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Fufeng plan gets early nod by council

After committee approval Monday night, proposal heads to final vote next week

By Sam Easter
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — The Grand Forks City Council voted 5-1 to approve an agreement with an American branch of Fufeng Group, a Chi-

nese agribusiness, to work toward building a new corn-milling facility north of Grand Forks. It's a major milestone for the project, setting up an all-but-certain final vote next week.

Although this week's meeting occurred in a committee session, it telegraphed the council's supermajority approval. A final vote will take place at a more formal council meeting on

Tuesday, Feb. 22, putting the project on track to break ground this spring. City leaders first revealed the project in November, when Mayor Brandon Bochenski announced the budding deal with Fufeng group alongside top City Hall and Economic Development Corporation staff. It's expected to generate

about 230 jobs, and indirectly create more than 500 more in the community. Backers describe that investment as a likely catalyst for even more future investment in the city's agribusiness sector. The council's 5-1 vote included a dissent from member Katie Dachtler. Jeannie Mock, whom

the council had earlier agreed should not vote on the issue — as she is an employee of local engineering firm AE2S — did not cast a vote. Dachtler could not be reached by the Herald immediately following the meeting. The council also **PLAN:** Page A8

Board OKs hotel tax break

By Joe Bowen
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — School Board members in Grand Forks have apparently been wary of tax breaks for developers since at least the Clinton administration. "The Grand Forks School Board has been informed that the City Council is considering granting tax increment financing to major development projects as opposed to using the Growth Fund to support these projects," board

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Students do classroom work at Lake Region State College's fall 2021 Police Officer Training Program. Contributed / Lake Region State College

PROGRAM LOOKS TO FILL POLICE JOBS

On any given day, there are more than 30 open positions across ND

By Adam Kurtz
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — For the 12th consecutive year, Lake Region State College will bring its Peace Officer Training Program to Grand Forks this summer.

John Maritato, a lieutenant with the LRSC Police Department and director of the Peace Officer Training Program, has been coming to Grand Forks for each of those academies. Maritato said the program boasts a nearly

100% employment rate for graduates, if those graduates are willing to relocate to another part of the state. "My last three classes, every student that made it through the academy actually had a job lined up before they even graduated," said Maritato, who works at the college's Devils Lake campus. "There is definitely a need in North Dakota."

One of the reasons graduates of the academy can so readily get jobs is because many law enforcement officers in the state are nearing retirement age. On any given day, Maritato said, there are more than 30 open positions across the state. The coronavirus pandemic may have dampened some

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'You don't want to do this'

30 years ago, a North Dakota judge was shot during hearing

By Joe Bowen
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — On a Tuesday morning nearly 30 years ago, a man walked into KNOX Radio's offices in southern Grand Forks and calmly started writing a note for the news director



Larson

there. "Hi," it read. "My name is R e u b e n Larson. I just shot the judge, Lawrence

the reporter had just wrapped up an on-air update about the shooting. Barely 15 minutes earlier, Larson approached Jahnke during a child support hearing and shot him in the abdomen. Jahnke was still fighting for his life in that courtroom — a doctor and an attorney arguing a malpractice case in another courtroom rushed in to provide life-saving CPR while they waited for an ambulance to arrive.

The reporter, Kristin Johnson, walked into

Jahnke." Larson barely acknowledged the reporter who approached him, but she immediately recognized him. Larson was a former Grand Forks City Council member, after all, and had appeared before the Grand Forks County Commission. More to the point,

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Local organizations partner to help distribute at-home COVID-19 test kits

By Meghan Arbogast
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — Several local organizations are partnering with Grand Forks Public Health to help distribute at-home COVID-19 test kits.

The test kits are provided by the North Dakota Department of Health for free. Community members are recommended to pick up tests as needed, with a start of two tests per household member. The test kits will be available for pickup starting Feb. 15.

Three brands of tests will be available including Celltrion, iHealth and FlowFlex. Celltrion should not be used for those younger than age 14, and none of the tests are authorized for use in children under age 2.

At this time the organizations offering test kits to the public include:

- ▶ Altru Retail Pharmacy on Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- ▶ Embrace Pharmacy

(inside Turning Point): Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

▶ Grand Forks City Hall: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

▶ UND Fritz Pollard Jr. Athletic Center testing site: Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

▶ Grand Cities Mall vaccination site: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

▶ Hugo's at the 32nd Avenue South location: Monday-Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

▶ Home of Economy: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

▶ Hope Care Center and Food Pantry: Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

▶ Northwood Deaconess: Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

▶ UND Student Health for UND students, faculty and staff: Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Monday	2°	-14°
Normal	22°	4°
Record	42° in 1981	-36° in 1906
Precipitation		
Monday	In Inches	
Month To Date	.67"	
Departure From Avg Month To Date	.43"	
Year To Date	1.27"	
Departure From Avg Year To Date	.32"	
Sunrise: 7:32 am		
Moonrise: 5:51 pm		
Sunset: 5:52 pm		
Moonset: 8:25 am Feb. 17		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
10/-15	-1/-3	35/-6	17/17	23/2	10/-3	6/0
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Wind: NW 17 mph	Wind: N 8 mph	Wind: W 26 mph	Wind: S 19 mph	Wind: N 21 mph	Wind: N 20 mph	Wind: N 17 mph

*Average wind speed for each day

WEATHER TALK

Planet found orbiting Proxima Centauri

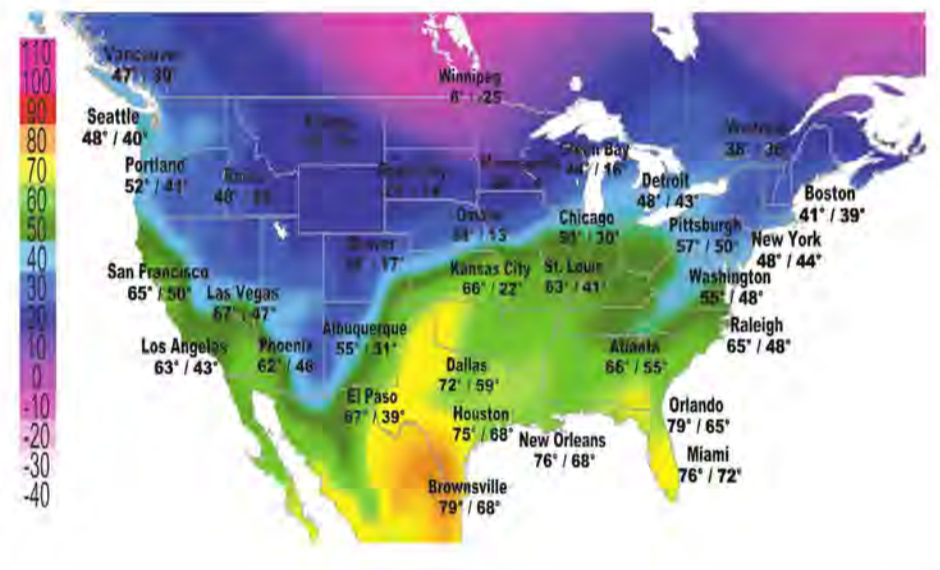
By John Wheeler
FARGO — A team of scientists led by Portuguese astronomer João Faria have found a third planet in orbit around Proxima Centauri, the star closest in the galaxy to our own solar system. The astronomers used spectrograph technology to detect very subtle but periodic changes in Proxima Centauri's orbit. Gravitational calculations led them to conclude they had found a small planet with an orbital revolution period of just five Earth days (compared to Earth's revolution period of approximately 365 days).

Proxima Centauri is a red dwarf star approximately one-eighth the mass of our sun, and is not bright enough and too small to be seen from Earth with the unaided eye. It is approximately 4.25 light years away, meaning these telescopic observations we are observing actually happened 4.25 years ago.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television



North Dakota	Today		Tomorrow		Minnesota	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bismarck	18	0	24	20	Bemidji	12	-20	2	-10
Devils Lake	7	-14	4	1	Duluth	20	-9	7	-9
Fargo	12	-12	2	-2	International Falls	12	-24	0	-18
Minot	9	-10	10	9	Minneapolis	26	-1	11	0
Williston	13	4	30	26	Rochester	32	3	11	-1



BRIEFS

Minnesota State Fair brings back its May kickoff event

ST. PAUL — Minnesota will once again bookend summer with the Minnesota State Fair.

After a successful debut in 2021, Fair organizers announced on Tuesday that "Kickoff to Summer at the Fair" returns May 26-30.

This event, sponsored by Paddle North, is a kind of mini-State Fair, a chance to preview old favorites and new attractions.

Attendance will be limited to 15,000 people for each timeslot. This is to make sure it is an "extra-special experience," according to a press release. In 2021, attendance was limited to 10,000.

Tickets will be sold through a lottery process, so all guests who register in advance have an opportunity to be randomly selected to purchase tickets (limit of six tickets per customer).

Registration for the lottery is open until 11:59 p.m. on Friday. No payment is needed to enter the lottery.

The times and dates for the kickoff event:

- ▶ 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, and Friday, May 27
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, and Sunday, May 29
- ▶ 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 30 (Memorial Day)

Admission per time slot is \$12.50 per person (fees and tax included); children four and under are free and do not require a ticket. Register and get more info at Mnstatefair.org.

— St. Paul Pioneer Press

Rage Against the Machine, Kevin Hart set Target Center shows

MINNEAPOLIS — After multiple postponements, politically charged rockers Rage Against the Machine have booked two new Minneapolis dates, March 19 and 20, 2023, at Target Center.

All previously purchased tickets will be honored. Those unable to attend the rescheduled dates have until March 15, 2022, to obtain a refund, which can be requested at the original point of purchase. Tickets are \$128 and are available now through Axs. Hip-hop duo Run the Jewels open.

The Los Angeles-based band did big business in the 1990s with a blend of heavy metal, hip-hop and funk. They sold millions of albums and used their music as a vehicle for social activism. In 2000, the group played a free concert at the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles to protest the two-party system. Several months later, they broke up, but re-formed in 2007 for a series of live concerts.

In 2008, RATM headlined the Target Center during the Republican National Convention. The day before, the band attempted to play a free concert outside the Capitol in St. Paul, but police prevented the show. Singer Zach de la Rocha and guitarist Tom Morello did manage to rap and sing a few songs through a megaphone.

In late 2019, the group announced they would reunite for their first shows in nine years. Due to the pandemic, the tour was rescheduled numerous times.

Target Center also announced comedian and actor Kevin Hart will headline the downtown Minneapolis basketball arena on Aug. 26 during his first major tour in four years.

Tickets, at prices to be announced, go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday through Ticketmaster.

Hart, 42, began his career in comedy in his hometown of Philadelphia and earned national recognition after landing his first film role in 2002's "Paper Soldiers." By the end of the '00s, Hart had established himself as both an in-demand comic actor and a strong draw on his stand-up tours. In 2019, Forbes declared him the highest-paid comedian of the year with a take of \$59 million.

St. Paul Pioneer Press

Today, Feb. 16

▶ **Covid-19 walk-up testing event**, 7 to 11 a.m., Monday through Friday, Fritz D. Pollard Jr. Athletic Center, 2419 Second Ave. N., Grand Forks. Free, all ages, wear masks, PCR and BinaxNOW rapid antigen tests available. Register at testreg.nd.gov.

▶ **Free AARP tax preparation**, East Grand Forks Campbell Library, 422 Fourth St. NW, East Grand Forks. Appointments only, no walk-ins. To schedule an appointment, call (701) 850-5174.

▶ **TOPS meeting (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, 11 a.m. weigh-in, 11:30 a.m. meeting, University Lutheran Church, 2122 University Ave. N., Grand Forks. Meets every Wednesday. Info: Call (701) 775-6633.

▶ **Contact-free hot meal drive-thru at the Grand Forks Senior Center** is 11:30 a.m. to noon, 620 4th Ave S, Grand Forks and **inside dining serving** from noon to 12:15 p.m. **Monday through Friday.** For 60+ (need full name and birthdate). Order frozen meals ahead of time, www.gfseniorcenter.org/frozenmeals, by calling 701-772-7245, pick up during the drive-thru. www.gfseniorcenter.org/menus.

▶ **Chamber Brown Bag**

luncheon: Connections that Boost Your Career,

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chamber of Commerce board room, 202 N. Third St., Grand Forks. Nancy Godon from NAV Innovators will demonstrate how to update LinkedIn profile. To register, contact the Chamber at (701) 772-7271, info@gochamber.org or www.gochamber.org.

▶ **Grand Cities Mall COVID-19 vaccine clinic**, 12:30 to 4 p.m., 1826 S. Washington, between Play it Again Sports and ACE Hardware. First and second doses, and booster shots, of Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson are available. Pre register at www.ndvax.org or walk in. **Free. Weekly schedule — Tuesday:** 12:30 to 6 p.m.; **Wednesday:** 12:30 to 4 p.m.; **Thursday:** 12:30 to 6 p.m.; **Friday:** 12:30 to 4 p.m. Info for this and other vaccination opportunities are found at Grand Forks Public Health, (701) 787-8100 or visit https://www.grandforksgov.com/government/city-departments/public-health.

▶ **Free tech support for Seniors**, 1 to 4 p.m., Grand Forks Senior Center, 620 Fourth Ave. S., Grand Forks. For people 55 and older. Call (701) 757-4866 to schedule an appointment ahead of time.

Thursday, Feb. 17

▶ **SCORE free and confidential business mentoring meetings** are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., every Thursday via Zoom, phone or email. To schedule an appointment, email score@gra.midco.net or visit www.score.org and request a mentor from 58201, Grand Forks.

▶ **Two events Thursday at the Grand Forks Senior Center: 9:30 a.m.: Free legal services for Seniors**, 9:30 a.m., call (701) 852-4369, ext. 331, to make an appointment ahead of time. **10 to 11:30 a.m.: Free hearing aid cleaning provided by Beltone**, call (701) 772-7245. Grand Forks Senior Center, 620 Fourth Ave. S., Grand Forks. For people 55 and older.

▶ **Business After Hours**, 4:45 to 7 p.m., hosted by Lithia Ford Lincoln of Grand Forks and Ground Round, at Lithia, 2273 32nd Ave. S., Grand Forks. Due to the business nature of the event, no one under age 18 may attend. (701) 772-7271.

▶ **Black History Month celebration: "Black Health and Wellness"** 6 to 8 p.m., Columbia Mall, Grand Forks. A family event, including

food, music, dance and more. Info: https://www.unitedafricancommunity.org/.

▶ **Grand Forks Central inter musical production of the musical comedy whodunit "Curtains,"** 7 p.m., Grand Forks Central Auditorium, 115 N. Fourth St., Grand Forks. **Also 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday.** General admission, masks recommended. \$10/adults, \$6/students and seniors. Tickets at the door or in advance by calling (701) 746-2411 or at www.spacompany.org/tickets.

▶ **Production of Alfred Hitchcock's "The 39 Steps,"** 7:30 p.m., Empire Arts Center, 415 DeMers Ave., Grand Forks. **Also 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m., Sunday.** Also 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24-26. Tickets are \$20/adults. \$16/seniors and students. To purchase tickets, visit www.empireartscenter.com or call (701) 746-5500.

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Mega Millions: 2-4-15-21-63, Megaball: 19
Lucky for Life: 25-27-28-31-38, Lucky ball: 9

TODAY IN HISTORY

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 gases took effect for 141 ratifying nations.

Council members discuss potential hate crimes ordinance for Grand Forks

By Meghan Arbegast
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS – A first draft for a series of proposed hate crimes ordinances was discussed by members of the Grand Forks City Council during Monday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Council member Katie Dachtler, the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition, High Plains Fair Housing and Grand Forks Police Officer Brian Samson drafted the ordinances, with the first draft being emailed to Mayor Brandon Bochenski, City Attorney Dan Gaustad and City Administrator Todd Feland on Jan. 24.

The four ordinances include hate crimes related to criminal mischief, harassment, terrorizing and simple assault. The intent would be to criminalize acts of violence against "the most vulnerable in our communities as well as act as a strong deterrent to those who would act on such biases," Dachtler said in an email to city leaders.

Anyone who violates these ordinances, if they're passed, would be subject to 30 days in jail and a maximum fine up to \$1,500.

Gaustad forwarded the first draft to city prosecutor Kristi Pettit Venhuizen on Jan. 25, seeking her opinion of the draft ordinances, the language that should be used if the city were to adopt hate them and whether hate crime ordinances would be pursued by the prosecutor's office.

Pettit Venhuizen's comments, which were shared with council members, pointed out that with all four ordinances, a prosecutor wouldn't pursue a hate crime unless it's "pretty obvious" that it's a hate crime. Further, proof sometimes is difficult to determine.

With this comes the risk of an offender being found not guilty. However, it was mentioned by attorney Joseph Quinn that if the city has separate ordinances related to hate crimes and non-hate crimes, it could allow prosecutors to have two ordinances to work with.

At present, the city doesn't have ordinances for criminal mischief and harassment. Council members discussed the possibility that the city could pass ordinances for criminal mischief and harassment so there would be a hate crime and non-hate crime ordinance in place.

There also were questions of how often the ordinance would be used, since prosecutors would need proof of a hate element. Fargo, which is the only city in North Dakota to have a similar hate crimes ordinance in place after being passed last June, only recently had its first hate crime case, which was filed last week.

Grand Forks City Council member Kyle Kvamme on Monday told council members they should still move forward with the ordinance, even if it's not used.

"Worst-case scenario, we're passing city code that doesn't ever get used hopefully," Kvamme said. "It just seems like if we give people another tool to use or not to use that doesn't seem like it's that bad of a thing to do."

The alternative to the proposed hate crimes ordinance would be for the city to enact a hate crime enhancement to a present city code, specifically one that calls for penalties for criminal offense for crimes committed in whole, or in part, because of the actual or perceived race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or ancestry of the victim.

During Monday's meeting, Dachtler said one of her concerns regarding the hate crime enhancement was that offenders would need to be in possession of a weapon; if they didn't use a weapon, the crime wouldn't rise to the definition of a hate crime.

Pettit Venhuizen also recommended that the city not pursue the terrorizing ordinance as it is a Class C felony under state law. The city is limited to offenses of Class B misdemeanors and lower. Dachtler made the suggestion of removing the terrorizing ordinance from the draft.

Although the Committee of the Whole is made up of members of City Council, the committee does not make final decisions, instead leaving that for official council meetings.

Council members voted to continue discussing a revision of the hate crimes ordinance draft at future council meetings.

Also Monday, the Committee of the Whole heard a request to approve an expanded scope of work — with the firm KLJ — on an environmental study at the site of a proposed underpass near the corner of 42nd Street and DeMers Avenue. At that location is a railroad crossing that historically has caused traffic delays, and the council has for years been considering the idea of creating an underpass under the rails to ease congestion. The cost of the expanded scope is \$200,077.

Senate OKs \$2.7B plan to replenish jobless fund, prevent tax hikes

By Dana Ferguson
Grand Forks Herald

ST. PAUL — Minnesota senators on Monday, Feb. 14, pushed forward a plan to spend \$2.7 billion to repay the federal government and replenish the state's unemployment insurance trust fund to avoid a tax increase for business owners.

The Senate on a 55-11 vote to advance the plan to pay back the federal government more than \$1 billion for unemployment funds and to bring the fund's total up to \$1.3 billion. Lawmakers face a March 15 deadline to pass a policy resolving the issue if they want to prevent tax assessments from taking effect in April.

The push to refill the trust fund comes after an unprecedented number of Minnesotans pulled down jobless benefits in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state efforts to manage it. Roughly one in five Minnesota workers applied for unemployment insurance since March of 2020, per the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and 873,707 employees got at least one unemployment check. Since that time, the department sent out roughly \$15 billion to Minnesotans out of work.

The bill's supporters said it was critical to keep money in the fund in case Minnesota workers lost their jobs and needed financial help. And they said business owners shouldn't face a tax hike after they'd paid into the fund throughout the pandemic.

"It's downright inconceivable to consider this kind of burden at a time when the state is using \$2.3 billion in federal money and about \$400 million in state money while employers are struggling to recover from the pandemic and to keep their doors open," Sen. Eric Pratt, R-Prior Lake, said. "This is about helping small businesses recover from the pandemic and the executive orders that helped exacerbate it. Every dollar that was paid out of that trust fund went to an unemployed Minnesotan, not a single dollar went to business and yet we're asking them to pick up the cost."

Opponents on the floor said large corporations would see a benefit as a result of passing the \$2.7 billion plan and they said the state should prioritize supporting small businesses and workers instead. Democrats attempted to amend the bill on the floor to include \$1 billion to be sent out to front-line workers that remained on the job during the pandemic and to make paraprofessionals in Minnesota schools eligible to receive unemployment



Dana Ferguson / Grand Forks Herald

Minnesota Sen. Eric Pratt, along with other lawmakers and business leaders, speaks to reporters at the Capitol on Feb. 7 about a \$2.73 billion plan to repay the federal government and replenish the state's unemployment trust fund.

insurance. But Senate President Dave Osmek, R-Mound, ruled that those additions weren't germane to the subject of the bill.

"While \$7.7 billion is a lot of money, there's a lot of struggle and I don't know that \$7.7 billion is going to make it all go away," Sen. Erin Murphy, DFL-St. Paul, said. "The decision by the majority today to put \$2.7 billion into replenishing the UI fund and forgiving large businesses and small businesses of their obligation I think is a statement of priority. ... We made a promise to front-line workers and they are still waiting. A \$1,500 check into the pockets of workers would be good for them, their families, their communities and our economy."

The DFL lawmakers said they would continue to push a plan to get hero checks out

to front-line workers. Lawmakers last year set out \$250 million to send out to the workers but have since been unable to agree on who should qualify for the funds.

Leaders at the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce on Monday lauded the Senate's quick passage of the bill and urged House lawmakers to advance it soon. Democrats in the House of Representatives have said they'd seek to pair the plan with a proposal to send out \$1 billion

in checks to front-line workers that remained on the job during the pandemic. They've also put forward other options to repay the federal government and to partially replenish the unemployment trust fund.

Democratic Gov. Tim Walz has said he supports the \$2.7 billion plan to repay the federal government and replenish the trust fund.

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Minnesota Republicans press for teaching materials to be made public

By Dana Ferguson
Grand Forks Herald

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Senate Republicans on Monday, Feb. 14, pushed forward a set of bills aimed at making public school learning materials more open to parents, a plan they deemed the “Minnesota Parents Bill of Rights.”

The senators carrying the bills said they were needed to ensure more transparency in public schools and to keep parents in the loop about what their children are learning. They said they’d received a handful of complaints from around Minnesota about syllabi not being shared with parents or about parents not being offered an option to set their children up for alternative learning plans.

Republican lawmakers around the country have put forward similar measures ahead of the midterm elections in the fall, the Associated Press reported. And in Minnesota tense debates in school board meetings over social studies standards and mask requirements in some schools have spurred state lawmakers to act.

Minnesota teachers and

school administrators in response to the bills said they were a solution in search of a problem and warned that they could create burdens for stressed educators without providing resources to help them follow the requirements.

The proposals would require teachers to make public their class syllabus and update parents if there were meaningful changes during the course of the academic year. Parents would also be able to request alternative books or lesson plans if they disagreed with anything set to come before the class. And a separate proposal would make a broad set of school learning materials publicly available. School boards would also be barred for asking attendees to publicly disclose their address or phone number under another bill.

“These proposals keep parents involved and they keep political activism out of the curriculum and decision-making,” Sen. Justin Eichorn, R-Grand Rapids, said. “We believe it’s a fundamental right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. We’ve seen the rights of

these parents eroded over time and replaced with heavy-handed bureaucracy.”

The Senate Committee on Education Finance and Policy passed the bills on Monday on party-line votes with Republicans supporting them and Democrats voting against them.

Republicans also said they would renew a push to let parents use state dollars to enroll their kids in private or parochial schools. The measure gained traction in the Senate last year but failed to advance in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-led House of Representatives. And Gov. Tim Walz, a former public school teacher, has said he opposed it.

“Parents are in charge. (Teachers) have to recognize them and work with them,” Sen. Roger Chamberlain, R-Lino Lakes, said. “They have the right to pull their child from that school and ... we have to support that, we need to fund children and not systems.”

Education Minnesota, the state’s largest teachers union, on Monday said the plans would create a “crushing amount of extra paperwork” for

teachers and they said they opposed the plan to let state dollars go to private and parochial schools.

“Most Minnesotans believe all children should receive an education that gives them the freedom to pursue their dreams as critical thinkers in our increasingly diverse state,” Education Minnesota President Denise Specht said. “Unfortunately, certain politicians seem more interested in following the lead of the national big money groups’ plans to inflame division about what’s taught about race and gender than in presenting coherent policies to engage parents in their local schools.”

Ahead of the committee hearing on Monday, the



Dana Ferguson / Forum News Service
Sen. Roger Chamberlain, R-Lino Lakes, speaks with reporters at the Minnesota Capitol on Monday about a slate of bills Republicans put forward to ensure parents are up to date on what students are taught in Minnesota public schools.

Minnesota School Boards Association, Association of Metropolitan School Districts and Minnesota Association of School Administrators in written testimony said they supported efforts to get parents involved in the classroom but hoped lawmakers would avoid “time-consuming and

costly new mandates.” The bills are unlikely to find support in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor-led House of Representatives, where an education committee chair said the measures were part of a political agenda.

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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 to testify in his own defense.

Thao was the second witness called as the defense opened its case in their civil rights trial. Thao, J. Alexander Kueng and Thomas Lane are all expected to testify. The three are accused of violating Floyd’s constitutional right to be free from unreasonable seizure by failing to provide him aid. Thao and Kueng are also charged with failing to intervene on Floyd’s behalf to stop Chauvin’s restraint.

Under questioning by his defense attorney Robert Paule, Thao testified that he decided to become a police officer after flunking out of Anoka-Ramsey Community College and a stint at Cub Foods. He testified emotionally that he first encountered Minneapolis police after a domestic incident when his father was assaulting his mother and threat-

ened her with a gun. He said police were called, and he was elected to go back to the family house, used a key to open the door and his father was arrested. His father’s time away from the home was “The two most peaceful days of my childhood,” he said under emotion.

Thao stood watch over increasingly angry bystanders as Derek Chauvin knelt on Floyd’s neck for more than nine minutes while Kueng knelt on his back and Lane on his legs. Jurors convicted Chauvin last April in state court of murdering Floyd. Chauvin later 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, he was used as “an example of things” because of his size.

Paule showed the jurors a photo of Thao from a 2009 training showing him with another classmate with an actor-suspect prone with their hands behind their back.

Thao explained that he was using his knee to restrain the suspect, as was his classmate.

“Just to be clear, is this something that was typically taught at the academy when you were there?” Paule asked.

“Yes,” Thao said.

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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.

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OUR OPINION

Altru should step forward in Devils Lake

Herald editorial board

Devils Lake Mayor Dick Johnson is upset about health care in his community and has something to say about it.

The mayor, in a letter sent to the media on Jan. 24, said if Devils Lake's health care situation were a patient, it is on "life support, maybe code blue."

He outlined what he considers a list of problems, including:

- ▶ That the current hospital, CHI St. Alexius-Devils Lake, is not meeting its designation as a critical access hospital.

- ▶ That a lack of investment has caught up to the hospital. "Only minimal upgrades have been made in years," Johnson claims.

- ▶ That what he considers animosity between the hospital's owner, CommonSpirit, and Grand Forks-based Altru Health System, which operates a clinic in Devils Lake, "serves no one." He said Devils Lake deserves a unified health care system, but "current providers have long demonstrated they are unable to create this environment."

And he noted that three entities - Altru, Fargo-based Essentia, and Sioux Falls-based Sanford - are interested in taking the place of CHI/CommonSpirit, which has indicated it wants to leave the community.

It's good for Johnson to speak up. He likely ruffled some feathers, but why not?

Devils Lake is a regional trade center, with a population of 7,200 but with another 7,000 residents nearby on the Spirit Lake Reservation. While not a metro, it maintains a certain regional gravitas due to its distance from larger cities - 90 miles to Grand Forks, 120 miles to Minot and 170 miles to Fargo. Many small towns in the region rely upon Devils Lake's retail offerings, and certainly its status as a health care center. As a tourism destination, potential exists for visitors to require care, too.

But is it large enough for two, even three, health care facilities, overseen by an equal number of providers?

Apparently not. And it's our hope that progress can be made in the coming months to improve health care in Devils Lake, an industry in the community that apparently - if the mayor's analysis is correct - needs improvement.

In December, Altru signed a letter of intent to purchase 50 acres for a future hospital in Devils Lake. Last summer, Altru sent letters to Devils Lake residents, expressing its interest to serve the community - possibly even going so far as to purchase the hospital if the opportunity arose. In September, the system partnered with Devils Lake's school district to provide a full-time school nurse and athletic training services. Altru also plans a new 12-bed dialysis center at its existing Devils Lake clinic.

And, as Mayor Johnson noted, Sanford and Essentia have interest, too.

Some believe more collaboration is the key to improving health care services in Devils Lake, but we're not convinced. Having multiple entities in such a small community seems to have diluted the process in recent years.

Devils Lake needs one good hospital, one that offers a wider range of procedures and medical options so residents do not have to drive to Grand Forks, Minot or Fargo for general medical services.

Obviously, change must come. One provider should step forward to lead the way in Devils Lake, and Altru appears to be in the best position for that role.

What's needed now is for Altru to continue with its community outreach - even more meetings, forums and discussions in the community - to completely assure what we suspect might be a number of leery residents, while thoroughly touting what it can do for Devils Lake in the future. Of course, action will be needed after that.

And Mayor Johnson should be commended for speaking his mind and, possibly, for hastening improvement to Devils Lake's health care situation.

'Alice' aptly describes ND politics

At this point in North Dakota's political season, it might be appropriate to quote "Alice in Wonderland," who "was so much surprised that for the moment she quite forgot how to speak good English," Lewis Carroll tells us, and instead exclaimed "Curiouser and Curiouser!"

The most curious of recent developments is Rick Becker's sudden decision to take on sitting U.S. Sen. John Hoeven, who faces reelection after two terms in the Senate and 10 years in the governor's office. Hoeven has never lost a statewide election. In 2016, his last ballot appearance, he won 78.5% of the votes, up from 76% when he first ran for the Senate in 2010.

Perhaps the difference was that Donald Trump's name was on the ballot in 2016, and that's what makes Becker's decision to challenge Hoeven so interesting. It brings into sharp focus the difference between the state's two senators, Hoeven and Kevin Cramer, elected in 2018. Cramer is a Trump loyalist. Hoeven is aligned with Mitch McConnell, the Kentuckian who leads the Republican half of the U.S. Senate membership.

If you've been paying attention, you know of the growing rift between Trump and McConnell, a rift that could run right through North Dakota's Republican Party.

Becker has served



MIKE JACOBS

in the state House of Representatives for a decade. He's easily the most creative political figure on the state's stage right now, and his decision to take on Hoeven only solidifies that judgment. To be clear, it doesn't matter if Becker wins the race or not. What matters is that his candidacy will highlight his views and bring attention - and likely votes - to the growing number of right-leaning candidates who are challenging established Republicans.

Already, a number of sitting legislators have chosen to give up their seats, some citing the rancorous tone of the state's politics. Convention challenges are expected in some districts, as well, some against incumbents.

As it happens, I've never asked Becker about his attitude toward Trump, but that attitude doesn't really matter either. Becker is an outsider, and the outside is pounding at the doors. When he announced his retirement he essentially predicted that the Republican Party would fracture. It could be his Senate campaign is a further test of that hypothesis.

Becker's announcement came as a bit of a surprise. When he said a fortnight ago that he'd leave the

Legislature at the end of his current term, he disclaimed any interest in being a candidate again. That commitment evaporated quickly.

His intention appears to be a challenge at the state Republican Party convention set for Saturday, April 2, in Bismarck. The convention's theme, announced on the party's website, is "United as One."

Becker took the route he took when he sought the party's endorsement for governor in 2016. Former Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem won the nod, but Doug Burgum, who'd never won any public office, won the primary.

It remains to be seen whether Becker will choose to "primary" Hoeven - to use Trump's terminology - or that he could do so successfully. Winning the Republican primary is tantamount to election in North Dakota, of course.

As it happens, Sen. Cramer is a veteran of primary contests. He bypassed the state convention when he sought the state's single seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012, and won the nomination in the primary with 54.5% of the vote. He had token opposition for the Senate nomination in 2018 and won 88.5% of the vote.

Cramer's attachment to Trump has long drawn national attention, and he's become a kind of surrogate. The most recent example occurred Saturday, when the New York Times published

a piece by Johnathan Martin examining the deepening divide between Trump and McConnell. The headline was "Inside McConnell's campaign to take back the Senate." The article highlighted the battle of endorsements from Trump and McConnell. Toward the end of the longish article, Cramer was quoted saying of Trump, "He has become more judicious so not everybody who runs down to Mar-a-Lago for the weekend gets endorsed on Monday."

Hoeven is at some risk of entrapment here. He's been largely silent about Trump, and reporters who have pressed him have sometimes been treated to rare hints of annoyance on Hoeven's part. He won't be able to avoid pressure during a party convention nor - if it develops - in a primary election campaign. We'll see whether, and how, Becker might exploit this situation.

Devlin was the last newspaper publisher remaining in the Legislature. For much of this decade, there were three - Devlin, Rep. Glen Froseth of Kenmare and Sen. John Andrist of Crosby.

There's a long history of newspaper publishers serving in the North Dakota Legislature, including George Winship, the founder and first publisher of the Herald. He was a leader of the so-called "Progressive Republicans" in the 1890s.

Mike Jacobs is a former editor and publisher of the Grand Forks Herald.

IN THE MAIL

Support expansion of CTC and EITC funding

To the editor, North Dakota was allocated \$352 million in pandemic rent support, only to return \$149 million of it, because of a faulty distribution system. (Grand Forks Herald editorial, 1/12/2022). Not enough effort was made to get the money to those who needed it most.

On the national level, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Build Back Better Act (BBB) last November. This bill would have continued policies that lifted 3 to 4 million out of poverty last year by expanding the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and helping low-wage workers to make ends meet through the expanded Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). It also made critical investments to help families



find stable, affordable housing through additional Housing Choice Vouchers.

Congress allowed the 2021 CTC and EITC provisions to expire in December, putting the gains we made in reducing child poverty, supporting workers and promoting racial justice at risk of disappearing. In addition, funding for 300,000 new Housing Choice Vouchers was lost. As we know, the BBB stalled in the Senate. Negotiators are now

working on passing a new version of BBB. It is essential that core policies that help children, workers and renters are part of any deal.

Out of concern for the fate of our nation's children, over the past few years, scholars at the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute combined efforts to identify policies which would improve the lives of our children. Although these experts reflect differing positions

on how to address the needs, they are united in their agreement that our government needs to rebalance our investments toward children. (Rebalancing: Children First, A Report of the AEI-Brookings Working Group on Childhood in the United States). In other words, experts on both sides of the political aisle are urging us to take heed and provide the resources necessary to insure a bright future for the next generation, acknowledging that we are failing to do that.

Our congressional delegation, Sens. John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer and Rep. Kelly Armstrong, are in a position to make a crucial difference. Let's ask them to support the expansion of the CTC and EITC and funding for new Housing Choice Vouchers. The future of our children is at stake.

Kathleen Ness
Grand Forks

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Ky. mayor candidate shot at in his office

Louisville candidate is 'shaken but safe' after shots grazed clothing

By Theresa Braine
New York Daily News

Louisville, Kentucky, mayoral candidate Craig Greenberg described himself and staff as "shaken but safe" after a gunman shot at him Monday, grazing the Democrat's shirt and sweater, before fleeing.

"It was a surreal experience," he told the Louisville Courier Journal. "And mostly right now, I just want to get home to my wife and sons and give them a hug. I haven't been able to see them all day."

A staff member "bravely" got the door shut, the Courier Journal reported, and others barricaded it with tables. The suspect fled and was later picked up by police, but not identified as of Monday evening.

"Despite one bullet coming so close that it grazed my sweater and my shirt, no one was physically harmed, and we're extraordinarily grateful for our safety," Greenberg said at a press conference, the Courier Journal reported. "We are shaken but safe."

It was about 10:15 a.m. when Greenberg's meeting with four staff members was interrupted by a man who appeared in his office doorway, pulled out a gun and "aimed directly at me," Greenberg told the Courier Journal.

Louisville Metro Police said in a statement that they had responded to reports of an "active aggressor" in the Butchertown neighborhood, clearing the building and determining that Greenberg had apparently been the intended target.

"Multiple shots were fired within the location," police said. "Responding officers were able to safely evacuate Mr. Greenberg and his staff, and no one sustained injuries; however, an article of Mr. Greenberg's clothing that he was wearing was struck."

Police said there was "no known motive at this time," and that the suspect had acted alone. The investigation is ongoing. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also on scene, the Courier Journal said.

Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear and others condemned the shooting, and Metro Council President David James called it an outright assassination attempt.

"The news is scary and horrible," Beshear told WLKY-TV. "I talked to him as soon as I got the news. He is at least physically OK. But we're praying for him and his family and their safety. I know what it's like to have the threats, but this is a step above and beyond that."

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Democratic congressional candidate Cindy Axne (left) takes a photo with West Des Moines City Councilwoman Renee Hardman on Nov. 6, 2018, while appearing at her midterm election night party in Des Moines, Iowa.

CONTROL OF CONGRESS

Moderate Democrats fear party infighting could bring defeat

By Tim Reid
Reuters

Lansing, Mich.

If Democrats are to keep control of the U.S. Congress in this year's midterm elections, moderates in highly competitive districts, such as Rep. Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, must hold on to their seats.

Yet Slotkin and two fellow Democratic lawmakers who were part of the 2018 Democratic "blue wave" that helped the party retake the U.S. House of Representatives say continuing fights within their own party over President Joe Biden's agenda risk dooming them to devastating losses this year.

The three congresswomen — Slotkin, Virginia's Abigail Spanberger and Iowa's Cindy Axne — told Reuters in recent interviews that they believe Democrats achieved great things during Biden's first year in office, but too many voters only see a party fighting with itself.

Voters turn on the television and see "Democrats complaining about fellow Democrats," they see Democratic lawmakers "whining, blaming another Democrat" Spanberger said. "There's a negativity that I don't ascribe to. It's unfortunate because we have a good record."

Slotkin, who like Spanberger and Axne faces a tough Nov. 8 reelection battle, said: "I just talk to a lot of people who feel like Washington is so broken. And the only way to prove to people that our democracy still works is by governing effectively."

Biden carried Slotkin's Michigan district by 2 percentage points, while former President Donald Trump narrowly won Axne's in Iowa by less than half a percentage point. Biden won Spanberger's Virginia district by a more comfortable 6 points, but the state went on to elect a Republican governor in 2021.

Rising inflation and voter exhaustion over the COVID-19 pandemic have created stiff political headwinds for Democrats, who control the White House, Senate and the House.

Independent analysts and historic patterns favor Republicans' chances of regaining control of at least one chamber of Congress in November, which would all but kill Biden's domestic agenda. The Senate is split 50-50 while Democrats hold a narrow 222-212 House



Reuters / Michael Martina / file photo

Rep. Elissa Slotkin, D-Michigan, hosts a town hall Dec. 16, 2019, in Rochester, Michigan.

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REP. ELISSA SLOTKIN OF MICHIGAN

majority.

Slotkin's newly redrawn district sits in the heart of battleground Michigan, a Midwestern mix of industry — General Motors operates plants in the Lansing area — and farmland.

'Disappointed in Biden'

In interviews with 20 voters around Lansing, people were evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, but two who voted for Biden and Slotkin in 2020 say they now have their doubts.

One of them is Ahmed Khan, 48, a small-business owner.

"I had a lot of high hopes, but I'm disappointed in Biden. I don't see the economy turning around. People are too afraid to spend. A lot of shops are closing down. The economy, the virus situation, inflation, this is what matters most," Khan said. "If I believe a Republican can do a better job, absolutely I will vote for them this November. I'm going to vote for somebody who's going to look after me."

Anthony Whalen, 31, a software developer, said he's tired of the rancor in Washington.

"My leanings in voting are Democratic but it's not a party

I'm proud of," he said.

The concerns are underscored by a new Reuters/Ipsos poll. One in four Democrats think the party underachieved last year because they were too busy fighting each other or unwilling to force legislation through. Read full story

Democratic dissatisfaction also shows up in Biden's polling, with just 43% of U.S. adults approving of his performance in a Feb. 7-8 poll.

The Democratic lawmakers are particularly dismayed by what they see as missteps by party leaders over Biden's \$1.75 trillion "Build Back Better" legislation, which failed to pass in January after Democratic Senator Joe Manchin pulled his support.

Biden also failed to pass federal voting rights legislation last month, again after Manchin and another Democratic senator, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, refused to change Senate rules to overcome Republican opposition.

Slotkin conceded that millions of Americans feel insecure because of rising prices and the ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic,

now in its third year.

Like Spanberger and Axne, she hailed Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that passed Congress in 2021, which bailed out families and businesses from the COVID-19-hit economy and lifted millions of children out of poverty.

The lawmakers also pointed to Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill as a landmark achievement that will repair roads, bridges, expand broadband internet across the U.S. and create jobs. They say party leaders should have broken up the "Build Back Better" bill and tried to pass smaller, more targeted spending measures rather than one colossal package that voters did not understand.

Dave Wasserman, a political analyst at the nonpartisan Cook Political Report, said Biden's low polling numbers and voter anxiety about inflation, COVID-19 and the economy, means Democrats face "an exceptionally difficult year."

He added: "Biden and the Democrats' legislative agenda is not only stalled, but voters see it as disconnected to their day-to-day lives."



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An aerial view of the Thames River in London from the air with the Shard and Tower Bridge in the foreground on Sept. 5, 2011, in London.

Ex-Marine gets 210 years for Asia rapes

American traveled to Cambodia to drug, rape and abuse young girls

By Gregory Yee
Los Angeles Times

A former Marine Corps captain who authorities say traveled to Cambodia in 2005 to drug, rape and otherwise sexually abuse young girls was sentenced Monday to 210 years in federal prison.

Michael Joseph Pepe, 68, has been in federal custody since 2007 and was previously convicted on separate charges that were thrown out in 2018. He was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge Dale S. Fischer, who called his actions “monstrous” and “horrific,” according to the U.S. attorney’s office for the Central District of California.

“What he did to those preteen girls ... was torture,” Fischer said, adding that there was “no justification for a sentence that would ever allow (Pepe) to be released from prison.”

Jurors heard testimony during a seven-day trial in August from eight victims who were as young as 9 years old when Pepe abused them, prosecutors said.

Each victim testified that Pepe had sexually abused them, with several saying that he bound, drugged, beat and raped them.

Evidence corroborating their testimony, including home-made images of child sexual abuse, was presented in court, prosecutors said.

Pepe was originally arrested in Cambodia in 2006 and was brought to the United States, where he was charged in early 2007.

He was convicted by a jury in May 2008 of seven felony counts, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

According to testimony presented during his original three-week trial, Pepe was working as a civilian teacher in Cambodia’s capital, Phnom Penh, when he hired a prostitute to procure children from their families in 2005 and 2006.

In addition to the victims’ testimony, prosecutors showed jurors restraints, sedatives and child sexual abuse images seized by the Cambodian National Police during a raid of Pepe’s residence in 2006.

Cambodian police began investigating Pepe after one of his victims came forward. U.S. authorities joined the investigation at the request of their Cambodian counterparts.

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DRUG OVERDOSE

Pharmaceutical drugs are polluting rivers worldwide, study warns

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London

Potentially toxic levels of pharmaceutical drugs have been found in a quarter of river locations examined across the world, a study found.

Researchers from around the world surveyed more than 1,000 sites on 258 rivers, from the Thames in London and other British waterways to the Brazilian Amazon and rivers in major cities such as Delhi, India; New York City and Guangzhou, China.

The assessment measured the presence of 61 pharmaceuticals, including some compounds also linked to lifestyles such as caffeine, and whether they were above levels where they could have an effect on the environment.

The study, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), warns that pollution of the world’s rivers by medicinal chemicals is a global problem.

Pollution poses a risk to freshwater habitats and wildlife, potentially could contribute to the buildup of antimicrobial resistance, and also threatens global goals on water quality and pollution, the research warns.

The analysis, carried out at the University of York,

“But one of the largest problems we have faced in tackling this issue is that we have not been very representative when monitoring these contaminants, with almost all of the data focused on a select few areas in North America, western Europe and China.”

JOHN WILKINSON, CO-LEADER OF THE PROJECT STUDYING DRUG LEVELS IN RIVERS AROUND THE WORLD

found pharmaceutical pollution in rivers on every continent, with nicotine and cotinine, caffeine and paracetamol turning up everywhere including Antarctica.

An array of chemicals such as beta blockers, antibiotics, antidepressants, sleeping medication and antihistamines were found in rivers on all inhabited continents.

While most chemicals seen in rivers globally are lower than concentrations that could cause ecological effects, there were levels of contaminants that could pose a threat to environmental or human health in more than a quarter of the studied locations.

And some rivers are exposed to complex mixtures of chemicals.

Contaminants found at potentially harmful concentrations at some sites included beta blocker propranolol and antibiotic ciprofloxacin.

For the study, water

samples were obtained from sites spanning from a village in Venezuela, where modern medicines are not used, to cities ranging from Lagos to Las Vegas, along with areas of political instability such as Baghdad and the Palestinian West Bank.

The research found lower- and middle-income countries were the most polluted, while rubbish dumping along river banks, inadequate wastewater infrastructure and pharmaceutical manufacturing and dumping of septic tank contents into rivers were the activities most associated with the issue.

The most polluted countries and regions of the world are the ones, such as sub-Saharan Africa, South America and parts of southern Asia, that have been researched the least.

In Britain, the study looked at 54 sampling locations on 12 rivers, and detected pharmaceuticals in all but four sites in

Snowdonia, Wales.

The most contaminated site in Britain was the River Clyde in Glasgow, but concentrations in British rivers were in line with European sites more generally.

Co-leader of the project John Wilkinson, from the University of York, said: “We’ve known for over two decades now that pharmaceuticals make their way into the aquatic environment where they may affect the biology of living organisms.”

“But one of the largest problems we have faced in tackling this issue is that we have not been very representative when monitoring these contaminants, with almost all of the data focused on a select few areas in North America, western Europe and China.”

“Through our project, our knowledge of the global distribution of pharmaceuticals in the aquatic environment has now been considerably enhanced.”

There needs to be global, inclusive and interconnected efforts to generate monitoring data needed to make decisions on how to reduce the environmental impacts of chemicals, the researchers said.

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Judge’s ruling may not be last word

Palin’s legal fight with the New York Times is far from over

By Jan Wolfe
Reuters

WASHINGTON — A surprising and unusual ruling against Sarah Palin in her defamation case has narrowed the former Alaska governor’s route to victory, but the high-profile suit is far from over, legal experts said.

In an abrupt twist in a trial seen as a test of long-standing protections for American media, U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff on Monday announced plans to throw out the lawsuit — even as jurors were still deliberating.

Rakoff, who did not inform the jurors of his plan, said Palin had failed to prove the

Times defamed her in a 2017 editorial that erroneously linked her political rhetoric to a mass shooting.

Rakoff allowed jurors to keep deliberating to reach a verdict as he announced his plans from the bench and said he would enter a formal dismissal only after they reached their own verdict.

Media law experts said it was not unprecedented for judges to issue so-called directed verdicts in defamation cases, but the timing of Rakoff’s announcement was highly unusual.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said that, given the importance of protecting freedom of the press, it can be appropriate for judges to take defamation cases out of the hands of jurors, said David Logan, a Roger Williams University law professor.

“The trial judge has an independent role to play in evaluating actual malice,” Logan said.

However, it was more common for a judge to issue a directed verdict either before a jury begins its deliberations or after they have reached a verdict.

“The dispute isn’t about what he (Rakoff) is doing,” said Alexandra Lahav, a law professor at the University of Connecticut. “It is that he communicated his thinking at this stage of the case.”

Rakoff said while the Times had engaged in “unfortunate editorializing,” the newspaper did not act with “actual malice,” a requirement in U.S. defamation cases involving public figures.

The judge added the jury verdict could still help the parties and the appellate courts resolve the case.

The New York Times



Reuters / Eduardo Munoz

Sarah Palin, 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate and former Alaska governor, exits the court Monday during her defamation lawsuit against the New York Times, at the U.S. Courthouse in the Manhattan borough of New York City.

will be in a stronger position if the jury also rules in its favor, said Eric David, a media lawyer at Brooks Pierce.

In general, appeals courts are reluctant to second-guess factual determinations by jurors, David said.

“A jury verdict for the New York Times would be much more appeal-proof than a directed verdict,” he said.

ARTS NOTEBOOK

By Pamela Knudson Grand Forks Herald

Here's a roundup for what's happening in the arts and entertainment world in Grand Forks for the week of Feb. 16.

Grand Forks Central to stage murder mystery 'Curtains'

GRAND FORKS — Grand Forks Central High School will present "Curtains," a musical comedy whodunit, at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 17-19.

The murder mystery, set backstage at a Broadway-bound musical, begins to surface when the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage and the entire cast and crew are suspects. The "show within a show" is a bright, brassy musical that tells the story of a musical-loving detective who tries to solve the murder in 1959 Boston.

From the creators of "Cabaret" and "Chicago," the play is "packed with glorious tunes and a witty, charming script filled with delightful characters," according to Theatrical Rights Worldwide.

The Broadway production garnered eight Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical, in 2007.

The cast members are: Blake Storbakken, Aria Kindseth, Bella Costa, Hannah Bensley, Carter Schmisek, Mirka Drago, Quinlan Schudrowitz, Clara Green, Lucy Welsh, London Perez, Kaden Knabe, Quinn Roehl, Jenny Thompson and Olivia Nelson. Ensemble members are: Camille Finney, Oakley Oss, Nora Lee and Sapphire Boehm.

Tickets, \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors, may be purchased at the door, in advance by calling (701)



Photo by Allison Peterson

Quinn Roehl and Aria Kindseth, along with the ensemble behind them, rehearse a scene from "Curtains," a musical comedy whodunit, to be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday at Grand Forks Central High School.

746-2411 or by visiting the website www.spacompany.org/tickets. All seats are general admission.

Grand Forks Master Chorale concert rescheduled

The Grand Forks Master Chorale concert, "All About Love," which had been set for Friday, Feb. 11, has been rescheduled. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 319 S. Fifth St.

The program will feature pop jazz pieces as well as sacred and other secular music.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door, and \$5 for students with a valid ID. To purchase advance tickets, go to https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?ticketing=gf-cho or visit the Grand Forks Chorales website, https://www.gfchorales.org, and click

on "Ticket."

The concert is made possible in large part through the generosity of the Community Foundation of Grand Forks-East Grand Forks, the Myra Foundation, and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

UND to present musical comedy 'Putnam County Spelling Bee'

UND is presenting the musical comedy, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26 and March 3-5 at Burtness Theater.

Directed and choreographed by Chelsea Chimilar, the show is "bursting with humor and heart," said Brad Reissig, associate chairman, UND theatre arts department.

The story centers on a group of six quirky tweens, who are vying to win the spelling bee for very different reasons.

"In hilarious, touching and

catchy songs, each speller reveals their hopes, struggles and passions as they make their way through the competition," Reissig said.

The 2005 Broadway production was nominated for six Tony Awards — winning two, including Best Book. The original Broadway cast recording was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Cast members are: Steeve Wittlieb, Dylan Merritt, Tyler Hebert, Robert Cooper, Otto Lieder, Kyle Mason, Erin Chaves, Tacy Crawford and Piper Sommer.

For tickets, \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, visit the online box office at https://burtness.und.edu or by call (701) 777-2587.

Ceramic art by Mary Bauer featured at Muddy Waters Clay Center

As "Mudder of the Month," Mary Bauer is showing a collection of about 40 ceramic pieces in an exhibit titled "Words and Clay" at the Muddy Waters Clay Center, 2014 13th Ave. N., through Feb. 28.

A retired UND English composition and writing teacher, Bauer uses words, etched into the pieces before the clay hardens, to stimulate viewers to think and question. For example, a female figurine inscribed with the word "treasure" may conjure up ideas about what it means "to treasure something or to be the treasure?" she said.

The collection also includes vases and jars with writings on them, she said. The words and text on her pieces are usually lyrics from her favorite songs or excerpts from poems.

Bauer is planning to work in

her studio at the clay center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 and 26. Those who are interested in seeing her collection may drop by during those times. The Muddy Waters Clay Center is also open by appointment, which can be made by calling (701) 775-1168.

Arts Council calls for entries for 2022 annual art exhibit

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is seeking entries for its 2022 Annual Art Exhibit. The deadline to submit artwork is Feb. 28.

The annual art exhibit will be shown at the council's gallery at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls starting March 7 and continuing through the end of April.

Artists who live in the council's service area are eligible to submit works for the exhibit and compete for \$2,300 in cash awards. The council's service encompasses Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington, Roseau and Red Lake counties. Adult and student artists are encouraged to enter.

Exhibit cash award-winners will be chosen by a qualified juror while the exhibit is on display.

For more information, including exhibit entry rules and directions, visit https://northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/nwmnartsexhibit-apply. To receive an application by mail, call (218) 745-8886 or send an email to director@nwartscouncil.org.

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member Rod Mittelsteadt wrote to Grand Forks City Council members on behalf of the board in February 1994. "We respectfully urge you to utilize the Growth Fund because it was intended for this purpose and it does not have the long term negative effect on tax revenues as is the case with tax increment financing."

Present-day board member Doug Carpenter, himself a former City Council member, brought that letter to Monday's School Board meeting, where he was the lone vote against a plan to offer a fundamentally similar tax break to an upscale hotel and events center planned in the down-

town Edgewood Corporate Center. Board members voted 6-1 on Feb. 14 to approve a "payment in lieu of taxes" plan for a project that would turn the building on North Fourth Street and DeMers Avenue into the Olive Ann boutique hotel. Absent were board members Shannon Mikula and Jackie Hassett.

"I think they need to have better discussion of what other sources of revenue that they have that could do some of these deals," Carpenter said. "And if it is a need, well, ask the public for more money if they need it, versus relying on us to just go along with their requests when they come."

The "PILOT" plan, much like the tax increment one Mittelsteadt worried about nearly 30

years ago, means that, if or when the redevelopment ratchets up the hotel's value, the Olive Ann's owners would, for 15 years, only pay a portion of the taxes they otherwise would on that increased value. Once those 15 years are up, they'd pay property taxes as normal on the full value of the revamped building.

Proponents of the tax break noted that it might be a token of goodwill to city and business types as the district weighs future property tax referendums and works to build a career and technical academy. Others noted that the hotel could ultimately be a spot for district students to work or intern, and it could be a source of foot traffic for sometimes-beleaguered downtown businesses.

And Grand Forks Pub-

lic Schools wouldn't be putting anything on the line, financially, by approving the plan because the plan cuts taxes on as-yet-unrealized increases to the property's value, not the present-day property tax revenue the district currently levies on it.

"We are not sinking money into this," Board President Eric Lunn said. "If Olive Ann goes belly up in 10 years, we're not out any money. In fact, we'll gain money because that building will still be worth something even if it financially collapses."

District officials negotiated with developer Phil Gisi earlier this month, striking a deal that would make the tax break for the hotel marginally less generous. Gisi said it would mean fewer hotel rooms in the development.

Biermaier is new activities director

Also Monday, board members unanimously appointed Mike Biermaier the district's new activities director. Biermaier, who met with some board members on a Monday night tour of Central High School, currently holds that job at Thief River Falls Public Schools in Minnesota. He was one of six candidates interviewed by a panel of district officials and staff earlier this year.

Biermaier's job itself is set to be new, but it comes after a reorganization that, in effect, swaps a districtwide athletics director for a districtwide activities one and replaces high school-level activities directors with high school-level athletics ones. One of Bier-

maier's first orders of business will be to help the district hire the two school-level staffers. He doesn't formally start until July 1, 2022.

Also interviewed for the position were:

► Gabe Dahl, an associate principal at Grand Forks Central High School.

► Kevin Forde, a consultant who was, until January, the interim director of athletics at Saint Xavier University in Chicago, Illinois.

► Tony Bina, an associate principal at Red River High School.

► Mark Rerick, Grand Forks Public Schools' athletics director.

► Scott Koberinski, the activities director at East Grand Forks Public Schools.

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approved in a 6-0 vote a series of six engineering contracts — on wastewater, traffic study, stormwater planning and more, worth about \$1.5 million. Mock did not vote on these items, either.

"It's really kind of the essence of all the utility study and reviews that really we needed to move forward initially as part of approving the development agreement," City Administrator Todd Feland said.

The project has drawn a small but loud group of critics, many of whom have had frank and angry words for City Council leaders in recent weeks. But Monday's meeting saw local leaders' rebuttal: a lengthy presentation, led by Economic Development Corporation President and CEO Keith Lund, that sketched out Grand Forks' lengthy courtship of Fufeng Group. Other high-profile backers of the project also spoke.

Grand Forks area farmer Paul Sproule compared the potential impact to the State Mill and Elevator, also located in Grand Forks. He suggested the Fufeng plant would be a boon for farmers looking to sell their crops. State Rep. Jared Hagert, a Republican



Grand Forks Herald Photo by Sam Easter

Grand Forks City Hall

from Emerado and a farmer, touted the project as well.

"Anytime that we can have a facility of this magnitude come into our community as a producer, it's a tremendous benefit to us, because it gives us another market to go to," Hagert said. "I can haul to my local elevator, and they can do business with Fufeng. Or I can haul direct. It's no different than the State Mill and Elevator."

But critics of the project have been persistent, and once again told the council about

their concerns for the project. Many have focused on the project's link to China, where Fufeng Group is based. Wary local residents have pointed out China's abysmal track record on human rights, including the country's use of forced labor of Uyghurs, a Muslim ethnic group, in the country's northwest.

Fufeng Group has a facility in the region. Grand Forks city leaders provided the Herald with a 2021 third-party report vouching for that facility's labor norms, which said "no

forced labor was identified" during its recent audit. But the Wall Street Journal reported in late 2020 that five other organizations had said they would not vet northwest Chinese supply chains, citing the difficulty of doing so amid "a police-state atmosphere."

A number of critics are residents of Falconer Township, where the new plant will be based, and where future neighbors are concerned about any smells and industrial traffic that the new plant might bring into their midst.

One man brought what appeared to be a coffee canister to Monday's meeting, and claimed it contained byproduct from the nearby Red River Biorefinery. He briefly opened the canister to provide an example of the smell a plant can emit, and said he feared the foul smell near his property would only get worse if Fufeng's plant arrived.

"This is the smell of the Red River (Biorefinery)," he said, opening the canister. "If I leave it open, you will throw up on me."

Other critics pointed out that the city is moving remarkably quickly toward a deal with Fufeng Group, offering preliminary approval on a deal they'd only begun reviewing weeks ago.

"The further you go, the harder it is to get out if you ever have to," UND geolo-

gist Dexter Perkins said, urging more caution. He has also voiced extensive concerns about the facility's carbon footprint and contribution to climate change.

Eric Chutorash, COO of Fufeng USA — the subsidiary that will run the new plant — was in the audience in Council Chambers. He did not speak at Monday's meeting.

Perkins did strike on a concern that some council members have harbored on the project. Council member Ken Vein has had questions about whether the council might get more information on the project earlier, and voiced those concerns again on Monday evening. City administrative staff responded by pointing out that the council will be able to review results and return to the development agreement in the future — which allows the city to exit the deal if key conditions about traffic, odor and more aren't met.

"I think we've had some robust discussions — this council had some really great questions. We've had some good community feedback on the project," Feland said. "I think with the development agreement, I feel good we're going to move forward with City Council approval next week to answer City Council questions and continue to work with Fufeng."

ND Bakken oil play now branded 'mature' as industry appetites shrink

By Adam Willis
The Forum

BISMARCK — A consensus is forming among North Dakota's top oil industry operators: the formation that drove the state's fracking boom has entered its middle age.

"The Bakken has been rebranded — whether we want it to be or not — as mature," said Lynn Helms, director of the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division, Monday, Feb. 14, recounting a key takeaway from conversations with some of the state's biggest oil producers at a recent industry conference in Houston.

While many oil producers still view the Bakken as "a cash cow," Helms said they aren't reinvesting resources in the formation like they once did, focusing instead on Texas and New Mexico.

Among the reasons driving the Bakken's shifting reputation, Helms cited a surge in attention among oil industry operators on their carbon footprints, as well as some concerns about the viability of industry technology that could be needed to sustain high output from North Dakota wells as they get older.

North Dakota's oil output dropped by about 2% in the month of December, according to industry data released on Monday, and sits at 1.14 million barrels per day. Production has hovered around that number for the better part of the last year, as North Dakota has struggled to return to its prepandemic high of 1.52 million barrels per day in November of 2019.

If the industry's approach to North Dakota holds, Helms said the state should expect to see flat or slight production growth over the next decade or so, after

which output would slowly trail off as the industry continues to pump oil from its existing inventory of wells.

A common goal to eradicate natural gas flaring is an "enormous" factor in the shifting mindset toward the Bakken, Helms said. The process of burning off excess natural gas that comes up from oil wells, flaring releases planet-warming carbon dioxide emissions. With financiers increasingly factoring climate consequences into their investments, achieving a gas capture level near 100% has become "goal number one" for many oil producers, Helms said, even more than expanding output.

Oil producers in North Dakota captured 93% of their natural gas output in December, clearing the state's regulatory standard but falling well below the average levels found in oil plays like the Permian in New Mexico and Texas, which have more infrastructure to capture and transport gas. Flaring was particularly high this December on private lands on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation, where just 46% of natural gas was captured.

"Four years ago, visiting these same people, everyone was pounding the table, wanting" more lax flaring regulations so they could produce more oil, Helms said of the Houston visit. "In four short years that has made a complete 180."

Justin Kringstad, director of the North Dakota Pipeline Authority, noted that North Dakota faces a growing flaring challenge, since more and more natural gas is expected to come up alongside oil as wells get older. Even if producers were looking to realize relatively small growth in the

years ahead, "we're still going to have our work cut out for us from a state and from an industry standpoint to hit those aggressive targets that operators are putting forward," Kringstad said.

Earlier this year, federal geologists estimated that the volumes of untapped oil in the Bakken have dropped by 40% since a previous survey in 2013, but North Dakota leaders and oil industry boosters have highlighted technological strides that they predict will open new doors for production in the Bakken. These include injecting captured natural gas or carbon dioxide back into the ground to increase pressure and juice the production of declining wells, a process known as "enhanced oil recovery."

But Helms said the changing outlook on the Bakken also reflects some industry concerns about how effective those advancements could be.

While major oil companies have shown "a significant amount of interest" in enhanced oil recovery, "there are some real concerns about physically whether it's possible to get that additional oil" out of formations like the Bakken, Helms said.

Low oil inventories worldwide, as well as tensions between Russia and Ukraine, have lately driven U.S. prices to some of their highest levels in a decade, surpassing \$95 per barrel on Monday. But while those prices would historically have spurred higher drilling levels in the Bakken, Helms said the industry is anticipating more modest investments over the next year.

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Bottles of champagne are displayed on a stand at Wine Paris & Vinexpo at the Paris Expo Porte de Versailles center in Paris on Monday.

Benoit Tessier / Reuters

Champagne sales hit record as the fizz returns

PARIS — Champagne sales reached an all-time high last year, handily beating a previous mark set in 2019, as the relaxation of pandemic-related curbs fueled a surge in exports, notably to the United States, producers said on Monday.

While French producers already said last year they expected a sales record, they now confirmed 2021 sales hit \$5.7 billion, 14% above the pre-pandemic high.

Exports reached 180 million 0.75 liter bottles, up 37% from 2020 and 15% more than in 2019, while sales in France jumped 25% from the previous year to match 2019 sales at 140 million bottles, Union des Maisons de Champagne told reporters.

Sales to the United States, champagne's top export market, soared 31% compared with 2019, reaching a record 34 million bottles.

The U.S. market has grown in each of the past 10 years, apart from the slump

suffered in 2020 because of lockdown measures, UMC data showed.

Exports to Britain rose 7% in 2019 to 29 million bottles while sales to Germany jumped 28% to 15 million. Australia followed with 12 million bottles after exports there soared 53% from 2019.

UMC Chairman Jean-Marie Barillere said the fact that drinking champagne at home was cheaper than in a restaurant and it was readily available online had helped boost sales.

The record demand cheered producers who faced their worst output in 40 years in 2021 after vineyards were ravaged by frosts and mildew fungus attacks.

The fall in supply should not affect champagne's availability, however, as producers will be able to use their stocks. Champagne is typically made from a combination of wines produced the previous year and earlier.

PROGRAM

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enthusiasm for a career in law enforcement, Maritato said. Also, increased scrutiny of law enforcement officers, following high-profile incidents across the country, may be playing a part. For example, the death of George Floyd, who died at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer in 2020, set off protests around the nation and drew calls for police reform.

That increased scrutiny does not diminish the need for law enforcement, Maritato said, and his program is tasked with filling open positions across the state with qualified applicants.

"No matter what city you live in, we need police officers," he said. "We're here to serve and protect and keep order, and we need to be able to supply good candidates for those jobs that are in North Dakota for law enforcement."

The program takes the



Submitted graphic

A rendering of the newest iteration of the Olive Ann, a boutique hotel planned for downtown Grand Forks.

form of a police academy, with physical fitness training in the morning followed by classroom work. The program runs for 14 weeks, and is part of Lake Region's associate degree in applied science in law enforcement. Enrollees can either do the full two-

year course, or opt for just the academy.

Those who complete the latter become eligible to work in law enforcement positions, either in municipal forces or in sheriff's offices, across the state. To work for the larger police agencies in cities — including Grand Forks,

Fargo, Bismarck, Mandan and Minot — candidates must complete 60 semester credits of coursework.

Students at Lake Region who want to pursue a career in law enforcement have different options. They can do the associate degree, which qualifies them to work for

larger police departments in the state, or attend the academy, which is offered at various times throughout the year. Upon completion of the academy, they can then work toward the associate degree. Classes also are available online.

Students study a variety of topics, such as the laws of arrest, search and seizure, processing a crime scene, hazardous materials, the use of police equipment and firearms. Ethics are taught, too.

Maritato said training modules evolve in an effort to produce a more capable and more well-trained law enforcement officer.

Lake Region's police academy in Grand Forks runs from May 17 to Aug. 18. Another academy will run at the same time in West Fargo. The last day to apply for the academy is May 6. More information, including program requirements and how to apply, can be found at lrsc.edu, by emailing Jennifer. Wignall@lrsc.edu, or by calling 701-662-1683.

JUDGE

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the station's broadcast booth to tell announcer Kevin Arvidson what was happening. Arvidson called police, who arrested Larson later that day near Hatton, North Dakota, after a lengthy chase.

The attack happened on May 5, 1992. It shocked the city and ushered in the first meaningful security measures at the courthouse. But, decades later, the wounded judge said he didn't change much after his brush with death, and he harbors no ill will toward the man who shot him.

"I would have no compunction, if I saw him on the street, to walk up and start a conversation," Jahnke, who goes by "Larry," said of Larson in a Friday, Feb. 11, interview with the Herald. "People asked me, 'do you want to switch courtrooms?' No. 'Do you have a fear of guns?' No. 'Do you want to not handle child support cases, contentious cases, cases that you know could

be contentious?" No. I think I was fortunate to come through with no what I could call adverse effects. Who knows? I mean, a lot of people probably think I'm crazier than hell."

The shooting

Jahnke grew contemplative when asked about the day of the shooting. It was a beautiful, cloudless day, he recalled, and Larson was in Grand Forks County Court to explain why he hadn't been making child support payments. He was called to the witness stand and, before being sworn in, drew a gun from a satchel he was carrying, Jahnke said, and pointed it at the judge.

"You don't want to do this," Jahnke remembered saying. Larson fired two shots, one of which hit Jahnke.

Virtually the only memory Jahnke has of the following week is a dreamlike ride in an ambulance clack-clacking over railroad tracks as his friend pleaded with him to hang in there.

"And I couldn't under-

stand why he was saying that," Jahnke said.

It didn't even register that he had been shot.

"There was no burning sensation, no pain associated with it," Jahnke said. "It was just like the lights going out."

The buildup

Jahnke and Larson knew each other before the shooting, but their relationship wasn't adversarial or contentious. Contemporary interviews with Larson's family and associates painted a picture of a staunch conservative who slowly trended toward radicalism.

He served on the city council from 1978 through 1982, and frequently voted against government spending of various types, including the city's longstanding "dial-a-ride" transit system. Larson maintained that North Dakota had no right to require a driver's license, and was frequently arrested for driving without one. He sued the city, claiming that it was illegal to require a permit to assemble publicly, as well as the state tax

commissioner, county officials, judges, and his probation officer for various reasons.

Larson alleged tax laws are unconstitutional and felt that judges violate people's rights during divorce proceedings and in child custody cases. He claimed in 1984 to have stopped paying his federal income taxes, and his ex wife told the Herald shortly after the shooting that Larson became increasingly obsessed — to the point of frightening, worrisome anger — with resisting taxes and, ultimately, any government structure. He was convicted of tax evasion and tax fraud in 1988 and ultimately served 13 months, during which his wife divorced him. He refused to stick to the rules of his probation or comply with child-support orders issued by Grand Forks County judges.

Two months before the shooting, Ward Johnson, an attorney, overheard Larson allegedly threaten Jahnke after the judge ruled against him in another case. The attorney warned the judge,

but there wasn't much that could be done, the Herald reported shortly after the shooting. Two men who were jailed with Larson before the shooting would later testify that Larson said he wanted to kill a judge who was messing with him on child support. Judges seldom run into someone like Larson in their line of work, Jahnke said. And they upset someone in nearly every case they try.

"Because someone wins and someone loses," Jahnke said. "Whether it's a divorce case or a criminal case, the sentence is always too harsh or the victim's too lenient."

The aftermath

After several months of civic wrangling, the county installed a metal detector that had been donated by Northwest Airlines and Grand Forks County sheriff's deputies began regularly patrolling the courthouse.

None were present at the hearing during which Larson shot Jahnke, which was common practice for civil hear-

ings at the time. Before then, Jahnke said, court workers had to request deputies be present for hearings.

The judge's recovery was relatively speedy: He was back at work, part-time, in late July of 1992. Now retired, Jahnke said his brush with death made him value life and relationships more, and made him more patient with people. A religious person before and after the shooting, he said he doesn't go to church every Sunday but prays and thanks God every day.

"It wasn't my time to go. God had a different plan for me. I hope I haven't disappointed Him and screwed it up," Jahnke said with a chuckle. He still lives in Grand Forks, where he hunts, fishes, and occasionally meets other court staff, many of whom have since retired.

Larson was ultimately found guilty of attempted murder in state court and, later, guilty of violating federal firearms laws. He was released from federal custody in February 2016.

Debra Lea Nelson



Debra Lea Nelson, 69, of Grand Forks, N.D., passed away surrounded by family on Saturday, February 12, 2022 after a short illness at Altru Hospital. Deb was born on November 5, 1952 in Grand Forks at Saint Michael's Hospital, the ninth of ten children of Walter and Mildred (Jeffrey) Myerchin. She and her family grew up near Warren, M.N., before moving to the Crookston area in 1955. She graduated from Crookston Central High School in 1971. Deb was married to Gary Kaltenberg and they were blessed with the joy of three children: Tiffany (1973), Corey (1976), and Shawn (1977).

Deb was united in marriage to Gregory Nelson on January 22, 1988 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Grand Forks. Together they were active in their faith - both serving as greeters, lectors, and eucharistic ministers at the church since the start of their engagement in 1987. They had one son together, Nicholas (1989).

Deb worked at the University of North Dakota for a short time before beginning her lifelong career as an administrative assistant at United Hospital and Altru Health System. Her biggest achievements at Altru included coordinating the yearly employee recognition dinner, serving as a hospital ambassador, and coordinating other company events. Deb served the health system and community for over three decades before retiring in 2013.

Deb enjoyed tending to her garden and flowers in the sunshine; snuggling with her dogs Muffin, Lola, and Rosie; playing bunco with her friends coworkers from Altru Hospital; spending summer weekends at the lake near Vergas with her Women's Weekend friends; watching UND hockey games as an avid fan; observing the sights and sounds of the robins, chickadees, cardinals, and mourning doves that visited her home; playing baseball and solving sudoku puzzles. Above all else, Deb was a proud, devoted mother and grandmother. Her biggest joy came from spending time with her babies, young or grown, at every opportunity.

Deb is survived by her husband, Greg, and ex-husband, Gary. She leaves behind her children: Tiffany (Allen) Neiss, Corey (Tina) Kaltenberg, Shawn (Amanda) Kaltenberg, and Nick Nelson; grandchildren Logan and Lily Kaltenberg and Aubrey Schmaltz; siblings Mary Beth (Donald) Solheim, Sheldon (Diana) Myerchin, Joyce (Gary) Klava, Harvey (Carolyn) Myerchin, Ted Myerchin, Audrey McNulty Mangan, brother-in-law Sherman Hirsch, and brother Dennis Myerchin.

Deb is preceded in death by her father Walter Myerchin, mother Mildred Myerchin Overgaard and stepfather Albert Overgaard, sister Marilyn Hirsch, brother Dale and sister-in-law Jean Myerchin, sister-in-law Delores Myerchin, sister-in-law Cindy Myerchin, niece Renè Myerchin, and great-nephew Matthew LeBlanc.

Visitation will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Friday, February 18, 2022 at noon followed by a funeral mass and celebration of Deb's life at 1:00 p.m. A livestream of the service will be available via the Holy Family Catholic Church Facebook page. Mausoleum interment will directly follow the mass at Memorial Park Cemetery. An online register book may be signed at www.amundsonfuneralhome.com

Memorials are preferred to go to the Circle of Friends Animal Shelter as well as the Holy Family St. Mary's School Scholarship Fund.

May God bless Deb's memory and the love she shared throughout her lifetime.

Mary Ann Boutain



Mary Ann Boutain, 83, of Grand Forks, ND and formerly of Crookston, MN, Fargo, ND, Detroit Lakes, MN, and Reynolds, ND passed away Monday, February 7, 2022, at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, due to complications from Phenomena.

Mary Ann Breidenbach was born on August 16, 1938, in Reynolds, ND the daughter of Leo and Elizabeth (Linneman) Breidenbach. She was raised in Reynolds where she attended country school and graduated from Reynolds High School. She went on to receive an associate degree in accounting. Mary Ann met and fell in love with Marvin Boutain and they were married in Crookston, MN.

Mary Ann was a hard-working and independent person. She had a long-established career employed as an accountant with the Cargill Corporation in West Fargo, ND. She took great pride in her many years of service with Cargill and her hard work paid off by being able to retire at a young age. She was a feisty and industrious woman. From making rugs out of tires to sewing blankets and cloths, she was a creative person that could make anything she decided she wanted to make. Finding a good deal at a thrift store would make her day. Cooking was one of her joys. Her favorite meal to prepare was homemade vegetable beef soup. However, one of her favorite foods to eat was liver and onions. She enjoyed dancing, reading and fishing. She LOVED her dogs. They could do no wrong.

Mary Ann was only 38 when she lost her husband, Marvin. She tried to find other love but never found the kind of love she shared with Marvin. She will be laid to rest next to him at Calvary Cemetery in Warren MN, this spring.

She is survived by her sisters, Donna (Mrs. Bob) Hegland and Eileen (Dan) Grabanski; her brothers, Neil (Joy) Breidenbach and Kenneth (Idey) Breidenbach; sisters-in-law, Judy (Mrs. Anthony) Anderson and Gladys Tolefson and Marie (Mrs. Bernie) Breidenbach; nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marvin; brothers, Bernard Breidenbach and Anthony Breidenbach; her in-laws, Bob Hegland, Lilley Lizzote, Alice St. Michael, Alder Boutain, Donald Boutain, Angela Loeslie, Tillie Kropp; nieces and nephews.

Memorial Liturgy: 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2022, in the Historic Norman Funeral Home Chapel.

Family Greeting: One hour prior to the liturgy in the funeral home on Friday.

Interment: In the spring, at Calvary Cemetery, Warren, MN.

The online memorial registry may be signed at www.normanfuneral.com

(The Historic Norman funeral Home, Grand Forks, ND.

Milton R. Nelson



Milton R. Nelson, age 88, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on February 10, 2022, after a long illness.

Milton Robert Nelson was born July 29, 1933 to Lars and Elizabeth (McDonald) Nelson in Brenna Township. At the age of 7, Milt (Punky) moved to Newfolden,

MN where he grew up on the family farm. He later settled in Grand Forks, ND where he met the love of his life, Janice Bahr, and they were united in marriage on June 8, 1953. They celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary last year.

Milt worked at Peavey Flour Mill and also owned Milt's Place, a bar in downtown Grand Forks. He later worked at Border States Electric from where he retired. He was always active, working numerous side jobs.

Milt enjoyed woodworking and making crafts with Janice and displayed their "Wood By Milt" at many craft shows throughout the years. His life was filled with many wonderful times, visiting friends and relatives, playing cards, singing to old Hank Williams songs, and he loved to tell his Ole & Lena jokes.

Milt is survived by his wife Janice, daughters Debi (Cliff) Carney, Grand Forks, Diane (Serge) LeBlanc, Royal Palm Beach, FL, Denise Brule, Grand Forks, Darla (Harry) Feilen, Grand Forks, sons Alan (Oliver) Nelson, Blaine, MN, Mike (Heidi Muus) Nelson, Grand Forks, 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and sister Shirley (John) Johnson, New Berlin, WI.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Harry, Martin, Floyd, Clarence, sisters Evelyn Anderson, Sally Fugleberg, twin infant grand-daughters Desiree and Danielle, and son-in-law Cliff Carney.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm Thursday, February 17, at Amundson Funeral Home, Grand Forks, with visitation one hour prior to services. Internment in the spring at Memorial Park Cemetery. An online register book is available at www.amundsonfuneralhome.com.

Robert A. Moore



Robert A. Moore, 72, of East Grand Forks, Minnesota, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2022 at Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Born in Libertyville, Illinois on August 10, 1949, he was the son of Kenneth and Ethel (nee Klick) Moore. His early life was spent in Lake Villa, Illinois. On May 5, 1968, he was united in marriage to Janice Prehn. Following marriage, they lived in Illinois before moving to Minnesota in 1979. He lived in East Grand Forks for the past 14 years.

Bob owned and operated the River Cinema and Riverwalk Mall in East Grand Forks. And also Grand Theatre in Crookston, Fosston Theatre, and the Trails End Restaurant and Theatre in Blackduck. He was a member of the Fosston Development Corp. and the Chambers of Commerce for all the cities he lived in. He loved construction and remodeling projects, and buildings with potential. He was a man of big dreams, big ideas and never let anything stop him.

Bob is survived by his wife, Janice; children, Penny Stai, Robin (Hal) Mystic, Brian Moore and Kevin (Kate) Moore; grandchildren, Jenna Stai, Theo Stai, Todd (Brianna) Kallroos, Roxie (Adam Honkola) Kallroos, Mike Kilde, Damian Moore, Miles Moore, Rhianna Moore, Spencer (Sierra) Hoialmen and Sage Moore; great-grandchildren, Etta, Mara and Joey; siblings, Tom Moore, Dan (Missy) Moore and Suzi (Tracy) Matthews, and his mother-in-law, Junice Prehn. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Debbie Camphouse and sister-in-law Jo Marie Moore.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Circle of Friends Animal Shelter, 4375 N. Washington St., Grand Forks, ND 58203 OR Humane Society of Polk Co., Inc. 720 E. Robert St., Crookston, MN 56716

A Celebration of Bob's Life will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2022, from 12:30PM until 3:30PM at Boardwalk Banquet Hall, 415 2nd St. NW, East Grand Forks, MN, 56721 located across from River Cinema. Please join the family in celebrating Bob's life, and bring your favorite "Bob Moore" story to share.

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Paula Kay Olson, Rn



Paula was born July 10, 1975 in Grand Forks, ND. She died January 25, 2022 in Phoenix, AZ, at the age of 46.

Paula is survived by her parents, Gaylen and Linda Olson; her sisters, Jennifer Olson, Angela Olson, and Kaley Olson; her brothers Chad Olson and Scott Olson; and her husband Scott Odman.

A private funeral was held on February 12th at Victory Baptist Church. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, February 19th, 2022, via Zoom. For details, please contact Scott Odman at scottodman@gmail.com or 503-329-8736.

Ronald D. Otto

Ronald D. Otto, 70, a proud veteran of the United States Army and a longtime resident of Mandan ND, was peacefully called to his Lord's home on February 13, 2022 with family and care givers at his bedside.

A service honoring Ron's life will be held 11:30 AM Friday, Feb. 18th at First Lutheran Church in Mandan with Pastor Phil Leer officiating. Interment will follow at 3:00 PM Friday at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday at Weigel Funeral Home with a 7:00 PM Prayer Service.

A livestream of the prayer service and funeral service will be offered on Ron's obituary page at weigelfuneral.com.

Ron was born February 27, 1951 in Bismarck ND. He graduated from Mandan High school. Drafted into the US Army in 1971, he is a veteran of the Viet Nam War. He is the recipient of the National Defense and Viet Nam Service Medals.

After his military service, he returned to his beloved city of Mandan where he attended Bismarck State College. He served on many community boards and service organizations. He particularly enjoyed handing out dictionaries to local elementary students donated by the local Rotary. He felt honored to be the Veterans Service Officer for Morton and Oliver counties. He served as a Judge Advocate on National Association of County Veteran Services Officers. He worked tirelessly for ALL veterans.

He married Linda Kurzweg on May 7, 1993. They enjoyed spending time at their cabin on Lake Sakakawea. Ron was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a serious pinochle and cribbage player.

He leaves behind his wife of 28 years, Linda Otto; his mother Edith; daughters Jolene and Laura; siblings Kenny (Eileen) Otto and Bonnie (Tim) Leingang; and multiple nieces and nephews.

Ron's family requests any donations to be sent to: DAV Department of North Dakota, 3812 Lakewood Drive SE, Mandan ND 58554.

DEATHS

Arlene O. Ortloff

April 21, 1934 - Feb. 11, 2022

CROOKSTON, Minn. - Arlene O. Ortloff, 87, Crookston, Minn., died Friday, Feb. 11, in her home.

Visitation will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m., followed by a funeral at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 20, at Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home in Crookston. Bill Humiston will officiate. The service will be livestreamed on the funeral home's website. Interment will be in the spring in Fairview Cemetery in Beltrami, Minn.

Arrangements by Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home.

Ernest Rethemeier

Sept. 27, 1939 - Feb. 11, 2022

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Ernest Rethemeier, 82, Arvilla, N.D., died Friday, Feb. 11, in Valley Senior Living on Columbia.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Amundson Funeral Home in Grand Forks. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Arvilla Presbyterian Church. Inurnment will be at a later date in Arvilla Cemetery.

Arrangements by Amundson Funeral Home.

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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.

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

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



Courtesy / Ivy Vainio

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

we develop all these different health professions."

'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 Fellegly, 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 babies about medical school," he said. "The

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 people 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 Center in Anchorage, in the late 1980s. "I didn't 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 representation."

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 working to grow the number of Native health care professionals in specific areas around the country.

That's critical because some areas have more severe shortages than others. For example, she says Indian Health Service facilities in the Upper Midwest have a nearly 50 percent vacancy rate for physicians.

"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 also encourage young patients to pursue careers in health care.

"That's something that I hope someday I'll be able to have those conversations with 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."

Cleveland-Cliffs plans 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 pellet plant and the Babbitt mine will idle May 1 and last into at least the fall as the company moves production of direct-reduced grade pellets to its Minorca Mine in Virginia, Cliffs CEO Lourenco Goncalves said in a year-end 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 Minnesota operations, 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) grade pellets at 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 direct-reduced, 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 on unpaid royalty fees.

Mesabi Trust's Deutsche Bank manager declined to comment on the idling of Northshore.

In its quarterly report filed Jan. 28, 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 full-year 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 Northshore's direct-reduced or DR-grade pellet plant, which opened in 2019, and can produce 3.5 million tons of DR-grade pellets per year.

Goncalves has said he never would have built the plant at Northshore, which also produces traditional pellets meant for blast furnaces, if he had known that Cliffs would buy 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 said.

Babbitt Mayor Andrea Zupancich 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 only 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 the government that's affected, it's the 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 effect."

DEATHS

Linda M. Maszk

Oct. 12, 1948 -
Feb. 13, 2022
GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Linda M. Maszk, 73, Grand Forks, N.D., died Sunday, Feb. 13, in her home.

Memorial services will be in the spring.

Arrangements by Norman Funeral Home in Grand Forks.

Gerald "Jerry" Dahl

Feb. 2, 2022
COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho - Gerald "Jerry" Dahl, 85, Coeur D'Alene, formerly East Grand Forks, Minn., died Wednesday, Feb. 2, in a hospital from complications of COVID-19.

A memorial service will be in the spring in East Grand Forks.

Arrangements by Thompson-Larson Funeral Home in Minot, N.D.

Lota Dietzler

June 20, 1934 -
Feb. 5, 2022
FOSSTON, Minn. - Lota Dietzler, 87, Fosston, formerly Grand Forks, N.D., died Saturday, Feb. 5, in Essentia Health Living Center.

A family greeting will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at Hope Lutheran Church in Fosston. The Rev. Jane Ekholm will officiate. Inurnment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Grand Forks.

Arrangements by Carlin Family Funeral Service.

James "Jim" Enger

Aug. 15, 1953 -
Feb. 14, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - James "Jim" Enger, 68, formerly Northwood, N.D., died Monday, Feb. 14, in Sanford Hospice.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, at Ebenezer Free Lutheran Church in Northwood. A funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18, at the church.

Arrangements by Bilden-Askew Funeral Home in Northwood.

Robert "Bob" Polkinghorne

Jan. 30, 1940 -
Feb. 11, 2022
GRAND FORKS, N.D. - Robert "Bob" Polkinghorne, 82, Emerado, N.D., died Friday, Feb. 11, in Altru Hospital.

A memorial reception will be from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, at Amundson Funeral Home in Grand Forks.

Arrangements by Amundson Funeral Home.

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Rosemary Adele Tate

June 10, 1937 -
Feb. 10, 2022
CROOKSTON, Minn. - Rosemary Adele Tate, 84, Crookston, Minn., died Thursday, Feb. 10, in Benedictine Living Community Crookston.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 19, at the church. Father Bob Schreiner will officiate. The services will be livestreamed on the church's website. Inurnment will be in the spring in Oakdale Cemetery in Crookston.

Arrangements by Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home in Crookston.

Larry D. Ranum

Oct. 18, 1949 -
Feb. 9, 2022
CROOKSTON, Minn. - Larry D. Ranum, 72, Crookston, Minn., died Wednesday, Feb. 9, in RiverView Health.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Fertile. Visitation will continue from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a memorial Mass of Christian Burial at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, at the church. The Rev. Larry Delaney will officiate. Services will be livestreamed on Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home's website.

Arrangements by Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home.

Francis C. Wald

April 15, 1930 -
Feb. 5, 2022
WINNABOW, N.C. - Francis C. Wald, 91, Winnabow, N.C., formerly Grand Forks, N.D., died Saturday, Feb. 5, in his daughter's home.

A rosary will be from 2:30-3 p.m., with a visitation from 3-5 p.m. and a vigil at 5 p.m., at Norman Funeral Home in Grand Forks, N.D. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 21, at Our Lady or Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Reynolds, N.D. Burial will be in the spring in Calvary Cemetery in Reynolds.

Arrangements by Norman Funeral Home.

Margie Kulberg

March 4, 1950 -
Feb. 14, 2022
NORTHWOOD, N.D. - Margie Kulberg, 71, Northwood, N.D., died Monday, Feb. 14, in her home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 17, at Ebenezer Free Lutheran Church in Northwood.

Arrangements by Bilden-Askew Funeral Home in Northwood.

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Rudie to lead office for missing or murdered Indigenous Minnesotans

Former St. Paul officer, Ramsey County Sheriff's deputy a member of Lower Sioux Indian Community

By Deanna Weniger
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — A former St. Paul police officer and Ramsey County chief sheriff's deputy has been named the director of the state's newly formed Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives.

Juliet Rudie, who also is a tribal member of the Lower Sioux Indian

Community and a life-long Minnesota resident, will lead the first office of its kind in the nation. She starts Feb. 28.

"Rudie will lead the work of this new office to promote the empowerment of Native American women and pursue safeguards for Native American women, relatives, and children," said state Department of

Public Safety Commissioner John Harrington.

The office will be housed in the DPS Office of Justice Programs.

Rudie began her 28-year public safety career as a patrol officer with the St. Paul Police Department in 1990. She later served as a sergeant assigned to various divisions, including juvenile investigations and missing persons. She also served as the director of training.

She joined the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in 2011, serving as an inspector/undersher-

iff of the administration division and chief deputy.

The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 2019.

The group collected data and stories from across the state to study the impact of violence against Indigenous women. The study cul-

minated in a 2021 report that found that during the last decade, Native Americans — who make up 1 percent of Minnesota's population — accounted for about 9 percent of all murdered girls and women in the state.

Legislation to establish the MMIR office was signed into law by Gov. Tim Walz in 2021.

The office will also help develop and implement future legislation and social justice policies.

"Ms. Juliet Rudie brings a wealth of experience to this role and this office to help coordinate the efforts of tribal nations, law enforcement, federal and state agencies, and communities, so we can ultimately end this crisis," Walz said.



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Ask Amy

Amy Dickinson
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST
2/16/22

Dear Amy: "Randall," who went to school with my boyfriend, recently passed away.

My boyfriend and Randall were not particularly close and had not spoken in several years, but Randall left a wife and child behind.

He and his wife were extremely anti-vax, and he died due to COVID-19 complications.

In some sense, I feel angry that his daughter is now forced to grow up without a father, due to his attitude regarding the vaccine. I also feel sorry that his wife now has to raise her child alone and is suffering the loss of the love of her life.

I picked up a sympathy card but had reservations about sending it.

If his death could have been prevented, should I still send my regards?

- Sympathy Deserved

Dear Sympathy: Many deaths can be prevented. The one-car traffic accident, the fall from a ladder, failure to wear a seatbelt or a motorcycle helmet, a misdiagnosis, a suicide, an overdose; Depending on your perspective, these deaths might be preventable.

Anger is a natural reaction to deaths that seem senseless or even self-inflicted. However, your query about feeling or expressing sympathy when you don't respect the views of the person who died merits some self-examination.

Digressing a bit from your dilemma, I have been personally troubled by a measure of what I can only describe as "gloating" when people who identify as anti-vaxers have died from COVID. (I realize that you are NOT doing this.)

In my opinion, anyone who gloats over or celebrates another person's death really needs to have their heart examined. I see this as an unfortunate character illness amplified by the pandemic.

Sympathy cards acknowledge that a loss has taken place and express a hope that the survivors will find comfort. It seems easy enough to send a card, even if you are conflicted about the person who died. It is a basic kindness, but if you think this gesture renders you a hypocrite, then don't do it.

Dear Amy: A high school friend from 1975 (!) recently contacted me before Christmas on Facebook (I'm a woman; we had a hippy-dippy "friends with benefits" type of relationship).

In his Facebook message, he asked if he could call. I said yes, he called me, and we had a very nice long chat.

Two days later he asked when would be a good time to talk again!

I said that because of the holidays I was very busy, so I suggested that he call sometime afterwards. He called me a couple of weeks later and we had another nice long chat.

Then he called the NEXT DAY, asking if we could talk again. I politely explained that this isn't personal, but I have a very busy life with an aged mom and family nearby (as well as a stressful job), and that I just didn't have a lot of time for long chats.

He has called/texted me a dozen times since then, but I have not answered.

I don't know how else to tell him that I don't want to be in touch.

I don't spend this much time on the phone with people I NEED to be more in touch with.

What should I do? I don't want to be hurtful, but this is over the top.

- Over It

Dear Over It: You've already explained to your friend that you don't have the time or inclination to have frequent extended conversations with him.

Your behavior now is consistent with your candid statement.

If you are inclined at some point (this should be up to you), you might take a call or text and just ask him, quite plainly: "What are you seeking here?" And depending on how he answers, you can respond honestly regarding whether you are up for any version of it.

Dear Amy: I've recently gotten in the habit of thanking my wife for everything she does for us in this household. Lately, I've been thanking people for "being here."

Last night at a drive-thru, I thanked the young lady behind the window for "being here."

She responded, smiling broadly, "Oh my gosh, thanks for saying that. I almost didn't come in tonight! Have a good night, sir."

The more I thank people, the more I realize that these people appreciate being appreciated. You might give it a try -- and thanks to you for being here.

- Grateful

Dear Grateful: My daily practice at the Dunkin' drive-thru is to make eye contact and verbally express my gratitude. "Thanks for being here" really says it all.

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: _____

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIZMO AFTER JOGGER RELENT
Answer: Sasquatch prints had been found in the snow, and the TV news crew got some — FOOTAGE

ROYAL STARS HOROSCOPE

BY GEORGIA NICOLS

Note: Royal Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label that astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

MOON ALERT: Avoid shopping or making important decisions from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST today (8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. PST). After that, the Moon moves from Leo into Virgo.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022:

You are vibrant and active, and you like to live fast. You are also an optimistic idealist. This winning combination guarantees your popularity with others. It's important to take care of your health this year, because you will be of service to others. You might even want to explore a personal makeover for yourself.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Today you make a desirable impression on bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Oh yes, everyone thinks you rock! Since this is the case, this is obviously the day to make your pitch. However, avoid doing this during the Moon Alert. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You have a strong desire to travel and feel the thrill and adventure of enjoying foreign places and exciting cities. Very likely, this is not possible with the restrictions we face. Nevertheless, do something to expand your world. Be inventive! Tonight: Socialize!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ This is a hot and sexy day! (Even if it's raining.) Passions are running high today because you feel attracted to someone. You might even crush on a celebrity or someone beyond your reach. This is because you feel a strong need for affection with someone appealing. Tonight: Home and family.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ This is an excellent day for warm relations with friends, partners and spouses, because you want their attention. You want to be adored! You want to attract people to you who will make you feel good about yourself. There's certainly nothing wrong with that. Tonight: You're busy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Relations with co-workers will be pleasant today. These relations will be so supportive that some of you will strike up a romantic tryst or develop a crush on someone. (It's as if you were hit over the head.) Suddenly, this person seems kinda cute! Tonight: Count your money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ This is a wonderful day for romance and dating. Even lunch with a platonic friend could turn flirtatious. This is because Venus and Mars are lined up today, which means they excite and promote this kind of energy. Everyone feels a strong need for affection. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Although there is a strong romantic vibe today, some of you might channel this energy into redecorating where you live or entertaining at home. It will please you to offer something special and spectacular to guests so they are thrilled with your efforts. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are an intense, passionate sign, and today is an intense, passionate day. Expect casual flirtations from surprising sources, even everyday encounters. Your ordinary world will take on a bit of excitement today because you might encounter someone who makes your heart leap. Tonight: Be friendly!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are intrigued by money and shopping today. You want to attract money to you. Plus, you want to buy beautiful things for loved ones. If shopping, definitely avoid doing this during the Moon Alert. Work around this. Tonight: You're admired.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ This is an exciting, scintillating day because Venus and Mars are lined up in your sign. This means you exude pheromones and other delightful little gestures that might attract someone to you. You might not even be aware of it. Or you might be aware that you are flirting -- and loving it! Tonight: Explore!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Some of you might be having a smoldering, secret love affair at this time. Others might be having this same kind of secret love affair in their mind. Sheer fantasy? Either way, this is a flirtatious day when many people feel attracted to others. Tonight: Simmer down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will enjoy the company of others today. You might enjoy the company of a friend so much today that this person becomes a lover. Almost certainly, you will feel a flirtatious connection with someone or at least an attraction. Hopefully, this is a two-way street. Tonight: Cooperate.

BORN TODAY
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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

- Glutton
- Ms. Reese
- Throw
- Explorer Vasco da
- Adams & Falco
- Puerto
- Charitable gift
- Finicky
- Actress Thompson
- Wild felines
- In ; quickly
- "Amore"; Dean Martin song
- Quayle or Rather
- Part of NATO
- Handgun
- Makes money
- Provide with fresh weapons
- Compete
- Lose traction on the road
- Hippie's greeting
- Greek letter
- British custom
- Wooden box
- Current conductors
- Zigzag skiing
- Guard
- Enraged
- Gate fastener
- Many times
- Pantyhoose woes
- Curtain holder
- Crime
- Take a ; see the sights
- Computer geek
- Small weight
- Haywire
- Beholds
- Miles per hour
- Curvy mountain road

DOWN

- Like pastel colors
- Irrelevant
- pedal; accelerator
- Barney Fife's title
- Imported cheeses
- Turkey's dollar
- "Why don't we!"
- "Just suspected!"
- School no-show
- Paints for Picasso
- "Scram!"
- As as a boil
- "My Sal"
- Deep gorge
- Taps lovingly
- over; deliver
- Urgent
- Reason to study
- Gathers leaves
- Kept up the ; didn't lag
- Brings down, as a regime
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- Enlarge a hole
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- Not complicated
- Nudge

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Sudoku puzzle

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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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48 Ripped
49 Broth or chowder
50 Midmorning
52 Yours and mine
53 Help with the dishes
55 Uno y uno
56 Light bulb inventor's initials

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SPORTS

Riders jump on Packers early

By Tom Miller
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — West Fargo might've struck first against Grand Forks Red River on Tuesday night in the opening round of the East Region boys hockey tournament, but there was no question which team owned the first period.

The Roughriders put 23 shots on net in the first period and scored three times on their way to a 6-2 win over West Fargo in the region quarterfinals at Eagles Arena.

Speedy West Fargo defenseman Owen Witt started the scoring at 6 minutes, 51 seconds of the first period — one of just four West Fargo shots on net in the first period.

"What I like is we went right back at it," Red River coach Tim Skarperud said. "We kept going and got the next few after that."

Red River, the No. 2 seed in the East Region, advances to play No. 3 Fargo South/Shanley, a team the Roughriders split a pair one-goal games against during the regular season.

Red River and South/Shanley play Friday night at Purpur Arena. The game starts 30 minutes after the first championship semifinal between No. 1 seed Fargo Davies and No. 4 Grand Forks Central, which begins at 3:30 p.m.

After Witt's goal to open the scoring, Red River scored three times in a four-minute span to establish control.

"I thought we came out pretty fast and moving our feet," Red River junior forward Michael Coleman said. "We got a couple of bounces, and I feel like that was probably one of our better first periods of the whole season."

Sophomore forward Grant
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Photos by Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald

Grand Forks Central players (L-R) Cole Barta, Donovan Balek and Cade Lindseth celebrate their second goal late in the third period to give the Knights a 2-1 lead against Fargo North at Purpur Arena.

Knights hang on, advance

GF Central downs Fargo North in East Region opener

By Maxwell Marko
Grand Forks Herald

Grand Forks
With just under two minutes remaining in regulation, Central's third line came up with its biggest contribution of the season. Cade Lindseth was able to finish off a strong rush up ice by Cole Barta and give the Knights a late lead against Fargo North.

"We were suffering from a little paralysis by analysis but we still found a way to win. That's the positive out of it, but as far as our overall performance goes we've been better," Central head coach Grant Paranca said following the Knights' 3-2 quarterfinal round win in the East Region

boys hockey tournament.

The Knights were up against two of the state's top scorers in Owen Branson and Nataniel Fritel. The pair was inches away from opening the goal scoring on several chances but struck iron instead.

Instead, it was Dominic Gerszewski and it was just as a power play expired late in the second period. A one-timer on a rebound opportunity and it was a booming one at that. Just inside the far faceoff dot and just under the bar behind North's Ryan Robison.

Central struggled to develop dangerous offensive chances and were forced

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Grand Forks Central's Even Panzer reacts to scoring the Knights' third goal late in the third period Tuesday at Purpur Arena.

UND's defensemen lift a heavy load



Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald

Brent Johnson celebrates his first collegiate goal with teammates Jakob Hellsten, Judd Caulfield, Brendan Budy and Riese Gaber in the second period Saturday against Colorado College.

By Brad E. Schlossman
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — Ethan Frisch is used to playing a lot. The UND junior defenseman from Moorhead averages around 23 minutes a night for the Fighting Hawks.

But he and the rest of the blue liners had a whole new experience during UND's two-game sweep of Colorado College last weekend.

Due to Jake Sanderson's absence at the Olympic Games and an injury to Brady Ferner, the Fighting Hawks started the weekend with six available defensemen. That number quickly dropped to five when Cooper Moore was ejected eight minutes into the

weekend for a contact to the head major. Moore was subsequently suspended for the series finale.

It meant heavy lifting for the remaining five.

On Friday, Frisch played an astounding 30 minutes, 57 seconds, eclipsing his previous season high by more than four full minutes, as UND hung on to a 3-2 win over Colorado College.

On Saturday, the other four defensemen — Chris Jandric, Tyler Kleven, Luke Bast and Brent Johnson — all registered season highs in ice time during UND's 4-0 victory.

The workload was an especially large jump for Bast and Johnson, a pair of rookies who

have played limited minutes this season. Bast played 10 minutes more than his average; Johnson played nine more.

"It was fun," Johnson said. "Obviously, the early half of the season, I didn't get to play a whole lot. I was just waiting for my chance and we had some injuries this weekend, unfortunately, and it's next-man up. So, I was excited to get in and get some experience, for sure."

Bast said: "At the end of the day, it's an opportunity and you've just got to take it and roll with it."

Johnson, who has often been the seventh defenseman,
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Grand Forks Central goalie Preston Diederich makes a save in the second period against Fargo North Tuesday at Purpur Arena.

just always wanted to play. Even when he was injured he was practicing hard.”

Barta, who was injured during the football season at the start of the school year and then again this hockey season, picked up his third point of the year. Balek, a freshman who has yet to score one of his own, added his sixth assist.

“We’ve created chemistry throughout

the year just practicing every day. We all can skate and we know that so we just try to play to our strengths,” Linseth said.

The Spartans battled to the very end despite a quick follow-up goal from Evan Panzer off a Robison turnover.

Connor Holm brought life back to the North bench with 49 seconds left, but it wasn’t enough. Preston Diederich and the Knights stood their ground on defense and

found a way to advance to a semifinal matchup against Fargo Davies on Friday at Purpur Arena.

“Not really happy with the way it ended but elated to be moving on,” Paronica said. “We were fortunate to figure out a way to win a game we weren’t at our best.”

Central lost both its regular-season matchups with Fargo Davies, including a 2-1 season-opening loss.

UND defenseman time on ice vs. CC

Defenseman	Season average	Friday	Saturday	Weekend total
Ethan Frisch	22:57	30:57*	27:19	58:17
Chris Jandric	21:58	26:36	27:50*	54:26
Tyler Kleven	19:39	25:32	27:38*	53:10
Luke Bast	9:27	19:17	19:31*	38:48
Brent Johnson	8:29	14:06	17:33*	31:39

* Denotes season high ice time

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said he worked to stay ready for an opportunity like this weekend.

“I’m just a competitive person,” he said. “I always want to win. I’m motivated by those types of things.”

Not only did Johnson eat up minutes, he also scored his first collegiate goal in the second period Saturday, threading a point shot through a screen and past Colorado College goalie Dominic Basse.

“I’ll remember that forever,” Johnson said. Johnson didn’t even see the puck go in.

“I just shot it, a guy kind of came across me and I just saw the crowd stand up and the horn went off,” Johnson said. “So, I figured it went in, obviously.”

His teammates were excited to see it.

“I was fired up,” goaltender Zach Driscoll

said. “I can’t remember if I put my hands up or not, but he’s a great kid and he’s been working hard all season. He hasn’t necessarily been seeing the minutes the other guys have, but he’s a really good player. I was really, really happy for him to see that go in.”

It’s not just the forwards who have to adjust their games when they’re down players.

UND fifth-year senior center Connor Ford said the forwards also made slight changes to their styles, knowing the Fighting Hawks were shorthanded on the back end.

“We try to get pucks up quick, not fool around with it too much back there in the defensive end so we can get going the other way and forwards can carry the load and do the heavy lifting,” Ford said. “Other than that, it’s the same way, same North Dakota hockey.”

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Eric Hylden / Grand Forks Herald

Red River’s Skyler Syverson works for the puck as West Fargo’s Owen Witt looks on in the first period Tuesday at the Eagles Arena.

of the second period to pull the Packers within 4-2.

Then after Red River junior Carson Skarperud scored at 6:31 of the third to push the Red River lead to three goals, the Packers had one final chance to make things interesting.

But on the power play, West Fargo couldn’t settle a puck

at the door step of an open Red River net with 2:30 to play to make it a two-goal game again. Instead, a minute later, Coleman scored his second of the game to finish the Packers.

Packers goalie Alex Klubben ended with 48 saves, while Red River’s Noah Burger made 16 stops.

Red River, which ended the regular sea-

son with back-to-back losses to Davies and South-Shanley, improved to 17-4-0.

GF Red River 6, West Fargo 2
 First period – 1. WF, Owen Witt 6:51; 2. RR, Grant Gardner (Mason Stroh) 10:37; 3. RR, Michael Coleman (Wyatt LeDuc, RyLee Vetsch) 11:49; 4. RR, Luc Bydal (Skyler Syverson, Gardner) 14:24
 Second period – 5. RR, Syverson (Bydal, Carter Sproule) 4:42; 6. WF, Colten Bossert (Witt, Noah Diemer) 12:17
 Third period – 7. RR, Carson Skarperud (Vetsch, Coleman) 6:31; 8. RR, Coleman (Skarperud) 14:30
 Goalie saves – RR: Noah Burger 3-9-4 – 16; WF: Alex Klubben 20-13-15 – 48

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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 wanted to go to the Sixers last season

By Keith Pompey
The Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia

James 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 here.

"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 first-round 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 agency.

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 four-point 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 vaccine.

"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 Djokovic had antibodies after recovering from the coronavi-



Daniel Pockett / Getty Images / TNS
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 exemption was overturned by the Australian government and courts, which canceled his

visa after a 10-day battle with Djokovic's legal team.

Making his first public comments since the Aus-

tralia debacle, Djokovic said he understood and knew the consequences of his decision not to get vaccinated and "was

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 information 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.

He said he shared Percocet

pills — a mix of oxycodone and 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.

Harvey didn't accompany the team to Texas because of

an injury, but he recounted 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 everything you can to stay on the 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.

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THE RINK LIVE QUESTION 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. George Walker IV / USA Today Sports

Olympic growth excites Gophers

Underclassman Abbey Murphy's international experience will be a bonus for team

By Jess Myers
Forum News Service

Minneapolis

Late 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 medal.

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



Team USA's Abbey Murphy (37) pats teammate Alex Carpenter (25) after practice Dec. 19, 2021, at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Jason Wachter / The Rink Live

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."

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 long-time 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 student-athletes to benefit from their name, image and likeness allowed players like Walker and Knies to hold camps under their own names.

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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

Russian 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 seconds, 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 crystal-encrusted purple dress, completed her triple Lutz-triple 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 three.

"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 Beijing.

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.

Shiffrin finished 18th in 1



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 two and a half seconds back from gold medalist Corinne Suter of Switzerland.

"I think it was pretty solid," Shiffrin said. "It's really hard to expect much from results right now with downhill because I haven't done a lot of it."

The event served as preparation for Thursday's com-

bined — one run of the slalom and one run of the downhill — that is the final individual event and one in which she will contend for a medal.

"I'm really happy that I was able to race today," Shiffrin 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 instinct and see what happens

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 every day."

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As of Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022

Country	G	S	B	T
Norway	12	7	7	26
ROC	4	7	9	20
Germany	9	6	3	18
USA	7	6	4	17
Canada	2	4	11	17
Austria	6	6	4	16
Japan	2	5	7	14
Netherlands	6	4	3	13
Italy	2	6	5	13
China	6	4	2	12
France	3	7	2	12
Sweden	5	3	3	11
Switzerland	5	0	5	10
Slovenia	2	3	2	7
South Korea	1	3	1	5
Australia	1	2	1	4
Finland	1	1	2	4
Hungary	1	0	2	3
New Zealand	1	1	0	2
Czech Rep.	1	0	1	2
Belarus	0	2	0	2
Slovakia	1	0	0	1
Spain	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Estonia	0	0	1	1
Latvia	0	0	1	1
Poland	0	0	1	1



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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

President 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



People gather at the Pantheon to call for peace between Ukraine and Russia on Tuesday in Rome. Guglielmo Mangiapane / Reuters

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.



Elizabeth Frantz / Reuters

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
Reuters

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 website Distributed 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 contains donor information about a similar “Adopt-a-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 blockaded cities and border



Patrick Doyle / Reuters

A person 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 data.

The new GiveSendGo data also came from a “hack” according to DDoS, which did not provide further information. The Adopt-a-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.

DDoS describes itself

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-Trucker” campaign 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 GiveSendGo’s “Freedom Convoy” on Feb. 9, according to leaked information confirmed by Reuters.

Third person reported cured of HIV

By Julie Steenhuisen
Reuters

CHICAGO - A U.S. patient 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 Tuesday.

The case of a 64-year-old woman of mixed race, presented at the Conference on Retroviruses and Opportu-

nistic Infections in Denver, is also the first involving 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.

The two prior cases occurred 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 U.S.-backed study led by Dr. Yvonne Bryson of the Univer-

sity of California Los Angeles (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 stem cells from individuals with a specific genetic muta-

tion in which they lack receptors used by the virus to infect cells.

Scientists believe these individuals then develop an immune system resistant to HIV.

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 U.S. jury.

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.

Insurance worker Anthony Joho, 21, said the allegations had shredded the mystique of a family that is supposed to

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.

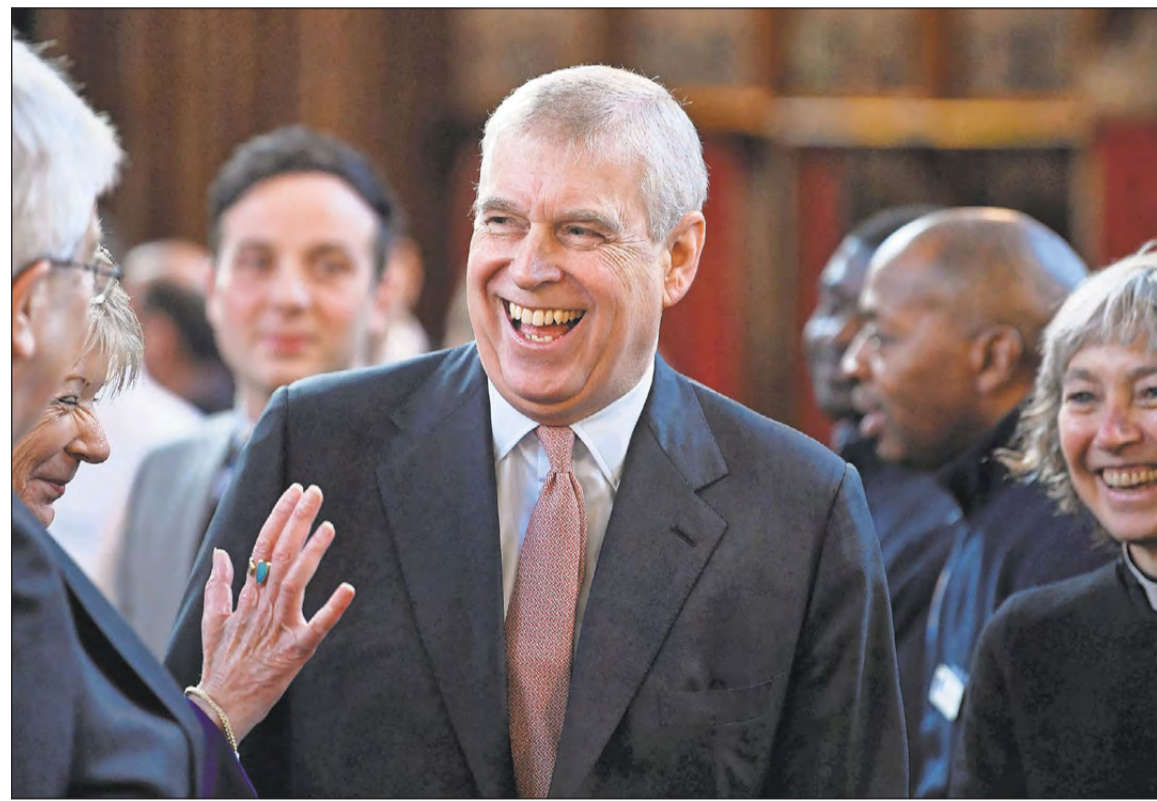
At the heart of the case was the late financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, a friend of Andrew's through his associate Ghislaine Maxwell. Giuffre had accused Epstein of trafficking her for sex.

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 and that he did not regret ties with Epstein because of all the business people he had met in the process.



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.

Asked if he had questioned 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.

"As far as I was aware, they were staff," he said.

Shortly afterwards Andrew stepped back from royal duties, and in January he was

further stripped of his military links and royal patronages, and gave up his "Royal Highness" title.

Charles Rae, a former royal correspondent at the Sun newspaper, said the settlement would at least prevent a potentially lurid court case from taking place in the same year Queen Elizabeth celebrates her 70th year on the

throne.

"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 wife Meghan.

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 National 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," LeBoeuf, 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 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 six-month state of emergency, effective immediately, adding

to signs that a bloody conflict 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 Pitaxo, 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 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 moves to address inflation.

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.

US Energy Dept. plans hydrogen initiatives

\$8 billion set aside in bipartisan infrastructure bill for hydrogen projects

By Riley Beggin
The Detroit News

WASHINGTON — The 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 bill.

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 — including hubs that can produce hydrogen from fossil fuels, nuclear energy and renewable 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 environmental 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 trucking.

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 Energy also launched a \$1 billion program Tuesday for research into clean hydrogen electrolysis, 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 equipment.

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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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-from-home 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 a 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 working from his home as

an engineering manager for 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 salary.

‘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 of 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 the recruiting rally, according

to a report by global hiring 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-

eign company. But then she started getting offers — and the promise of a salary in dollars and the option for remote work sounded attractive.

“Why did I go job hunting 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 global one,” Mendes said. “The genie is out of the bottle.”

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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 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 recall.”

Bolts since last fall.

“We 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 recall.”

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 two “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 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

The 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 film sets.

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 highest-profile 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 bullet.

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 field.

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

"Saturday Night Live" 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 Instagram.

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 DONT 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 himself holding a notepad with 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 that 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-

ing brand.

"Size 12," Che added.

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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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
Star Tribune

Grocery 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 decades.

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 in the store?

"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 list.

"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 dinners.

Learn your store

Discover your grocery store's hidden finds such as discount sections. Many grocery stores have sections or bins with soon-to-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 half-gallon (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," she said.

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 products.

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 biscotti are not made with butter so they are super-crunchy for dunking. American-style biscotti made with butter, though not ideal for dunking, are lighter and more tender.

— Allow the logs to 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.

— Brush the top of the biscotti after its first bake with an egg white

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 unsalted butter, melted

Zest of 1 large orange

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3/4 cup toasted hazelnuts (or nut of your choice)

9 ounces milk chocolate, 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 hazelnuts 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 minutes, or until dried out and golden. Set aside to cool completely.

Pour the melted chocolate into a glass and dip the biscotti half-way in. Let the excess chocolate drip back into the glass, then place 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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Grand Forks, ND, 58201, until 11:00 a.m., local time, on the 24th day of February, 2022 where and at what time shortly thereafter they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids can be mailed to: AE2S Attn: Geoffrey Slick, PE 4050 Garden View Drive, Suite 200 Grand Forks, ND 58201 The Work is comprised of one (1) Contract with two (2) Base Bids and three (3) Bid Alternates: Contract No. 1 - Pipeline Construction, Contract No. 1 will award Base Bid No. 1 and Base Bid No. 2 with or without any combination of the alternates. Alternate No. 2 may be awarded as 'A' option, or 'B' option, or with both the 'A' and the 'B' option, Alternate No. 3 will only award the 'A' or the 'B' option if Alternate No. 3 is accepted for award. The Work is generally described as follows:

Contract No. 1: Pipeline Construction: 1. Base Bid No. 1 - Service to Hatton: Construction of rural water pipelines consisting of furnishing and installing the following approximate quantities: 100 feet of 3-inch through 4-inch DR 11 IPS Poly pipeline, 100 feet of 6-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 100 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 38,500 feet of 12-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline, 100 feet of 12-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 3,150 feet of 12-inch DR 13.5 Poly directional bores, 450 feet of 12-inch DR 11 IPS Poly directional bores, two (2) 12-inch poly 45-degree bends, eight (8) 12-inch poly 90-degree bends, one (1) 12-inch poly tee, one (1) 12-inch by 4-inch stainless steel saddle, three (3) tie-ins to existing system, five (5) gate valves ranging in size from 4-inch to 12-inch, one (1) air release valve (ARV) with manhole, one (1) 1-inch flush/air blow off valve, one (1) 2-inch Flush/Air Blow Off valve, and all associated fittings and appurtenances, restoration, flushing and testing, signage, seeding, and gravel. 2. Base Bid No. 2 - Service to

Grandin: Construction of rural water pipelines consisting of furnishing and installing the following approximate quantities: 200 feet of 1-inch DR 7 IPS Poly through 2-inch DR 11 IPS Poly pipeline, 100 feet of 3-inch through 4-inch DR 11 IPS Poly pipeline, 100 feet of 6-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline, 400 feet of 6-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 41,000 feet of 8-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline, 200 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 29,000 feet of 12-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline, 200 feet of 12-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 3,125 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly directional bores, 775 feet of 12-inch DR 13.5 Poly directional bores, 225 feet of 12-inch DR 11 IPS Poly directional bores, two (2) 12-inch carrier pipe in cased bores, two (2) 6-inch poly 90-degree bends, two (2) 12-inch poly 45-degree bends, six (6) 12-inch poly 90-degree bends, one (1) 8-inch poly tee, four (4) 12-inch poly tees, eleven (11) tie-ins to existing system, sixteen (16) gate valves ranging in size from 3-inch to 12-inch, two (2) 2-inch flush/air blow off valve, and all associated fittings and appurtenances, restoration, flushing and testing, signage, seeding, and gravel. 3. Alternate No. 1 - Hatton Connection: Construction of rural water pipelines consisting of furnishing and installing the following approximate quantities: 100 feet of 1-inch DR 7 IPS Poly through 2-inch DR 11 IPS Poly pipeline, 300 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly pipeline, 600 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly directional bores, two (2) 8-inch poly 90-degree bends, two (2) tie-ins to existing system, three (3) 8-inch gate valves, one (1) 2-inch flush/air blow off valve, and all associated fittings and appurtenances, restoration, flushing and testing, signage, seeding, and gravel. 5. Alternate No. 2A - Incremental Cost DR 13.5 Poly to DR 17 Poly - Service to Hatton: Incremental cost difference to provide and install the following approximate quantities: 38,500 feet of 12-inch DR 17 IPS Poly pipeline in lieu of 38,500 feet of 12-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline included as Work within Base Bid No. 2 - Service to Grandin, 29,000 feet of 12-inch DR 17 IPS Poly pipeline in lieu of 29,000 feet of 12-inch SDR 26 IPS PVC pipeline included as Work within Base Bid No. 2 - Service to Grandin, 1,700 feet of 8-inch DR 17 IPS Poly directional bores in lieu of 1,700 feet of 8-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly directional bores included as Work within Base Bid No. 2 - Service to Grandin, and 775 feet of 12-inch DR 17 IPS Poly directional bores in lieu of 775 feet of 12-inch DR 13.5 IPS Poly directional bores included as Work within Base Bid No. 2 - Service to Grandin.

WAGE RATE REQUIREMENTS, AND AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL REQUIREMENTS as explained in the Specifications. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title 40 CFR Part 33 - Participate by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in the United States Environmental Protection Agency Programs. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation concern utilization of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE), Women's Business Enterprises (WBE), and Small Business Enterprises (SBE) and are explained in the specifications. The goal for MBE is 2% of the total dollar value of the project. The goal for WBE is 3% of the total dollar value of the project. Bidders shall demonstrate a good faith effort to solicit for MBE and WBE subcontractors. The completed MBE/WBE Solicitation Information sheet must be provided in the outer bid security envelope. Failure to include this information will result in the bid not being opened. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the American Iron and Steel requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this regulation are explained in the specifications. Contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the low Bid submitted by a responsible and responsive Bidder deemed most favorable to the Owner's interest. All Bids shall be contained in a sealed envelope plainly marked showing that such envelope contains a Bid for the Project. In addition, the Bidder shall place upon the exterior of such envelope the following information:

1. Project Name and Work covered by the Bidder (General).
2. The name of the Bidder.
3. Separate envelope containing Bid Bond, and a copy of Contractor's License or Renewal Certificate
4. Acknowledgement of all Addenda.

Bids shall be mailed to AE2S, 4050 Garden View Drive, Suite 200, Grand Forks, ND 58201. Complete digital project Bidding Documents are available at www.AE2S.com or www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) by inputting Quest project #8105851 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. Copies of the Bidding Documents may also be seen and examined at the office of the Engineer, Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc., 4050 Garden View Drive, Suite 200, Grand Forks, ND 58201. The Bidding Documents are available in the form of printed plans and specifications and/or PDF compact discs (CDs) from Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. The costs are \$100.00 for CDs and \$300.00 for printed documents, for each set of Documents obtained. Payment for Bidding Documents is NON-REFUNDABLE. All Work shall be done according to the Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents may also be examined at the offices of AE2S in Bismarck, Fargo, Williston, and Grand Forks, ND, and in Minneapolis, MN.

The work for each contract must be completed no later than the following:

1. Base Bid
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 - b. Final Completion - June 15, 2023
2. Alternate 1
 - a. Substantial Completion - November 30, 2022
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the public that the Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the request for final approval of a **Sign Appeal for Green Mill sign, located at 1930 South Columbia Road.** The public hearing will be held Wednesday, **March 2, 2022**, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, where all interested citizens will be heard. Any individual requiring special accommodations to allow access or participation at this hearing is asked to notify the ADA coordinator (746-2665) of their needs one week prior to the hearing. For further information, please call 746-2661. Dated this 10th of February 2022. CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Ryan Brooks, Planning Director (Feb. 16, 2022) 32369

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the public that the Grand Forks Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on the request for final approval of an ordinance to amend **Chapter XVIII Land Development Code, Amending Section 18-0301 (3) relating to Off-Premise Signs.** The public hearing will be held Wednesday, **March 2, 2022**, at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, where all interested citizens will be heard. Any individual requiring special accommodations to allow access or participation at this hearing is asked to notify the ADA coordinator (746-2665) of their needs one week prior to the hearing. For further information, please call 746-2661. Dated this 10th of February 2022. CITY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Ryan Brooks, Planning Director (Feb. 16, 2022) 32393

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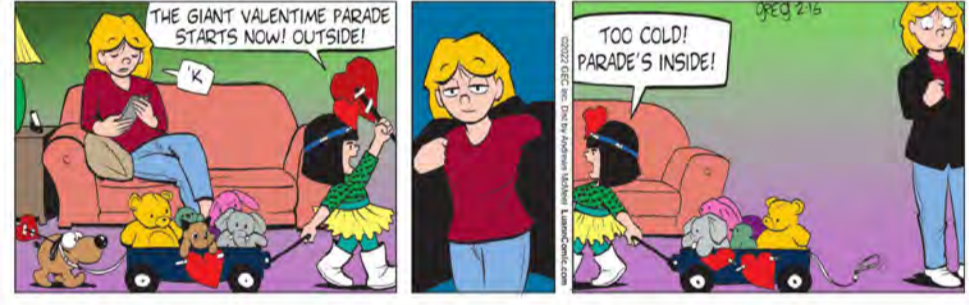
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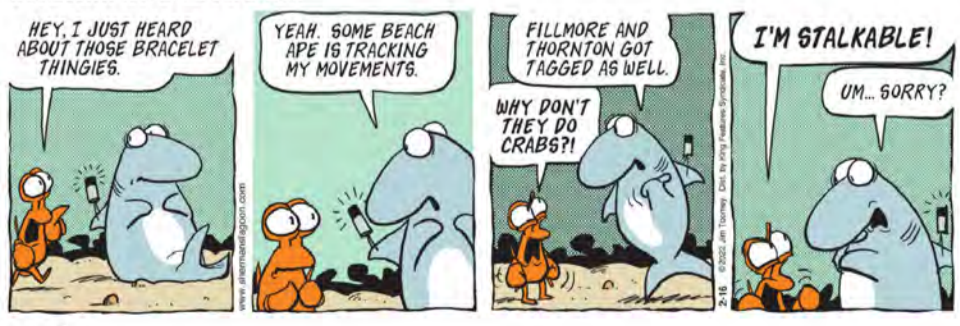
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