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Rescuers clear the rubble of a warehouse containing more than 50,000 tons of deep-frozen food in the town of Brovary, north of the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv, after being destroyed by shelling Monday. RONALDO SCHEMIDT/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

## Russia says it will scale back as talks progress

## Ukrainians maintain stiff resistance

Nebi Qena and Yuras Karmanau

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KYIV, Ukraine – Russia announced Tuesday it will significantly scale back military operations near Ukraine's capital and a northern city, as the outlines of a possible deal to end the war came into view at the latest round of talks.

Ukraine's delegation at the conference, held in Istanbul, laid out a framework under which the country would declare itself neutral and its security would be guaranteed by an array of other nations.

Moscow's public reaction was positive, and the negotiations are expected to resume on Wednesday, five weeks into what has devolved into a bloody war of attrition, with thousands dead and almost 4 million Ukrainians fleeing the country.

Amid the talks, Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin said Moscow has decided to "fundamentally ... cut back military activity in the direction of Kyiv and Chernihiv" to "increase mutual trust and create conditions for further negotiations."

He did not immediately spell out what that would mean in practical terms.



Lines of people who fled Ukraine wait for help to receive food and shelter on Tuesday at the District Department of the State Migration Service, in Brovary, on the outskirts of Kyiv, Ukraine. RODRIGO ABD/AP

The announcement was met with skepticism from the U.S. and others.

While Moscow portrayed it as a goodwill gesture, its ground troops have become bogged down and taken heavy losses in their bid to seize Kyiv and other cities. Last week and again on Tuesday, the Kremlin seemed to lower its war aims, saying its "main goal" now is gaining control of the mostly Russianspeaking Donbas region in eastern Ukraine.

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## UnitedHealth to buy in-home care group

Nation's largest insurer expands with \$5.4B deal

Tom Murphy

UnitedHealth Group will spend \$5.4 billion to acquire LHC Group and delve deeper into home health, an area of care expected to grow as baby boomers age.

The health care giant said Tuesday that it will pay \$170 in cash for each share of LHC's stock in a deal expected to close later this year.

UnitedHealth, which runs the nation's largest health insurer, will add LHC Group Inc. to its Optum Health business, which operates primary care clinics and surgery centers around the country.

The deal represents "a nice strategic

fit" for Optum, given the growth potential in home health care and United-Health's Medicare Advantage coverage, Mizuho Securities USA analyst Ann Hynes said in a research note.

Medicare Advantage plans are privately run versions of government-funded Medicare coverage for people who are 65 or older or those who have

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## Sartell grad awarded Carnegie Medal for heroism

Kouba saved man, two children from drowning

Becca Most

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St. Cloud State University swimmer Marena Kouba, 21, has been honored with the Carnegie Medal for saving the lives of a man and two children struggling in deep water while swimming in Lake Superior in 2020.

The Carnegie Medal is considered

North America's highest civilian honor for heroism, and is given to people in the United States and Canada who risk their lives by saving or attempting to save others.



Kouba

On July 19, 2020 Kouba was on vacation at a beach near Marquette, Michigan when she saw three people who had drifted out in the currents while attempting to cross a short portion of Lake Superior to an is-

At the time Kouba was SCSU swim captain and was heading into her senior year. She had been part of multiple conference championship teams at SCSU and qualified for nationals as an individual and relay team member in 2020.

Despite the rough water, Kouba jumped in immediately and swam to 37-year-old Eric Benac and two children, ages 10 and 11.

All three people held onto Kouba as

she swam 200 yards back to shore.
Once she got close to shore others swam to reach them, assisting them to

A graduate of Sartell-St. Stephen High School, Kouba was an NCAA All-American in 2020, the Minnesota Class A 100 butterfly champion in 2017 and made several appearances on the St. Cloud Times All-Area swim

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Marena Kouba, a swimmer at Sartell/St. Stephen High and St. Cloud State University, recieved the Carnegie Medal for saving the lives of a man and two children from drowning in deep water in Lake Superior in the summer of 2020.

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## Taco Villa reopens in downtown

Old taco place becomes new old taco place as Taco Villa moves into former Taco John's. **3A** 

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HP Inc	.78	2.0	14	39.72	+.97 +5.4
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Vale SA	3.08	15.4	4	19.95	02 +42.3
VerizonCm VirgnGal	2.56	5.0	10	51.25 11.01	+.08 -1.4 +1.25 -17.7
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## **TODAY IN HISTORY**

Today is Wednesday, March 30, the 89th day of 2022. There are 276 days left in the year. On this date in:

1867: U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."

1870: The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.

1981: President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.

## Ukraine

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President Joe Biden, asked whether the Russian announcement was a sign of progress in talks or an attempt by Moscow to buy time to continue its assault, said: "We'll see. I don't read anything into it until I see what their actions are.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said he had not seen anything indicating talks were progressing in a "constructive way," and he suggested Russian indications of a pullback could be an attempt by Moscow to "deceive people and deflect attention."

"There is what Russia says and there is what Russia does, and we're focused on the latter," Blinken said in Morocco. "And what Russia is doing is the continued brutalization of Ukraine."

Western officials say Moscow is reinforcing troops in the Donbas in an attempt to encircle Ukraine's best-trained and best-equipped forces, which are concentrated in the east. And in the country's south, civilians trapped in the ruins of Mariupol and other bombarded and shattered cities continue to suffer.

Even as negotiators gathered, Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces blasted a gaping hole in a nine-story government administration building in a strike on the southern port city of Mykolaiv, killing at least 12 people, emergency authorities said. The search for more bodies in the rubble continued.

"It's terrible. They waited for people to go to work" before striking the building, said regional governor Vitaliy Kim.

Ukraine's military said it has noted withdrawals of some Russian forces around Kyiv and Chernihiv. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby told CNN the U.S. hasn't seen anything to corroborate a significant pullback from the capital, "but what we have seen over the last couple of days is they have stopped trying to advance on Kyiv."

Rob Lee, a military expert at the U.S.based Foreign Policy Research Institute, tweeted of the Russian announcement: "This sounds like more of an acknowledgment of the situation around Kyiv where Russia's advance has been stalled for weeks and Ukrainian forces have had recent successes. Russia doesn't have the forces to encircle the city.'

The meeting in Istanbul was the first time negotiators from Russia and Ukraine talked face-to-face in two weeks. Earlier talks were held in person in Belarus or by video.

Among other things, the Kremlin has demanded all along that Ukraine drop



Men standing in front of damaged kiosks look at damaged buildings Tuesday after a Russian attack the previous night in the residential area of Mikolaiv, Ukraine. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said seven people were killed in a missile strike on the regional government headquarters in Mykolayiv. PETROS GIANNAKOURIS/AP

any hope of joining NATO.

Ukraine's delegation offered a detailed framework for a peace deal under which the nation would remain neutral but its security would be guaranteed by a group of third countries, including the U.S., Britain, France, Turkey, China and Poland, in an arrangement similar to NATO's "an attack on one is an attack on all" principle.

Ukraine said it would also be willing to hold talks over a 15-year period on the future of the Crimean Peninsula, seized by Russia in 2014.

Vladimir Medinskiy, the head of the Russian delegation, said on Russian TV that the Ukrainian proposals are a "step to meet us halfway, a clearly positive fact."

He cautioned that the parties are still far from reaching an agreement, but said: "We know now how to move further toward compromise. We aren't just marking time in talks."

Fomin likewise suggested there had been progress, saying "negotiations on preparing an agreement on Ukraine's neutrality and non-nuclear status, as well as on giving Ukraine security guarantees, are turning to practical matters."

In other developments:

- In what appeared to be a coordinated action to tackle Russian espionage, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Ireland and North Macedonia expelled scores of Russian diplomats.
- The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency arrived in Ukraine to try to ensure the safety of the country's nuclear facilities. Russian forces have taken control of the decommissioned Cherno-

byl plant, site in 1986 of the world's worst nuclear accident, and of the active Zaporizhzhia plant, where a building was damaged in fighting.

- Russia has destroyed more than 60 religious buildings across the country in just over a month of war, with most of the damage concentrated near Kyiv and in the east, Ukraine's military said.
- In the room at the Istanbul talks was Roman Abramovich, a longtime Putin ally who has been sanctioned by Britain and the European Union. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the Chelsea soccer team owner has been serving as an unofficial mediator approved by both countries. But mystery about his role has been deepened by news reports that he may have been poisoned during an earlier round of talks.

Over the past several days, Ukrainian forces have mounted counterattacks and reclaimed ground on the outskirts of Kyiv and other areas.

Ukrainian soldiers gathered in a trench for photos with Col. Gen. Oleksandr Syrskyi, who said that Ukraine had retaken control of a vast majority of Irpin, a key suburb northwest of the capital that has seen heavy fighting.

'We defend our motherland because we have very high morale," said Syrskyi, the top military commander in charge of the defense of Kyiv. "And because we want to win."

Ukrainian forces also took back Trostyanets, south of Sumy in the northeast, after weeks of occupation that left a landscape of Russian bodies, burned and twisted tanks and charred buildings.

## Deal

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certain severe disabilities.

LHC Group provides in-home health care to patients dealing with injuries, illnesses or chronic conditions. The Lafayette, Louisiana, company has 964 locations in 37 states.

It provides nurses and home health aides who care out doctor treatment plans and therapists who offer physical, occupational and speech therapy. LHC also provides end-of-life hospice care through 170 locations.

Health insurers and other payers have been emphasizing home-based care more in recent years, a trend fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic. They expect this type of care to remain popular as the U.S. population ages and more people become eligible for Medicare.

Patients generally prefer home health care. Technology improvements also allow for more care to be provided at home, and payers see the practice as a good alternative to expensive stays in hospitals or care centers when possible.

Health insurers also have been emphasizing more regular care for their customers in order to keep people healthy and out of hospitals.

Last year, UnitedHealth rival and Humana spent \$5.7 billion to expand its home health business.

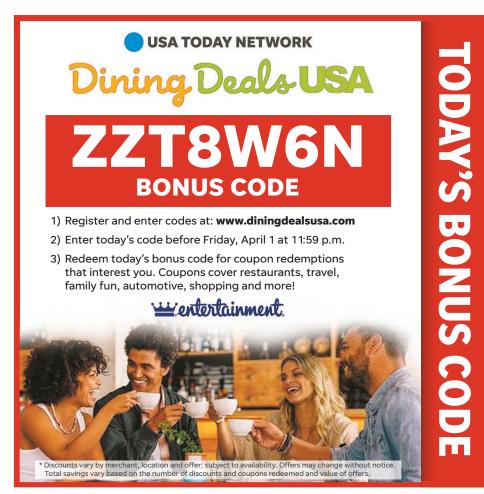
UnitedHealth and Humana are the two largest providers of privately run Medicare Advantage plans in the United States. Together, they accounted for about 45% of the more than 26 million

people enrolled last year, according to the non-profit Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care issues.

UnitedHealth said Tuesday that the deal will be neutral to its 2022 adjusted earnings forecast but will modestly help it next year. Regulators and LHC Group shareholders still need to approve the

acquisition.

Shares of LHC Group climbed more than 6% Tuesday while the Dow Jones industrial average was up less than 1%. Shares of UnitedHealth Group Inc., a Dow component, rose slightly.



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## LOCAL&REGION

#### **STATE BRIEFS**

#### Feds: Minnesota man stole guns, ammo from shipping facility

ST. PAUL - A man is accused of stealing numerous boxes of guns and ammunition while working at a national shipping company in Minnesota, prosecutors said Monday.

Jason Cikotte, of Isanti, Minnesota, is charged in federal court with possession of stolen firearms. Authorities said the thefts occurred over the course of almost a year at the XPO Logistics facility in Fridley, north of Minneapo-

Cikotte, 31, appeared in court last week and was released on his promise to appear at future proceedings. He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Friday.

An affidavit said that Cikotte worked overnight as a weight inspector and had "little to no" supervision while at work, according to the company's security manager.

The manager provided investigators with video evidence allegedly showing Cikotte removing boxes of firearms from shrink-wrapped pallets, removing the firearms from the boxes and carrying the firearms to his vehicle.

A search of Cikotte's house turned up about 40 guns, tens of thousands of rounds of ammunition and firearm parts and accessories, authorities said.

#### Police looking for suspect in fatal Champlin stabbing

CHAMPLIN - Police in a Minneapolis suburb are searching for a suspect in a fatal stabbing.

According to authorities, a 35-yearold woman was found unresponsive in the front yard of a residence in Champlin Monday about 9:30 p.m.

Champlin Police Chief Ty Schmidt said officers and firefighters from the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department attempted life saving efforts but were unsuccessful.

The name of the victim has not been released

## Taco Villa reopens in downtown



Taco Villa has opened at 25 9th Ave. N in St. Cloud. SARAH KOCHER/ST. CLOUD TIMES

#### Sarah Kocher

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ST. CLOUD — A former Taco John's is about to celebrate its first month as a different taco restaurant that's a beloved blast from the past for many St. Cloud residents.

Taco Villa opened in St. Cloud on March 1 at 25 Ninth Ave. N in St. Cloud, in what was formerly a Taco John's.

Taco Villa operated for more than 40 years in the St. Cloud area but closed in 2011. At the time, longtime owner Lyle Kjesbo's health was declining, and his family sold the business to pay for medical expenses, according to previous reporting from the St. Cloud Times.

In an interview with the Times in late 2021, as commercial broker and RCA Real Estate owner Bob Abel was moving through the steps to open Taco Villa, Abel said the former Taco John's building was ideal for reinstating Taco Villa in the area because the location has a drive-thru, is in good condition and has much of the necessary equipment. Abel is responsible for the restaurant's reopening in St. Cloud.

According to the restaurant's Facebook page, the restaurant's hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

## Waite Park man accused of choking woman Friday

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WAITE PARK — A Waite Park man has been charged with felony assault after he was accused of choking a woman early Friday, according to a criminal complaint filed in Stearns County

Darius Curtis Dimitri Vanable, 19,

faces a felony domestic assault by strangulation charge and two misdemeanor charges of domestic assault.

According to the complaint against him, law enforcement was sent to a report of a domestic assault in Waite Park around 1:30 a.m. Friday. A woman there told police that during an argument Vanable threw a grill brush at her, then threw her belongings and choked her, preventing her from breathing, the complaint said. He then punched a hole in the wall of the apartment and left the residence, the complaint said.

Vanable told police the woman hit him and he denied he got physical with her, but did say he punched a hole in the wall, according to the criminal complaint.

He had a court appearance Monday.



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## Biden budget has Manchin in mind

Caters to W.Va. senator: Taxes rich, cuts deficit

Alan Fram

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON – President Joe Biden's \$5.8 trillion budget for next year would trim federal deficits and boost taxes on the wealthiest Americans. Both could appeal to Sen. Joe Manchin amid Democratic hopes of reviving talks with him over the party's derailed social and environment plan.

The question is whether this time, the pivotal West Virginia Democrat can be wooed to craft a scaled-down version of his party's roughly \$2 trillion, 10-year package. Before Christmas, Manchin sank that plan, which had already passed the House, saying it would fuel inflation and deepen deficits.

Biden and his allies touted his budget as focusing on fiscal responsibility, security at home and overseas and investments in social programs to help families afford housing, child care, health care and other costs.

Another highlight: \$2.5 trillion in tax increases over 10 years focused on the highest-income people and corporations. That included \$361 billion from a minimum 20% tax on families worth \$100 million or more – the top one-hundredth of 1% of earners – though it drew some criticism from Manchin.

"It's a budget calling for greater investments in the things that make the biggest difference in the lives of middle-class families and in those working to get to the middle class," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said Tuesday.

Republicans rejected Biden's priori-

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said the president's defense proposal would at best "leave our armed forces simply treading water" because of inflation. He said bigger budgets for agencies like the IRS and the Environmental Protection Agency were "bloated liberal nonsense." And he labeled Biden's \$2.5 trillion, 10-year tax boosts, which the president said would only affect the nation's highest earners,



Office of Management and Budget director Shalanda Young speaks about President Joe Biden's proposed budget on Monday. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

a "bomb of tax hikes."

McConnell's critique was no surprise. Presidents' budgets are habitually ignored or reworked by Congress and mocked by the opposition party, a moment that lets both sides draw battle lines useful in upcoming elections.

But Biden's budget, unveiled Monday, can also be viewed as a step toward luring Manchin, probably the Senate's most conservative Democrat, back to the bargaining table. Manchin on Monday downplayed reports that he has resumed talks with top Democrats over a new plan.

"No, there's nothing serious going on there," he told reporters. He also said any new package should be completed by early summer because the fall congressional campaigns could make progress later too hard.

While much of Biden's budget was similar to last year's, it was also a more centrist repackaging that tilted some of its emphasis in Manchin's direction.

It proposes \$795 billion for defense that includes an increase for the Pentagon, and there's money to help law enforcement hire more officers and improve training. "The answer is not to defund our police departments," Biden told reporters, a pointed rebuke of a pro-

gressive rallying cry that has been disavowed by nearly all congressional Democrats.

Its stream of new revenue helps Biden assert that his plan would reduce deficits by over \$1 trillion over the coming decade – a goal that wasn't emphasized last year. Just over two-thirds of the deficit cuts would come in the plan's final five years, though, postponing the most painful reductions and suggesting they might never happen.

The new revenue would also be used to lower costs for families, Biden said, as Democrats confront the nation's bout with inflation that has become a major political liability.

Reducing budget deficits, battling inflation and raising revenue from the wealthy are also major demands for Manchin.

"He remains seriously concerned about the financial status of our country and believes fighting inflation by restoring fairness to our tax system and paying down our national debt must be our first priority," his spokesperson, Sam Runyon, said Monday.

Manchin, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, has repeatedly said he wants any new package to focus on domestic energy in-

dependence. He wants an "all of the above" policy that combats climate change but helps all forms of energy.

Representing a state that relies heavily on coal and energy production, Manchin and his position have gained political clout because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"What Russia has put out has to be replaced," he said, referring to the U.S. cutoff of that country's oil imports.

Of the House-approved \$2 trillion bill, \$555 billion was for tax breaks and other initiatives for encouraging a switch to cleaner energy. At Manchin's insistence, that bill dropped the original plan's biggest effort to do that by offering financial rewards or penalties for energy producers.

Manchin has also voiced support for including provisions lowering the costs of prescription drugs. The earlier bill would have done that by strengthening the government's ability to negotiate the prices it pays for some pharmaceuticals it purchases, which would save the government money.

Nonetheless, the White House kept some details to itself of what it might offer Manchin in talks.

Budget documents said it was closeting some revenue proposals like prescription drug pricing in a "deficit neutral reserve fund." It was not providing details "because discussions with Congress continue," the documents said in a footnote.

Biden's new proposed minimum tax on the wealthiest Americans likely faces an uphill fight. Manchin has supported higher taxes on the wealthy and big corporations, but he suggested Monday that Biden's plan presented complications. "There's other ways for people to pay their fair share," he said.

A somewhat similar tax on billionaires proposed last year by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore., never made the final package. And last year's House-passed bill already had around \$2 trillion in savings, suggesting new proposals may not be needed.

Democrats will need all their votes in the 50-50 Senate. Vice President Kamala Harris would cast the tie-breaking vote.

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## Seoul: NKorea fired old ICBM, not new big one

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SEOUL, South Korea – South Korea on Tuesday dismissed North Korea's claim to have launched a newly developed intercontinental ballistic missile last week, accusing the country of firing a less powerful existing weapon and fabricating data following an earlier failed launch.

North Korea said it launched a Hwasong-17 missile, its longest-range developmental ICBM, last Thursday in its biggest weapons test in years. Its state media called the launch "a historical event" and released a stylized Hollywood-style video showing leader Kim Jong Un, in sunglasses and leather jacket, supervising the launch.

But South Korea's Defense Ministry said Tuesday it has determined that what North Korea fired wasn't a Hwasong-17 but a Hwasong-15, another ICBM that it successfully tested in 2017.

Both missiles are potentially capable of reaching the U.S. mainland. But analysts say the Hwasong-17 has a longer potential range and its huge size suggests that it's designed to carry multiple nuclear warheads to defeat missile defense systems. Believed to be about 82 feet long, the Hwasong-17 is, by some estimates, the world's biggest road-mobile ballistic missile system.

The Defense Ministry said it told a parliamentary committee that details of Thursday's launch – such as the missile's speed, combustion and stage separation – were similar to those of the Hwasong-15, not the Hwasong-17. The ministry report to the committee also suggested that the North Korean video wasn't shot on the actual launch date, citing an analysis of Kim's shadow and weather conditions seen in the video.

The report said the United States agreed with the South Korean assessment and is separately analyzing the launch.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said Monday that Tokyo's assessment that North Korea launched a new type of ICBM remained unchanged.



North Korea says this photo shows the March 24 launch of a Hwasong-17 missile, but South Korea disagrees. KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY/KOREA NEWS SERVICE VIA AP, FILE

Thursday's launch was North Korea's most serious provocation since its Hwasong-15 launch in November 2017. It was also the latest in a slew of missile tests it has conducted this year.

According to the assessments of both North Korea and its neighbors, the missile fired last Thursday flew higher and longer than any other North Korean weapon tested so far. Some experts say North Korea may have mounted a much lighter payload on the Hwasong-15 to help it fly further than its previous launch in 2017.

The South Korean Defense Ministry said the alleged North Korean deception was likely related to a previous failed attempt to launch the Hwasong-17 earlier this month.

According to South Korean accounts, the missile fired from North Korea's capital region on March 16 exploded soon after liftoff and many residents of Pyongyang witnessed the blast. The ministry report said North Korea is believed to have then decided to launch a reliable ICBM that it could successfully fly to prevent possible public anxiety and bolster unity at home.

It said it is also likely that North Korea attempted to deceive its rivals into believing it has advanced ICBM technology to cement its image as a military power and increase its leverage in future negotiations.

# Oregon ends assisted suicide residency rule

**Gene Johnson** 

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Oregon will no longer require people to be residents of the state to use its law allowing terminally ill people to receive lethal medication, after a lawsuit challenged the requirement as unconstitutional.

In a settlement filed in U.S. District Court in Portland on Monday, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Medical Board agreed to stop enforcing the residency requirement and to ask the Legislature to remove it from the law.

Advocates said they would use the settlement to press the eight other states and Washington, D.C., with medically assisted suicide laws to drop their residency requirements as well.

"This requirement was both discriminatory and profoundly unfair to dying patients at the most critical time of their life," said Kevin Diaz, an attorney with Compassion & Choices, the national advocacy group that sued over Oregon's requirement.

Laura Echevarria, a spokeswoman for National Right to Life, which opposes such laws, warned that without a residency requirement, Oregon risked becoming the nation's "assisted suicide tourism capital."

But Diaz said that was unlikely, given safeguards in the law such as waiting periods; that it is extremely difficult for terminally ill people to make extended trips to another state; and that many people want to die in the presence of loved ones near home – not across the country.

"There's no tourism going on," Diaz

Compassion & Choices sued on behalf of Dr. Nicholas Gideonse, a Portland family practice physician and associate professor of family medicine at Oregon Health and Science University. A longtime supporter of medical aidin-dying laws, Gideonse had been unable to write terminal prescriptions for patients who live just across the Columbia River in Washington state.

While Washington has such a law, providers can be difficult to find in the southwestern part of the state, where many hospital beds are in religiously affiliated health care facilities that prohibit it. Requiring his patients to find other doctors to provide assistance in ending their own lives can compound their suffering, Gideonse said.

"Any restriction on medical aid in dying that doesn't serve a specific medical purpose is difficult," Gideonse said Monday. "In no other way is my practice restricted to Oregon residents, whether that's delivering babies in the past or other care that I provide."



Gideonse

U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause, which gives Congress the right to regulate interstate commerce, and the Privileges and Immuni-

The lawsuit argued

that the residency re-

quirement violated the

ties Clause, which forbids states from discriminating against citizens from other states in favor of its own citizens. Enacted in 1997, Oregon's first-in-

Enacted in 1997, Oregon's first-inthe-nation law allows terminally ill people deemed to have less than six months to live to end their lives by voluntarily taking lethal medications prescribed by a physician for that purpose.

Patients must make two verbal requests to their doctor for the medication, at least 15 days apart, as well as a written request signed in the presence of two witnesses. The attending physician and a consulting physician must confirm the patient's diagnosis and prognosis, and determine whether the patient is capable of making health care decisions; if either doctor believes the patient to be suffering from depression or another mental disorder, they can refer the patient for a psychological exam.

Some 2,159 people have died after ingesting terminal drugs under the law since it took effect, according to data published last month by the Oregon Health Authority.





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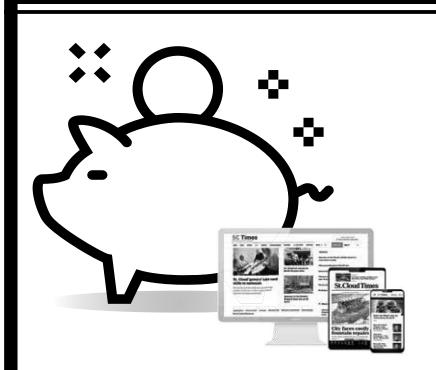
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Nick Summers is the spokesman for Primal Force Inc., the firm in Royal Palm Beach, Fla. that makes Prosta-Vive LS. He reports demand is surging due to word-of-mouth and social-media.

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# FDA OKs second booster for people 50 and older

CDC backs extra Pfizer, Moderna shot as an option

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U.S. regulators on Tuesday authorized another COVID-19 booster for people age 50 and older, a step to offer extra protection for the most vulnerable in case the coronavirus rebounds.

The Food and Drug Administration's decision opens a fourth dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines to those people at least four months after their previous booster.

Hours later, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended the extra shot as an option but stopped short of urging that those eligible rush out and get it right away. That decision expands the additional booster to millions more Americans.

Everyone eligible for a first booster who hasn't gotten one yet needs to, FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks said. But the second booster is only for these higher-risk groups because there's evidence protection can wane and FDA decided the option "will help save lives and prevent severe outcomes."

COVID-19 cases have dropped to low levels after the winter surge of the super-contagious omicron variant. Two vaccine doses plus a booster still provide strong protection against severe disease and death, CDC data show.

But an omicron sibling is causing causing a worrisome jump in infections in Europe – and spreading in the U.S. – even as vaccination has stalled. About two-thirds of Americans are fully vaccinated, and half of those eligible for a first booster haven't gotten one.



About two-thirds of Americans are fully vaccinated. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Pfizer had asked the FDA to clear a fourth shot for people 65 and older, while Moderna requested another dose for all adults "to provide flexibility" for the government to decide who really needs one.

FDA's Marks said regulators set the age at 50 because that's when chronic conditions such as heart disease and diabetes become more common, increasing the risks from COVID-19.

There's limited evidence to tell how much benefit another booster could offer right now. FDA made the decision without input from its independent panel of experts that has wrestled with how much data is required to expand shots.

"There might be a reason to top off the tanks a little bit" for older people and those with other health conditions, said University of Pennsylvania immunologist E. John Wherry, who wasn't involved in the government's decision.

But while he encourages older

friends and relatives to follow the advice, the 50-year-old Wherry – who is healthy, vaccinated and boosted – doesn't plan on getting a fourth shot right away. With protection against severe illness still strong, "I'm going to wait until it seems like there's a need."

None of the COVID-19 vaccines are as strong against the omicron mutant as they were against earlier versions of the virus. Also, protection against milder infections naturally wanes over time. But the immune system builds multiple layers of defense and the type that prevents severe illness and death is holding up.

During the U.S. omicron wave, two doses were nearly 80% effective against needing a ventilator or death – and a booster pushed that protection to 94%, the CDC recently reported. Vaccine effectiveness was lowest – 74% – in immune-compromised people, the vast majority of whom hadn't gotten a third dose.

## Gunmen attack train in Nigeria

Chinedu Asadu ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABUJA, Nigeria – Gunmen attacked a train near Nigeria's capital on Monday night with explosives and gunfire, killing an unspecified number of the nearly 1,000 passengers on board, authorities and survivors told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The attackers used explosives to blow up the rail track before opening fire on the train near Abuja in northwest Nigeria, according to Fidet Okhiria, chief executive of the state-owned Nigerian Railway Corp. Many people are also feared to have been abducted during the "unprecedented" attack, he said

"There were casualties, but we have not been able to confirm the number," said Okhiria, calling the attack a major setback. It is the latest in a series of train attacks

Abdulwadud Ahmad, a survivor, said he knew of nine passengers killed.

"They bombed the track and started exchanging fire with the security inside the train," he told the AP. "They subdued the security, then came into the train ... and kidnapped a lot of people. They killed some people intentionally while some (were killed) with stray bullets."

The train service is a popular route as travelers continue to stay away from roads notorious for kidnappings.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on the armed groups who have carried out thousands of abductions and killings in northwest and central Nigeria.

## Report: 'Radical' climate push needed

Frank Jordans
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN – The world must take "radical action" to shift away from fossil fuels, including investing \$5.7 trillion annually in solar, wind and other forms of clean power this decade, to ensure that global warming doesn't pass dangerous thresholds, the head of the International Renewable Energy Agency said Tuesday.

Other measures proposed in a 348-page report on the global energy transition include improving energy efficiency, increasing electrification, capturing carbon emissions and expanding the use of hydrogen gas.

Scientists say global emissions need to drop 45% by the end of the decade compared to 1990 levels. But recent data show they are going up, not down.

"The energy transition is far from being on track, and anything short of radical action in the coming years will diminish, even eliminate, chances to meet our climate goals," said Francesco La Camera, the director-general of IRENA.

Countries agreed seven years ago in Paris to limit global warming to 3.6 degrees Fahrenheit, ideally no more than 2.7 degrees F, to avoid potentially catastrophic consequences for the planet. With temperatures now 1.98 degrees F above the pre-industrial average, a recent report by a U.N. science panel



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MICHAEL SOHN/AP

found that billions around the world are already vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

La Camera told an energy conference in Berlin that "not only the 1.5 C (2.7 F), the 2 C (3.6 F) goal is really in danger if we don't act and don't make a dramatic change in the way we produce and consume energy."

IRENA, based in the oil-rich Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi, said investments of \$700 billion should be diverted away from the fossil fuel sector each year to avoid creating wells, pipelines and power plants that can't be used anymore.

This demand was echoed by U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres,

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who called for an end to private sector financing for coal power, which surged to record highs last year.

"Lenders need to recognize that coal and fossil fuels are futile investments that will lead to billions of dollars in stranded assets," he said.

With countries such as the United States ramping up domestic fossil fuel production amid energy price hikes and fears of supply shortages because of Russia's war in Ukraine, Guterres urged governments not to delay the shift away from fossil fuels.

"The current crisis shows that we must accelerate, not slow, the renewable energy transition," he said. "This is the only true path to energy security."

Such calls have been met with mixed results.

At a forum in Dubai this week, energy ministers of major oil producers Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, as well as the secretary general of the OPEC oil cartel, insisted that fossil fuels are part of the energy transition and hundreds of billions of dollars in oil and gas investments are still needed.

While the two Gulf countries have pledged to reduce emissions within their borders to net zero, they tout their barrels of oil as less carbon-intensive than those extracted elsewhere and have no plans to cut production.

## Police issue 20 fines in UK party scandal

Jill Lawless
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON – British police have issued 20 fines over illegal parties held by Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his staff during coronavirus lockdowns – though the recipients don't yet include Johnson, whose hold on power has been threatened by the illicit gatherings.

The Metropolitan Police force said Tuesday it wouldn't identify the recipients of the fixed penalty notices, but Johnson's office said it would reveal if he gets one.

Opponents, and some members of the governing Conservative Party, have said that Johnson should resign if he is issued a fine for breaking rules he imposed on the rest of the country during the pandemic.

The "partygate" scandal had left Johnson's tenure on a knife edge before Russia launched a war in Ukraine more than a month ago that gave Britain's politicians more urgent priorities and pushed the scandal from the headlines.

The police force said officers were working through a "significant amount of investigative material" and more people could face penalties later.

## NATION & WORLD WATCH F

#### Busch beer heiress enters Missouri US Senate race

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Anheuser-Busch beer heiress Trudy Busch Valentine on Tuesday announced her candidacy for U.S. Senate, shaking up what has been a low-profile Democratic primary in a solidly red state. Busch Valentine's entrance into the race comes amid widespread calls from fellow Republicans for former Gov. Eric Greitens to drop out of the race after his ex-wife accused him of physically abusing her and one of their kids. Some Democrats already are positioning the race as everyone else versus Greitens.

## FROM WIRE REPORTS Mayor wants Florida town to

remember the lives lost.

SURFSIDE, Fla. – The newly elected mayor of Surfside, Florida, is making the town's response to the deaths of 98 people in the collapse of their oceanfront condominium a top priority in his new administration. Mayor Shlomo Danzinger has called a special meeting of the town commission on Tuesday, his first as mayor, to discuss the June 24 Champlain Towers collapse. He wants to plan an event marking the one-year anniversary, create a memorial to the victims and install signage at the site to

## Denmark adds COVID-19 extremism in terror assessment

COPENHAGEN, Denmark – Denmark's domestic security on Tuesday designated pandemic-linked "antigovernmental extremism" as a menace for the first time. The agency, known by its Danish acronym PET, said in its assessment that although this type of extremism is not "a significant driving force for the terrorist threat" in the country, it does make the situation "more complex." PET said the menace which expresses the need to use violence against representatives, had appeared in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Ethiopian court orders journalist to be released on bail

CAPE TOWN, South Africa – An Ethiopian court has ordered Ethiopian journalist Amir Aman Kiyaro to be released on bail after being imprisoned for four months without charges. A judge in the capital, Addis Ababa, on Tuesday granted bail to Kiyaro while prosecutors determine whether or not to press charges against him. Kiyaro, 30, a video journalist, was detained on Nov. 28 in Addis Ababa. Kiyaro is accused of "serving the purposes" of what the government has classified a terrorist group by interviewing its officials, according to reports.

## Jan. 6 panel missing hours of Trump calls

### Raises question: Did he bypass official channels?

**Mary Clare Jalonick** and Colleen Long

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The House panel investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection at the Capitol identified a roughly eighthour gap in official records of then-President Donald Trump's phone calls as the violence unfolded and his supporters stormed the building, according to a person familiar with the probe.

The gap extends from a little after 11 a.m. to about 7 p.m. on Jan. 6, 2021, and involves White House calls, according to the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly about the ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday on the condition of anonymity. It's unclear if the gap includes White House cellphones.

It's widely known that Trump had conversations on Jan. 6 with Republican lawmakers. House investigators are looking at whether the president was communicating during that time through other means, possibly through personal cellphones, or some other type of communication – like a phone passed to him by an aide or a burner

The committee has subpoenaed cellphone companies for records and is awaiting data. Trump had no immediate comment Tuesday, but he has previously disparaged the investigation.

The committee also continues to receive records from the National Archives and other sources, which could produce additional information.

The lack of information about Trump's calls is a challenge to investigators as they work to create the most comprehensive record yet of the attack, with a particular focus on what the president was doing in the White House as hundreds of his supporters violently beat police, broke into the Capitol and interrupted the certifica-

tion of Democrat Joe Biden's 2020 presidential election victory. It also raises questions of whether Trump purposefully circumvented official channels to avoid records.

During the missing hours, Trump went to a rally at the Ellipse, spoke, then watched as the violent mob of his supporters broke into the Capitol, overwhelming police and marauded through the building for hours before they were finally kicked out and the building was declared secure at about 5:30 p.m. More than 700 people have been arrested in the violence.

Trump communicated with at least some lawmakers during



Trump

the insurrection. He spoke, for example, with House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, who asked him to call off the mob, according to Republican Rep. Jaime Lynn Herrera Beutler of

Washington state, who said McCarthy told her about the call. She said in a statement, "That's

when, according to McCarthy, the president said, 'Well, Kevin, I guess these people are more upset about the election than you are.' Republican Sen. Tommy Tuberville of Alabama also said he spoke with the

president in that time period, telling reporters: "I said, 'Mr. President, they've taken the vice president out. They want me to get off the phone. I gotta go.' That call by Trump apparently first

went to Republican Sen. Mike Lee of Utah, who then handed the phone to Tuberville.

The committee is focused on Trump's actions that day because he waited hours to tell his supporters to stop the violence and leave the Capitol. The panel is also interested in the organization and financing of the rally that morning in Washington, D.C., where Trump told his supporters to "fight like hell." Among the unanswered questions is how close organizers of the rally coordinated with White House of-

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*Alley, Cyril	85	Sauk Rapids	24-Mar	Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, St.Cloud
Benoit, Joyce A.	78	Sauk Rapids	24-Mar	Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids
*Esselman, Wayne Michael	80	Sartell	26-Mar	Cremation Society of Minnesota
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Orth, Wanda I.	92	Sartell, MN	27-Mar	Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN
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*Sobiech, Alfred "Al" B.	85	Burnsville	28-Mar	Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids
*Triplett, William "Bill" R.	87	St. Cloud	28-Mar	Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, Minnesota
Triplett, William R.	87	St. Cloud, MN	28-Mar	Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN
Vander Eyk, Virginia (Jean) T.	88	Luxemburg	25-Mar	Daniel Funeral Home, St. Cloud
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### **Wayne Michael Esselman**

SARTELL - Esselman, Wayne Michael, age 80, died Saturday March 26, 2022 at Country Manor Pioneer Village, Sartell, MN surrounded by his loving family. Per Wayne's request there will be no services.

Wayne was born on August 7, 1941 in St. Cloud, MN to Henry J.

and Ruth (Jackson) Esselman. He married Janet Schreifels on July 11, 1970 at St. Anthony's Church in St. Cloud, MN. Wayne was employed by Sentinel Printing in St. Cloud, MN.

Survivors include his wife, Janet of St. Cloud; children, Amy Chantry of St. Cloud, Allen (Jane) Esselman of Deephaven, Kimberly Esselman of Minnetonka, Nicole (Miguel) Iriarte of St. Cloud and Amanda(Riley) Champagne of Oakdale. 14 grandchildren, brother Donald (Janice) Esselman of Coon Rapids.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Gerald, Dale, and David.

The family would like to thank Country Manor Pioneer Village nurses and staff for the wonderful care given to Wayne, and to CentraCare Hospice.

Memorials in Wayne's name:Dementia and CentraCare Hospice, 1406 6th Ave No., St. Cloud, MN 56303.

## William "Bill" R. Triplett

ST. CLOUD - William "Bill" Raymond Triplett, age 87, St. Cloud, MN, died Monday, March 28, 2022 at his home in St. Cloud,

As per Bill's wishes there will be no funeral service. Interment will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls,



MN. Funeral arrangements were made by Benson Funeral Home, St. Cloud, MN.

Bill was born June 15, 1934 in Mason City, IL to Corey and Edith (Cue) Triplett. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. On February 11, 1956 Bill married Patricia Belleson in Chicago, IL. Bill worked as a meteorologist for the National Weather Service for 39 years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, St. Cloud North Star #23 Masonic Lodge AF & AM. Bill enjoyed golfing, fishing, and coaching and watching hockey.

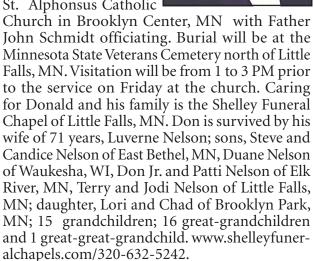
Survivors include his wife Patricia Triplett of St. Cloud, MN; sons, Bradley Triplett of St. Cloud, MN; Scott Triplett of St. Cloud, MN; and Brett (Beverly) Triplett of Princeton, MN; one grandson, Daniel Triplett; step-grandchildren, Sabrina, Antonio and Caitlin; and great-grandsons, Lincoln and Oliver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Delora Wilson.



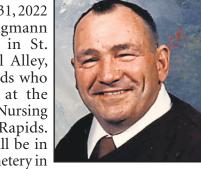
### Donald E. Nelson Sr.

Donald E. Nelson Sr., 93 year old resident of Brooklyn Park, MN, formerly of Brooklyn Center, MN, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2022, at Maranatha Senior Living in Brooklyn Center, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3:00 PM on Friday, April 1, 2022 at St. Alphonsus Catholic



## Cyril Alley

SAUK RAPIDS - Funeral services will be 10:30AM Thursday March 31, 2022 at Williams Dingmann Funeral Home in St. Cloud for Cyril Alley, 85 of Sauk Rapids who died Thursday at the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Sauk Rapids. Entombment will be in Assumption Cemetery in



St. Cloud. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to services Thursday at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Cyril was born July 30, 1936 in Echuca, Australia to Cyril John & Dorothy Mae (Harper) Alley. He married Agnes Dorothy Anderson on October 26, 1964 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall, MN. He worked as a baker and a mill worker in Australia prior to coming to America. Later he worked in maintenance and boiler work. He loved to travel extensively, he took trips up north to Brainerd and Park Rapids as well as long trips home to Australia and to the Hawaiian Islands. He enjoyed fishing and visiting with people. Most of all he loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and doting on Agnes.

He is survived by his wife Agnes of Sauk Rapids; sons, William of Colorado; Stephen of Bemidji; brothers, Raymond, Graham, and sister, Dorothy, grandchildren, Kristine, Matthew, Katie, Brianna, and Nicholas, great grandchildren, Zachary, Oliver, Lyla, Aria, and Aurora.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sister, Elaine Doyle and brothers, William and Harry.



### Alfred "Al" B. Sobiech

BURNSVILLE - Mass of Christian Burial will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022 at St. Stephen Catholic Church in St. Stephen for Alfred "Al" B. Sobiech, age 85, who passed away Monday at Arbor Lane Memory Care in Burnsville. Rev. Ronald Weyrens will officiate and burial will



be in the parish cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Al was born August 31, 1936 in Swan River Township, Morrison County to Peter & Theresia (Wochnick) Sobiech. He was raised in Sobieski and raised his family in St. Stephen. Al married Isabelle Neis on September 2, 1967 at St. John Cantius Catholic Church in St. Cloud. Al worked as a machinist at DCI, retiring in 1999. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Bishop Trobec Council #5276, Boilermakers Union #647, and Crosier Apostolate. Al enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to the cabin at Big Swan Lake, gardening, canning, fish fry's, and spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter. He was a hard-worker and a devoted husband and father.

Survivors include his wife, Isabelle of Burnsville; daughter, Cheryl Sobiech of Burnsville; and granddaughter, Sarah Rauf. Alfred was preceded in death by his parents; and son, Curt.

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### Georgia M. Koshiol

ST. CLOUD, MN - Funeral services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at St. Wendelin Catholic Church at Luxemburg, MN for Georgia Margaret Koshiol. She died on Friday, March 25, 2022 at Mother of Mercy Nursing Home in Albany, MN. The Reverend Matthew



Crane will be the celebrant. Burial will be in the St. Wendelin Parish Cemetery. Visitation will be on Friday, April 1, 2022 from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. and one hour prior to the services on Saturday all at Mary Hall in Luxemburg. Arrangements are with Daniel Funeral Home in St. Cloud.

Georgia was born on February 23, 1939 in St. Cloud, MN, the daughter of Fred and Rose (Michels) Albers. She attended St. Wendelin Catholic grade school and later Technical High School in St. Cloud graduating in 1957. She worked a short time as secretary.

She was united in marriage to Vernon Koshiol on June 22, 1960. They have lived in Luxemburg since that time, where they raised their six children. She enjoyed being a homemaker, gardening with her flowers, cooking for the children at St. Wendelin school, quilting, baking with her granddaughters, and spending time with all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Wendelin Catholic Church and Christian Women.

Georgia is survived by her husband of 61 years, Vernon; her six children, Gary (Gwen), Mark (Brenda), Daniel, Lori (Pat) Gross, Joseph (Rebecca), Larry (Deborah); 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Rosie Hinkemeyer, Virgie (Floyd) Beumer, Bernie (Tom) Swanson, and Milton (Joyce) Albers; sisters-inlaws, Renee Albers, Hermie Albers. and Mary Ann Albers; nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by; one daughter-in-law, Cindy Koshiol; her brothers and sisters, Fred Albers, Kenneth Albers, Roland Albers, and Dolores Hinkemeyer; two brother-in-law's, Larry Hinkemeyer, and Merrill Hinkemeyer.







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## **SPORTS**



Cathedral's Henry Ebel takes a handoff from Ben Fromelt in the 4x400m relay on June 9, 2021, at St. John's University in the Section 5A track and field finals. ZACH DWYER, ZDWYER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM

## Boys track and field athletes to watch this spring

## **Zach Dwyer**

St. Cloud Times USA TODAY NETWORK

ST. CLOUD — Albany and Cathedral return key members of state-qualifying relay teams for 2022, while the expansion to three classes for state track and field could provide additional opportunities for state qualifiers later this spring.

Cathedral will be remain in Class A, while Albany jumps up to 2A to join Tech, Sauk Rapids-Rice, ROCORI and Apollo (co-oped with St. Cloud Christian). Sartell will move up to the newly-formed Class 3A.

Plenty of individuals narrowly missed state with a section-winning time of out on top-two finishes at sections last year and are aiming for their first state appearances. Here are the key Central Minnesota athletes to watch as track and field begins indoor meets this week.

#### **RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS Henry Ebel**

## **Cathedral junior**

Ebel ran the third-fastest 800m in Cathedral history last year at 2:00.86. He also was an important part of Cathedral's 4x400 and 4x800m relay team, and the 4x800m relay team advanced to 8:19.13.

## **Ben Fromelt**

**Cathedral junior** 

Fromelt paired with Ebel and Turner Schad to place fifth at the Class A state meet in the 4x800m relay. Their time of 8:15.81 at state was only about 6 seconds off the school record. With three of four members returning, the Crusaders will have their sights set on another strong finish.

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## Twins add veteran Chris Archer as potential rotation boost

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FORT MYERS, Fla. - Right-hander Chris Archer and the Minnesota Twins agreed to a \$3.5 million, one-year contract on Monday, a potential boost for their rotation with a two-time All-Star who's coming off an injury-ruined sea-

He has a \$2.75 million salary, and the deal includes a \$10 million mutual option for 2023 with a \$750,000 buyout. He can earn an additional \$6 million this year in performance bonuses based on one point for each start or relief



Rays starting pitcher **Chris Archer winds up** against the Twins in 2021 in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Twins signed veteran right-hander Archer to a one-year contract on Monday, a potential boost for their rotation with a two-time All-Star who's coming off an injury-ruined season. SCOTT AUDETTE/AP

## SCSU's Hrenak signs pro hockey contract with LA Kings

### **Zach Dwyer**

St. Cloud Times USA TODAY NETWORK

ST. CLOUD - St. Cloud State fifthyear goalie David Hrenak signed a professional contract with the Los Angeles Kings of the NHL on Tuesday. He was drafted in the fifth round (144th overall) by the Kings in 2018.

Hrenak will play with the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League on an amateur tryout for the rest of the season before his contract goes into effect for 2022-23.

He was 16-11-4 this year with a 2.26 goals against average and .914 save percentage as the Huskies made their fourth-consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament.

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St. Cloud State goaltender David Hrenak makes a save during the first period of the game on Dec. 4, 2021, at the Herb Brooks National Hockey Center in St. Cloud. DAVE

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## SCSU's Hentges signs pro contract with Minnesota Wild

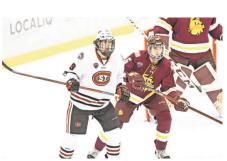
## **Zach Dwyer**

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ST. CLOUD — The Minnesota Wild announced on Tuesday morning that St. Cloud State forward Sam Hentges signed a two-year, entry level contract beginning with the 2022-23 season.

Hentges was a seventh-round draft pick for the Wild in 2018, taken 210th overall. He averaged over one point per game this season, tallying 12 goals and 10 assists for 22 points in his 20 appearances.

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St. Cloud State senior Sam Hentges watches the puck on March 12 at **Herb Brooks National Hockey Center** in St. Cloud.

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## Lumberjacks finish second in league, Norsemen clinch playoff spot

#### **Zach Dwyer**

St. Cloud Times **USA TODAY NETWORK** 

ST. PETERS, Missouri — The Granite City Lumberjacks ended an incredible season with a 4-0 loss in the NA3HL Fraser Cup Championship on Sunday

The Lumberjacks were making their fourth appearance in a title game, previously winning Fraser Cup titles in 2012, 2015 and 2017.

The Rochester Grizzlies took home their first NA3HL title with the victory. They outshot the Lumberjacks 33-29 and Zach Wiese got the shutout in goal.

Quentin Sigurdson played every minute in goal during the Lumberjacks playoff run and posted a shutout in a crucial 5-0 win over El Paso in pool play.

Granite City held on for a 4-3 win Saturday against No. 1 seed Northeast Generals to book a spot in the title game.

The Lumberjacks were 6-3 in the postseason after winning the West Division regular season with a 44-3 overall record. They also were West Division postseason champs for the first time since 2017.

#### Norsemen clinch **NAHL** playoff spot

The St. Cloud Norsemen became the first team in the NAHL's Central Divi-

Granite City Lumberjacks players celebrate a goal during practice on March 17 at Sports Arena East in Sauk Rapids.

PHOTOS BY ZACH DWYER/ZDWYER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM

sion to clinch a spot in this year's playoffs after a 3-2 win in Bismarck on Friday night.

Cathedral grad Blake Perbix scored the game-winning power play goal in the third period and added an assist to defeat the Bismarck Bobcats.

A 4-3 shootout win on Saturday night gave the Norsemen the series sweep to remain atop the Central Division stand-



The St. Cloud Norsemen celebrate a first period goal on Dec. 18, 2021, at **Dave Torrey Arena.** 

ings by eight points. St. Cloud has also played at least two games less than the rest of their division opponents.

The Norsemen play four games this week, including a home game at the MAC against the North Iowa Bulls on Friday night. Puck drop is set for 7 p.m.

Zach Dwyer is a sports reporter and photographer for the St. Cloud Times. Reach him at 320-406-5660 or zdwyer@stcloudtimes.com. Follow him on Twitter @sctimeszach.

## **Athletes**

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#### **Grant Mayers**

#### Albany senior

Mayers was the anchor for Albany's state-qualifying 4x800m relay and won the section title in the 800m with a career-best 1:59.14. He also had one of the area's fastest 1600m times after finishing in 4:37.77 in Milaca last May.

### **Turner Schad**

## **Cathedral senior**

Schad was 11th in the Class A 3200m run in 10:09.63, also breaking the 10minute mark earlier in the season. He was the first Cathedral individual to qualify for state since 2014 and ranks top-10 in Cathedral history in the 1600m and 3200m. Schad led the Crusaders with a 14th place finish at the Class A cross country meet in November.

## **Carter Schwalbe**

## Albany sophomore

Schwalbe ran a leg on the Albany 4x800m relay team that won the Granite Ridge Conference title, took second in Section 5A and placed ninth at state in Class A. He also competed as an individual at the Class 2A cross country meet in the fall.

#### **OTHER TOP RETURNERS Vincent Kaluza**

## **ROCORI** junior

Kaluza enters the season as one of the area's fastest long-distance runners. He was third in Section 8-2A with a 9:59.33 3200m run and third in the 1600m run at the Central Lakes Conference meet in 4:34.54. Kaluza also had a strong fall by placing 13th at the Class 2A cross country meet.

## **Andrew Karls**

## **Apollo senior**

Karls was second in the 800m run and 4x800m relay at the Central Lakes Conference meet. He set his personal record of 1:59.94 at the Section 8-2A section meet for a fifth-place finish. MN Milesplit has him ranked fifth for returners in the Class 2A 800m field.

#### **Carter Loesch**

#### Sauk Rapids-Rice senior

Loesch was fourth in the 110m hurdles section final at 15.96, and he had a personal-best in the 300m hurdles in the section prelims (42.26). Loesch was also a top-three finisher in both hurdles events at the Central Lakes Conference meet.

#### **Garrison Murray**

### **Tech senior**

Murray won the Central Lakes Conference high jump title by clearing 6 feet, 2 inches last year. He also was third in the triple jump with a leap of 42 feet, 5 inches. Murray finished in the top-10 in the long jump, triple jump and high jump at the Section 8-2A meet.

## Josh Russell

## **Tech senior**

Russell topped 50 feet in the shot put last year, placing second in the Central Lakes Conference (49 feet, 11.25 inches) and fourth in Section 8-2A (50 feet, 1 inch). He also had a personal-best discus throw at conference to finish fifth with a distance of 125 feet, 4 inches.

## More names to watch

Logan Clark, Sartell senior, hurdles/

Jacob Eickhoff, Cathedral junior, sprints

Andrew Gottwalt, Tech senior, middle distance

Luke Gunnerson, ROCORI junior,

Tyler Hansen, Apollo senior, jumps Austin Horn, Sauk Rapids-Rice senior, jumps John Kaczor, Tech senior, throws

Anthony Mahowald, Sartell junior, jumps

Grady Minnerath, ROCORI sophomore, throws Isaac Noska, Albany senior, middle

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Albany junior Grant Mayers and Cathedral junior Turner Schad lead the pack of 1600m runners Friday, April 23, 2021, at Albany High School. ZACH DWYER/ZDWYER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM



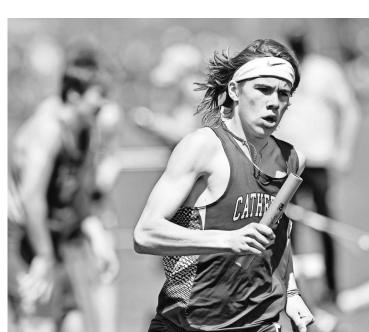


**ROCORI sophomore Vincent Kaluza** competes in the 1600m run Thursday, June 3, 2021, in the Central Lakes **Conference Championships at Sauk** Rapids-Rice High School.

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At left: Cathedral's Turner Schad competes in the Class A 3200m run Thursday, June 17, 2021, at St. Michael-Albertville High School. ZACH DWYER/ZDWYER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM







Tech's Garrison Murray clips the bar on a high jump attempt Thursday, June 3, 2021, in the Central Lakes Conference Championships at Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. ZACH DWYER/ZDWYER@STCLOUDTIMES.COM

leg of the 4x800 meter relay for Cathedral Saturday, May 1, 2021, during the Sauk Rapids Mega Meet. DAVE SCHWARZ/

**Ben Fromelt** runs the final

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#### **CENTRAL MINNESOTA AREA SCOREBOARD**

**Results for Monday, March 28** No scheduled events **Results for Sunday, March 27** College baseball

St. Cloud State 9, Wayne State 0 Women's tennis

St. Cloud State 5, College of St. Benedict 2

**NA3HL** hockey

Fraser Cup Championship Tournament Finals (St. Peters, Missouri) Rochester Grizzlies 4, Granite City

Lumberjacks 0 **Upcoming events** Wednesday, March 30 College baseball

Hibbing Community College at St. Cloud Technical & Community College, 1 and 3 p.m.

St. Cloud State at MSU-Mankato, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

**NAHL** hockey

St. Cloud Norsemen at North Iowa Bulls, 7:30 p.m.

## **Hrenak**

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Illness kept Hrenak out of the postseason as SCSU lost 5-4 to Quinnipiac in the NCAA first round on Friday night. The Huskies ended the season 18-15-4

overall.

Hrenak leaves St. Cloud State as the program leader for games played, wins and shutouts.

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## Hentges

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He also appeared for Team USA at the 2022 Olympics and scored a goal in the quarterfinal round. Hentges finishes his SCSU career with 83 points in 114 games.

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## **Archer**

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appearance of at least three innings: \$250,000 each for 12 and 14, \$500,000 apiece for 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24, and \$750,000 each for 26, 28, 30 and 32.

The 33-year-old Archer made five starts and one relief appearance for the Tampa Bay Rays in 2021, posting a 4.66 ERA in 191/3 innings. He was sidelined for the majority of the season with tightness in his right forearm.

Archer has a career 3.87 ERA with 1,370 strikeouts in 1,2541/3 innings and a .240 opponent batting average. He was third in AL Rookie of the Year voting for the Rays in 2013 and fifth in Cy Young

Award balloting in 2015.

The Rays traded Archer at the 2018 deadline to the Pittsburgh Pirates. After missing the 2020 season due to injury, Archer returned to the Rays as a free agent last year.

Archer could slot in Minnesota's rotation behind Sonny Gray, Joe Ryan, Bailey Ober and Dylan Bundy. Ober made 20 starts as a rookie last season, and Ryan made five starts in his debut. Gray was acquired in a trade with the Cincinnati Reds, and Bundy was signed as a free agent after leaving the Los Angeles Angels.

To open a spot for Archer on the 40man roster, the Twins sent left-hander Lewis Thorpe outright to Triple-A St.



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## **ENTERTAINMENT ADVICE HOROSCOPES**

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**EAST** 

**♥** K 2

♠ Q 9 6 5

North

♦ Q 3 ♣ A K J The bidding: South

Opening lead — jack of spades.

**BRIDGE COLUMN: PLANNING PROVIDES THE ANSWER** 

The question of whether or not to draw trump immediately has no pat answer. The solution depends entirely on what declarer needs to do to eliminate his excess

In general, if declarer has enough tricks in the side suits to assure his contract, trumps should be drawn at once. But if declarer plans to trump his losers, or if extracting the missing trumps will give the defense a leg up in the timing, it may be best to delay drawing them.

Today's hand illustrates the type East Pass of thinking that determines declarer's best course of action. South is in four hearts, and West leads a spade, taken

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by South with the ace. How should he proceed?

In the great majority of hands where declarer is missing the A-K of trump, his first step should be to eliminate the opposing trumps as quickly as possible. But that would be suicidal in the actual case. If South leads a trump at trick two, he is virtually certain to lose four tricks and go down one.

Let's say East wins the first heart. He returns a second spade, establishing a spade trick for the defense. No matter how declarer continues from here, he must lose two trumps, a diamond and a spade.

South's only real hope is to somehow avoid the spade loser. To do this, he must immediately establish an extra diamond trick in dummy. Accordingly, he should lead the queen of diamonds at trick two.

West does best to duck the first diamond, but he is fighting a losing battle. After taking the second diamond with the ace, he returns a spade to declarer's king, but South is now in full control.

He leads the jack of clubs to dummy's queen and deposits his losing spade on the king of diamonds. The trumps can then be drawn in comfort, and South finishes with 10 tricks.

Tomorrow: Sylvia strikes again. (c)2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.



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A dream is something you can push your feelings into to check for fit, but you never quite know if how it's going to feel until you actually do it. The Pisces moon connects with Jupiter, then with Neptune to help with the visioning part. Then Uranus gets on board to give that nudge (or shove, if applicable) into action.

Aries (March 21-April 19). No one is born strong. Strength is merely weakness handled proactively. The knowledge or belief that you're lacking in some way is an invitation to the new you.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). When you love someone, you want to be there through the entire story, including the highstakes, tense parts and the slow parts, too. You'll prove your loyalty today.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Too much of the same thing is recipe for boredom that's pretty easy to avoid if you're thinking ahead. So, the first order of business is to think ahead. Today gives a healthy appetite for adventure and a low tolerance for tedium.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). People have funny ways of showing you they like you. Some reveal their interest through negging, teasing and challenging. Some copy you or hide compliments in a reprimand. It's all love, though.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to do anything to connect with the natural rhythms of life because they are in you, and you are in them. You can relax. No extra work is needed to get in sync beyond accepting that you already are.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it's light, love makes you feel creative, happier and more energetic. When it's not, you get the opportunity to be strong for someone else, which shows you just how strong you really are.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's natural for humans to do what others are doing. Peer pressure is a problem when your peers are a bad influence. With good people around you, it's safe to go with the flow.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get what you want, but you currently don't have the luxury of choosing the delivery style. Some things, especially very rare things, only come one

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just like everyone else, you have qualities you'd prefer to hide, deny or fix. Consider that your reasoning around these qualities may be outdated or distorted.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will resolve contradictions — not perfectly, but well enough to get things moving. There's a certain amount of illogic and inconsistency you can live with between now and the next stop.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The devil is in the details. Each individual step is doable, but when you add them all up, the enormity of this task becomes very real to you.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). The body can't help but give in to the passage of time, but the mind often hovers around the same age for a good part of the experience. You used to seem old for your age; now you seem young for it.

**Today's Birthday** (March 30). For seven weeks, the cosmic birthday gifts keep coming. Leo and Vigo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 2, 3, 18 and 31.

This is the opinion of Holiday Mathis, Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd St., Hermosa Beach, CA 90254



**DEAR ABBY** UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

## Teen's online activity is worrying

Dear Abby: I have been married to my husband for a little over three years. I have two teen girls, and he has one. They get along for the most part, but lately my 18-year-old, "Lindsay," and his 17-year-old, "Taylor," have been clashing.

They were brought up very differently, and sometimes it causes waves because I expect more from my girls than he does his daughter.

During one of these clashes, Lindsay told me Taylor has been doing some very explicit and dangerous things online. This was confirmed by her boyfriend.

What do I do with this information?

> Knows Too Much In New York

**Dear Knows:** If you and your husband have investigated this and found it to be true, talk to Taylor. Point out that images she has posted online do not age out and disappear. They can linger forever, which could have serious consequences when she is older. While she can't change what she has already done, she can wise up and quit what she has been doing NOW.

Dear Abby: A close friend has just announced that she's running for a prominent public office. It's going to be a contentious race. She sent out messages this week assuming her friends will be supporting her through our social networks, door knocking, hosting fundraising events and whatever else she needs.

Abby, the way her announcements are worded, I can tell she's going to be blindsided when I decline her "request." However, I have other civic engagements I'm already committed to this year. Is there any way I can maintain the friendship without supporting the candidate?

- Hiding Until The Primaries

**Dear Hiding:** Explain that you are already committed to other "civic engagements" this year and, because of time constraints, you can't back out of them. Then wish her luck and send her a small financial contribution for her campaign.

This is the opinion of Dear Abby, written by Jeanne Phillips. Send questions to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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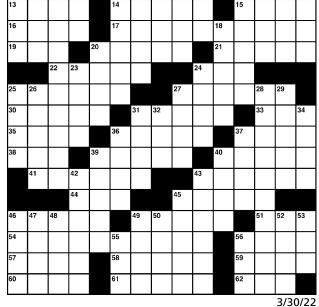
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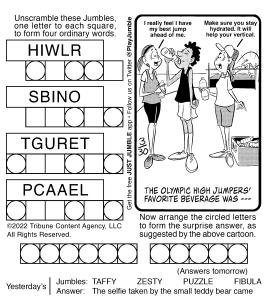
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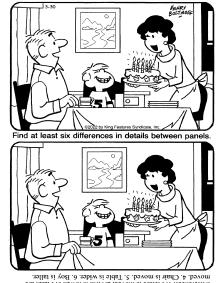
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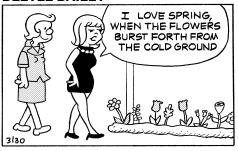
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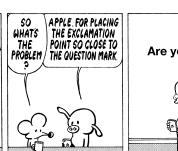
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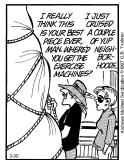
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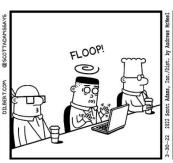


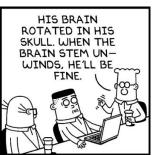




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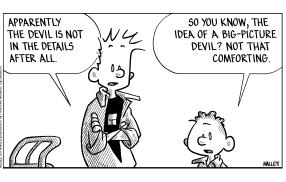




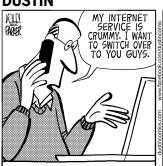


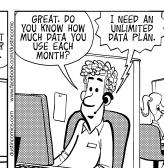
## **FRAZZ**





## **DUSTIN**

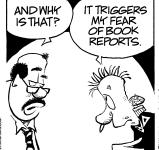


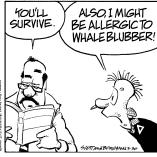




## **ZITS**







## **PICKLES**

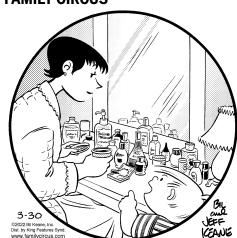








## **FAMILY CIRCUS**



"Is that your chemistry set?"

## **DENNIS THE MENACE**



"EVEN IF MY FRIENDS GANG UPON ME... I'M NEVER OUTNUMBERED BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS ON MY SIDE."

## **RED & ROVER**









## **PEANUTS**







HIGH HIGH 47 Wind: NNW 10-20

LOW HIGH 30 48 Wind: SSW 4-8 Wind: NW 7-14

**SATURDAY SUNDAY** LOW 24

HIGH LOW 29 49 Wind: ESE 6-12

HIGH LOW 35 **52** Wind: SSE 6-12

**MONDAY** 

HIGH 49 Wind: S 8-16

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LOW 34

**TUESDAY** 

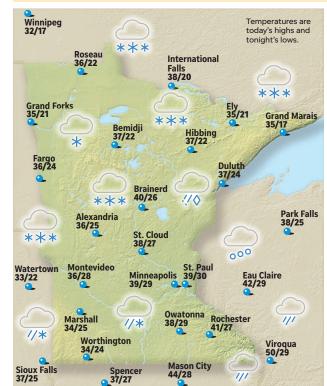
#### Wind: N 10-20 **THE REGION**

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LOW

27

HIGH



## St. Cloud through 5 p.m. Tuesday

remperature	
High/low	44/34
Normal high/low	45/26
Record high	76 in 1910
Record low	-8 in 1969
Precipitation	
Pact 24 bro Tuo	0.00"

Past 24 hrs Tue 0.00"
Month to date 1.33"
Normal month to date . 1.43"
Year to date 2.69"
Normal year to date 2.86"
SUN & MOON
Sunrise today 7:01 a.m.

Moonri	se toda	7:4 y 6:4 v 6:0	46 a.m.
New	First	Full	Last
Apr 1	Apr 9	Apr 16	Apr 23
SUMMAI	RY		

#### Snow and sleet this morning, then snow, accumulating 1-3 inches. Winds north 10-20 mph. Snow toniaht. Winds north-northwest 12-25 mph. Mostly cloudy tomorrow morning followed by clearing

Hi Lo W

## **SNOW**

**UV INDEX** 

Past 24 hrs Tue	0.0"
Month to date	6.3"
Normal month to date	7.8"
Season to date 4	46.8"
Normal season to date 4	12.7"

## A higher reading indicates an increased risk of sun damage

## **AIR QUALITY**

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Source: A	irnow.gov	
HEATIN	G DEGREE D	AYS
Tuesda	ay	26
Month	to date	1048
Seasor	n to date	7241

Normal s-t-d ...... 7446

#### **WEATHER HISTORY**

Heavy, wet snow swirled through New York City on March 30, 1805, as gusty gales toppled trees. The wind mobilized wet snow rollers that grew as large as 2 feet in

Today

Hi Lo W

83 61 t

Hi Lo W

55 30 pc 72 56 t 54 36 pc 85 54 s

64 56 c 45 22 s 53 33 pc 44 29 c

### **IN BRIEF**

#### **Protests continue in India strike**

NEW DELHI - Hundreds of workers marched with the red flags of the labor unions and chanted anti-government slogans in India's capital on Tuesday as part of a two-day nationwide strike that began Monday.

The demonstration was held at Jantar Mantar, an area of New Delhi close to Parliament that is often used for protests. Protesters said economic policies under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government were hurting workers and the country's vast unorganized sector.

"Modi government has only one point, that it wants to hide its economic criminality under the garb of communalism and religion," said Swadesh Dev Roye, a top official with the Centre of Indian Trade Unions.

About a dozen labor unions that organized the strike want the government to provide universal social security coverage for workers in the vast unorganized sector, hike the minimum wage under a flagship employment guarantee program and scrap a new labor law that gives employers greater leeway in setting wages and working hours. Strikers are also demanding that the government halt plans of privatization of some public-sector banks and the sale of public assets. Modi's government says privatizing some state-owned banks would overhaul the banking industry and that asset sales would help raise money to spur economic growth.

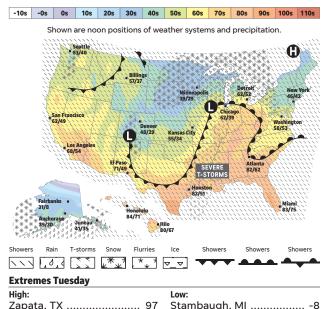
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#### THE NATION



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Charleston, WV	82	62 pc	73	40 r	Orlando	89	69 p
Cheyenne	40	26 pc	57	32 pc	pc Philadelphia		45 p
Cincinnati	77	54 pc	57	35 c	Rapid City	42	20 s
Cleveland	65	58 r	62	34 c	Richmond	61	56 c
Dallas	69	46 pc	70	46 s	Salt Lake City	61	44 s
Des Moines	52	30 c	42	27 c	San Antonio	86	50 s
Grand Rapids	59	41 r	44	28 c	San Diego	64	58 p
Indianapolis	74	44 t	47	32 c	Sioux City	41	26 s
Jackson, MS	80	50 t	69	41 s	Spokane	55	32 p
Kansas City	55	34 c	49	29 pc	Springfield, IL	65	38 r
Las Vegas	78	58 s	77	58 pc	Topeka	50	34 c
Madison	57	31 r	37	23 c	Trenton	45	40 c
Memphis	76	46 t	61	41 pc	Tucson	74	50 s
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THE WORL	D						
Acapulco	82	65 s	81	65 c	Mogadishu	92	80 c
Amsterdam	48	36 c	42	34 r	Monterrey	91	58 s
Berlin	49	34 c	47	32 pc	Montreal	37	32 p
Calgary	60	31 nc	48	26 c	Moscow	36	22 s

Hi Lo W

**New Orleans** 

Madison	57	31	r	37	23	С	Trenton	45	40	С	68	54	t
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Calgary	60	31	рс	48	26	С	Moscow	36	22	sn	37	25	i
Cancun	86	74	рс	88	74	рс	Nassau	82	74	рс	83	74	S
Chihuahua	76	46	S	79	42	S	Paris	57	42	С	47	34	r
Dublin	47	33	С	46	30	рс	Rome	61	54	r	62	52	r
Halifax	38	28	S	42	38	r	Saskatoon	44	28	рс	42	28	р
Kiev	51	42	r	63	49	r	St. John's	36	30	С	39	27	С
London	53	34	r	45	34	sh	Sydney	74	63	sh	70	62	sh
Madrid	55	38	sh	57	37	рс	Tokyo	65	57	С	67	43	r
Mexico City	85	57	С	84	57	S	Vancouver	52	41	рс	49	38	S
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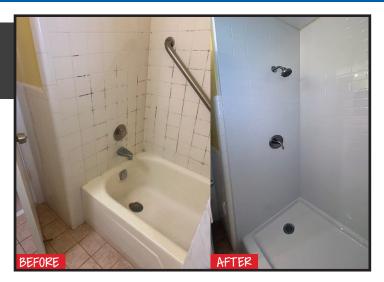
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