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Democratic U.S. House of Representative candidate Jack Ballard sits at City Brew in Miles City on Saturday and discusses his platform with two residents.

House candidate stops in Miles City

By DERRICK CALHOUN
Star Staff Writer

Jack Ballard, candidate for one of Montana's seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, held a meet-and-greet at City Brew, in Miles City on Saturday.

Ballard, 58, is a nationally renowned outdoor writer and photographer who lives in Red Lodge with his wife Lisa. The couple have four adult children.

"We have been campaigning in Eastern Montana and people always ask me like what flavor, what party," Ballard said. "I always respond with, 'I am running as Jack Ballard.'"

He said that he is proud to be a Democrat, but that there was a time when people were more interested in what you stood for, rather than what party you were.

"I think that goes back to that core of people who work together and get things done," Ballard said. "There are a lot of shared values, and that's the way it should be. It shouldn't be a situation where if we disagree about 10% of things then you are my enemy."

About why he decided to run for Montana's House seat, Ballard said that like a lot of people in Montana, as well as the rest of the country right now, we are looking at what's going on in Washington D.C. and seeing the extremes on both sides getting a lot of attention.

"There isn't much really happening in the middle that does the business of the country," he said. " I have been interested in politics for most of my adult life, and feel that you can sit around and moan or you can decide to try and do something about it."

Ballard grew up on a ranch/farm west of Three Forks, and has been involved in farming and ranching work off and on throughout his adult life.

"I'm really interested in rural Montana and keeping rural communities viable places for people to live, and make a living," Ballard said.

Agriculture

He talked about problems he sees in agriculture right now as an issue he sees that needs to be addressed, using issues currently in the meat packing industry as an example.

"What's happening in meat packing right now is a perfect example," Ballard said. "Four companies control 85% of the meat packing in the United States, and you are in a situation as a rancher where you pretty much have to take what they give. They give less and less and take more and more. At some point you just can't make a living."

Ballard added that the statistics that he thinks shows that the best is the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) figures that in 1970, for every dollar Americans spent on groceries 37 cents went back to the producers, and now it's down to 15 cents.

"If you think about that, if that had stayed consistent, producers would be making twice as much as they are now, and if you are making twice as much, you can responsibly make a living," he said. "And that problem isn't unique to agriculture, it's all over in the economy, where CEO's and corporations make more and more, and the people who do the work make less and less."

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Preacher in the Patch to hold event in Miles City

By HANNA KAMBICH
Star Staff Writer

Music, laughs and refreshments will fill the Custer County Event Center at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds Oct. 21-24.

Preacher in the Patch Ron Evitt and friends will be touring through Eastern Montana with Miles City being their first stop. This event is free and open to all ages. There will be a different performance every night; no two will be alike. The tour is called "It's time for a great turnaround."

Nightly at 7 p.m., music by Heather Peterson & the Alliance Band, Riley Dakota & the Sweet Crude Band and Rexella Daisy, all from the Williston, ND area, will be performing. Also performing is Tim Lovelace who is Nashville singer and comedian. Evitt will be bringing to life biblical messages through skits.

Refreshments will be served after the performances, which will end around 9 p.m.

This will be the fourth time Evitt has been to Miles City. The last time was in 2014.

According to Evitt, there was a nasty storm that was snowing large flakes and also raining at the same time. The roads were terrible but the community still came out.

"Those Miles City people are incredible," he said.

They will be performing in Sidney in November and Glendive in December as the next stops in the Montana tour. They have traveled everywhere from Williston to Rock Springs WY. He has been invited to perform in Rapid City in front of 20,000 people. He has traveled to Kenya as well as Russia.

He is from Williston and graduated in 1985 with a degree in Petroleum Engineering from University of Wyoming. He was raised around the oil field and has worked in the oil field since graduating.

Evitt has been involved with religion since a young age. In 1988 he began conducting ministry in the jail in Williston. He became known as the Preacher in the Patch after starting in radio in 1997. He put an oil field spin on the broadcasts.

According to Evitt, he has been aired for approximately 20 years on Miles City radios.

The past two shows they have done, the crowd size has been double what it usually is.

"It's going to be four days of having fun," Evitt said.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Riley Dakota, RW Evitt and Tim Lovelace perform in Tioga, ND in March.

Russia suspends its mission at NATO, shuts alliance's office

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia on Monday suspended its mission at NATO and ordered the closure of the alliance's office in Moscow in retaliation for NATO's expulsion of Russian diplomats.

Earlier this month, NATO withdrew the accreditation of eight Russian officials to its Brussels headquarters, saying it believes they have been secretly working as Russian intelligence officers. NATO also halved the size of Moscow's team at its headquarters from 20 to 10.

Moscow has dismissed the accusations as baseless. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov delivered Moscow's response Monday, announcing the suspension of Russia's mission at NATO and the closure of the alliance's military liaison and information offices in the Russian capital.

He charged that the alliance's action has confirmed that "NATO isn't interested in any kind of equal dialogue or joint work," adding that "we don't see any need to keep pretending that there could be any shift in the foreseeable future."

Lavrov added that contacts between the Western military alliance and Russia could be maintained through the Russian Embassy in Belgium.

"As a result of NATO's deliberate moves, we have practically no conditions for elementary diplomatic work and in response to NATO's actions we suspend the work of our permanent mission to NATO, including the work of the chief military envoy, probably from Nov. 1. Or it may take several more days," Lavrov said.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a separate statement that NATO's actions "confirm that they are not interested in an equal dialogue and joint work to deescalate military-political tensions."

"The alliance's line towards our country is becoming more and more aggressive," the ministry noted. "The 'Russian threat' is inflated in order to strengthen the internal unity of the alliance, to create the appearance of its 'relevance' in modern geopolitical conditions."

NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu said the alliance has taken note of Lavrov's statement, but added it hasn't yet received an official notice from Moscow.

AP PHOTO

In this handout photo released by the Russian Foreign Ministry Press Service, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov speaks on the side of the meeting dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the House of Russian Diaspora named after Alexander Solzhenitsyn in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

Obituaries

Rick Waldo

Rick Waldo, age 71, of Spearfish, South Dakota passed away on Thursday, October 14, 2021 at the Friendship Villa Care Center in Miles City, Montana.

Rick was born on March 8, 1950 in Williston, North Dakota, the son of Arthur and Ilene (Hennen) Waldo. As a child, he had polio before the vaccine came out and although he was unable to play sports, it never slowed him down.

He attended elementary school in Sidney and graduated from Sidney High School. Following graduation, he went to college for a year in Billings. He then went to work in the oil fields in 1971 as a surveyor assistant which he did until 1977.

Rick married Virginia Cooper on August 10, 1978 in Dickinson, North Dakota (divorced July 22, 2002) and from that marriage he adopted a son Shad and a daughter Shasta.

In 1979 they moved to Coram, Montana where they purchased the Dew Drop Inn. In 1981 they moved to Bowman, North Dakota as they decided that bar life was not for them. He then went to work in the oil fields. They relocated to Dickinson, North Dakota in 1983 until the oil crash. In 1986 they moved to Spearfish, South Dakota and purchased a bike shop which he owned and operated for several years.

He also worked for Warf Resources for a few years then took a manager position at Western Dakota VoTech Bookstore where he worked until he retired. Not all heroes wear capes, some are quiet men who grow tomatoes and raise a son. The song says "half the dad he didn't have to be" but he was the real thing and a quiet hero full of life's lessons.

Rick really enjoyed gardening in his later years and could grow anything. He loved to go fishing and hunting, doing yard work, cooking, and shopping for gadgets. Rick was a happy man who never complained of anything including doing everything with only one arm. He loved to socialize with everyone in the neighborhood and help others with small projects.

Rick is survived by his son Shad (Rennette) Waldo of Miles City, MT; a daughter Shasta Waldo of Washington; a nephew Bruce Waldo of Alaska; a cousin Joe Gannon of North Dakota; numerous uncles, aunts and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Art and Ilene Waldo; a brother Barry Waldo; a nephew B.C. Waldo; and a granddaughter Sascha Marie Waldo.

Visitation will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will be held in the Sidney Cemetery in Sidney. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.stevensonandsons.com.

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MILES CITY
JOSHUA HIGBEE, age 36, of Miles City. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

MILES CITY
RUTHANN STEWART, age 68, of Miles City. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home with family receiving friends from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Miles City. Interment will follow in the Custer County Cemetery.

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RICK WALDO, age 71, of Miles City formerly of Spearfish, SD. Visitation will be held on Monday, October 18, 2021 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Miles City. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Sidney Cemetery in Sidney, MT.

MILES CITY
BRADLEY BAUMANN, age 60, of Miles City. No services are planned.

MILES CITY
DARRELL "D.L." HARDING, age 87, of Miles City. Services are pending.

MILES CITY
CHAD HIRSCH, age 50, of Miles City. Services are pending.

MILES CITY
PHYLLIS JOY NEUMANN, age 93, of Miles City. Services are pending.

MILES CITY
CLARK MCRAE, age 65, of Miles City. Family will receive friends on Friday, October 22, 2021 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Parlor, 1806 Main Street.

TERRY
JOHN McAULAY, age 78, of Terry. Services are pending.

WESTON, WYOMING
EVA MADER, age 90, of Weston, Wyoming. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Little Power School, 15902 State HWY 59, Weston, WY. Interment will follow in the Bowers Creek Cemetery.

MILES CITY
BERNARD SAMPLE, age 72, of Miles City. Services are pending.

CIRCLE
TIMOTHY MCCLOY, age 64, of Circle. Family will receive friends on Sunday, October 24, 2021, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Stevenson & Sons Funeral Home in Circle. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at First Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in the Riverview Cemetery.

Full obituaries can be read at www.stevensonandsons.com

Ruthann 'Happy' Dorothy Stewart

Ruthann "Happy" Dorothy Stewart, age 69, passed away on October 6, 2021 at St. Vincent Healthcare in Billings, MT surrounded by her daughter and sons.

Happy was born on October 25, 1952 in Miles City to Gottlieb and Ruth (Volkert) Wemmer, joining her older siblings. She attended school in Miles City up until her senior year, moving to Springfield, Oregon where she graduated in 1972.

On March 1, 1977 she married Donald Ellis Higbee in Miles City. She worked as a librarian at the Miles City Public Library and followed Don as he worked various jobs throughout Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota. She embraced becoming a homemaker and proudly raised five children. She worked hard at earning a college degree and graduated from Miles Community College with an Associate's Degree in 1999 and from Dawson Community College with an Associate's Degree in 2007. Above all, the job and title she loved the most was Grandma. On February 9, 2013 Happy married Raymond Stewart.

Happy enjoyed taking care of others and was so glad to be able to do this while working with Seniors at Action for Eastern Montana until her death. She enjoyed traveling with her son Josh to all of her grandchildren's birthdays, school activities, and just to enjoy their company. The time she gave her family was her biggest gift to them. They both enjoyed going to the various sporting events cheering on the Miles City Cowboys/Cowgirls. They also enjoyed dancing at the VFW, Elks and the yearly Bluegrass Festival. Happy enjoyed her flower garden, especially her yellow tea roses and geraniums. She was very active in the First Baptist Church, rarely missing a Sunday service. She was also a member of the VFW and American Legion. Happy embraced all of her children and grandchildren's family and friends as if they were always a part of her family.

Happy was preceded in death by her parents; husbands Don and Ray; siblings Martin Moye, Carol White, David Wemmer and Gerome Wemmer, brothers-in-law: Neil Higbee, Lloyd Higbee, Rodman Higbee, and sister-in-law Janet Higbee. She was also preceded in death by her youngest son Joshua Higbee on October 3rd.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren, Trixie (Dustin) Muggli, Tristin & Amanda, Bruce (Melissa) Higbee, Cassie, Amber, Bruce Jr., Madison & Kaitlynn, Will Higbee, Cash and Donald (BeLinda) Higbee, Gabrielle, Connor, Elliana & Leah; Her siblings Joan Putnam, Robert Wemmer and Pearl Billing; sisters-in-law: Bonnie Wemmer & Rita Wemmer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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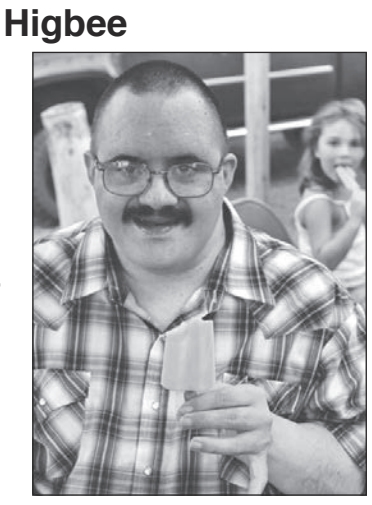
Josh Higbee



On October 3rd 2021 Josh Higbee passed away at Holy Rosary Healthcare surrounded by his sister and brothers.

Joshua Wyatt Higbee was born on December 21st, 1984 in Livingston, MT. Completing the family of Donald & Ruthann (Wemmer) Higbee. He was born into this world instinctively portraying what he meant to his family by how he treated everyone. Even before he was born all eyes were on him and wonderment of what will his life be like with downs syndrome. In turn his eyes have been on all of us. Studying our every move, anticipating when he could steal the show.

Through Josh's life he moved with the family from Livingston to Miles City where he started his schooling. And then onto Glen Ullin, ND and returning back to Miles City where he then got to call the house his mother lived in during high school his house. He graduated a proud Cowboy from CCDHS, class of 2004. Josh enjoyed school, mostly for the friends and teachers. They were the highlights of his day. After high school, Josh started working at EMI. This was another home away from home for Josh. He got to spend time with friends, help with recycling and his absolute favorite job was working in the wood shop.

In 36 years, you would have never known if Josh had a bad day because his day just got better because you were there with him. Unknowing to all of us, he would wake up every morning setting himself up to have a great day. To see the first look in his eye of sorrow when mom said it was time to go or especially when he had to leave a party, to watch him stand up scan the room and with breathing a sigh, change it to a gleam of contentment that he had a great day. He just loved being around everyone. To Josh there was only two types of people in this world, Family and Friends. Both with very little distinction between them. Just to throw a food reference in here, Josh's family was like his main meal-always there and fulfilling. But his friends were his dessert and there was always room for more dessert. His friends meant a lot to him. Luckily Josh never found out how to get into jail but rest assured he would have found a way because if that is where you were, that is where he wanted to be.

Josh led a pretty simple life that very few people understand but everyone is jealous and envious for. Dad would often tease that Josh had two speeds, slow and stop. But for sure and for certain he would get to where he wanted to go. With Josh it was more about how he could help you, be there with you for happiness or sorrow than it was for him. Josh had a way to cheer you up whether you needed it or not. His unrelenting teasing or pranks that no one was safe from. Even mom getting pranked was pure excitement for Josh. Although is uncontrollable giggle gave him away more than not, it was still a win to him. If you tried to retaliate, he would just up his game and you were a marked target for the rest of your life. There was never a prouder uncle than Josh. Eagerly waiting behind grandma, it was his turn to hold each one of his nieces and nephews. And only out of fairness did he decide when his turn was over. Josh earned the nickname "Spud" from his brother-in-law when he was 12 years old, and it was his new favorite name within the family.

Josh had a few vices he enjoyed. Watching his favorite shows and movies like Gunsmoke, Dukes of Hazard, and the Lion King for a few. He also liked to go out and eat with Mom. Excitement grew anticipating anything that resembled a party or going out dancing on the weekend, especially going to the Bluegrass Festival every year. Another main highlight Josh rarely missed out on was working out weekly with the Physical Therapy team at Holy Rosary, which many of them were marked targets over the many, many years.

I don't know if we even really influenced Josh but it is undeniable, he made our lives and ourselves better for this world.

Josh was preceded in death his parents, Aunts & Uncles, Martin Moye, Carol White, David Wemmer, Gerome Wemmer, Neil Higbee, Lloyd Higbee, Rodman Higbee, and Janet Higbee.

He is survived by his siblings Trixie (Dustin) Muggli, Tristin & Amanda, Bruce (Melissa) Higbee, Cassie, Amber, Bruce Jr., Madison & Kaitlynn, Will Higbee, Cash and Donald (BeLinda) Higbee, Gabrielle, Connor, Elliana & Leah; Aunts & Uncle Joan Putnam, Robert Wemmer, Pearl Billing, Bonnie Wemmer & Rita Wemmer; and numerous nieces and nephews. Josh is also survived by family and by equally all of his friends.

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MCC to hold Pioneer Preview Day

By STAR STAFF

Pioneer Preview Day will be put on by Miles Community College (MCC) on Friday.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the MCC Campus and will allow high school juniors and seniors a chance to get a sneak peek at the full college experience and student life available at the school. Students and parents (or guests) from all over the state and region are welcome to attend the free, day-long event.

Students will tour campus and the residence halls during Pioneer Preview Day. They will also be able to sit-in on college classes, have lunch in the MCC Cafe, and learn more about admissions, financial aid, and degrees/programs offered.

There will also be a $2,000 tuition waiver won by a student.

"Pioneer Preview Day is a great opportunity to see what kind of career-technical and general education programs we offer," said Danielle Dinges, Director of Financial Aid and Admissions in a press release. "Many families are worried about how they will pay for their children's educations. Attending preview day will allow families to see how Miles Community College is an affordable option with quality programming."

Students can visit www.milescc.edu in order to register for Pioneer Preview Day. For more information call 406-874-6100 or 1-800-541-9281.

Custer County records more COVID cases

By ASHLEY WISE
Star Editor

Active COVID-19 cases rose over the weekend in Custer County.

The county has 126 active cases which is up from Friday.

There were 17 new cases reported.

There have been 2,020 in the county who have had COVID-19 with 1,865 who have recovered.

There have been 29 total deaths since the beginning of the pandemic.

Montana recorded 1,272 new cases today bringing the total up to 165,941. There are 11,109 active cases in the state.

Vaccines can be found in town at the Albertsons Pharmacy, One Health, the Walmart Pharmacy, Billings Clinic and Holy Rosary Healthcare.

People are recommended to continue washing their hands, social distance, avoid large crowds, get the vaccine if able, staying home if sick, cleaning surfaces and wearing a mask.

*(Contact **Ashley Wise** at starnews@midrivers.com or 406-234-0450.)*

Community Roundup

What's Happening

Miles City Public Library Board of Trustees to meet Tuesday — The Miles City Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the library's meeting room at 1 S. 10th St.

CCMC Flood Protection Project Community Update meeting on Tuesday — A Custer County Miles City (CCMC) Flood Protection Project Community Update Meeting will be Tuesday starting at 6 p.m. in the Miles City Hall, 17 S. 8th St. The meeting will be hosted by the CCMC Steering Committee. During the meeting, attendees will be updated about community efforts to address flood risk and the slough project. Representatives from the United States Army Corps of Engineers will provide an update about the Section 205 Study and explain the next steps. For more information contact Samantha Malenovsky at 406-234-3493 or smalenovsky@milescity-mt.org.

Moonlight Madness on Thursday — Moonlight Madness will be Thursday in downtown Miles City from 5-7 p.m. Many stores will be open from 5-7 p.m. with some outside vendors. More information about the activities is available from the Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce at 511 Pleasant St., phone 406-234-2890.

Harvest Dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church — Trinity Lutheran Church will have a Harvest Dinner on Sunday in the church at 221 S. Center Ave. The dinner will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The menu will include turkey breasts and ham, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables and beverages. Trinity Lutheran Church congregation members are to bring salads or desserts to share. The dinner is open to the public. The costs are $10 for individuals 13 years of age and over; $5 for children 6-12 years of age; free for children 5 years of age and under; and $25 for families of 2 adults and all minor children. Those who do not want to stay and eat may pick up take-out meals. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Trinity Lutheran Classical School for children in preschool through the 8th grade. A $250 Thrivent Action Team Grant was received to help with this event.

Lottery Numbers

HELENA (AP) — These Montana lotteries were drawn Saturday: Big Sky Bonus — 4-8-23-28, Bonus: 8, estimated jackpot: $2,730; Lotto America — 3-10-17-40-48, Star Ball: 1, ASB: 4, estimated jackpot: $3.31 million; Lucky For Life — 20-33-38-39-40, Lucky Ball: 6; Mega Millions — estimated jackpot: $94 million; Montana Cash — 17-30-33-41-43, estimated jackpot: $40,000; and Powerball — 30-31-41-42-48, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 3, estimated jackpot: $60 million.

Fire Calls

Oct. 17: 10 a.m., ambulance call to the 3500 block of Comstock; 10:30 a.m., smoke called in by airport; 2:01 p.m., ambulance call to the 1500 block of North Merriam; 2:35 p.m., dumpster fire at the 1300 block of South Haynes; 3:50 p.m., airport transfer; 7 p.m., ambulance call at the 500 block Marion.

MONTANA/REGION

Wyoming man, 103, sets adaptive paragliding age record

By ALEXANDER SHUR
Jackson Hole News & Guide

AP PHOTO

Fred Miles is strapped into an adaptive paragliding chair before his adaptive paragliding flight at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 in Teton Village, Wyo.

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Fred Miles doesn't speak much, but he can hum his way around a melody, and the one coming out of his mouth this past summer as he looked down from the top of the Bridger Gondola at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort was "Take Me Home, Country Roads," by John Denver.

But Miles, 103, wasn't going home via a car or a road just yet. First he was going tandem adaptive paragliding.

It would be his first experience flying, seated in a wheeled cart with a paraglider behind him. It would also be the record-setter for the oldest adaptive paraglider to fly in America.

But as his son, Greg Miles, reminded his father just before the flight, it would be far from his first time navigating the skies, the Jackson Hole News & Guide reports.

"Part of the reason you're not going to have a problem is because of your flying experience," Greg, a former town councilor, told his father.

"You've seen a lot of crazy things over the years, I'm sure," Greg said, "so hopefully this will be enjoyable."

The senior Miles first piloted a plane 81 years ago after joining the United States Army Air Corps, which eventually became the Air Force. He joined the force after graduating from Syracuse University with an engineering degree and flew in World War II, again in the Korean War and afterward for some time, for a total of 30 years.

During his time in the military, Miles once nose-dived his plane into the Bodega Bay in northern California — where he was stationed and where he met his wife — when its engine caught fire. He survived only because a fishing boat picked him up and laid him against the boat's engine for warmth.

But that was about a half-century ago and a few things have changed.

Miles was born in Canastota, New York, came to Jackson Hole from his home state three years ago, and recently moved into Sage Living. He's among the oldest people to have lived in Teton County but continues to give the young guns a run for their money outdoors.

Just over 20 years ago, at the advanced age of 81, Miles scaled High Exposure, a 250-foot multi-pitch climb in the Shawangunks in New York with Greg. He enjoyed it so much that he continued climbing for the next several years.

He remained active, taking care of his property and planting trees on it, until he broke a hip at the age of 100. He never fully recovered from surgery and sometimes uses a wheelchair. But he's swift with his walker, Greg said.

And he still knows how to read the sky.

Sitting in a wheelchair near the top of the Bridger Gondola, at a bit over 9,000 feet above sea level, awaiting straight, upward winds for take-off, Miles looked up and said, "Lot of airspace up there."

"I'm ready to take you into that big airspace, my friend," his co-pilot Richard Pethigal said. "Get you back into the sky."

Left- and rightward winds kept Pethigal watchful as he, Jackson Hole Paragliding owner Scott Harris, and tandem instructors Wesley Huestess and David Robinson waited for the right conditions for lift-off.

In anticipation, Miles looked around again and said, "This is no man's land."

Then, for a few moments, the windsocks pointed upward and Harris gave the go-ahead.

Pethigal, Huestess and Robinson grabbed hold of Miles' cart, and then Pethigal said, "1, 2, 3, let's go!"

Seconds later, Pethigal and Miles were in the sky, gliding in a way not dissimilar from the single-engine plane Miles had flown for much of his career.

They flew for 15 minutes — with views of the Gros Ventre range, the Tetons, Miles' new home and the town where his son has thrived.

"It was almost like flying an airplane," Miles said soon after landing at the base of the ski resort.

Greg asked his father how the flight was.

"It was very nice," he said. "I enjoyed it — nice and smooth."

There was one issue with the whole arrangement, which Miles first brought up before he became the oldest person to tandem paraglide in America. He wanted to fly himself.

Montana News Briefs

Montana man faces negligent homicide charge in fatal crash

HAMILTON (AP) — A western Montana man faces a negligent homicide charge for a rollover crash south of Florence last month that killed his partner and injured their three daughters, Ravalli County officials said.

The girls — ages 7, 8 and 10 — said the Sept. 7 crash happened when their father, Jarrid Canfield, took his hands off the steering wheel to hit their mother, court records said.

The girls said their father hit their mother three times. Jordan Teeple, 30, was partially ejected from the vehicle and partially pinned under it, court records said.

Canfield, 37, of Stevensville, is also charged with three counts of felony criminal endangerment and a misdemeanor count of partner or family member assault. One girl suffered several broken bones in her back and a broken wrist while the other girls were treated for cuts and bruises, the Ravalli Republic reported.

Canfield appeared before Ravalli County Justice of the Peace Jim Bailey on Thursday, where his bail was set at $35,000. Canfield did not enter a plea and requested a public defender who has not been assigned, court officials said. His arraignment in District Court has not been scheduled.

Canfield remained jailed on Friday.

Montana and Wyoming see increase in coal production

BILLING (AP) — Coal production has increased in Montana and Wyoming due to demand in the Asia Pacific region.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration said coal production increased 2% in Montana and 7% in Wyoming this year compared to the first nine months of 2020.

Steve Read of Signal Peak Energy said exports are the primary driver of Montana coal production. He said coal trains from Signal Peak go to British Columbia for shipping, with the coal most likely going to Japan.

"We have spent years developing the Japanese market, and that is our most reliable market. It is the highest valued market for our product," Read told the Billings Gazette in a story on Saturday.

Exports of U.S. steam coal, the kind used in power plants and the kind of coal produced in the two states, were up about 47% in the first half of the year compared to the first six months of 2020.

Experts said part of the reason for the increase is that energy demand fell in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, but is now picking up. Another reason is an increase globally in natural gas prices.

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Man sentenced to life in prison for Medicine Lodge killing

MEDICINE LODGE, Kan. (AP) — A 35-year-old south-central Kansas man has been sentenced to life in prison for the killing of a woman in Medicine Lodge last year.

Clinton Wayne Rogers, of Medicine Lodge, was sentenced Friday in Barber County Court for the death of Joyce Foulkrod, 61. A family member found Foulkrod dead in her home on July 26, 2020. Authorities have not said how she died.

Rogers pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on Oct. 1.

Rogers fled after the killing and was arrested in Montana on Aug. 11, 2020, on a warrant for theft from Kingman County. Authorities said Rogers stole a truck in Kingman County on his way to Montana.

Montana State University dedicates American Indian Hall

BOZEMAN (AP) — Montana State University celebrated the grand opening of its American Indian Hall over the weekend, saying it will serve as a bridge between Native American culture and all other cultures on campus.

The event Saturday began with a procession from the current American Indian Center — just over 1,000 square feet (93 square meters) in the basement of Wilson Hall — to the new $20 million, 31,000-square-foot (2,880 square meter) building.

The procession was led by a Native American honor guard followed by flag bearers with the state flag and flags from Montana's tribal nations, along with tribal dancers.

The building will house the university's Department of Native American Studies and a working space for the Senior Diversity and Inclusion officer. Classes will start there in January.

It also has a kitchen, a drum room and rooms for tutoring, counseling, advising and cultural ceremonies. Native American art is displayed, and there are furnishings crafted from trees removed from the site where the building now stands.

The building is surrounded by gardens with indigenous plants that were planted by MSU Native American students and staff and is heated and cooled by 24 geothermal wells.

Bryan Newland, assistant U.S. Interior secretary for Indian Affairs, said access to culturally relevant resources and spaces helps Indigenous students succeed, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported.

"This is about the commitment that Montana State University has made and shown to Native studies and Native students," he said. "You've really put your money where your mouth is, and I commend it."

Major fundraising for the project kicked off in 2018 with a $12 million commitment from the Kendeda Fund. The Associated Students of Montana State University pledged $2 million, while Jim and Chris Scott of Billings and the Terry and Patt Payne Family of Missoula each gave $1 million.

Montana State has 811 students who are Native American or Alaska Native.

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- For children aged 0-5 years not currently in kindergarten
- For children whose parents have concerns about their developmental progress
- Children who completed screening last year and were flagged for re-screening should attend
- Children on a current IEP do not need to attend
- Children who screened last year and were not flagged for re-screening do not need to attend
- Children aged 3-5 years will be screened in the following areas: Concepts/Thinking Skills, Motor Skills, Speech/Language development, Vision, Hearing
- Children under 3 years will be screened by DEAP staff

North Dakota offers license refunds to 30,000 deer hunters

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota is offering license refunds to nearly 30,000 deer hunters due to an outbreak of a viral disease in the western part of the state.

It's the second straight year that the state's Game and Fish Department is offering refunds to thousands of hunters. The department says it has received nearly 1,000 reports of dead deer after epizootic hemorrhagic disease, known as EHD, surfaced in late August.

The disease, transmitted by biting gnats, seems to be affecting a larger portion of the state than usual, Wildlife Chief Casey Anderson.

Game and Fish Wildlife Veterinarian Charlie Bahnson said one theory could be that prolonged drought conditions in the state and record-breaking heat in October created conditions favorable to midges and more viral spread.

The heaviest concentration of reported deaths is along the Missouri River, especially to the north and south of Bismarck and Mandan, the Bismarck Tribune reported.

Last year's outbreak was in the southwest and west central parts of the state, and Game and Fish offered license refunds to more than 9,000 hunters with whitetail licenses in 12 hunting units. Only about 400 sought refunds. This year, reports have come in from throughout western and central North Dakota, and the state is offering refunds to hunters with whitetail or "any" deer gun licenses in 22 units.

Bahnson said nearly 30,000 hunters are potentially affected, and Game and Fish will continue to monitor the situation to see if more people will be eligible for refunds. Hunters and landowners are asked to report any dead deer, along with photos, to the department through an online wildlife mortality reporting system.

The disease is not considered a danger to people.

EHD outbreaks end only after a hard freeze kills off the midges. That could happen in parts of western North Dakota yet this week, according to the National Weather Service forecast.

This year's deer gun season is Nov. 5 through Nov. 21. The state made 72,200 licenses available this year, the highest number in 10 years.

Local 5-Day Forecast for Miles City

MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI
High 71 / 38 Low	High 48 / 28 Low	High 49 / 31 Low	High 60 / 33 Low	High 63 / 38 Low
Sunny to Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny to Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Sunrise: 7:25 am Sunset: 6:13 pm	Sunrise: 7:26 am Sunset: 6:11 pm	Sunrise: 7:27 am Sunset: 6:09 pm	Sunrise: 7:29 am Sunset: 6:07 pm	Sunrise: 7:30 am Sunset: 6:06 pm

LOCAL CONDITIONS

Temperatures:
High yesterday: 73
Overnight low: 38
As of 12:00 a.m: **60**
Record high: 84, 2013
Record low: 18, 1969

Local UV Index:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+
0-2: LOW, 3-5: MODERATE, 6-7: HIGH, 8-10: VERY HIGH, 11+: EXTREME.

Precipitation:
As of 5:00 a.m.: .00
Month to date: 2.25
Year to date: 9.17
Normal for month: .62
Normal for year: 11.98

Humidity
High: 82% at 6 am
Low: 28% at 2 pm

Barometer:
29.70 at 12:00 a.m.
29.69 at 5:30 a.m.
29.72 at 12:00 a.m.
Credit NOAA mm - data is missing

Moon Phases
Full Oct 20
Last Oct 28
New Nov 4
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Opinion

What Merrick Garland must do now

Joe Conason

Syndicated Columnist

The coming weeks will be the most consequential of Merrick Garland's life — not just for the attorney general himself but for our country. Garland will have to decide, presumably with the support of President Joe Biden, how to address the looming authoritarian threat of former President Donald J. Trump and his insurrectionary gang. His first fateful choice will be how to deal with Stephen K. Bannon, the fascism-friendly, criminally pardoned former Trump senior adviser who has defied a subpoena from the House Select Committee investigating the events of Jan. 6.

That panel has issued a contempt citation of Bannon, which will reach the floor for approval by the full House early next week. When that resolution passes, as it assuredly will, Speaker Nancy Pelosi will ask the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia to open a prosecution of Bannon, which could ultimately cost him a year behind bars and a fine of $100,000. (Trump won't be able to deliver a pardon, as he did last January to save Bannon from prison for defrauding gullible Trumpists in a "build the wall" scheme.)

Unless Garland instructs him not to do so, the U.S. attorney will commence that prosecution. If Garland fails to allow the prosecution to proceed, he will cripple the constitutional order and rule of law in the United States that he claims to uphold.

There is no conceivable basis in law for Bannon's refusal to testify about Jan. 6 and surrender relevant documents in his possession. His cocky assertion of "executive privilege" is entirely hollow for several reasons. He hasn't worked in the White House since 2017. He cannot claim to be following Trump's constitutional orders. And since Trump is no longer president, he no longer possesses the power of executive privilege, which only the sitting president, that is, Biden holds. And Biden rejected Trump's privilege claims over his documents and ordered that they be turned over to Congress.

Beyond all that, any such privilege claim is wholly void against an investigation of high crimes by public officials, as established in the Watergate case. Indeed, that exception would be especially salient and powerful in confronting a criminal conspiracy against the Constitution.

"Sloppy Steve," as Melania Trump called him, was a central organizer of the Jan. 6 events in Washington and predicted the night before the Capitol Hill insurrection that "all hell is going to break loose" on "one of the most historic days in American history." Well, the investigators want to know all about just what he knew and when he knew it.

Garland has a profound responsibility to act expeditiously and forcefully to curtail Bannon's lawless defiance of Congress. Dithering is unacceptable, and the attorney general should ask the district court to expedite this docket. Just as Trump sought to conceal the truth in the Russia investigation and both impeachment inquiries, he is now seeking to cover-up what actually happened on and around Jan. 6. He obstructed those probes through assertions of privilege and felonious misuse of the pardon power, among other tactics.

That obstruction cannot be allowed to happen again. If the Justice Department proves too paralyzed to handle Bannon's defiance, then Pelosi can invoke the "inherent contempt" power to have him arrested. Although nobody has been busted under that authority for more than a century, that's no reason not to do it now. There's always an open cell in the D.C. jail.

Garland's fateful responsibilities extend beyond the House subpoenas. As evidence of constitutional crimes mounts around the former president, so too does the duty of the attorney general to demonstrate that no one, emphatically including Citizen Trump, is above the law.

We now know that Trump demanded that the Justice Department elevate his election fraud lies on at least nine occasions, according to a new report from the Senate Judiciary Committee. He urged the department's top officials to "say that the election was corrupt and leave the rest to me and the (Republican) Congressmen." That was a brazen violation of federal law, which prohibits any official from attempting to "deprive or defraud" Americans of a fair election process. He broke the same law when he threatened Georgia officials if they failed to "find" enough votes for him to win the state.

And there remains a gigantic file of evidence, gathered by former Special Counsel Robert Muller, showing that Trump obstructed justice 10 times during the Russia investigation. Were he not a sitting president at the time, his conduct would have warranted multiple felony indictments. As former national security officials Mark Medish and Jonathan Winer write in a new article for Just Security, "Granting a president carte blanche to obstruct justice is at odds with the rule of law and America's founding principles, which abhorred arbitrary rule of tyrants."

Upholding the law is essential, regardless of threats of violence from Trump's fanatics or warnings that future Republican regimes will carry out vengeance. The phantom specter of payback is not a legal category. Surrender to the seditionists is not an option under the law. Garland, the whole world is watching.

*(To find out more about **Joe Conason** and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.)*

Working to protect Montanans from Democrats' tax and spending spree

Steve Daines

Montana Senator

Democrats, led by President Biden, Chuck Schumer, Bernie Sanders and Nancy Pelosi, are rushing a reckless $3.5 trillion tax and spending spree bill through Congress that would reshape the very foundation of America and push the U.S. down the path of socialism.

The Democrats' massive bill is the largest spending bill in our nation's history and will create all sorts of new entitlement programs. To pay for it, Democrats plan to hike taxes across the board, making this bill the largest tax increase in over 50 years. In fact, according to the Tax Foundation, it would reduce take home pay for low and middle-income Montanans.

To make matters worse, the Democrats' effort comes at a time when Montanans are already facing skyrocketing prices on everything from gas to groceries because of record high inflation.

What's causing the rise in prices you're experiencing? President Biden and the Democrats' wasteful spending problem. Earlier this year, Democrats flooded the economy with nearly $2 trillion in new spending that was not needed.

To sum it up: The Democrats' tax and spending spree will kill Montana jobs, hurt Montana workers, families, and small businesses, and reduce economic growth.

For starters, this bill is an absolute assault on small businesses. It would gut the 20 percent small business tax deduction that I worked hard to secure in the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act."

Small business owners across Montana use the savings from this deduction to hire new employees or offer raises and bonuses, which is incredibly important right now as we're facing a significant labor shortage. Removing this tax benefit for small businesses would make it harder for them to grow and succeed against larger competitors. Since 99% of Montana businesses are small businesses, we cannot let this happen. Small businesses aren't the only victims of the tax hikes proposed by the Democrats.

Their bill includes tax hikes for married couples. You read that right—this bill punishes Montana couples for getting married. Their bill also supports President Biden's attack on Made in Montana energy. It's not enough that the President already killed the Keystone XL pipeline—he wants to go further and pass Bernie's Green New Deal policies aimed at eliminating oil, gas and coal completely. We should be doing all we can to support an all-of-the-above energy portfolio, not the Green New Deal.

If President Biden and the far Left get their way, Montanans will face higher gas and electricity prices and fewer reliable energy sources. It will take us back to the dark days of the 70s and we could see rolling black outs and surges in energy prices like other countries are experiencing. We cannot let this happen in Montana and the United States.

Democrats have also proposed a double death tax that will hit Montana family farms and ranches particularly hard.

Montana ag is our number one economic driver and it's part of our way of life. Our farmers and ranchers work hard to put food on the table for their families, our great state, the country and the entire world. The last thing Montana farmers and ranchers need are more taxes.

At a time when our economy is still recovering from the pandemic, we need to be supporting Montana small businesses, our workers, our farmers and ranchers, and our hard-working families. Instead, Democrats' proposal will weaken our economy, kill jobs and send them overseas, and increase costs for all Montanans. That might be a reason for China to cheer, but not Montana.

This proposal must not become law, and I intend to fight vigorously against it every step of the way.

*(**Steve Daines** is a Montana Senator.)*

Stardust

People and Perspectives from Miles City's past

25 YEARS AGO (1996)

Led again by Muffy Schmidt, the Custer County District High School Cowgirls cross country team finished as runners-up in Saturday's home meet behind the defending state champion Colstrip Fillies. Placing in the top ten for the Cowgirls with Schmidt were Wendy LaFayette in eighth and Lisa Nayes in tenth place.

Honors students at Custer County District High School now have two options for earning college credits in their senior year. If they got their paperwork and payment in today, and get an A or B in certain honors classes at CCDHS, they will get college credits through Miles Community College for them in June.

Eighty-five percent of the matching funds for the Main Street Beautification Project has been raised and the remainder is expected to be gathered soon, according to Jim Barutha, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council. The $196,000 project will be largely funded by a Community Transportation Enhancement grant. The grant money is provided by the Federal-aid Highway Program and administered through the Montana Department of Transportation.

September's building permits include two new residences and an addition to the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds. Custer County was issued a permit to build a $205,000 addition to a livestock exhibition building at the Fairgrounds to create an Agri-Sports complex.

50 YEARS AGO (1971)

BIRTHS — Oct. 16. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Schmidt (Gloria Gilbert). A son to Capt. and Mrs. Jerry W. Crapo (Lynda Sims).

A tea for Miles City area teachers was held last Sunday afternoon at the Miles City Public Library, sponsored by the Miles City Woman's Club. Wives of directors of the library board, Mrs. E. H. Rowen and Mrs. Ross Erickson, helped pour.

The thirty-member Faculty Women and Wives Club of Miles Community College have chosen officers for the coming year. They are Mrs. Sammie McKethen, chairman; Mrs. Helen Thompson and Mrs. Roxann Graham, coordinators; and Mrs. Mary Graham, treasurer.

Miles Community College has been given the go-ahead for their $175,000 student center to be constructed on the MCC campus. School officials received word Friday afternoon from the Denver office of Housing and Urban Development that the HUD loan for the construction has been approved.

Last year's Sacred Heart High School Homecoming Queen Chris King put the tiara on the head of the 1971 Queen Jean Terhaar. Lead by Junior Joe Zawada and Senior Sam Gaughan, the hard-nosed Shamrocks ground out a 38-0 Badlands Conference win over the stubborn Ekalaka Bulldogs during Friday night's rainy game.

75 YEARS AGO (1946)

Fundamentals of commercial photography, how to make enlargements, how to print pictures, all are part of the program to be undertaken by members of the Photography Club at Custer county high school. Charles Nielsen of the Range Riders studio is directing the young people. Art Davidson of the high school faculty is sponsor. Jim Snell is president; Carl Dunaway, vice president; Bill Wade secretary and treasurer. Other members are Raymond Youdan, Gary Cotton, John Howe and Steve Zabrocki.

Dick Schlappert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schlappert of this city, placed second in the saddle bronc riding contest as one of the features of the rodeo at Madison Square Garden recently. He is riding in various eastern rodeos.

Six-man football will be in order in this area during the next three days, while the Cowboys "A" squad is traveling to Glasgow to engage the Highlanders in the conference tilt. Tonight at 8 o'clock at the City ball park, the "B" team will go against the State School Beavers in a game that should be a good one.

Benny Binion and George Wilkerson of Dallas, Tex., have returned to Miles City for a business visit, having spent several weeks here last summer.

100 YEARS AGO (1921)

Howard Edward Beyer of Gopher and Evelyn Harriet Walvoord of Angela were united in marriage last evening at the Presbyterian manse, the Rev. J. Forsythe Smith officiating. The witnesses were W. G. Stronks and A. M. Smith. The newlyweds, both of whom are well and favorably known in this city, are going to Ashland, where they will reside.

A school of instruction was conducted in the local Milwaukee yards on Monday by a special instructor in the handling of air brakes, who comes here from Milwaukee.

M. H. Wallace and Fred Longmore returned Sunday night from a trip to Van Norman, Phon and Purewater, where they report having seen some of the finest wheat imaginable. Some of the fields produced twenty bushels of wheat to the acre.

Don Reed Campbell and Miss Myrtle Witham, both of Ekalaka, were united in marriage on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse by the Rev. J. Forsythe Smith. The happy couple were attended by a couple of friends from Ekalaka, Miss Mabel Labreck and John Garvy. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are leaving on a brief wedding trip after which they plan to return to Ekalaka, where they will continue to make their home in the community in which both have been highly respected residents for several years.

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MONDAY

■Moderna COVID-19 vaccine available as walk-in service, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Clinic. 406-233-2533.

■Cemetery Board, 5 p.m., Custer County Courthouse main floor conference room, 1010 Main St.

■Halo Group for parents who have lost infant children, 5:30 p.m., Miles City Pregnancy Outreach Clinic, 516 Pleasant St.

■Miles Community College Board, 5:30 p.m., MCC Board Room.

■Communities That Care Community Board Orientation Workshop Series — Session 1: "The Big Picture & The CTC Foundation," 6-7 p.m., for information contact Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce Office, 511 Pleasant St., phone 406-234-2890.

■Miles City Photography Club, 6:30 p.m., Church of Christ, 215 N. Winchester Ave. Open to anyone interested in photography. (milescityphotography-club@gmail.com).

TUESDAY

■Moderna COVID-19 vaccine available as walk-in service, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Holy Rosary Clinic. 406-233-2533.

■Custer County Food Bank distribution, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 15 N. 8th St.

■Miles City Soup Kitchen, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church basement, 24 N. 11th St. 234-5013.

■Senior Congregate Meals for anyone 60+ years, 11 a.m.-noon, 600 Cafe.

■Story Time, 11:15 a.m., Miles City Public Library, 1 S. 10th St.

■Rotary Club, noon, Town and Country Club.

■Open Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group, noon, Convent Keepers Community Center (formerly the Miles City Academy), 1411 Leighton Blvd.

■County Leadership Institute Welcome meeting, 12:30 p.m.

■Miles City Public Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., Miles City Public Library meeting room, 1 S. 10th St.

■Miles City Soup Kitchen Board, 5:15 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 24 N. 11th St.

■Custer County Miles City Flood Protection Project Community Update Meeting with United States Army Corp of Engineers, 6 p.m., Miles City Hall, 17 S. 8th St. 234-3493.

■Ladies trap shooting, 6 p.m., Spotted Eagle Trap Range. Youth encouraged to attend.

■Custer Rod and Gun Club, 7 p.m., Gun Range.

■Closed Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group, 7 p.m., Convent Keepers Community Center, 1411 Leighton Blvd.

■Alateen, 7 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Center room 9. For information call 406-851-1118.

Colin Powell dies, exemplary general stained by Iraq claims

WASHIINGTON (AP) — Colin Powell, the boundary-breaking military leader and diplomat whose sterling reputation of service to Republican and Democratic presidents was stained by his faulty claims to justify the 2003 U.S. war in Iraq, died Monday of COVID-19 complications. He was 84.

A veteran of the Vietnam War, Powell spent 35 years in the Army and rose to the rank of four-star general before becoming the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His oversight of the U.S. invasion of Kuwait to oust the Iraqi army in 1991 made him a household name, prompting speculation for nearly a decade that he might run for president, a course he ultimately decided against.

President George W. Bush chose Powell to become secretary of state, the first Black person to represent the U.S. on the world stage. His tenure, however, was marred by his 2003 address to the U.N. Security Council in which he cited faulty information to claim that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had secretly stashed weapons of mass destruction. Such weapons never materialized, and though Saddam was removed, the war devolved into years of military and humanitarian losses.

AP PHOTO

In this Dec. 16. 2000 file photo, President-elect Bush smiles as he introduces retired Gen. Colin Powell, left, as his nominee to be secretary of state during a ceremony in Crawford, Texas.

In announcing Powell's death, his family said he had been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus.

Peggy Cifrino, Powell's longtime aide, said he had also been treated over the past few years for multiple myeloma, a blood cancer that impairs the body's ability to fight infection. Studies have shown that those cancer patients don't get as much protection from the COVID-19 vaccines as healthier people.

At the White House, President Joe Biden said Powell "embodied the highest ideals of both warrior and diplomat."

Noting Powell's rise from a childhood in a fraying New York City neighborhood, Biden said, "He believed in the promise of America because he lived it. And he devoted much of his life to making that promise a reality for so many others."

The family's announcement said, "We have lost a remarkable and loving husband, father and grandfather and a great American,."

Betty Lynn, Thelma Lou on 'The Andy Griffith Show,' has died

MOUNT AIRY, N.C. (AP) — Betty Lynn, the film and television actor who was best known for her role as Barney Fife's sweetheart Thelma Lou on "The Andy Griffith Show," has died. She was 95.

Lynn died peacefully Saturday after a brief illness, The Andy Griffith Museum in Mount Airy, North Carolina, announced in a statement.

Lynn appeared as Thelma Lou on the show from 1961 until 1966. She reprised her role in the made-for-TV movie "Return to Mayberry," in which Thelma Lou and Barney got married.

Born Elizabeth Ann Theresa Lynn on August 29, 1926 in Kansas City, Missouri, Lynn began studying dance and acting at a young age. In 1944, she started performing as a part of USO Camp Shows.

Lynn took her talents overseas, performing in the USO for servicemembers during World War II. She was "thought to be the only American woman to have traveled the dangerous Burma Road during the war," according to the museum's statement.

House

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Ballard added that there are anti-trust laws that date back to 1889 that need to be enforced, and that congress needs to make a concerted effort to say that we want these laws enforced.

Healthcare

Healthcare is another issue that is important to Ballard.

"My wife and I are both self employed and we spend a lot of money for a really high-deductible health insurance plan that covers you if there is some kind of catastrophe, but it doesn't take care of your more routine healthcare needs," he said.

Ballard explained that if you are under insured, for example; a young couple with a baby and no savings who have an $8,000 deductible and something major happens, it can still wipe you out. He said that although you have health insurance you aren't really protected, and then it's not you who has the health insurance but the companies.

According to Ballard, ways to help this issue is we have to move toward cost containment.

"As long as costs keep going up and there is no meaningful caps on it we aren't going to do better with healthcare," he said. "It's going to become less affordable for individuals and less affordable for small businesses to provide insurance."

Ballard added that right now there are some moves in D.C. that are working on the prescription drug prices, saying that that is a really important part of it, that it has to happen throughout the entire system.

Education

As a teacher at Montana State University, in Billings, Ballard oversaw student teaching in Hardin, Crow Agency, Lame Deer and other areas. He explained that school districts in rural Montana have some big challenges to face.

"A lot of them are dealing with buildings and infrastructure that were built in the 20's and 30's, but where is that money going to come from," he said. "It's not like you can float a local bond, or raise your mill levy. When we look at federal infrastructure, providing fortification for rural students is really important."

Ballard added that he is in complete support of saying that part of federal infrastructure is supporting rural school systems and rural healthcare, because it isn't feasible for local communities to bear that whole burden.

Other key issues for Ballard's campaign include jobs and wages, public lands and climate change.

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Today's Markets

All figures from 3 p.m. EST

Stocks of Local Interest

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Daily Chg	YTD %Chg
ASML Hld	3.18	.4	...	785.10	-4.30	+61.0
AT&T Inc	2.08	8.2	...	25.33	-.37	-11.9
AbbottLab	1.80	1.5	33	116.37	-1.12	+6.3
AbbVie	5.20	4.8	37	107.41	-1.92	+.2
Accenture	3.88	1.1	37	343.14	+1.32	+31.4
AdobeInc	...	...	54	620.39	+10.30	+24.0
AMD	...	...	41	116.52	+4.40	+27.1
Alphabet C	...	...		3828 53.81	+20.31	+62.9
Alphabet A	...	...		8628 45.60	+18.24	+62.4
Altria	3.60	7.5	20	48.26	-.44	+17.7
Amazon	...	...		6634 46.84	+37.82	+5.8
AmExp	1.72	1.0	21	176.33	+.52	+45.8
AmTower	5.24	1.9	54	269.12	-.21	+19.9
Amgen	7.04	3.5	17	203.04	-4.80	-11.7
Anthem	4.52	1.2	22	387.76	-5.29	+20.8
Apple Inc s	.88	.6	40	146.32	+1.48	+10.3
ApldMatl	.96	.7	23	132.88	+1.29	+54.0
AstraZen	1.37	2.3	41	59.24	-.98	+18.5
AutoData	3.72	1.8	35	212.38	-.60	+20.5
BkofAm	.84	1.8	14	46.21	-.16	+52.5
BerkH B	...	...	38	282.42	-1.79	+21.8
BestBuy	2.80	2.4	14	116.15	+2.51	+16.4
BlackRock	16.52	1.8	25	898.62	-8.64	+24.5
Blackstone	2.80	2.3	19	123.23	+.20	+90.1
Boeing	...	...	...	215.92	-1.12	+.9
BookingHl	...	...	...	2499.05	-39.29	+12.2
BrMySq	1.96	3.4	...	57.08	-1.29	-8.0
BroadcInc	14.40	2.9	47	503.17	-.09	+14.9
BrkfdAs g	.52	...	33	58.41	-.32	+41.5
CVS Health	2.00	2.4	15	84.19	-1.66	+23.3
CdnNR	1.81	...	31	123.78	+1.09	+12.7
Caterpillar	4.44	2.2	25	198.02	-1.00	+8.8
ChartCm	...	...	40	705.58	+6.55	+6.7
Chevron	5.36	4.9	58	109.21	-.40	+29.3
Cisco	1.45	2.6	22	55.15	-.10	+23.2
Citigroup	2.04	2.8	7	71.64	-.65	+16.2
CocaCola	1.68	3.1	29	54.05	-.44	-1.4
Comcast	1.00	1.9	25	52.96	-1.07	+1.1
ConAgra	1.25	3.8	12	33.24	-.01	-8.3
ConocoPhil	1.84	2.5	...	74.39	+.25	+86.0
Costco	3.16	.7	43	461.60	+9.21	+22.5
Danaher	.84	.3	40	303.74	+2.36	+36.7
Deere	4.20	1.3	19	332.45	-.31	+23.6
Disney	...	...	...	170.22	-6.25	-6.1
EliLilly	3.40	1.4	35	237.77	-.11	+40.8
Enbridge	2.67	...	18	42.65	+.09	+33.3
Equinor	.72	2.6	...	27.42	+.17	+67.0
ExxonMbl	3.48	5.6	...	62.41	-.18	+51.4
Facebook	...	...	25	333.95	+9.19	+22.3
FstIntBc A	1.64	4.0	14	40.61	-.10	-.4
GenElec rs	.32	.3	...	104.14	-.27	...
GenMotors	...	...	9	56.98	-1.03	+36.8
GileadSci	2.84	4.3	...	65.96	-1.67	+13.2
GoldmanS	8.00	1.9	10	411.92	+5.85	+56.2
HP Inc	.78	2.7	10	28.51	+.23	+15.9
HarleyD	.60	1.6	12	37.55	+.24	+2.3
HomeDp	6.60	1.9	25	355.14	+4.73	+33.7
HonwllIntl	3.92	1.8	31	220.54	-.18	+3.7
Intel	1.39	2.6	11	54.44	-.02	+9.3
IBM	6.56	4.6	24	142.07	-2.54	+12.9
Intuit	2.72	.5	71	560.98	+8.82	+47.7
JPMorgCh	4.00	2.4	11	166.74	+.13	+31.2
JohnJn	4.24	2.7	24	159.69	-1.61	+1.5
Linde	4.24	1.4	56	307.71	-.53	+16.8
LockhdM	11.20	3.1	14	366.26	+.64	+3.2
Lowes	3.20	1.4	23	221.84	+2.68	+38.2
MDU Res	.85	2.8	15	30.69	-.27	+16.5
MarshM	2.14	1.3	32	161.89	-.11	+38.4
MasterCrd	1.76	.5	55	359.33	+3.33	+.7
McDnlds	5.16	2.1	26	242.42	+.17	+13.0
Medtrnic	2.52	2.1	45	120.97	-6.78	+3.3
Merck	2.60	3.4	35	77.23	-1.10	-5.6
Microsoft	2.48	.8	42	306.88	+2.67	+38.0
Moderna	...	...	...	333.47	+9.26	+219.2
Mondelez	1.40	2.3	23	59.91	-.25	+2.5
MorgStan	2.80	2.8	13	100.72	-1.43	+47.0
Netflix	...	...	...	634.76	+6.47	+17.4
NextEraEn	1.54	1.9	51	81.12	-.55	+5.1
NikeB	1.10	.7	41	158.97	+.96	+12.4
Nvidia s	...	...	80	222.59	+3.97	+70.5
Oracle	1.28	1.3	99	96.41	+1.08	+49.0
PNC	5.00	2.5	10	199.78	+.65	+34.1
PPL Corp	1.66	5.8	...	28.57	-.28	+1.3
PayPal	...	...	...	269.13	+.78	+14.9
PepsiCo	4.30	2.7	27	158.13	-.69	+6.6
Pfizer	1.56	3.8	18	41.26	-.23	+12.1
PhilipMor	5.00	5.1	18	97.47	-.90	+17.7
Pinduoduo	...	...	...	97.32	+3.31	-45.2
ProLogis	2.52	1.8	77	140.40	+3.42	+40.9
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Qualcom	2.72	2.1	19	129.48	-.72	-15.0
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S&P Glbl	3.08	.7	46	445.84	+1.92	+35.6
Salesforce	...	...	61	291.25	-.41	+30.9
Schwab	.72	.9	31	80.24	-.66	+51.3
Sea Ltd	...	...	...	358.73	+4.23	+80.2
ServcNow	...	...	...	662.25	-.93	+20.3
Shopify	...	...	...	1455.75	+31.17	+28.6
SnapInc A	...	...	...	75.08	-2.26	+50.0
Snowflake	...	...	...	336.00	+2.43	+19.4
SonyGp	...	...	13	112.07	-.43	+10.9
Square	...	...	...	251.97	+2.97	+15.8
Starbucks	1.96	1.7	...	113.33	+1.88	+5.9
Stryker	2.52	1.0	48	260.83	-5.49	+6.4
T-MobileUS	...	...	44	117.15	-.42	-13.1
Target	3.60	1.4	29	252.58	+6.87	+43.1
Tesla Inc	...	...	...	872.48	+29.45	+23.6
TexInst	4.60	2.4	27	195.13	+.68	+18.9
ThermoFis	1.04	.2	27	586.32	+3.93	+25.9
3M Co	5.92	3.3	18	181.68	-.26	+3.9
TorDBk	3.16	...	11	70.54	+.23	+25.0
Trinity	.84	2.9	...	28.96	-.32	+9.7
TruistFn	1.92	3.1	...	61.80	+.46	+28.9
Uber Tch	...	...	...	47.05	-1.31	-7.7
UnionPac	4.28	1.9	26	225.71	+.55	+8.4
UPS B	4.08	2.1	28	193.61	-.14	+15.0
US Bancrp	1.84	3.0	12	60.68	+.45	+30.2
UtdhlthGp	5.80	1.4	28	425.07	-3.00	+21.2
VerizonCm	2.56	4.9	11	51.91	-.36	-11.6
Viavi	...	...	...	15.25	-.25	+1.8
Visa	1.28	.6	47	231.94	+.95	+6.0
WalMart	2.20	1.6	40	141.77	+1.22	-1.7
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52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
35,631.19	26,143.77	Dow Industrials	35,231.93	-62.83	-.18	+15.11	+24.96
16,170.05	10,922.00	Dow Transportation	15,253.89	+63.21	+.42	+21.96	+30.29
952.76	792.08	Dow Utilities	892.11	-6.43	-.72	+3.18	+1.65
16,944.21	12,293.75	NYSE Composite	16,858.28	-13.46	-.08	+16.07	+29.49
15,403.41	10,822.57	Nasdaq Composite	15,007.91	+110.57	+.74	+16.45	+30.74
7,291.57	5,112.51	Nasdaq Global Sel	7,113.74	+53.88	+.76	+17.40	+31.26
2,088.47	1,490.72	S&P 100	2,060.55	+7.03	+.34	+19.76	+30.22
4,545.73	3,233.94	S&P 500	4,483.05	+11.68	+.26	+19.35	+30.82
2,780.43	1,876.84	S&P MidCap	2,754.02	+5.74	+.21	+19.40	+39.53
47,274.87	33,398.65	Wilshire 5000	46,701.81	+154.03	+.33	+18.36	+31.88

Market Summary

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%chg
Shineco	11.34	+6.62	+140.3
ION Geo	2.12	+.73	+52.5
Progenity	3.03	+.89	+41.5
Valneva n	37.28	+9.23	+32.9
MeiraGTx	18.40	+4.12	+28.9
EvolvgSys	2.73	+.49	+22.0
PeabodyE	19.38	+3.42	+21.4
FuelTech h	2.04	+.32	+18.7
Aerovate n	16.70	+2.57	+18.2
FuelCell	8.65	+1.26	+17.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%chg
RevanceTh	13.93	-8.79	-38.7
AlbertAc un	10.21	-6.29	-38.1
Omeros	5.64	-2.09	-27.0
Nxt-ID rs	3.11	-.85	-21.5
MannKd	4.06	-1.03	-20.3
Phathom	26.67	-5.84	-18.0
NxtPlyTc	2.60	-.54	-17.2
CullinnOn n	20.84	-4.17	-16.7
GuardfrAl n	2.90	-.57	-16.4
IonisPhm	29.76	-5.34	-15.2

Actives ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (000s)	Last	Chg
Progenity	273127	3.03	+.89
AdamisP	140306	1.26	+.13
FuelCell	137621	8.65	+1.26
ION Geo	122210	2.12	+.73
WaitrHl	63096	1.46	+.04
Apple Inc s	59720	146.32	+1.48
AMC Ent	42449	43.31	+2.57
SoFiTech n	41022	20.96	+1.58
AMD	40157	116.52	+4.40
BkofAm	35272	46.21	-.16

Sales figures as of 3:00 pm E.T. and are unofficial. **Stock Footnotes:** g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued-listing standards. lf = Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pf = Preferred. rs = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. rt = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. vj = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. wi = When issued. wt = Warrants. **Source:** The Associated Press.

All figures from 3 p.m. EST

Money Rates

	Last	Pvs Week
Prime Rate	3.25	3.25
Discount Rate	0.75	0.75
Federal Funds Rate	0.00-0.25	0.00-0.25
Treasuries		
3-month	0.05	0.05
6-month	0.06	0.07
5-year	1.13	1.06
10-year	1.57	1.60
30-year	2.05	2.16

Currencies

	Last	Pvs Day
Australia	1.3482	1.3476
Britain	1.3730	1.3749
Canada	1.2377	1.2384
Euro	.8613	.8616
Japan	114.26	114.27
Mexico	20.3753	20.3339
SwitzerInd	.9232	.9228

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

Mutual Funds

Name	Obj	Offering Price	Total Return/Rank 4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load	Min Init Invt
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	MA	33.21	-0.4	+17.7/D	+11.2/B	5.75	250
American Funds BdfAmrcA m	CI	13.45	-1.1	+0.1/B	+3.6/A	3.75	250
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	WB	65.53	-1.0	+25.1/C	+13.0/C	5.75	250
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	IH	68.73	+0.1	+19.7/C	+7.6/C	5.75	250
American Funds EuroPacGrA m	FG	70.73	-2.3	+24.2/B	+12.8/C	5.75	250
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	LB	78.26	-0.3	+28.8/D	+15.8/D	5.75	250
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	LG	78.62	0.0	+29.7/A	+21.1/D	5.75	250
American Funds IncAmrcA m	AL	26.00	0.0	+20.1/E	+9.3/E	5.75	250
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	LB	52.01	+0.1	+29.0/D	+14.8/D	5.75	250
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	WG	69.22	-1.0	+29.8/A	+19.3/B	5.75	250
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	LB	57.78	+1.3	+29.8/C	+15.1/D	5.75	250
Dodge & Cox Inc	PI	14.24	-1.1	+1.3/B	+4.2/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FV	49.33	+1.6	+38.3/A	+8.6/B	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox Stk	LV	245.90	+2.6	+50.6/A	+16.5/A	NL	2,500
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	LB	155.21	-0.1	+30.3/C	+18.1/A	NL	0
Fidelity BCGrowth	LG	180.80	-0.5	+32.5/A	+28.8/A	NL	0
Fidelity Contrafund	LG	19.52	-1.7	+24.6/D	+21.8/C	NL	0
Fidelity GroCo	LG	39.27	-1.2	+30.2/A	+30.5/A	NL	0
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	LB	128.67	+0.1	+31.5/B	+18.1/A	NL	0
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	CI	12.02	-1.3	-1.2/D	+3.0/C	NL	0
INVESCO GlbAllcA m	IH	23.68	-0.6	+22.1/B	+8.5/B	5.50	1,000
PIMCO AlAstA m	TV	13.01	+0.4	+25.5	+8.1	3.75	1,000
PIMCO LowDrC m	CS	9.87	-0.3	-0.3/E	+1.4/E	1.00	1,000
PIMCO RlRetC m	IP	12.35	0.0	+5.6	+4.1	1.00	1,000
Putnam GlbHCA m	SH	66.65	-0.1	+20.3/A	+13.8/D	5.75	0
Putnam TxFrHYA m	HM	13.16	-1.2	+8.2/C	+4.5/C	4.00	0
Schwab SP500Idx	LB	68.61	0.0	+29.1	+17.9	NL	0
T. Rowe Price BCGr	LG	194.51	-1.6	+22.3/E	+23.7/B	NL	2,500
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	LB	412.98	-0.1	+30.2/C	+18.1/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	MA	48.39	-0.4	+17.6/D	+12.2/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard DivGrInv	LB	38.20	+0.6	+24.1/E	+16.0/C	NL	3,000
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	LG	155.27	-1.2	+27.8/B	+23.6/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	MB	306.27	+1.1	+34.5/C	+16.2/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	SB	108.58	+1.5	+38.2/D	+15.4/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	CI	11.24	-1.3	-1.1/D	+3.1/C	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	FB	34.98	-1.3	+25.6/C	+10.1/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	FB	20.91	-1.3	+25.6/C	+10.0/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	LB	112.31	+0.2	+31.6/B	+18.2/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtlSMIdxInv	LB	112.28	+0.2	+31.4/B	+18.1/A	NL	3,000
Viking TFForMontanaA m	SI	10.18	-0.9	+1.3	+2.1	2.50	1,000
Williston BsnMdNrAmrStkA m	EE	4.37	+16.3	+81.5	-3.6	5.00	1,000

AL - Allocation 70-85% Equity, CA - Allocation - 30-50% Equity, CI - Intermediate-Term Bond, CS - Short-Term Bond, HM - High-Yield Muni, HY - High-Yield Bond, IP - Inflation-Protected Bond, FB - Foreign Large-Blend, FG - Foreign Large-Growth, FV - Foreign Large-Value, LB - Large Blend, LG - Large Growth, LV - Large Value, MA - Allocation 50-70% Equity, MB - Mid-Cap Blend, MG - Mid-Cap Growth, MV - Mid-Cap Value, SH - Health, SI - Muni Single State Intermediate, TG - Target-Date 2025, TV - Tactical Allocation, TW - Corporate Bond, WS - World Stock.

Mutual funds as of previous day's close. **Fund Footnotes:** b - Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d - Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. f - front load (sales charges). m - Multiple fees are charged, usually a marketing fee and either a sales or redemption fee. NA - not available. p - previous day's net asset value. s - fund split shares during the week. x - fund paid a distribution during the week. **Source:** Morningstar.

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EPA unveils strategy to regulate toxic 'forever chemicals'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration is launching a broad strategy to regulate toxic industrial compounds associated with serious health conditions that are used in products ranging from cookware to carpets and firefighting foams.

Michael Regan, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, said it is taking a series of actions to limit pollution from a cluster of long-lasting chemicals known as PFAS that are increasingly turning up in public drinking water systems, private wells and even food.

The plan is intended to restrict PFAS from being released into the environment, accelerate cleanup of PFAS-contaminated sites such as military bases and increase investments in research to learn more about where PFAS are found and how their spread can be prevented.

"This is a bold strategy that starts with immediate action" and includes additional steps "that will carry through this first term" of President Joe Biden, Regan said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We're going to use every tool in our toolbox to restrict human exposure to these toxic chemicals."

PFAS, called "forever chemicals" because they last so long in the environment, have been associated with serious health conditions, including cancer and reduced birth weight.

Under the strategy to be announced Monday, the EPA will move to set aggressive drinking water limits for PFAS under the Safe Drinking Water Act and will require PFAS manufacturers to report on how toxic their products are. The agency also is moving to designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the so-called Superfund law that allows the EPA to force companies responsible for the contamination to pay for the cleanup work or do it themselves.

The actions will make it easier for the EPA to ensure that cleanups are conducted safely and that "the polluter pays for that, Regan said.

The regulatory strategy comes as Congress considers wide-ranging legislation to set a national drinking water standard for certain PFAS chemicals and clean up contaminated sites across the country, including military bases where high rates of PFAS have been discovered.

PFAS is short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances that are used in nonstick frying pans, water-repellent sports gear, stain-resistant rugs and countless other consumer products. The chemical bonds are so strong that they don't degrade or do so only slowly in the environment and remain in a person's bloodstream indefinitely.

Legislation passed by the House would set a national drinking water standard for PFAS and direct the EPA to develop discharge limits for a range of industries suspected of releasing PFAS into the water. The bill has stalled in the Senate.

While Regan welcomes congressional action, he said the EPA has authority to act on its own.

"You know, PFAS contamination has been devastating communities for decades now, even before we knew how dangerous these chemicals were," he told the AP.

A former North Carolina environmental regulator who took over as the EPA head in March, Regan said he saw firsthand in his home state how dangerous PFAS can be.

As North Carolina's top environmental official, Regan led negotiations that resulted in the cleanup of the Cape Fear River, which has been dangerously contaminated by PFAS industrial compounds that were released for decades from a manufacturing plant run by a spinoff of chemical giant DuPont.

New technology offers anonymous way to report abuse, doping

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

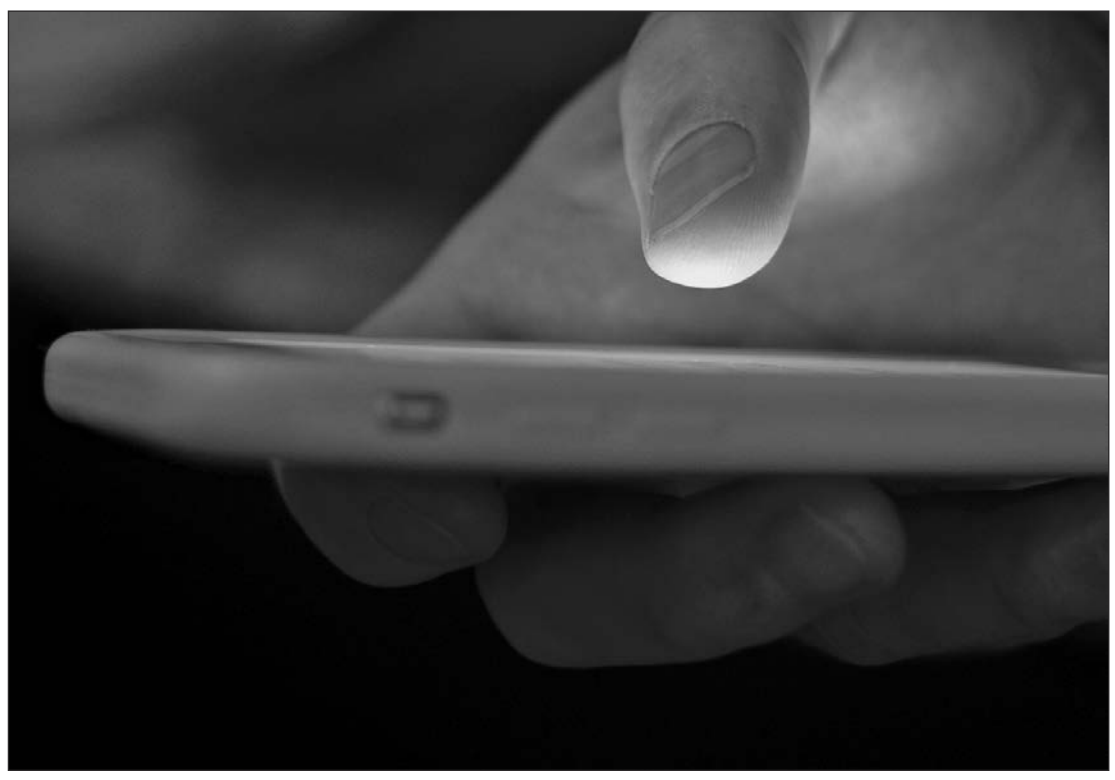
A college basketball player hatched the idea after seeing a discrimination case nearly implode his own team, then wondering why nobody had done anything about it sooner.

Ten years later, that player has developed the idea into a key tool for fixing a sports landscape teeming with cases of sexual abuse, along with examples of racism and sexism in the workplace, discrimination, harassment and doping cheats at virtually every level.

The player, David Chadwick, has transformed his idea into a company called RealResponse, which provides customers — mainly university athletic departments and other sports organizations — technology to give athletes and employees a chance to initiate real-time, anonymous complaints by sending a simple text.

On Monday, RealResponse announced a deal with the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which will use the platform as one of its many resources for whistleblowers to report their concerns about possible doping cases.

In a sign of the company's breadth, which also illustrates the wide range of possibilities and problems that abound through sports, RealResponse already has deals in place with USA Gymnastics, the NFL Players Association, the National Women's Soccer League and more than 100 university sports programs. It is also looking to partner with some of thousands of youth and club-sports organizations around the United States.



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In this Aug. 11, 2019, file photo, a cellphone is used in New Orleans. A former college basketball player has founded a company called RealResponse, which provides customers, mainly universities and large sports organizations, technology to give athletes and employees a chance to initiate real-time, anonymous complaints by sending a simple text.

"I wanted to come up with something that would solve a direct challenge — the lack of confidential, anonymous, real-time ways for athletes and others to share concerns and feedback with administration," Chadwick said.

The technology is designed to be as simple as possible, specifically for a generation of athletes used to doing almost everything on their cell phones.

It allows athletes or employees to start a report about workplace discrimination, doping violations, sex abuse and other concerns with a simple text. It skips the intake forms and drop-down menus that populate many reporting apps, and has privacy features that allow administrators to gather more information from whistleblowers while allowing those people to maintain their anonymity.

The NFLPA initially bought the service to give players a chance to report inconsistencies in COVID-19 testing protocols. It has since expanded use of the service to, according to a news release, "anonymously and securely report any and all issues ... for everything from training camp issues, drug policy infractions, social injustice concerns, medical issues, COVID-19 policy violations, misconduct, hazing, harassment, and more."

The germ of the thought for Chadwick came when he played at Rice, where a pair of players left after accusing administrators of discrimination.

Bow-and-arrow attack victims likely stabbed to death

HELSINKI (AP) — Norwegian police say the Danish man suspected of killing five people and injuring three others in an attack last week also used "stabbing weapons" along with a bow and arrow to kill his victims.

Police inspector Per Thomas Omholt said it was likely the 37-year-old suspect, identified as Espen Andersen Braathen, first used arrows to wound his victims and then killed them by stabbing them with an unspecified weapon or weapons in Wednesday's attack in Kongsberg, a town of 26,000 southwest of the capital, Oslo.

"When it comes to weapons, we have previously stated that a bow and arrow has been used," Omholt told a news conference Monday. "Other weapons that have been used are stabbing weapons. We don't want to go out with what kind of stabbing weapons were used as all witnesses at the scene haven't been questioned yet."

Andersen Braathen has confessed to the killings and has initially been charged with five murders. Omholt said, however, the list of charges would be extended as the investigation proceeds.

Omholt reiterated Norwegian police's assessment that the suspect's apparent mental illness was the likely cause for the attack, while Andersen Braathen's statement of being a convert to Islam had become a less important investigation line.

Norwegian police have identified the four female victims as Andrea Meyer, 52; Hanne Englund, 56; Liv Berit Borge, 75; and Gun Marith Madsen, 78. The male victim was Gunnar Erling Sauve, 75. Meyer is a native of Germany who had moved to Norway several years ago.

"So far, all indications are that these victims were randomly picked," Omholt said, adding that police had questioned some 60 witnesses.

The victims all lived on the same street in Kongsberg and several were part of its thriving artists' community, Norwegian media reported.

The regional police department received reports Wednesday evening about a man shooting arrows at the Coop Extra supermarket in central Kongsberg. According to a police timeline, the first information on the attack was logged at 6:13 p.m. and Andersen Braathen was caught at 6:47 p.m.

An unarmed police patrol spotted the suspect in the supermarket and Andersen Braathen shot at them with several arrows before fleeing. One of the wounded was an off-duty police officer inside the supermarket. The patrol called for reinforcements and armed police apprehended the suspect, but not before the victims were killed, police have said.

Norway's domestic intelligence agency has called for an independent investigation into the police's delay in capturing Andersen Braathen amid criticism that the police response was too slow.

The Coop Extra supermarket reopened on Monday, saying in a press release that the "tragic incident" had affected its employees, and its main focus was now to take care of them. No employees were wounded in the attack.

Why COVID boosters weren't tweaked to better match variants

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

More COVID-19 booster shots may be on the way -- but when it's your turn, you'll get an extra dose of the original vaccine, not one updated to better match the extra-contagious delta variant.

And that has some experts wondering if the booster campaign is a bit of a missed opportunity to target delta and its likely descendants.

"Don't we want to match the new strains that are most likely to circulate as closely as possible?" Dr. Cody Meissner of Tufts Medical Center, an adviser to the Food and Drug Administration, challenged Pfizer scientists recently.

"I don't quite understand why this is not delta because that's what we're facing right now," fellow adviser Dr. Patrick Moore of the University of Pittsburgh said last week as government experts debated whether it's time for Moderna boosters. He wondered if such a switch would be particularly useful to block mild infection.

The simple answer: The FDA last month OK'd extra doses of Pfizer's original recipe after studies showed it still works well enough against delta -- and those doses could be rolled out right away. Now the FDA is weighing evidence for boosters of the original Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines.

"It's less churn and burn on the manufacturing" to only switch formulas when it's really necessary, said FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks.

AP PHOTO

This Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021 file photo shows vials for the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines at a temporary clinic in Exeter, N.H.

But Pfizer and Moderna are hedging their bets. They're already testing experimental doses customized to delta and another variant, learning how to rapidly tweak the formula in case a change eventually is needed -- for today's mutants or a brand new one. The tougher question for regulators is how they'd decide if and when to ever order such a switch.

What we know so far:

CURRENT VACCINES ARE WORKING EVEN AGAINST DELTA

Vaccines used in the U.S. remain strongly effective against hospitalization and death from COVID-19, even after the delta variant took over, but authorities hope to shore up waning protection against less severe infection and for high-risk populations. Studies show an extra dose of the original formulas revs up virus-fighting antibodies that fend off infection, including antibodies that target delta.

MIGHT A DELTA-SPECIFIC BOOSTER WORK EVEN BETTER?

Vaccines target the spike protein that coats the coronavirus. Mutations in that protein made delta more contagious but to the immune system, it doesn't look all that different, said virus expert Richard Webby of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

That means there's no guarantee a delta-specific booster would protect any better, said University of Pennsylvania immunologist John Wherry. Waiting for studies to settle that question -- and if necessary, brewing updated doses -- would have delayed rolling out boosters to people deemed to need them now.

Still, because delta is now the dominant version of the virus worldwide it almost certainly will be a common ancestor for whatever evolves next in a mostly unvaccinated world, said Trevor Bedford, a biologist and genetics expert at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

A delta-updated vaccine would "help to provide a buffer against those additional mutations," he said. Bedford is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports The Associated Press Health and Science Department.

TWEAKING THE RECIPE

The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are made with a piece of genetic code called messenger RNA that tells the body to make harmless copies of the spike protein so it's trained to recognize the virus. Updating the formula merely requires swapping out the original genetic code with mRNA for a mutated spike protein.

Both companies first experimented with tweaked doses against a mutant that emerged in South Africa, the beta variant, that has been the most vaccine-resistant to date, more so than the delta variant. Lab tests showed the updated shots produced potent antibodies. But the beta variant didn't spread widely.

Chicago chief: Unvaccinated cops risk retirement benefits

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago's police chief has put into writing a threat that officers could be fired if they don't comply with the city's COVID-19 vaccination policy, adding that those who choose to retire rather than adhere to the policy might be putting their retirement benefits at risk.

In a memo sent Sunday night, Chicago Police Superintendent David Brown said that those officers who do choose to retire rather than comply "may be denied retirement credentials," the Chicago Tribune reported.

As it has done throughout this dispute, the Fraternal Order of Police posted instructions on its website about what officers should do if given a direct order to report on the city portal their vaccination status. This time, it posted a letter that officers can sign and present to their superiors.

"Complying with this INVALID order and the violation of MY Bargaining, Constitutional and Civil Rights has furthermore caused me severe anxiety while challenging both my religious and moral beliefs. I am in fact complying with this because I am being forced to do so under complete duress and threats of termination," the document on the website reads.

This follows instructions that FOP President John Catanzara posted on the website with advice that includes using body cameras to record orders to report their vaccination status.

Brown's memo is not a surprise. On Friday First Deputy Eric Carter said officers who refused to meet Friday's deadline on reporting their vaccination status could place discipline as severe as termination, unless they have an approved medical or religious exemption.

Dear Abby

Woman searching for a partner loathes first dates

DEAR ABBY: I am a 30-year-old woman who very much wants to find someone to share my life and start a family with. The problem is I hate dating, at least the early stages. To me, first dates aren't exciting; they're just plain awkward and nerve-racking.

I have tried everything to change my outlook on dating, but I still go into every first date with the same enthusiasm as I'd have for a root canal. I truly want a partner in life, but I hate first dates so much I Googled, "Is arranged marriage for me?" Please, do you have any tips for how to have a more positive outlook on dating? -- **HATES DATING IN MARYLAND**

DEAR HATES DATING: As a matter of fact, I do. I don't know what kind of first dates you are having, but it might benefit you to make them more casual -- a lunch, a coffee, a movie or some other entertainment, so a conversation won't become a third degree. Rather than stress, if you regard a first date as a chance to make a new friend rather than an audition for a life partner, you might enjoy it more and so would your date.

DEAR ABBY: I'm concerned because there is tension in my family and I don't know how to resolve it. I'm 30. In the past, I've had anger issues that may have alienated some family members. I've worked on them and I think I've gotten better in recent years, but I'm still not perfect.

What concerns me is I think one of my brothers might be harboring resentment toward me, but he won't say so directly. I feel bad about the things I've done wrong and I'm willing to do what I can to make up for them, but I don't know how to do that if people won't communicate with me. How can I make things right and show my family I really do care? -- **LOST IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR LOST: It seems you may not be the only person in your family with unresolved anger issues. People handle their emotions in different ways. While you were overt in demonstrating your anger, your brother is the opposite. He demonstrates his anger with PASSIVE-aggression.

Show your family you care by continuing to work on your issues. Apologize to anyone you hurt and offer to make amends. Do the same with this brother in a written message, if necessary. After that, if he still refuses to communicate, recognize that the problem is his and stop making it your own.

DEAR ABBY: A friend brought a birthday cake to the restaurant where we were all meeting, and served it after the meal. I voiced my concern that it wasn't fair to the restaurant, since we used extra tableware and dishes for the cake, and deprived them of a possible dessert order. Is what she did acceptable? Or was I out of line to say something? (We left a large tip.) -- **NO DESSERT**

DEAR NO DESSERT: If your comments dampened the joy of the occasion, you should have kept your mouth shut. Bringing a cake to a restaurant for a special occasion happens often. However, the polite way to handle it is to first check with the restaurant to be sure they don't have a policy against it.

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What's in the stars?

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

For Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021:

ARIES
(March 21 to April 19)
It's all systems go today, as you're feeling inspired to jump into action on a plan or goal. Education or coaching could help you further your progress.

TAURUS
(April 20 to May 20)
If partnered, you and your sweetheart could benefit from some extra one-on-one time. If single, be ready to open your heart to someone new.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20)
Your friends can provide you with the words of encouragement or show of support that you need to go after a dream. Spend some time with them.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22)
A job search could prove to be successful, as you could receive a call for an offer or an interview. Also, investing in career development brings results.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Love blossoms for you today, as you're encouraged to consider the potential of someone who's not your usual type. Let your heart surprise you.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Could your home use a little more beauty or warmth in it? It's an excellent time to decorate or treat yourself to some new bedding or plants.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Charm and wit are on your side today when it comes to interacting with others. Expect to make a positive impression when sharing or presenting your brand or ideas.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Your money can improve now if negotiating for a better salary or if you're looking to charge more for what you do. Be confident in your marketability.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Self-love goes a long way today, especially if you're looking to put yourself out there for an opportunity or create one. Romance thrives too.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You might get a hunch regarding a financial decision or a family or home-related matter. Don't ignore it. Something good awaits.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
If you're a content creator or have something important that you want to spread the word about, people are listening today. Be confident in your message.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to March 20)
You could receive fanfare or buzz around your work or a recent achievement. Don't play humble. You earned your moment in the spotlight.

BIRTHDATE OF: Jon Favreau, director/actor; Ty Pennington, TV host/carpenter; Jennifer Holliday, singer/actress.

Bridge

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 8 4
♥ A K Q 7 4
♦ K J 8
♣ 7

WEST
♠ 7 2
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ A 10 5
♣ K 10 6 3

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ 8 6
♦ Q 9 3 2
♣ A 9 5 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 6 3
♥ 5 2
♦ 7 6 4
♣ Q J 8

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♣	Pass	4 ♠

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

It is certainly not easy to see how declarer went down one in four spades on this deal, which was played in a high-class team-of-four contest staged in Beijing in 1986. Among those participating were three U.S. teams, plus others from Italy, Hong Kong and Canada, as well as many mainland Chinese teams.

There is a time-honored rule that says that a player should never underlead an ace on opening lead against a suit contract. But one of the distinguishing marks of the top bridge players is that, given the right setting, this rule or any other rule may be broken if it seems the wise thing to do.

One of the more imaginative advocates of this bold approach is Judi Radin, who held the West cards in this deal from the Beijing tournament. Having listened attentively to the bidding (North's four-club bid announced a very strong raise in spades and a singleton club), Radin decided that the best chance to defeat the contract was to try to quickly score as many diamond tricks as possible. And so, she selected the ten of diamonds as her opening lead!

Declarer naturally thought West was leading from a holding including the 10-9 and therefore played the jack from dummy. This lost to the queen, whereupon East (Kathie Wei) made the superb return of a low club to West's king.

Continuing the diabolical onslaught, Radin next led the five of diamonds! It's difficult to blame South, who was convinced West had the nine and surely couldn't have the ace, for playing the eight from dummy.

Wei won the diamond with the nine and returned the suit to her partner's ace. As a result, declarer lost the first four tricks to go down one. Perhaps the "never underlead an ace" proviso should be amended to read "well, hardly ever."

Tomorrow: A psychological ploy.

SUDOKU 数独

Conceptis SudoKu By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★ 10/18

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	5	7	9	4	2	8	6	3
4	9	3	6	8	1	7	2	5
3	2	1	7	9	8	5	4	6
9	4	6	2	1	5	3	7	8
8	7	5	3	6	4	2	1	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★

This is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, column & 3x3 box contains the same number only once. **The difficulty level increases from Monday to Friday.**

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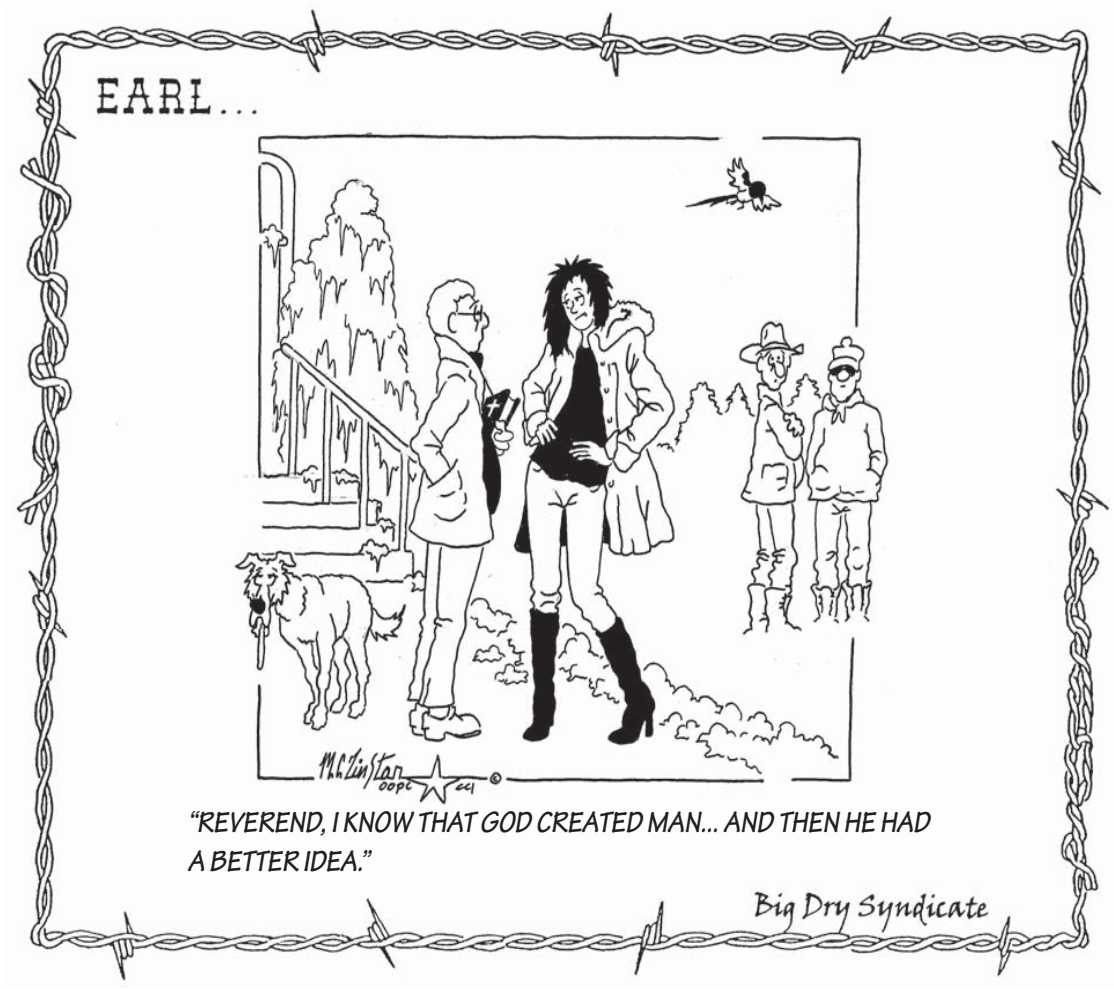

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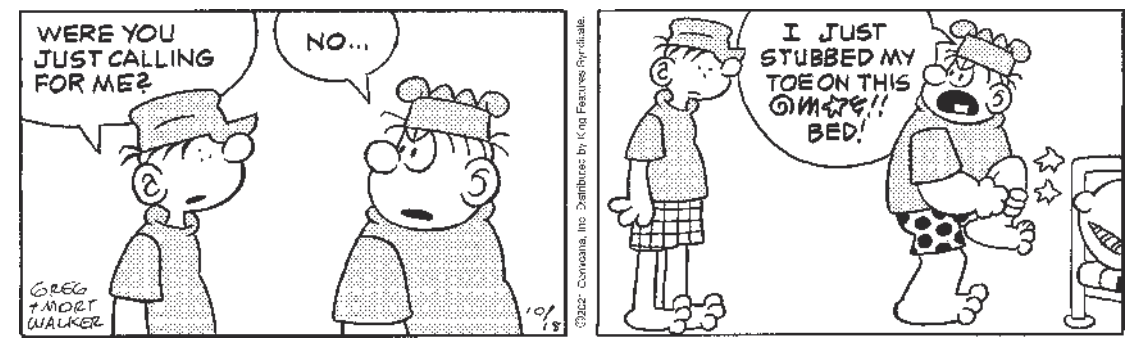

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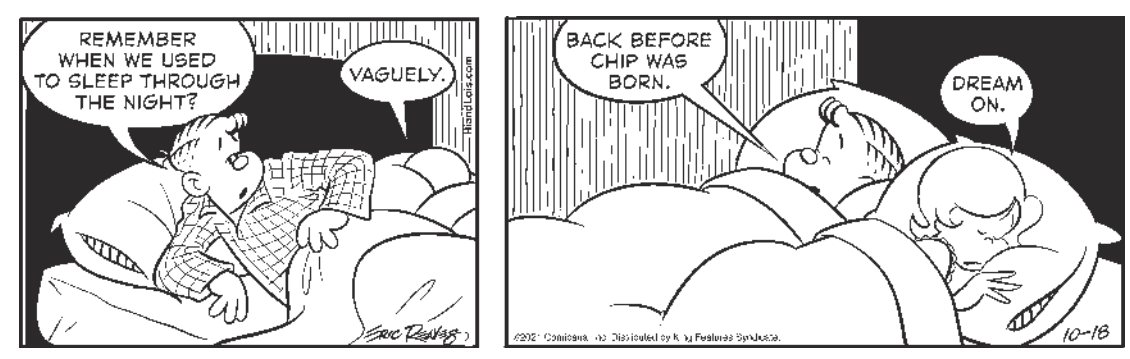

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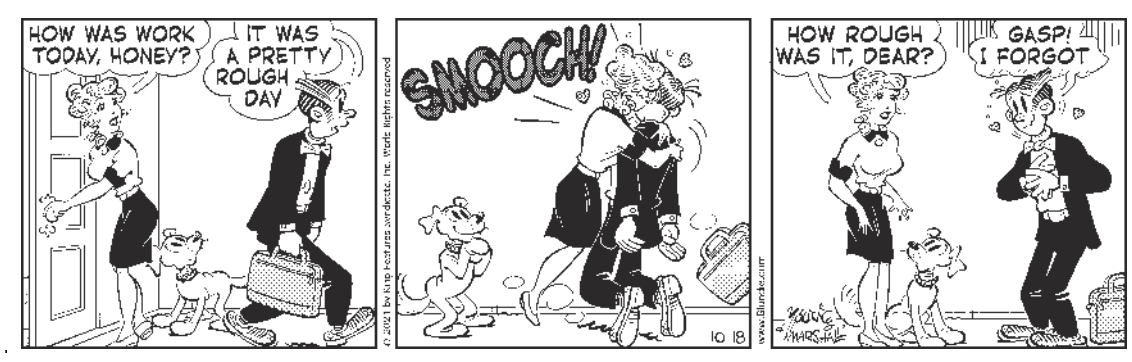

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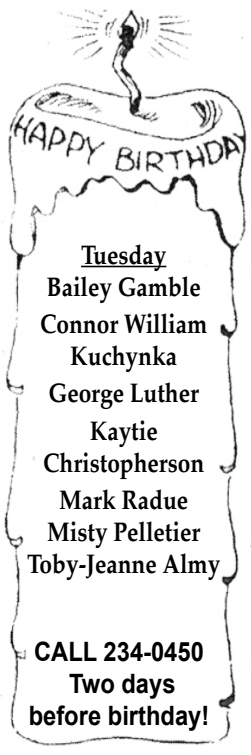

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IN THE MATTER OF Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s 2021 Biennial Electric Integrated Resource Plan
REGULATORY DIVISION
DOCKET NO. 2021.09.117
NOTICE OF MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES 2021 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
On September 15, 2021, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. ("MDU") filed its 2021 Biennial Electric Integrated Resource Plan ("2021 Plan") with the Montana Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. §§ 69-3-1201 et seq., and Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.2001-2012.
The Commission waives existing deadlines for written and oral comments, as set forth in Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.2012(2).
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commission will accept written comments on the 2021 Plan through **January 21, 2022.** Written comments may be mailed to the Commission at 1701 Prospect Ave., P.O. Box 202601, Helena, MT 59620; filed electronically through the Commission's website at http://psc.mt.gov (select "Documents & Proceedings" tab; select "Comment on a Proceeding"; select "Continue as Guest"; complete form; select "Submit"); or emailed to the Commission at pschelp@mt.gov.
After reviewing the 2021 Plan and considering public comment, the Commission will issue a statement indicating whether the plan conforms to guidelines set by Montana law. Mont. Admin. R. 38.5.2012(2).
The 2021 Plan is publicly available at the following locations: the Commission's business office, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana; online at the Commission's website (www.psc.mt.gov); under Docket 2021.09.117; at the office of the Montana Consumer Counsel, which represents consumer interests before the Commission, 111 North Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B, Helena, Montana, telephone (406) 444-2771; and at MDU's business offices, 400 North Fourth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Interested parties can register on the Commission's website to be added to the Watch List for notice of filings in this docket (select "EDDI", create ePass account, and, under "Watch List" tab, enter Docket No. 2021.09.117).
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DONE AND DATED this 14th day of October, 2021.
BY THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
s/JAMES BROWN, Chairman
s/BRAD JOHNSON, Vice Chairman
s/TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner
s/RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner
s/JENNIFER FIELDER, Commissioner
(Published: October 18, 2021)
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Petitioner
Cause No.: DV-2019-107
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Date: August 5, 2021
s/Kristi Celander
Clerk of District Court
s/Kathy Ziebarth
Deputy Clerk of Court
(Published: September 27, October 4, 11 and 18, 2021)
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Sports

Cowboys battle but get topped by Sidney

By DERRICK CALHOUN
Star Staff Writer

The Custer County District High School (CCDHS) Cowboys football team found their stride offensively on Friday but struggled on the defensive end of the field against Sidney High School.

The Cowboys fell to the Eagles 47-32 on Friday night at Connors Stadium.

"We played very good on offense," Head Coach Jeff Regan said. "I was proud of how the guys executed some of the new things we needed to do. We played very poorly on defense. We struggled to execute the very basics of our defense."

With the loss the Cowboys move to 4-3 on the season, with a 2-1 record in the Eastern A Northeastern Division.

According to Regan, there were multiple things that caused his team's struggle on defense.

"Some of it was having guys in different spots then they are normally in," Regan said. "Some of it was pre-snap communications having to fall on guys that haven't had to do it before, some of it was poor execution."

The Cowboys were without starting linebackers Dalton Tvedt and Shane Ricketts for the second straight game, leaving the defense without its main communicators.

STAR PHOTOS/Sharon Moore

Cowboys' senior wide receiver Aidan Cline scores the game-opening touchdown on a pass from quarterback Dalton Polesky on Friday night, at Connors Stadium.

Cowboys seniors and their family were honored before Friday night's senior night game against Sidney.

"We are going to need multiple players to step in and fill Dalton's shoes in his absence," Regan said. "He did a lot of things for us."

Regan also said that Sidney also did a great job of blocking and they have two great running backs.

"We are going to need to do better than we did, that is for sure," Regan said. "I can't remember us ever giving up that many points. We have had a very long and proud tradition on that side of the ball. The line between winning and losing is very thin. There were many opportunities for us to take control of that game, we were up 14-0. We need to execute much better on the defensive side of the ball this week. I need to do a better job getting our team ready to do that."

Cowboys' senior quarterback Dalton Polesky put the offense on his shoulders on Friday night, throwing for 261 yards and a touchdown and rushing for 31 yards and three touchdowns. Polesky was 20 for 27 in pass attempts in the game and rushed the ball 13 times.

Junior wide receiver Jackson Whicker had a strong night for the Cowboys, catching 11 balls for 189 yards and returning a kickoff for a 89-yard touchdown.

Senior wide receiver Aidan Cline had three catches for 38-yards and the first touchdown of the game, and senior tight end Ben Glasscock had four catches for 24 yards.

"I was happy how our offense played," Regan said. "We did exactly what we wanted to do. We moved the football well and scored 34 points. That should win you the game. The kids did a great job. Dalton Polesky really lead the group well."

The Cowboys' defense struggled to contain the Sidney running game on Friday night, rushing 63 time for 373 yards.

Sidney quarterback Zander Dean rushed 19 times for 184 yards and two touchdowns, running back Aden Graves rushed 34 times for 161 yards and three touchdowns, and running back Zander Burnison rushed ten times for 28 yards and a touchdown.

The secondary of the Cowboys did limit the Eagles passing game, holding Dean to just four of seven passing for 61 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

The Cowboys will finish off their regular season schedule on Friday night taking on Lewistown on the road. The game is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

*(Contact **Derrick Calhoun** at mcsportsreporter@gmail.com or at 406-234-0450.)*

Montana State edges Weber State 13-7 in defensive battle

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Freshman kicker Blake Glessner's two field goals in the third quarter made the difference in a defense-heavy contest as Montana State edged Weber State 13-7 Friday night.

Montana State (6-1, 4-0 Big Sky Conference) played catchup after Weber State (2-4, 1-2) jumped ahead on the game-opening drive. The Bobcats, ranked No. 9 in the FCS coaches poll, knotted the score at 7-7 just before halftime when Matthew McKay scored on a 1-yard keeper to tie the game. Glessner added third-quarter field goals of 46 and 32 yards in the third quarter.

After Glessner's second field goal, the Bobcats and Wildcats ground against each other, trading eight punts and three turnovers on downs on the next 11 possessions until Montana State got the ball one last time with less than 90 seconds left.

McKay scrambled to his right for a critical first down with 1:15 to go, allowing the Bobcats to run out the clock.

Montana State defensive end Daniel Hardy had two solo sacks and two assists, including a crucial drop of Weber State quarterback Bronson Barron on third-and-long with less than two minutes left in the game.

The 18th-ranked Wildcats drove 97 yards to score on the game-opening drive, taking a 7-0 lead when Josh Davis ran in from the 9. Davis gained 53 yards in the game, Barron competed 16 of 29 passes for 215 yards but was sacked four times.

McKay went 12-of-19 passing for 76 yards and was sacked twice. Isaiah Ifanse carried 25 times for 83 yards.

Montana State sits atop the Big Sky standings along with second-ranked Eastern Washington (6-0, 3-0). The teams meet Nov. 6 at EWU.

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Dunniway leads Sac State past Montana, 28-21

By AP

Jake Dunniway threw three touchdown passes and Asher O'Hara, Sacramento State's other quarterback, ran for a score and the Hornets defeated Montana 28-21 on Saturday for their first road win over the Grizzlies.

Dunniway and Jared Gipson had a pair of 24-yard scoring hookups in the third quarter, and Marcus Hawkins picked off Montana quarterback Kris Brown at the goal line as the teams traded turnovers on consecutive plays early in the fourth.

The Hornets' Chris Miller scored the first touchdown on a 3-yard reception and O'Hara added a 2-yard run for a 14-6 lead at the half.

After Gipson's first touchdown pass, Brown scored twice and with the help of a two-point conversion tied the game at 21.

The Hornets (4-2, 3-0 Big Sky Conference), are 3-20 all-time against the Grizzlies, and they piled up 456 yards of offense, 302 through the air.

Montana (4-2, 1-2) had 272 yards and had a punt return for a touchdown erased by a penalty.

Cowgirls volleyball compete at Blocktober Fest Tournament

By DERRICK CALHOUN
Star Staff Writer

The Cowgirls volleyball team from Custer County District High School had a busy weekend, competing at the BlocktoberFest volleyball tournament, in Butte.

According to Cowgirls Head Coach Tonya Chapweske, the tournament consisted of 26 teams split into three pool play groups.

The Cowgirls finished pool play third in their pool of eight teams, placing them in the bracket with the first, second, and third place teams from pool play.

"The girls played really well this weekend," Chapweske said. "We had a lot of fun and played a lot of volleyball. We ended up losing out but played hard and all the games were close battles. It was good to see teams from the western part of the state."

Chapweske added that her team communicated and played really well as a team.

"We had some great runs of aggressive play and came from behind in many of the pool play matches for the win," she said.

The format for the pool play was different than normal volleyball games, with each game being a single set to 30 points.

"Getting used to the 30 points was different but the girls and I both liked it," Chapweske said. "It kept the day moving and we had a chance to see a lot of teams."

In pool play the Cowgirls lost to Polson, 16-30; beat Hamilton, 30-24; beat Dillon, 30-24; beat Powell, 30-29; lost to Hardin, 21-30; beat Fergus, 30-23; and beat Browning, 30-21.

Tournament play followed pool play, and was a traditional best-of-five format.

In tournament play the Cowgirls lost to Billings Central in straight sets, and lost to Polson in four sets.

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Pioneers host back-to-back to close regular season

By DERRICK CALHOUN
Star Staff Writer

The Miles Community College (MCC) Pioneers volleyball team will close out their regular season schedule this week with a home games against Dakota College at Bottineau and Dawson Community College.

The Pioneers play Dakota College at Bottineau on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. and Dawson Community College on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Both games will be played at the MCC Centra.

Tuesday night's game is a rescheduled game against Dakota College at Bottineau from earlier in the season. The Pioneers were originally scheduled to face Rocky Mountain College's JV.

With one win out of these last two games the Pioneers will finish the season with the No. 2 seed in the Region XIII West sub-region and will host a sub-0region game on Sunday at the Centra.

The only scenario that the Pioneers don't finish with that No. 2 seed is if they lose both games, because Dawson Community College will then have the tie-breaker against them.

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