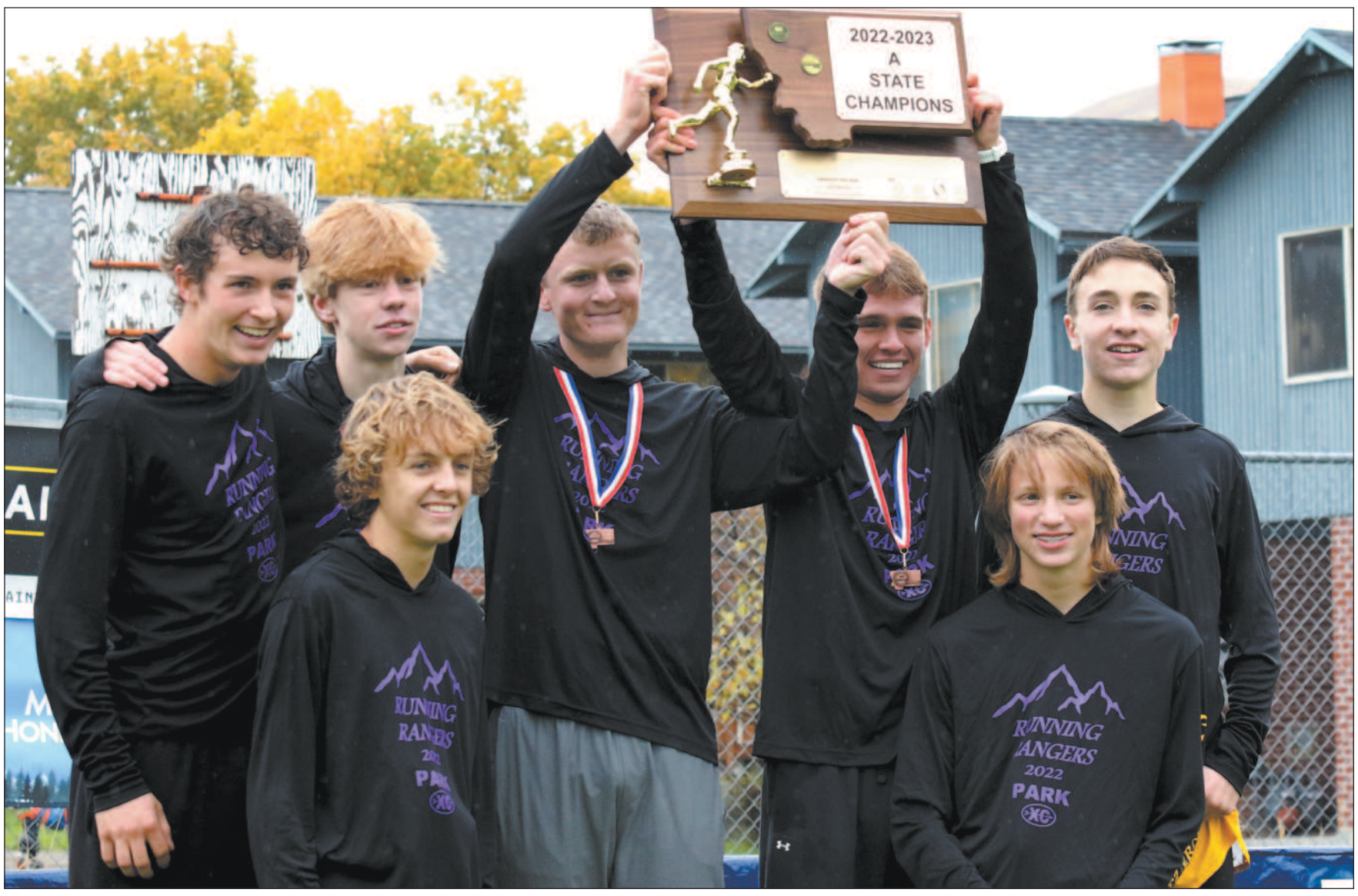
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STATE CHAMPS



Enterprise photo by Jeff Schlapp

The Park High Rangers cross country state champs raise their trophy in celebration at the University of Montana golf course on Saturday in Missoula. The state championship marks the first time in Park High's history that the cross country team won the title. Pictured left to right in the back row are Reid Malcom, Finn Schretenthaler, Charlie Serafin, Andrew Durgan and Cameron Sestrich. Pictured left to right in front are Kimball Smith and Augie Stern.

Park High Boys win school's first-ever cross country title

By Jeff Schlapp
Enterprise Sports Editor

MISSOULA — Cross country has been a sanctioned high school sport in Montana since 1964. Since then, there has been a long list of accomplishments by its graduates, from both individuals and sports teams. But when the Park High Rangers boys cross country runners stood at the starting line at the University of Montana golf course on Saturday in Missoula, winning the state cross country championship was not one of those accomplishments.

The best finish the Rangers had accomplished is third place, which of course is nothing to sneeze at, but the state championship has proven to be elusive.

The Rangers would be running under cloudy skies with intermittent rain falling throughout the day and temperatures in the 40s. The golf course presented a relatively flat course with two challenging hills in a loop fashion. When Dennis Norman, the race official starter, fired his pistol, Ranger racers Charlie Serafin, Andrew Durgan, Reid Malcolm, Finn Schretenthaler, Kimball Smith, Augie Stern and Cameron Sestrich took off. They were not just chasing runners ahead of them, they were chasing history.

And when Augie Stern crossed the finish line 19:01.5 minutes later, history was caught. The seven Ranger runners defeated Whitefish by a final score of 78-90 to become Park High's first cross country state champions.

It took 20 minutes for the runners to become aware of their incredible accomplishment. Charlie Serafin, Finn Schretenthaler and Andrew Durgan finished in the top 15 and earned all-state honors. Serafin earned fifth place overall, with Schretenthaler crossing the finish line with his arms raised and a loud scream of joy in sixth place, and Durgan just flew down the tree-lined finish tunnel passing two runners for 15th place overall. Malcolm running a personal best time came in 22nd place with Kimball Smith gutting out a top 30 spot as he finished in 30th overall.

"I just gave it everything I had today," Smith said. "I threw up six

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UK has a new prime minister

LONDON (AP) — Former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak is set to become Britain's first prime minister of color after being chosen Monday to lead a governing Conservative Party desperate for a safe pair of hands to guide the country through economic and political turbulence.



RISHI SUNAK

The challenges facing the U.K.'s third prime minister this year are enormous: He must try to shore up an economy sliding toward recession and reeling after his predecessor's brief, disastrous experiment in libertarian economics, while also attempting to unite a demoralized and divided party that trails far behind the opposition in opinion polls.

In his first public statement, Sunak said "the United Kingdom is a great country, but there is no doubt we face a profound economic challenge."

"We now need stability and unity, and I will make it my utmost priority to bring our party and our country together," said Sunak, who at 42 is Britain's youngest prime minister in 200 years.

Sunak will be the first British prime minister with South Asian roots and its first Hindu leader — a milestone for a country with an extensive colonial past, and one that is still contested.

Elected party leader on the major Hindu festival of Diwali, Sunak takes over from Liz Truss, who quit last week after 45 tumultuous days in office. His only remaining rival, Penny Mordaunt, conceded and withdrew after failing to reach the nomination threshold of 100 Conservative lawmakers needed to stay in the race.

Sunak will now be asked by King Charles III to form a government and becomes the

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Ukraine cites success in downing drones, fixes energy sites



Olha Fedorivna, 83, waits to refill her plastic bottles with drinking water from a tank in the center of Mykolaiv, Monday.
AP

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian authorities tried to dampen public fears over Russia's use of Iranian drones by claiming increasing success Monday in shooting them down, while the Kremlin's talk of a possible "dirty bomb" attack has added another worrying dimension as the war enters its ninth month.

Ukrainians are bracing for less electric power this winter following a sustained Russian barrage on their infrastructure in recent weeks. Citizens in the southern Ukrainian city of Mykolaiv lined up for water and essential supplies as Ukrainian forces continued their advance on the nearby Russian-occupied city of Kherson.

Ukraine's forces have shot down more than two-thirds of the approximately 330 Shahed drones that Russia has fired through Saturday, the head of Ukraine's intelligence service, Kyrylo Budanov, said in an interview Monday. Budanov said Russia's military had ordered about 1,700 various types of drones, and is rolling out a second batch of about 300 Shaheds.

"Terror with the use of 'Shaheds' can actually last for a long time," he was quoted as saying in Ukrainska Pravda newspaper, adding: "Air defense is basically coping, 70% are shot down."

Both Russia and Iran deny that any Iranian-built drones have been used in the war but the triangle-shaped Shahed-136s have rained down on civilians in Kyiv and elsewhere in Ukraine.

Britain's Ministry of Defense, in an intelligence update on Twitter, said Russia was likely to use a large

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Livingston Enterprise being sold to Minnesota-based media group

By Enterprise Staff

The Livingston Enterprise, and its parent company Yellowstone Newspapers, are being sold to a Minnesota-based media group, according to an announcement Monday by the two firms.

An agreement was reached last Friday between John Sullivan, president of the Montana group, and Mark Adams, president and CEO of Adams Publishing Group, APG, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota. The sale is expected to be finalized by Nov. 1, according to a joint announcement.

The sale will end a 57-year history for the Yellowstone group, which began in 1965 with the purchase of the Miles City Star, and has grown to include 13 daily, twice-weekly and weekly newspapers and become the state's largest Montana-owned newspaper group. Also included in the sale were the group's commercial printing operations.

"After over half a century of shepherding these Montana community papers," Sullivan said, "it's time we turned over their care and feeding to a new outfit. We are confident Mark Adams and his new organization will take good care of our papers and our communities."

Adams Publishing is a family-owned group founded in 2014, and now owns more than 120 newspapers and more than 220 media-related and associated digital products in 19 states across the country.

"We would like to thank John Sullivan and his team for their fine stewardship of those newspapers over the years," said Adams. "APG is excited to work with the Yellowstone media operations in Montana. This opportunity is a great strategic fit with our Big Sky region based in Bozeman, and we look forward to providing that region with greater regional and local community journalism as well as a larger advertiser audience."

The purchase will add to APG's footprint in the state, which already includes the Bozeman Daily Chronicle and Belgrade News, in addition to a number of specialty products in those communities.

The Yellowstone team adds more than 100 employees to APG's Big Sky region and additional production capacity for in-house and commercial printing. APG will enhance the digital content for subscribers and offer expanded digital marketing and advertising solutions for local businesses. By consolidating business operations, APG will free up local resources to focus on serving the local communities.

Yellowstone papers included in the purchase, in addition to The Enterprise, include The Miles City Star, The Glendive Ranger-Review, The Lewistown News-Argus, The Dillon Tribune, The Big Timber Pioneer, The Laurel Outlook, The Carbon County News, The Bighorn County News, The Stillwater County News, The Terry Tribune, The (Forsyth) Independent Press, and The Judith Basin Press.

The Yellowstone Group's radio station, KATL-FM and the Star Printing Co. and Office Supply, both of Miles City, were not included in the sale.

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Obituaries

Gerald 'Jerry' Omer Watkins



Gerald "Jerry" Omer Watkins, 91, passed away on Oct. 19, 2022, at the Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital.

Jerry, as he was known by many, was born on Dec. 11, 1930, in Hettinger, North Dakota to Omar and Alice (Hagbom) Watkins. When Jerry was 5 years old, his mother passed away, but he gained his sister Arlyce. He was raised by his grandma and grandpa and numerous aunts and uncles. Jerry attended rural school until eighth grade.

His love of farming started early when he helped on the farm for his uncle Lawrence Hagbom in North Dakota and his uncle Erwin Hagbom in Winston, Montana. Jerry was drafted into the Army on Jan. 25, 1952. He was sent to Camp Gordon at Atlanta, Georgia for basic training. Watkins and Wheeler were sent to Alaska during the Korean War while the rest of their platoon was sent to Korea. Gerald always said that it was the only time being toward the end of the alphabet that actually benefited him. Alaska was not declared a state at this time, so he served overseas. Jerry was trained as a teletype operator.

After being discharged from the Army on Dec. 31, 1953, he returned to farming in North Dakota and Montana. After breaking his arm, his uncle persuaded him to attend the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where he found his lifelong career as an automotive mechanic.

While attending school, Jerry met the love of his life, Therese Beyer. Jerry was offered a mechanic position in Livingston, MT. He decided he couldn't live without Therese, and they were married on Sept. 28, 1957, in Livingston, Montana. This reunion lasted 65 years until his death. Jerry worked as a mechanic for 36 years at Whiting Motors in Livingston.

During the 65 years together, they added to the family by having their first child, Delores. A few years later, their son Dennis completed the family. Family meant everything to Jerry. The family would go camping and travel with their trailer and finally the motorhome. Every summer the family would go on a vacation throughout the western and midwestern states. He also loved to fish and would spend hours fishing with his son and his family mostly at Hebgen Lake by West Yellowstone, Montana. Jerry loved having his family around and was happiest when everyone was sitting around the table visiting.

He enjoyed watching the Atlanta Braves baseball team and the Seattle Mariners. After living in their home in Livingston, MT for 60 years, they moved to The Springs Living in Bozeman to be closer to family. They loved their apartment and spent many winter hours playing "Wahoo" a game like aggravation. During the summer, they would take walks (Jerry riding his scooter) around the block and enjoy each other sitting on the deck.

We will miss his friendly personality and his ease at visiting with everyone even if a stranger. Jerry loved to tell stories from his past and the family will treasure those stories. Jerry is survived by his wife Therese of Bozeman, MT; daughter Delores (Roger) of Watford City, ND; son Dennis (Dawn) Watkins of Bozeman, MT; and sister Arlyce (Jim) Ross of Longview, WA. He is also survived by his special grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Darren (Alexis) Watkins of Clovis, NM; Kylee Watkins (special friend, Matt) of Columbia Falls, MT; Justin (Stephanie) Flatland and children Reagan and Rylee, Minot, ND; Tyler (Kara) Flatland and children Jensen and Quinn, Watford City, ND.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

Richard 'Dick' Duane Johnson

Richard "Dick" Duane Johnson, 80 of Livingston, MT passed away on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 in Livingston.

Dick was born in Sidney, MT on July 13, 1942 to Harvey and Mary Johnson. Dick was joined by his brother, Mike, and sisters, Peggy and Patty. The Johnson family lived on a farm southwest of Sidney until 1961, then moved to a farm in Terry, MT.

Dick married Sandra Horning in June, 1966. They owned and operated the Conoco gas station in Terry.

Dick and Sandy had a son, Daniel who passed at 6 months. Then son Brett was born in 1971 and the family moved to Livingston, MT.

In March 2001 Dick lost his lifelong partner, Sandy.

Shortly after his retirement, Dick had an accident and was severely injured. He then spent the remainder of his life in several assisted living facilities.

Dick is survived by his son Brett and wife, Angie; and grandson Cole and granddaughter Alex of Livingston. He is also survived by his brother, Mike (Judy) of Chinook, MT; sisters Peggy (Larry) Maier of Lewistown and Patty (Mark) Trask of Terry, MT; and several nieces and nephews.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey and Mary Johnson, infant son Daniel, and his wife, Sandy.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the chapel of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home, with a reception to follow at the Legion.

Diane Devine

Diane Devine, 67 of Livingston, passed away Oct. 22, 2022. Services are pending with Franzen Davis Funeral Home of Livingston.

Debra Blasdale Hosford

Debra Blasdale Hosford, 56, of Livingston, passed away Oct. 22, 2022. Services are pending with Franzen Davis Funeral Home of Livingston.

Curtis Chaffee

Curtis Chaffee, 54, of Livingston, passed away Oct. 18, 2022. Services are pending with Franzen Davis Funeral Home of Livingston.

Calendar

MONDAY, Oct. 24

• AA meeting — Vince Grant Hall, 1306 East Park St., 7:30 a.m.

• AA meeting, As Bill Sees It, Vince Grant Hall, 1306 E. Park St., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, Oct. 25

• T.O.P.S. No. 134, Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 919 W. Park St., 8 a.m.

• AA meeting, Big Book Study, 1306 East Park St., noon.

• Tobacco Cessation Group, Peer Solutions Drop-In Center, 104 W. Clark St., 4-5 p.m. Call 222-3332.

• Yellowstone Gateway Museum board of directors, 118 W. Chinook St., 5:30 p.m.

• Last Word Toastmasters, hybrid meeting at American Bank, 120 N. Second St., and via Zoom, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

• AA meeting, 12 x 12 Group, Vince Grant Hall, 1306 East Park St., 7 p.m.

• Wilsall AA meeting, Shields River Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

Briefs

• **Join ASPEN for its October Lunch & Learn** from noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at the Livingston Food Resource Center. The topic will be "Domestic Violence in our Community: Learn How to Recognize, Respond to and Prevent Abuse." Enjoy a free lunch provided by the Food Resource Center. To register, email Jenny Jo at jennyjo@aspenmt.org or call 222-5902, ext 5.

• The Livingston Ice Skating Association (LISA) presents **"Miracle on Ice,"** a movie about the U.S. Olympic team beating the Soviet Union in 1980, at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 26 in the Dulcie Theatre at the Shane Lalani Center for the Arts in Livingston. The event, which is free of charge, is a fundraiser for LISA. Doors for the showing open at 5:30 p.m. The Shane Center is located at 415 E. Lewis St. in Livingston.

• **Tony Noble, a licensed Medicare agent,** will give a presentation on Medicare 101 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 and Nov. 15 at the Livingston-Park County Public Library, 228 W. Callender St. The event is free and open to the public. Learn about costs, coverages and the procedure of how and when to enroll now that it's the open enrollment period. For more information, call (406) 213-8600 or visit www.AENoble-Associates.com/Events.

• **Counterpoint,** at 116 E. Lewis, accepts aluminum cans. Drop off donated cans at the garage doors on B Street. The nonprofit also pays per pound. Call (406) 222-2472 for more information.

• **The Livingston Model Railroad Club** meets Tuesday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the former Northern Pacific baggage building in the Livingston Depot complex, downstairs from the Gourmet Cellar. They run trains for display with tracks and backgrounds, and the public, kids particularly, is welcome to drop by. For more information, call a club member at (406) 223-7792

• **Anyone in Gardiner needing assistance** with utility or medical bills or rent may apply with the Gardiner Food Pantry. Forms are available at the pantry at 108 S. Third St., Gardiner.

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Hunter shoots self while fighting off grizzly attack

PINEDALE, Wyo. (AP) — A hunter accidentally shot himself in the leg while trying to fight off a grizzly bear attack in west-central Wyoming — the second such attack in a week's time, officials said.

Lee Francis, 65, of Evanston, was taken to the University of Utah Health hospital for treatment after the encounter on Friday, the Sublette County Sheriff's Office said. Sue Winchester, a hospital spokesperson, said Sunday she did not have permission to release any information about Francis' condition.

Francis was hunting with his son in an area south of Grand Teton National Park on Friday evening when the bear attacked him. He was able to fire several rounds from his handgun, causing the bear to run away, but one of the rounds hit Francis in the lower leg, the sheriff's office said.

His son used a satellite phone to call for help just before 6 p.m., then began providing first aid. His son was able to help his father onto a horse and they headed toward a nearby lake to meet search and rescue crews. Francis was eventually taken to the hospital via helicopter, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Wildlife officials have not located the grizzly bear, Sgt. Travis Bingham with the Sublette County Sheriff's Office said Sunday. Because it was snowing, Game and Fish planned to try to search for the bear again on Monday, weather permitting, he said.

Friday's attack was the second grizzly bear mauling in Wyoming in a week.

Two Northwest College wrestlers were attacked by a grizzly bear while they were searching for antlers shed by deer and elk in the Cody area on Oct. 15.

The bear first attacked Brady Lowry, of Cedar City, Utah, breaking his arm and causing other injuries.

Kendell Cummings yelled at and kicked the bear and threw rocks at it before pulling on its ear to get it to stop. However, the bear turned its fury on Cummings, attacking him twice. Cummings, who is from Evanston, underwent several hours of surgery and ended up with about 60 staples in his head and hundreds of stitches to treat his injuries, his father said in a social media post.

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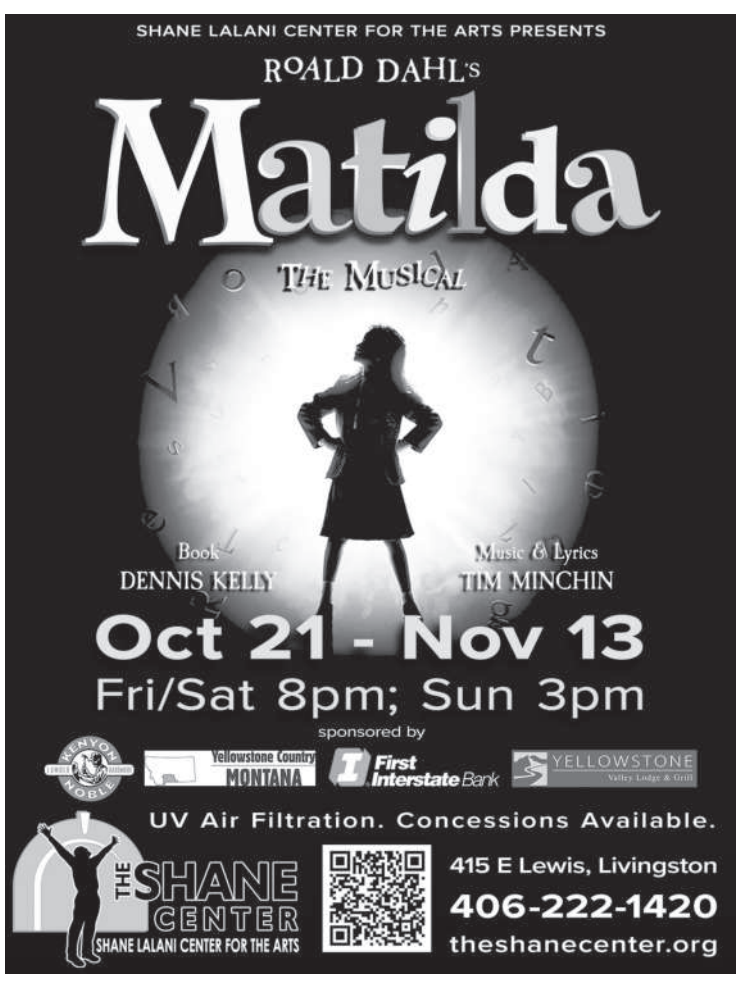
Errant alligator discovered

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — It's not uncommon for Idaho wildlife officials to be called for help when a moose, mountain lion, black bear or other wild animals wander into one of the state's rural communities.

But Idaho Fish and Game officials are asking the public for help with a particularly unusual find — a 3.5-foot alligator that was discovered hiding in the brush of a rural neighborhood about 40 miles northwest of Boise.

Southwest Region spokesperson Brian Pearson told the Idaho Statesman that a New Plymouth resident was walking their dog Thursday evening when they noticed something moving in the brush. Further investigation revealed the alligator — a creature commonly found in the coastal wetlands of the southeastern U.S., but certainly not native to Idaho.

Pearson said the resident put the alligator in a nearby horse trailer until Idaho Fish and Game conservation officer could pick it up on Friday morning. The department has the animal in captivity for now, but Pearson said it will be euthanized or given to a licensed facility unless the owner is located.





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A touch of winter



Noe Rangel, left, and Abraham Cardozo, in town for work from Austin, Texas, share excitement about the snow outside Fiesta En Jalisco in downtown Livingston Sunday evening.

By Cassi Geiser
Enterprise Staff Writer

A fresh coat of early season snow descended on Livingston on Sunday.

Winter is here, according to Julie Arthur, meteorologist with National Weather Service in Billings.

Recorded snowfall from yesterday's storm measured 6.5 inches had fallen 6.6 miles southeast of Livingston, Arthur said. A report from 1 mile southwest of Livingston showed only a trace of snow, while in Wilsall it was reported that the snowfall totaled 1 inch. The higher elevations in tPark County saw 12-13 inches in the Absaroka-Beartooth Range.

What's to come?

Temperatures should maintain in the upper 40s through Thursday this week, with a 20% chance of morning snow on Tuesday and a 50% chance of precipitation on Wednesday afternoon, Arthur said.

Entering the weekend, Mother Nature will bring dry, warm temperatures, up into the 50s, starting Friday and through the weekend.

Next week's work week will start with a possible rain and snow mix.

Enterprise photos by **Cassi Geiser**



Large snowflakes fall on ducks on West Geyser Street Sunday afternoon as they wait to cross the street.



A jeep far down the road appears out of the fog of falling snow as it travels down an icy, empty Swingley Road on Sunday morning.



Fall leaves highlight a winter scene of snow-covered Absaroka Mountains as the Yellowstone River flows by in this photo taken across the river from the Livingston Golf Course on Sunday morning.

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Idaho finds another deer with chronic wasting disease

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — The first confirmed case this year of chronic wasting disease has been detected in a deer in Idaho County in north-central Idaho, state wildlife officials said.

Idaho Fish and Game on Friday said a white-tailed deer found dead along the side of the road tested positive for the disease. The agency said the cause of the deer's death is unknown.

The contagious and fatal neurological disorder was first detected in the state in the same area last fall. That area accounts for all seven detected cases in the state. The discovery of the disease last year prompted the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to designate a chronic wasting disease management zone.

The disease found in game animals carries potential health concerns for hunters because it's in the same family as mad cow disease and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends people not eat meat from animals with the disease, though it has never been documented to infect humans.

The most recent deer testing positive was found in Fish and Game's Management Unit 14, the only unit in Idaho where chronic wasting disease has been detected.

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In the Mail

Let's look at what you're voting for when you vote Republican

Editor:

On Friday, Robert Quinton treated us to his view of the upcoming election. I'd like to correct some of Mr. Quinton's misperceptions and then look at the flip side of the coin. Having lived through the last period of inflation in the early 80s I understand the problems it creates for ordinary Americans. The reality is that inflation is a worldwide problem and is considerably worse in other countries. Economists around the world agree that the current round of inflation is the result of the Covid pandemic which disrupted supply chains around the world and created pent-up demand for goods and services. As the pandemic eased, people began demanding goods that were in short supply causing prices to rise. In addition the Russian invasion of Ukraine cut energy and food supplies leading to even higher prices in those sectors. The Federal Reserve has traditionally dealt with inflation by raising interest rates in an effort to cool the economy. This is being done. In addition supply chains are being restored and more goods are appearing on shelves. The cycle will end but in the meantime ordinary American families will have to make some difficult choices, put off some nonessential purchases, and find creative ways to save money.

Mr. Quinton would have us believe that Democrats are responsible for high crime rates and that people are fleeing to red states in search of personal safety. The reality is that Republican-controlled states actually have higher rates of violent crime than Democratic states. Fifteen of the 25 states with the highest violent crime rates are Republican states. Our own state comes in at number 10. These are 2022 numbers.

Energy prices fluctuate and this has been especially true the last few years. In November 2016 when Trump was elected the price of oil was $60/barrel. In the fall of 2018, two years into his term the price was $86/barrel. In November of 2020 when Biden was elected, the price had declined to $51/barrel. This spring because of the invasion of Ukraine the price of oil rose dramatically to $116/barrel but has now declined to $85/barrel, basically where it was midway through Trump's term of office. Of course a decline in the price of crude oil is not always reflected at the pump. Why? Because the energy companies want to keep those profits rolling in.

I would like to see some evidence that the FBI and the Department of Justice are focusing their attention on school board meetings and abortion clinic protests. That is something that exists in the author's imagination. If the protesters that Mr. Quinton is referring to are the participants in the January 6 assault on the Capitol, these were not peaceful protesters but a violent mob trying to overturn the results of a free and fair election and deserve to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. On the other hand both of those organizations are involved in investigating corrupt government officials. Steve Bannon was just sentenced to jail for contempt of Congress and another former high official recently had his home searched for stolen government documents including some that were classified.

Our immigration system is a mess and has been for at least 20 years but efforts to reform it have failed because the far right wing of the Republican Party refuses to compromise on issues such as citizenship for dreamers and seasonal entry for migrant laborers. The Republicans would have you believe that these people are criminals or cheap laborers who will steal jobs from Americans when in fact immigrants have lower crime rates than Americans and our businesses, including many of those in our own small town cannot find enough workers. This country was built on "your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breath free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

The Republican Party at one time pledged to keep government out of our lives. Now, if you vote Republican you are voting to allow the government to control some of the most personal decisions made by individuals and families. The Republican Party will criminalize abortion and will criminalize a woman who goes to another state for an abortion. The Republican Party will reward friends, neighbors and relatives who report someone who receives an abortion (Texas). The Republican Party will criminalize doctors who perform abortions or who advise patients to go out of state to get the procedure. Republicans have made it plain that they intend to pass laws outlawing birth control. Republicans will make it illegal for a doctor to treat a young person struggling with sexual identity issues or to refer the individual to an out-of-state doctor for treatment. They will criminalize parents who get such treatment for their child.

The Republican Party will replace local control of education with state control. (Florida, Texas). Teachers will be told what they may and may not teach about slavery, segregation, lynchings, treatment of Native Americans and any other issue that makes the far-right uncomfortable. School libraries will be purged of numerous books considered "inappropriate" and even adult sections of public libraries will be subject to censorship. (Texas)

If you don't like the present state of the economy, just wait until you vote to put Republicans in charge. The Republican leadership in the House has already said it intends to hold the debt ceiling hostage. What happens when the US defaults on its debt payment?

Chaos!

Many of the Republican candidates are election deniers. There are numerous proposals to make it more difficult to vote and to allow state legislatures or Secretaries of State to overturn the popular vote for president and allow the legislature to appoint electors.

The right wing of the Republican Party has made clear for years that it would like to abolish Social Security and Medicare. If they control both houses of Congress they will have the opportunity to do so.

Voting for Democrats will not solve all of our problems but it will put people in positions of power who believe in American democracy, in equal rights for everyone and in moving forward rather than retreating into the past.

John E. Foster
Livingston

I'll be voting for Ruth Weissman on Election Day

Editor:

I write to support Ruth Weissman as the representative in Helena for Park and Sweet Grass counties. While it seems customary to make no mention of an opponent in political races, in this case that is nonsense and bad manners.

Marty Malone has been a dedicated public servant of our county for several decades. I have known Marty for a number of years, including when I served on the County Planning Board and Marty was a County Commissioner. I know Marty to be a good and decent man … a family man. He has fought for the issues and values he believes are right for Park County.

But times have changed not only for Park County and Montana, but for America as well. I believe it is time for fresh thinking in Helena. We need a representative who has proven nuanced problem-solving skills. We need our representative to evince dogged determination to find solutions to today's complex problems which affect a wide range of Park County residents.

I have been and will remain a lifelong moderate Republican who has never voted a straight ticket. Ruth Weissman has the energy, life experience and intellectual capacity to represent us well in this changing and difficult period. I will vote for Ruth on Nov. 8.

Frank Schroeder
Pray

Let's retain Steve Caldwell for the Park County Commission

Editor:

When it comes to marking our ballots for county commissioner, let's remember the documentable truth when it comes to Steve Caldwell's record as a commissioner.

His votes and initiative, as related to infrastructure improvements (roads, bridges, fairgrounds, bike trail and airports, etc) are on record. His abilities to secure funds for emergency response and local businesses are proven. The numerous quality-of-life issues he's helped steward — like local transit, the Farm-to-School program, the Gardiner Gateway project; wildfire planning, and educational leadership programs — are significantly beneficial to the citizens of Park County.

His work reflects where his heart is, while balanced by fiscal realities. Then there's the importance of experience. Governmental work is not about, "I'm going to come in and fix this." It's about having the experience, talents, patience and relationships necessary to listen to and work with folks who are often uninformed, stubborn, contentious, and too often concerned only with their own needs.

Let's retain Steve's abilities to get the right things done in Park County. Let's vote for him and share his list of priorities and accomplishments to voters who may not be aware of his value to Park County.

Joe Phelps
Paradise Valley

Steve Caldwell is a role model for public servants

Editor:

I support Steve Caldwell for County Commission. Steve is a role-model for how a local Montanan should serve the public. He is experienced, ethical, professional, and listens to every side of an issue before he speaks. In a world too often gridlocked by politics or political affiliation, Steve cares about the needs of folks on both sides of the fence line.

I was impressed with how Steve handled the horrific flooding which destroyed bridges, private property, and displaced many Park County families. Steve wasted no time in leveraging resources and collaborating with the state of Montana and the feds to deal with this disaster. He showed compassionate leadership when it was needed most and continues to work hard to put the pieces back together and support our local businesses.

Besides that, Steve is a strong champion for private property rights and balancing conservation of our land and water alongside the needs of working families and working lands. Park County will certainly deal with more challenges in coming years. I trust Steve to be prepared and to continue his strong track record of leadership. He is a voice for small business, working families, and for those who care about the outdoors.

Jared White
Livingston

Buchanan offers the best hope for unseating Rosendale

Editor:

We're facing an unusual situation in Montana's new eastern Congressional district, which includes Park County. Incumbent Matt Rosendale, a freshman, has the lowest approval ratings in the state. And it's no wonder. He refused to give the Capitol Police an attaboy after the Jan. 6 debacle, he's entrenched in the Putin wing of the GOP, and he's sponsoring a bill to gut funding that protects wildlife and promotes shooting sports. (He even irked the NRA with that move!)

He's vulnerable, and the best candidate to send him packing is Independent Gary Buchanan, a Billings businessman who's run statewide departments and organizations for governors of both parties over the past 40 years. He's proudly pro choice, he understands wildlife policy, he wants equal rights for everybody, he honors the state and federal constitutions, and he advocates for public lands and fiscal sanity. He's a swell guy, too.

His list of endorsements is impressive, from labor unions to bank presidents, from the Pride folks in Helena to the former director of the Montana Stockgrowers Association. That's because he knows how to build teams instead of pitting people against each other, and I'm proud to be on the Buchanan team. I hope you'll join me with your vote.

There are four candidates in this race, including the Libertarian. And that means the victor could claim the seat with about 40 percent of the votes, maybe less. (Like I said, it's an unusual race this year.) But Gary Buchanan is the only candidate drawing support from influencers in both major parties. He's the only one with a chance of beating Rosendale this year.

And that's important.

Scott McMillion
Livingston

I'm not interested in re-electing an ethically challenged individual

Editor:

Incumbent Brad Bichler is running for Sheriff in Park County again. He is challenged by Jim Sulages, retired Montana Highway Patrol officer and registered as a resident at 106 Chestnut Lane in Livingston. Bichler filed for office listing an address at 76 Lake Drive in Park County. Both men have valuable background and both meet the qualification for holding county office per 7-4-2201MCA: "A person is not eligible for a county office who at the time of election is not: (3) (a) an elector of the county in which the duties of the office are to be exercised."

However, Bichler recently sold his property in Park County, and purchased property in easterly adjoining Sweet Grass County. He resides in a rented residence. A quick search on the cadastral or tax registry will prove this statement. Early in 2022, Bichler was overheard describing plans for his new home outside Big Timber, but as election grew closer, that chatter quelled.

At a public forum in Livingston, the question arose whether Bichler intended to reside in Park County, and he stated he would, at least until after the election. (ie: required by statute)

As a lifetime resident of Park County, I feel this a betrayal of its citizens. We have an individual who vows to serve and protect the community that pays his wages, but is planning not to live in or contribute to its tax base. Response time from a Sweet Grass residence, on a good day, would be at least 20 minutes to the county line. Assuming that Bichler will drive his personal vehicle home (and he should), he would then have another 20 minutes to arrive at the office, transfer to his patrol vehicle and respond to a call. If the main interstate is shut down due to winter conditions, flooding or an accident, the alternate back-road routes can be challenging, if even possible.

Although this proposition may be legal on it's face, I find it ethically challenging, and I'm not interested in re-electing an ethically challenged individual. We have enough wool over our eyes on the national level without slipping into the swamp locally.

Barbara Fletcher
Livingston

Ruth Weissman is an impressive candidate for House District 59

Editor:

I was appalled by a mean-spirited letter to the editor last month about Ruth Weissman, who is running for Montana House District 59. The writer had looked up information about Ruth on the internet and drew several conclusions about Ruth, several of which were inaccurate. The writer also spouted stereotypes about Ruth, based only upon this internet information.

This letter chastised Ruth's advanced education, calling her an "ivory tower university elite," and that Ruth's first job wasn't until age 26 so she was a "lucky lady" to not have to pay for schooling (wrong). The writer also suggested that with Ruth's career experiences and inadequate time in Montana she couldn't possibly do the job, so concluded that Ruth in no way could know the needs of our community.

Wow. I wouldn't want anyone to say what kind of person I am after looking at bits of information on the web, much less publish conclusions from that in a letter to the editor. And I'm sure most others would not appreciate that either.

I hope, in the interim, the writer has been able to attend one of many meet-and-greet events that Ruth has had throughout the district. For months, Ruth has talked with a diversity of constituents, including knocking on doors, to listen to community members' issues and learn what they need from our government.

I have attended one of these sessions, plus had the opportunity to talk with Ruth at length. I found her to be warm, intelligent, funny, energetic, and caring. I was very impressed with Ruth's knowledge about a wide array of issues we face here that go beyond her expertise in the health field. She covered topics such as agriculture and ranching, education, and voting and privacy rights. She has several great ideas and is eager to work with community members to solve problems. I also learned that Ruth comes from very humble beginnings in Germany, worked several jobs to put herself through college, and came to the U.S. for the opportunity it offered. Ruth taught at the university level and became a vice president of an American university where she governed a complex organization and a $64 million budget.

As you contemplate your vote, please educate yourself about Marty Malone as well, the incumbent and Ruth's opponent. Marty's voting record this past legislative session was abysmal. A recent letter to the editor, dated Oct. 6, cited several examples of Marty's voting, which clearly are not in our best interests, including legislation that will result in degradation of water quality, take away women's right to choose, and deny federal money that would provide needed assistance with healthcare, early childhood education, and suicide prevention. A telling sign is that several of the bills Marty voted for have since been declared unconstitutional by the judicial system.

If you would like to know more about Ruth, please go to her website (RuthWeissmanForHD59.com) and/or look for her Facebook site. She would also love to hear from you directly (WeissmanForHD59@gmail.com). I am excited about having a Representative with a fresh perspective, good ideas, and an eagerness to positively impact our lives. I will be voting for Ruth Weissman.

Wendy Riley
Emigrant

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prime minister in a handover of power from Truss on Tuesday.

Victory is vindication for Sunak, who lost out to Truss in the Conservative election to replace former Prime Minister Boris Johnson over the summer when party members chose her tax-cutting boosterism over his warnings that inflation must be tamed.

Truss conceded last week that she could not deliver on her plans — but only after her attempts triggered market chaos and worsened inflation at a time when millions of Britons were already struggling with soaring borrowing costs and rising energy and food prices.

The party is now desperate for someone to right the ship after months of chaos — both during Truss' short term and at the end of Johnson's.

As finance minister, Sunak steered the economy through the coronavirus pandemic, winning praise for his financial support for laid-off workers and shuttered businesses.

He now faces the huge challenge of calming markets and trying to tame inflation at a time of weakened government finances, a worsening economic outlook and a wave of strikes. Treasury chief Jeremy Hunt, appointed by Truss 10 days ago, is due to make an emergency budget statement Oct. 31 — if Sunak keeps him in the job.

Britain also faces broader economic problems stemming from the pandemic, the war in Ukraine and the country's exit from the European Union in 2020. Sunak was a firm supporter of Brexit.

Sunak was cheered wildly by Conservative lawmakers during a packed private meeting in Parliament minutes after he won the contest on Monday.

Former Cabinet minister Chris Grayling said Sunak had urged the party "to unite and fix the problems the country faces" and had got "a rapturous reception."

Therese Coffey, who was Truss' deputy prime minister, said the whole party should support Sunak now.

"We need to get behind him," she said.

But Sunak still faces resentment from supporters of Johnson for quitting the government in July, a move that helped topple the then-leader. His background as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs and his wife's vast wealth — she is the daughter of an Indian billionaire — also fuel a sense he is out of touch with the struggles of ordinary people.

He takes the reins after Truss' proposal for aggressive tax cuts that would be paid for through government borrowing pummeled the value of the pound, drove up the cost of government borrowing and home mortgages, and forced emergency Bank of England intervention. Truss executed a series of U-turns and replaced her Treasury chief but faced rebellion from lawmakers in her party that obliterated her authority.

In the lightning-quick contest to replace her, Sunak's position strengthened after Johnson dramatically quit the race on Sunday night, ending a short-lived, high-profile attempt to return to the prime minister's job he was ousted from little more than three months ago amid ethics scandals.

The prospect of a return by Johnson had thrown the already divided Conservative Party into further turmoil. He led the party to a thumping election victory in 2019, but his premiership was clouded by scandals over money and ethics that eventually became too much for the party to bear.

He threw in the towel late Sunday despite insisting he was "well placed to deliver a Conservative victory" in the next national election.

The Conservative Party turmoil is fueling demands for a national election. Under Britain's parliamentary system, there does not need to be one until the end of 2024, though the government has the power to call one sooner.

Currently that looks unlikely. Opinion polls say an election would spell disaster for the Conservatives, with the left-of-center Labour Party winning a large majority.

Tim Bale, professor of politics at Queen Mary University of London, said the Conservative Party is "not out of the woods yet" even after choosing Sunak.

"And certainly I think voters, while possibly they may give Rishi Sunak a little bit of a bounce, a little bit of credit for not being Liz Truss, are certainly out of love with the Conservative Party as a whole," he said. "So I don't expect this to make an enormous amount of difference to the opinion polls."

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number the drones to try to penetrate "increasingly effective Ukrainian air defenses" — in part to substitute for Russian-made long-range precision weapons "which are becoming increasingly scarce."

That assessment came on top of a stark warning by Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu to key British, French, Turkish and U.S. counterparts over the weekend that Ukrainian forces were preparing a "provocation" involving a radioactive device — a so-called "dirty bomb." Britain, France, and the United States rejected that claim as "transparently false."

A dirty bomb uses explosives to scatter radioactive waste in an effort to sow terror. Such weapons don't have the devastating destruction of a nuclear explosion, but could expose broad areas to radioactive contamination.

Russian authorities on Monday doubled down on Shoigu's warning.

Lt. Gen. Igor Kirillov, head of the Russian military's radiation, chemical and biological protection forces, said Russian military assets were on high readiness for possible radioactive contamination. He told reporters a "dirty bomb" blast could contaminate thousands of square kilometers and spew deadly radiation up to 1,500 kilometers.

At a news conference Monday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov: "It's not an unfounded suspicion, we have serious reasons to believe that such things could be planned."

Ukraine has rejected Moscow's claims as an attempt to distract attention from its own plans to detonate a dirty bomb. German Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht on Monday dismissed as "outrageous" the claim that Ukraine could use a dirty bomb, saying there were "zero indications" of that.

In a televised address Sunday evening, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy suggested that Moscow itself was setting the stage for deploying a radioactive device on Ukrainian soil.

On the battlefield Monday, his office said at least six civilians were killed and another five were wounded by Russian shelling of several Ukrainian regions over the past 24 hours, including Mykolaiv — where energy facilities were targeted — and the city of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetsk region.

Russian authorities said Ukrainian troops fired rockets at a major hydroelectric power plant in the Kherson region. Russian news agencies cited regional emergency services as saying the Ukrainian military had fired 19 rockets at the Kakhovka plant and scored three hits.

Vladimir Rogov, a senior member of the Kherson regional administration, said the plant hadn't sustained serious damage and continued to operate. Russia and Ukraine have both accused each other of plotting to blow up the plant's dam to flood the area as Ukrainian forces were pressing an offensive on Kherson, which was captured by Russian troops early in the war.

Ukraine's relentless artillery strikes on Kherson have cut the main crossings across the Dnieper River, which bisects southern Ukraine, and have left Russian troops on the west bank short of supplies and vulnerable to encirclement. The region is one of four that Russian President Vladimir Putin illegally annexed last month and put under Russian martial law last week.

Budanov, the Ukrainian intelligence chief, played down speculation that Russian forces were preparing an immediate exit from Kherson.

While Russian forces were helping hundreds of officials and residents evacuate, "at the same time, they are bringing new military units in and preparing the streets of the city for defense," he was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, Russian authorities removed monuments of 18th-century Russian military chiefs Alexander Suvorov and Fyodor Ushakov from Kherson to save them from Ukrainian shelling.

On Saturday, Russian-installed authorities told all residents of Kherson to leave "immediately" ahead of an expected advance by Ukrainian troops waging a counteroffensive to recapture the city, which sits on a key route to the Russian-occupied Black Sea peninsula of Crimea.

A poll released Monday from the Kyiv International Institute of Sociology showed 86% of Ukrainian respondents agreed that Ukraine's armed struggle with Russia should continue. Some 10% believed it was necessary to start negotiations with Russia even if Ukraine has to make concessions. The telephone poll of 1,000 adults from across Ukraine was conducted Friday through Sunday, it said.

Residents in Mykolaiv, northwest of Kherson, echoed the determination to fight on — even as their city endures shelling almost every night and residents must line up during the day for food and water.

"Ukraine is doing the right thing. Russians attacked us, and they must be beaten for that," said Mykolaiv resident Mykola Kovalenko, 76. "Of course, my life changed. I live with constant pressure."

With an eye on the coming winter, Kyiv and seven other Ukrainian regions on Monday planned rolling blackouts as authorities worked to fix the damage to energy facilities caused by Russian shelling.

Zelenskyy said repair crews are working to restore electricity supplies cut off by large-scale Russian missile strikes on Saturday, and appealed to local authorities to make sure Ukrainians heed a call to conserve energy.

"Now is definitely not the time for bright storefronts and signs," he said.

A swing state no more? GOP confidence grows in Florida

THE VILLAGES, Fla. (AP) — Democrats are increasingly concerned that Florida, once the nation's premier swing state, may slip away this fall and beyond as emboldened Republicans capitalize on divisive cultural issues and population shifts in crucial contests for governor and the U.S. Senate.

The anxiety was apparent last week during a golf cart parade of Democrats featuring Senate candidate Val Demings at The Villages, a retirement community just north of the Interstate 4 corridor. It was once a politically mixed part of the state where elections were often decided but now some Democrats now say they feel increasingly isolated.

"I am terrified," said 77-year-old Sue Sullivan, lamenting the state's rightward shift. "There are very few Democrats around here."

In an interview, Demings, a congresswoman and former Orlando police chief challenging Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, conceded that her party's midterm message isn't resonating as she had hoped.

"We have to do a better job of telling our stories and clearly demonstrating who's truly on the side of people who have to go to work every day," she said.

The frustration is the culmination of nearly a decade of Republican inroads in Florida, where candidates have honed deeply conservative social and economic messages to build something of a coalition that includes rural voters and Latinos, particularly Cuban Americans. Donald Trump's win here in 2016 signaled the evolution after the state twice backed Barack Obama. And while he lost the White House in 2020, Trump carried Florida by more than 3 percentage points, a remarkable margin in a state where elections were regularly decided by less than a percentage point.

President Joe Biden will visit the state Nov. 1, exactly one week before Election Day, to rally Democrats. Demings said she's had two conversations with the president about campaigning together, but she could not confirm any joint appearances. And Charlie Crist, the Democratic nominee for governor, said he would attend a private fundraiser with Biden on the day of the rally, but he wasn't sure whether they would appear together in public.

"If we could squeeze in a little public airtime, that'd be a wonderful thing I would welcome," Crist said in an interview.

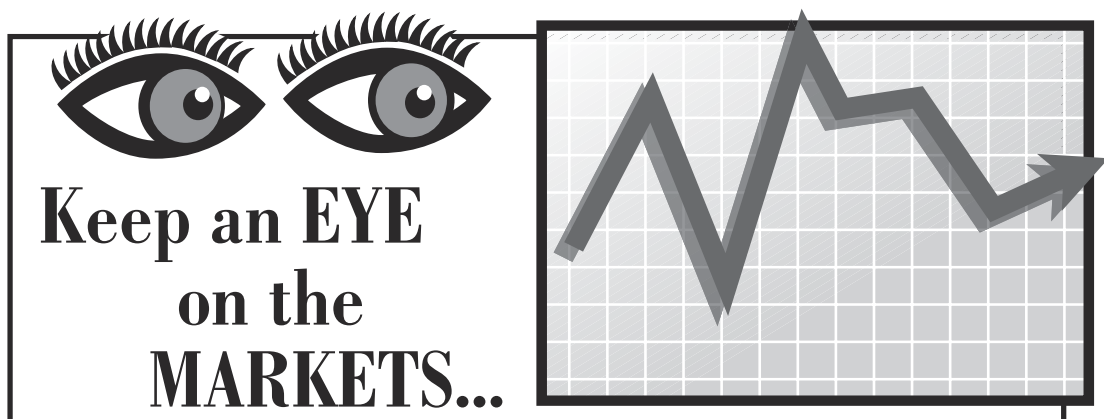
Still, the GOP is bullish that it can keep notching victories, even in longtime Democratic strongholds. Some Republicans are optimistic the party could carry Miami-Dade County, a once unthinkable prospect that would virtually eliminate the Democrats' path to victory in statewide contests, including presidential elections.

And in southwest Florida's Lee County, a major Republican stronghold, not even a devastating hurricane appears to have dented the GOP's momentum. In fact, Republicans and Democrats privately agree that Hurricane Ian, which left more than 100 dead, may have helped Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis broaden his appeal. On Monday, he'll participate in a debate against Crist in which he'll likely highlight his stewardship of the state during a searing crisis.

Markets

Stocks of Local Interest

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Daily Chg	YTD %Chg
ASML Hld	3.18	.7	35	471.75	+9.52	-40.7
AT&T Inc	1.11	6.4	6	17.46	+.36	-29.0
AbbottLab	1.88	1.9	20	97.49	+2.43	-30.7
AbbVie	5.64	3.7	21	150.68	+3.62	+11.3
Accenture	3.88	1.4	30	273.77	+4.20	-34.0
AdobeInc	...	...	27	313.18	+6.81	-44.8
Alibaba	...	...	29	61.16	-11.02	-48.5
Alphabt C s	...	...	19	101.96	+.48	-29.5
Alphabt A s	...	...	19	101.68	+.55	-29.8
Amazon s	...	...	...	118.60	-.73	-28.9
AmExp	1.72	1.2	14	140.82	+.78	-13.9
Amgen	7.76	3.0	22	259.48	+7.54	+15.3
Apple Inc s	.92	.6	25	148.55	+1.28	-16.3
AstraZen	1.37	2.5	...	55.19	+.22	-5.3
AutoData	4.16	1.8	37	236.60	+3.86	-4.0
BHP BillLt	6.02	12.3	...	48.99	-1.27	-9.0
BkofAm	.88	2.5	11	34.96	+.01	-21.4
BerkH B	...	...	39	287.13	+4.62	-4.0
BrMySq	2.16	3.0	26	73.07	+.86	+17.2
BroadcInc	14.40	3.2	42	453.56	+3.83	-31.8
CVS Health	2.20	2.3	15	94.39	+1.67	-8.5
Caterpillar	4.44	2.3	16	190.47	+.25	-7.9
Chevron	5.68	3.3	21	173.44	+.25	+47.8
Cisco	1.52	3.5	17	43.51	+.71	-31.3
CocaCola	1.76	3.1	24	57.06	+1.11	-3.6
Comcast	1.08	3.5	10	30.97	+.49	-38.5
ConocoPhil	2.80	2.2	10	125.19	+.70	+73.4
Costco	3.60	.7	46	492.94	+14.76	-13.2
Danaher	1.00	.4	28	250.02	+5.43	-24.0
Deere	4.52	1.2	21	385.78	+2.72	+12.5
Disney	...	...	70	101.50	-.55	-34.5
Elevance	5.12	1.0	21	520.26	+9.22	+12.2
EliLilly	3.52	1.0	55	347.57	+6.80	+25.8
Equinor	.80	2.3	13	34.09	-.35	+29.5
ExxonMbl	3.52	3.3	12	106.66	+.80	+74.3
GoldmanS	10.00	3.0	9	328.78	+3.68	-14.1
HDFC Bk	1.07	1.8	24	60.53	+.38	-7.0
HSBC	2.00	7.4	10	26.90	-.32	-10.8
HomeDp	7.60	2.7	18	281.41	+5.88	-32.2
HonwllIntl	4.12	2.2	25	186.74	+3.93	-10.4
Intel	1.46	5.4	5	27.22	+.25	-47.1
IBM	6.60	5.0	22	132.20	+2.30	-1.1
Intuit	3.12	.8	53	412.90	-4.28	-35.8
JPMorgCh	4.00	3.3	10	122.23		-22.8
JohnJn	4.40	2.6	25	171.25	+2.54	+.1
Linde	4.24	1.4	43	294.04	+5.72	-15.1
LockhdM	12.00	2.6	26	457.39	+2.78	+28.7
Lowes	4.20	2.3	15	186.58	+4.21	-27.8
MasterCrd	1.76	.6	31	304.93	+2.56	-15.1
McDnlds	6.08	2.4	27	254.59	+.04	-5.0
Medtrnic	2.72	3.3	23	83.66	+.40	-19.1
Merck	2.76	2.8	15	97.20	+1.53	+26.8
Meta Plt	...	...	11	129.10	-.91	-61.6
Microsoft	2.72	1.1	26	245.32	+3.20	-27.1
MorgStan	3.10	3.9	11	79.17	-.05	-19.3
Netflix	...	...	24	282.85	-6.73	-53.1
NextEraEn	1.70	2.3	56	72.82	+1.17	-22.0
NikeB	1.10	1.3	23	87.61	-.89	-47.4
Novartis	3.04	3.9	7	77.63	+.53	-11.3



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NovoNord	1.78	1.7	33	106.80	+2.58	-4.6
Nvidia	...	...	33	125.32	+.66	-57.4
Oracle	1.28	1.8	30	72.28	-.42	-17.1
PepsiCo	4.30	2.4	25	176.80	+3.74	+1.8
Pfizer	1.60	3.5	9	45.62	+.67	-22.7
PhilipMor	5.08	5.9	15	86.35	-.16	-9.1
ProctGam	3.65	2.8	22	128.99	+.41	-21.1
Qualcom	3.00	2.6	10	115.78	+.04	-36.7
RaythTch	2.04	2.3	32	90.07	+1.53	+4.7
RoyalBk g	3.99	...	12	90.77	+.05	-14.5
S&P Glbl	3.08	1.0	23	301.17	+5.23	-36.2
SAP SE	1.93	1.5	28	90.54	-.34	-35.4
Salesforce	...	...	34	160.25	+.08	-36.9
Sanofi	1.37	3.3	15	40.72	+.28	-18.7
Schwab	.80	1.1	23	70.85	+.53	-15.8
Shell plc	2.00	3.8	6	52.93	-.06	+22.1
T-MobileUS	...	...	...	139.07	+2.61	+19.9
TaiwSemi	1.56	2.6	13	60.92	-2.83	-49.4
Tesla s	...	...	77	206.66	-7.78	-41.3
TexInst	4.96	3.1	18	160.29	+.57	-15.0
ThermoFis	1.20	.2	27	505.04	+8.30	-24.3
TorDBk	3.16	...	10	62.96	-.24	-17.9
TotalEn	2.71	5.1	7	52.67	+.49	+6.5
Toyota	...	...	9	134.33	+.57	-27.5
Unilever	1.97	4.4	19	44.46	-.11	-17.4
UnionPac	5.20	2.7	17	192.30	+1.77	-23.7
UPS B	4.08	2.4	14	166.99	+1.44	-22.1
UtdhlthGp	5.80	1.1	26	539.91	+6.18	+7.5
VerizonCm	2.61	7.3	7	35.93	+.58	-30.9
Visa	1.50	.8	30	190.33	-.04	-12.2
WalMart	2.24	1.6	30	139.61	+2.81	-3.5
WellsFargo	1.00	2.2	12	45.10	+.26	-6.0

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. Sales figures as of 2:00 pm E.T. are unofficial.

Stock Market Indexes

Dow	Nasdaq	S&P 500
31,418.31 +335.75	10,876.51 +16.79	3,782.38 +29.63

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
36,952.65	28,660.94	Dow Industrials	31,418.31	+335.75	+1.08	-13.54	-12.09
18,246.51	11,946.21	Dow Transportation	12,992.27	+299.52	+2.36	-21.16	-18.16
1,077.08	823.64	Dow Utilities	869.76	+5.29	+.61	-11.32	-5.23
17,439.51	13,278.56	NYSE Composite	14,193.51	+49.46	+.35	-17.31	-17.33
16,212.23	10,088.83	Nasdaq Composite	10,876.51	+16.79	+.15	-30.48	-28.57
7,699.89	4,839.50	Nasdaq Global Sel	5,228.46	+11.33	+.22	-29.92	-27.55
2,227.86	1,576.76	S&P 100	1,717.93	+13.33	+.78	-21.72	-17.83
4,818.62	3,491.58	S&P 500	3,782.38	+29.63	+.79	-20.64	-17.17
2,925.93	2,185.93	S&P MidCap	2,321.17	+8.96	+.39	-18.33	-17.39
49,089.39	34,917.15	Wilshire 5000	37,640.64	+221.21	+.59	-22.33	-20.84

Market Summary

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%chg
MotusGI rs	2.03	+.43	+26.9
SelasLf	2.96	+.42	+16.5
IMARA	4.52	+.60	+15.3
SutroBio	6.46	+.82	+14.5
CecoEnv	11.95	+1.45	+13.8
AvisBudg	214.53	+25.18	+13.3
Cellectr rs	2.05	+.23	+12.6
CoreMold	9.91	+1.10	+12.5
NineEnrgy	4.77	+.48	+11.2
Scholastc	37.35	+3.72	+11.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%chg
HuadiIntl	35.51	-23.41	-39.7
Pinduoduo	43.77	-15.20	-25.8
Kanzhun	10.87	-3.36	-23.6
360 Fin	9.58	-2.96	-23.6
ZTO Exp	16.82	-4.63	-21.6
ZaiLab	22.87	-5.82	-20.3
Agora	2.54	-.62	-19.6
Chindata	5.49	-1.33	-19.5
GDS Hld	11.60	-2.79	-19.4
Cricut Inc	9.70	-2.30	-19.2

Actives ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (000s)	Last	Chg
SnapInc A	102466	8.44	+.68
Tesla s	72030	206.66	-7.78
Pinduoduo	64358	43.77	-15.20
AMD	52009	58.46	-.36
Xpeng	49335	7.01	-1.13
Meta Plt	48075	129.10	-.91
MotusGI rs	47089	2.03	+.43
Apple Inc s	44111	148.55	+1.28
AT&T Inc	43194	17.46	+.36
FordM	40701	12.32	+.13

Commodities

AG Futures

	Exch	Contract	Settle	Chg
Lt Sweet Crude	NYMX	Dec 22	84.46	-.59
Corn	CBOT	Dec 22	681.25	-3
Wheat	CBOT	Dec 22	839.25	-11.50
Soybeans	CBOT	Jan 23	1381	-23.50
Cattle	CME	Dec 22	154.12	+1.70
Sugar (world)	ICE	Mar 23	18.13	-.25
Orange Juice	ICE	Jan 23	202.80	+5.80

Metals

	Exch	Contract	Settle	Chg
Gold (oz)	COMX	Dec 22	1654.10	-2.20
Silver (oz)	COMX	Dec 22	19.189	+.123
Platinum (oz)	NYMX	Jan 23	926.60	-7.30
Copper (lb)	COMX	Dec 22	3.4305	-.0440

NYMX = New York Mercantile Exchange. CBOT = Chicago Board of Trade. COMX/CME = CME Group. ICE = Intercontinental Exchange.

Mutual Funds

Name	Total Assets ($Mlns)	NAV	Total Return/Rank 4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load	Min Init Invt
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	85,188	27.47	-1.8	-14.1/B	+5.1/B	5.75	250
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	43,457	47.79	-0.9	-22.3/D	+3.3/D	5.75	250
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	55,714	58.67	-2.9	-12.1/B	+2.4/B	5.75	250
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	51,102	58.18	-0.5	-19.0/D	+6.8/E	5.75	250
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	95,289	51.77	-2.6	-30.1/C	+8.4/D	5.75	250
American Funds IncAmrcA m	70,408	22.02	-2.3	-10.0/A	+4.3/B	5.75	250
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	59,615	40.44	-0.1	-17.3/C	+6.8/E	5.75	250
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	44,822	46.55	-2.8	-28.8/B	+6.6/B	5.75	250
American Funds WAMtlInvsA m	63,869	49.96	+0.5	-9.2/A	+8.7/C	5.75	250
Dodge & Cox Incl	54,308	11.69	-4.8	-14.9/A	+0.2/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox Stkl	65,820	211.38	+1.6	-12.2/D	+8.4/A	NL	2,500
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	326,831	130.26	-0.9	-16.2/B	+9.7/A	NL	0
Fidelity Contrafund	82,066	13.46	+1.4	-25.7/B	+9.6/C	NL	0
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	58,979	104.88	-1.1	-19.0/D	+9.0/B	NL	0
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	53,033	9.81	-4.8	-16.1/B	-0.8/B	NL	0
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	38,629	8.70	-5.4	-18.1/D	-0.7/C	NL	3,000,000
PIMCO InclnstI	65,602	10.13	-3.6	-11.7	+1.0	NL	1,000,000
PIMCO TtlRetIns	44,848	8.26	-4.9	-17.5	-0.8	NL	1,000,000
Schwab SP500Idx	56,428	56.81	-4.8	-17.9	+9.2	NL	0
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	343,666	346.53	-0.9	-16.3/B	+9.7/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard DivGrInv	47,634	33.54	+0.2	-6.9/A	+11.1/A	NL	0
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	43,038	84.01	+0.7	-3.8/A	+8.2/A	NL	50,000
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	45,317	113.19	-3.2	-28.3/C	+11.2/A	NL	3,000
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	66,906	12.92	-1.6	-9.6/B	+0.6/A	NL	50,000
Vanguard InsIdxIns	90,884	318.00	-0.9	-16.3/B	+9.7/A	NL	5,000,000
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	128,778	317.99	-0.9	-16.2/B	+9.7/A	NL	100,000,000
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	47,511	239.81	-2.9	-22.2/E	+6.8/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	51,597	136.92	+2.1	-17.4/C	+8.5/C	NL	50,000
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	43,836	9.76	-1.7	-8.1/D	+0.6/B	NL	50,000
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	41,704	85.34	-1.8	-21.5/D	+5.9/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	39,834	25.54	-2.8	-16.8/B	+2.8/B	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	69,386	16.39	-2.7	-18.5/C	+3.1/B	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	72,115	30.60	-2.6	-19.4/C	+3.5/C	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	70,249	18.87	-2.5	-19.8/B	+3.9/C	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	60,363	33.04	-2.3	-20.3/A	+4.3/C	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	55,921	22.16	-2.2	-20.8/A	+4.6/B	NL	1,000
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	44,736	36.54	-2.1	-21.0/A	+4.7/B	NL	1,000
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	94,934	9.14	-4.8	-16.2/B	-0.8/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	40,341	9.14	-4.8	-16.1/B	-0.7/B	NL	5,000,000
Vanguard TtlnSIdxAdmrl	57,743	25.21	-3.0	-25.6/C	-0.5/C	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtlnSIdxInv	143,960	15.07	-3.0	-25.7/C	-0.6/C	NL	0
Vanguard TtlSMIdxAdmrl	257,610	91.27	-1.1	-19.0/D	+9.0/B	NL	3,000
Vanguard TtlSMIdxIns	62,189	91.29	-1.1	-19.0/D	+9.0/B	NL	5,000,000
Vanguard WlngtnAdmrl	85,588	67.16	-2.4	-15.8/B	+5.6/A	NL	50,000
Vanguard WlslyIncAdmrl	45,342	58.69	-3.5	-13.0/A	+3.2/A	NL	50,000

Fund Footnotes: b = Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d = Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. f = front load (sales charges). = - 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 and The Associated Press. Figures as of previous day.

News Briefs

Thomas temporarily blocks Graham testimony in Georgia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has temporarily blocked Sen. Lindsey Graham's testimony to a special grand jury investigating whether then-President Donald Trump and others illegally tried to influence the 2020 election in the state. Thomas' order is intended to prevent Fulton County district attorney Fani Willis from compelling Graham to testify while the Supreme Court weighs the senator's request for a lengthier halt to the proceedings. Willis has a deadline Thursday to tell the high court why Graham should have to answer the grand jury's questions. Lower courts have ruled that his testimony can take place. Thomas acted as the justice who handles emergency appeals from Georgia.

On witness stand, Trump ally denies foreign influence charge

NEW YORK (AP) — A close ally of former President Donald Trump has taken the witness stand at his federal trial to deny charges he secretly fed confidential information about the Trump administration to the United Arab Emirates. The defendant, Tom Barrack, is the onetime chair of Trump's inaugural committee. He told the jury on Monday that it would have been "impossible" for him to act as a foreign agent for one Middle East investor in his private equity fund because other investors would object to it.

Canadian man charged in connection with threats in Boston

BOSTON (AP) — Police say a Canadian man has been arrested in connection with a series of bomb threats last month targeting several prominent locations in Boston. Boston police said Monday that 42-year-old Joshua Kimble, of Peterborough, Ontario, faces multiple charges in Canada. Police say a series of threats were transmitted to Boston Children's Hospital on Sept. 9. Over the next four days, the Prudential Center shopping mall, the Orpheum Theater, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Boston Public Library all received threats. Police did not disclose a motive. The suspect is in custody in Canada. It's not clear if he has an attorney.

Task 1 in Trump Organization trial: picking a neutral jury

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump's company went on trial Monday in a criminal tax case and the first task facing the court was a big one: selecting a neutral jury. Manhattan prosecutors say the Trump Organization helped top executives avoid income taxes on job perks such as rent-free apartments and luxury cars. The former president himself isn't on trial and isn't expected to testify. But the judge and lawyers were looking to keep people off the jury if they have unshakable feelings about the Republican. About half of an initial pool of 130 people were excused for a variety of reasons, including bias. The trial is expected to last about six weeks.

Border Patrol sends migrants places where no help waits

NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press interviewed about a dozen migrants who recently arrived in the U.S. and agreed to share documents they received when they were released from U.S. custody while they seek asylum after crossing the border with Mexico. The AP found that most had no idea where they were going, nor did the people at the addresses listed. Customs and Border Protection didn't respond to questions about the matter. But snafus suggest a pattern of Border Patrol agents sending migrants without friends or family in the U.S. to offices that get no notice. The places often don't have space to house migrants. Because those addresses appear on the migrants' paperwork, important notices could be sent there.

Michigan teen pleads guilty to killing 4 in school shooting

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A teenager has pleaded guilty to terrorism, first-degree murder and other charges in a Michigan school shooting. Four students were killed and seven people wounded when Ethan Crumbley opened fire nearly a year ago. Oxford High School staff had discovered his violent drawings and desperate messages, but his parents wouldn't take him home. Later that day, he pulled his new Sig Sauer pistol out of his backpack and opened fire. The teenager might be called to testify against his parents, James and Jennifer Crumbley.

Trial over Georgia's restrictive abortion law begins

ATLANTA (AP) — A trial to determine whether Georgia can continue to ban abortion as early as six weeks into a pregnancy is underway in an Atlanta courtroom. Carrie Cwiak, an abortion provider, testified Monday that the state's law is confusing and harmful to women's health. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney has scheduled two days of testimony in a lawsuit that seeks to strike down the law. The lawsuit by doctors and advocacy groups argues the law violates the Georgia Constitution's right to privacy and liberty.

Appeals court OKs Jan. 6 panel subpoena to Arizona GOP chair

PHOENIX (AP) — A federal appeals court panel won't block a subpoena issued by the U.S. House committee investigating the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol insurrection that seeks phone records of the Arizona Republican Party's leader. The ruling issued over the weekend by a divided three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected First Amendment claims raised by state party Chair Kelli Ward. Her attorneys argue that her rights would be chilled if investigators were able to learn whom she spoke with while she was trying to challenge former President Donald Trump's 2020 election defeat. One judge would have sided with Ward and blocked the subpoena.

Indiana man gets 5 years in prison on Capitol riot charges

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A central Indiana man has been sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to carrying a loaded gun on the Capitol grounds and assaulting police during the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol. A federal judge in the District of Columbia sentenced 57-year-old Mark Mazza on Friday to five years in prison, followed by three years on supervised release. The Shelbyville man had pleaded guilty in June to assaulting a police officer using a deadly weapon and carrying a firearm without a license. The Indianapolis Star reports that prosecutors had sought a 6.5-year sentence for Mazza, calling his conduct that day "extremely violent."

AC/DC's Brian Johnson writes about his Cinderella lives

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer



AP

Brian Johnson, left, and Angus Young, of AC/DC, perform on the Rock or Bust Tour on Feb. 17, 2016, in Chicago.

Before he began tearing the roof off arenas as lead singer of hard rock icon AC/DC, Brian Johnson was fixing roofs.

In his new memoir, the "Hells Bells" singer recounts how he went from being a vinyl car roof fitter in the northeast of England to leading one of the most hailed bands in the world.

It's a Cinderella story. Only Johnson, now 75, was a Cinderella at least three times, never giving up on his dream of singing in a rock 'n' roll band.

"I don't know what it is, I just never, ever sort of gave in," he said recently by phone from his home in Florida. "I was always willing to give something a shot when more pessimistic people wouldn't have. I always thought the glass was half-full."

"The Lives of Brian Johnson," from Dey Street Books, goes chronologically through his ups and downs growing up near Newcastle, ending with him joining AC/DC and recording the band's seminal "Back in Black" album.

"It wasn't so much to validate my life," he said of the book. "It was to validate the lives of all the wonderful people that I met that helped shape my life — friends from school, friends at the factories, friends in the music."

Music was his North Star and he recalls first hearing Little Richard sing "Awop bop/a-loo bop/awop bam boom" at 11 and freaking out. "Many have described that song, 'Tutti Frutti,' as the sound of rock 'n' roll being born — which is fitting, because my dream of becoming a singer was born in that moment, too," he writes.

Johnson was an apprentice engineer who sang on the side and was a young father and husband. To earn enough money for a P.A. system, he joined an airborne infantry regiment of the British Army.

He attended one of Jimi Hendrik's first shows in Britain, saw Sting perform when soon-The Police star was 15 and made friends with members of Slade and Thin Lizzy. He would meet Chuck Berry but it didn't go well. "Never meet your heroes," he writes.

Johnson, who would later pen the immortal lines "Forget the hearse/'cause I'll never die," made his live debut in the deliciously named The Toasty Folk Trio, survived a horrific car crash and finally found some success in the band Geordie.

The band made it to the "Top of the Pops" — a show that was a crowning achievement for any nascent band. He gave up a good career at his engineering firm, but Geordie had only one Top 10 hit and soon fizzled out.

"At the age of 28, I'd lost everything. My marriage, my career, my house," he writes. He moved in with his parents and recalls once watching AC/DC on BBC. "I loved every second of it. But, of course, it was also a reminder that I'd had my shot and blown it."

Johnson rebuilt his life, becoming a windscreen fitter — later a car roof fixer — and founded Georgie II. He was happy. He had a little business and a little band. "I thought that was my second Cinderella story, but there was more to come," he says.

The book reveals the origin of his trademark cap: Once he rushed to a gig with no time to change, sweating glue and shards of glass into his eyes. His brother, Maurice, lent him his cloth driving cap as protection, an addition the fans loved.

Still, part of Johnson was unfulfilled. It was a meeting with singer Roger Daltrey that proved pivotal. The Who's frontman invited Johnson — then living with his band in an apartment with just four mattresses on the floor — over for a meal at his manor house.

On the day, Johnson recalls Daltrey riding toward him bare-chested and barefoot with no saddle, holding onto the mane of his galloping white horse ("If this isn't a rock star, I thought to myself, I don't know what is," he writes.)

"He said, 'I'm going to give you one piece of advice, Brian. Never give up. Do you understand me? Never, ever give up.' And I really took that to heart," Johnson recalled. "He's probably forgotten that he said that, but I didn't."

Bon Scott, the original lead singer of AC/DC died in 1980, and Johnson got an audition to replace him based on recommendations, including from Scott himself, who had heard him sing one night. Only years later did Johnson realize they'd met.

At the audition, co-founder and rhythm guitarist Malcolm Young offered him a Newcastle Brown Ale, a nice nod to Johnson's heritage. And Johnson's first song with the band at the audition was Tina Turner's "Nutbush City Limits." ("It was the most electric moment of my life," he writes). Then they sang some AC/DC tunes. He got the job, of course.

Johnson's editor, Rowland White, an author whose most recent novel is "Into the Black," said the shape of Johnson's story is "extraordinary because it doesn't usually happen like that."

"He was happy with the idea that he'd given it a shot and he made his peace with that. And it's what makes the shot at AC/DC somehow more joyful because it was no longer something that he was straining for."

The book ends just as Johnson finally achieves his lifetime goal. If fans are hoping for more about the origins of AC/DC, he argues that's not his story to tell — it's for surviving members guitarist Angus Young, bassist Cliff Williams and drummer Phil Rudd. "That book belongs to the persons who were there from the start because that's what I want to hear," he said.

Johnson is a natural storyteller, and it was his manager who first suggested a memoir. Johnson resisted. "Every week there's a book out by some old actor or musician. And I've always gone, 'No, not another one.'"

But encouraged to write a few chapters, Johnson sat down with a yellow legal pad. A few years later, he had a book, which he has dedicated to his great-great-great- grandchildren.

Why? He recalls asking his father what his grandfather was like on their way to his funeral. He was "just a fella," his dad said. Then he asked what his father's grandfather was like and the answer was "how the hell would I know?"

"I thought, 'What a shame, what a pity,'" said Johnson. "Nobody knows anybody just a couple of generations later. So that's why I wrote it for my grandchildren. I hope the words in this book help to get to know me just a little more. And I hope there's a little bit of me in you, and I hope you have a long and lovely life."

Ex-Minneapolis cop pleads guilty in Floyd killing

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A former Minneapolis police officer pleaded guilty Monday to aiding and abetting second-degree manslaughter in the killing of George Floyd just as jury selection was about to begin. Another former officer waived his right to a jury trial, setting up an uncommon process in which both sides agree to the evidence before the judge issues a verdict.

The plea deal for J. Alexander Kueng calls for 3 1/2 years in prison, with prosecutors agreeing to drop a count of aiding and abetting second-degree murder. Kueng is the second officer to plead guilty to the state charge, following Thomas Lane, who pleaded guilty earlier this year.

Their former colleague, Tou Thao, rejected a plea deal earlier this year, telling a judge it "would be lying" to accept any such deal. On Monday, he agreed to go forward with a proceeding called a trial by stipulated evidence on one count of aiding and abetting manslaughter. In doing so, he is waiving his rights to a trial by jury and to testify.

The two sides will work out agreed-upon evidence against Thao and prepare written closing arguments. They will submit those to Judge Peter Cahill by Nov. 17, with Cahill to decide whether he is guilty within 90 days. If convicted of the manslaughter count, Thao would likely get about four years in prison and the aiding and abetting murder charge would be dropped.

Attorney General Keith Ellison, whose office prosecuted the case, said in a statement that he hopes Keung's guilty plea can bring comfort to Floyd's family and "bring our communities closer to a new era of accountability and justice." He also said his office is looking forward to a swift resolution of Thao's case, and he thanked the witnesses who were prepared to testify at trial.

All three were convicted in February on federal counts of willfully violating the civil rights of Floyd, who was Black. Lane was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in the federal case. Kueng was sentenced to three years and Thao was sentenced to 3 1/2, but for some Floyd family members and activists, the penalties were too small.

Floyd, 46, died May 25, 2020, after Officer Derek Chauvin, who is white, pinned him to the ground with a knee on Floyd's neck as he repeatedly said he couldn't breathe.

The killing, captured on widely viewed bystander video, sparked protests in Minneapolis and around the globe as part of a reckoning over racial injustice.

Make sure your friend's or relative's photo is included.

Salute to Veterans

and to those currently serving in the Military.

The special tribute to veterans and those currently serving in the military will appear **Friday, Nov. 11**. The deadline for submitting your photo is **Friday, Nov. 4**. Email your photo and details to **ads@livent.net**. Please provide information as in the example below including current status and connection to Park County.

If you have sent a photo and information to us within the last few years or so, there is no need to send it again. We have it.

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Born: _____

Branch: _____

Time of Service: _____

Rank: _____

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Connection to Park County: _____

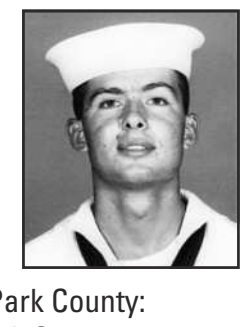
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EXAMPLE:

David E. Palmer

Born: Sept. 5, 1947
Branch of Service: Navy
Time of Service: 1967-71
Rank: MM2SS



Connection to Park County: Resides in Park County

Rangers hold off Whitefish 1-0 in thriller

By Jeff Schlapp
Enterprise Sports Editor

Little did the athletes from Whitefish high school realize they would play such a significant role in Park High history when they woke up Saturday morning. In Missoula the Rangers boys cross country team outran the boys team from Whitefish to claim Park High's first ever cross country state championship. Meanwhile at McLeod Field in Livingston, the Rangers boys soccer team defeated the four-time defending state soccer team, the Bulldogs of Whitefish 1-0 to advance to their first soccer state championship final since 2013. That 2013 team, under the coaching direction of Jeff Dickerson won the state title and now he has a chance to add to his amazing coaching legacy at Park High.

The win over the Bulldogs was a battle from the first to the last whistle on Saturday. Ranger fans came prepared for the cold, the rain and the tension. Many set up pop-up tents in the stands to stay warm and dry. With an overfilled capacity fans lined the fence to watch the Rangers play the defensive match of the lives. Among those in attendance were close to 30 Ranger soccer alumni, according to Dickerson, with Matt Dettori among them. Dettori was a member of the Rangers first ever soccer team, formed in 2002. He would go on to become an assistant coach for Dickerson and also the head coach of the Lady Rangers. Now Dettori is both a community leader, a youth soccer coach, and the Rangers assistant varsity wrestling. With rain falling throughout the morning and during the match the field presented a challenge to both teams.

"Our win today was a testament to our boys' will," Coach Dickerson said. "With grueling weather conditions and field conditions our boys just were not willing to give up. For the final 26 minuets of the match our defense played quality soccer and secured our 1-0 lead to allow us to play for the championship."

The win went against all analytics and statistics. The Bulldogs outshot the Rangers 25-27. They completed a higher percentage of their passes 60-44 percent. They posssed the ball at a clip of 54 percent for the match. They doubled up the Rangers on corner kick opportunities, 12-6. But they could't match the Rangers will and heart.

In the second half the Bulldogs had the best chance of the match, a direct penalty kick from inside the 18-box. But the free kick sailed wide left. With Isaac Winfrey in goal for the Rangers, the Bulldogs were shutout. Winfrey made seven saves with three of those saves coming in the final moments of the match as the Bulldogs made a final rush in an attempt to tie the match. When Winfrey was pressured, eight times his teammates came to his defense as they blocked eight goal attempts. With every starter playing every second of the match the Rangers conditioning paid off.

"We are a team built on our conditioning," Dickerson said. "We had players warming up, ready to go in, but our starters never gave up. They each knew and understood how the game would play out with the weather and the quality of play Whitefish would present. Just hats off to those boys for having the fortitude to play every minute of the game. "

With 27 minutes left in the second half, Calvin Caplis, came out of a group of players inside the 18-box and fired a shot which flew into the right side of the net for what turned out to be the winning goal.

"Typical scrappy goal by Calvin," Dickerson said. "That goal was a result of Calvin's overall physical conditioning and his strength. He just told himself that he was going to clear out the defenders and create a shot for himself and he did."

Now the Rangers will play for the state Class "A" soccer championship. This team which had one single goal all season long, to win state, is 80 minutes away. Seniors, Lance Mascari, Ryan Brown, Matthew Marlowe, Baylor Arterburn and Calvin Caplis have one final opportunity to win that elusive title.

That chance comes on Saturday, October 29, in Columbia Falls with kickoff set for 3 p.m. Columbia Falls will put its undefeated season on the line against the Rangers. It should be a battle. The teams are evenly matched up and down their lineups.

Will, determination, and heart might end up being the tiebreaker. If that's the case, Park High Activity Director, Nate Parseghian will happily clear space in the Rangers trophy case as no team has shown the heart which the Rangers have this season.





Enterprise photos by Jeff Schlapp

ABOVE LEFT: Members of the Park High Ranger cross country team scream with utter joy when they heard their team announced as the winner of the Class "A" Cross Country state championship at the University of Montana golf course on Saturday in Missoula. ABOVE RIGHT: Kimball Smith races the final 20 meters to the finish of the Montana class "A" cross country championship at the University of Montana golf course on Saturday in Missoula. Smith finished 30th overall out of 152 runners in one of the most heroic finishes of the day.

State champs, from Page 1

times during the race, and I had nothing left when I finished. This is such an incredible feeling, to have run with my teammates and Andrew (Durgan) and Charlie (Serafin) have really pushed me all season long and they have helped me become a better runner. I'm just kind of at a loss for words, I can't describe exactly how I'm feeling.

To describe Smith's efforts as gritty would be an understatement. During the final 200 meters he caught three runners and finished on the heels of the 28th and 29th finishers in almost a dead heat. And Schretenthaler's finish came out of nowhere. An extremely talented freshman who has consistently lowered his times during the season, Schretenthaler simply ran the race of his life during the most important race of his young career.

"I was hoping to finish in the top 20," Schretenthaler said after the race. "I feel great, I'm really excited to have been a part of this and helped out the team. Everyone on the team are MVP's today.

Schretenthaler's reference to all of his teammates being MVP's was a result of his teammates referring to him as the MVP. The race for the title was very close between the Rangers and Whitefish. And everyone's finish was critical to their success, but Schretenthaler's finish played a huge role as did Malcolm's, Sestrich and Stern.

Malcolm capped off his amazing season with the Rangers finishing with a top 25 finish of 152 state runners. He had never run cross country before the season started.

"I can't describe how I feel right now," Malcolm said. "During track season Andrew and Charlie kept telling me to come run with them so I thought I'd give it a try." Our coaches are incredible and I've learned so much from all my teammates this season. To be able to come and be a part of this team and then have this happen today, this is just so incredible."

The directors of the race decided to use a beauty pageant style format to announce the team champions, which fans quickly realized that they would not immediately know which had won the title. Parents, Julie Serafin, Shad Durgan and his wife Patti Durgan began staring at their cell phones where they were able to track updated results and when they knew the Rangers had won, Shad Durgan pumped his fist in celebration while Patti Durgan and Julie Serafin shared a warm embrace.

"What an amazing day," Shad Durgan said. "Win or lose there would have been a lot of emotions for me. Watching Andrew in his last race. All the highs and lows of being a parent come rushing back. From celebrating with him in the success to crying with him through the losses, it is all part of being parents."



Enterprise photo by Jeff Schlapp

Shad Durgan, Andrew Durgan's dad, reacts to learning from his wife, Patti Durgan, and Julie Serafin (Charlie Serafin's mom) that the Rangers had won the class "A" cross country championship for the first time in the school's history.

Andrew Durgan and Charlie Serafin have been the leaders of the Rangers throughout the past three years; Durgan, with his ever present smile and bubbling over personality. No matter his finish always standing by to encourage his teammates and always at the ready with a witty quip. Serafin the serious runner. Analytical, a thinkers runner. Steady on the course, always seemingly running without a care in the world. The two of them make up the dynamic duo who have run together since they were in junior high. And now all of their hard work, their dedication, their experience came together on one glorious Saturday and both shared a few private moments and hugs.

"When I was five years old I told my dad I was going to be a state champion," Durgan said. "I am just so blessed today. From my parents who were both accomplished runners and all their advice, their love, and their encouragement, to Coach Lentz and Coach Kelly and my teammates and my friendship with Charlie, I am just blessed."

And after holding up the state championship trophy with Durgan and his teammates, Serafin was all smiles. He could finally relax.

"I've been on this team for five years ... and today all my dreams came true," Serafin said. "I'm also so blessed. My mom and dad have been there for me all of these years. Andrew's dad has been there and always been ready to help with advice. But none of this happens today without Coach Lentz and Coach Kelly. They have been incredible over these years and everything they have told me, all they have taught me paid off here today. I am so happy right now. This is amazing. Sometimes dreams do come true."

Each runner, each parent could not thank enough Coach Kirk Lentz head cross country coach and coach Bridgett Kelly who marked her 10th year as the Rangers assistant coach over the weekend. And both were so proud of their boys. Kelly knew and had a brief thought about the potential of being the first Park High team to win state, while Lentz said he was aware of the fact but never gave it a thought during the meet.

"Like life every race presents its own challenges," Coach Kelly said. "And just as in life racing is how you respond to those challenges. You just have to prepare and take it as it comes. Today everyone just really stepped up for us. Our kids just ran their hearts out today. We don't win today without every one of the boys finishing where they did. This is a true team accomplishment and I really could not be happier for these boys."

Coach Lentz, who has dedicated his life to inspiring teenagers chocked up a few times as he reflected on his teams accomplishment.

"Today was an achievement these boys will never forget," Coach Lentz said. "Our goal all season long was to help the team understand their goals, to set high expectations for each of them and and keep telling them and encouraging them to not settle for meeting those expectations but to rise above them. Today they did that. They are a symbol to every Park High student, no matter your passion, for sports or anything else, if you have a passion you can achieve your goals. These boys all believed in themselves. They worked so hard this season and today they each, everyone of them, believed in themselves. I care so much about these boys and today is just proof that kids should never underestimate themselves and that if they have a true passion they can achieve that passion and become the best.

History was caught on Saturday. History for Park High. And history for the runners who will indeed never forget what they accomplished.

"This means so much to all of us," Andrew Durgan said. "Years down the road, one day, I'll be able to walk into the Park High gym and point up to our banner and tell my own kids that I was a part of the state championship team. And I will be so proud to share this story with them.

Editors Note: Read Tuesdays sports section of The Enterprise for in-depth coverage of the the Park High Lady Rangers cross country state meet accomplishments. The lady Rangers met their personal goal of finishing higher than rival Billings Central Catholic when they came in 12th place overall.

Steelers enduring short-term pain, eye long-term growth

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mike Tomlin had an out if he was looking for one a week ago. Kenny Pickett was in the concussion protocol. Mitch Trubisky had come off the bench and played well in an upset win against Tampa Bay.

Only Tomlin didn't hesitate, saying even before Pickett was fully cleared that the Pittsburgh Steelers were going right back to their rookie quarterback the second he was available.

"We're not going to blow in the wind," Tomlin said.

It's a long-term commitment that Tomlin understands may result in some short-term growing pains, some of which were on display during Sunday night's 16-10 loss to Miami.

Pickett tossed three more interceptions — including two in the final minutes — to bring his total to seven in essentially three full games. Only Matt Ryan and Matthew Stafford have thrown more, and both veterans have thrown at least 98 more passes than the 20th overall selection in last April's draft.

The last turnover served as a microcosm of the roller-coaster start to Pickett's career. He escaped pressure — one of the reasons the Steelers were so high on him — and appeared to have room to run for 10 yards. Pickett, however, also spotted Diontae Johnson running down the left sideline near the end zone. He pointed to Johnson, a finger wag Johnson took to mean Pickett wanted him to go deep.

Pickett instead had asked Johnson to cut the route off near the goal line and threw short hoping Johnson would come back to the ball. He didn't and the pass ended up in the hands of Miami defensive back Noah Igbinoghene as the Steelers fell to 2-5 for the first time since 2013.

"That's on me," Pickett said. "I've either got to throw it away to give us another chance or make a better throw over the top to him, so it's definitely on me."

Tomlin is making it a point to do what he can to protect Pickett, stressing over and over again his team's faults are hardly limited to a 24-year-old just a handful of games into his NFL career.

"I thought he was highly competitive, played to win," Tomlin said. "He made some plays. Unfortunately he and we didn't make enough."

It's a theme that has popped up almost weekly for the NFL's second-lowest scoring team. Offensive coordinator Matt Canada has struggled to develop an attack that regularly threatens to reach the end zone in his year-plus on the job, regardless of who is throwing the ball, who is running it or who is catching it.

Canada's ineffective gameplanning — and not Pickett's sometimes iffy decision-making — could be Pittsburgh's biggest hurdle to real progress this season. Canada's future in Pittsburgh is shaky at best. Not so for Pickett, who has the full faith of a team that is maybe a loss or two away from turning all of its attention to 2023 and beyond.

"I see a lot positive things from our offense, a lot of positive things from our defense," inside linebacker Myles Jack said. "I think we can be a really good team."

Test scores show historic COVID setbacks for kids



AP

In this Oct. 19, 2020, file photo Michigan City, Ind., area school students return for in-person instruction after two months of remote learning to start the new school year.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The COVID-19 pandemic spared no state or region as it caused historic learning setbacks for America's children, erasing decades of academic progress and widening racial disparities, according to results of a national test that provide the sharpest look yet at the scale of the crisis.

Across the country, math scores saw their largest decreases ever. Reading scores dropped to 1992 levels. Nearly four in 10 eighth graders failed to grasp basic math concepts. Not a single state saw a notable improvement in their average test scores, with some simply treading water at best.

Those are the findings from the National Assessment of Educational Progress — known as the "nation's report card" — which tested hundreds of thousands of fourth and eighth graders across the country this year. It was the first time the test had been given since 2019, and it's seen as the first nationally representative study of the pandemic's impact on learning.

"It is a serious wakeup call for us all," Peggy Carr, commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics, a branch of the Education Department, said in an interview. "In NAEP, when we experience a 1- or 2-point decline, we're talking about it as a significant impact on a student's achievement. In math, we experienced an 8-point decline — historic for this assessment."

Researchers usually think of a 10-point gain or drop as equivalent to roughly a year of learning.

It's no surprise that children are behind. The pandemic upended every facet of life and left millions learning from home for months or more. The results released Monday reveal the depth of those setbacks, and the size of the challenge facing schools as they help students catch up.

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona said it's a sign that schools need to redouble their efforts, using billions of dollars that Congress gave schools to help students recover.

"Let me be very clear: these results are not acceptable," Cardona said.

The NAEP test is typically given every two years. It was taken between January and March by a sample of students in every state, along with 26 of the nation's largest school districts. Scores had been stalling even before the pandemic, but the new results show decreases on a scale not seen before.

In both math and reading, students scored lower than those tested in 2019. But while reading scores dipped, math scores plummeted by the largest margins in the history of the NAEP test, which began in 1969.

Math scores were worst among eighth graders, with 38% earning scores deemed "below basic" — a cutoff that measures, for example, whether students can find the third angle of a triangle if they're given the other two. That's worse than 2019, when 31% of eighth graders scored below that level.

No part of the country was exempt. Every region saw test scores slide, and every state saw declines in at least one subject.

Several major districts saw test scores fall by more than 10 points. Cleveland saw the largest single drop, falling 16 points in fourth-grade reading, along with a 15-point decline in fourth-grade math. Baltimore and Tennessee's Shelby County also saw precipitous declines.

"This is more confirmation that the pandemic hit us really hard," said Eric Gordon, chief executive for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. To help students recover, the school system has beefed up summer school and added after-school tutoring.

"I'm not concerned that they can't or won't recover," Gordon said. "I'm concerned that the country won't stay focused on getting kids caught up."

The results show a reversal of progress on math scores, which had made big gains since the 1990s. Reading, by contrast, had changed little in recent decades, so even this year's relatively small decreases put the averages back to where they were in 1992.

Most concerning, however, are the gaps between students.

Confirming what many had feared, racial inequities appear to have widened during the pandemic. In fourth grade, Black and Hispanic students saw bigger decreases than white students, widening gaps that have persisted for decades.

Inequities were also reflected in a growing gap between higher and lower performing students. In math and reading, scores fell most sharply among the lowest performing students, creating a widening chasm between struggling students and the rest of their peers.

Surveys done as part of this year's test illustrate the divide.

When schools shifted to remote learning, higher performing students were far more likely to have reliable access to quiet spaces, computers and help from their teachers, the survey found.

The results make clear that schools must address the "long-standing and systemic shortcomings of our education system," said Alberto Carvalho, superintendent of Los Angeles schools and a member of the National Assessment Governing Board, which sets the policies for the test.

"While the pandemic was a blow to schools and communities, we cannot use it as an excuse," he said. "We have to stay committed to high standards and expectations and help every child succeed."

Other recent studies have found that students who spent longer periods learning online suffered greater setbacks. But the NAEP results show no clear connection. Areas that returned to the classroom quickly still saw significant declines, and cities — which were more likely to stay remote longer — actually saw milder decreases than suburban districts, according to the results.

Los Angeles can claim one of the few bright spots in the results. The nation's second-largest school district saw eighth-grade reading scores increase by 9 points, the only significant uptick in any district. For other districts, it was a feat just to hold even, as achieved by Dallas and Florida's Hillsborough County.

Testing critics caution against putting too much stock in exams like NAEP, but there's no doubt that the skills it aims to measure are critical. Students who take longer to master reading are more likely to drop out and end up in the criminal justice system, research has found. And eighth grade is seen as a pivotal time to develop skills for math, science and technology careers.

For Carr, the results raise new questions about what will happen to students who appear to be far behind in attaining those skills.

"We want our students to be prepared globally for STEM careers, science and technology and engineering," she said. "This puts all of that at risk. We have to do a reset. This is a very serious issue, and it's not going to go away on its own."

Cheney: 1/6 panel won't let Trump turn testimony into circus



AP

Vice Chair Liz Cheney, R-Wyo., speaks as the House select committee investigating the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol, holds a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House committee investigating the Capitol riot won't give Donald Trump the chance to turn a possible live TV appearance of his subpoenaed testimony into a "circus" and "food fight" as lawmakers try to ensure he complies with their demands, the panel's vice chair said Sunday.

The committee is demanding Trump's testimony under oath next month as well as records relevant to its investigation. To avoid a complicated and protracted legal battle, Trump reportedly had told associates he might consider complying with the subpoena if he could answer questions during live testimony.

When asked if the committee would consider taking his testimony live, Rep. Liz Cheney on Sunday did not directly respond. She said the committee would not allow Trump's testimony to turn into a "food fight" on TV — much as was seen, she said, in Trump's broadcast appearances such as one of his 2020 presidential debates — and she warned that the committee will take action if he does not comply with the subpoena.

"We are going to proceed in terms of the questioning of the former president under oath," Cheney, R-Wyo., said on "Meet the Press" on NBC. "It may take multiple days, and it will be done with a level of rigor and discipline and seriousness that it deserves. We are not going to allow — he's not going to turn this into a circus."

"We have many, many alternatives that we will consider if the former president decides he is not going to comply with his legal obligation, a legal obligation every American citizen has to comply with a subpoena," she said.

Her office made clear later that she and the Jan. 6 committee were not ruling out the possibility of live testimony. It did not indicate what form that might take to avoid the "food fight" or "circus" that Cheney said would not happen.

The subpoena, issued Friday, calls on Trump to hand over documents by Nov. 4 and provide testimony "on or about" Nov. 14.

It is unclear how Trump and his legal team will respond. He could comply or negotiate with the committee, announce he will defy the subpoena or ignore it altogether. He could go to court and try to stop it.

Last week, Steve Bannon, a longtime Trump ally, was sentenced to serve four months behind bars after defying a subpoena from the same committee. He remains free pending appeal. Former Trump trade adviser Peter Navarro also awaits a trial next month on similar contempt of Congress charges.

The subpoena includes requests for any communications referring to extremist groups who were coming to Washington, pressure on state legislators to overturn the 2020 election vote and messages about Vice President Mike Pence, whom Trump was pushing to object to President Joe Biden's victory.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Sunday that she doubted Trump would appear for his deposition and that the public should know "that no one is above the law."

"I don't think he's man enough to show up," Pelosi said on MSNBC. "I don't think his lawyers would want him to show up because he (would) had to testify under oath. ... We'll see."

There remains little legal advantage for Trump to cooperate with the committee at a time when he faces other legal battles in various jurisdictions, including over his family business in New York and the handling of presidential records at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

It's possible that Trump's lawyers could simply opt to run out the clock on the subpoena if they go to court to try to squash it as the committee of two Republicans and seven Democrats is required to finish its work by the end of the year.

Cheney, in the television interview, made her position clear that Trump had committed "multiple criminal offenses" and should be prosecuted. She cited his repeated efforts as outlined by the Jan. 6 committee to undermine democracy by denying his election loss to Biden and by spurring his supporters in the violent attack on the Capitol.

"We've been very clear about a number of different criminal offenses that are likely at issue here," Cheney said. "If the Department of Justice determines that they have the evidence that we believe is there and they make a decision not to prosecute, I think that really calls into question whether or not we're a nation of laws."

Cheney, who lost in Wyoming's August primary after becoming Trump's fiercest GOP critic and has signaled a possible 2024 presidential run, expressed dismay over the number of Republican candidates in the Nov. 8 midterms who deny the legitimacy of the 2020 election. She acknowledged that the Jan. 6 committee's investigation will be permanently ended in January if Republicans retake control of the House.

Judge rules for California baker over same-sex wedding cake

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A California judge has ruled in favor of a bakery owner who refused to make wedding cakes for a same-sex couple because it violated her Christian beliefs.

The state Department of Fair Housing and Employment had sued Tastries Bakery in Bakersfield, arguing owner Cathy Miller intentionally discriminated against the couple in violation of California's Unruh Civil Rights Act.

Miller's attorneys argued her right to free speech and free expression of religion trumped the argument that she violated the anti-discrimination law. Kern County Superior Court Judge Eric Bradshaw ruled Friday that Miller acted lawfully while upholding her beliefs about what the Bible teaches regarding marriage.

The decision was welcomed as a First Amendment victory by Miller and her pro-bono attorneys with the conservative Thomas More Society.

"I'm hoping that in our community we can grow together," Miller told the Bakersfield Californian after the ruling. "And we should understand that we shouldn't push any agenda against anyone else."

A spokesperson said the fair housing department was aware of the ruling but had not determined what to do next. The couple, Eileen and Mireya Rodriguez-Del Rio, said they expect an appeal.

"Of course we're disappointed, but not surprised," Eileen told the newspaper. "We anticipate that our appeal will have a different result."

An earlier decision in Kern County Superior Court also went Miller's way, but it was later vacated by the 5th District Court of Appeal, which sent the lawsuit back to the county.

The decision comes as a Colorado baker is challenging a ruling he violated that state's anti-discrimination law by refusing to make a cake celebrating a gender transition.



BRIDGE

Famous hand

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 2
♥ A K 8 2
♦ K 7 4
♣ 8 5 4

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

EAST
♠ A 4 3
♥ 9 7 4
♦ Q 10 9 8 6
♣ A 9

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8
♥ Q J 6 5
♦ —
♣ K Q 7 6 3

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	Pass	Pass	1 ♥
Pass	3 ♣		

Opening lead — ten of spades.

Odd things sometimes occur during the bidding — even in world championships. Consider this deal from a match between the United States and Thailand some years ago.

With a U.S. pair North-South, the bidding went as shown. Certainly a majority of players would open the South hand with one club, but the American South in this case elected to pass his aceless 12-point hand.

But something went drastically wrong on the next round when North passed South's jump-shift response in clubs. South obviously thought that three clubs was forcing, but the bidding ended abruptly when North decided that his skimpy 12-point hand couldn't possibly produce a game opposite a partner who had previously passed.

South made four clubs, scoring 130 points, but this was nothing to cheer about since four hearts (worth 620 points) could not be defeated.

However, not to be outdone, the Thai North-South pair did even worse at the other table! Their bidding went:

East	South	West	North
Pass	1 ♣	Pass	1 NT
Pass	2 ♣	Pass	3 NT

The opening one-club bid, in the Bangkok System, was artificial. It showed 12 to 20 high-card points, and furthermore denied a five-card or longer suit, except possibly in clubs. The one-notrump response was forcing to game and asked for clarification of the opening bid.

South's two-club rebid showed at least five clubs and minimum values, but North then made no allowance — when he jumped to three notrump — for the possibility that South could have the sort of hand he had.

East made the normal opening lead of a diamond, and North could not avoid going down two for a net loss of 330 points on the deal.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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	9			8			2	1
	8	5		1	7			

Difficulty Level ★ 10/24

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/21

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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, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.

The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Friday.

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given the Livingston City Commission will convene on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, via Zoom. During this meeting the Commission will receive public comments on a **RESOLUTION NO. 5068** entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, TO ABANDON AN OLD RIGHT OF WAY IN NORTHTOWN SUBDIVISION LOT 3A AND TO CLEAR THE TITLE FOR THE PROPERTY WHICH WILL BE DESCRIBED AS NORTHTOWN SUBDIVISION PHASES 4A, 4B, AND 5.** The public is invited to attend and give comments as appropriate. Public comment is limited to 4-minutes each. An agenda can be found at www.livingstonmontana.org/meetings.

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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE LIVINGSTON CITY COMMISSION

NOTICE is hereby given the City Commission convene for a closed executive work session from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, in the conference rooms at Livingston City Hall, 220 E. Park St.

The Commission will convene for this special closed executive session for the purpose of deliberation concerning potential offers to the city manager finalists, however no decision will be made at this meeting.

The public is welcome to attend in person or by Zoom and make comments when appropriate, but will be excused for the closed session. The link for this meeting is available at www.livingstonmontana.org/meetings.

For more information, call City Offices at (406) 222-2005.

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT FOR THE WILSALL WATER DISTRICT PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS
Date: October 20, 2022
Action: Installation of treatment facilities for two existing well sources to address Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water and high nitrates.
Location of Project: Wilsall, MT. The project location is near the two existing wells and treatment facilities on the northeast side of Wilsall, MT.
DWSRF Funding: $210,287
Total Project Cost: $5,933,115

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for improvements to the water system for the Wilsall Water District (WWD). The proposed project includes the construction of a water treatment plant. The plant will consist of facilities to treat for Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDISW) and for water that exceeds the Maximum Contaminant Level for nitrate. GWUDISW treatment will include filtration and disinfection meeting the requirements of DEQ Design Circular DEQ-1 and the Surface Water Treatment Rules. Nitrate treatment will consist of ion exchange media pressure vessels. The project will also include wastewater disposal systems, including a holding tank for domestic wastewater, a storage and evaporation pond for ion-exchange backwash, and a subsurface disposal system for multimedia filtration backwash. The purpose of the project is to make improvements necessary to protect public health.

The affected environment will primarily be within the WWD's boundaries and within the area where the WWD's existing wells and treatment facilities are located. Based on the information provided in the references below, the project is not expected to have any significant adverse impacts upon terrestrial and aquatic life or habitat, including endangered species, water quality or quantity, air quality, geological features, cultural or historical features, or social quality.

This project will by partially funded with a low-interest loan low-interest loan from the Montana Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program, administered by the DEQ and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

The MDEQ used the following references in completing its environmental review of this project:

• Environmental Report. Water System Improvements, Wilsall, Montana, prepared by Great West Engineering, January 2020, updated August 2020 and December 2021.

• Wilsall Water District-Water System 2020 PER Update, prepared by Great West Engineering, January 2020.

• Wilsall Water system Improvements, Technical memorandum, prepared by Great West Engineering, February 15, 2022.

• Wilsall Water District Design Report, prepared by Great West Engineering, July 2021.

• Wilsall Water District Project Potential Contaminant Source Review, prepared by MDEQ, Water Quality Division. October 18, 2022.

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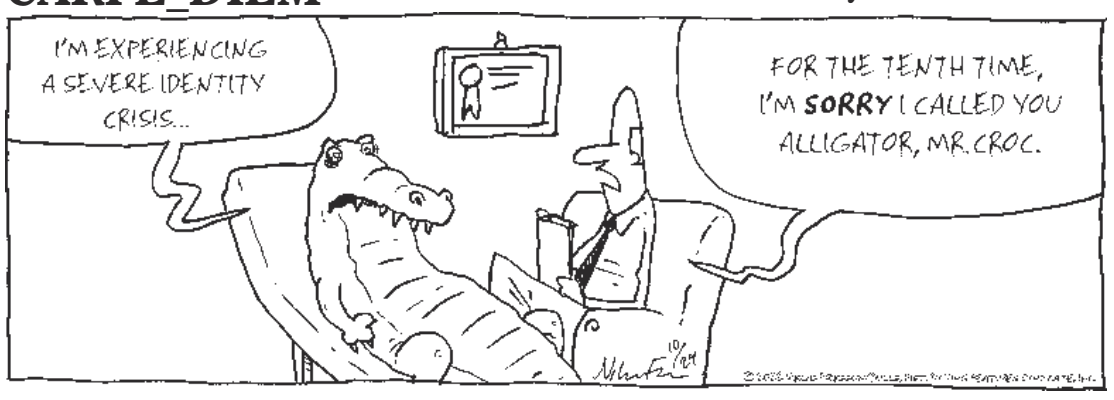
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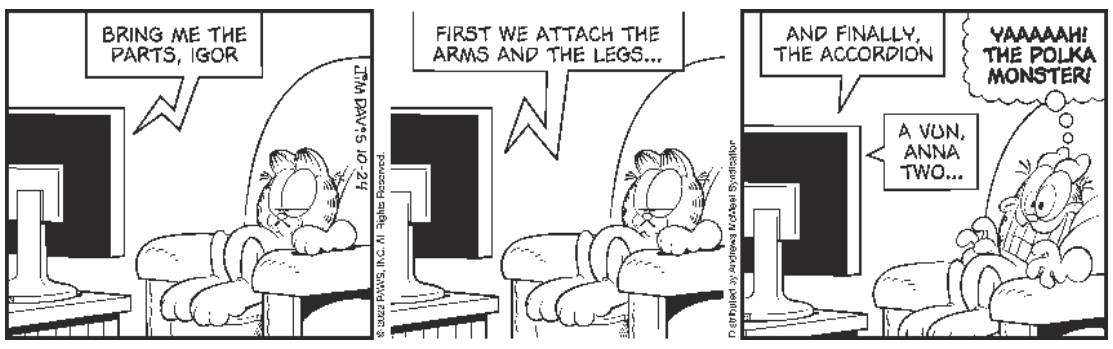
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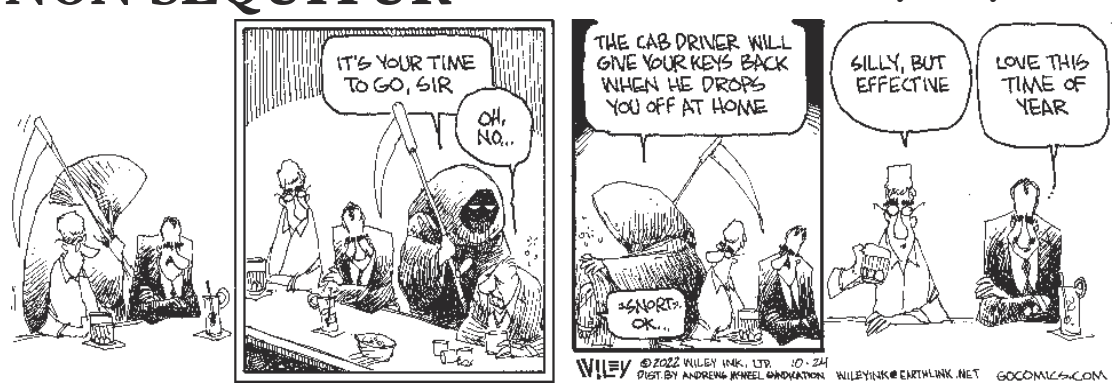
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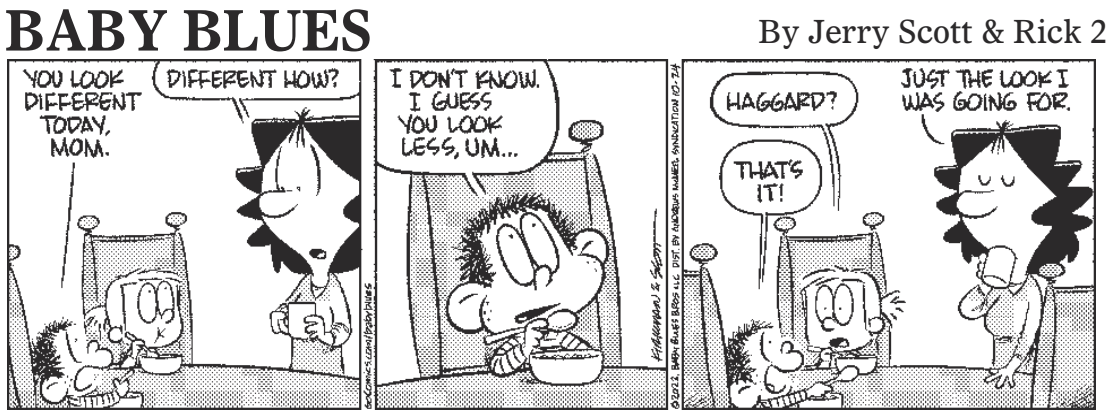
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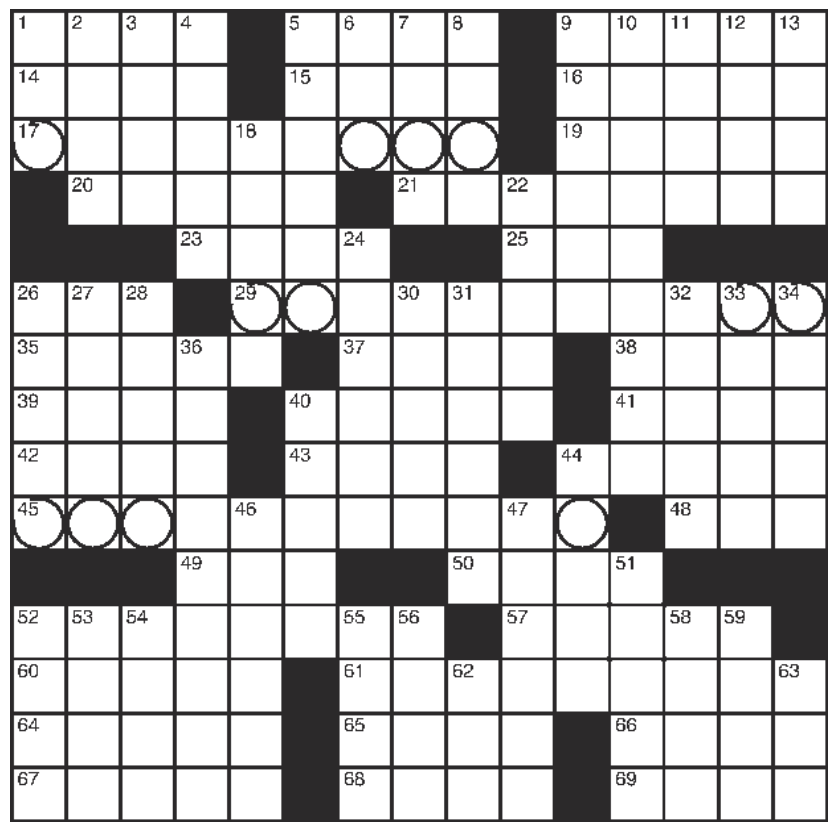
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By Kyle Dolan 10/24/22

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1 Thumbs-down votes
5 "Save me a __!"
9 Laundry day challenge
14 Soil-turning farm machine
15 Approximation words
16 Supermodel Klum
17 Major annoyance
19 Dangerous household gas
20 Synagogue scroll
21 "Everything must go" event
23 ABC News anchor David
25 Amazement
26 Kiss __: PDA capturer at a stadium
29 Utter destruction
35 "Clueless" actress Donovan
37 Mailed holiday greeting
38 Lhasa __
39 Shower bar
40 Sudden raid
41 Nincompoop
42 "Alas, whatever shall I do?"
43 Thick slice
44 Ed of "Elf"
45 Train depot
48 WNW's opposite
49 Language of Southeast Asia
50 Performing __
52 Slow-cooked meat at a luau
57 "We __ please"
60 Diplomatic agent
61 Wet-weather gear, and what this puzzle's circled letters literally are?
64 Scrub with steel wool, say
65 On pins and needles
66 "Let's go!"
67 Camp shelters
68 Rational
69 On an even __: steady

DOWN
1 Listener-supported broadcaster
2 "That's __ to ask"
3 Toy that exercises the wrist
4 Bees on the move
5 "The Golden Girls" character born in Sicily
6 Chapter in history
7 "In your dreams!"
8 "Song of Solomon" novelist Morrison
9 Canny
10 Product promos with few details
11 Verdi opera set in ancient Egypt
12 Adored one
13 Highest sudoku digit
18 "Marriage Story" Oscar winner Dern
22 Country star Travis
24 Pioneer in canned soft drinks
26 Labor leader Chavez
27 Greeting at a luau
28 South Beach city
30 Gold unit
31 Saudi __
32 Winning by a very small margin
33 The Hebrides, e.g.
34 __ Dame: South Bend school
36 Explains in great detail
40 Photographer's setting that affects depth
44 Bit of silliness
46 Mythical man-goats
47 Marmalade fruit
51 Garb for a finger-painting project, say
52 Take five
53 __ in a while
54 Stratford-upon-__
55 Some savings plans, briefly
56 Pop star Lady __
58 Gentle
59 Nebraska native
62 Charged particle
63 "Weekend Update" show, for short

Friday's Puzzle Solved

A	R	M	S	■	N	A	S	H	■	S	T	A	I	N
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World faces tension with China under Xi Jinping's third term



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New members of the Politburo Standing Committee, front to back, President Xi Jinping, Li Qiang, Zhao Leji, Wang Huning, Cai Qi, Ding Xuexiang, and Li Xi arrive at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Oct. 23

BEIJING (AP) — The world faces the prospect of more tension with China over trade, security and human rights after Xi Jinping, the country's most powerful leader in decades, awarded himself another term as leader of the ruling Communist Party.

Xi has tightened control at home and is trying to use China's economic heft to increase its influence abroad. Washington accused Beijing this month of trying to undermine U.S. alliances, global security and economic rules. Activists say Xi's government wants to deflect criticism of abuses by changing the U.N.'s definition of human rights.

Xi says "the world system is broken and China has answers," said William Callahan of the London School of Economics. "More and more, Xi Jinping is talking about the Chinese style as a universal model of the world order, which goes back to a Cold War kind of conflict."

At a Communist Party congress that wrapped up Saturday, Xi gave no sign of plans to change the severe "zero-COVID" strategy that has frustrated China's public and disrupted business and trade. He called for more self-reliance in technology, faster military development and protection of Beijing's "core interests" abroad. He announced no changes in policies that have strained relations with Washington and Asian neighbors.

On Sunday, Xi was awarded a third five-year term as party leader in a break with tradition that called for him to step down after 10 years. The party named a seven-member ruling Standing Committee of Xi and his allies, which gives him a free hand to carry out his plans.

POLITICS: Xi calls for the "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" based on reviving the Communist Party's role as the economic, social and cultural leader in a throwback to what he sees as a golden age after the 1949 revolution. "Xi's embrace of Marxist-Leninist orthodoxy should put to rest any wishful thinking that Xi's China might peacefully liberalize its politics and economy," Kevin Rudd, president of the Asia Society and a former Australian prime minister, wrote in Foreign Affairs. Xi's government has jailed dissidents, stepped up internet censorship and crushed a pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. Its "social credit" initiative tracks the public and punishes infractions from fraud to littering. "Zero COVID," which tracks individuals using smartphone apps and has confined tens of millions to their homes, "is indicative of how Xi Jinping wants Chinese society to work," said Callahan. "It is to be under constant surveillance and control," he said. "It has become much more authoritarian and at times totalitarian."

ECONOMY: By 2035, the Communist Party wants economic output per person to match a "medium-level developed country," Xi said in a report to the congress. That suggests doubling output from 2020 levels, according to Larry Hu and Yuxiao Zhang of Macquarie, an Australian financial services group. Meanwhile, however, the ruling party is building up subsidy-devouring state industry and tightening control over entrepreneurs who generate wealth and jobs. That prompts warnings that economic growth that sank to 2.2% over a year earlier in the first half of 2022 will suffer. The economy faces challenges from tension with Washington, curbs on China's access to Western technology, an aging population and a slump in its vast real estate industry. "If top leaders take the target seriously, they might have to adopt a more pro-growth policy stance," Hu and Zhang said in a report. Analysts are watching for details after the party's Central Economic Work Conference in early December.

TECHNOLOGY: Xi promised to "build China's self-reliance and strength in science and technology." He gave no details, but earlier efforts to reduce reliance on the West and Japan by creating Chinese sources of renewable energy, electric vehicle, computer and other technologies have prompted complaints that Beijing violates its free-trade commitments by shielding its companies from competition. American officials worry Chinese competition might erode U.S. industrial leadership. China faces growing limits on access to Western technology, especially from the United States, which warns it might be used to make weapons. China is building its own chip industry, but analysts say it is generations behind global leaders. Beijing doesn't appear to be trying to isolate China but wants to reduce strategic unease by catching up with other countries, said Alicia Garcia Herrero of Natixis, a French investment bank. She said that will involve increased state-led investment. "That is going to create some tension," she said.

SECURITY: Xi says "external and internal security" are the "bedrock of national rejuvenation." In a speech that used the word security 26 times, he said Beijing will "work faster" to modernize the party's military wing, the People's Liberation Army, and "enhance the military's strategic capabilities." China already has the world's second-highest military spending after the United States and is trying to extend its reach by developing ballistic missiles, submarines and other technologies. Xi refused to renounce the use of force to unite Taiwan with the mainland. Xi also called for improved security for supplies of energy, food and industrial goods. The party also sees "ideological security" as a priority, which is leading to more internet censorship.

FOREIGN RELATIONS: Beijing increasingly uses its economic muscle as the biggest trading partner for all of its neighbors as leverage in politics and security. China blocked imports of Australian wine, meat and other goods after its government called for an investigation into the origins of COVID-19. Beijing tried unsuccessfully to persuade 10 Pacific island governments to sign a security pact this year, but is making inroads with some. Police officers from the Solomon Islands are being trained in China. Beijing wants a "China-centered security system," said Callahan. "Beijing wants to be a world leader, and part of that, according to Beijing, is to be a leader in the hard politics of global security." Chinese diplomats, in a trend dubbed "wolf warrior diplomacy," are more confrontational and sometimes violent. This month, Chinese diplomats in Manchester, England, beat a protester after dragging him onto the grounds of their consulate. Diplomats have "carried forward the fighting spirit," said a deputy foreign minister, Ma Zhaoxu. He said the diplomatic corps will "improve its fighting skills and always stand at the forefront of safeguarding national interests and national dignity."

COVID-19: Xi gave no indication China's "zero-COVID" strategy might ease despite public frustration with its costs. While other countries have eased travel curbs, China is sticking to a strategy that has kept infection rates low but shut down major cities. The party newspaper People's Daily tried to dispel expectations of a relaxation once the congress ended. The strategy "must be sustained," it argued. Public health experts say more of the elderly need to be vaccinated before the ruling party can relax the COVID-19 restrictions. That might take months. Forecasters say that means it might be the end of 2023 before controls might ease.

CLIMATE: Xi promised a "proactive and steady" approach to reducing climate-changing carbon emissions, but at the same time the ruling party is increasing coal production to avert a repeat of last year's power shortages and blackouts. A Cabinet official said coal output will rise to 4.6 billion tons in 2025. That would be 12% more than 2021. Xi said in a 2020 speech to the United Nations that China's emissions should peak in 2030 but didn't say at what level.

China already emits more carbon than the United States and other developed economies combined, according to Rhodium Group.

China is building more coal-fired power plants, which activists warn might cause higher emissions. Meanwhile, Beijing suspended a climate dialogue with Washington in August in retaliation for House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to rival Taiwan.

2 Koreas exchange warning shots along disputed sea boundary

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North and South Korea exchanged warning shots Monday along their disputed western sea boundary — a scene of past bloodshed and naval battles — in a development that raises worry of possible clashes after North Korea's recent barrage of weapons tests.

South Korea's navy broadcast warnings and fired warning shots to repel a North Korean merchant ship that violated the sea boundary at 3:42 a.m., the Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

North Korea's military said its coastal defense units responded by firing 10 rounds of artillery warning shots toward its territorial waters, where "naval enemy movement was detected." It accused a South Korean naval ship of intruding into North Korean waters on the pretext of cracking down on an unidentified ship.

There were no reports of fighting, but the sea boundary off the Korean Peninsula's west coast is a source of long-running animosities. The American-led U.N. command drew a boundary at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War, but North Korea insists upon a boundary that encroaches deeply into waters controlled by the South. Among the deadly events that have happened in the area are the North's shelling of a South Korean island and its alleged torpedoing of a South Korean navy ship, both in 2010. The two attacks killed 50 South Koreans.

Analyst Cheong Seong-Chang at the private Sejong Institute in South Korea said North Korea had likely intentionally plotted its ship incursion because it would be "unimaginable" for a North Korean merchant ship to cross the boundary that early in a day without the permission of the North's military.

Cheong said North Korea is increasingly emboldened by its recent missile tests in which North Korea said it simulated the use of tactical nuclear weapons to attack South Korean and U.S. targets. He noted Pyongyang would also know Washington's strained relationships with Russia and China make it more difficult for the U.S. to draw cooperation from the two regional powers on the North Korean issue.

"The South Korean military needs to make thorough preparations to prevent fresh skirmishes from happening on the West Sea and prevent them from causing the worst case scenario like the North Korean military's artillery bombardments" on a South Korean border island, Cheong said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the North Korean artillery firings Monday breached a 2018 inter-Korean accord on reducing military animosities and undermines stability on the Korean Peninsula. It said the North Korean shells didn't land in South Korean waters but South Korea is boosting its military readiness.

The General Staff of the North's Korean People's Army accused South Korea of provoking animosities near their land border as well as with its own artillery tests and propaganda loudspeaker broadcasts. South Korea has already confirmed it performed artillery firings last week as part of its regular military exercises, but denied that it resumed the loudspeaker broadcasts that both Koreas halted under the 2018 agreement.

"The KPA General Staff once again sends a grave warning to the enemies who made even naval intrusion in the wake of such provocations as the recent artillery firing and loudspeaker broadcasting on the ground front," the North's statement said.

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Livingston Area 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Rain/Snow
Precip Chance: 60%
31
Winds: 10-40 mph SW

Tuesday
Snow
Precip Chance: 35%
47 26
Winds: 10-17 mph SW

Wednesday
Few Snow Showers
46 21
Winds: 8-10 mph WSW

Thursday
Partly Cloudy
45 25
Winds: 10-22 mph SW

Friday
Partly Cloudy
50 30
Winds: 11-21 mph SSW

Livingston Outlook

Tonight, expect mostly cloudy skies with a 60 percent chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 31. Southwest wind 10 to 40 mph. The record low temperature for tonight is 4 set in 2020.

Livingston Statistics

As recorded through yesterday.

Temperatures

High yesterday	33
Low yesterday	31
Record high	73 in 1948
Record low	9 in 1975
Precipitation (as of 4 p.m.)	
Yesterday	0.28"
Month to date	1.74"
Normal for month	0.84"
Year to date	11.93"
Normal year to date	11.99"
Average Humidity	86%
Barometer (noon)	29.72" (falling)

Wind Sock

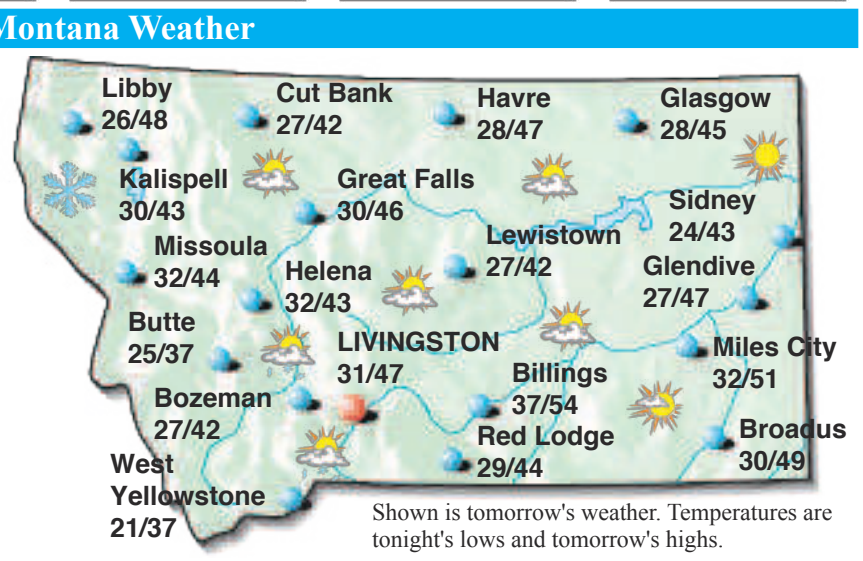


Peak gust for last 24 hours: 22 mph (Recorded at Mission Field)

Yellowstone River

Depth (at Carter's Bridge)	1.48 ft.
Current flow	2,010 ft3/sec.
77-year average	1,900 ft3/sec.
Temperature	n/a

Montana Weather



Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

City	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	Wx	Wednesday Hi	Lo	Wx
Belgrade	44	19	mc	42	14	sn
Billings	54	30	pc	51	29	mc
Bozeman	42	21	sn	40	17	sn
Butte	37	20	sn	35	17	sn
Dillon	42	19	s	38	13	sn
Glasgow	45	23	s	46	24	pc
Glendive	47	25	s	51	26	pc
Great Falls	46	24	pc	45	27	pc
Havre	47	23	pc	45	26	s
Helena	43	25	sn	41	26	mc
Kalispell	43	26	rs	44	27	rs
Lewistown	43	21	pc	44	22	pc
Miles City	51	26	s	52	27	mc
Missoula	44	24	ra	43	28	sn
Sidney	43	23	s	45	24	pc
W. Yellowstone	37	16	sn	36	8	ss

Sun and Moon

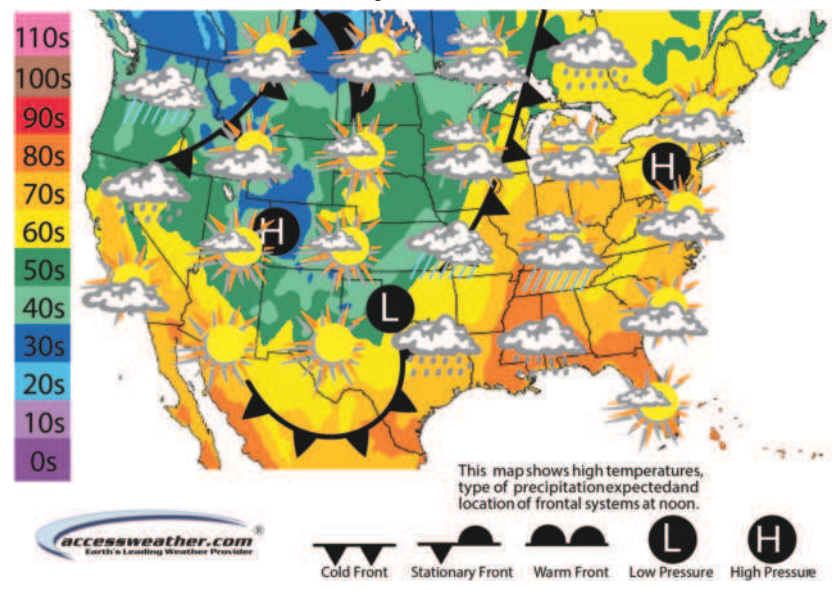
Sunset tonight	6:21 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:52 a.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	8:05 a.m.
Moonset tomorrow	6:32 p.m.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
10/25	11/1	11/8	11/16

National Weather

Forecast map for Oct. 25, 2022



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City	Tomorrow Hi	Lo	Wx	Wednesday Hi	Lo	Wx
Anchorage	31	27	sn	33	21	sn
Atlanta	78	54	sh	69	47	s
Boston	67	59	ra	65	60	sh
Chicago	65	47	sh	57	43	ra
Dallas	70	48	s	74	50	s
Denver	61	35	mc	57	32	pc
Los Angeles	76	57	s	72	52	s
New York	69	62	sh	67	58	sh
Phoenix	76	55	s	79	56	s
Salt Lake City	49	36	ra	50	29	ra
Seattle	52	44	ra	53	47	sh
Washington, D.C.	70	58	mc	72	55	mc

Legend: Wx-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, cl-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, ra-rain, fl-flurries, rs-rain/snow, sn-snow, i-ice, w-windy, R-Record.

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The Calf Canyon/Hermit Peak Fire burns in the mountains near Pecos, N.M., on Thursday May 25, 2022.

Fire-stricken rural New Mexico warily eyes insurance fight

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Manuel and Marcy Silva combed through the charred rubble that used to be their home, searching for any salvageable bits in the wake of the largest wildfire in New Mexico history.

Manuel found two of his high school wrestling medals. Gone was the bedroom furniture Marcy's grandpa built as a gift, her wedding dress and their children's toys.

The family was only one payment away from owning their single-wide mobile home and like many other northern New Mexico residents whose homes were in the path of the flames, the Silvas were uninsured.

After scorching more than 530 square miles of the Rocky Mountain foothills, the government-sparked wildfire is helping to shine a light on what New Mexico officials are calling a crisis — where insurance coverage for everything from homes to workers compensation comes at premiums that often make it unobtainable for many in the poverty-stricken state.

New Mexico officials are banking on a California insurer relocating to the state and selling policies to low-income and underserved areas. But the multimillion-dollar merger involving California Insurance Co. has been clouded by pay-to-play allegations and remains stalled in court.

On Thursday, a California judge stopped short of granting New Mexico's request to intervene in the case but cleared the way for the state to weigh in on a proposed plan to resolve ongoing conservatorship proceedings.

Attorneys for New Mexico argued during the hearing that the need for more insurers has only intensified since the proceedings began more than three years ago. They pointed to businesses having a difficult time securing adequate workers compensation coverage.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas told The Associated Press that he's concerned about families not being able to insure their homes as the risk of wildfire and post-fire flooding escalate amid climate change.

"I'm very concerned that moving forward these natural disasters are either going to raise premiums or we're going to be in a deeper crisis like Florida, where insurance providers don't want to come to New Mexico because it's a very challenging market to insure," he said.

Wildfires have burned about 11,000 square miles across the U.S. so far this year, slightly outpacing the 10-year average. The season started early in New Mexico when the U.S. Forest Service failed to take into account the ongoing drought and measures meant to lessen the fire danger were whipped out of control by strong winds.

The federal government agreed to funnel $2.5 billion in recovery funds to New Mexico in what members of the state's congressional delegation described as a "down payment" on what would be a decadeslong recovery.

While the relief money has been celebrated by New Mexico officials, residents in remote villages scattered throughout the mountains say they have had a difficult time filing claims with federal emergency managers and that there's no system for quickly getting families the help they need.

Mike Maese has armored his home with sandbags and a ladder is nearby so he and his family can escape to the roof in case of more post-fire flooding.

"I'm not the type of person to go beg for help or go cry for this, that and the other but I'm tired," he said, lamenting that he has been forced to take time away from his barbershop business to clean up debris and truck in water for flushing toilets and taking showers now that the well on his property has been ruined.

He tried to get insurance years ago but it would have cost more than what he could have insured his property for.

The Silvas said the cost of insuring a single-wide mobile home manufactured in the 1970s was insurmountable. And the home used a wood-burning stove for heat — like many homes in rural New Mexico.

Marcy Silva works in information technology at New Mexico Highlands, and Manuel is employed by the San Miguel County Public Works Department. They would have opted for insurance if it was affordable.

Police: 3 killed in shooting at St. Louis high school

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A gunman broke into a St. Louis high school Monday morning, fatally shooting a woman and a teenage girl and injuring six others before police killed him in an exchange of gunfire.

The shooting just after 9 a.m. at Central Visual and Performing Arts High School forced students to barricade doors and huddle in classroom corners, jump from windows and run out of the building to seek safety. One terrorized girl said she was eye-to-eye with the shooter before his gun apparently jammed and she was able to run out.

Speaking at a news conference, Police Commissioner Michael Sack said the shooter was about 20 years old but did not provide a name for him or his victims. He declined to say if the woman killed was a teacher. Sack said security officials initially became alarmed when the man tried to get into the locked school building. He declined to say how the man eventually got inside, armed with what he described as a long gun. St. Louis Schools Superintendent Kelvin Adams said seven security guards were in the school at the time, each at an entry point of the locked building. Officers worked to get students out of the three-story brick building, then "ran to that gunfire, located that shooter and engaged that shooter in an exchange of gunfire," killing him, Sack said.

Sack said some of the six people hospitalized suffered gunshot wounds, while others were struck by shrapnel. He did not provide any information on their conditions.

One student, 16-year-old Taniya Gholston, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch she was in a room when the shooter entered.

"All I heard was two shots and he came in there with a gun," Gholston said. "And I was trying to run and I couldn't run. Me and him made eye contact but I made it out because his gun got jammed. But we saw blood on the floor." Ninth-grader Nylah Jones told the Post-Dispatch she was in math class when the shooter fired into the room from the hallway. The shooter was unable to get into the room and banged on the door as students piled into a corner, she said.

