Calvin Berg was born November

19, 1962, to Calvin and Geraldine (Canaday) Berg in Willmar. He was baptized and later confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church in Willmar. Jim attended school in Willmar until the 9th grade and graduated from Atwater High School in 1981. He worked at Trinity Steel in New London for many years before they closed and then went to work for Lange Ag Systems where he worked for 26 years. While working at Lange Ag he traveled all over Iowa and South Dakota installing live stock equipment. On June 11, 1988, Jim was united in marriage to Shelly Warne at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church. This union was blessed with two boys: Cody and Dylan. They made their home in New London. Jim developed a passion for hunting waterfowl which he passed down to his son, Dylan. Together with their friends they would hunt in nine states and also two Canadian provinces where they shot over 14,000 birds! Jim also loved to go camping with his family. He was hardworking, kind, patient, loving and Godly. Jim would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need. Jim was a proud PaPa. He would go to all of his grandson's hockey and baseball games (Liam) and would be at every "learn to skate" times with his youngest grandson, Gage. He loved his family, and his grandsons always had a special place in his heart.

Jim is survived by his wife, Shelly; son, Dylan (Dana) Berg of Kandiyohi and their children: Liam and Gage; sister, Debby (Butch) Zeiner of New London; and brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Jeff (Lynne) Warne of Nashville, TN, Dave (Cindy) Warne of Park Rapids, and Kelly (Mark) Dahlseid of Willmar. Mother-in-law, Janet Warne, Spicer; stepfather, John McPherson of Randolph, KS; stepmother, Carole Berg, Paynesville; stepbrother, Mike (Jodi) Evenson, Princeton; and stepsister, Jane (Dan) Faught, of Arizona. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving son, Cody in 1999; parents: Calvin Berg and Geri McPherson; and father-in-law, Tex Warne.

Rose Baune

Rose Baune, 72, of Willmar Minnesota, unexpectedly passed away peacefully February 14, of a brief but serious medical condition.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11a.m. on Saturday, February 19, at the Church of St. Mary in Willmar, Interment will



be at the St. Anne's Catholic Cemetery in Wabasso. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, February 18, at the Peterson Brothers Funeral Home in Willmar and will continue for one hour prior to the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Diocese of New Ulm Priest Care Fund. www.petersonbrothers.com

She was born November 20, 1949, to Clarence and Marie Baune, and raised in Wabasso, MN. She was baptized and a life-long Catholic. As the youngest, she enjoyed being an aunt from a young age.

She married Harlan Petersen and raised their children. They lived in the Wabasso area for most of their 21 years of marriage. She later married Terry Nelson of Spicer, and moved to the Spicer area. When that marriage ended, she moved to several locations in Kandiyohi and Willmar.

After graduating from St. Anne's high school, she worked at Loretto Hospital in New Ulm, and then at Control Data. After the birth of her first three children, she began as housekeeping at the Nursing Home, and then as a Nursing assistant. After her move to the Willmar area, she did factory work before returning to being a nursing assistant and long-term care facilities and then at group homes. She loved serving others.

She was a woman of great compassion, quiet prayer, and fierce independence. Many called her Ma Rose. She loved so many, and was loved by many more. She had so many hobbies: reading, writing poetry, baking, sewing, embroidery, games, thrift stores, laughing. She found joy in caring for others. She was a loving friend and managed a number of deep friendships.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and in-laws Virginia and Thomas Condon, Dolores and Leslie Schroeder, Alvin Baune, Gerald and Jean Baune and later Barb, James Buechner, Bernard and Cathy Baune, and Barb Baune.

She is survived by her four children, Tim Petersen, Fr. Todd Petersen, Rachel Petersen, Amanda Petersen; grandchildren Kayla and Ethan Dallmann, Airianna and Gaige Knuteson, and Madison; siblings, Elaine and Alf Jenniges, Theresa Buechner and Sy Baune, besides many nieces and nephews.

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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES

Mary Barbara Yost Oct. 27, 1924 -Jan. 18, 2022 WILLMAR, Minn.

Mary Barbara Yost, 97, Murdock, Minn., died Jan. 18, in Tuesday, Copperleaf Senior Living. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Interment will Murdock. the church in

Arrangements bv Zniewski Funeral home in Benson, Minn.

cemetery.

Lucille Olson

May 1, 1930 -Feb. 14, 2022 WILLMAR, Minn. Olson, Lucille Belgrade, Minn., died Monday, Feb. 14, in Bethesda Grand.

Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at Grace Lutheran Church in Belgrade. Burial will in Grace Cemetery in Belgrade.

Arrangements Johnson Funeral Home in Belgrade.

William "Bill" Edward Draheim, Sr.

College, where he met his wife-to-be, Susan Olson. He then enrolled at the

University of Minnesota in the horticulture field. After graduation, he married

Sue in Willmar. They moved to the family farm near Olivia, where they farmed

for 17 years. Bill and Sue later moved to Willmar and Bill worked for Willmar

Poultry Company for 12 years and for Sunny Side Orchard for many years.

Upon being diagnosed with Parkinson's, Bill had to hire extra help on the

orchard, but continued to work for several more years. Bill moved to Bethesda

Bill was a member of Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar. He enjoyed archery

and was a member of Little Crow Archers. He also enjoyed gardening, fishing,

riding motorcycle, and visiting with friends and neighbors. While at Bethesda,

he continued to enjoyed visiting with his neighbors and enjoyed taking part in

Bill is survived by his wife, Susan; son, Peter Draheim of Rochester, MN;

daughter, Tammi Jo Draheim of St. Paul, MN; and two granddaughters, Katelyn

and Ella of Rochester, MN. Also surviving are a sister, Jacque (Tom)

Schumacher of Mitchell, SD; two brothers, Robert Draheim of Cannon Falls,

MN and Jerry (Carol) Draheim of Halifax. Nova Scotia; a nephew, Scott

He was preceded in death by his parents; his eldest son, Willy in 2010; his

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Draheim of Minneapolis, MN; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

William "Bill" Draheim, 76, of Willmar, died Friday,

His memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday,

February 19, at Vinje Lutheran Church in Willmar

and will be live-streamed on the church's YouTube

page. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in

Willmar. Visitation will be one hour prior to the

service at the church. Arrangements are with Harvey

in Willmar, Minnesota, to Oscar and Agnes (Kline)

Draheim. Bill grew up on a farm four miles north of

Olivia and graduated from Olivia High School in

1963. He spent two years at Willmar Community

William Edward Draheim was born April 23, 1945,

February 11th at Bethesda Grand in Willmar.

Anderson Funeral Home in Willmar.

Grand Nursing Home on May 22, 2019.

grandparents; and several aunts and uncles.

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Riley J. Shea

Oct. 7, 1989 -Feb. 13, 2022 GRANITE FALLS Minn. - Riley J. Shea, 32, Atwater, Minn., died

Minn., died Sunday, Feb. 13, in his Feb. mother's home. Hospital. Visitation will be from Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a 10 a.m. celebration of life at 11 Saturday, Feb. 19, at

at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Atwater. Arrangements Brothers Peterson

a.m., Monday, Feb. 21,

Funeral Home.

More obituaries on Page A8

SERVICES LISTING

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James "Chief" Berg. 59. of New London, died Feb. 12. Service 11 a.m. Feb. 18 at The Open Door Christian Church, Spicer. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Richard "Dick" Carlson. 79, of Murdock, died Feb. 12. Service 11 a.m. Feb. 18 at Kerkhoven Lutheran Church, Kerkhoven. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

William "Bill" Draheim, 76, of Willmar, died Feb. 11. Service 11 a.m. Feb. 19 at Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Hector Hernandez, 37, of Willmar, died Feb. 7. Service 1 to 3 p.m. Feb. 16 at Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar. Louis "Lonnie" Needham,

76, of Litchfield, died Jan. 16. Service 2 p.m. Feb. 19 at First Lutheran Church of Norway Lake. Harvey Anderson Funeral Home, Willmar.

Lucille Olson, 91, of Belgrade, died Feb. 14. Service 11 a.m. Feb. 19 at Grace Lutheran Church, Belgrade. Johnson Funeral Home, Belgrade.

Riley Shea, 32, of Atwater, died Feb. 13. Service 11 a.m. Feb. 21 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Atwater. Peterson Brothers Funeral Home, Willmar.

David Wilson, 74, of Renville, died Feb. 12. Service 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 19 at Dirks-Blem Funeral Home, Renville.

This funeral services listing is presented as a public service by the West Central Tribune.

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TODAY'S **ALMANAC**

Today is the 47th day of

2022 and the 58th day of winter. TODAY'S HISTORY: In

1923, archeologist Howard Carter unsealed the burial chamber of the recently discovered tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen. In 1959, Fidel Castro

was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba. In 1968, the United

States' first 911 emergency phone system went

into service in Haleyville, Alabama. In 2005, the Kyoto Protocol for the reduction of

greenhouse gasses took effect for 141 ratifying nations. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry M. Leland (1843-1932), Cadillac and Lin-

coln Motor Co. founder;

Edgar Bergen (1903-

1978), ventriloquist.

Thefts WILLMAR — A 2005 reported stolen from the 400 block of Litchfield Avenue Southeast on Tuesday morning. It had been taken sometime after 11:30 p.m. Monday.

WILLMAR — An iPad

and other items were

taken from a car parked

on the 1400 block of Becker Avenue Southeast, as reported Monday evening. WILLMAR - Someone went through an

unlocked car parked on the 13000 block of Sixth Street Southwest, as reported Tuesday paraphernalia. morning. WILLMAR — A patron

removed a bottle of tequila from its box and left a store at 5:43 pm. Monday on the 700 Southeast.

reported that a woman used her name to take her food at a location on the 2100 block of U.S. Highway 12 East at 4:33 p.m. Monday.

Break-in

WILLMAR — A resident reported that someone had broken into her garage and left in a silver Taurus on the 100 block of High Avenue Northeast at 1:43 p.m. Monday.

Trespassing

RECORDS

WILLMAR Ford F-150 pickup was homeless man who had been sleeping in a laundry room in a building on the 400 block of 15th Avenue Southwest shortly before 10 a.m. Tuesday was ordered to leave and given a courtesy ride. The individual was also informed he was prohibited from entering a building on the 100 block of High Avenue Northeast, where he had been ordered to leave on Monday afternoon for sleeping in a lobby

Found vehicle

WILLMAR — A vehicle, possibly stolen, was found abandoned and running in the parkblock of 19th Avenue ing lot of the Redeemer Lutheran Church on WILLMAR — A victim the 400 block of 16th Avenue Southwest at 7 p.m. Monday. The initial report classifies the incident as a theft.

and leaving behind drug

The Tribune publishes Records as part of its obligation to inform readers about the business of public institutions and to serve as a keeper of the local historical record. All items are written by Tribune staff members based on information contained in public documents from the state court system and from law enforcement agencies. It is the Tribune's policy that this column contain a complete record. Requests for items to be withheld will not be

granted.



Courtesy of the St. Paul Police Department via St. Paul

St. Paul police released surveillance photos Tuesday of a minivan. They say a man in the vehicle shot at a man in another vehicle, Jeff Mintz, on Dec. 16, 2020. Mintz was killed, and the case remains unsolved.

Who fatally shot former Rochester man as he drove in St. Paul in 2020?

New surveillance photo released, reward offered

By Mara H. Gottfried St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — The death of a 55-year-old man who was shot by another driver in St. Paul more than a year ago was "a senseless" crime, police said Tuesday as they released surveillance photos and announced a \$10,000 reward in the case. Jeff Mintz, formerly

of Rochester, was shot in the back



as he drove in the area Snelof ling and University avenues on Dec. 16, 2020, 9:43 p.m. Police said Tuesday that the

man who shot Mintz was in a minivan, which was seen in surveillance videos. Mintz died a couple of hours later at Regions Hospital. we've

"Everything learned about this case, he was absolutely inno-

cent and was just driving down the road," said Sgt. John Keating, an investigator working on the case. Police are asking anyone who recognizes the minivan, knows who

the driver was, or heard

who pulled the trigger

to call investigators at

651-266-5650

Investigators do not have a clear picture of the license plate number, Keating said. The minivan is believed to be an early to mid-2000s Plymouth or Dodge.

Police released more information Tuesday about where the minivan was coming from before the shooting: The driver turned from eastbound Larpenteur Avenue and took Snelling Avenue south.

to the driver of the minivan running a red light on Snelling Avenue several blocks north of University Avenue. Mintz had a green light as he was turning left from a side street to go south on Snelling Avenue, Keating said. The minivan's driver

Video evidence points

then stopped in the area of Snelling and University, shot Mintz from inside his vehicle, and drove away westbound on University Avenue. "So far, nobody's

come forth with any information and the investigation needs some help," said Dr. Ari Mintz, a brother of Jeff's. "... We hope if anybody knows anything about what happened that they'll come forward."

Mintz's family is working with Crime Stoppers of Minnesota to offer a \$10,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest. People with information can remain anonymous.

symptoms or find care options call intake, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays Transporting beer cans clearly for recycling is not 'open container'

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Answer: The "open bottle law" states "possession" means either that the person had actual possession of the bottle or receptacle or that the person consciously exercised control

over the bottle or receptacle. From my experience and common sense, it's pretty obvious if bottles, cans or other containers in a box

or bag are intended



for recycling would not be an "open bottle" offense in Minnesota. But a half-open can of beer in your console will be a different story for recycling and are area not normally

not a violation. If a person says they were planning to recycle the half empty can of beer sitting in the center console once they finish it — that's a different story.

If you are simply transporting a half empty bottle of wine or liquor, keep it in the vehicle's trunk,

if equipped. If you

don't have a trunk,

cargo area, pickup

box, etc., place the

container in another

and passengers. Be aware that a utility compartment (center console) or glove compartment is considered within the area occupied by the driver and passengers. Questions concerning trafficrelated laws or issues in

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Minnesota may be sent to Minnesota State Patrol Sqt. Jesse Grabow at 1000 Highway 10 W., Detroit Lakes, MN 56560.

HEALTH CALENDAR

Aging Wisely

WILLMAR — Aging Wisely: Finding New Confidence and Purpose will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3, at the Willmar Community Center. The program is part of a series to help support the educational, social and nutritional needs of older adults. Chris Radel from Willmar Municipal Utilities will talk about how to keep homes energy efficient and how to cut back on energy use and pollution. He has simple swaps that can save dollars off an energy bill. For more information and to make a reservation, call Britta at 320-262-5288 by 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 2.

Senior services

The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging provides advocacy, information, resources and assistance so that older adults can maintain the lifestyle of their choice. To learn more about this and other presentations and trainings the agency has to offer, visit mnraaa. org/calendar. Live chat with a specialist also can be accessed online at www. MinnesotaHelp.info.

SAIL: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Willmar Community Center, free, all skill levels. The Staying Active & Independent for Life program relies upon weight training and balance exercises to protect against fractures caused by osteoporosis by increasing muscular strength, balance and bone density.

Senior LinkAge Line: A free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, the Senior LinkAge Line is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program and Senior Medicare Patrol for Minnesota. Older adults can contact the Senior LinkAge Line at 1-800-333-2433 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays to receive help with questions involving Medicare and health insurance, help finding services to stay in one's home or help to afford medication. Be sure to have a complete list of prescription drugs and

Disability Hub MN: A free statewide resource network that helps solve problems, navigate the system and plan for the future. The team knows the ins and outs of community resources and government programs, and has years of experience helping people fit them together. Call 1-866-333-2466 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or find email and live chat options at www.disabilityhubmn.org.

Coffee Talk: This statewide phone chat line for older adults is open from 8 a.m. to noon weekdays. Call

toll-free at 877-238-2282. It is staffed by volunteers who understand the older adult population's needs and challenges and is dedicated to easing loneliness and social isolation among older adults. Volunteers can offer words of encouragement and understanding and provide information about support and resources available in the person's community. Calls are free. The caller's privacy is a priority, and the only information requested will be first name. Users of the line may call as often as they would like.

Willmar Meals on Wheels: Hot Meals on Wheels are delivered on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. A frozen meal is available for the following day or the weekend. The meals are available for persons who are unable to cook for themselves due to their age, disability, illness or recent release from the hospital. Along with the regular meal, three special diet meals are available. The cost is \$6.81 and includes all the side dishes (including dessert) and either milk or juice. Order by 1 p.m. the weekday before the delivery day by calling 320-235-5310, ext. 219, or 320-894-7401. The menu is available on West Central Industries website, www.wcimn.org under Business Solutions.

meals are served at 11:30 a.m. weekdays and are also available for curbside pickup at the Community Center. The meals are open to those who are 60 years of age and older. Suggested donation of \$5 a meal. Call 320-262-5288 by noon the day before and leave a message. The menu is available on the city of Willmar website www.willmarmn.gov under Community Center. Lutheran Social Service:

Frozen, shipped meals are available for older adults statewide through the LSS Meals to Go service. Each shipment includes 14 frozen meals and the cost is about \$9 per meal, which includes the shipping cost. The cost is covered for Minnesotans who use one of five waiver programs. Meals are also available to anyone in Minnesota who could benefit from healthy meals shipped directly to their homes. Order meals on the website Issmn. org/mealstogo or call 800-

New to Medicare: Feb. 24, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. online. For people who will be new to Medicare and would like to learn about Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Topics will include a comprehensive introduction to Medicare including what Medicare covers, supplemental insurance and Part D prescription coverage. During the class you will learn the Medicare enrollment details, how to get the most from your benefits and how to research your Medicare plan options using the Medicare. gov site. Sign up at mnraaa. org/calendar or call 1-800-333-2433, space is limited.

Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross conducts blood drives in the west central area. To give blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. You can give blood every 56 days. Double red cells can be donated every 112 days. While all blood types are needed, type O and type B-negative donors are especially encouraged to

Appointments can be made at 1-800-RED-CROSS or online at www.redcrossblood.org. All donors need acceptable identification. The preferred form is a government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license, or a Red Cross blood donor card. Otherwise you will need to provide two other forms of identification, such as a work identification, Social Security card, personal check or credit card. Personalized mail such as a utility bill will not be accepted.

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Feb. 22, Litchfield: 1 to 7 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran

Feb. 24, Madison: Noon to 6 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church

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March 2, Benson: 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Benson High

March 3, New London: Noon to 6 p.m., Open Door

Christian Church March 8, Olivia: 2 to 6 p.m.,

St. Aloysius Catholic Church

March 8, Glenwood: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Minnewaska Area High School

March 11, Spicer: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cross Roads Community Church

Support groups, clinics and health classes are published on Wednesday with the health news for all groups meeting within the next 10 days. The deadline is 10 a.m. Thursday. Submissions may be emailed to news@wctrib.com with "Health Calendar" in the subject

Studies: No benefit to opioids after common surgeries for sports injury

By Paul John Scott West Central Tribune

ROCHESTER, Minn. -America consumes opioids at rates far outpacing those of the rest of the

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, at just 4.4% of the world's population, the U.S. consumes 80% of the world's opioids. In 2019, a JAMA investigation of surgical practices in three countries found that post-surgical care in the U.S. leads to 7 times more opioid prescriptions than in Sweden.

Orthopedic surgeons write nearly 8% of these prescriptions, making them the third-highest providers of the addictive medications, and the highest of all surgical practices. According to Mayo Clinic, orthopedic and spine conditions account for about 3 in 10 opioid prescriptions.

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upon their training and sub-specialty, orthope-dic providers vary widely in how much opioid they dispense,

with attending surgeons prescribing the most and senior residents prescribing the least. A 2016 study of prolonged postoperative opioid use following hand surgery suggested that as many as 13% of those who receive their first opioid following an orthopedic surgery will go on to develop chronic use.

This use of opioids within orthopedics may be on a path toward change, however, following the first-ever control trial of non-opioid pain control following the four most common sports injury surgical procedures.

In a blow to the idea that an ACL tear requires

Depending a new set of crutches and a week's supply of hydrocodone, the studies report that opioids are no better and sometimes worse than non-opioid methods of pain control for ACL, labral, rotator cuff and meniscus repair.

Willmar Senior Dining: The

"Non-opioid pain management was just as effective or even more effective in managing post operative pain following these surgeries compared to traditional opioid medication," says Dr. Kelechi Okoroha, an orthopedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist with Mayo Clinic.

"Over the years we've limited the amount of opioids we use," says Okoroha. "But I think no one has believed we can do surgeries without opioids whatsoever. So I would say this is probably surpris-

The studies, carried out

at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, were published late last year and early 2022 in The Journal of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery, Arthroscopy, and The American Journal of Sports Medicine.

Okoroha and colleagues patients randomized needing the procedures to either standard of care with opioids, or a mix of non-opioid pain relievers including so-called NSAIDs, gabapentin and muscle relaxants. Patients were asked to report their pain and satisfaction, and reviewers were blind.

Patients were allowed to decline to participate, and many did. In the ACL study, they started with 81 patients, and 19 declined. Of the rest, 28 got hydrocodone-acetaminophen opioid care, while 34 got non-opioid care. Surprisingly, the patients on nonaddictive pills did better.

"Patients receiving the multi-modal non-opioid pain regimen," as the "demauthors wrote, significantly onstrated lower (postoperative pain) scores compared with patients who received opioid pain medication."

For the study of nonopioid pain management following rotator cuff surgery, Okoroha and colleagues started with 70 but 22 declined and eight were excluded for other reasons, leading to 23 patients who got opioids and 17 who did not. The authors concluded

that "patients on opioid pain management reported a significantly higher (pain) score on postoperative Day 1 ... and post-operative Day 4." Patients on opioids also reported "significantly more days with constipation" and upset stomach.

"There are many potential reasons the opioid group may have had more pain," Okoroha wrote in an email. "The combination of

pain control from various pain receptors rather than one may have had benefit in the non-opioid group." He said the combination of medications may have provided a longer-lasting effect, "or less times in which the one opioid wore off causing an increase in

Pain sensitization the paradoxical heightened awareness of pain that can occur with opioids - was in his view also a possibility. Prior to enrolling the patients, the surgeons educated patients about post-op pain expectations and the effects of opioids.

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Mayo stops scheduling out-of-network Medicare Advantage patients

Capacity concerns cited but dispute with large insurer remains

> By Christopher Snowbeck Star Tribune

ROCHESTER — Mayo Clinic is not scheduling appointments for seniors in certain Medicare Advantage health plans because their insurers haven't negotiated contracts for in-network access to the world-renowned medical center.

The clinic said it stopped making appointments for these patients this winter to address capacity concerns. But the change also hints at a financial dispute over payment rates between Mayo and United-Healthcare, the health insurance giant based in Minnetonka.

In recent years, Mayo Clinic has seen a significant uptick in patients coming to Roches-ter with coverage from "noncontract" Medicare Advantage health insurers - so much so, in fact, that clinic officials say the increase threatens to crowd out patients covered by in-net-

work insurers. "There was not a change in policy, but a change in enforcement due to ensuring Mayo has access for our contracted plans (not just Medicare) and those who truly need Mayo's medical expertise," Karl Oestreich, a Mayo Clinic spokesman, said in a statement to the Star Tribune.

"The impact is to non-contract Medicare Advantage plans. Mayo does not have contracts with these plans so there should not have been any expectation of access to the Mayo Clinic by these plans."

Non-contract Medicare Advantage plans are those where insurance companies have not negotiated payment rates with Mayo to provide health care services. The clinic is considered out-of-network for enrollees in these plans.

In the past, many with UnitedHealthcare coverage used their out-of-network benefits to receive treatment from Mayo physicians, a company spokesman said in a statement to the Star Tribune. The insurer says it has been negotiating to bring Mayo in-network for its Medicare Advantage subscribers.

"We understand how difficult this situation is for some of our members...," UnitedHealthcare said in a statement. "We are committed to reaching an agreement at an affordable cost for the people we serve."

Clinic officials said that between 2019 and 2021, the number of Minnesota patients coming to Mayo with coverage from non-contract Medicare Advantage insurers nearly dou- cresting 3,200 people last year.

And that's just patients from Minnesota. During that same two-year period, Mayo also saw a 42% jump in out-of-state patients coming to Rochester with non-contract Medicare plans, for a total last year of more than 7,000 people.

At least half of the growth comes from seniors with UnitedHealthcare coverage, Mayo

The clinic says that non-contract Medicare Advantage plans usually reimburse the hospital at a lower rate than contracted



Forum News Service file photo

Mayo Clinic's Gonda Building in downtown Rochester. The clinic is not scheduling appointments for seniors in certain Medicare Advantage health plans because their insurers haven't negotiated contracts for in-network access to the world-renowned medical center.

"Mayo is open to entering new contracts, but also must keep in mind the impact on capacity to ensure that we can continue to see those patients (regardless of payer) who are in the greatest need of the care Mayo provides," he said. "We understand that affected patients may be disappointed and frustrated."

'In limbo'

Lois Briese says she is "very disappointed" with Mayo and not sure what to do.

The 72-year-old Minnetonka resident has coverage through a UnitedHealthcare Medicare Advantage plan. After her doctor suggested in January that Briese see a specialist at Mayo, she learned from the clinic that she couldn't make an appointment.

Now Briese must decide whether to seek care from a

different in-network specialist, or drop the Medicare Advantage plan she likes and pick a new one with in-network access to

Mayo.
"I'm in limbo here, trying to figure this out," Briese said.

Networks are a common feature in health plans, often impacting what people pay for medical care. The financial terms under which doctors, clinics and hospitals will provide care to health plan members are negotiated between the insurers

and health care providers. Patients who use out-ofnetwork health care providers usually must pay more in copays and deductibles. Typically with Medicare Advantage plans in Minnesota, patients have no problem visiting out-of-network providers, said Chad Levis, an insurance agent who is president of the Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters.

Minnesota seniors have been forced to think more about these networks since 2018 when Medicare Cost health plans — a popular type of coverage with looser network rules - were shut down in most counties. Since then, insurers have pushed their Medicare Advantage plans, which tend to have stricter rules on patient choices.

Among the state's largest Medicare Advantage insurers, Mayo Clinic is out-of-network at UnitedHealthcare, Health-Partners and Allina Health Aetna. As of January, more than 111,000 beneficiaries in Minnesota were enrolled in Medicare health plans from the three companies, according to federal data.

Seniors are currently in the midst of Medicare Advantage open enrollment, so those concerned that their health plan lacks in-network access to Mayo Clinic can make a change, up until March 31, said Kelli Jo Greiner, the Medicare program manager at the Minnesota

Board on Aging. Mayo is in-network for Medi-care Advantage plans from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Humana, Medica and

Mayo will still see all patients for emergency care. The clinic serves more people with Medicare coverage than any other category of insurance, Oestreich said, and Mayo is one of the nation's largest providers of health care for Medicare beneficiaries.

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Ex-officer Thao takes stand in civil rights case for Floyd death

By Rochelle Olson, Chao Xiong Star Tribune

ST. PAUL - Breaking his public silence for the first time since George Floyd's killing, ex-Minneapolis police officer Tou Thao took the witness stand Tuesday morning and testified about his abusive childhood and Minneapolis police training

techniques. Thao was the second witness called as the defense opened its case in his civil rights trial. His former colleagues I. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane -have said they will also testify when their attorneys present their cases after Thao. The three are being tried jointly in federal court; they are accused of violating Floyd's constitutional right to be free from unreasonable seizure by failing to provide him

Thao and Kueng are also charged with failing to intervene on Floyd's behalf to stop ex-Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin from kneeling on Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes during a May 25, 2020,

questioning Under by his defense attorney Robert Paule, Thao testified that he decided to pursue his childhood interest in becoming a police officer after flunking out of Anoka-Ramsey Community College in his first semester and a stint working at Cub Foods. Thao choked up as he recounted how he first encountered Minneapo-

or 8 and his father beat him and his younger brother with an extension cord to break up the boys' fight.

When their mother intervened, Thao said, their father beat her with the cord and then retrieved a gun and threatened to kill them. The family fled to an aunt's house where they called 911.

Thao said he accompanied police back to the family home where he used a key to open the door so police could arrest his father. Thao is the third oldest of seven children.

His father's time away from the home was "the two most peaceful days of my childhood," he said in a strained voice.

Assistant U.S. Attorney LeeAnn Bell objected to Thao's testimony a few times, but was overruled by U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson, who said Thao could testify about his life and background.

Thao testified that he was born in St. Paul but spent much of his childhood in north Minneapolis before his family moved to Fridley when he was 10. He is married and has daughters ages 5 and 2 and a 1-month-

During Floyd's arrest outside of Cup Foods south Minneapolis, Thao stood watch over increasingly angry bystanders as Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck. Kueng and Lane helped pin Floyd stomachdown in the street while he was handcuffed. Jurors convicted



Star Tribune / TNS file photo

Former Minneapolis police officer Tou Thao arrives with his attorney Robert Paule for a Sept. 11, 2020, hearing at the Hennepin County Family Justice Center in Minneapolis.

court. Chauvin later there?" Paule asked. pleaded guilty in federal court to violating Floyd's civil rights.

Thao testified that pinning a suspect to the ground with a knee was within his training protocol. Thao, who was 5 feet 6 inches tall and 150 pounds at the time of his academy training, said he was used as "an example of things" because of his size.

Paule showed jurors several photos from Thao's academy training that showed multiple recruits using their knees on different parts of actors' backs to pin them stomach-down on the ground while handcuffing them. One photo from a 2009 training showed Thao with another recruit positioned over an actor prone with their hands behind their back. Thao explained that he and his classmate used their knees to restrain the actor.

"Just to be clear, is this something that was Chauvin of murdering typically taught at the lis police when he was 7 Floyd last April in state academy when you were Chauvin wanted to pro-

"Yes," Thao said.

Paule asked Thao if academy trainers ever corrected recruits for using their knees to pin

No, Thao said.

In a different picture, Thao said a recruit appeared to have his knee on the neck of an actor who was stomachdown on the ground.

In an effort to show that other lines were not crossed in training, Paule asked Thao about demonstrations recruits witnessed but did not replicate.

Thao told the court that recruits observed trainers wrapping their legs around actors' necks to restrain them, but that recruits were prohibited from performing the technique.

Just before noon Thao began testifying about the night of Floyd's arrest and killing. Kueng and Lane arrived at the scene first. Thao and Chauvin arrived as backup.

Thao said he and



Courtesy Hennepin County via MPR News A still photo from the body camera of then-Minneapolis police officer Tou Thao on May 25, 2020, when officers detained George Floyd outside a neighborhood store in south Minneapolis. Thao, and two other former Minneapolis police officers -- J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane - are facing federal charges of abusing their position as police officers to deprive Floyd, who later died, of his constitutional rights when another officer, Derek Chauvin, kneeled on Floyd's neck for more than nine minutes.

vide Kueng and Lane with security "just in case things got out of hand because it sounded like they were in a struggle" with Floyd and he was worried it could get out of hand.

Thao said they were told about a struggle with Floyd, so they activated their lights and sirens on the drive to the scene. Halfway there, they were informed the scene was OK so they turned off the lights and sirens and slowed down.

Dispatch called them off the call, Thao testified, but they continued to Cup Foods. Paule asked why.

"From my experience Cup Foods is hostile to police," Thao said. "It's a well-known Bloods gang hangout."

In his eight years as an officer, Thao said he had "not seen this much of a struggle" to get someone inside a squad. He testified that officers at the scene decided not to use a "hobble" to restrain Floyd's legs. It

would have complicated matters for the ambulance crew that was on its way to the scene if Floyd had been "tied up like a Christmas present," he said.

Thao testified that at the scene he positioned himself in the street as a "human traffic cone" so vehicles on the road would give his colleagues a wider berth as they passed.

He said that based on his experience working security at a local hospital he believed Floyd was on drugs and in a state of "excited delirium."

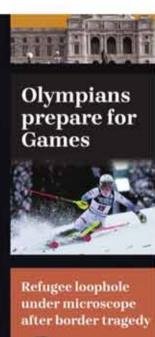
Paule asked Thao why he didn't participate in the restraint or medical evaluation of Floyd.

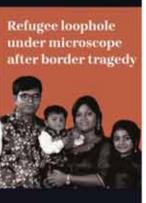
"Because at that point I have a different role," he said, adding that he was doing "crowd control" as several bystanders gathered nearby and urged officers to stop restraining Floyd and to check his pulse.

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River Lakes Stars eighth-grader Abby Storms battles for the puck with Northern Lakes' Jasmyn German on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 in Richmond.

BACK IN THE FINAL

River Lakes earns a 6A title game berth with a 2-1 win in OT

By Matthew Curry and Joe Brown

West Central Tribune Richmond

t took nearly three full periods and a combined 64 shots on net before second-seed River Lakes' ninth-grader Sophia Hess scored the first goal of the game against third-seed Northern Lakes in its Section 6A semifinal on Tuesday.

The Stars eventually took the win in overtime, 2-1, with a goal by senior captain Kianna Roeske. They play for the Section 6A championship against top-seeded Fergus Falls on Friday at the Runestone Community Center in Alexandria. At stake is a berth in the state Class A tournament in St. Paul.

The Stars won the Section

6A championship last season to make their first state tournament appearance.

"I'm in awe right now," Roeske said. "I'm so grateful for this team. I'm grateful for our coaches, I'm grateful to be back in the section final."

River Lakes head coach Alexis Klatt stated: "They played all the way through and didn't give up on each

"I don't think it should have got to that point but we made it work with the bed we made and came out on top."

In the battle of goalies, Northern Lakes junior Katherine Stephens saved 49 of 51 shots. River Lakes' ninth-grader Kaydene Roeske saved 23 of 24.

"They had a very solid FINAL: Page AB3



River Lakes Stars ninth-grader Sophia Hess fires a shot on net against Northern Lakes on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 in Richmond.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Royals hand Litch a loss

Watertown-Mayer beats Dragons, 41-36

> By Joe Brown and **Tom Elliott** West Central Tribune

LITCHFIELD — The Watertown-Mayer girls basketball team knocked off conference-leading Litchfield,

41-36 Tuesday night. Litchfield is now 11-2 in the Wright County Conference West Division and 18-7 overall. Watertown-Mayer is 9-4 in the conference and 15-8 overall.

The defeat sets up a showdown for the division championship Friday night. Litchfield is host to New London-Spicer, 10-2 in the Wright

County West, at 7 p.m. Friday. Tuesday, Lyndsey Penegor had 11 points to lead the Royals. Greta Hansen had 11 points, two assists and five steals to lead the Dragons.

Izzy Pennertz had nine points and seven rebounds for Litchfield, which trailed 20-18 at halftime.

Wright County

Watertown-Mayer 41, Litchfield 36

neger 11, Abby Otterness 5, Mercedes Burmeister
4, Mallory Cziano 4 — 3-point shots: Killian 1,
Barden 1, Penegor 1, Otterness 1 — Rebound
leader: n/a — Assist leader: n/a — Steal leader:
n/a — Block leader: n/a — Steal leader:
n/a — Block leader: n/a — Steal leader:
n/a — Block leader: n/a — Steal leader:
LTCHFIELD - Scoring: Ryanna Steinhaus 6,
Greta Hansen 11, Izzy Pennertz 9, Maggie Boerema 4, Morgan Failing 6 — 3-point shots: Steinhaus 2, Hansen 1, Failing 1 — Rebound leaders: Pennertz 7, Boerema 5 — Assist leaders:
Pennertz 2, Hansen 2 — Steal leader: Hansen 5
— Block leader: none

GSL 52, NLS 46

Glencoe-Silver Lake picked off New London-Spicer at New London.

The Panthers, 8-5 in the Wright County Conference West Division, got 15 points apiece from Kendall Guerrero and Hannah Graf.

NLS, 10-2 in the Wright County West and ranked sixth in the state in Class AA, got 16 points from Avery Rich and 13 points from Jaden Coahran. Rich also had four assists and three steals. Ellary Peterson pulled down 13 rebounds for the Wildcats.

NLS plays conferenceleading Litchfield on Friday at Litchfield.

GSL (14-9) 36 16 — 52 NLS (20-2) 25 21 — 46 GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE - Scoring: Kendall Guerrero 15, Mylea Monahan 11, Hannah Graf 15, Brooklyn Christianson 3, Lydia Simons 5, Audrey

ROYALS: Page AB2

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa tops Eden Valley-Watkins

By Joe Brown West Central Conference

BROOTEN - Once Ashton Dingmann got rolling, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa went right along with him.

Leading Eden Valley-Watkins 44-40 in a Central Minnesota Conference boys basketball game, the Jaguars senior hit a 3-pointer with 7 minutes, 54 seconds left to play. Over that final stretch, Dingmann scored 12 of his 20 points in helping the fifth-ranked (Class A) Jaguars to a 63-49 home victory.

With the win, BBE maintains its place atop the CMC with a 9-1 record (18-3 overall). They lead second-place Paynesville by two games. EVW is tied for Eagles were 3 of 21 from out-

fourth in the CMC at 7-4 (12-10 side. overall).

Tied at 30-all at halftime, the Jaguars and Eagles were tied in a two-possession game until Dingmann went on a hot streak. Started by Dingmann's

3-pointer that made it 47-40, BBE went on a 13-2 run to pull ahead 57-42. Dingmann, a 6-foot-4 for-

ward, went 8 of 18 shooting and also grabbed 11 rebounds. The Jaguars' top scorer was

Kaden Pieper with 21 points on 9 of 15 shooting. BBE's perimeter defense came up strong in the second half, holding EV-W without a

3-pointer after halftime. The

Noah Stommes, a 6-foot-8 sophomore, was EVW's top performer with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Caden Neiman followed with nine points.

BBE is on the road Thursday for a 7 p.m. game against Roy-

Central Minnesota BBE 63, EVW 49

EVW (12-10) 30 19 — 49 905 /18-3) 30 33 — 63 BBE (18-3) 30 33 — 63
EDEN VALLEY-WATKINS - Scoring: Wyatt Moehrle 4, Alex Haag 4, Landon Neiman 2, Notan Geislinger 3, Tyler Starwick 2, Myles Dziengel 2, Caden Neiman 9, Parker Schultz 2, Noah Stommes 21 3-point shots: Neiman 3 ... Rebound leaders: Stormes 12, Neiman 10 ... Assist leader: Moehrle 2 ... Steal leader: Na ... Block leader: Stommes 1 BELGRADE-BROOTEN-ELROSA ... Scoring: Kaden Pieper 21, Will Van Beck 6, Gannon Watsh 2, Ashton Dipmanan 20. Easton Hagen 2, Luke Ashton Dingmann 20, Easton Hagen 2, Luke

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Mike Moore / West Central Tribune

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa sophomore Luke Dingmann drives the ball to the basket as the Jaguars were host to the Eden Valley-Watkins Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022.

Zimmerman retires after

17 years with Nationals Two-time All-Star Ryan Zimmerman announced his retirement Tuesday after 17 years with the Washington Nationals.

The franchise's first draft pick after relocating from Montreal in 2005, Zimmerman won a World Series with the club in 2019 and is the Nationals' all-time leader in games (1,799), runs (963), hits (1,846), doubles (417), home runs (284) and RBIs (1,061).

At age 37, Zimmerman said he is ready for the next phase of his life and spending more time with his family.

"At this point in my career, it's not about making money," he said, per The Washington Post. "It's more the weighing of how much time it takes for be successful on the field that people don't really know about. And it's worth it if you have a chance to win the World Series.

"For me, with the four kids at home now, it's kind of like: I've accomplished a lot. I've accomplished more than I've ever wanted to accomplish. At this point, do I really have the 100 percent drive and commitment to do all the extracurricular stuff that I expect of myself to play the game?"

Drafted No. 4 overall out of the University of Virginia in 2005, Zimmerman broke into the big leagues that season as a third baseman. He won a Gold Glove at third in 2009 before moving to first base in 2015.

He made the National League All-Star teams in 2009 and 2017 and won Silver Slugger awards in 2009 and 2010. In me to put in the stuff behind 2011, Zimmerman won the Lou NBC and its Spanish-lan-

the scenes that lets me still Gehrig Memorial Award as the guage sister, Telemundo. An player who best exemplifies additional 11.2 million people the spirit and character of the award's namesake.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Zimmerman opted out of the 2020 season due to the pandemic and returned in 2021 to bat .243 with 14 homers and 46 RBIs in 110 games. He was a lifetime .277 hitter.

Super Bowl LVI most-watched game in five years

Super Bowl LVI was the most watched television show in five years and averaged 112.3 million viewers across all platforms, the NFL announced Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Rams defeated the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20 in Sunday's game.

In all, 101.1 million viewers watched the game on

streamed the game, primarily on NBC's Peacock.

The total was the most since a viewership of 113.7 million for Super Bowl LI in 2017, when the New England Patriots defeated the Atlanta Falcons 34-28, the NFL said.

The 2021 Super Bowl between the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Kansas City Chiefs drew an average of 96.4 million viewers on television for CBS. "The Super Bowl once again

delivered a massive audience, which included NBC and the unmatched power of broadcast television as well as first-ever presentations on Peacock and Telemundo, and led into our most-watched Olympics coverage in four years," said Mark Lazarus, chairman of NBCUniversal Television and Streaming said in a news release.

The Super Bowl halftime show, starring Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Mary J. Blige and Kendrick Lamar, averaged 103.4 million viewers.

Among local markets, Cincinnati led the way in viewership with a 46.1 rating/84 share. That means 46.1 percent of all households in the market had the game turned on, and 84 percent of the people who were watching television at the time were watching the game.

Los Angeles had a 36.7/77 market share.

No. 2 on the list was Detroit, where Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford spent 12 seasons before an offseason trade sent him west. Detroit had a 45.9/79 share.

Two other metro areas in Ohio were in the ratings top Columbus and Cleveland.

-Field Level Media



BBE senior Will VanBeck guards Landon Neiman of the Eden Valley-Watkins Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022.

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Dingmann 7, Gavin Kampsen 5 ... 3-point shots: Pieper 1, A. Dingmann 3 ... Rebound leader: A. Dingmann 11, L. Dingmann 7 ... Assist leader: Walsh 4 ... Steal leader: Pieper 2, A. Dingmann 2 ... Block leader: L. Dingmann 1

Wright County Watertown-Mayer 54, Litchfield 49

John Mueller had 18 points to lead Watertown-Mayer past Litchfield at Watertown.

Wyatt McCabe added 12 points for the Royals.

Dom Dietel led Litchfield with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Litchfield plays at 7 p.m. Friday at New London-Spicer.

Litchfield (8-14)

Matertown-Mayer (16-6)

24

30 — 54

LITCHFIELD - Scoring: Logan King 6,

Jack McCann 6, Tanner Kohls 2, Alex

Draeger 9, Beau Weseloh 7, Blake Aller 5,

Dom Dietel 14 ... 3-point shots: King 1, Mc
Cann 2, Draeger 2, Weseloh 1, Aller 1 ...

Rebound leader: Dietel 10 ... Assist leader:

Kohls 3, Aller 3 ... Steal leader: King 3 ...

Block leader: Dietel 1

WATERTOWN-MAYER - Scoring: Wy
att McCabe 12, Jacob Rowan 8, Cayden Litchfield (8-14) 18 31 — 49

att McCabe 12, Jacob Rowan 8, Cayden Stucchi 3, Albert Rundell 4, Tyler Sinsabaugh 5, John Mueller 18, Justin Kind 4 ... 3-point shots: McCabe 1, Rowan 2, Stuc-Grant Stock, MicCabe 1, Rowan 2, Stuctini 1, Sinsabaugh 1, Mueller 1 ... Rebound leader: Kind 12 ... Assist leader: Three with 2 ... Steal leader: McCabe 3 ... Block leader: None

NLS 84, GSL 81

New London-Spicer had five players score in double figures in the victory over Glencoe-Silver Lake at New London.

Peyton Coahran led the way for the Wildcats with 20 points, including six 3-pointers. Grant Paffrath added 18 pints and two steals. Aedan Andresen had 15 points. Brycen Christensen added 14 points, 14 rebounds, six assists, four blocks and two steals. And, Mason Delzer had 13 points.

Sophomore guard Eli Ehrke had 30 points for the Panthers.

NLS plays at 7:15 p.m. Thursday at Albany.

Thursday at Albany.
GSL (16-5) 38 43—81
NLS (11-8) 42 42—84
GLENCOE-SILVER LAKE - Scoring: Jacob Baumgarten 10, Eli Ehrke 30, Mitchel Jaskowiak 10, Sawyer Kaczmarek 8, Spencer Lemke 11, Jordan Mickolichek 12 ... 3-point shots: Ehrke 5, Jaskowiak 2, Lemke 1 ... Rebound leader: Lemke 4 ... Assist leader: Lemke 5 ... Block leader: Baumgarten 1, Mickolichek 1
NEW LONDON-SPICER - Scoring: Aedan Andresen 15, Brycen Christensen 14, Peyton Coahran 20, Mason Delzer 13, Paul Meier 2, Grant Paffrath 18, Gabe Rohman 2 ... 3-point shots: Andresen 1, Coahran 6, Paffrath 3 ... Rebound leader: Christensen 14 ... Assist leader: Christensen 2, Paffrath 2 ... Block leader: Christensen 2, Paffrath 2 ... Block leader: Christensen 4 Paffrath 2 ... Block leader: Christensen 4

West Central BOLD 56, Benson 47

Ryan King and Maxwell Marks each had 19 points to lead BOLD to the victory over Benson at Bird Island.

King also had six rebounds and Marks chipped in with three assists.

BOLD plays at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Sleepy Eye. Benson is host to Montevideo at 7:30 p.m.

Friday.

Benson (3-18) 21 26 — 47

BOLD (16-6) 30 26 — 56

BENSON - Stats not available

BOLD - Scoring: Jack Gross 8, Ryan

King 19, Hudson Vosika 1, Ethan Sullivan 5, Cole Visser 4, Maxwell Marks 19

... 3-point shots: Sullivan 1, Marks 2 ... Rebound leader: King 6 ... Assist leader: Borer 3, Marks 3 ... Steal leader: Gross 3, Vosika 3, Visser 3 ... Block leader: Gross 1 Morris/CA 77,

Montevideo 64

Augustana recruit Jackson Loge had 34 points to lead stateranked Morris/Chokio-Alberta to the victory over Montevideo at Mor-

Morris/CA is ranked third in Class AA.

Landon Stock had 18 points and Andrew Van Binsbergen added 16 to lead Montevideo.

The Thunder Hawks

Play Friday at Benson.

Montevideo (9-9) 38 26 — 64

Morris/CA (20-1) 46 31 — 77

MONTEVIDEO - Scoring: Landon Stock
18, Andrew Van Binsbergen 16, Kaden
Boike 11, Bradyn Schultz 7, Mason Jerve
5, Hunter Strand 5, Justin Collins 2 ...
3-point shots: Van Binsbergen 1, Boike 1,
Schultz 1, Jerve 1, Strand 1 ... Rebound
leader: Stock 10 ... Assist leader: Boike 3 leader: Stock 10 Assist leader: Boike 3 Steal leader: Boike 4 ... Block leader:

Jerve 1 MORRIS/CHOKIO-ALBERTA - Scoring: Tyler Berlinger 6, Cole MUNRIS/CHUKIO-ALBERTA - Scoring: Durgin Decker 2, Tyler Berlinger 6, Cole Wente 7, Brandon Jergenson 9, Thomas Tiernan 14, Jackson Loge 34, Toby Gonnerman 2 ... 3-point shots: Wente 1, Jergenson 2, Tiernan 4, Loge 2 ... Rebound leader: n/a ... Assist leader: n/a ... Steal leader: n/a ... Block leader: n/a

Camden

CMCS 75, RCW 51 Central Minnesota

Christian, which has already clinched the Camden Conference North Division, won its seventh straight game after beating Renville County West at Prinsburg. Building a 43-25 lead

at halftime, the Bluejays

assists from Case Mulder. Ethan Bultuis and Ben Van Eps followed up with 18 points apiece. Caleb Vander Beek had a double-double with 12

points and 13 rebounds. Jaise Miller led the Jaguars with 11 points.

Eagles on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022.

CMCS plays MACCRAY at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Clara City. RCW is host to Lac qui Parle Valley at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Renville.

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RCW (7-16) 25 26 — 51

CMCS (19-3) 43 32 — 75

RENVILLE COUNTY WEST - Scoring:
Adam Schrupp 2, Ryan Schrupp 6, AJ
Gasca 4, Isaac Haen 9, Jaise Miller 11,
Tyler Froland 4, Hunter Bruns 4, Luki Hale
4, Jaden Serbus 7 ... 3-point shots: Miller
3 ... Rebound leader: Serbus 12 ... Assist
leader: Gasca 2, Haen 2 ... Steal leader:
Five with 1 ... Block leader: Serbus 4

CENTRAL MINNESOTA CHRISTIAN Scoring: Ethan Builthuis 18, Jaden Dannen

CENTRAL MINNESUTA CHRISTIAN Scoring: Ethan Bulthuis 18, Jaden Dannen 1, Case Mulder 20, Drew Duininck 4, Braelin Rime 2, Ben Van Eps 18, Caleb Vander Beek 12 ... 3-point shots: Bulthuis 2, Mulder 1 ... Rebound leader: Vander Beek 13 Assist leader: Mander Mulder 4 ... Step Leader der 1 ... Rebound leader: Vander Beek 13 ... Assist leader: Mulder 4 ... Steal leader: Bulthuis 4, Van Eps 4 ... Block leader: Bulthuis 1

Dawson-Boyd 79, **MACCRAY 61**

Keegon Wicht and Brayson Boike paced Dawson-Boyd's offense in a Camden Conference win over host MACCRAY at Clara City.

Wicht and Boike both double-doubles. Wicht finished with 24 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and three steals. Boike came up with 21 points and 11 boards. Levi Olson added 16 for the Blackjacks. Isaac Post led the Wol-

Strommer (13) and Gavin Husman (11) also finished in double figures, with Strommer dishing out nine assists. D-B faces Kerkhoven-

Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa guard Kaden Pieper, center, battles with Wyatt Moehrle

for possession of the ball as the Jaguars were host to the Eden Valley-Watkins

Murdock-Sunburg 7:30 p.m. Thursday. MACCRAY hosts Central Minnesota Christian at

7:30 p.m. Thursday.
Dawson-Boyd (14-7) 37 42 — 79
MACCRAY (8-15) 23 38 — 61
DAWSON-BOYD - Scoring: Keegon
Wicht 24, Aiden Swenson 8, Braxton Hahn
3, Brayson Bolike 21, Collin Swedzinski 6,
Levi Olson 16, Carter Bowen 1 ... 3-point
shots: Wicht 3, Hahn 1, Swedzinski 2, Olson 4, Repound Leaders Roike 11, Wicht shots: Wicht 3, Hahn 1, Swedzinski 2, Olson 4 ... Rebound leader: Boike 11, Wicht 10 ... Assist leader: Wicht 3 ... Steal leader: Wanch 2 ... Steal leader: Wanch 2 ... Steal leader: Wanch 2 ... Steal leader: Javansen 4, Dreyer Homan 3, Brooks Asche 1, Jordan Warne 8 ... 3-point shots: Strommer 1, Post 4, Husman 1 ... Rebound leader: Warne 12 ... Assist leader: Strommer 9 ... Steal leader: Post 4 ... Block leader: Warne 5

KMS 54, LQPV 50

Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg came back from a 27-24 halftime deficit to beat Lac qui Parle Valley at Kerkhoven.

KMS got up by eight with about two minutes left. Jared Cortez knocked down two free throws to push it to four with two seconds left. The sophomore guard finished with 29 points.

The Eagles' final shot was off.

Landon Schirm led LQPV with 18 points. Hunter Conn had 12 and William Giese added 11 for the Eagles.

KMS is host to Dawgot 20 points and four verines with 21 points son-Boyd on Thursday.

and fuor steals. Isaac LQPV plays Renville County West at 7;30 p.m.

County West at 7;30 p.m. Thursday at Renville.

LQPV (11-11) 27 23 — 50
KMS (14-8) 24 30 — 54
LAC QUI PARLE VALLEY - Scoring:
William Giese 11, Landon Schirm 18,
Kaiden Allpress 2, Hunter Conn 12, Blake
Wollschlager 2, Kaden Molden 5 ...
3-point shots: Giese 3, Schirm 4, Molden
1 ... Rebound leader: n/a ... Assist leader: n/a ... Kestal leader: n/a ... Stesist lea

bound leaders: Gag. Thorson 7, Call 12 ... Assist leaders: Gag. Thorson 3, Kallstrom 3, Call 3 ... Steal leaders: Cortez 3, Call 3 ... Block leader: Call 3

Lakeview 68, YME 62 Lakeview tied a school record for wins in a season, improving to 19-4 after beating Yellow Medicine East in Camden Conference play at

Cottonwood. The Lakers got a teamhigh 22 points from Nathan Fenske, followed

by 17 from Taiven Isaackson. The Sting took the loss despite a 25-point, 12-rebound effort from

junior center Bryce Sneller. Archie LaRose added 16 points. YME stays on the road

for its next game, 7:15

p.m. Thursday at Canby.
YME (3-16) 33 29 — 62
Lakeview (19-4) 33 35 — 68
YELLOW MEDICINE EAST - Scoring:
Nikson Knapper 10, Cody Dahlager 5, Archie LaRose 16, Preston Berends 2, Bryce
Sneller 25, Owen Torvik 4 ... 3-point shots:
Knapper 2, LaRose 1 ... Rebound leader:
Sneller 12 ... Assist leader: Dahlager 6 ...
Steal leader: Dahlager 3 ... Block leader:
None None LAKEVIEW - Scoring: Owen Louwagie 7

Taiven Isaackson 17, Nathan Fenske 22, Ethan Schwankl 10, Justin Timm 3, Brock Bossuyt 2, Lincoln Vogel 1, Koltin Mulder 6 ... 3-point shots: Isaackson 1, Fenske 2 ... Rebound leader: Isaackson 6 ... Assist leader: n/a ... Steal leader: n/a ... Block leader: n/a

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.. Assist leader: n/a ... Steal leader:

n/a ... Block leader: n/a NEW LONDON-SPICER - Scoring: Jaden Co-NEW LONDON-SPICER - Scoring: Jaden Coahran 13, Avery Rich 16, Ellary Peterson 3, Dakota Rich 9, Delaney Hanson 5 ... 3-point shots: Coahran 3, A. Rich 3, D. Rich 3, Hanson 1 ... Rebound leaders: Peterson 13, Coahran 7, Audrey Schneider 6, Izzy Schmiesing 5, Ava Carlson 5 ... Assist leaders: A. Rich 4, Schmiesing 3, D. Rich 3 ... Steal leader: A. Rich 3 ... Block leader: Hanson 2

Central Minnesota BBE 54,

Paynesville 52

Harley Roering had 14 points and Tiyana Schwinghammer

leader: n/a

added 12 as Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa edged Paynesville at Belgrade. Schwinghammer also had seven rebounds and two

assists. The Jaguars led 19-16 at halftime. BBE is now 9-3 in the Central Minnesota Conference and

15-8 overall. Paynesville fell to 3-9 in the CMC and 5-18 overall.

Paynesville (5-18) BBE (15-8)

PAYNESVILLE - Stats not available BELGRADE-BROOTEN-ELROSA - Scoring: Brooklyn Fischer 6, Shelby Anderson 6, Anna Jaegre 2, Tiyana Schwinghammer 12, Allison Dingmann 3, Kailey Fischer 3, Ella Halvorson 1, Harley Roering 14, Bree Thieschafer 7 ... 3-point shots: B. Fischer 1, Roering 2 ... Rebound leader: Schwinghammer 7 ... Assist leader: Jaeger 2, Schwinghammer 2 ... Steal leader: Anderson 4 ... Block leader: Ding-West Central

Montevideo 72,

Melrose 34 Tenley Epema and Avery Koenen each had 22 points

to help Montevideo to the home victory over the Melrose Dutchmen. Hailey Dirksen 13 points for the Thunder

Hawks, who are ranked 10th in the state in Class AA. Brooke Finken's 13 points

Montevideo's next game is Thursday at home against

paced Melrose.

Montevideo (18-3) 38 34 — 72
MELROSE - Scoring: Avery Van Beck 2, Brooke
Finken 13, Kaydence Bertram 4, Ria Nelson 6,
Josie Schmiesing 2, Courtney Revering 3, Madison
Stusse 3, Paige Gruber 1 ... 3-point shots: Finken
3, Revering 1, Stusse 1 ... Rebound leader: n/a ...

Assist leader: n/a ... Steal leader: n/a ... Block leader: n/a MONTEVIDEO - Scoring: Teagan Epema 4, Ten-

ley Epema 22, Kiera Foley 6, Avery Koenen 22, Keely Foley 5, Hailey Dirksen 13 ... 3-point shots: Ten. Epema 5, Ki. Foley 1, Ke. Foley 1, Dirksen 1 ... Rebound leader: n/a ... Assist leader: n/a ... Steal leader: n/a ... Block leader: n/a Non-Conference

KMS 63, Benson 38

Josie Gjerde had 15 points, including three 3-pointers,

and Madelyn Luft added 14 points as Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg earned the victory at Benson. The Fighting Saints knocked down nine 3-pointers com-

pared to five for the Braves. Madilyn Wrobleski had 16 points to lead Benson. She hit

four 3-pointers. KMS plays Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart at 7:30 p.m.

plays at 6 p.m. Thursday at Montevideo. KMS (10-12) 36 27 — 63
Benson (2-17) 21 17 — 38
KERKHOVEN-MURDOCK-SUNBURG - Scor-

ing: Grace Collins 3, Acelynn Hacker 9, Shae Fath 1, Emily Wagner 5, Julia Carlson 2, Josie Gjerde 15, Shakira Olson 5, Madelyn Luft 14, Hayley Demuth 9 ... 3-point shots: Collins 1, Hacker 2, Wagner 1, Gjerde 3, Olson 1, Demuth 1 ... Rebound leader: Gjerde 6 ... Assist leader: Luft 2 ... Steal leaders: Luft 6, Gjerde 5, Olson 3, Demuth 3 Block leader: Luft 2 BENSON - Scoring: Presley Nygaard 2, Madi-

lyn Wrobleski 16, Marley Rush 8, Norah Hilleren 3, Mya Kurkosky 9 ... 3-point shots: Wrobleski 4, Kurkosky 1 ... Rebound leader: n/a ... Assist leader: n/a ... Block leader: Hancock 82,

Dawson-Boyd 31 Kailtyn Staples' 22 points led state-ranked Hancock to

the victory at Dawson. Carlee Hanson had 18 points and Kaitlyn Rohloff added 13 for

the Owls, who also got 10 points from Karleigh Rohloff and nine from Brooke Ver Steeg. Hancock is ranked fifth in

the state in Class A. Katherine Dahl had 15 points and four steals to lead the Blackjacks.

Dawson-Boyd closes out the regular season at 6 p.m. Fri-

Hancock (21-1) 47 35—82
Dawson-Boyd (1-24) 18 13—31
HANCOCK - Scoring: Kaitlyn Staples 22, Karleigh
Rohloff 10, Kaitlyn Rohloff 13, Rylee Hanson 4, Misti
Zempel 1, Carlee Hanson 18, Brooke Ver Steeg 9,
Autumn Hubbard 3 ... 3-point shots: Staples 4,
Kai. Rohloff 1, Hanson 3, Ver Steeg 1, Hubbard 1 ...
Rebound leader: Kai. Rohloff 5, Hanson 5 ... Assist leader: Jol. Steal leader: Hanson 6 Rlock sist leader: n/a ... Steal leader: Hanson 6 ... Block

tad 5, Bartunek 5 ... **Assist leader**: n/a ... **Steal leader**: Dahl 4 ... **Block leader**: Dahl 2, Hastad 2 Morris/CA 54, LQPV 47

Morris/Chokio-Alber-

ta broke a two-game losing streak with the victory over Lac qui Parle Valley at Madison. Morris/CA is now 9-14 overall. LQPV fell to 18-6. The

Eagles play at 6 p.m. Friday at Montevideo. CAL

CCS 54, First Baptist 41

Hope Reid had 24 points and 15 rebounds to lead Com-

munity Christian past First Baptist Academy in a Christian Athletic League game at Rosemount.

steals for the Eagles, who also got five points, five rebounds and five assists from Margo Klassen COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - Scoring: Hope Reid 24, Sophia Bollig 15, Margo Klassen 5, Kailey Hines 4, Anna Lindgren 2, Gabbie Bollig

5, Kalley Fillies 4, Amira Liftigleif 2, Gabbie Soling 2, Lexi Nelson 2 ... 3-point shots: none ... Re-bound leaders: Reid 15, S. Bollig 11, Klassen 5 ... Assist leader: Klassen 5 ... Steal leader: S. Bollig 5 ... Block leader: S. Bollig 1, Nelson 1 FIRST BAPTIST - Stats not available

Sophia Bollig added 15 Friday in Kerkhoven. Benson day at Wabasso to play the points, 11 rebounds and five host Rabbits.

DAWSON-BOYD - Scoring: Chelsie Husby 2, Katherine Dahl 15, Hayley Anderson 2, Ayiana Has-tad 7, Allison Estling 3, Laney Bartunek 4... 3-point shots: Dahl 2, Hastad 1 ... Rebound leader: Has-

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y 18 39 316 18.0 Utah Denver Minnesota Portland Oklahoma City Pacific Phoenix Golden State

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Brooklyn at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m. Denver at Golden State, 9 p.m. Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m. Thursday's Games Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m. Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m. Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m. Friday's Games Team. Worthy vs Team Isiah, at Cleveland, OH, 8 p.m. Team Payton vs Team Barry, at Cleveram Pagen Payton vs Team Payton vs Tea

vs Team Barry, at Cleve-

College NCAA Basketball At a Glance Big Ten Conference

Tuesday's Games Penn St. 62, Michigan St 58 Ohio St. 70, Minnesota 45 Wisconsin 74, Indiana 69 Wednesday's Games Illinois at Rutgers, 6 p.m. Purdue at Northwestern, 8 p.m. Thursday's Games Minnesota at Penn St., 3 p.m. Michigan at Iowa, 6 p.m. Friday's Games

Maryland at Nebraska, 8 p.m.

Tuesday results

No. 18 Ohio St. 70, Minnesota 45

MINNESOTA (45): E.Curry 1.5 0-0 2,

P.Willis 2-11 1-2 5, Thiam 0-1 0-0 0,

Ji.Battle 4-13 1-2 11, Loewe 5-9 0-0 12,

Ca.Daniels 1-2 1-1 3, Ey.Stephens 0-5

0-0 0, Sutherlin 1-3 5-8 7, Te.Thompson

2-3 0-0 5, Totals 16-52 8-11 45.

OHIO ST. (70): Sotos 0-2 2-2 2, E.Brown

III 2-4 0-2 4, J.Ahrens 1-4 0-0 3,

Z.Key 4-7 1-2 9, Ky.Young 1-4 0-0 3,

Z.Key 4-7 1-2 9, Ky.Young 1-4 0-0 0,

C.Russell 4-8 0-0 9, Branham 4-7 1-2

11, Brunk 0-0 0-0 0, J.Wheeler 5-8 0-0

13, Totals 27-55 6-10 70,

Minnesota 25 20 45

Ohio St. 23 47 70

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 5-19 (Loewe Maryland at Nebraska, 8 p.m.

Minnesota 25 20 — 45
Ohio St. 23 47 — 70
A Point Goals—Minnesota 5-19 (Loewe 2-5, Ji,Battle 2-6, Te.Thompson 1-2, Ey.Stephens 0-1, Thiam 0-1, P.Willis 0-4), Ohio St. 10-23 (J.Wheeler 3-6, Branham 2-2, E.Liddell 2-3, Ky.Young 1-1, J.Ahrens 1-4, C.Russell 1-5, E.Brown III 0-1, Sotos 0-1), Fouled out. None, Rebounds—Minnesota 27 (P.Willis 7), Ohio St. 34 (E.Liddell 10), Assists—Minnesota 6 (E.Curry 3), Ohio St. 11 (J.Wheeler 3), Total Fouls—Minnesota 12 (E.Curry, Te.Thompson 3), Ohio St. 14 (J.Wheeler 4), A—NA.

Men Tuesday's College Basketball Scores

Tuesday's College Basketban : EAST Iona 70, Saint Peter's 61 Longwood 70, High Point 66 Merrimack 70, Sacred Heart 63 Penn St. 62, Michigan St. 58 VCU 66, Fordham 61 Villanova 89, Providence 84 SOUTH Duke 76, Wake Forest 74 Duke 76, Wake Forest 74

Duke 76, Wake Forest 74
Florida State 81, Clemaon 80
Hofstra 97, Elon University 64
Iowa State 54, Texas Christian 51
NC State 76, Georgia Tech 81
North Florida 72, Liberty 69
South Carollina 77, Mississippi 74, OT
Tennessee 76, Kentucky 63
Texas A&M 56, Florida 55
Tulane 76, South Florida 57
MIDWEST
Arkansas 76, Missouri 57 Arkansas 76, Missouri 57 Buffalo 112, Bowling Green 85 Butler 73, DePaul 71 Eastern Michigan 75, Central Michigan

70 Kent St. 72, Toledo 59 Memphis 81, Cincinnati 74 Missouri St. 79, Indiana St. 70 Northern Illinois 64, Ball St. 58 Northern Iowa 72, Illinois St. 70 Ohio 91, Miami (OH) 78 Ohio St. 70, Minnesota 45 Southern Illinois 65, Bradley 57 Texas 80, Oklahoma 78, OT Western Michigan 61, Akron 57, OT Wisconsin 74, Indiana 69

WEST Colorado 90, Oregon St. 64 New Mexico 75, Wyoming 66 Portland 84, Bushnell 39 Utah St. at San Diego St. UC Irvine at UC San Diego San Jose St. at Nevada

Women's NCAA Basketball

Co	Conference					All	
					Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct	
Indiana	10	2	833	18	4	.818	
Michigan	11	3	786	20	4	.833	
Ohio St.	11	3	.786	19	4	.826	
Maryland	11	3	786	19	6	.760	
lowa	10	4	714	16	7	.696	
Nebraska	8	6	571	19	6	760	
Northwestern	6	5	.545	14	8	636	
Michigan St	7	6	538	13	11	542	
Purdue	5	9	357	14	11	.560	
Minnesota	4	9	308	11	14	.440	

LOCAL CALENDAR

SCOREBOARD

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Wrestling Section 8AAA team tournament: 7-Buffalo at 2-Willmar, 6 p.m. College Men's Basketball Ridgewater at MN West, 7:30 p.m. in Worthington College Women's Basketball Ridgewater at MN West, 5:30 p.m. in Worthington Thursday, Feb. 17

Boys Basketball
ACGC at Kimball, 7 p.m.
BBE at Royalton, 7 p.m.
Maple Lake at Paynesville, 7 p.m.
New London-Spicer at Albany, 7:15 p.m.
Minnewaska at Bernesville, 7:30 p.m.
CMCS at MACCRAY, 7:30 p.m.
Dawson-Boyd at KMS, 7:30 p.m.
LQPV at RCW, 7:30 p.m.
YME at Canby, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Girls Basketball

Girls Basketball Fergus Falls at Willmar, 7:15 p.m. Paynesville at YME, 7:30 p.m. Benson at Montevideo, 7:30 p.m.

Benson at Montevideo, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Section 5A team tournament: 9-BOLD vs. 8-Benson, 8 p.m. at Belgrade; winner
vs. 1-BBE, 7:30 p.m. at Belgrade; 5-KMS vs. 4-Minneota, 7:30 p.m. at Belgrade
Section 5A team tournament: 7-Paynesville vs. 10-Orionville, 6 p.m. at Grove
City; winner vs. 2-ACGC, 7:30 p.m.; 3-Minnewaska vs. 6-Canby, 7:30 p.m. at
Grove City
Section 3AA-North team tournament: 5-Quad County vs. 4-New London-Spicer,
6 p.m. at Hutchinson: winner vs. 1-Hutchinson, 7:30 p.m.; 2-United vs. 3-MAHACA, 7:30 p.m. at Hutchinson
Section 6AA team tournament; 6 p.m./8 p.m. at TBD
Boys Hockey

Boys Hockey
Princeton at Utchfleid/D-C, 7 p.m.
MBA at Prairie Centre, 7 p.m.
River Lakes at Sauk Repids, 7:15 p.m.

Girls Hockey
Section 2A championship, 2-Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato vs. 1-Mankato East, 7 p.m. at Mankato

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series: Daytona qualifying, 7 p.m., FS1 Basketbalt: College men: St. John's at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., CBSSN College men: 6 p.m., ESPN2 College men: 6 p.m., ESPN2
College men: Illinois at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN
NBA. Brooklyn at New York, 6.45 p.m., ESPN
NBA. Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m., BSN
College men: Seton Hail at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN
College men: 8 p.m., ESPN2
College men: 9 p.m., ESPN2
College men: Boise State at Air Force, 9 p.m., ESN
College men: Unit to Angeles Lakers, 8:05 p.m., ESPN
College men: UNIV.V at Fresno State, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN
College men: Gonzags at Pepperdine, 10 p.m., ESPN2
Hockey: Hockey: NHL: Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m., TNT NHL: Colorado at Las Vegas, 9 p.m., TNT Otympics:

Men's hockey (quarterfinal), 7:30 a.m., USA
Otympics primetime, 7 p.m., NBC
Women's skiing (Ski cross qualifying), 9:30 p.m., USA
Men's skiing (Halfpipe qualifying), 10:30 p.m., USA UEFA Champions League: Inter Milan vs. Liverpool, 2 p.m., CBS

Thursday, Feb. 17

Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series: Duel at Daytone 1 and 2, 6 p.m., FS1 College men: Minnesota at Penn State, 3 p.m., BTN College men: Towson at UNCW, 5 p.m., CBSSN College women: Northwestern at Indiana, 5 p.m., BTN College men: 6 p.m., ESPN.
College men: 6 p.m., ESPN.
College men: 6 p.m., ESPN2
College men: Charlotte at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., CBSSN.
College women: Chio State at Maryland, 7 p.m., BTN
NBA: Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m., TNT
College men: 8 p.m., ESPN.
College men: 8 p.m., ESPN.
College men: 8 p.m., ESPN. College men: Sp.int, CSFW, College men: Creighton at DePaul, 9 p.m., CBSSN College men: Washington State at UCLA, 10 p.m., FS1 College men: Nevada at San Jose State, 11 p.m., CBSSN

Golf: PGA Tour: Genesis Invitational, 3 p.m., GOLF Olympics:

Olympics primetime, 7 p.m., NBC Women's skiing (Halfpipe final), 7:30 p.m., USA Men's hockey (semifinal), 10:10 p.m., USA SheBelieves Cup Soccer U.S. vs. Czech Republic, 10 p.m., ESPN

Wisconsin 4 10 286 7.17 .292 Illinois 1 9 100 6 15 .286 3 11 214 9 15 .375 Penn St. Rutgers 1 12 .077 8 17 320

Monday's Games Nebraska 72, Indiana 55 Ohio St. 86, Illinois 67 Maryland 81, Iowa 69 Tuesday's Games Wednesday's Games Michigan St at Wisconsin, 6:30 p.m. Thursday's Games Northwestern at Indiana, 5 p.m. Nebraska at Penn St., 6 p.m. Illinois at Purdue, 6 p.m. Rutgers at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Ohio St. at Maryland, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's Women's College Basketball Scores EAST

EAST
Boston College 69, Pittsburgh 57
Campbell 73, Hampton 55
Florida State 73, Syracuse 67
Miami-Florida 71, Virginia 55
Radford 79, UNC Asheville 62
SOUTH
Carriers With 62 Gardner-Webb 62, High Point 53 South Carolina Upstate 68, Presbyterian

Winthrop 56, Charleston Southern 43 MIDWEST Kansas 74, West Virginia 63

Kentucky 81, Mississippi State 74 Loyola-Chicago 64, Indiana St. 40 WEST Air Force 77, Boise St. 63

Pacific at Pepperdine UC San Diego at UC Irvine

Florida

Arizona

HOCKEY

Professional NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic Division GP W L OT SO Pts GF GA 4 70 169 139 3 69 194 139 1 65 167 125

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New Jersey 501728 1 4 30 Western Conference Central Division GP W L OT SO Pts GF GA 4634 8 3 1 72 190 131 443011 0 3 63 171 128 3 1 72 190 131 0 3 63 171 128 3 2 61 167 131 2 2 60 150 138 1 1 52 137 141 4 4 48 131 137 6 1 43 120 163 0 4 28 108 180 Colorado Minnesota St. Louis 472814 Nashville Dallas Winnipeg 492817 462519 462018 491824 Chicago

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Tuesday's Games
NY Rangers 2, Boston 1, SO
St. Louis 5, Ottawa 2
Tampa Bay 6, New Jersey 3
Pitsburgh 5, Philadelphia 4, OT
Buffalo 6, NY Islanders 3
Washington 4, Nashville 1
Columbus at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Minnesots at Winnipeg, 6 p.m.

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Ottawa at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at NY Rangers, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Boston at NY Islanders, 6:30 p.m. Seattle at Winnipeg, 7 p.m. Columbus at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Anaheim at Edmonton, 8 p.m. Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

Baseball National League Washington Nationals - Announced 1B Ryan Zimmerman has retired.

Football National Football League Atlanta Falcons - Signed TE Ryan Becker to a Reserve/Future contract. Cincinnati Bengals - Reverted WR Trent

Cincinnati Bengals - Reverted WR Trent Taylor from the practice squad. Reverted DT Mike Daniels to the practice squad. Signed DB John Brannon, QB Jake Browning, C Lamont Galliard, DB Trayvon Henderson, RB Elijah Holyfield, TE Thaddeus Moss, DE Noah Spence, WR Scotty Washington, and RB Pooks Williams Jr. to a Reservei-Future contract. Deriver Broncos - Acquired DB Essang Bassey off waivers from the Los Angeles. Chargers, Acquired P Corliss Waitman off waivers from the Putsburgh Steelers. Detroit Lions - Acquired DB July Hughes off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams. Green Bay Packers - Named Byron Storer assistant special fearirs coach.

Green Bay Yackers - Named Byton Scorer assistant special teams coach. Houston Texans - Acquired DL Kingsley Keke off waivers from the Green Bay Packers. Los Angeles Rams - Reverted DB Blake Countess and DB Eric Weddle from the

Countess and DB Eric Weddle from the practice equad.

New York Giarris - Signed WR Austin Proehl to a Reserve/Future contract.

Tennessee Titans - Signed DE Da'Shawn Hand to a Reserve/Future contract.

Washington Commanders - Waived TE Tyrone Swoopes and G Najee Toran.

NCAA Football

Brigham Young - Announced QB Baylor Romney has rethred.

Notre Dame - Named Al Golden detensive

Notre Dame - Named Al Golden defensive

National Basketball Association Houston Rockets - Signed SG Daishen Nix to a four-year contract. Waived C Enes Freedom.

Miami Heat - Signed SF Caleb Martin for the remainder of the season. Signed SF Haywood Highsmith to a second 10-day

NCAA Basketball

Baylor - Signed head coach Dave Aranda to a multi-year contract extension. Hockey National Hockey League Boston Bruins - Recalled C Jack Stud-nicka and D Jack Ahcan from Providence

nicka and D Jack Ahcan from Providence (AHL). Los Angeles Kings - Recafied D Jacob Moverare from Ontario (AHL). Minnesota Wild - Announced RW Marcus Foligno has served his suspension. Nashville Predators - Recalled LW Cole Smith from Milwaukee (AHL). Signed D Mark Borowiecki to a one-year, \$900,000 contrart automatin.

contract extension.

New York Islanders - Recalled G Cory
Schneider from Bridgeport (AHL).

Philadelphia Flyers - Recalled C Morgan
Frost and C Jackson Cates from Lehigh

Valley (AHL) St. Louis Blues - Loaned D Scott Perunov-ich to Springfield (AHL) on a conditioning assignment. Tampa Bay Lightning - Recalled D Damen

Raddysh from Syracuse (AHL). Vegas Golden Kriights - Waived C Adam Brooks.

Winnipeg Jets - Assigned D Johnathan Kovacevic to Manitoba (AHL). Placed D Neat Plank on IR COVID-19 protocol

FINAL

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goaltender and she had a great game," Klatt said. "There's only so much that you can do about that except to keep hammering away and hope that one gets in." Both teams played

determined to keep their seasons alive with solid defense, near goals and an increase in physicality occurring throughout each period.

River Lakes managed to have more puck control than the Lightning but were never able to connect with a goal. "It was primarily rebounds;

we didn't really get our rebounds," Hess said. "We were getting plenty of shots as the board shows, but the rebounds (were) really where it was."

After two scoreless periods, and the third period coming to a close, the thought of overtime quickly became more and more of a reality. Finally, after the Stars had

out-shot the Lightning 42-21, Hess managed to score on a rebound off a shot by Roeske on the left corner on the 64th total shot of the night.

"Kianna was coming over the top circle and I was like, 'oh this might be my chance to get a rebound," Hess recalled. "Then it was just perfect."

The Stars looked to have the game at hand as the final minute struck, but the Lightning managed to get the puck and dart down the ice. With 36.6 seconds left,

Northern Lakes junior forward Rose Aldridge managed to tie the game at 1-1, forcing overtime.

"My sister (Kaydene Roeske) is the goalie," Kianna said. "So I was thinking, 'gosh darn it Kaydene.' But it wasn't her fault. I know she takes a lot of the pressure for that. And I knew she wasn't going to get down on herself because she never has. But it was obviously very frustrating and very nerve-racking."



Matthew Curry / West Central Tribune

River Lakes senior Kianna Roeske helped the Stars return to the Section 6A championship with an overtime goal over Northern Lakes on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022 in Richmond.

Kianna Roeske got the only penalty in overtime, a two-minute minor for crosschecking.

"I was frustrated (with the penalty call)," Roeske said. "It was like, 'I'm a senior, this is not how I want my high school career to end.

"As I sat in the box I took a deep breath and realized there was still a lot of game left. I trusted my teammates and they got the job done (and)

killed off the power-play." Fresh out of the penalty box, Roeske thanked her teammates by scoring the game-winning goal at 4:21

to advance to the Section 6A championship. "I just skated hard and got a lucky shot on net," Roeske

said.

Despite the win, and the chance of returning to state in sight, Klatt says the team will be solely focused only on "We've been there before

but we've only had success to get (to state) once," she said. "A lot of people have been talking about tradition. But you have to do things repeatedly to make it a tradition. So we still have a lot of statements to make. The girls have had a lot of work put in and they know that they're not done yet."

Girls Hockey

Section 6A

River Lakes 2, Northern Lakes 1 (OT) Northern Lakes (15-11-1) 0 0 1 0-1 River Lakes (15-12) 0 0 1 1—2 FIRST PERIOD – No scoring. SECOND PERIOD – No scoring. THIRD PERIOD – (1) RL: Sophia Hess (Klanni Roesko) 12-53 ... (2) NL: Rose Aldridge (Jada Brodz erski) 18-23. OVERTIME - (3) Rt.: Kianna Roeske (unassisted).

GOALIE SAVES/SHOTS - Northern Lakes: Kather-line Stephens 49/51 ... River Lakes: Kaydene Roeske 23/24.

Fergus Falls 6, Willmar 1

Falls.

With a four-goal night from leading scorer Piper Andrews, top-seeded and eighth-ranked Fergus Falls ended fourthseeded Willmar's season in the Section 6A semifinals at Fergus Falls.

Andrews now has 32 goals along with 22 assists on the season. She put in a pair of goals in both the second and

third periods. Maddie Halter

and Hannah Johnson also put

the puck in the net for Fergus

Willmar came into the game on a six-game win streak. The Otters won the previous two matchups: 4-2 on Dec. 16 in Willmar; and 4-2 on Feb. 3 in Fergus Falls.

The Cardinals conclude the 2021-22 season with a 14-13o record. Four seniors - Nina Dawson, Kessa Mara, Katie Hagen and Brynn Grieger played in their final game. Willmar (14-13) Fergus Falls (19-5-2)

Boys Hockey

Litchfield/D-C 5, Sauk Rapids 3

While Sauk Rapids scored three third-period goals, Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato kept pace with three goals of their own to preserve a non-conference win at the Litchfield Civic Arena.

The Dragons took a 2-0 lead in the second period with goals from Gavin Hanson and Jack Hillmann. Hillmann's mark came while shorthanded.

Then in the third, the two teams traded goals, with Jaxon Gustafson, Hillmann and Gavyn Lund all tallying goals for Litchfield/D-C.

Travis Halonen finished with 24 saves for the 15th-ranked (Class A)

Litchfield/D-C plays Princeton at 7 p.m. Thursday at Litchfield.

at Litchfield.

Sauk Rapids (5-19) 0 0 3 - 3

Litchfield D-C (15-8-1) 0 2 3 - 5

FIRST PERIOD - No scoring.

SECOND PERIOD - (1) LDC: Gavin Hanson (Grant Hantaja, Ryan Schutz), 3-40 ... (2) LDC: Jack Millmann (Haataja), 6:56 SH.

THIRD PERIOD - (3) SR: Owen Arndt (urussisted), 1:38 ... (4) LDC: Jaxon Gustafson (Connor Taber), 1-47 ... (5) SR: Will White (Cayden Christensen), 6:21 ... (6) LDC: Hillman (Gavyn Lund), 11:57 ... (7)

SR: Luke Pakkalla (Caleb Euteneuer, Nosh Jonson), 13:32 PP ... (8) LDC: Lund (urussisted), 14:23.

GOALIE SAVES/SHOTS - Sauk Rapids: Zander Parker 30/35 ... Litchfield/D-C: Travis Halonen 24/27.

MBA 6,

Dragons.

Breckenridge-Wahpeton Morris/Benson Area bumped

its record over the .500 mark following a shutout win over Breckenridge/Wahpeton at Wahpeton, North Dakota. The Storm are now 12-11-1

on the year. The Blades drop to 0-20-0.

MBA plays Prairie Centre at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sauk Centre Ice Arena.



Bruce Kluckhohn / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Timberwolves guard D'Angelo Russell celebrates his three point basket against the Charlotte Hornets in the first quarter Tuesday at Target Center in Minneapolis.

Timberwolves putting Las Vegas point totals to work

By Jace Frederick St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Timberwolves' propensity to score and surrender points is causing the oddsmakers to reconsider overunder numbers.

The over-under is the number of total points bookmakers believe will be scored between both teams during a game. The over-under for Minnesota's game against Charlotte was 244 points. Meaning if you took the "over" you would need more than 244 points to be scored.

That's the highest over-under line the bookmakers have put on an NBA game all season. The two previous highs came in Minnesota's previous two games — Sunday in Indiana and Friday in Chicago — with overunders of 239.5 and 240.5, respectively. And the actual game totals from both of those games soared over the betting lines.

That's what happens when a team like the Wolves can't stop anyone, but can't really be stopped, either.

Rotation spins

Taurean Prince didn't see action in Minnesota's win Sunday over Indiana. That wasn't the plan, Timberwolves coach Chris Finch said.

"It had a lot to do with Ant's hot hand. I wanted to get back to (Edwards) as quick as I can. Rotation-wise, the team I had out there was playing hard," Finch said. "I was playing hard," Finch said. "I little bit, just rest a couple days and expect (Prince) to be back in the then get back to it."

rotation. I'm trying to find min-utes for Jaylen back in the rotation, too. It's difficult right now, with the healthy bodies. It's a good problem."

Finch said it's more difficult to manage too many available bodies than not enough.

"Because with the other situation, you gotta play whoever is available, and hope they play well," Finch said. "And, for the most part, our guys played really well. Which has put us in the position we are in now. I know Jaylen's got to be super frustrated. Was never our intention not to play TP the other night. Just got to stay ready. Every game is going to be dif-

ferent. Now we're getting down to this part of the season, the stretch run, we could be very situational in what we do, matchup-wise. And that could trigger any type of combination on the floor.'

Using the break

Previously in his career, Jarred Vanderbilt used his all-star break to work out and work on his game. That's what happens when you aren't a part of your team's rotation and aren't seeing game minutes.

Things have changed for the Wolves energizing forward. Perhaps no one needs the few days off to charge their batteries more than him.

"This is actually my first year needing the all-star break," Vander-bilt said. "I'm actually going to rest a

KATs scores 39 points in the Timberwolves' OT win

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rebounds as the Minrallied from a 13-point assists. fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Char-Minneapolis.

Towns had seven points in overtime and scored with 1:57 left to put the Wolves ahead 120-113. Minnesota secured the victory at the foul line in the final minute and extended its home winning streak to seven games.

D'Angelo Russell had Jaden McDaniels added 18 points, Patrick Beverley scored 15 and Jarred Vanderbilt had 10 points and 14 rebounds for Minnesota, which has won two straight and seven of its last nine.

Miles Bridges paced 13 rebounds and seven 105-104.

assists. Terry Rozier scored 25 points, LaMe-Karl-Anthony Towns lo Ball added 22 points, had 39 points and 15 and Mason Plumlee had and Mason Plumlee had 14 points, 17 rebounds Timberwolves and a season-high nine

Minnesota Anthony Edwards exitlotte Hornets 126-120 in ed the game late in the overtime on Tuesday in second quarter with a right ankle sprain and did not return. Edwards had nine points and four rebounds in 18 minutes.

Montrezl Harrell scored 12 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. added 11 points for Charlotte, which has lost eight of its past nine games, including two straight.

The Hornets led by 18 points and 11 assists, 13 early in the fourth quarter, but Minnesota battled back and pulled within 102-98 with 3:52 remaining.

drilled Towns 3-pointer from the top of the key with 1:30 left to give Minnesota its first lead since late in Charlotte with 28 points, the second quarter at

After Towns made another trey with 55.4 seconds left, Bridg-es answered with a 3-pointer and tied the game at 108 after making one of two foul shots

with 9.0 seconds left. The teams headed to overtime after Russell's 3-point attempt fell short at the buzzer.

Charlotte opened the game with five straight points before Minnesota responded with a 19-2 run. The Wolves led 27-24 after a sluggish first quarter that saw the teams shoot a combined 5 of 29 from

3-point range. Minnesota led by six midway through the second quarter before Charlotte closed on a 25-13 run to move ahead

58-52 at the break. Both teams struggled from 3-point range. Minnesota was 13 of 55 (23.6 percent) while Charlotte was 8 of 33 (24.2 percent).



Bruce Kluckhohn / USA Today Sports Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns (32) works around Charlotte Hornets forward P.J. Washington (25) in the third quarter Tuesday at Target Center in Minneapolis.

Gophers falter in second half and fall to Ohio State

By Andy Greder

St. Paul Pioneer Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio -Ohio State scored its fewest first-half points of the season on Tuesday against the Gophers. Similar to this match-up in January, the opening 20 minutes gave Minnesota hope against a ranked Buckeyes squad.

Minnesota's defense, which mixed in zone to try to limit star E.J. Liddell, forced the Buckeyes into eight first-half turnovers and other failures to convert on the offensive end.

Minnesota weathered its own drought and led 25-23 at the break; it was the fewest points the Gophers have allowed in a first half in Big Ten play this year.

Those hopes were hung out soon after the second half started.

Everything that was challenging for Ohio State in the opening 20 minutes came easy in the final 20 in a 70-45 win at Value Center Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

No. 18 Ohio State (16-6, 9-4) broke loose with 47 points after the break to remain unbeaten at home (11-0). After being limited to four points in the first half, Liddell had a 12 in the second.

Minnesota, coming off a win against Penn State on Saturday, experienced an up-and-down game which ended in an all-too familiar way. The Gophers fell to 12-11

overall, 3-11 Big Ten. The Gophers had more seven points on 3-of-



Photos by Joseph Maiorana / USA Today Sports

Minnesota Golden Gophers forward Jamison Battle (10) defended by Ohio State Buckeyes guard Eugene Brown III (3) during the first half Tuesday at Value City Arena in Columbus, Ohio.

turnovers (8) than bas- 21 shooting. kets (6) after halftime; it was the lowest scoring game for Minnesota this over seven minutes midseason.

Curry and E.J. Ste- defense kept the Buck-phens combined for eyes from extending a

big lead.

As a team, Minnesota went 1-for-11 shooting way through the first Payton Willis, Eric half, but the Gophers

10-0 run to take a 23-17 lead with under three minutes left in the half.

win over the Gophers on rebounds on the first Jan. 27, Ohio State outpossession of the game,

rebounded Minnesota but none in the rest

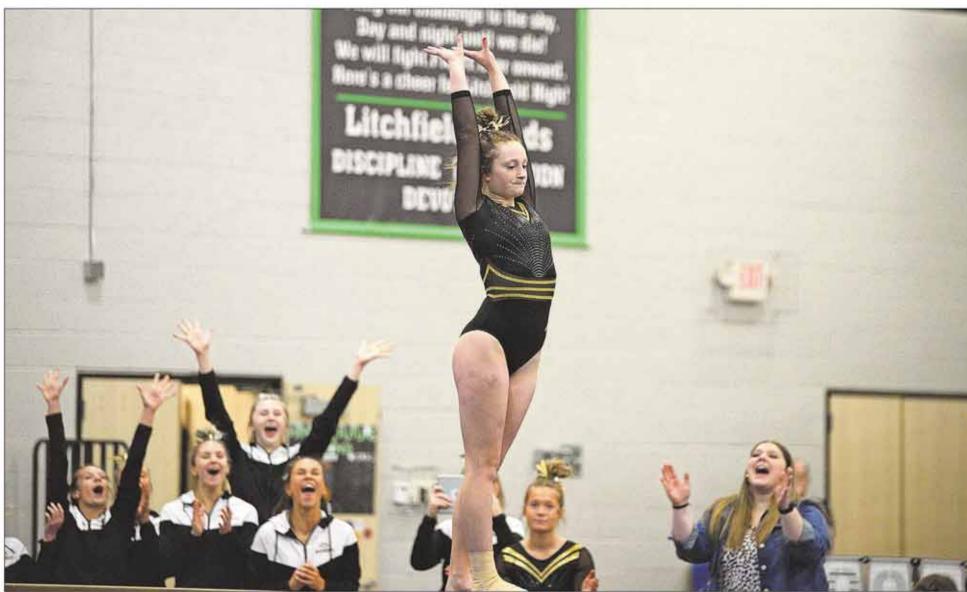
48-22, including 20 on of the first half. They

Minnesota then had a the offensive glass. It had seven offensive

led to 27 second-chance points for Ohio State. On Tuesday, the Buck-In the Buckeyes' 75-64 eyes had two offensive

rebounds in the second half to aid their surge.

In that first matchup, the Gophers really missed center Eric Curry, out with an ankle injury. They kept that one close, down only 32-30 at the break.



Photos by Joe Brown / West Central Tribune

New London-Spicer freshman Kaitlyn Preheim competes Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Section 6A championship meet in Litchfield.

Ready for the bright(er) lights

By Joe Brown West Central Tribune

St. Paul ew London-Spicer

gymnastics is ready to hit the big stage at

Yes, the Wildcats won the Section 6A championship in 2021. But due to precautions over the COVID-19 pandemic, the state meet was held at Champlin Park High School with no tickets sold to the general public.

This time around, NLS will hear the roar of the crowd at Roy Wilkins Auditorium as one of eight teams vying for the Class A championship at

6 p.m. Friday "The venue's different this year; it's in a real spot," said Wildcats freshman Abby Knudsen. "It'll be more of an experience than last year."

Coming off a school record score of 143.850 at the Section 6A championship last Saturday in Litchfield, NLS is one of five teams making a

return to state in 2022. Those returning teams include: Mankato West, Worthington, Watertown-Mayer/Mayer Lutheran and Big Lake.

Other teams in the state field include: Byron, Mahtomedi and Detroit

W-M/M-W is the returning state champion in Class A and is the top-ranked team in the state with a final average score of 146.650. Big Lake (second, 145.617), Worthington (third, 144.525), NLS (fourth, 142.792), Mahtomedi (sixth, 141.742), Mankato West (seventh, 141.475), and Detroit Lakes (eignth, 140.783) are all ranked in the top 10.

NLS' rotation will begin with floor exercise, followed by vault, uneven bars and balance beam.

Last year, the Wildcats took fifth with a team score of

During the individual meet at 6 p.m. Saturday back at

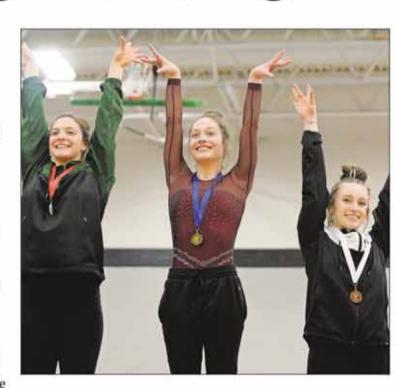
Roy Wilkins, the Wildcats have five individuals in the mix: Anderson (allaround), Knudsen (uneven bars, balance beam), Kaitlyn Preheim (beam, floor exercise), Kamryn Quenemoen (bars) and Kaisa Williams (floor).

"I'm really excited," said NLS sophomore Ciera Anderson, who placed seventh in all-around last season. "Going a second year in a row is pretty crazy. I kind of know where I'm at and it's more fun now because we got (sections) over with and so we can just go out there and have fun."

Benson/Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg junior Libby McGeary has the distinction of being the only returning state champion in the Class A field. She won the beam in 2021 with a score of

On Saturday, McGeary won the section all-around title

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Benson/KMS junior Libby McGeary, middle, won the all-around championship with a combined score of 37.125 at the Section 6A championship meet on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 in Litchfield. Maple Lake's Elizabeth Borget, left, was second at 36.675. NLS' Ciera Anderson, right, was third at 36.525.

If they can, they will play

Towns, Edwards share disdain of missing games

By Jace Frederick

St. Paul Pioneer Press

Anthony Edwards had been hurt for a month.

The second-year star said he couldn't slide, jump or generate a burst of speed. He sat in sadness in his hotel room in Sacramento after a game Tuesday night in which he scored just five points. Not sad because of the scoring output, but rather that he didn't feel like he could be there entirely for his team.

He woke up Wednesday finally feeling better for the first time in weeks. In wasn't until then that he disclosed the extent of the knee troubles. They didn't show up on the team's injury report until Tuesday.

Before that, sans the occasional mention of sore knees which often came nonchalantly in passing — there was no indication that he was battling anything. Because he

was always on the floor. Edwards is always on the



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Anthony Edwards (1) celebrates with Karl-Anthony Towns (32) against the Phoenix Suns in the second half on Jan. 28 at Footprint Center in

games," the 20-year-old

Phoenix, Arizona.

and Karl-Anthony Towns share that disdain, and Towns admires that about his

running mate. "It's something we haven't talked about, but he's been playing through this (injury)

for a while. You got to give

"I don't like missing him a lot of credit for the way he's performed on it and he's done an amazing job of not only playing well on it, but I look at him as a star player, a superstar in the making," Towns said. "The most valuable thing your star player can give you is availability. So for him to be available

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Once more, with feeling

US vs. Canada once again set to determine Olympic women's hockey supremacy

By Helene Elliott Los Angeles Times

To the surprise of no one and the delight of anyone who can appreciate an impassioned rivalry no matter the sport, the U.S. and Canada will meet again to decide supremacy in women's Olympic hockey.

The two superpowers have faced off in every women's Olympic gold medal game except 2006 in Turin, where the U.S. lost to Sweden in the semifinals and went on to win a bronze medal. The U.S. won the first women's hockey gold at Nagano in 1998 and the most recent, at Pyeongchang in 2018, in a shootout. Canada won the other four.

The rest of the world has improved a bit, but no other team has enough resources or period or two.

has developed enough depth to push them for more than a "These are the games we live for, the games we dream for,"

Schofield said Monday night after the Americans scored twice in the second period and twice in the third in a 4-1 semifinal victory over Finland at Wukesong Sports Centre. "Everyone is going to have to

take their game up a notch." Canada has blasted through to Thursday's final on the strength of a fearsome and balanced offense. They've outscored their opponents 54-8, including a 4-2 preliminaryround decision over the U.S. They have the top six scorers in the tournament, led by Sarah Nurse's 16 points. They clinched their berth in the gold medal game with a 10-3 rout of Switzerland earlier on Mon-

"I think we know that history, but we're going to give ourselves a blank slate," said Canada forward Brianne Jenner, who leads the tournament with nine goals. "We looked at it as an opportunity to go out there and claim a gold rather than looking at the history books and what has hap-

The Americans, held back during this tournament by a

U.S. captain Kendall Coyne HOCKEY: Page B2

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surprisingly fitful offense, lost only to Canada in the preliminary round. They've scored 28 goals and given up eight. The upside to their offensive woes is that they've learned to be patient and rely on grit when the goals aren't flowing and games are close.

"I think we're in a great place. Our backs have been up against the wall a couple times and we've had to really dig deep and find a way to score," said defense-man Cayla Barnes, a native of Eastvale in Riverside County. "I think it's been really great. We've grown a lot and I'm happy with the way we're heading."

Goaltender Alex Cavallini ensured that the first period against Finland on Monday would be scoreless when she managed to stop two closein shots by four-time Olympian Michelle Karvinen in the closing seconds. She was particularly sharp in extending her left pad to stop Karvinen's second attempt.

Her teammates rewarded her efforts by providing her some offensive support in the second period. Gifted a power play on a phantom tripping call against Fin-land's Tanja Niskanen, the Americans capitalized when Barnes took a crisp pass from Hannah Brandt and whipped a shot from the lower edge of the right circle to beat goalie Anni Keisala at 3:39 of the second period Hilary Knight, who tied the U.S. women's Olympic record by appearing in her 21st game, converted the rebound of a shot by Savannah Harmon for a 2-0 lead at 18:53.

Hayley Scamurra tipped a shot by Barnes for a 3-0 lead at 15:20 of the third period, which proved important when Finland's Susanna Tapani got a lucky bounce and cut the U.S. lead to 3-1 at 19:34. Abby Roque put the game away with an empty-net goal with five seconds left in the third period.

"To get to this point and have the performance that we did tonight is awesome," said Cavallini, who made 25 saves. "It was really fun to watch the team working at the other



Harry How / Getty Images / TNS

Goaltender Ann-Renee Desbiens (35) of Canada defends her net as Hilary Knight (21) and Kendall Coyne Schofield (26) of the United States vie for the loose puck in the low slot area with Blayre Turnbull (40) and Claire Thompson (42) of Canada during the Group A Women's Preliminary Round ice hockey match Feb. 8, 2022, between the United States and Canada at Wukesong Sports Centre in Beijing.

end, continuing to get shots, to the next game and set out nities. Defensively they were accomplish." awesome, blocking shots, job pretty easy.

able to put that game past us with a big win and move on "I think it's one of the best

continuing to create opportu- for what we've been here to

The Americans never get picking up sticks, making my tired of testing themselves against the only other coun-"It's exciting now to be try that has won a women's Olympic or world title. rivalries in sports," Barnes said. "I'm definitely looking forward to playing against a great Canadian team.

Knight, a four-time Olympian, never gets tired of seeing Canada, either. "It's wonderful hockey, it's the most beautiful rivalry in sport," said Knight, who tied Jenny Potter and Angela Ruggiero for most Olympic contests played in U.S. hockey history with her 21st appearance. Knight also moved into second place in U.S. career scoring with 26 points, behind Potter's 32.

"It gets the best and the worst out of both of us at the same time," Knight said. "It's a wonderful game."

And no less wonderful because it was expected. "I'm confident. I told our group I like the way we're playing. I know that we're going to be prepared," U.S. coach Joel Johnson said. "I just feel really good about how we

match up against Canada." Once more, with feeling, for a rivalry like few others.

Once more, with feeling. ©2022 Los Angeles Times. Distributed by Tribune Content Agency, LLC.



Willmar sophomore Kylie Porttiin launches herself off the vault during the Section 6A championship meet on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022 at Litchfield.

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with a combined score of 37.125.

A three-time state entrant, McGeary kept it simple when looking at the week ahead after winning the top spot at sections.

"I just got to remember to relax and everything will go right," she said.

Litchfield senior Grace Borowiz will make her first appearance at the state tournament, competing in the balance beam. She qualified after finishing in a tie for fifth at sections with an

Willmar sophomore Lyndi Koosman will compete at state in three events. She was the section champion on floor after scoring a 9.4 on Saturday. She also competes on bars and vault.

And she won't be alone for the vault as two other Cardinals sophomore Kylie Porttiin and eighthgrader Mallory Beier made the cut.

"That's super exciting," Koosman said about not going to

Class A state gymnastics

When: Team championship: 6 p.m. Friday; Individual championships: 6 p.m. Saturday

Where: Roy Wilkins Auditorium, St. Paul

Tickets: Must be purchased online at mshsl.org/tickets

Streaming: Two-day pass available for \$19.99 on prepspotlight.tv

Teams: Byron, Mankato West, Worthington, Mahtomedi, Watertown-Mayer/Mound-Westonka, New London-Spicer, Big Lake, Detroit Lakes

Area Individuals:

NLS

Ciera Anderson (all-around); Kaitlyn Preheim (beam, floor); Abby Knudsen (bars, beam); Kamryn Quenemoen (bars); Kaisa Williams (floor)

Benson/KMS

Libby McGeary (all-around)

Litchfield

Grace Borowicz (beam)

Lyndi Koosman (floor, bars, vault); Kylie Porttiin (vault); Mallory Beier (vault)

state alone. Said Willmar head

coach Josie Kent, "Our vaults were a definite highlight (at sections). We had five pike tsuks (quarter-turn on the horse, followed by a back flip) and they all stood them up. That hasn't happened yet this year. So it was a really, really good time (and) a really good vault set." Section 6A

competitors will have a

rotation of beam, floor, vault and bars.

W-M/M-W has two of the top returning gymnasts from last season's state meet. Senior Anna Mielke was second in the allaround and vault and was third on floor. Another senior, Reagan Kelley, was the runnerup on bars. Byron junior Amber Robie is also back after finishing runner-up to McGeary on the beam.

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and ready to go on the court and everything, it speaks volumes to who he is as a professional, who he is as a basketball player and the type of leader he's growing into

Edwards didn't miss a game as a rookie, and the only time he was out this season was for time spent in health and safety protocols. He even flew separately from the team while battling the flu earlier this season to play a game in Washington. Towns played every game in each of his first three seasons, and has only been sidelines but COVID-19 and serious injuries since. This while they easily lead Minnesota in minutes per game, with each averaging more than 34 minutes per contest.

Minnesota's best two players can play, they will.

"You talk about greatness, that's what greatness is, you got to be on the court to show greatness," Towns said. "When you're available we get to go out there and show why we're so coveted in this league and why we feel that we so good, you know?"

Towns and Edwards have both shared sentiments about wanting to play for the fan who made a long trip or scrounged up just enough money to see them play for the first time. They can't imag-ine a kid in that scenario showing up to find out Edwards or Towns was resting or missing the game with a minor bump or bruise.



Kelley L Cox / USA Today Sports Minnesota Timberwolves center Karl-Anthony Towns (32) and forward Anthony Edwards (1) battle for the loose ball against Golden State Warriors forward Kevon Looney (5) during the first quarter on Jan. 27 at Chase Center in San Francisco, California.

"That kid is coming for a one-time show, Towns said, "and you got to be able to go out there and perform. "The Wolves fans

who've given my family a dream life and given all of us a chance to play this game professionally for a living. Just trying to be available for them is not only important for our team and for the chances of winning, but for the morale of our city and the community we're driving every single day

through our game."
It is pretty important for the team too, though. Timberwolves coach Chris Finch has noted the correlation between availability and success.

"You look around the league, Chris Paul, James Harden ... these guys play like all the time," Finch said. "That's one of the reasons their teams win all the time. ... Guys who play, love the game ... and their teams win at a high level. There's a simple correlation."

Yeah the likes of Paul who at 36 years old has played every game this season, averaging 33 minutes a night for the NBA's best team in

Phoenix - are a dying breed. No one, Finch noted, is "allergic to injuries. But he said it's become "a badge of honor" for players in the league to miss games for rest. Some occasionally get that designation, while others maybe take an extra game or two off before coming back from a minor injury. At some point, that has an impact

on a team's culture. That's why it's so important for Minnesota, who's trying to reach heights rarely visited by this organization, to have leaders like Towns and Edwards bringing it on a near nightly basis, whether they're full-go or not.

"At this point in the season, nobody is going to be 100 percent, and it's all about how you feel and what kind of pain management you're able to tolerate," Finch said. "When you have guys that are able to play every single night and are reliable, from a coach and a team point of view, it gives you great confidence, especially when they're your best players and you don't even have to think about it."



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Indiana at Milwaukee, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m. Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 9 p.m. Wednesday's Games

Brooklyn at New York, 6:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Chicago, 7 p.m. Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Denver at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m. Washington at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at New Orleans, 7 p.m.

Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m. Houston at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

College

Conference AllGames

Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m. Thursday's Games

Big Ten Conference

Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m. San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m. Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Atlanta at Orlando, 6 p.m. Detroit at Boston, 6:30 p.m. Washington at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.

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LOCAL CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Wrestling Section 8AAA team tournament: 7-Buffalo at 2-Willmar, 6 p.m.

College Men's Basketball Ridgewater at MN West, 7:30 p.m. in

College Women's Basketball Ridgewater at MN West, 5:30 p.m. in

Thursday, Feb. 17 **Boys Basketball**

ACGC at Kimball, 7 p.m. BBE at Royalton, 7 p.m. Maple Lake at Paynesville, 7 p.m. New London-Spicer at Albany, 7:15 p.m. Minnewaska at Barnesville, 7:30 p.m. CMCS at MACCRAY, 7:30 p.m. Dawson-Boyd at KMS, 7:30 p.m. LQPV at RCW, 7:30 p.m. YME at Canby, 7:30 p.m. Girls Basketball Fergus Falls at Willmar, 7:15 p.m.

Paynesville at YME, 7:30 p.m. Benson at Montevideo, 7:30 p.m. Wrestling

Section 5A team tournament: 9-BOLD vs. 8-Benson, 6 p.m. at Belgrade; winner vs. 1-BBE, 7:30 p.m. at Belgrade; 5-KMS vs. 4-Minneota, 7:30 p.m. at Belgrade Section 5A team tournament: 7-Paynesville vs. 10-Ortonville, 6 p.m. at Grove City; winner vs. 2-ACGC, 7:30 p.m.; 3-Minnewaska vs. 6-Canby, 7:30 p.m. at Grove City Section 3AA-North team tournament: 5-Quad County vs. 4-New London-Spicer, 6 p.m. at Hutchinson; winner vs. 1-Hutchinson, 7:30 p.m.; 2-United vs. 3-MAHACA, 7:30 p.m. at Hutchinson

Section 6AA team tournament: 6 p.m./8 p.m. at TBD

Boys Hockey Princeton at Litchfield/D-C, 7 p.m.

Arizona

Vegas

MBA at Prairie Centre, 7 p.m. River Lakes at Sauk Rapids, 7:15 p.m. Girls Hockey

Section 2A championship, 2-Litchfield/Dassel-Cokato vs. 1-Mankato East, 7 p.m. at Mankato

SPORTS ON TV

Wednesday, Feb. 16 Auto racing:

NASCAR Cup Series: Daytona qualifying, 7 p.m., FS1 Basketball:

College men: St. John's at Xavier, 5:30 p.m., College men: 6 p.m., ESPN2 College men: Illinois at Rutgers, 6 p.m., BTN

NBA: Brooklyn at New York, 6:45 p.m., ESPN NBA: Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m., BSN

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Pacific Division

College men: Seton Hall at Connecticut, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

College men: 8 p.m., ESPN2 College men: Purdue at Northwestern, 8 p.m.,

College men: Boise State at Air Force, 9 p.m.,

NBA: Utah at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:05 p.m., **ESPN**

College men: UNLV at Fresno State, 9:30 p.m., CBSSN

College men: Gonzaga at Pepperdine, 10 p.m., ESPN2 Hockey:

NHL: Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m., TNT NHL: Colorado at Las Vegas, 9 p.m., TNT Olympics: Men's hockey (quarterfinal), 7:30 a.m., USA

Olympics primetime, 7 p.m., NBC

Women's skiing (Ski cross qualifying), 9:30 Men's skiing (Halfpipe qualifying), 10:30 p.m.,

Soccer:

UEFA Champions League: Inter Milan vs. Liverpool, 2 p.m., CBS

Thursday, Feb. 17 Auto racing:

NASCAR Cup Series: Duel at Daytona 1 and 2, 6 p.m., FS1 Basketball:

College men: Minnesota at Penn State, 3 p.m.,

College men: Towson at UNCW, 5 p.m.,

College women: Northwestern at Indiana, 5 p.m., BTN College men: 6 p.m., ESPN

College men: 6 p.m., ESPN2 College men: Charlotte at Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., CBSSN

College women: Ohio State at Maryland, 7 p.m., BTN

NBA: Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m., TNT

College men: 8 p.m., ESPN College men: 8 p.m., ESPN2

College men: Creighton at DePaul, 9 p.m., CBSSN College men: Washington State at UCLA, 10

College men: Nevada at San Jose State, 11 p.m., CBSSN Golf:

PGA Tour: Genesis Invitational, 3 p.m., GOLF Olympics primetime, 7 p.m., NBC

Women's skiing (Halfpipe final), 7:30 p.m., Men's hockey (semifinal), 10:10 p.m., USA Soccer:

SheBelieves Cup Soccer: U.S. vs. Czech Republic, 10 p.m., ESPN

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Monday's Games

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Anaheim at Calgary, 8:30 p.m. Colorado at Vegas, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

Baseball National League Washington Nationals - Announced 1B Ryan Zimmerman has retired. Football

National Football League
Atlanta Falcons - Signed TE Ryan Becker to a Reserve/Future contract.
Cincinnati Bengals - Reverted WR Trent

Taylor from the practice squad. Revert-ed DT Mike Daniels to the practice squad. Signed DB John Brannon, QB Jake Browning, C Lamont Gaillard, DB Trayvon Henderson, RB Elijah Holy-field, TE Thaddeus Moss, DE Noah Spence, WR Scotty Washington, and RB Pooka Williams Jr. to a Reserve Future contract.

Denver Broncos - Acquired DB Essang Bassey off waivers from the Los Ange les Chargers. Acquired P Corliss Walt-man off waivers from the Pittsburgh Detroit Lions - Acquired DB JuJu Hughes

off waivers from the Los Angeles Rams. Green Bay Packers - Named Byron Storer assistant special teams coach. Houston Texans - Acquired DL Kingsley Keke off waivers from the Green Bay

Los Angeles Rams - Reverted DB Blake Countess and DB Eric Weddle from the practice squad.

New York Giants - Signed WR Austin Proehl to a Reserve/Future contract. Tennessee Titans - Signed DE Da Shawn Hand to a ReservelFuture contract. Washington Commanders - Waived TE Tyrone Swoopes and G Najee Toran.

NCAA Football Brigham Young - Announced QB Baylor Romney has retired. Notre Dame - Named Al Golden defen-

National Basketball Association Houston Rockets - Signed SG Daisher

Nix to a four-year contract. Waived C Miami Heat - Signed SF Caleb Martin for

the remainder of the season. Signed SF Haywood Highsmith to a second Hockey

National Hockey League Minnesota Wild - Announced RW Marcus

Foligno has served his suspension. Philadelphia Flyers - Recalled C Morgan Frost from Lehigh Valley (AHL). Tampa Bay Lightning - Recalled D Darren Raddysh from Syracuse (AHL).

COMMENTARY

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Wolves stand pat and I'm OK with that

Minnesota is close to being good and doesn't need overhaul

> By Chip Scoggins Star Tribune

Minneapolis The strangest NBA deadline in some time came and went Thursday. Strange in that I didn't plead for the Timberwolves to take a stick of dynamite, detonate the roster and start over. That's my usual sane reaction on trade deadline day.

This one struck a different tone. The Wolves stood pat, did nothing, kept the roster intact, and that is perfectly ... fine? Yes, fine. For now.

Good call on keeping the dynamite under lock and key. The Wolves desperately need another big man to protect the rim, but they have shown enough stretches of quality basketball to give this roster an opportunity to play the season out and then do accounting at the end.

A loss to the Chicago Bulls on Friday night was the kind of performance that makes jaded Wolves fans throw up their hands in disgust. Good vibes surrounding the defense early in the season have vanished. Their defense has become an eyesore once

Patience is difficult to maintain with the Wolves because they have no equity in the bank. By no means are they perfect, but when they are clicking and playing the right way, there is a lot to like. The Big Three. The bench. Pat Beverley. The two revelations, Jarred Vanderbilt and Jaden McDaniels. Chris Finch's structure and system. And the camaraderie between players is antithetical to the Jimmy Butler fiasco.

That's why it's worth seeking clarity from a full season's evaluation. Not just one good stretch, or a few bad games. The whole picture.

This has been the most entertaining Wolves team in a long time. The organizational direction in building around viable core pieces finally makes sense. Play out the remainder of the season with

a direct reference to an prepared to do whatev-

this group and then reassess everything this summer.

There are fans upset that interim basketball boss Sachin Gupta failed to make a single move — big or small to improve the roster now that the team finally deserves to be taken seriously. Their logic is understandable. Standing pat might give the impression of being satisfied, but that doesn't feel like the true motive in this case.

The entire operation has been in such flux over the past few years between trades, signings, drafting, firings and injuries that it's worth having continuity for

This isn't a championshipor-bust situation. The Wolves, as constructed, are not legitimate contenders. The roster would require a dramatic addition of another star before they could consider being part of that conversation. One trade for a

Whether they earn the No. 6 seed or end up in a playin tournament, a postseason appearance is a necessary step in trying to eradicate

role player isn't going to tip

the scale.

a deeply rooted culture of

That the Wolves received backlash for not being buyers at the deadline marks an odd departure that is refreshing and an acknowledgment that former lead executive Gersson Rosas, while being a major headache for the human resources department, made shrewd personnel moves in assembling the roster - his regrettable Jarrett Culver pick notwithstanding.

D'Angelo Russell has been an acquired taste since Rosas executed the blockbuster trade involving Andrew Wiggins, but DLo's impact when he's on the court is undeniable this season.

Anthony Edwards, drafted No. 1 overall, has transformative talent. Adding complementary pieces in Beverley, Vanderbilt, McDaniels and Taurean Prince has worked out better than anyone could have imagined.

Rosas also found the right coach with Finch. The process in which he fired Ryan Saunders midseason should have been handled differently, but Finch's

leadership should not be undersold in examining why the Wolves are currently 7th in the Western Conference standings.

The Wolves will learn a lot about themselves in the final 26 games. Are they a playoff team? A fringe playoff team? And what moves will be necessary for them to keep ascending? Maybe a splash move will be available this summer.

Gupta might look back with regret for not doing more at the deadline — if there were realistic opportunities that made sense - but his patience is certainly justifiable.

The Wolves have been a pleasant surprise. They still run hot-and-cold and their defense is failing them again, but they seem just as capable of ripping off a winning streak that keeps them relevant in the playoff chase. That's precisely the point in wanting to see the roster stay intact. Let's see where this goes.

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Wild won't be backing down against Jets

By Dane Mizutani St. Paul Pioneer Press

as Minnesota Wild coach Dean Evason tried to downplay the potential of any fireworks, winger Jordan Greenway had heading into a rematch between the Wild and rival Jets on Wednesday

"It's going to be fun," Greenway said with a confident smirk. "We owe them, for sure, so they better be ready."

ST. PAUL — As much

no problem saying what everyone was thinking night in Winnipeg.

That statement was

intense rivalry matchup last week. Needless to say, the

Wild still have a sour taste in their mouth. Not only did they lose 2-0 after a rather listless effort for 60 minutes, they also lost winger Marcus Foligno, who was suspended two games for kneeing Jets winger Adam Lowry in the head. He has served his suspension and will be

in the lineup for Wednesday's game. Asked if he's expecting any sort of retaliatory action, Foligno replied, "You go into every game er it takes to win." In other words, yes, Foligno has an idea that he might have to answer the bell, though he maintains that the knee to the head wasn't an intentional act.

"Just the heat of the battle during the fight," he said. "If guys have to step up for a player like him, then so be. I don't see it getting to that point. If it does, I'm OK to accept it, then move on from there and play my game."

As for Evason, he clear-

ly doesn't want the Wild

to get caught up in the

what happens."

where there's stuff that happened the game before, it ends up being an absolute rodeo, then sometimes it's nothing," Evason said. "I don't know. We want to play the game hard. We'll see The biggest issue the

"You see these games

extracurriculars.

Wild had with last week's game was that they felt the Jets escalated the situation long before the fists started to fly.

It happened early on when Foligno passed the

puck, took a few strides

seman Brendan Dillon. "I'm a big boy; I can

in the head by Jets defen-

handle myself in that situation," Foligno said of the hit from Dillon. "But if anyone is smaller than me, it might end in an uglier situation. That's the stuff we don't want to see. I'm not worried about getting hit. It's more if (Kirill Kaprizov) gets hit or (Mats Zuccarello) gets hit or anyone of that nature."

Nonetheless, Foligno was adamant that he plans to keep his composure in the rematch. into open ice, then got hit He knows the Wild are

on the ice, so it's on him to make sure he doesn't spend too much time in the penalty box. "That's how it goes

a better team when he's

sometimes," Foligno said. "You forget there's a puck out there. I've got to do a better job of just controlling my emotions. "It's always been a

physical game with that team. The biggest thing for us is to play our game and be smart and get a win there. There's no doubt in my mind that we will be a lot better tomorrow."



Bill Streicher / USA Today Sports Philadelphia 76ers guard James Harden (1) and head coach Doc Rivers pose for a photo after speaking with the media at the Philadelphia 76ers Training Complex on Tuesday in Camden, New Jersey.

'Philly was my first choice'

Harden says he waned to go to the Sixers last season

By Keith Pompey The Philadelphia Inquirer Philadelphia

ames Harden says the 76ers were his preferred destination a season ago. "When I was going through everything I was going through in Houston, Philly was my first choice," he said.

"It just didn't happen." At the time, the perennial All-NBA selection was traded from the Houston Rockets to the Brooklyn Nets in a three-

team trade on Jan. 13, 2021. "It's just the details, I

don't really want to get into the Brooklyn situation, Harden said Tuesday during his introductory press conference. "I just knew for a very long time this was a perfect fit and obviously you had a big man, the best big man in the league in Joel [Embiid] and obviously the coaching, just top to bottom it makes sense. I'm just happy and blessed that I'm

"As Doc [Rivers] and everybody knows and everybody wants to win, and be the last team standing.

So I'm excited for the opportunity."

So are the Sixers, who acquired Harden and Paul Millsap from the Nets in exchange for Ben Simmons, Seth Curry, Andre Drummond, and two firstround picks on Thursday.

Harden said he will opt in to his \$47.3 million contract for next season and can sign a four-year, \$223 million extension at the start of free

On paper, Harden and Embiid are the NBA's best guard-center tandem.

Harden can get a bucket, finish isolation plays, take opponents off the dribble, and drain step-back 3-pointers.

However, he's averaging 22.5 points and shooting a career-low 33.2% on 3-pointers, but he is averaging 10.2 assists this season. It is his lowest scoring average since averaging 16.8 points per game as a member of the Oklahoma City Thunder during the 2011-12 season. The 32-year-old, who is a 10-time All-Star, had a fourpoint performance in a Feb. 2 road loss to the Sacramento Kings and has been sidelined the last three games with hamstring tightness.

Some have questioned the severity of the hamstring injury, noting that Harden wanted out of Brooklyn. A league source thinks a change of scenery will enable Harden to go back to him being the player who averaged 29.6 points and shot 36.2% on 3-pointers during his nine seasons in Houston.

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Djokovic will skip future Grand Slams if vaccine mandates remain

By Sarah Valenzuela New York Daily News

Novak Djokovic would rather stop chasing tennis history than get the COVID-19 vac-

"I understand that not being vaccinated today, I'm unable to travel to most of the tournaments at the moment. That is the price that I'm willing to pay," the Serbian tennis star told BBC News in an interview

posted Tuesday morning. He then replied "yes" when asked if he'd be willing to pay the price of missing the next two Grand Slam tournaments, the French Open (scheduled for May 22-June 5) and Wimbledon (scheduled for June 27-July 10).

The unvaccinated Djokovic was deported from Australia last month after losing a last-ditch effort to stay in the country and play in the Australian Open. The tournament organizers had given him an exemption to their COVID-19 entry rules under the guise



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Novak Djokovic of Serbia plays a forehand during a practice session ahead of the 2022 Australian Open at Melbourne Park on Jan. 14 in Melbourne, Australia.

rus in December. The exemp- visa after a 10-day battle with lia debacle, Djokovic said he tion was overturned by the Djokovic's legal team. Djokovic had antibodies after Australian government and recovering from the coronavi- courts, which canceled his comments since the Austra- to get vaccinated and "was

Making his first public

understood and knew the consequences of his decision not prepared not to go" to the

Australian Open. "I understand and support fully the freedom to choose whether you want to get vaccinated or not," he said. "I was never against vaccination. I understand that globally, everyone is trying to put a big effort into handling this virus and seeing, hopefully, an end, soon, to this virus. And vaccination is probably the biggest effort that was made ... and I fully respect that.

"But I've always represented and supported the freedom to choose what you put into your body. And for me it's really the principle of understanding what is right and what is wrong for you. And me as an elite professional athlete, I've always carefully reviewed, assessed everything that comes in from supplements, food, water that I drink, sports drinks, anything really that comes into my body as a fuel. Based on all the informations that I got, I decided not to take the vaccine as of today.'

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Four former Angels testify to opioid, cocaine use in Eric Kay trial

Field Level Media

Free-agent pitcher Matt Harvey and three other former Los Angeles Angels testified Thursday that an ex-team employee provided them with opioids.

Pitchers Harvey, Mike Morin and Cam Bedrosian and first baseman C.J. Cron all said they received the pills from Eric Kay, the Angels' former communications director who allegedly provided the drugs

that contributed to the death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs. Kay is on trial in federal court

in Fort Worth, Texas, charged with drug distribution and conspiracy. Skaggs was found dead in a Texas hotel room on July 1, 2019, as the Angels were in the area to play the Rangers. Skaggs was 27.

The autopsy revealed Skaggs died of asphyxia and had oxycodone, fentanyl and alcohol found in his system.

The players testified that Kay was their source of oxycodone. ESPN investigative reporter

T.J. Quinn shared the testimony via social media from the courtroom.

Harvey was granted immunity for his testimony, and he admitted on the stand to using cocaine in the early years of his career — an admission he said he recognized could threaten his career.

pills — a mix of oxycodone and an injury, but he recounted acetaminophen — with Skaggs during the 2019 season, but that, otherwise, he believed Skaggs got them from Kay.

Harvey said he used the opioids in both the clubhouse and dugout. Skaggs, he said, told Harvey that he crushed the pills on the toilet paper dispenser in the clubhouse bathroom and snorted them.

how he had left a pill supplied by Kay in his locker in the Anaheim clubhouse before the team departed for the road trip. After Skaggs' death, he retrieved it and disposed of it.

Harvey testified that oxycodone was prevalent among major leaguers then.

"In baseball you do every-

Harvey didn't accompany thing you can to stay on the He said he shared Percocet the team to Texas because of field," he said.

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Corey Millen, coach of the NAHL's St. Cloud Norsemen, talks about his team's 10-game winning streak, the Olympics and more on The Rink Live podcast.

OF THE WEEK

What is more annoying: long video reviews or several delays to dropping the puck?

Mick Hatten (Huskies): Most of the time, the long video reviews are deciding major penalties or goals. Those are pretty major elements in a game. The nit picking on faceoffs throughout a game is more bothersome.

Christian Babcock (Beavers): I would say the faceoff delays are more annoying. Not only do I understand why they do the replay reviews, in the CCHA, they'll actually explain to you what they're looking at, which is very helpful. I hope they'll implement that for the WCHA.

Jess Myers (Gophers): I'm a huge proponent of video review. Get the call right using all available tools at your disposal. But I'd be in favor of a 90-second clock on the review process, and after 90 seconds, the call on the ice stands.

Matt Wellens (Bulldogs): The Bulldogs have had to sit through a number of long, strange video reviews this season, including a goal review during a shootout that lasted four and a half minutes. That's four and a half minutes of our precious short lives we'll never get back for a shootout goal.

Brad Schlossman (Fighting Hawks): The NCAA Rules Committee might have to take a look at forcing coaches to put their challenges/ timeouts on the line to get video reviews instead of reviewing everything.

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Team USA forward Abbey Murphy skates with the puck during the Feb. 11 quarterfinals against the Czech Republic at the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games.

Olympic growth excites Gophers

Underclassman Abbey Murphy's international experience will be a bonus for team

Forum News Service

Minneapolis ate nights and early mornings are pretty typical in the life of a college student. But if members of Brad Frost's Minnesota Gophers women's hockey team have been up before dawn or wide awake after midnight lately, it is not for study sessions or late night

carousing. There are eight former or future Gophers skating for Team USA at the Winter Olympics in Beijing, as well as a future Gopher who played for Finland another who played for Sweden. With most games starting at either 7 a.m. or 10 p.m. locally, it is never too

early, or too late, for hockey. While six of the Gophers in red, white and blue are alumni, two of them - forwards Grace Zumwinkle and Abbey Murphy can and likely will return to campus to play for the U of M next season. Frost has liked what he has seen from both so far, and raves at the experience that Murphy, who was a Gophers freshman last season, is getting versus international competition.

"It's exciting. I thought she was one of the best players on the ice last night for either team," Frost said the morning after Team USA's 4-2 loss to Team Canada in the prelims. Those same two teams will play Thursday for the gold

Murphy, who hails from suburban Chicago, already has a collection of gold and silver medals from international tournaments before she got to Minneapolis. In her one season with the Gophers, she was second (to Zumwinkle) in scoring and led all WCHA

rookies offensively. "So fast, always on the puck. She's playing appropriately aggressive, which is what



Jason Wachter / The Rink Live Team USA's Abbey Murphy (37) pats teammate Alex Carpenter (25) after practice Dec. 19, 2021, at

she has to do to be effective. She has to go to the line but not cross it, and she's been doing a really nice job of that throughout the Olympics," said Frost, who has dealt with what he calls a "big on-ice personality" from Murphy since she got to Ridder Arena. "She's a South Side Chicago kid, and they deal with things differently there. Somebody looks at you cross-eyed, you punch them in the face.

the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

For the current Gophers players, losing a few hours of sleep here and there is a fair trade to get to see friends chase their Olympic dreams.

"You've got to sacrifice to watch some of the best hockey in the world, and it happens once every four years, so why not," said Gophers forward Taylor Heise, who has been named the WCHA's forward of the month twice this season, most recently in January. "It's awesome seeing their hard work pay off. Obviously with

Murphy, knowing her for a year and getting to know her personality, it's fun to see her out there, using her big body to an advantage.

Knies joins the summer camp craze

If you are looking to send your son or daughter to a hockey camp run by a Gopher next summer, you now have a choice between hot and muggy, or really hot and dry. After the success Gophers co-captain Sammy Walker had in the summer of 2021 running a multi-day camp for kids in Richfield, there is another Gopher bringing summer hockey camps to the desert.

Before he left to play for Team USA in Beijing, Gophers freshman forward Matthew Knies announced the first Knies & Doan Hockey Academy, which will be held

June 27-30, 2022, at the

Coyotes Community Ice Center

in Mesa, Arizona (where high

temps in the triple digits are

routine at that time of year). Knies, from Phoenix, will run the camp with Arizona State freshman forward Josh Doan, who is the son of longtime NHLer Shane Doan. The Knies & Doan camp is open

to players from mites to high

school. Before making the announcement, Knies picked Walker's brain about what works and the challenges of running a kids' camp.

"It's super cool that he's able to do that down there. Honestly, I was like, 'You're going to love it. It's super fun," said Walker, who will hold his second annual camp Aug. 8-12, 2022, at Richfield Ice Arena. The NCAA's ruling that allowed current studentathletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness allowed players like Walker and Knies to hold camps under their own names.



Aleksandra Szmigiel / Reuters

Kamila Valieva of the Russian Olympic Committee in action in the women's figure skating short program during the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games on Tuesday at Capital Indoor Stadium in Beijing.

Valieva dominates

Russian teen leads women's short program

By Julien Pretot, Gabrielle Tétrault-Farber and Chang-Ran Kim Reuters

Beijing

ussian teenager Kamila Valieva dominated the Olympic ice on Tuesday night, fighting back tears as she completed a skate that put her at the top of the short program standings with a doping cloud hanging over her

The 15-year-old has been engulfed by a doping scandal in Beijing, but was cheered by spectators as she took to the ice for first time since news of her failed drugs test.

For two minutes and 40 conds millions around the world watched her every move, her music, In Memoriam by Kirill Richter, almost drowned out by the clicking of cameras.

Valieva tested positive for a banned heart drug after the national championships on Dec. 25, but the result was not revealed until Feb. 8, after she and her Russian Olympic Committee team mates had competed in the team

competition in Beijing. After dazzling the fans with a near-perfect free skate on Feb. 7, Tuesday's routine got

off to a less than perfect start.

Valieva had been expected to execute three high-flying triple jumps. But in front of her coach Eteri Tutberidze and doctor Filipp Shvetsky, also now in the harsh spotlight, she stumbled on the opening triple Axel - having fallen twice as she attempted that jump during afternoon practice.

Alina Zagitova and Evgenia Medvedeva, gold and silver medalists at the previous Winter Games in Pyeongchang who were also trained by the formidable Tutberidze, were also watching from the stands at the Capital Indoor Stadium.

Valieva, wearing a flowing vstal-encrusted purple dres completed her triple Lutztriple toeloop combination, but her score of 82.16 was below the 90.18 score she got at the team event.

Such is her dominance, however, that it was still enough to put her ahead of fellow Russian Anna Shcherbakova, the world champion, on 80.20, and third-placed Kaori Sakamoto of Japan with a score of 79.84.

Alexandra Trusova, also representing the Russian Olympic Committee, was

fourth earning a score of 74.60, leaving the 'Quad Squad' with hopes of a medals sweep by the Russians, the first in women's figure skating history at the Olympics.

It would also be Tutberidze's personal hat trick as she also trains the 17-year-olds Shcherbakova and Trusova.

Valieva did not attend the post-event news conference while Shcherbakova declined to comment on her team mate's situation.

The leading skaters progress to the free skate on Thursday, where no medals will be awarded if Valieva, whose positive drug test has cast a shadow over the entire Beijing Games, finishes in the top

"I feel sorry for anyone who gets on the podium. They won't get that experience, and it is such a big part of the Olympic Games - to get the medals," said British skater Natasha McKay.

"I can only speak for myself and that I advocate for clean sporting," said U.S. skater Mariah Bell.

"That's the whole idea of the Olympics and our careers, in general."



Evgenia Novozhenina / Reuters

Kamila Valieva of the Russian Olympic Committee in action during the women's figure skating short program during the Beijing 2022 Olympic Winter Games on Tuesday at Capital Indoor Stadium in

Shiffrin remains upbeat despite poor results

World's top female skier still looking for first medal

By Nathan Fenno Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — The 1.7-mile downhill course plunges through barren brown hillsides, past haggard trees and towering gray rock faces, all transformed by a coating of snow from a storm that passed through a few days earlier.

As Mikaela Shiffrin raced through the wintry showcase at the Yanqing National Alpine Centre on Tuesday, she seemed to have been transformed too.

The world's top female skier didn't win the downhill or even come close.

But after an inexplicable start to the Winter Olympics left her searching for an explanation and struggling to know the path forward, the downhill run without any expectations left her smiling and relaxed after crossing the finish line.



Tom Pennington / TNS

Mikaela Shiffrin of Team United States skis during the Women's Downhill on day 11 of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympic Games at National Alpine Ski Centre on Tuesday in Yanqing, China.

minute 34.36 seconds, about bined — one run of the slalom two and a half seconds back and one run of the downhill from gold medalist Corinne Suter of Switzerland.

"I think it was pretty solid," Shiffrin said. "It's really hard to expect much from results able to race today," Shiffrin right now with downhill because I haven't done a lot

The event served as prepa-Shiffrin finished 18th in 1 ration for Thursday's com- instinct and see what happens

- that is the final individual event and one in which she will contend for a medal.

"I'm really happy that I was said. "It's in a pretty good spot. Try to maybe turn down the thinking a little bit and try to bring in a little more

with that."

The Games haven't unfolded as she expected. She didn't finish the giant slalom or the slalom — the signature event where she has won more World Cup races than any man or woman in history — and was as baffled by what had happened as those watching.

Even before the difficulties last week, medaling in the downhill had been a long shot. The last time Shiffrin raced the event — early December in Lake Louise, Canada — she finished 38th. Though she has five career World Cup podiums in the downhill, she's competed in it just four times during the last two years.

"If you ask any athlete who's had medals or podiums, your mind is never away from that, there's always some part of you that's thinking, 'maybe there's a chance," Shiffrin said after the downhill training session Monday.

"I'm not focusing on the medal anymore. It's just trying to do my best execution

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Does one win make Stafford great?

Rams quarterback joins an impressive list of one-time Super Bowl winners

By Mark Bradley The Atlanta

Journal-Constitution f what follows sounds like a scolding, be advised I'm also scolding myself. Because I do it, too. In unguarded moments, I resort to the ESPN-fueled shorthand of judging quarterbacks by Super Bowl "wins."

Matthew Stafford has "won" as many Super Bowls as Aaron Rodgers/Drew Brees/ Russell Wilson. Stafford has "won" one more Super Bowl than Matt Ryan/Philip Rivers. Ergo, Stafford belongs among the upper crust of 21st century quarterbacks, even though it took him 13 seasons and a change of employers just to "win" a playoff game.

If not for Aaron Donald and Von Miller and Leonard Floyd, Stafford wouldn't have "won" anything Sunday. The quote marks around "win" and "won" should give us - again, I'm including myself pause, but it's so convenient to speak in terms of a quarterback's "wins" that we fail to grasp the obvious.

A quarterback cannot

throw the ball to himself. A quarterback cannot block for himself. Unless/until the NFL produces its version of Shohei Ohtani - he pitches and hits! - every mention of a quarterback "winning" should be taken with a tub of salt.

Tom Brady's team faced Peyton Manning's team 17 times; not once were they on the field for the same play. Pro-Football-Reference provides a column of numbers under the heading "QBrec." Counting playoffs, Brady's career QBrec was 243-73. He's considered the GOAT by some distance, but does that mean he's the greatest NFL player? Better than Jerry Rice? Lawrence Taylor? Jim Brown?

Going by Sunday's stats, Stafford was slightly the lesser quarterback. Joe Burrow's passer rating was 100.9 to Stafford's 89.9. Burrow threw no interceptions; Stafford threw two. Burrow had the better completion percentage and averaged more yards (7.97 to Stafford's 7.08) per pass. The Rams didn't

win because Stafford outplayed Burrow; they won because they made it harder on Burrow than the Bengals could make it on Stafford. Burrow was sacked

seven times to Stafford's two. This wasn't a shock. Burrow was sacked nine times in the Bengals' Round 2 upset of topseeded Tennessee. At times over these playoffs, we saw the Bengals weren't a fully formed team, which made sense. Over their first two years under Zac Taylor, they were 6-25-1. We spent 12 NFL

seasons wondering how Stafford, the No. 1 draftee in 2009, might look if he played somewhere other than Detroit, which never won its division over those dozen years. (And yes, he had the incomparable Calvin Johnson for seven seasons.) The Rams made the playoffs three times under Jared Goff, who never quite fit the definition of Franchise Quarterback.

The belief was that Goff's team was better than Goff himself. That contention has been



Los Angeles Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) throws the ball during the first quarter of the Super Bowl against the Cincinnati Bengals at SoFi Stadium on Sunday, in Inglewood, California. North franchises with

validated. Grafting a high-level NFL quarterback onto a high-level NFL team produced the desired effect. Stafford made the throws he needed to make and orchestrated the drive that won the game. Having crossed midfield with 54 seconds remaining, the Bengals didn't gain another yard. Burrow's final fling came as the great Aaron Donald spun him around.

The easy postgame story: In his 189th NFL game, Stafford proved his worth - even though this was the 36th fourth-quarter comeback he'd engineered. We'll never know what would have happened had Stafford swapped NFC

Rodgers 13 years ago. To borrow a Rodgers line, that will forever remain a beautiful mystery. As for Burrow: The

knee-jerk response to the Bengals' narrow loss was to suggest this splendid quarterback has more Super runs in him. In sports, though, who can ever know anything? If you're wondering why Dan Marino, who last threw an NFL pass on Jan. 15, 2000, was trending Monday on Twitter, there's your answer. Like Burrow, Marino

reached the Super Bowl in his second NFL season. His Dolphins lost to Joe Montana's 49ers. We all figured Marino,

the best pure passer ever, would grace many more Super Sundays. He did not. Only twice over the next 15 seasons did his team reach the AFC title game.

Trent Dilfer "won" a Super Bowl. Mark Rypien "won" a Super Bowl. Brad Johnson "won" a Super Bowl. Those three reached a total of five Pro Bowls. Marino made nine. We can't call him a beautiful loser, given that his Dolphins had just one losing season over his 18 years. But he wasn't a Super Bowl champ, and there are those who hold a quarterback can't be deemed great without a ring.

If that's true - I contend it's not -Stafford is now a great quarterback. By that logic, he'd have been rendered not-great had Burrow's final pass gone for a touchdown. At a time when advanced analytics have taught us to look beyond a baseball pitcher's "wins," we haven't managed to do the same with quarterbacks. We should at least try, don't you think?

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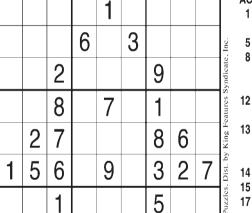
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday. Yesterday's answers:

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CRYPTOQUIP

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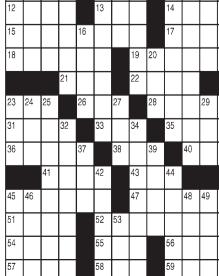
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default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage: Mortgagor: single adult Hortencia Garcia, a The First National

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that

single about Mortgagee: The Mortgagee: Bank of Cold Spring July 31, 2009
August 4, 200 August 4, 2009 nty Recorder Docu-Kandiyohi County Recorder Docu-ment No. 574459 Assigned To: U.S. Bank National

Association November 21, 2019 November 22, 2019

Recorded Kandiyohi County Recorder Docu-ment No. 662764 Assigned To: Mortgage Electronic

Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS)
Dated: July 31, 2009
Recorded: September 8, 2009 Kandiyohi County Recorder Docu-ment No. 575544 ReRecorded: February 16, 2010

Kandiyohi County Recorder Docu-ment No. 579443 Transaction Agent: Mortgage Elec-

tronic Registration Systems, Inc. Transaction Agent Mortgage Identifi-cation Number: 1000212-6800265577-3

6800265577-3
Lender or Broker: The First National Bank of Cold Spring
Residential Mortgage Servicer: U.S. Bank National Association
Mortgage Originator: The First National Bank of Cold Spring
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot 5, Except the North 10 feet, Block 1, Bon-Van Acres
This is Abstract Property.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 95-080-0050
ADDRESS OF PROPERTY:
1428 Willmar Ave SW
Willmar, MN 56201
COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

MORTGAGE: \$68,700.00 AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE:

\$60,224.60 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt

secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 5,

2022, 10:00 AM PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office 2201 NE 23rd, Suite 101, Willmar,

to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and dis-bursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law subject to redemption within 6 Months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns. DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: The date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under Min-nesota Statutes section 580.30 or the

nesota Statutes section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Minnesota. Statutes section 580.23 is October 5, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. If the foregoing date is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the date to vacate is the next business day at 11:59 p.m. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: NONE THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORT.

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U.S. Bank National Association, Assignee of Mortgagee

signee of Mortgagee By: HALLIDAY, WATKINS & MANN, P.C.

U.S. Bank National Association, Assignee of Mortgagee 101 Fifth Street East, Suite 2626 St. Paul, MN 55101 651-291-8955

651-228-1753 (fax) THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MN10922 (Feb. 16 & 23; March 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022) 32402

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that

default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, MORTGAGOR: Scott W Nelson and

Amy B Nelson Husband and Wife. MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nomi-nee for Aegis Wholesale Corporation its successors and assigns.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORD-

ING: Recorded July 7, 2004 Kandiyohi County Recorder, Document No. 517588. ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:

Assigned to: Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Dated July 30, 2013 Recorded August 7, 2013, as Document No. 613159. And thereafter assigned to: U.S. Bank Trust National Association. not in its individual capacity, but solely as trustee of Citigroup Mort-gage Loan Trust 2020-RP2. Dated February 11, 2021 Recorded Febru-ary 11, 2021, as Document No. TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems,

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORT-GAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 100053030006397369

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORT-GAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Aegis Wholesale Corporation RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SER-VICER: Select Portfolio Servicing,

MORTGAGED PROPERTY AD-DRESS: 4435 11th Avenue South-east, Willmar, MN 56201 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 22-200-0010 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROP-

Lot 1, Block 1, Green Acres, according to the map or plat thereof on file or of record in the office of the County Recorder in and for Kandiyohi County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$120,500.00
MORTGAGE: \$120,500.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO
BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE,
INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID
BY MORTGAGEE:
\$116,066,24

\$116,966.24 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee /Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any

PURSUANT to the power of sale con-tained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows: DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 14.

2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's
Office, Law Enforcement Center,
2201 23rd Street NE, Willmar, MN
to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks

2022 at 10:00 AM

under MN Stat. §580.07. TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROP-ERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mort-gagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on October 14, 2022, unless that date falls on a weekend or less that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION. BY THE MORT.

REDEMPTION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MIN-ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION
582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL
DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE
UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY
USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED." DONED.*
Dated: February 7, 2022
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Trustee

as Trustee
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee
LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DÖBIE &
BARBEE, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of
Mortgagee
4500 Park Glen Road #300
Minneapolis, MN 55416
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98-93-01404 EC

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(Feb. 16, 23, 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2022) 32103

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORE-CLOSURE SALE
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ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN
THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS
NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION,
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
default has occurred in conditions of
the following described mortgage:

the following described mortgage: DATE OF MORTGAGE: July 2017 MORTGAGOR: IRENE BOSQUE, A SINGLE PERSON, AND ESMERALDA LARA, A SIN-GLE PERSON.

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MORTGAGEE: Heritage Bank National Association. DATE AND PLACE OF RECORD-ING: Recorded August 2, 2017 Kandiyohi County Recorder, Docu-

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ment No. 644448.

ment No. 644448.
ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE:
Assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association. Dated July 31, 2017.
Recorded August 2, 2017, as Document No. 644449.
TRANSACTION AGENT: NONE
TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER
ON MORTGAGE: NONE

ON MORTGAGE: NONE LENDER OR BROKER AND MORT-GAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Heritage Bank Na-tional Association RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SER-VICER: U.S. Bank National Associa-

tion MORTGAGED PROPERTY DRESS: 2300 21st Ave SW, Willmar, MN 56201 TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 95-601-0127 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROP-

ERTY: LOT 20, BLOCK 2, ORTENBLAD'S HOMESITES, KANDIYOHI COUNTY,

MINNESOTA. PIN 95-601-0127 COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Kandiyohi
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF

MORTGAGE: \$165,555.00
AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO
BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE,
INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID
BY MORTGAGEE: \$193,208.05 That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any

part thereof;
PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:
DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM
PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Center 2201 23rd Street NE, Willmar, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said

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redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 19, 2022. unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the re-demption period is reduced to 5

demption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032. MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE:None
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Dated: January 11, 2022 U.S. Bank National Association U.S. Bank National Association Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee LIEBO, WEINGARDEN, DÖBIE & BARBEE, P.L.L.P. Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee 4500 Park Glen Road #300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 (952) 925-6888 19 - 20-002839 FC

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY
OF MINNESOTA
EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT
Estate of: Lorin Lee Tergesen

Decedent NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEAR-ING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO CREDITORS
It is Ordered and Notice is given that on March 9, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 505 Becker Avenue SW, Willmar, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Janet L. Tergesen whose address is 19380 61 st Street NE, New London, MN 56273 as Personal Rep-London, MN 56273 as Personal Rep. resentative of the Estate of the Dece-dent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if

no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be ap-pointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

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tive or to the Cou1t Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be BY THE COURT Date: February 4, 2022 /s/ David L. Mennis Judge of District Court Dated: February 4, 2022 /s/ Katie Bloch

Court Administrator
Attorney for: Petitioner
Name: Bradley J. Schmidt
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ne green thumb that serves me well in the vegetable garden immediately turns into 10 very clumsy thumbs when it comes to picking up a paint brush or pencil in any attempt to create a piece of

The extent of my talent ends at the formula for drawing a cat that I learned in first-grade: A big circle on the bottom for the body, a smaller circle on top for the head, add triangles for the ears, a curve for a tail and straight lines for whiskers. Voila! A cat.

Any artistic attempt beyond that is more than cringeworthy.

So when Kristin Allen, who teaches painting classes every Monday night and drawing classes every Tuesday night at her studio, the Greenwater Garage + Gallery in New London, said her classes are open to people of all levels of skills I decided to give it a try.

I knew she had her work cut out for her.

So on a recent Monday night, I joined Allen and three other women in the studio while a half-dozen others joined remotely from as far away as Portland, Oregon and Austin (both Texas and Minnesota) for a class on

painting folk art. "Leave your intimidation at the door," said Allen, with the cadence of a Zen master. "Give yourself a little grace," she said.

With small palettes holding colorful dabs of gouache an opaque water-based paint Allen instructed the class to start the warm-up session by drawing straight lines. Next was making lines while rolling the brush back and forth, and then came delicate leaves and flowers made by pressing down the fat part of

the brush and lifting it up at

By Carolyn Lange West Central Tribune New London

Contributed / Kristin Allen Middle: Amanda Raetzman, of rural Pennock, said she had "zero" ability as a painter when she first started coming to Allen's classes in 2017. She completed this painting on a recent Monday night. Above: Artist Kristin Allen teaches painting classes every Monday night out of her New London studio, Greenwater Garage + Gallery. On a recent Monday night, she taught her class including those who have never painted before and those who have painted many things — how to paint a sampling of flowers.

the fine point.

I ended up with squiggles and blobs.

TO IMPORTANCE

OF COMMUNITY

"Failure is 50% of making art," said Allen, as I lamented my results.

"It's probably more, probably a greater percentage than 50%, but I like to say 50 because at least it sounds a little bit optimistic," said Allen, with a laugh.

But creating art isn't necessarily about what ends up on the paper, she said.

It's about belonging and being part of a community.

"I believe the process of making art is transformative and that when we gather around the same work table, art-making has the power to build community," she said. "The most important thing about what I'm doing here is not necessarily getting you to paint, but getting you to connect," she said. "And then you belong to something. We belong to each other."

Those in the Monday

night painting class included

newbies and oldies. Holly Mossberg, of Spicer, just started coming a couple of weeks ago, and Shannah Anderson, the woman from Oregon who found the class on Eventbrite, has attended

every class online for an entire year.

Some clearly had painting skills before enrolling, but Amanda Raetzman, of rural Pennock, said she had "zero" ability as a painter when she first started coming to Allen's classes in 2017.

"I didn't think I was capable at all," said Raetzman, who wow'd the class Monday with her folk art painting of flowers in a

teacup. Raetzman had been into knitting but, while being a caretaker to her mother, who died in 2019, Raetzman found it too difficult to concentrate on her textile craft and

started painting. "It was what my heart needed in general," said Raetzman of the painting classes.

Allen said there's something powerful about using your hands to make art.

"It's not as much about what gouache you use, and what paper, and did you do the brush stroke correctly but (rather) it's part of you doing something with your hands," she said. "And this is what my grandmother would have told me - if you do something with your hands it will ease your mind. It softens the struggle."

Naomi Noeldner, an accomplished artist from New London, said Allen's ability to draw people into making art.

"Kristin is not only an incredible encourager of people of any skill, she's constantly encouraging people to just start, Noeldner said.

"You can have no plan of wanting to do art, but spend a little time with her, she'll

help you find what clicks with you and the next thing you know your creativity has been unleashed," Noeldner said.

"She just starts a spark," she said. "It might not be this art form, but she's got so many tricks up her sleeve, she's an absolute gift to this community."

Although my attempts at leaves and flowers looked like nothing more than blotches of paint, the draw of belonging to a community of creativity was strong enough that I just might walk through the door again, remembering to leave my intimidation on the other side.

For more information about the weekly painting and drawing classes at the Greenwater Garage + Gallery, go to the website www.greenwatergarage. com or email at kristin@

greenwatergarage.com. West Central Tribune reporter Carolyn Lange wrote this story prior to her retirement in early February.

ARTS CLASSES/WORKSHOPS



West Central Tribune file photo

The Milan Village Arts School in Milan, Minnesota, will host several classes and workshops in upcoming months, including Scandinavian flat-plane carving, broom making, stained glass workshops and rug weaving. To register, visit milanvillageartsschool.org.

Sunburg Heritage **Arts Initiative**

The Sunburg Heritage Arts Initiative has several workshops scheduled. They will be held at the Sunburg Community Center.

Introduction to Hardanger Embroidery: March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9 to 10 a.m.; free, students ages 18 and over. Students will learn some of the basic stitches of Hardanger embroidery, a traditional Norwegian handcraft, by completing a small coaster. People with more experience in Hardanger are invited to join the group to work on their projects and share their experience. To register, call Darlene at 320-599-4700.

Open Rosemaling: March 5, 12, 19 and 26, 9 to 11 a.m. free. The community center will be open for anyone interested in rosemaling on these dates. Paints, brushes and samples are available for practice. People should bring the item to paint.

Harmonica class

The Everett Smithson Band will have a free Harmonica class at 4 p.m. March 5 at the Litchfield Opera House. No registration, limit of 50. For more information call 320-535-

Square Dance Lessons

The Jolly Twirlers Square Dance Club will be teaching the art of square dancing to singles and couples of all ages. The lessons are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Thursdays, at the Willmar Community Center, The Jolly Twirlers dancers serve as mentors for new dancers learning the different square dance "calls." Adults \$3 per lesson, students ages 16 and under are

Willmar Community Education

Willmar Community Education has several art-related classes scheduled. Pre-registration is required for all the classes. Cooking classes are in the Food and Drink calendar in the Thursday paper.

Rock painting: Have you found any painted rocks outside around Willmar? Learn how to create your own! Paints, brushes and rocks will be provided for each class. The classes are from 10:30 a.m. to noon,

Saturdays, at Jefferson Learning Center, ages 5 and up; those ages 5-11 will need to sign up with a responsible adult; \$5 first person, \$3 for each additional family member; instructor Sarah Miller. There are three classes scheduled for this winter. They are:

Rainbow rocks: March 5, learn how to paint different rainbow-inspired rocks that will brighten anyone's day. Come see what you can do with a few colors and a whole lot of creativity. Floral map of Minnesota wall

art: March 28, 5 to 7 p.m., Willmar High School, \$50, ages 15 and up; instructor Haci Stumbo; create a beautiful 3D map of Minnesota featuring our state flower, the lady's slipper; choose whether to paint or stain your wood background and then pick your favorite colors to paint your map with as much detail as you desire.

Painting Barn Quilts: March 29, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., Willmar Middle School, \$50, ages 12 and up, those under 18 should enroll with a responsible adult; instructor Cynthia Buchholz; guided instruction which takes you through the barn quilt process and by the end of class, you will have your own masterpiece to take home and display; \$45 materials fee payable to the instructor at the beginning of class.

Milan Village Arts

Milan Village Arts classes have been scheduled for the next year. The complete schedule is on the website. Members receive a discount on tuition. Supply fees are paid to the instructor at the end of class. To register or for more information on any of these workshops call 320-734-4807 or visit the website at www. milanvillageartsschool.org; email: mvas@fedteldirect.net. The art school has several studios. Checl the website for studio dates and more information. Upcoming classes listed by registration deadline are:

Scandinavian flat plane carving: March 19-20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; instructor Bill Jaeger; beginner and above; tuition \$150; registration deadline Feb. 19.

Wood bowl turning: March 5-6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Steve Mullins: beginner and above. minimum age 16; learn the basic skills needed to turn a wooden bowl on a lathe from "green" unseasoned wood; tuition \$230, supplies \$45; registration deadline Feb. 19. Class will be offered again Oct. 22-23.

Broom making: March 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; instructor Robin Moore; beginner and above, minimum age 14; learn how to make a simple broom from raw materials that will last for years; tuition \$105, supplies \$25; registration deadline Feb. 26.

Acanthus carving: March 21-25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Jock Holmen; beginner and above; learn to carve elegant, ornate leaf designs in wood; tuition \$325, plus supplies; registration deadline March 5.

Stained glass: March 26-27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; instructor Kim Bakken-Parr; adults and teens, beginners and above; learn and practice the copper foil stained glass technique; tuition \$150, supplies \$30; registration deadline March 12.

Weaving rugs: April 1-3, Friday evening through Sunday; instructor Diana Soehren; learn the basics of preparing fabrics, choosing a design, warping and beginning to weave on Friday; continue to work on their projects Saturday and Sunday; members who have taken this workshop have access to the Loom Room to work on their own projects; tuition \$90, supplies \$10 or more; registration deadline March 19.

The Spoon Gathering: June 2-4, all day and into the evening; family friendly event for those interested in wood spoon carving and traditional

Open carving night: carvers of all persuasions are invited to meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the school to carve and network. Free.

Silver Studio: open to all those that have taken beginning silversmithing and are MVAS members. Fee is \$10 for evening and \$20 for all day.

Weaving Studio: open to those with experience with looms or have taken the weaving rugs class and are MVAS members; by appointment or join a weaving group, no fee; looms are maintained with warp at no cost.

Framing Studio: a fully-functional framing workshop open to those taking the framing workshop and are MVAS members; \$5 hour, \$10 for half day, \$20 full day; by appointment

GALLERY EXHIBITS

Barn Theatre

Willmar, through Feb. 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and during productions, mezzanine gallery, The Barn Theatre; themed invitational exhibit "Relationships" running in conjunction with the play, "On Golden Pond," features works by area artists with a People's Choice award.

Cultural Centre

Bird Island, March 1-30, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, evenings and weekends by appointment, call 320-365-1011, Cultural Centre, 640 Dogwood Ave.; "Textiles in Code" by Heather MacKenzie; artist reception, March 25, 7 to 9 p.m.

K.K. Berge Gallery

Granite Falls, through March 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, or call 320-564-4039, K.K. Berge building, 807 Prentice St.; the city artist-in-residence presents "CAIR Season II."

The Emerging Artist Gallery exhibit is "Verdant One," Swedish-inspired block prints by Anya Kalk.

SMAC gallery

Marshall, through Feb. 25, 8 a.m. to noon, 1 to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council art gallery, 114 Third St. N.; make an appointment or call/email to see if open, 800-622-5284 or info@ swmnarts.org; John Sterner of Marshall transformed ink and marker drawings into larger scale paintings, the themes are always related to his journey of selfdiscovery and his Sicangu Lakota heritage.

Lulu Beans

Willmar, through March 31, during business hours on second level; Don Houseman has two exhibits, "Aadizookaan" paintings and woodcuts depicting Ojibwe sacred stories and legends and "Barns Are Noble" acrylic paintings of American barns.

PIONEER PUBLIC TV

Pioneer Public TV broadcasts several original shows. All are available on the website after the

original showing. For more information, call 1-800-726-3178 or email yourtv@ pioneer.org.

Postcards: 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and repeats at 7 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 p.m. Monday; featuring Mark Hanson, who makes Norwegian boats, and a Proctor family who find a unique path to remembering the Titanic survivor who owned their house

Prairie Yard and Garden:

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, and repeats 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Monday on Pioneer PBS; host Mary Holm talks with Mary Meyer about pollinator-friendly alternatives to traditional lawn turf at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen.

Your Legislators: broadcast live at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17; Barry Anderson is the host for the 42nd season of the only statewide, live, call-in program where citizens have questions answered directly by their lawmakers. Viewers with questions are encouraged to call 1-800-726-3178, email yourtv@ pioneer.org or tweet @ YourLegislators during the hour-long program.

Prairie Sportsman: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, and repeats at 12:30 p.m. Monday and 7:30 p.m. Saturday; join host Bret Amundson for "Lakes and Legacies" as he visits Alexandria to spear fish with decoys hand-carved by Glen Tomoson's grandfather

in the 1950s and stops by the Legacy of the Lakes museum. Postcards: 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 24, and repeats at 7 p.m. Sunday and 1:30 p.m. Monday; featuring legendary teacher Harley Refsal, who specializes in Scandinavian style flat-plane carving. Prairie Yard and Garden:

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, and repeats 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Monday on Pioneer PBS; host Mary Holm talks with Steve Henry of Alexandria about his methods and a secret ingredient he uses when composting.

Landmarks: 7 p.m. Feb. 26, Minnesota photographer and storyteller Doug Ohman presents "Cemeteries of Minnesota." Cemeteries are the last visible vestiges of our past. Explore the fascinating world of cemeteries. From the earliest burial grounds to the most current cemetery practices, Ohman will highlight Minnesotans who have a passion for these

Prairie Sportsman: 8 p.m.

sacred grounds.

Sunday, Feb. 27; join host Bret Amundson for "Prairie Sportsman Showcase Special" as he presents Prairie Sportsman Upper Midwest Emmy nominated and awarded stories featuring pollinator-friendly solar farms, world-renowned wolf researcher Dave Mech, **Nobles County Pheasants** Forever award-winning habitat restoration efforts and annual veterans hunt, twin airls competing in the Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon and the first woman to thru-hike the Ice Age Trail in the winter.

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Kandiyohi County **Historical Society**

Willmar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, closed holidays, \$3 for adults, ages 12 and under and Kandiyohi County Historical Society members admitted for free, 320-235-1881, located at the train engine on North Business Highway 71 across from Robbins Island. The museum has a number of featured exhibits. Along with the museum there is a oneroom school, a log shed and a Great Northern locomotive. Maps of county historical sites are available at the museum. http://www. kandiyohicountyhistory.

Atwater Area **Historical Society**

Atwater, by appointment, call Carol at 320-266-7626, Jon at 320-444-0337, Sue at 320-220-0970 or Jo at 320-295-1354, Atwater Area Historical Society and Museum, 500 Pleasant

Danube Historical Society

The Danube Historical appointment, call 320-212-

Fagen Fighters

Granite Falls, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Lenzen-Roe Memorial Airport, 3 miles south of Granite Falls on Highway 23; adults \$10, active military \$5, ages 9 and under admitted free, annual memberships available. Home to a pristine collection of fully and vehicles from World War II along with fine art, bronze sculptures, interactive multimedia designed as a self-guided experience.

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Grove City Historical Museum

Tuesday through Friday,

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday,

under free; Grand Army

of the Republic Hall and

Society Museum, 308

Marshall Ave., 320-693-

8911, meekercomuseum.

Meeker County Historical

\$3 admission, ages 11 and

Grove City, open by appointment, call Dorothy 320-244-1044, Ron 320-693-2922, or Gordon 320-857-2636.

Lac qui Parle County Museum Madison, 10 a.m. to 4

p.m., Tuesday-Friday; South Highway 75; freewill donation. Social distancing rules will be observed, masks required (provided if needed).

Raptor Ridge

New London, open by appointment, call 320-354-8820, 12050 Co. Rd. 40 N.E. Larry and Barb Levin's natural history museum is located on County Road 40, 2.8 miles east of state Highway 23 on the north side of the road. Admission is free.

Renville County **Historical Society** Morton, 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday, research library by appointment only; adults \$5, ages 6-17 \$3, children 5 and under free. Face masks required. For more information or for a library appointment call 507-697-6147, or email info@renvillecountyhistory. com, website www. renvillecountyhistory.com.

Sacred Heart Area Museum

Sacred Heart, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays and by appointment, U.S. Highway 212 in Sacred Heart; free admission, donations appreciated, call 320-765-2274, email shahs@hcinet.net.

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come up with the best approach to life, love and

happiness. A look at the past will help you cultivate

an ironclad plan that will ensure your safety and

your ability to reach your destination. A thoughtful,

kind attitude will harvest good returns. Your num-

resilience, regardless of the distractions you en-

counter. An innovative approach to what's impor-

tant to you will help you surpass your expectations.

Be open to suggestions, but let your intuition lead

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take a low-key po-

sition when working in groups, and pay attention to

detail. You want to make sure that what you present

to others far exceeds their expectations. A sound

plan coupled with a unique presentation will be hard

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put more empha-

sis on home and family. If your surroundings are

easy to navigate and your relationships copacetic,

it will make it easier to manage your responsibilities.

Keep things simple and within reason, and you'll be

thing others say to heart. Take on a project that

requires ingenuity and creativity. Discuss your in-

tentions with someone you love, and the input you

receive will give you the push you need to move for-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on whatever

brings the highest returns financially, professionally

and contractually. Take a leap of faith, and enforce

change that alters your course. Lock in plans to do

something you want to pursue. Follow the path that

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share your feelings.

concerns and plans with someone you love. Per-

sonal growth will lead to a better understanding of

life, love and how to achieve happiness. Shoot for

the stars, but don't lose sight of what's important to

required if you want to make a domestic home.

Controlling your environment, overhead and future

will be easy if you let others think they have a sav.

Persuasive tactics and incentives will help you get

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Deal with red-tape

issues. Having a clear path forward will make it easier to reach your goal. Think outside the box, and you'll develop a foolproof plan that is well-

received by others. A positive change is apparent.

adjustments. Establish what you want to do, and

refuse to let anyone stand in your way. Listen to the

facts, and stay grounded when others try to inter-

pression consume you. Shared expenses are not

a good idea, and don't invest in someone else's

future. Focus on what will make you happy and en-

courage your success. Put your time and effort into

possible and forge ahead. Don't wait for someone

to step in and take over. Do your own thing, and

take credit for what you accomplish. Be a leader,

not a follower. Build self-confidence and gain re-

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Rely on the infor-

mation you receive firsthand. Trust in your instincts,

common sense and experience to know what to

take on and what to leave alone. Navigate your way

through the pitfalls and mistakes others make with

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unpredictable. You are intriguing and diehard.

Birthday Baby: You are fine-tuned, unique and

intelligence and bravado. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what's

self-improvement and getting ahead. ★ ★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let de-

fere or offer risky alternatives. ★ ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put everything in place, and leave no room for unnecessary

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Fancy footwork is

you. Romance is favored. ★ ★ ★

ward. Self-improvement is encouraged. ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't take every-

able to fulfill your promises. $\star\star\star\star$

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pull yourself together and target what you must accomplish. Show

bers are 5, 11, 21, 29, 32, 38, 47,

the way. $\star\star\star\star\star$

to resist. *

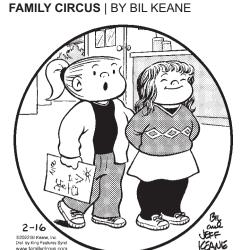
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your way. ★ ★ ★

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spect. ★★★

COMICS | C3



"Whitney is lucky. She's bein' schooled at home and gets to use her own bathroom.'

LOCKHORNS | BY BUNNY HOEST & JOHN REINER



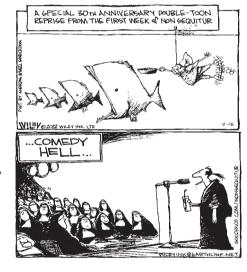
16 THIS LIKE ONE OF THOSE MAGIC EYE PICTURES THAT IF YOU STARE AT IT LONG ENOUGH YOU SEE A RAISE?"

MARMADUKE | BY BRAD ANDERSON



"I put his supper dish in there because he wanted to feel like he is roughing it."

NON SEQUITUR | BY WILLEY MILLER



We have different interests

r. Wallace: I've been dating my current boyfriend for about six months now, and things have been pretty great. We get along really well, and I feel as though I can be



ROBERT WALLACE 'Tween 12 and 20

my true, authentic self around him and tell him anything. I definitely see us having a future together and possibly getting married one day, but one thing that worries me is that we're very different people with very different

interests. My boyfriend absolutely loves sports, for example, and watches football games religiously, but I don't

care for football at all and have always been more of an artsy person than an athlete. I love reading, and I majored in creative writing in college, but my boyfriend recently told me he couldn't remember the last time he read a book. It's usually easy for us to find things to do together that we enjoy, like trying new restaurants or spending time at the beach, but sometimes we'll spend days apart pursuing our own interests. When we first started dating, I originally envisioned us doing everything together, but now I'm beginning to realize that might not be realistic.

I've read online that differences in relationships can be healthy, and for the most part, I feel like that has been the case in our relationship. Even though I often find myself wishing that we could bond over shared interests, I love my boyfriend for the person he is and wouldn't want to try to change him. Is it possible for

us to have a strong, long-lasting relationship despite the fact that we are total opposites in some ways? - A Hopeful Romantic

A Hopeful Romantic: I think it is perfectly fine that you and your boyfriend have different interests, as long as both of you choose to respect these differences. You don't have to care for sports, for example, but you should encourage your boyfriend to engage in the hobbies and pastimes that he enjoys, just as your boyfriend should encourage you to read and write even if he doesn't wish to participate in these activities himself. Of course, it is important for the two of you to carve out quality time to spend together, but accepting that every day of the week does not need to be spent side-by-side is healthy.

Couples typically enter into dangerous territory when they begin to mock each other's interests out of frustration, and so I would encourage the two of you to avoid doing this at all costs. If one of you begins to feel jealous about the time that the other is spending on their hobbies, have an honest conversation about it and find ways to achieve greater balance between time spent together and time spent apart. Overall, however, as long as you or your boyfriend's interests are not inappropriate or unhealthy in some way, there's no reason to create conflict over such minor differences. What matters most is that the two of you share the same values in life, and as long as that is the case, I would consider your relationship to be in good shape. to you, her actions might end up helping you going forward. If they do, I suggest you don't give her any credit for it!

Dr. Wallace may be reached at rwallace@thegreatestgift.com.

Reflections on customer service

ear Readers: You overwhelmed me with interesting replies to "Too Impersonal," the letter saying that there is a lack of customer

service today. Here is a sampling:



ANNIE LANE Dear Annie

Dear Annie: I'm younger and, on the flip side, most people of my generation hate talking on the phone and also find the internet easier and better for many reasons. First, it's easier to visualize your seat on a plane or date on a calendar or whatever else when picking online. Second,

all answers to your questions are typed out and on record, so you won't accidentally be screwed by a person giving you a wrong answer. You also can go back and reference them when

needed. I see all of these things as customer service, just a different form. I honestly get very frustrated when I email a question and get called back, because then I have no record of what I was told, and if it was wrong, I'm stuck with no recourse or defense. - Millennial

Dear Annie: I am approaching my 40s and have worked in customer service my whole life. What many call "efficiency" is essentially taking resources away from the workers at the bottom — call centers, grocery stores, doctor's offices — in the name of cost effectiveness. Why pay workers in America an American living wage when you can pay workers in India or Mexico pennies on the dollar in wages? Our current work and business culture puts profits over people at every turn, and this includes the customers and the workers. — Bigger Issue

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com

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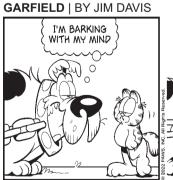
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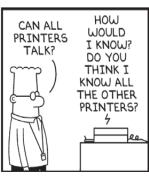




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HOW ARE YOUR STUDENTS.





Willmar, Feb. 17, 6 p.m., Whitney Music/Jazz N Java; Great Times Band and great American Sing-Along; free, pass-the-hat basket for the musicians.

Great Times Band

'On Golden Pond'

Willmar, Feb. 17-19, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 20, 2 p.m.; Barn Theatre; The Barn Theatre presents "On Golden Pond"; adults \$20, ages 18 and younger \$10; 320-235-9500, online at www. thebarntheatre.com or at the box office 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Friday.

Cat PAC

New London, Feb.18, 7 p.m., New London-Spicer High School; the Cat PAC Performance Series presents the "Takin' It to the Limit Eagles Tribute" featuring The Famulous Armadillos and Collective Unconscious; all tickets \$35 at wildcatpac.booktix.com.

Acoustic Vibe

Willmar, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., Whitney Music/Jazz N Java; Music by Acoustic Vibe; free, pass-the-hat basket for the musicians.

Erin McCawley

New London, Feb. 26, 8 p.m., Little Theatre; The Little Theatre presents a Learn to Swing dance series with "Erin McCawley and the Harrison Street Band," doors open at 6 p.m., music at 8 p.m.;\$15 at the door, \$12 in advance on Little Theatre website

Velvet Brass

Glenwood, Feb. 27, 3 to 7 p.m., Lakeside Ballroom: dance to the music of Velvet Brass; \$10 per person, \$5 per person ages 17-30.

Great Times Band

Willmar, March 3, 6 p.m., Whitney Music/Jazz N Java; Great Times Band and great American Sing-Along; free, pass-the-hat basket for the musicians.

Moana Jr.

Willmar, March 3-5, 7 p.m., March 5, 1 p.m. Willmar High School Brau Performing Arts Center; Willmar Middle School presents the musical "Moana Jr." Tickets online at vancoevents.com/us/book/

Everett Smithson

Litchfield, March 5, 7 p.m., Litchfield Opera House. The Everett Smithson Band family-friendly band plays Blues, Gospel, and Creole music. Tickets \$20.

Willmar High School

Willmar, March 7, 6 and 7:30 p.m., Brau Performing Arts Center, Willmar High School choir presents two identical concerts.

O.T. Rodriguez

Willmar, March 10, 6 p.m., Whitney Music/Jazz N Java; the musician/ songwriter will perform original pieces; free, pass-the-hat basket for the musicians.

WCCS

Willmar, March 10, 7:30 p.m., WEAC; West Central Concert Series presents the "Kassia Ensemble," Mary Elizabeth Bowden on trumpet and four string players will play classical favorites; adults \$20, students \$5, available at the door.

'Peter and the Starcatcher¹

Willmar, March 11-12, 6:30 p.m, March 12, 1:30 p.m., Community Christian School; CCS presents "Peter and the Starcatcher." Tickets are \$10 and available in the school office or online at www. willmarccs.com.

Willmar High School

Willmar, March 14, 6 p.m., Brau Performing Arts Center, Willmar High School orchestra presents a concert.

Willmar High School

Willmar, March 14, 7:30 p.m., Brau Performing Arts Center, Willmar High School band presents a concert.

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Ave. E, New London New London-Spicer High

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art events will be printed each Wednesday in this calendar up to two weeks in advance. The deadline is noon Friday. Items may be emailed to news@wctrib. com with "arts calendar item" in the subject line.

REVIEW

'On Golden Pond' a respite from winter doldrums

Production runs second week at Barn Theatre

By Pat Oss re you looking for a respite from the winter doldrums? I would recommend spending an evening at The Barn Theatre in Willmar, Minn., where they are currently staging "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson. This production is being directed by Merica Overcash-Thom, and runs for its second week Feb.17-20.

"On Golden Pond" features a small ensemble, with the leading actors being Tim Ostby as Norman Thayer Jr. and Stacey Neuhaus as his wife, Ethel. Ostby brings the acerbic, sardonic Norman to life as soon as the play opens with his witty, yet at times sarcastic, comments.

"Who is this?" he asks repeatedly to the photo on their desk, only to have Ethel remind him it's an old family friend. His reply is hilarious. Neuhaus' portrayal of Ethel

is that of the wife of someone who is going through several life changes — not only physical health challenges, but also cognitive. Both she and Norman are frightened about this, but struggle to face the issue of life coming closer to a close.

The affable, laughable mailman Charlie, played by Malachi Elmhorst, brings not only the mail but local gossip about other folks who live on the lake.

Bring on the Thayers' daughter, Chelsea, portrayed by Jennifer Brute, to remind Norman and Ethel that lake life has not always been

Mike Moore / West Central Tribune

Billy Ray, played by Ethan Livingood, demonstrates how to smooch to Norman Thayer Jr. during a dress rehearsal performance of "On Golden Pond" on Feb. 7 at The Barn Theatre.

so enjoyable, at least from her perspective.

She arrives with her newest boyfriend, Bill Ray, played by Thomas Dougherty-Rosengren, and his son Billy Ray, played by Ethan Livingood. Bill's main objective appears to be sleeping with Chelsea. The audience enjoyed listening in to the conversation about this between Norman and Bill, which ends with Norman's "OKAY" to the arrangement, and then his aside: "Just don't let Ethel

Billy winds up spending the summer with Norman and Ethel, and the result is that everyone experiences a new perspective of life on Golden Pond, and beyond.

The chemistry between Billy and Norman as they spend time together fishing and reading books was another high point of this production.

The set for "On Golden Pond" really centers on the entrance to the Thayers' lake home, and the characters who enter and exit through this door will lead you through a myriad of emotions. The cast delivered their lines with ease and in earnest. Their timing with one another was spot-on, and gave the audience the sense that they were truly in character.

So, please join them! The loons are calling you!

Pat Oss is recently retired from a 45-year career as a nurse and learning how to "act" as a retiree.

SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA ARTS COUNCIL

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council serves 18 counties as a source of funds and technical assistance to enable local organizations, educational institutions and individuals to sponsor and/ or create and promote arts in their communities. The office and gallery are at 114 North Third Street in Marshall. Workshops and grant-writing webinars are free of charge, but advance registration is required. Call 800-622-5284, email info@swmnarts.org, or see the website at www. swmnarts.org. Below are the grant deadlines for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The office and gallery will be closed Feb. 21.

Open office support: March 8, in-person, the second Tuesday of the month, between 10 a.m.and 2 p.m., for assistance with any grant-related questions, or schedule an appointment with the grants administrator.

Arty Party

The Arty Party in Kandiyohi County will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the Barn Theatre in Willmar. This will be the sixth county networking event for each of the 18 counties in the council's service region. SMAC staff will be in attendance to connect with attendees and get the word out about who SMAC is, what it

does and what services and assistance the council can offer for communities. Andrea Limoges, Reagan Toedter and Patrick Gilmore will provide musical entertainment, and there will be appetizers and a cash

Monthly grants

The monthly grants for arts organizations for the 2021-22 fiscal year are first-come, first-served with deadlines the first of each month through April. Earliest start date will be the first of the following month. The last grant-writing webinar is recorded and available on the website.

Quick support for organizations: Provides up to \$2,500 for activities such as planning for an Art Legacy Project, strategic planning or board training, costs to apply for 501(c)(3) status, small equipment purchases, or small arts projects.

Quick support for artists: Provides up to \$1,000 for activities such as purchasing

supplies, attending classes. and small artist-led community projects

Grants for artists

Grant deadlines for the 2021-22 fiscal year for individual artist grants. Grant-writing webinars require advance registration.

Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants: up to \$500 in funding for students in grades 5-12 for an enrichment camp or specialty study. Standard weekly lessons are allowed only for those students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program;

deadline March 30, earliest

start date May 1.

Artist equity grants: Up to \$4,000 to aid Black, Indigenous, Latinx, and other artists of color with projects that will advance their skills and artistic careers. Applications ongoing through May 1.

Grants for Arts Organizations

Grant deadlines and webinar dates for the 2021-22 fiscal year. No cash match required this fiscal year. Deadlines and grant-writing webinars vary. Webinars are free, participants must register to be able to join the meeting.

Art Project grants: Up to \$7,000 in funding, to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts; prepackaged theater residencies limited to \$2,500; deadline deadline March 23, earliest start date May 1.

Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards

The Prairie Star and the Prairie Disciple awards recognize individuals publicly and help to raise the profile of the arts in their community and throughout the SMAC region. Nominations for both are due by April 15 and must be made online on the SMAC website, swmnarts.org.

Prairie Star: The every other year \$5,000 award recognizes an individual artist whose body of work has made a significant contribution to the arts over an extended period of time, who has been recognized by their artistic peers, and who has best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAC

Prairie Disciple: The \$1,000 award provides awareness and recognition of one individual from the 18-co area of southwestern Minnesota served by SMAC, whose activities and involvement have substantially contributed to the arts over an extended period of time. The accomplishments of arts advocates working in the region are often not widely known or appreciated. This year, nominations are limited to educators only.

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Biden to Putin: Step back from the brink of war



Invasion still a strong possibility as some Russian troops reportedly withdraw

By Trevor Hunnicutt and Steve Holland Reuters

Washington resident Joe Biden made an impassioned appeal to Russian President Vladimir Putin to step back from war with Ukraine on Tuesday, speaking starkly of the "needless death and destruction" Moscow could cause and international outrage Putin would face.

In a nationally televised speech, Biden said the United States estimates that 150,000 Russian troops now encircle Ukraine, a higher number than previous estimates of about 100,000. He said reports that some forces had withdrawn were welcome, but they were unverified and an invasion remained very much a possibility.

Biden said diplomacy remains a live option to wind down the crisis and urged Russia to engage. If Russia invades Ukraine, the United States and its allies are prepared to respond with penalties aimed at exacting



Guglielmo Mangiapane / Reuters

People gather at the Pantheon to call for peace between Ukraine and Russia on Tuesday in Rome.

economic pain and global isolation, he said.

"The United States is prepared no matter what happens," he said.

Much of Biden's remarks were aimed squarely at Putin, who has demanded that NATO not accept Ukraine as a member and stop any further eastward expansion. Biden's threats of repercussions for Russia have yet to persuade Putin to back down.

"The United States and NATO are not a threat to Russia. Ukraine is not threatening Russia. Neither the U.S.

nor NATO have missiles in Ukraine. We do not, do not have plans to put them there as well. We are not targeting the people of Russia. We do not seek to destabilize Russia," said Biden.

The American president also appealed directly to Russian

citizens.

"To the citizens of Russia: you are not our enemy, and I don't believe you want a bloody, destructive war against Ukraine," Biden said.

The human and strategic costs would be "immense" for Russia

if it attacks, he said. "The world would not forget that Russia chose needless death and destruction," Biden said.

The president said the United States is "not seeking direct confrontation with Russia" and that American soldiers were not going to fight in Ukraine. But, he said if Russia were to attack Americans in Ukraine, "we will respond forcefully."

He warned that a Russian invasion would cause "consequences here at home,' including energy costs.

The speech came on a day that Ukraine said it had been hit by a cyberattack and appeared to blame Russia.

Biden issued a warning for Russia not to engage in cyberattacks.

"If Russia attacks the United States or our allies through asymmetric means like disruptive cyberattacks against our companies or critical infrastructure, we're prepared to respond," he said.



U.S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) pauses while speaking to reporters following the Senate Republicans weekly policy lunch Tuesday at the U.S. Capitol in Washington. Biden's Fed nominees are in limbo after Republicans boycotted a key vote.

Biden's Fed nominees in limbo

Republicans boycott vote in protest of Biden's pick for Wall Street regulator

By David Morgan, Pete Schroeder and **Lindsay Dunsmuir**

U.S. Senate action on President Joe Biden's five nominees to the Federal Reserve stalled Tuesday after Republicans boycotted a key vote over objections to Sarah Bloom Raskin, the White House's pick to be the central bank's Wall Street regulator.

Senate Banking Committee Chair Sherrod Brown delayed a vote on the slate, which includes Fed Chair Jerome Powell, after none of the 12 Republicans showed up for a scheduled vote Tuesday afternoon.

Senator Pat Toomey, the top Republican on the committee, had called on fellow Republicans to skip the vote, citing what he said were unanswered questions about Raskin's past role on the board of a fintech company.

The development comes as the U.S. central bank is gearing up to raise interest rates to combat the highest inflation in 40 years.

"Instead of showing up to work, to do their job, Republicans have walked out on the American people," Brown said to the other 11 Democratic senators on the 24-member panel who gathered for the vote.

White House spokesperson Jen Psaki said the decision by Republicans to boycott the meeting was "extreme" and promised to work with Brown on a path forward for the nominations.

As of late Tuesday, that path was not clear, with Brown adamant he would not split Raskin's nomination from the rest, a solution that Toomey had proposed.

"Democrats will argue that Republicans are being hypocritical by complaining about inflation while also blocking votes on these nominees," Isaac Boltansky, policy director for brokerage BTIG, said in an email exchange. "Republicans will argue that Democrats are being unreasonable by refusing to pause on Bloom Raskin's nomination."

It is unclear, he said, "which side will blink first.'

Separately, Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell met with Powell on Tuesday to discuss inflation and the economy.

More data on Canadian Freedom Convoy' donors leaked

The anti-gov. protests have raised more than \$2M in donations

By Christopher Bing and Anna Mehler Paperny Reuters

WASHINGTON TORONTO - The leak Distributwebsite ed Denial of Secrets on Tuesday said it has posted more donor files from the fundraising platform GiveSendGo relating to the Canadian movement of people opposed to pandemic health measures, including COVID-

19 vaccine mandates. On Sunday, the DDoS website, which is devoted to disseminating leaked data, said it was releasing donor information relating to the "Freedom Convoy 2022" campaign, which raised more than \$2 million in donations. It includes funds raised from several Canadian business owners.

Tuesday's leak conabout a similar "Adopta-Trucker" campaign, which says it is operating "in partnership with the Freedom Convoy." The Adopt-a-Trucker effort appeared to raise less money and involved fewer donors.

The funding of the Canadian protests has emerged as a key point of interest as authorities in Ottawa and elsewhere try to get a grip on rallies

led by truckers since late

January that have block-

aded cities and border



Patrick Doyle / Reuters

Aperson stands in front of trucks blocking Wellington Street as truckers and their supporters continue to protest against coronavirus disease vaccine mandates Tuesday in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

crossings across Canada with demands that include deposing Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

GiveSendGo did not immediately respond to a request for comment about any hack or the status of its campaigns.

The Sunday data from the U.S.-based Christian fundraising site included names, email addresses, ZIP codes and internet protocol addresses. Tuesday's leak offered similar material in addition to payment details, based on a review of the

The new GiveSendtains donor information Go data also came from a "hack" according to DDoS, which did not provide further information. The Adopta-Trucker campaign has pulled in nearly \$600,000, according to GiveSendGo.

DDoS said that because the donor information contained sensitive personal information, it would not be making the data available publicly but would instead be offering it to journalists and researchers.

as a nonprofit devoted to enabling the free transmission of data in the public interest.

GiveSendGo became a prime conduit for money to the protesters after mainstream crowdfunding platform GoFundMe blocked donations to the self-declared Freedom Convoy. Earlier this month the group said it had raised \$8 million for the protests.

The Ontario government obtained an injunction last week freezing GiveSendGo's "Freedom Convoy 2022" and "Adopt-A-Truckcampaign funds. L1N2UL3GW GiveSendGo said at the time it was not subject to Canadian law and continued to fundraise.

Brad Howland, president of EasyKleen Pressure Systems Ltd, which is headquartered in New Brunswick and manufactures high-pressure cleaning systems, donated \$75,000 to GiveSend-Go's "Freedom Convoy" on Feb. 9, according to leaked information con-DDoS describes itself firmed by Reuters.

Third person reported cured of HIV

By Julie Steenhuysen Reuters

with leukemia has become the first woman and the third person to date to be cured of HIV after receiving a stem cell transplant from a donor who was naturally resistant to the virus that causes AIDS, researchers reported on Tues-

The case of a 64-year-old woman of mixed race, presented at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportu-

nisitic Infections in Denver, is also the first involving CHICAGO - A U.S. patient umbilical cord blood, a newer approach that may make the treatment available to more people.

Since receiving the cord blood to treat her acute myeloid leukemia - a cancer that starts in blood-forming cells in the bone marrow - the woman has been in remission and free of the virus for 14 months, without the need for potent HIV treatments known as antiretroviral therapy.

in males - one white and one Latino - who had received adult stem cells, which are more frequently used in bone marrow transplants.

"This is now the third report of a cure in this setting, and the first in a woman living with HIV," Sharon Lewin, President-Elect of the International AIDS Society, said in a statement.

The case is part of a larger

The two prior cases occurred sity of California Los Angeles tion in which they lack recep-(UCLA), and Dr. Deborah Persaud of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. It aims to follow 25 people with HIV who undergo a transplant with stem cells taken from umbilical cord blood for the treatment of cancer and other serious conditions.

Patients in the trial first undergo chemotherapy to kill off the cancerous immune cells. Doctors then transplant U.S.-backed study led by Dr. stem cells from individuals Yvonne Bryson of the Univer- with a specific genetic muta-

tors used by the virus to infect cells.

Scientists believe these individuals then develop an immune system resistant to

Lewin said bone marrow transplants are not a viable strategy to cure most people living with HIV. But the report "confirms that a cure for HIV is possible and further strengthens using gene therapy as a viable strategy for an HIV cure," she said.

Prince Andrew settles abuse case

Royal watchers say his reputation will likely never recover

By Andrew MacAskill and Kate Holton Reuters

LONDON - Prince Andrew's decision to settle a claim that he sexually assaulted a teenage girl decades ago may bring an end to his legal difficulties but the damage done to his reputation means he is unlikely to ever play a role in public life again.

The settlement by the 61-year-old Duke of York includes an undisclosed payment to Virginia Giuffre, a woman who had accused him of sexually abusing her when she was a teenager. The settlement, revealed on Tuesday in a Manhattan court filing, said he had never intended to malign her character.

That marked a stunning reversal after his lawyers previously accused Giuffre of seeking a payday with a "baseless" lawsuit, a strategy that drew condemnation from women's rights groups. Andrew had said as recently as late January that he wanted the case to be heard before a

Royal biographers and commentators said after the settlement that Andrew would likely not be able to resume a public role, while Britons who spoke to Reuters said the case had done huge damage to the whole family.

a family that is supposed to the process

represent the nation.

"Once the flaws come out and you see the actual human within them, which is the allegations, the problems they've had, I think that's the problem now. It's hard to maintain their actual role as a royal family," he said. At the heart of the case was

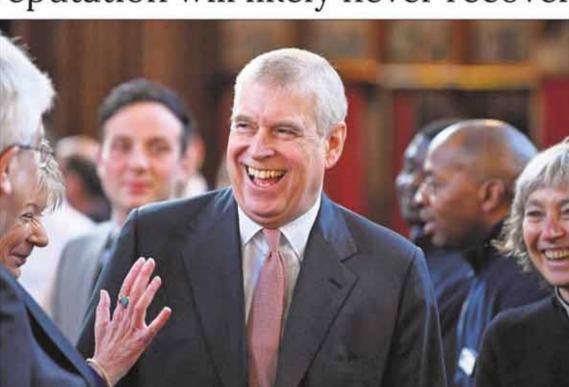
the late financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, a friend of Andrew's through his associate Ghislaine Maxwell. Giuffre had accused Epstein of trafficking her for sex.

Maxwell was found guilty of helping Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls in December.

Royal biographer Penny Junor told Reuters that Andrew's previous failure to show any support for Epstein's victims had been unforgivable. "He came across as a really unsympathetic figure." she said.

Andrew has always denied that he forced Giuffre to have sex more than two decades ago at the London home of Maxwell, Epstein's mansion in Manhattan, and Epstein's private island in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The prince did not admit wrongdoing in the settlement.

In a bid to put the matter to rest, he gave a rare and disastrous interview to the BBC in 2019, saying he had no recollection of Giuffre Insurance worker Anthony and that he did not regret ties Joho, 21, said the allegations with Epstein because of all the had shredded the mystique of business people he had met in



Toby Melville / Reuters File Photo

Britain's Prince Andrew, pictured in 2018, who was accompanying Queen Elizabeth, will likely never recover his reputation after settling a claim that he sexually abused a teenage girl, royal watchers say.

why young women were also traveling with Epstein, Andrew replied that while he did not "wish to appear grand," he had grown up in a palace with staff.

were staff," he said.

Asked if he had questioned further stripped of his military links and royal patronages, and gave up his "Royal High-ness" title.

Charles Rae, a former royal correspondent at the Sun newspaper, said the settle-"As far as I was aware, they ment would at least prevent a potentially lurid court case Shortly afterwards Andrew from taking place in the same stepped back from royal year Queen Elizabeth celeduties, and in January he was brates her 70th year on the wife Megnan.

"I should imagine that there is a big sigh of relief at Buckingham Palace," he said.

Andrew's very public fall from grace has come at a difficult time for the British royal family, which has also faced accusations of racism in the household from the queen's grandson Prince Harry and his

US sea levels rising at alarming pace, NOAA finds

By Steve Gorman

Reuters The United States is expected to experience as much sea level rise from climate change over the next 30 years as occurred in the previous century, according to a Tuesday report led by the Nation-al Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The study projects that sea levels along the U.S. coastline will rise 10-12 inches on average by 2050, leading to a "profound" increase in the frequency of coastal flooding, even in the absence of heavy

rains or storms. In addition to bouts of coastal inundation associated with storm surges, rising sea levels are leading to increasing episodes of flooding from high tides alone.

Damaging floods typical of today's sea levels, weather conditions and infrastructure are expected to occur more than 10 times as often in the next 30 years, Nicole LeBoeuf, director NOAA's National Ocean Service, said in a summary of the report.

Put another way, she said, a single flooding event likely to damage property or commerce in coastal areas of the Southeastern United States every four to five years on average will be expected to strike four to five times a year by 2050.

"I can tell you with complete confidence, that these are not the kind of changes that we grew up with," LeB-oeuf, a native of the Texas Gulf Coast. "Make no mistake,

sea level rise is upon us."

The study is designed as a planning tool to mitigate and adapt to rising sea levels predicted with a high degree of certainty over the next three decades, regardless of any efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions that are warming the planet, NOAA officials said.

"This report is a wakeup call to the United States," NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad

told reporters. Gina McCarthy, the White House national climate advisor to U.S. President Joe Biden

agreed. "This new data on sea rise is the latest reconfirmation that our climate crisis- as the president has said— is blinking 'code red,'" McCarthy said in a summary of the study.



Ray Acevedo / USA TODAY Sports

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BRIEFS

Ottawa police chief resigns as Canadian border

protesters retreat OTTAWA/CALGARY, Alberta - Ottawa's police chief resigned on Tuesday after criticism that he did not do enough to stop COVID-19 protests that have paralyzed Canada's capital city and forced Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to invoke emergency powers.

US to inspect new 787 Dreamliners, says Boeing cannot self-certify

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Tuesday said it would perform final inspections on new Boeing BA.N 787 Dreamliner aircraft, and will to signs that a bloody conflict not allow the planemaker to self-certify the jets.

The U.S. aviation regulator said it notified Boeing of the decision that it will retain the authority to issue airworthiness certificates until it is confident "Boeing's quality control and manufacturing processes consistently produce 787s that meet FAA design standards."

Ethiopia's parliament lifts state of emergency early

ADDIS ABABA - Ethiopia's parliament on Tuesday voted for an early end to a sixmonth state of emergency, effective immediately, adding between the government and rebellious Tigrayan forces could be easing.

The war in Africa's second-largest nation has largely ground to a stalemate, and diplomats helping to mediate between the two sides are cautiously optimistic that progress towards peace is being made.

Seven dead, others feared drowned after Spanish trawler sinks off Canada

MADRID - At least seven crew from a Spanish trawler have died and three were plucked from a life raft after

their ship sank off the Canadi-

an coast on Tuesday, an official said, as rescuers searched for more survivors in the bitterly cold Atlantic waters.

The vessel, the Villa de Pitanxo, with a crew of 26 comprising 16 Spaniards, five Peruvians and five Ghanaians, launched a distress beacon at 0424 GMT, Spain's fisheries ministry said.

White House, Democrats discussing pause in gasoline tax

WASHINGTON - The White House and Democratic congressional leaders are discussing a pause on federal taxes on gasoline to help offset rising prices, lawmakers moves to address inflation. said Tuesday.

Senate leaders joust over how to tame rising inflation

WASHINGTON - Raging inflation in the United States took center-stage in the Senate on Tuesday, as Democrats focused on legislative efforts to ease the problem and Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell met with Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell on the matter.

With public opinion polls highlighting Americans' discontent over rising consumer prices for everything from groceries to gasoline, Senate Democrats met in private to discuss an array of possible

Reuters



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People walk in the commercial center of Sao Paulo, Brazil, on Oct. 18, 2021, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The remote-work revolution has led some U.S. technology companies to seek new hires in Latin America.

Hunt for home workers

US tech firms search for cheap remote hires in Latin America

By Augusta Saraiva Bloomberg News

The remote-work revolution has led some U.S. technology companies, from startups to Coinbase Inc. and Shopify Inc., to seek new hires in Latin America - where they can find qualified people in roughly the same time zone who'll work for much lower pay.

It's a logical extension of the pandemic work-fromhome drift away from hubs like San Francisco and New York to less expensive locations — including across national borders. And the way currencies have shifted in the pandemic is only reinforcing the trend.

Brazil, in particular, has become steadily more appealing to those with dollars to spend. The Brazilian real has lost more than a fourth of its value since the beginning of the pandemic. Other Latin American currencies including the Argentinian peso and Colombian peso are also among the big underperformers of the past two years.

That's why when someone like Alexandre Rocco is hired by a Silicon Valley startup, the deal looks attractive for both sides.

The Sao Paulo resident got LinkedIn message from Brazilian headhunter Revelo in May, asking if he'd ever considered working for a U.S. firm. The 41-year-old said he'd always been curious about the idea, but had thought there'd be complex barriers to overcome. That turned out not to be the case, and within months he was

San Francisco-based startup Walrus Health.

Rocco says he's aware that he's likely to be paid less in dollar terms than a U.S. hire would be. But it's still a good deal for him. He says his pay went up by about 40% when he switched jobs, while declining to disclose his exact

'So, so, so hot'

At the other end of the bargain, Walrus is benefiting from a cheaper labor pool abroad, at a time when U.S. businesses are being forced to raise wages because of inflationary pressures at home. "The Bay Area just got so, so, so hot," according to Kimball Thomas, the chief executive officer of Walrus.

Thomas had lived in Brazil in the 2010s and knows that despite some additional bureaucracy — "salaries are dramatically lower there." He ended up hiring a handful of Brazil-based programmers, including Rocco, who now make up half his development team. "This is not an ad hoc solution," Thomas said. "We really want it to work long term, and we want to invest in it."

The idea could prove attractive for a U.S. tech industry that may face a shortage at least 1.2 million tech workers by 2030, according to a report by consulting firm Korn Ferry.

In recent months, the number of foreign companies hiring from Latin America has increased by 156%, the most of any world region, with software engineers leading working from his home as the recruiting rally, according

an engineering manager for to a report by global hiring eign company. But then she company Deel.

Cultural similarities and a qualified pool of talent also help make Latin America a tempting market. This allows employers to "connect right away" with local workers, said Pepe Villatoro, regional head of expansion at Deel. "They hit the ground running."

The average tech salary fell by 1.1% in major U.S. hubs in 2021, the first decline in five years, according to a report by tech marketplace Hired. Meanwhile the rest of the world was catching up, with global tech pay rising 6.2%.

Salaries for Latin America-based junior positions posted on Revelo's platform have increased almost 50% to about \$89,000 since the start of the pandemic. If more jobs are subject to international competition, the gap may continue to narrow.

"If I'm hiring a person in Cleveland, why not just hire a person in Bogota?" Josh Brenner, CEO of Hired, said in an interview. "They're both remote, they're both on the same time zone. And I can do that in a much more cost-efficient way right now."

Job hunting

From the beach town of Florianopolis in southern Brazil, Janaina Coelho makes between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per month working as a quality-assurance developer for Los Angeles-based hospitality startup AvantStay.

Before the 32-year-old developer quit her job at a Brazilian information technology company last year, Coelho said she wasn't considering switching to a for-

started getting offers - and the promise of a salary in dollars and the option for remote work sounded attractive.

"Why did I go job hunt-ing abroad? Because foreign companies began reaching out," Coelho said. "Every week I began receiving new proposals."

Pia Orrenius, vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, says that offshoring tech positions may not be as easy as it seems. The boom decades ago in overseas business outsourcing relied largely on cheaper English-speaking workforces like India. Replicating that with tech workers in Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Latin America will be harder to do on a large scale.

"Good luck finding people who speak fluent English," said Orrenius, a labor economist. "There's a lot of limits on the extent that employers can do this.

But for Lucas Mendes, co-founder of Revelo, those companies seeking talent abroad now are getting ahead of what will soon become a necessity.

Mendes says the pandemic-driven remote boom has led the Sao Paulo-based recruiting company to expand fivefold, and that has attracted clients ranging from up-and-coming startups to big-name clients, including Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and GitHub Inc.

"The pandemic turned a local market into a glob-al one," Mendes said. "The genie is out of the bottle."

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US Energy Dept. plans hydrogen initiatives

\$8 billion set aside in bipartisan infrastructure bill for hydrogen projects

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WASHINGTON Department of Energy on Tuesday announced it is requesting information on how to spend billions of dollars in new funding for hydrogen projects approved through the bipartisan infrastructure

The hydrogen initiatives were among several projects announced Tuesday as part of a Biden administration push to decarbonize the industrial sector, including a new "Buy Clean" task force that will encourage low-carbon federal purchases, new guidance and transparency requirements for carbon-capture projects, and funding for industrial energy assessment trainings.

The Energy Department will spend \$8 billion on at least four hydrogen "hubs" across the United States that will build out a network for producing, processing, delivering and storing hydrogen.

"We know that clean hydrogen can reduce emissions in many sectors of the economy, especially in heavy industries like steel manufacturing and fertilizer production, and create brand new jobs and pause every stage of deployment," a senior administration official said, speaking on condition of

anonymity.
Under the infrastructure law, the hubs must support different types of hydrogen production and use — includ-ing hubs that can produce hydrogen from fossil fuels, nuclear energy and renew-able energy. At least one hub must produce hydrogen that can be used in transportation, industry, power generation, and heating.

The focus on multiple types of hydrogen has been controversial, with some environ-mental groups raising concerns that it would lengthen the life of fossil fuel industries and others arguing it has a role in decarbonizing areas that would otherwise be hard to reach.

Administration officials said they will issue a formal solicitation on spending the \$8 billion after the request for information from companies, environmental groups and other experts, which will help determine how to structure the hubs and how many there should be.

The auto industry has largely turned to electricity as the low-emission fuel of the future, but industry analysts say hydrogen can be useful in cutting emissions in uses where batteries would be too expensive or heavy, such as aviation and long-haul truck-

Automakers continue to invest in hydrogen fuel cells, including General Motors Co., Stellantis NV, Toyota Motor Corp., BMW AG and Volkswagen AG. GM announced last month that it would supply fuel cell power systems to a generator and rapid-charging company based in Utah. The Department of Ener-

gy also launched a \$1 billion program Tuesday for research into clean hydrogen electrol-ysis, the method of producing hydrogen from renewable energy such as wind and solar power. It also announced \$500 million for a research and development program for manufacturing and recycling clean hydrogen-related equip-

DOE is aiming to reduce the cost of clean hydrogen by 80% within a decade to \$1 per kilogram and announced \$28 million for research and development of engineering projects for industrial, electricity and transportation-related clean hydrogen.

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GM to bring back Bolt production after months-long shutdown

By Kalea Hall

The Detroit News

General Motors Co. will bring back production of the Chevrolet Bolt EV and EUV the week of April 4 after a months-long shutdown as it worked through a recall on the products, the automaker told employees Tuesday. GM in August recalled more

than 141,000 Bolts for battery fire risk and has kept the Orion Assembly plant in Lake Orion, Michigan mostly down since then while it prioritized new batteries for the recalled Bolts. GM dealers have been replacing battery modules on Bolts since last fall.

appreciate the patience customers have shown throughout the recall. While continuing to complete module replacements, GM will resume production at its Orion Township, MI, plant the week of April 4, 2022," GM spokesman Dan Flores said in a statement. "We remain committed to Bolt EV and EUV and this decision will allow us to simultaneously replace battery modules and resume retail sales soon, which were strong before the

GM wouldn't specify how many battery modules it has

replaced so far, but Flores said: "We're continuing to complete more replacements each day. As a result of this progress and our supplier's ability to provide more module production, we feel confident we can balance replacements along with new retail production. The Detroit automaker

recalled the Bolts, its only electric products at the time, while in the midst of an EV transition. GM aspires to have a zero-emissions lineup by 2035 and wants to deliver 400,000 EVs in North America by the end of 2023.

Since an initial recall on

certain model year Bolts in November 2020, GM has confirmed 18 Bolt battery fires globally. There have been minor injuries and no deaths. GM and battery supplier LG Energy Solution discovered "rare" manufacturing defects, a torn anode tab and folded separator, as the root cause of the fires. LG's affiliate company, LG Electronics Inc. of South Korea, agreed to let GM recover \$1.9 billion for the battery fire risk recall. The cost of the recall is estimated at \$2 billion.

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A candlelight vigil is held at IATSE Local 80 in Burbank, California, on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021, for director of photography Halyna Hutchins. Hutchins' family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the producers of the film "Rust."

Baldwin sued for death

Family of 'Rust' cinematographer killed on set files lawsuit for wrongful death

By Anousha Sakoui Los Angeles Times Los Angeles

he family of Halyna Hutchins, a cinematographer killed on the set of the movie "Rust," has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the film's producers.

The lawsuit is the latest in a wave of litigation against producers sparked by the shooting in New Mexico that sent shock waves through Hollywood and renewed calls for stricter gun safety measures on

Hutchins, 42, died Oct. 21 after being struck by a bullet when actor Alec Baldwin fired a gun during a rehearsal. The bullet also hit director Joel Souza but he recovered.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Hutchins' husband, Matthew, an attorney who works out of the LA. office of Latham & Watkins, and their son, Aldous, against Rust Movie Productions LLC, Baldwin, 3rd Shift Media and other producers of the film.

The suit, filed in Santa Fe,

New Mexico, also names first assistant director David Halls, armorer Hannah Gutierrez Reed and prop master Sarah Zachry.

"Defendant Baldwin and the other defendants in this case failed to perform industry standard safety checks and follow basic gun safety rules while using real guns to produce the movie Rust with fatal consequences," said the complaint filed in Santa Fe County District Court.

The litigation is the highestprofile claim to date against producers, who've also been sued by crew members who witnessed the incident, including by script supervisor Mamie Mitchell and gaffer Serge Svetnoy.

It also comes amid an ongoing criminal investigation into the incident by the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office that has focused on the actions of Gutierrez Reed, Halls and Baldwin. Investigators have been trying to determine how a live bullet wound up on the set of "Rust."

According to law enforcement documents, during a rehearsal

Halls handed Baldwin a replica of a vintage Colt .45 pistol, pronouncing it "cold" to signal there was no ammunition inside. But the gun contained dummy rounds and at least one lead

Gutierrez Reed had loaded the weapons that day, according to affidavits filed by the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office. But she told sheriff's detectives that she didn't realize that actual bullets were contained in a new box of ammunition that arrived on set that day.

She told the detectives she checked Baldwin's gun that day before the unscheduled rehearsal, although she "didn't really check it too much," because the weapon had been locked in a safe during a lunch break.

Gutierrez Reed also complained to deputies that she was stretched too thin performing her props role and was unaware that a rehearsal was taking place. Santa Fe County authorities have not said where the live bullets came from.

The family hired the law firm of Panish Shea Boyle Ravipudi, a Los Angeles-based law firm that specializes in personal injury and wrongful death claims.

Originally from the Ukraine, Hutchins was killed just as her career was beginning to take off in a largely male-dominated

Hutchins graduated from the American Film Institute Conservatory in 2015 and had been selected as one of American Cinematographer's Rising Stars of 2019.

She was starting to make a bigger name for herself after a string of indie features like "Archenemy," "Blindfire" and "The Mad Hatter."

Before getting into feature films, she worked as an investigative journalist on British documentary productions.

Her death highlighted the difficult working conditions, including long working hours, many crew members face on film sets.

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Michael Che turns down Kanye's bribe

West offered to double his salary to stop working with Pete Davidson

By Brian Niemietz New York Daily News

Night Live" "Saturday standout Michael Che declined Kanye West's offer to double his salary if he stopped working with actor Pete Davidson. But only because it wasn't enough, he joked on Insta-

According to Mediaite, the "Gold Digger" rapper posted and deleted a series of posts over the weekend blasting Davidson, who is now dating Kim Kardashian, who is divorcing West. One of those unhinged missives was reportedly aimed at Che.
"I'LL DOUBLE WHATEVER

THEY PAYING YOU JUST SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT PAWN EVER AGAIN BIG LOVE," the mercurial rapper wrote.

To prove he was in control of his Instagram account,

West also posted video of him-self holding a notepad with "Size 12," Che added. Sunday's date written on it amid assurance that his social media hadn't been hacked.

Che responded by posting photos of handwritten messages on a notepad similar to West's, starting with one the reads "Sorry Ye, but I would never betray my friends."

But a second photo continues "For anything less than triple salary.'

In another note, Che claims that means \$90,000 per year. Subsequent messages add that offer from West would also have to include medical and dental insurance, four weeks' vacation and a corner office.

To sweeten the pot, Che also told West that he'd want a pair of Nike Air Yeezy 2 Red

October sneakers from the

Grammy-winning musician's

collaboration with the sport-

Sneakers from that collection sell for tens of thousands of dollars. Not quite finished, Che wrote on his pad "What else, What else."

Too woo Che away, West would need to record some music for Che's band "The Slapp Butts," the funnyman wrote.

He also demanded that West give him advance notice on what he's going to wear so that Che can don the same outfit so that they can look like twins. Only then, Che joked, not only would he ditch Davidson he'd wash his hands of everyone at 30 Rockefeller Center, where "SNL" tapes.

"You do that for me, I'll Rambo that whole building," he wrote.

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Alex Edelman / AFP via Getty Images / TNS Comedian Michael Che, pictured in 2019, declined Kanye West's offer to double his salary to stop working with actor Pete Davidson. The offer was a part of West's public harassment of his ex-wife Kim Kardashian, who is dating Davidson.



Shari L. Gross / Minneapolis Star Tribune / TNS

Using leftover pork from earlier in the week, Haley Nelson creates tacos, Feb. 3 in the kitchen of her home in St. Paul, Minnesota. Nelson has run her Cheap Recipe Blog for more than a decade, sharing ways to shop and cook cheaply. One of her tips is cooking meat and repurposing it throughout the week in several recipes.

How to lower your grocery costs when prices are soaring

By Nicole Norfleet

rocery runs have gotten more expensive.

Anyone who has taken a look at their receipts in the last few months can tell that prices have gone up on nearly everything from chicken wings to milk as inflation levels reached heights we haven't seen in

The cost of food that people eat at home rose 6.5% in December compared to the same month the year before. That's well above what people were used to. Over the last 20 years, the cost of supermarket purchases rose about 2% a year on average.

"If you are not careful, you are going to have a full cart and be shocked at how much you spent," said Haley Nelson of St. Paul, Minnesota, who has shared low-cost recipes on her blog Cheap Recipe Blog for more than a decade.

Inflation may slow this spring and summer from last year, but price increases may still be higher than normal.

Here are some ways you can plan and shop to better stretch your grocery budget:

Plan your trip and don't get distracted

When is the last time you really looked in your pantry? The first step is to take stock of what's in your fridge and cupboards. That will prevent you from buying items you already have.

Do you plan your meals? Or do you pick up whatever strikes you

"Impulse is the grocer's best friend and temptations are everywhere," said Steven Plant, a financial planner at Raymond James in Wayzata, Minnesota, who owned a local grocery store for 15 years.

Go to the grocery store with a

"This is really not the time to wing it," Nelson said. Having a list helps you stay focused

on what you need so you don't

overspend on extra items. Don't shop while hungry and avoid picking up unplanned processed foods such as frozen

Learn your store

Discover your grocery store's hidden finds such as discount sections. Many grocery stores have sections or bins with soonto-expire food or bruised fruits that are still good to eat, said Jamie Pfuhl, president of the Minnesota Grocers Association.

Two of the best places to get deals is the bulk section of spices at local food cooperatives and the salad bar at grocery stores where you can get a small scoop of ingredients like bacon bits, Nelson said.

Having a better grasp on prices of your everyday items and the pricing of an array of stores instead of relying on just one can also be helpful.

"Broadening your horizons probably could help your household budget," Pfuhl said.

Don't forget about coupons and reward programs offered by your grocer and manufacturers. Whether it's in print or digital, coupons can still save you money, Pfuhl said. Print circulars like the ones in this paper can also alert you to good deals. Most stores also offer incentive programs where buyers can get discounts on food, gas and other perks so don't forget to swipe your card at checkout.

Stay flexible for good deals Sometimes you can find similar

and cheaper products at another part of the grocery store. "If one doesn't need a fancy cheese from the deli department, they can often save by buying

similar cheese from the dairy department," said Plant of Raymond James. If there are products that your family uses on a regular basis, it wouldn't be a bad idea to grab it when you see it because it is still hard to keep certain popular

items stocked, Pfuhl said. But try

not to hoard, she warned.

Be flexible on what you buy and try different brands, different sizes of products and even a different product in the same category. "Because of supply-chain issues, if you like product X, you may need to buy product Y," Pfuhl said.

However, pay attention to the price per ounce. "Smaller sizes are another form of inflation," Plant said. For example, ice cream used to come in halfgallon (64 oz.) cartons and now many come in 48- to 56-oz. sizes.

Stretch your meals and find substitutions

To make meals stretch, repurpose cooked food into other meals throughout the week, Nelson said. She used pork she slow-cooked recently for several meals, including a rice bowl and pulled pork tacos.

When planning meals, identify four or five typically low-cost ingredients you can sub into your diet such as bananas, chicken thighs and beans, Nelson said. "If you can save \$10 twice a week over time, that all just adds up,"

One substitution people are talking a lot about these days is going meatless. By far the largest increase in at-home food costs last year in the U.S. was for meat, poultry, fish and eggs — up 12.6% in December compared to the year before.

With the price of meat so high, you can save a considerable amount of money (and likely see some health benefits) if you go meatless one or two days a week or even a few meals per week, Nelson said.

"There are so many ways to make this work, even for people who are big meat eaters," she said. Oats, peanut butter, beans, lentils, rice, eggs, potatoes and other vegetables are great staple ingredients for meat-free diets and are cheap alternatives to manufactured plant-based

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Biscotti are delicious year-round

It's easy to bake these traditional Italian cookies

By Carole Kotkin Miami Herald

Biscotti, traditional Italian cookies, are delicious treats to enjoy not just during the holidays but throughout the year.

The word "biscotti" (the singular is biscotto) is composed of two words, "bis" meaning twice, and "cotto" meaning cooked. Indeed, biscotti are typically baked in a log shape, then sliced and baked once more. It is the two-part baking process that gives biscotti its distinctive crisp texture and allows it to be dunked into coffee, tea, or vin santo (sweet wine) without immediately disintegrating.

Despite their elegant appearance, you can easily bake them yourself. The variations are endless. Some are jammed full of nuts, some have none at all; some are dipped in chocolate; others are made with dried fruit.

If you are adventurous, you can start with a basic recipe and use your imagination. The finished biscotti can be served as is, or drizzled with white or dark chocolate (or both), or sprinkled with confectioners' sugar.

Tips: _ Take advantage of biscotti's long shelf life and bake two batches; saving one for storage. Be sure the cookies are completely cooled before storage to ensure that all the moisture has escaped. Store in an airtight container for up to one week. If they lose some crispness, reheat in a 250-degree oven for five minutes. You can freeze them for six months.

- If you want to try different combinations of fillings, cut the dough in half or thirds and add a different ingredient to each (nuts in one, chocolate chips

in another, and so on). - Biscotti dough is rather sticky so use a rubber spatula and floured hands to divide the dough into two portions for shaping into logs about 8 to 14" long. If the dough is too soft to shape, place it in the refrigerator for 20 to 30 minutes or until it's firm enough to handle. Moistening your hands slightly can make shaping easier.

Italian-style biswith butter so they are super-crunchy for dunking. American-style biscotti made with butter, though not ideal for dunking, are lighter and more ten-

cool for ten minutes after the first baking. Use a sharp serrated knife to cut the baked log on the diagonal into 1/2-inch slices. The more slanted the angle of the diagonal, the longer the biscotti. Cutting the logs crosswise will produce shorter biscotti.

the biscotti after its first

bake with an egg white

Carole Kotkin is manager of the Brush the top of

wash (1 egg white plus 1

tablespoon water) for a

shiny crust. - Replace the slices on the cookie sheet for the second baking 1/2-inch apart so air can circulate.

Hazelnut and milk chocolate biscotti

This recipe is adapted from "One Tin Bakes Easy" by Edd Kimber, Kyle Books (\$19.99).

Vin Santo, a sweet dessert wine, is traditionally paired with biscotti, but a bubbly Risata Sparkling Rosé (\$14.99) is a good option.

Kimber writes, "This version, made with gluten-free flour, uses the perfect pairing of milk chocolate and hazelnuts, making that mug of coffee an extra special treat."

2 1/8 cups gluten-free flour (or all-purpose flour), plus extra for dusting 3/4 teaspoon baking powder

3/4 cup sugar 2 tablespoons unsalt-

ed butter, melted Zest of 1 large orange 2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 cup toasted hazeInuts (or nut of your choice)

9 ounces milk choco-

late, melted Cacao nibs, for sprinkling (optional)

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Line the base of your 9 x 13-inch baking tin with parchment paper.

Place the flour, baking powder and sugar in a large bowl and mix to combine. Make a well in the middle and add the melted butter, orange zest, eggs, vanilla and hazeInuts and stir to form a firm dough. Tip it onto a well-floured work surface and cut in half. Roll each half into a sausage shape roughly 8 inches long. Place in the prepared tin and press flat so that each 'sausage' is roughly 2

inches wide. Bake for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown. Set aside to cool for 10 minutes. Reduce the oven temperature to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Carefully transfer the biscotti logs to a board and use a serrated knife to cut each into thin diagonal slices about 1/2 inch thick. Place the biscotti, cut-side down, back in the tin and bake for a further 15 mincotti are not made utes, or until dried out and golden. Set aside to cool completely.

Pour the melted chocolate into a glass and dip the biscotti halfway in. Let the excess chocolate drip back into the glass, then place Allow the logs to the biscotti on a sheet of parchment paper. Sprinkle the chocolate areas with cocoa nibs, then chill until the chocolate has set.

Stored in a sealed container, the biscotti will keep for up to a week.

Yield: 20-25

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