Idling trains stalled by more traffic, weather

By Liz Kearney Enterprise Staff Writer

Some of Livingston's east side residents have noticed an increase in trains idling near the Bennett Street crossing.

Carol Carver, who lives near South O and East Park streets, said recently trains idle near the Bennett Street crossing nearly 24/7, disrupting her daily life and sleep.

"It's the first thing I hear in the morning and the last thing at night," she said. "We moved here for peace and quiet."

Montana Rail Link spokesman Jim Lewis said last week the idling trains are due to a combination of slightly more trains as well as backups along the line to the west of Livingston.

Avalanches on Marias Pass near Glacier National Park last month and flooding between Spokane and Pasco, Washington, recently caused train traffic to back up all along the line, he said.

And traffic is up slightly, from 18.6 trains per day to 20. The extra train traffic is due to strong grain shipments from the Midwest to West Coast ports, Lewis said.

"This congestion in the region results in trains taking longer to move across the rail route and can sometimes result in trains being staged across MRL as they wait to proceed into Idaho and Washington," Lewis said in a follow-up email.

The trains idle rather than turning off their engines, Lewis explained, because the idling is required to maintain the trains' air brakes.

And locomotive engines are designed to idle when the outside temperature is lower than 45 degrees to prevent the engine from freezing, he



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A BNSF train idles at the Fifth Street Intersection in Livingston in January 2016.

White House sees 'deep state' behind opposition, leaks

NEW YORK (AP) — The White House and its allies are stepping up their attacks on a foe typically associated with fragile democracies, military coups and spy thrillers.

The "deep state," an alleged shadowy network of powerful entrenched federal and military interests, has increasingly become the focus of Republicans who accuse such forces of trying to undermine the new president.

Though senior White House staff members don't use the exact label, the notion behind it has taken hold. President Donald Trump claims his predecessor tapped his phone and America's intelligence agencies have conspired to leak harmful information to embarrass him. His chief strategist has vowed to dismantle the permanent Washington "administration state." White House spokesman Sean Spicer says "people that burrowed into government" are trying to sabotage

To Trump's critics, these assertions come off as paranoid fear of a non-existent shadow government and an effort to create a scapegoat for the White House's struggles. But to Trump's supporters, this represents an overdue challenge to an elite ruling class concerned only with maintain-

ing its own grasp on power.

"Of course, the deep state exists. There's a permanent state of massive bureaucracies that do whatever they want and set up deliberate leaks to attack the president," said Newt Gingrich, a Trump confidant. "This is what the deep state does: They create a lie, spread a lie, fail to check the lie and then deny that they were behind the

Historians believe the concept of the "deep state" comes from Turkey, where the term "derin devlet" meant a clandestine network.

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'COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR'

Livingston receives honor in Montana Tourism Awards

By Samantha Hill Enterprise Staff Writer

\\/ith rivers, unique celebrations and general popularity among tourists, Livingston won Community of the Year at the 2017 Montana Tourism Awards in Helena on Monday.

Livingston's win was announced at a banquet during the Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation along with other awards granted to cities and organizations across Montana for their contributions to visitorship in their communi-

Livingston Area Chamber of Commerce Director Leslie Feigel said Tuesday morning that this was a big win for the area after the river closure last sum-

"We have been through so many things this year," Feigel

Feigel said Livingston was chosen not only because of how



Enterprise photos by Hunter D'Antuono

Livingston Peak, capped with snow, towers over Livingston's Main Street, which is packed with historic structures.

the city managed the river closure but also for its increased hotel stays and its introduction of new marketing material, making it an attractive destination for visitors.

Feigel said an individual wrote a letter to the Montana Bureau of Commerce nominating the town in February. Livingston was later chosen as one of the finalists among three others — Kalispell, Anaconda and Butte. It ultimately won the coveted spot after it was judged by six Montana tourism experts.

City Commission Chairman James Bennett said he was happy Livingston was chosen for the award because he thinks it can be hard to look past some

negative perceptions the city has and see the good that's been happening.

We have a lot of good things going on in this town," Bennett said, adding he wasn't surprised Livingston won the award.

Feigel said a win of this caliber will give the city marketing and bragging rights for the next year — plus the chamber received a trophy for the win.

After all the awards were announced, including ones for the cities of Ekalaka, Butte and Fort Benton, Gov. Steve Bullock released a statement celebrating the tourism industry in Montana:

Montana's economy and supports thousands of Main Street businesses in the state," Bullock said. "I'm happy to recognize these businesses that show some of the amazing things that our state has to offer to visitors and residents alike.'

Gardiner had been nominated for Event of the Year for its "Evening at the Arch" centennial celebration, but the award Monday evening went to Ekalaka's annual Dino Shindig.

Northeast gets clobbered by a sloppy, late-season storm

NEW YORK (AP) — A sloppy, blustery late-season storm lashed the Northeast with sleet and more than a foot of snow in places Tuesday, paralyzing much of the Washington-to-Boston corridor after a remarkably mild February had lulled people into thinking the worst of winter was

The powerful nor'easter grounded nearly 6,000 flights, knocked out power to almost a quarter-million customers from Virginia northward, closed schools in cities big and small and prompted dire warnings to stay off the roads. Amtrak suspended service and the post office halted mail delivery.

As the morning wore on, the storm track shifted slightly and snow switched to sleet in Philadelphia and New York, prompting forecasters to lift blizzard warnings for the two big cities and cut their prediction of a foot or more of snow by over half.

But Boston was still in the crosshairs, with up to a foot expected in the metropolitan area and gusts up to 75 mph forecast along the Massachusetts coast. And inland areas up and down the Northeast got clob-

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, received at least a foot of snow, and Wantage, New Jersey, got at least 17 inches. New York's Hudson Valley had up to 20 inches by midafternoon.

'The winters seem to be upside down now. January and February are nice and then March and April seem to be more wintry than they were in the past," said Bob Clifford, who



Two men play golf with a tennis ball as a snowstorm sweeps through Times Square in New York on Tuesday.

ventured out on an early morning grocery run for his family in Altamont, near Albany, New

His advice: "Just hide inside. Hibernate.'

A 16-year-old girl was killed in New Hampshire after she lost control of her car on a snowy road and hit a tree. But many other people were home, and stayed there, when the storm rolled in Monday night and Tues-

'Good day to make brownies ... and or read a book," said Gov. Dannel P. Malloy of Connecticut, of snow in some areas.

The above-ground portions of the New York subway system were shut down, and the flight cancellations included nearly 3,300 in the New York City area alone. Hundreds of passengers were stranded at airports.

Laura and Matthew Balderstone of West Yorkshire, England, intended to spend their honeymoon in Florida but found themselves stuck at the Newark, New Jersey, airport and couldn't find a hotel room.

"It's better safe than sorry, especially flying. I suppose it's a which was expecting up to 2 feet shame that we can't get another

way around this. It's just the way it is, unfortunately," Matthew Balderstone said.

In the nation's capital, the federal government announced a three-hour delayed arrival for non-emergency employees, with an option to take the day off or telecommute.

The nor'easter came a week after the region saw temperatures climb into the 60s, and less than a week before the official start of spring.

A few days ago, workers on Washington's National Mall were making plans to turn on the fountains.

OBITUARIES

Dean N. Kubly

Dean N. Kubly, 64, of Livingston, went home to be with his Lord on Friday, March 10, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 15 at the Mountain Bible Church, 18 Pine Meadow Road, Paradise Valley. A reception will follow the service at the church. Memorials are preferred to Mountain Bible Church Missions Groups, 18 Pine Meadow Rd., Livingston, MT 59047.

Dean was born on Nov. 24, 1952, in Freeport, Illinois. He was the son of Nathan and Frieda (Meinert) Kubly.

He was raised in Davis, Illinois and he received his education in Dakota, Illinois. Dean was a graduate of the Dakota High School Class of 1971.

Dean entered active military service in the United States Air National Guard. He was stationed stateside for three years until his Honorable Discharge.

After his stint in the Guard, he had taken work cleaning at a bakery. One day while cleaning ovens the chemical cleaner ignited, badly burning his retinas. He was unable to work ever since. On Sept. 7, 1996, Dean was united in marriage to Beth at Kohler-Andrae State Park in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. They shared 20 years of marriage. They moved to Montana in 2007, making this their forever home. He was in awe every time he took in the majesty of the beautiful surroundings of our area.

Dean loved to tinker on cars and was very mechanical. If you were ever over visiting, he probably offered to do a quick oil change on your car while you visited.

Blessed be his memory.

Dean is survived by his loving wife, Beth; his children, Nate Kubly, Amy Becker, and Janey Marinaro; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was also survived by his siblings Nancy, Dawn and Dewey, along with nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan and Frieda Kubly.

Arrangements are under the care of Franzen-Davis Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences may be shared at www.franzen-davis.com.

Barbara House

Barbara House, 63, of Helena, died unexpectedly at her home in Helena on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. A graveside committal service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston. Online condolences may be shared at www.Franzen-Davis.com.

In Short

Missoula firefighters win Seattle stairclimb competition

MISSOULA (AP) — A team of Missoula firefighters took first place as they huffed and puffed up 69 stories of Seattle's Columbia Center during the 26th annual Scott Firefighter Stairclimb competition.

The Missoulian reports the team of Andrew Drobeck, Benjamin Brunsvold and Andrew Burke won Sunday's competition with a combined time of 36 minutes, 23 seconds. It was the sixth team win in a row for Missoula's city firefighters.

It also was the sixth individual win for Drobeck, who wore bib No. 1 and took first place individually, getting to the top in 10 minutes, 58 seconds.

The competition is part of a national fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Last year, the event raised a

Each firefighter hikes the 1,356 steps wearing full gear and

breathing from an oxygen tank.

Judge says Mountain Water attorney's fees too high

MISSOULA (AP) — A judge has ordered the former owner of Mountain Water Co. to recalculate the attorney's fees it is seeking after losing a condemnation case and being forced to sell the water company to the City of Missoula for \$88.6 mil-

District Judge Karen Townsend said the expenses claimed by The Carlyle Group exceeded reasonable and customary rates. Mountain Water and The Carlyle Group are seeking \$7.1

Townsend said the companies used out-of-state law firms that billed more than double the customary hourly rate in Mis-

Carlyle and Mountain Water also used more attorneys than the judge deemed necessary and billed excessive costs for a mock trial and expert testimony.

Snowmelt causes floods in Wyoming

GRANGER, Wyo. (AP) — Flooding along the Blacks Fork River in southwest Wyoming forced the evacuation of about 40 residents in the small town of Grang-

Runoff from melting snow sent the river to record levels late Sunday.

The river hit 12.5 feet at Little America. The previous record was 11.2 feet on March 13, 1997.

The Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office says a trailer court in Granger had to be evacuated over the weekend because of the high water. The water had receded some Monday but residents remain out of their homes until authorities determined it was safe to return.

The National Weather Service says widespread flooding along the Blacks Fork at Granger was expected to continue into Tuesday.

A flood advisory was posted for southwest Sublette and southern Lincoln counties into Tuesday morning.

ness handled bets for closedcircuit horse race gambling sites. Bala spent more than a

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BRIEFS

• The Active Transportation Coalition will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15 in the Neptune's Brewery back room. For more information, contact Jacqueline Isaly at

• The Livingston Center for Art and Culture, in collaboration with Elk River Books, will celebrate by sponsoring Poetry in the Windows. Poems by local authors will be displayed in the win-

dows of downtown businesses through the month of April. A poetry reading will be held in April at 119 S. Main St. at date and time still to be chosen. They are now accepting poetry submissions. Email your poems to kathy@livingstoncenter.org by March 18. Format your works as close to the 8.5" x 14" paper size as possible. For more information, call 222-5222.

• Loaves and Fishes is hosting its

annual Soup & Song benefit from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 2 in the St. Mary's School gymnasium, 39 View Vista Dr. Join them as they celebrate with musical guests. The cost is a free-will

• Attention Red Hats, should make their meeting reservations for the March meeting by calling Anita at 222-1789. Make reservations by Thursday,

CALENDAR

TUESDAY

- Federation of Fly Fishers Museum, 5237 U.S. Hwy. 89 South, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Gardiner Community Library, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
- Livingston-Park County Public Library, 228 W. Callender St., noon.-8
- Livingston Food Pantry of Park
- County, 202 S. Second St., 1-5 p.m. · Gardiner Food Pantry, Gardiner Community Center, 1-6 p.m.
- Tobacco Cessation Group, Peer Solutions Drop-In Center, 104 W. Clark St., 4-5 p.m. Call 222-3332.
- T.O.P.S. No. 481, Community Health Partners' Learning Center, 5 p.m.
- Last Word Toastmasters, Vince Grant Hall, 1306 E. Park St., 6 p.m. • Gardiner-Park County Water Dis-
- trict Board meeting, 6 p.m. • Gardiner Resort Area District meeting, Gardiner Visitor's Center, 7 p.m.
- Bingo, Senior Center of Park County, 206 S. Main St., 7 p.m. • American Legion Auxiliary, Legion
- Hall, 112 N. B St., 7 p.m.
 - AA, 12 x 12 Group, Vince Grant Hall,

- 1306 E. Park St., 7 p.m.
- Livingston Masons Lodge, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.
- Model Train Club, Depot baggage room in the basement, 7:30 p.m.
- Paradise Valley Fire Department, monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- Intro to Meditation and Tai Chi, Civic Center, 8 a.m.
- Federation of Fly Fishers Museum, 5237 U.S. Highway 89 South, 8 a.m.-5
- · Intro to Meditation and Tai Chi, Lincoln School, 10 a.m.
- Free walking time, Livingston Civic Center, 8 a.m.-10 a.m., noon-1 p.m.
- Livingston-Park County Public Library, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Free parent and tot time, Livingston Civic Center, 10 a.m.-noon.
- The Kiwanis, Livingston-Park County Public Library, noon.
- Pickleball, Civic Center, noon-2 p.m.
- Prize bingo, Senior Center of Park County, 206 S. Main St., 1 p.m.
- Communication Skills Group, Peer

Solutions Drop-In Center, 104 W. Clark St., 4-5 p.m. Call 222-3332.

- Al-Anon, Vince Grant Hall, 1306 E. Park St., 5 p.m.
- Adult Basketball Open gym, Civic Center, 5-8 p.m.
- The Knit-Wits knitting club, Livingston-Park County Public Library, 6-8 p.m.
- Overeaters Anonymous meeting, 12 by 12 program, Vince Grant Hall, 6:30
- Golden Word Toastmasters, Gardiner Ranger Station, U.S. Highway 89 South, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Pinochle, Senior Citizens Center, 6:45
- Meeting Night, Livingston Elks Lodge, 7 p.m. VFW Post 2154, American Legion
- Hall, 7 p.m. • Narcotics Anonymous, Vince Grant
- Hall, 7 p.m. • Livingston Sister City Committee, Bev Steveson meeting room, Livingston-
- Park County Public Library, 228 W. Callender St., 7 p.m. • Gamblers Anonymous, Vince Grant

Opponents: North Dakota-owned casinos would hurt local tribes Three Affiliated Tribes

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A change to the North Dakota Constitution allowing stateowned casinos will hurt American Indian gambling facilities and further erode relationships with tribes, opponents of the proposal told lawmakers Monday.

The proposal comes after months of protests of the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access pipeline's disputed crossing under a Missouri River reservoir near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in North Dakota.

"Tribal and state relations are at an all-time low, so low that we are in a deficit, in the red," Ruth Buffalo, of Mandaree, told the House Judiciary Committee. "The state of North Dakota needs

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taxes to horse

racing business

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The

owner of a horse betting

business in North Dakota

says the state has agreed to pay her more than \$13 mil-

lion after her conviction for

illegal gambling was over-

A federal bankruptcy

judge has ruled the state

must refund Susan Bala the money it collected for taxes. Bala founded Racing Servic-

es Inc. The Fargo-based busi-

turned.

to be worrying about how they can fix relationships with tribes."

Rep. Al Carlson, R-Fargo, said the idea behind the proposed constitutional amendment is to establish casinos as "destination-oriented attractions" and use profits from them to lessen — or eliminate altogether — state sales tax and corporate income tax. It also would be a preemp-

tive strike against a voter initiative that could establish casinos with rules less desirable to lawmakers, backers "I want citizens to be able to vote on this but we want to

Forks. North Dakota has charita-

year in prison before a feder-

control the details," said Sen.

Lonnie Laffen, R-Grand

ble gambling sites in bars and clubs throughout the state. North Dakota voters in 2002 also endorsed putting the state into national lottery games, after defeating the idea three times prior. The Legislature in 2003 killed proposal to allow gambling casinos anywhere in the state. North Dakota already has

six casinos on American Indian reservations. The proposal would forbid state casinos from being built within 20 miles of a reservation, or 5 miles of a city of more than 5,000 people. The proposal would allow up to six state-owned casinos.

ture, voters could decide the

issue in the June 2018 prima-

Bala tells KFGO the \$13

dent of the board of directors for the Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota, said the additional casinos also would hurt his organization, that has about 300 sites

for the other."

"This is not an expansion of

Chairman Mark Fox said

casinos provide more than

2,000 jobs and millions of dol-

lars in annual revenue for the

state's five Indian reserva-

tions and nearby communi-

Fox said the state already

has an adequate number of

casinos. If more were added,

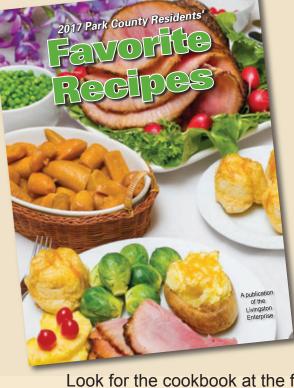
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Jonathan Jorgensen, presi-

gaming, this is an explosion of gaming," he said.

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(The cookbook is not available at the Enterprise office)

Special education struggles to find funding in Legislature

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HELENA — The main state budget bill at the Montana Legislature

passed first reading last week with some surprises, like the restoration of \$11.5 million to higher education funding, and some expected cuts.

But one area has consistently struggled to find funding throughout

the entirety of the 65th Montana Tom Woods, D-Bozeman, proposed Legislative session — special education. Funded through a combination of federal dollars and state funds, special education has seen minimal increases in state funds, leaving local and federal dollars to pick up the slack, according to a report by the legislative school funding inter-

Seven bills addressing special ed funding have been introduced by three different legislators this session. All but two of them have been tabled or killed. Only House Joint Resolution 1, which would request an interim study on the subject, has been signed into law.

The bills deal with everything from providing inflationary increases to special education to allowing students with disabilities to remain in school until age 22.

As with other programs that are in my opinion.'

sion, the problem boils down to a lack of funding.

"In my mind, it's more of a federal government problem they need to be solving," said Rep. Nancy Ballance,

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R-Hamilton. "They're capable of doing it."

Ballance is the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, which is in charge of reviewing and passing House Bill 2, the state's budget. Rep.

an amendment that would have written an inflationary increase for special ed funding of nearly 2 percent into the budget by fiscal year 2019. The amendment ultimately failed on a vote of 9-13.

"We get \$43 million a year from the federal government," Ballance said. "If we add that inflation factor, it's going to get to a point where we can't fund everything in the state."

Ballance doesn't deny there are issues with special education in the state. Representatives from both sides of the aisle have proposed funding measures for special needs students, but the philosophies differ. "I believe that every person here

knows that this has to be funded," said Rep. Moffie Funk, D-Helena. "Some maybe feel it a little more urgently than others, but it's a given

which would put special education funding in line with schools' ANB funding, or "average number belonging." ANB is the measure that determines the amount of funding schools receive based on number of students. Currently, special needs students receive funding separately from general education students.

'I argued, this way we don't have to come back each year and figure out how we're going to pay for special ed." Funk said.

Supporters of the bill said HB 253 was necessary for the continued support of those programs.

"After 24 years in education, I feel the adequacy of special education funding is at a tipping point," said Lisa Lowney, a special education administrator in Helena. "To meet the mandates of special education services, we are having to reduce opportunities for general education students, causing an equity issue."

Eric Feaver, president of MEA-MFT, the teachers union, said legislators could have solved many of the problems befalling special education with HB 253. "You can make some of the rheto-

ric go away if you adopt this bill," Feaver said during the hearing. However, Funk's bill did not make

it past first reading. A motion to "blast" the bill out of committee and onto the House floor also failed.

more individual-based approach with House Bill 423. The bill, the only other on special education that is still alive, would create a savings account program for special needs students, and would allow parents to take the amount of money allotted to their child by the state and use it for alternative special education programs.

Berglee's bill faced criticism for removing funds from existing special education programs. But he said he doesn't see how it would detract from other students.

He said finding "creative solutions" to the state's special education problems won't weaken the ability of other students to receive their allotted funding.

"It's impossible, I think, to have a system that completely fixes it or makes everything right," Berglee said. "I think he best thing to do is find options that work for the majority of people."

Rep. Kathy Kelker, D-Billings, took a different approach, attempting to provide inflationary increases for both schools and special education cooperatives. Two of the bills, House Bills 31 and 33, would have funded schools and cooperatives separately. House Bill 32 provided increases for both.

Kelker said cooperatives generally serve rural communities, and struggle because they only receive fundlike schools that offer special education services

"Some of them are actually at the brink of bankruptcy. They just couldn't provide the services," Kelker said. "If that would happen, it would mean the individual small, small districts would have to do all their special ed stuff themselves."

Kelker said that means schools hiring instructors to educate special needs students themselves, which could mean hiring one teacher for a very small number of students.

"If special education isn't funded appropriately, it's a mandated service, so the school districts dip into their general fund and pay for special ed," Kelker said. "Thus, depriving the general population of kids the benefit of having what was in the general fund.'

House Bill 32 passed second reading on the House floor, but was tabled in the appropriations commit-

Kelker also introduced House Bill 274 to allow students with disabilities to remain in school up to age 22. It was also tabled in committee.

She said allowing students with special needs to remain in school would allow them to retain the skills they have learned, which would make them better suited to entering the workforce than if they graduated at age 18.

Montana governor calls health care plan a step backward

HELENA (AP) — Montana's Republican U.S. senator joined the state's top Democrats in criticizing the Republican health care plan Monday after a nonpartisan analysis showed the legislation would lead to millions losing their coverage and insurance premiums continuing to rise over the next several years.

The Congressional Budget Office report said 14 million Americans would lose health care coverage next year under the Republican legislation, and 24 million by 2026.

Insurance premiums would rise until 2020, but end up lower compared to premiums under President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act by 2026, according to the analysis.

"We need to do better," U.S. Sen. Steve Daines, R-Montana, said in a statement in response to the CBO report. "I want to see costs and premiums go down to make health care more affordable for Montana families."

Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock said the CBO analysis shows the GOP health proposal would be a "troubling step backwards."

"Ripping health care away from thousands of Montanans, cutting off the lifeline to our hospitals, and keeping our taxpayer dollars back in Washington, D.C., is a sucker-punch to rural states like Montana," Gov. Steve Bullock said in a statement.

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana, called the Republican bill reckless and said Congress should work together to improve the Affordable Care Act instead of dismantling it.

State-by-state breakdowns detailing pro-



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jected coverage losses were not immediately available. Bullock spokeswoman Ronja Abel said the governor's budget office was analyzing the report and the potential impact to

Montana's uninsured rate has fallen from 22 percent to 7 percent since the Affordable Care Act became law. Much of that

came when the state expanded Medicaid in 2015, and 71,000 people now have health coverage through that program. The Republican health proposal would

seek to cap federal spending on Medicaid expansion, eliminate subsidies for others and eliminate the mandate that people purchase coverage. The effect would be to reduce federal defi-

cits by \$337 billion over the next decade. Montana Securities and Insurance Commissioner Matthew Rosendale, a Republican, is encouraged by the positive effect on the federal budget, but is concerned about improving health care access and lowering costs, spokesman Kyle Schmauch said.

"Matt has been supporting legislation at the state level that can help improve access to health care and lower costs regardless of what action the federal government takes,' Schmauch said.

MT House endorses measure to clarify open meetings laws

HELENA (AP) — The Montana House gave initial approval Monday to a bill to clarify that county commissioners can travel together or attend the same event without violating the state's open meeting laws, despite objections that the measure could lead to less public participation.

The bill by Republican state Sen. Pat Connell, of Hamilton, says that a gathering of a majority of county commissioners at an event or traveling in the same vehicle does not constitute a meeting unless official business is discussed. If they discuss business, the members must provide a report at their next public meeting about what happened.

All county commission meetings must be open to the public and notice must be given at least two days ahead of a meeting. County commissioners who gather anywhere without that public notice could be in violation of open meeting laws, under the current law.

Republican state Rep. Denley Loge, of St. Regis, who carried Connell's bill in the House, said the clarification is needed in counties where small populations mean that a quorum of county commissioners can found at a basketball game or even a funeral.

"It's trying to ... let those public officials actually have a public life," Loge

Opponents of the measure said the bill provides exemptions to public meetings that county commissioners could use as a loophole. Republican Rep. Forrest Mandeville, of Columbus, noted that the measure is being debated at the beginning of Sunshine Week, an annual celebration of access to public information.

"We should be strengthening public participation, not providing exemptions to that," Mandeville said. "This is an easy no vote, especially during Sunshine Week."

The House voted for the measure 67-33 on Monday. It must pass a final vote before it goes to Democratic Gov. Steve Bullock. The Senate approved the

bill last month. The House also endorsed

other measures on Monday: - Three bills recommend-

ed by the state Commission on Sentencing that aim to reduce jail populations and save money. One would set deadlines on pre-sentencing investigation reports so that criminals are sentenced more quickly and moved out of overpopulated county jails. Another would allow low-risk probationers to be discharged after being under supervision for nine months. The third would require counseling services that reduce the risk of future violent behavior from offenders

- A bill that would clarify a state law that prohibits hunting from vehicles. The bill says a person is not in violation if his or her entire body is outside of the vehicle and both feet are on the

Utah high school opens new facilities for homeless students

A Salt Lake City high school washing machines and dryis transforming two small ers, donated clothes, a showlocker rooms into laundry and shower rooms for the school's 80 homeless students in hopes of helping them with Co-chair Kris Barta said the basic necessities so they can focus on learning.

East High School Principal Greg Maughan said the new facilities should open sometime this month. The old less students sleep on the

er and toiletries, KSL-Radio reported.

Parent Teacher Association group came up with the idea after making it a goal to help the vulnerable student population this year.

Some of East High's home-

ers are constantly moving around to different homes. Some spend time at a nearby homeless shelter in Midvale and get bussed to East High.

More than 60 percent of the school's 2,000 students quality for free breakfast and lunch, and roughly 80 students come from refugee families.

"A lot of teens now are

they may not have the opportunity to shower in the morning, but they want to," Maughan said. "There's typically enough time where they can get breakfast and still shower and get ready for class."

East High also recently opened a food pantry and clothing center for students in need. It is staffed by the

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — locker rooms now contain streets, Barta said, while oth- serving as caregivers, and PTA, with donations from tions, Barta said. local stores and the community. The new washing machines and dryers, as well as the towels, soap, shampoo and detergent were also sup- next meal or wash their plied by community dona- clothes.

Maughan said the goal is to get students thinking about their studies instead of where they will get their

Montana's education plans will be revised

HELENA(AP) — Montana's top school chief says she will revise the state's plan to provide a quality education to all students, assess their progress and help struggling schools improve.

States must turn in such plans to receive federal

funding under the Every Student Succeeds Act. Congress passed two bills last week affecting requirements under the act and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Monday released an updated template to guide states'

ASSAULT

A 61-year-old Livingston man made an initial appearance in Justice Court Monday for assault on peace officer, a felony; and three counts of disorderly conduct. He was released on his own recognizance. He was cited Saturday.

A 43-year-old Livingston man made an initial appearance in Justice Court Monday for partner or family member assault, third offense, a felony; and obstructing a peace officer. He was released on his own recognizance. He was cited Saturday.

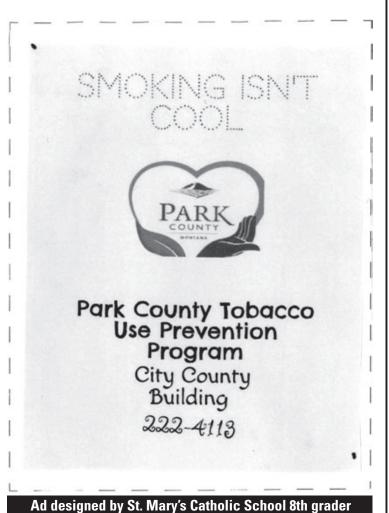
BAD CHECKS Michael Ross, 31, of Livingston, pleaded guilty in Justice Court Monday to issuing bad checks. He was fined \$185 and ordered to pay \$102 in restitution. He was cited Dec. 7, 2016.

POSSESSION

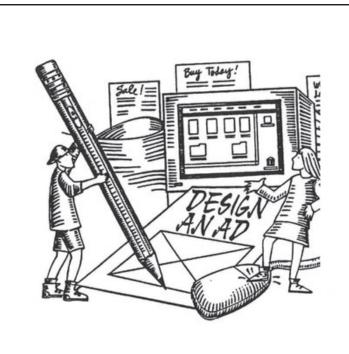
A 37-year-old Livingston man made an initial appearance in Justice Court Monday for criminal possession of dangerous drugs with intent to distribute, a felony. Bond was set at \$10,000. He was cited Sunday.

Superintendent Elsie Arntzen says the U.S. Department of Education hasn't

evaluated Montana's plan, which was submitted in December.



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Moon orbit trip will be giant leap

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to travel around the moon?

Next year, two people will reportedly be taking this trip of a lifetime. What they will see and experience on the mythical celestial object that orbits our earth is anyone's guess. Until now, only highly trained astronauts have done it.

This incredible excursion is the brainchild of Elon Musk. The world renowned engineer/inventor is one of the cofounders, and current CEO, of Tesla Inc. He's also helped start up several other businesses, including X.com — which later merged with Confinity in tities of the two space travelers-to-be. 2000, and became PayPal.

Musk's company, SpaceX, has worked hand-in-hand with NASA's Commercial Crew Program to develop the Dragon 2 spacecraft that will take these two people around the moon. (NASA provided most of the funding for this part of the project.) The spacecraft will use the

Falcon Heavy rocket, which has already been successfully tested on several occasions, including Feb. 19 at Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

According to SpaceX, next year's liftoff will occur at "Kennedy Space Center's historic Pad 39A near Cape Canaveral— the same launch pad used by the Apollo program for its lunar missions." This trip, it says, "presents an opportunity for humans to return to deep space for the first time in 45 years and they will travel faster and further into the Solar System than any before them."

SpaceX has been mum about the iden-

All we currently know is that they paid "a significant deposit" for this impending flight on Dragon 2 and, according to Musk's recent conference call, the big spenders include "nobody from Hollywood."

This trip sounds (and will be) out of this world, but is the whole venture

believable? Based on Musk's impressive track record, especially with Tesla's electric cars that run on lithium-ion batteries, it's pretty hard to bet against

And yes, because SpaceX is a private company, Musk must ultimately obtain a license from the Federal Aviation Administration before sending Dragon 2 into orbit. The FAA is within its rights to say "no," but based on the excitement this unique project has generated, its answer will probably be a resounding "yes."

If this excursion comes to fruition, and is successful, it would radically transform the way space travel is conducted.

While the cost per individual would be astronomical at this point, as more people take this trip, it could gradually become economical. The rich would get to see what other humans can only imagine, and have the greatest boast

yet about what they did on their vaca-

Private space flight could also increase the possibility of setting up a Moon colony, giving human beings a chance to live on this astronomical body for short or long periods of time, and enhance scientific study and exploration of our solar system.

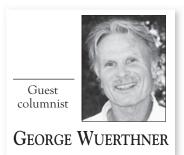
Finally, this promised flight could prove that a private company has the technology, creativity and ability to move us further ahead in the modern space race than we ever thought possi-

We await the Dragon 2 spacecraft's launch in 2018 with eager anticipation, and wish Musk much success in his quest to enable private citizens to soar around the moon. That would be, to quote Neil Armstrong when he became the first person to walk on the moon in July 1969, one giant leap for mankind.

The Providence (R.I.) Journal

Fish and Wildlife Service should slow down on grizzly bear delisting

The Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing to delist grizzlies from the protection of the Endangered Species Act in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. The basic



rationale for delisting is that the geographical distribution of bears has increased, particularly in areas south and east of Yellowstone Park, as well as population growth.

whether this is enough to justify delisting, and more worrisome is whether the bear's continued population growth is really ensured.

At best, there may be 700 grizzlies in the entire Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. While this may seem like a large number, consider that grizzlies are a tournament species. That is, a few large, dominant males do the bulk of all breeding — hence reducing the overall genetic diversity in the population.

Many geneticists believe a viable population of 2,500-5,000 bears is necessary for the long-term survival of the species. This can only be accomplished if the Yellowstone bears numbers increase and are eventually connected to other bear populations further north as part of a larger metapopula-

There has been increasing mortality of female grizzlies in recent years for reasons that may be related to climate change — to be discussed in a minute. But higher mortality of females is critical since they are the source of new bears in the population.

The major argument against delisting has to do with a significant decline in Yellowstone grizzly food sources.

Whitebark pine, which has nutritious seeds, and which bears, particularly female bears, relied upon, have declined significantly due to bark beetles. The increase in bark beetle mortality in whitebark pine is attributed to global warming. As temperatures continue to rise, we can only imagine even greater mortality in whitebark pine populations and loss of a major food source

for grizzlies. A second loss has been cutthroat trout. Bears used to feed upon spawning trout in tributaries to Yellowstone Lake, much as coastal brown bear feed on salmon. Lake trout, which prev upon cutthroat, were introduced into Yellowstone Lake and caused a major decline in cutthroat trout populations to the point where few to no bears feed on spawning trout any longer.

A third loss is meat. In the past, elk numbers were higher, and many elk died in winter due to starvation. This provided bears, particularly, females with cubs, a ready source of highly nutritious food in spring after they left their winter den.

A fourth major source of food is army cutworm moth larvae. The moths feed on alpine flowers and lay their eggs in high rock basins. With global warming, tundra habitat is expected to shrink, which may significantly reduce this food source, or alternatively, farmers may use more potent pesticides to reduce moth populations. In any event, this other pillar of grizzly food resources

One consequence of these changes in food resources has been greater conflicts with humans. Female bears that no longer can subsist on whitebark pine seeds are now driven to relying more on meat. But this forces them to seek out cattle or find gut piles left by hunters. Both activities put them more in harm's way.

The continued culling of bison in Yellowstone Park also threatens grizzlies. Like elk, higher bison populations result in greater winter mortality. Winter-weakened bison or carrion resulting from winter kill are increasingly important food for bears, particularly at a time of year when other food resources are limited. Finding the carcass of a dead bison upon exiting the winter den is like winning the lottery for a female with cubs. But the ongoing bison slaughter is literally taking food right out of the mouth of bears, particularly, females.

Most current mortality of bears is occurring on the fringes of its occupied habitat. But these are exactly the bears we need to ensure connectivity to other grizzly populations, as well as for population expansion.

Finally, given the long time to maturity, combined low birth rate of grizzlies, bears are particularly vulnerable to population declines which might not be immediately apparent.

Given all these factors, it is disingenuous for the Fish and Wildlife Service and the state wildlife agencies in Montana and Wyoming to suggest that bears can safely be delisted. Delisting would inevitability result in greater habitat losses and destruction. It's time for the FWS to slow down. Let's wait another 10 or 15 years and then revisit the grizzly delisting issue. Now is not the time to jeopardize the bear's

EDITOR'S NOTE: George Wuerthner, of Livingston, is an ecologist with a strong interest in grizzly bears.

It's time now to meet the candidates for Montana's next congressman. The Democrats have chosen musician Rob Quist and the Republicans have decided on billionaire businessman Greg Gianforte.



IN THE MAIL

Make funding our national parks a priority again

Editor:

While there is much conversation about what divides us, our national parks continue to serve as common ground. Unfortunately, that ground is unsteady under the impacts of a \$12 billion infrastructure repair backlog. Fortunately, President Trump and our recently confirmed Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke have pledged to make infrastructure repairs a national priority.

During his address to Congress and the American public, President Trump called on Congress to pass an infrastructure bill, saying that "Crumbling infrastructure will be replaced with new roads, bridges, tunnels, airports and railways gleaming across our beautiful land." There are no more beautiful lands in America than our national parks, and there's no better place to start rebuilding our infrastructure than by fixing our parks. In Secretary Zinke's confirmation hearing, he stated that addressing the National Park Service backlog was one of his three top priorities.

Infrastructure repair challenges affect nearly every park across the country. Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, which welcomed over 7 million visitors last year, have nearly \$810 million in repair needs. Yellowstone, our nation's first national park, alone has \$630 million in deferred repairs, including deteriorating roads and bridges.

As a member of the Next Generation Advisory Council for National Parks Conservation Association, I am committed to speaking up for our national parks to ensure that they are protected, now and into the future. As such, I call on President Trump, Interior Secretary Zinke, Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester and all of our members of Congress to put their words into action, to make funding our national parks a priority again. Our park rangers and staff must have the resources they need to continue protecting America's favorite places.

Jessica Haas

In good time, reality, not 'alternative facts,' will reign supreme

In today's political climate where up is down and wrong is correct, an increasing number of Americans are feeling traumatized with bouts of despair, frustration and helplessness. Never have so many even-tempered Americans endured so much nonsense spewing via tweets and press conferences from our very own White House. Never have we seen such collusion between a political party and a dictatorship to undermine our democratic form of government. Never have so many mature Americans seen this level of incompetence and falsehoods articulated by our new Ruler & Chief. Never have so many Americans felt so humiliated, ashamed and embarrassed by this new governance. Not in my lifetime has an administration used such fear mongering, diversion and conspiracy to befuddle, confuse and distract the American people. When current political affairs are examined thorough-

ly, the evidence for concern appears to be growing rapidly. Currently, at taxpayers expense, our leader's adult chil-

dren are traveling worldwide under armed guard in an effort at increasing the sale of clothing and merchandise, most of which is manufactured outside the United States. The issue here is not safety, or even taxpayer dollars (unless we're discussing the president's undisclosed tax returns) but rather the discrepancy between what our leader expounds to others and how he and his children are benefiting from overseas labor. Additionally, I wonder if the White House will continue to use taxpayer dollars to increase market share of the First Family's name and business. Truly, a leader must lead by example, not by hypocrisy.

Secondly, our president continues to push for a murky energy agenda by dismantling the Clean Power Plan, threatening to leave the landmark Paris Agreement and by placing a gag order on the EPA. Never mind that global warming is a proven fact and China is now three years into reducing coal consumption. Any forward-thinking leader would not be investing taxpayer dollars in carbon rich fossil fuels, unless, of course, corporate energy profits are a higher priority than the health of future generations and the energy independent American people.

Despite this administration's flailing efforts, I believe reality, rather than "alternative facts" will reign supreme in good time. Whether it is the Russian complicity issue, the wiretapping accusations, or some vet to occur fiasco, the moral and ethical hemorrhaging will come to an end. Sooner than later, we hope. Like science itself, intelligence agencies, the media and our judicial system must remain tenacious and nonpartisan, exposing the false accusations and political malarkey inherent in this new administration. Dodging this current administrative calamity does not appear to be an option. Let justice seek only the truth.

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Jury hearing unusual issue in Las Vegas death penalty case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A jury in Nevada is hearing an unusually narrow question that will decide if a Las Vegas man can face the death penalty after pleading guilty to murder in the case of a 15-year-old high school sophomore who also was raped, tortured and mutilat-

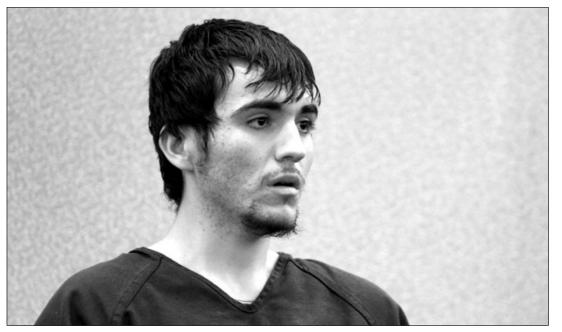
Testimony resumed Monday for jurors being asked to decide if Javier Righetti's attack on 15-year-old Alyssa Otremba was a premeditated act, which would make him eligible for the death penalty.

The Nevada Supreme Court ruled last month that Righetti's plea to the murder charge was unacceptable because he didn't specify that it was willful, deliberate and planned. Righetti also pleaded guilty to kidnapping, robbery and rape.

Premeditation is one of three legs of the prosecution theory supporting the murder charge. The others were that Otremba was tortured and that the murder occurred while she was kidnapped, robbed and raped.

Righetti was 19 at the time of the slaying and is 24 now. If sentenced to die, he would become the youngest inmate on death row in Nevada. His plea came with no promise he would not be put to death.

Righetti's court-appointed defense attorney, Christy Craig, cited the flaw in the



In this Sept. 8, 2011, file photo, Javier Righetti, 19, makes his initial appearance on charges of the rape and murder of 15-year-old Alyssa Otremba at the Regional Justice Center in Las Vegas.

plea and argued to the state high court that prosecutors had lost the ability to seek the death penalty.

The court unanimously disagreed and sent the case back to Clark County District

Righetti still awaits sentencing on the other charges, which could get him life in

Otremba was stabbed more than 80 times, and her burned corpse was found in 2011 in a vacant lot near a path from school to her home in northwest Las Vegas.

Authorities said there was no evidence that Righetti knew Otremba, who texted her mother to say she was walking home from school just minutes before she disappeared.

Righetti told police he wanted to prove he could be as brutal as the most notorious Las Vegas gang member, although police said there

was no evidence he was in a

Craig said in an interview Monday that she is not able to present a defense to the jury because her client has already pleaded guilty.

"He doesn't have a presumption of innocence," she

Prosecutor Giancarlo Pesci declined to comment. In court, he has said that jurors won't be told that Righetti pleaded guilty to murder.

Comic gains cult following with Bundy sketches

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — U.S. District Judge Anna J. Brown often warned defendants, defense lawyers and spectators that she wouldn't tolerate outbursts or laughter in the courtroom during the conspiracy trials against the occupiers of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

One man, often hunched over a small pad of paper and scribbling with a pencil in the back row, paid close attention to fill the void.

Scott Klatt would take notes on the witnesses or exchanges in court, quickly draw a brief scene, add a caption and some dialogue. Then he'd post his "Bundy Court Sketches" on Twitter and Facebook, providing plenty of laughs long after court recessed.

Klatt soon became a household name to those who closely followed the two federal court trials in Portland. After the first trial last fall, he compiled his sketches in a book and received orders from

defense lawyers and frequent spectators. He even got requests for his autograph.

During the second trial that just ended Friday, he sometimes won praise from defendants, who often bore the brunt of his humor.

Take Jason Patrick, who chose to represent himself with a standby attorney.

Patrick, described by prosecutors as an organizer of the refuge occupation, often butted heads with the iudge. He refused to stand when Brown entered the court and had a spat with her over his tardiness.

When his mother, Vickie Patrick, took the stand in early March as a defense witness, the judge commented: "So, you are Patrick's mom."

Klatt went from there with a sketch he called "Jason Patrick's Mum on the stand." He drew the son's tousled hair and beard, his hands outstretched, shouting: "Look Ma! I'm a lawyer!" The

standby lawyer, Andrew Kohlmetz, is shown eyeing his client nervously.

The next day, Patrick posted Klatt's sketch on his Facebook page, writing: "This cartoonist cracks me

He didn't start out to sketch

Klatt, 46, had first traveled to Burns during the occupation of the refuge in January, thinking he'd make a documentary. A stand-up comic who grew up in Washington County, he'd dabbled in filmmaking.

The material for his stand-up routines came from "self-reflection," he said, about his struggles with dyslexia or bits on "people who had real jobs." In between, he'd find other work to help pay his bills.

He visited Burns twice, returning the second time on the night of Jan, 26, 2016, the day the FBI arrested the occupation's leaders and state police fatally shot takeover spokesman Robert "LaVoy" Finicum.

His focus shifted to the courtroom where Bundy and others made their initial appearances. He continued to film outside the court, but federal court rules ban cameras inside courtrooms. So, he ended up dropping the camera and sitting in court, taking notes with his pad and pencil.

How it began

As defendants prepared for the first trial, Bundy one day stood up in court between his lawyers to try to address the judge himself and the judge quickly told him to take his seat.

That gave Klatt an idea: "I would just do a silly bad court sketch of the event."

He had a "cheap No. 2 pencil" and computer paper as he made his first drawing: "I had no idea what I was doing.'

He took a photo of the drawing and shared it on his Twitter account. He gained more than 30 follow-

Deep State, from Page 1 _

It included intelligence and military officers, which protected the ruling class in the 1920s. Similar ideas have taken hold in Egypt, where the military has allied itself with powerful business interests, and Pakistan, with its robust intelligence service.

In its current use, the concept has been twisted and broadened, encompassing a resistant bureaucracy and a regulatory regime rather than foreshadowing some sort of military intervention. Chief Trump strategist Steve Bannon has offered the loudest warnings about the opposition the president is facing from the deep state.

In his only public speech since the election, Bannon told a conservative group that the White House's goal was the "deconstruction of the administrative state," a reflection of his belief that the massive federal government, with its burdensome regulations, does more to hinder than uplift citizens. It also echoes Bannon's oft-stated worldview, frequently on display at his former news site Breitbart, that a global power structure — including government institutions — has rigged the

Gingrich, who says he has discussed the deep state with Bannon, likens its dangers to the plotline of the new season of "Homeland," in which a conspiracy that includes career intelligence officers tries to subvert a president-

"They are fighting to keep hold of their power," said the former House speaker, who asked a reporter not to spoil the two Homeland episodes of the season he has yet to see.

The sprawling federal government, including its intelligence agencies, has thousands of employees who predate Trump, a mix of career staffers and those appointed by President Barack Obama whose replacements have yet to be named.

Trump has insinuated that those holdovers are working against him — even suggesting that leaks from intelligences agencies were reminiscent of smear tactics utilized by Nazi Germany.

Asked if the White House believes there is "a deep state that's actively working to undermine the president, Spicer said recently, "I don't think it should come as any surprise that there are people that burrowed into government during eight years of the last administration and, you know, may have believed in that agenda and want to continue to seek it."

Sean Hannity, a Fox News host who has close ties to Trump, opened a show last week by claiming there are "deep state Obama holdover government bureaucrats who are hell-bent on destroying this president."

"It's time for the Trump administration to begin to purge these saboteurs before it's too late," Hannity said.

Trump allies note that is customary

for presidents to install loyalists and point to Abraham Lincoln's move to push out Southerners from the federal bureaucracy on the eve of the Civil War. The government has also gone through previous spasms of internal suspicion, most notably in the 1950s when Sen. Joseph McCarthy led a witch hunt to root out what he claimed were communist sympathizers supposedly trying to undermine Washington from within.

Experts warn that Trump's attacks could lead to faster erosion of faith in government institutions.

"The more he talks about a deep state cabal against him, the less trust people will have in government," said Matthew Hale, a political science professor at Seton Hall University. "It's deleterious to democracy."

Some of Trump's allies have, without evidence, seized upon Obama's decision to remain in Washington after leaving office as evidence that he is leading the resistance. The former president has said he is staying in the nation's capital until his youngest daughter finishes school.

"He's only there for one purpose and one purpose only and that is to run a shadow government that is totally going to upset the new agenda," said Rep. Mark Kelly, a Pennsylvania Republican, at an event in his home district last week. His office later walked back the remarks.

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Hypothermia caused death of Powell man

POWELL, Wyo. (AP) — The Park County Sheriff's Office says a 61-year-old Powell Tribune reporter whose body was found over the weekend in northern Wyoming died of hypo-

Gibson "Gib" Mathers, of Powell, was found Saturday by a local man riding a horse in the area about 2 miles south of U.S. Highway 14/16/20.

Mathers had been missing since Jan. 31.

The Powell Tribune reports that investigators found no evidence of foul play, no apparent injuries and no predation on

Idaho lawmaker says some teachers 'clearly' overpaid

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An eastern Idaho lawmaker says he doesn't remember saying that there are teachers in school districts "clearly overpaid" while his microphone was still on when the House floor was at ease.

Rep. Ron Nate, a Republican from Rexburg, declined to clarify his statement when asked by The Associated Press on Tuesday. Nate said he knew his microphone was turned on, but added that he often doesn't remember the details of recent

Nate made the comments while talking to Rep. Gayann DeMordaunt, a Republican from Eagle, about teacher salaries. Before going at ease, Nate had argued against a budget appropriation proposal that would add \$2 million for counseling services in public schools because he argued that money could be spent to hire more teachers.

Federal authorities cite UW for research monkey death

SEATTLE (AP) — Federal regulators have cited the University of Washington for allowing a research monkey to die of thirst.

The Seattle Times reports that the U.S. Department of Agriculture animal welfare inspection report says that keepers noticed an 8-year-old female pigtail macaque was lethargic on Jan. 8. The animal was found to be severely dehydrated and died within an hour.

Officials estimated the macaque had been without water for at least two to three days.

University officials say a water line that normally provides constant drinking water had become disconnected from the monkey's cage. The technician who failed to check the water connection resigned before a disciplinary process was com-

Trademark infringement award for Sturgis rally set aside

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has vacated a nearly \$1 million trademark infringement award made to the owners of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally brand.

SMRI sued Walmart and a Rapid City retailer for improperly using the Sturgis trademark on merchandise. A jury awarded \$912,500 to SMRI following a civil trial in October 2015.

Federal Judge Jeffrey Viken has upheld SMRI's trademark rights, but set aside the jury award against the defendants. Minneapolis attorney Aaron Davis represented Rushmore

Photos & Gifts in Rapid City and Walmart. He says the ruling doesn't mean the case is over, pending an appeal by the plaintiffs. But he tells the Rapid City Journal the judge's decision is "a huge burden off of our clients."

Utah national parks see major leap in visitation in 2016

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — National parks across the country saw record-breaking attendance in 2016 and Utah's parks were no exception. The Spectrum reports that according to a new government

report, there were 330.97 million total recreation visits to national parks, a 7.72 percent increase over 2015. In Utah, Zion National Park saw a 17 percent jump in visitation in 2016. Bryce Canyon National Park saw a 26 percent jump and there were similar increases at Arches, Canyonlands and Capitol Reef.

In all, Zion park ranked fifth for the most-visited national parks in the country.

Officials attribute the boost in visitation to a strong economy, good weather, low gas prices and the National Park Service's Find Your Park marketing campaign, which aimed to draw more visitors to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its

Man, teen held without bail in Vegas video sex assault case

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A Las Vegas judge decided that a 39-year-old man and a high school student will remain jailed without bail pending a preliminary hearing on charges they took part in a videotaped sexual assault of a 14-year-old special education student and encouraged five other teenage boys to take part.

A court-appointed attorney for the older man, Leby Alas-Gomez, declined to comment Tuesday. A lawyer for 18-yearold Jose Mejia-Henriquez didn't immediately respond to messages following a Monday hearing in Las Vegas Justice Court.

Justice of the Peace Deborah Lippis scheduled a March 27 preliminary hearing for both defendants on conspiracy and sexual assault of a child under 14 charges. The suspects face possible life prison sentences if convicted.

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Mitch Seavey closes in on third Iditarod victory, record

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) Mitch Seavey could further cement his family's position as mushing royalty.

The Seward, Alaska, musher is attempting to win his third Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, and could arrive at the finish line in Nome as early as Tuesday afternoon. He's also on pace to set a new course record.

Seavey left the checkpoint at White Mountain with a commanding two-hour lead over his nearest competitor his son and defending champion Dallas Seavey for the last 77-mile push to the Bering Sea coast.

"This is kind of a ride of a lifetime," Seavey told a camera crew for the Iditarod website as he was packing his sled to leave.

"I hope there's more, but it's fantastic to see these guys perform," he said of his dog team.

If Seavey's lead holds, he and his son will have won the



last six races. Dallas, of Willow, Alaska, won four of those races, and Mitch finished second to him the last

two years.

The two are close but competitive, and Seavey said the prospect of not being runner-

up is appealing.

"You know, I never did get used to the bridesmaid position behind my son," he told In this photo provided by the Iditarod Trail Committee, veteran musher Scott Smith and his race team travel along the frozen Kouwegok River out of Unalakleet, Alaska, toward the Shaktoolik checkpoint Monday.

the website. "So, I'm really, really excited about it."

The family's ties to the race go back to the first Iditarod, held in 1973, when Mitch's dad, Dan, mushed in the

Mitch Seavey did admit while winning is nice, it's just part of the journey.

This is the joy of the dog team, the accomplishments of the kennel and family," he said. "The winning is kind of checking the box, but getting it done is really where the value is.

He previously won the race in 2013 and 2004. If the 57-year-old Seavey wins this year's race, he'll become the oldest winning musher, beating the record he set in the 2013 race when he was 53.

Dallas Seavey, 30, had wins in 2012 and from 2014-2016.

The race started March 6 in Fairbanks. Low snow and open water conditions in the Alaska Range forced the start of the race over the mountain span that includes Denali to Fairbanks.

Seventy-one teams set off from the frozen Chena River in Fairbanks, attempting to navigate nearly a thousand miles of grueling Alaska wilderness to the finish line in the old Gold Rush town of Nome. Four mushers have scratched.

Three dogs associated with the race have died this year, including one that was hit by a car in Anchorage after it got loose while staying at a handler's home.

NY AG says ex-Exxon CEO used alias in emails on climate change Exxon disputed this. "The

DALLAS (AP) — The New York attorney general says that while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was CEO of Exxon he used an alias in emails to talk about climate change.

The attorney general, Eric Schneiderman, made the accusation in a letter to a New York court Monday. He is investigating whether the company deceived investors and the public by hiding for

decades what it knew about the link between fossil fuels and climate change.

Schneiderman said Exxon failed to disclose that Tilleson used an account named 'Wayne Tracker" to send and receive emails about issues including risk management related to climate change. Wayne is Tillerson's middle name. The account was used from at least 2008 through 2015, he says.

Exxon Mobil spokesman Alan Jeffers said the email account was created for secure and quick communication between Tillerson and senior executives over a range of topics.

The State Department declined to comment on the matter and referred inquiries to Exxon. Tillerson resigned as chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobil Corp. at year end, after then-President-elect Donald Trump picked him to become the nation's chief diplomat.

Schneiderman said his investigators found the Wayne Tracker account on about 60 documents but that neither Exxon nor its lawyers ever disclosed that it was used by Tillerson. He said that Exxon has failed to give his office all documents covered by a court order in response to his investigation.

very fact the attorney general's office has these emails is because they were produced in response to the subpoena,' Jeffers said in a statement. Tillerson would not be the

first chief executive to use an alias in electronic communications. A notable case was John Mackey, the CEO of Whole Foods Market Inc., who used a pseudonym to post messages on investor websites criticizing another company and suggesting that its stock was overpriced. Whole Foods later bought the rival over objections by federal antitrust regulators.

Daughter's efforts are never good enough for her family

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 15-yearold girl, and I'm struggling with abuse. I'm mentally and physically abused by my family constantly, yet they make me out to be the abusive one. I could do amazing on a test, and they yell at me for something that happened on the last one. They're always pushing me so hard to do better that it's making me do worse.

How can I make my family see that I'm not them, and I can do good if they just give me the chance to learn from my mistakes?

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DEAR STRUGGLING: Parents always want their children to perform to their level of capacity. Because you say you are being abused physically and emotionally for



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your inability to live up to your family's expectations, discuss what's going on with a counselor at your school. It's possible there needs to be an intervention by someone they will listen to. Please don't wait to do it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of three years has visits with his son every Tuesday and Thursday evening. My mother-in-law picks up her grandson takes him to her home and makes dinner for the three of them. I work 10-hour days Monday through Friday and am not able to attend these dinners.

My question is, isn't it proper etiquette that my motherin-law should send a plate of

food home for me with my husband? She never has, and I think this is rude and inconsiderate of her. What is your opinion?

- HUNGRY IN EL PASO

DEAR HUNGRY: Although brief, your letter speaks volumes about your relationship with your mother-in-law, which appears could be better. No rule of etiquette dictates that she is obligated to send a plate of her food home with her son for you. Perhaps if vour relationship with her was warmer, or your husband was thoughtful enough to suggest it, she would. However, since you asked, my opinion is that rather than complain, you should pick up some take-out on your way home from work.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 22-yearold college student on the verge of graduating this May. I've been dating my boyfriend for more than five years, and I am extremely close with his family, especially his sister "Claudia" and her three children (ages 6, 3 and 6 months).

My parents are throwing me a graduation party at their home, and they don't want any guests under the age of 10. How do I tell Claudia — a dear friend — that her children won't be invited without upsetting her? (I have small cousins who won't be attend-

It truly is nothing personal, but I know she will probably take it personally. I don't want to cause drama, but I do want to honor my parents' wishes that no small children be present. How do I tell her? Help!

— SOON-TO-BE **GRADUATE**

DEAR SOON-TO-BE GRADUATE: You are not hosting the party; your parents are. As the hosts, it is their privilege to decide whom to invite — or not. When Claudia is invited, your parents should explain that they prefer children under the age of 10 not be present, and soften it if necessary by explaining there are small nieces and nephews who will not be attending as well.

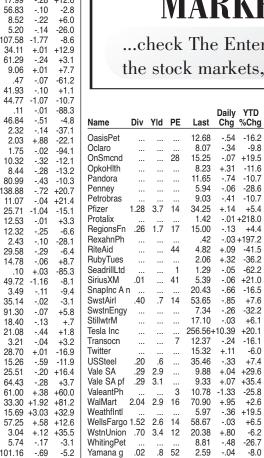
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Corn	CBOT	May 17	361		Silver (oz)	COMX	May 17	1692.3	-4.9		
Wheat	CBOT	May 17	430.50		Platinum (oz)	NYMX	Apr 17	938.90	-2.30		
Soybeans	CBOT	May 17	1006		Copper (lb)	COMX	May 17	263.50	+.95		
Cattle	CME	Apr 17	116.32	-1.43							
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	American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	69,929	59.71	+1.2	+8.3/C	+6.9/A	5.75	250				
	American Funds FdmtllnvsA m	49,524	57.94	+1.5	+21.0/A	+13.4/A	5.75	250				
	American Funds GrfAmrcA m	78,283	45.36	+1.2	+22.2/A	+13.9/A	5.75	250				
	American Funds IncAmrcA m	75,992	22.31	+0.2	+12.4/D	+8.9/B	5.75	250				
	American Funds InvCAmrcA m	60,646	38.36	+1.5	+19.6/B	+13.1/B	5.75	250				
	American Funds NwPrspctvA m	36,757	38.25	+2.0	+14.7/C	+10.2/A	5.75	250				
	American Funds WAMtInvsA m	54,597	43.01	+1.9	+18.8/C	+12.8/B	5.75	250				
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	Dodge & Cox Stk	65,511	195.31	+1.8	+30.6/A	+15.6/A	NL	2,500				
٦l	DoubleLine TtlRetBdI	44,456	10.56	-0.6	+1.2	+3.5	NL	100,000				
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Ш	Fidelity 500ldxPremium	66,054	83.42	+2.2	+19.9/B	+13.6/A	NL	10,000				
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	Metropolitan West TtlRetBdl	49,084	10.45	-0.8	+0.8/D	+3.5/A	NL	3,000,000				
_	PIMCO Inclnstl	31,447	12.16	+0.6	+10.2	+8.3	NL	1,000,000				
	PIMCO TtlRetIns	52,559	10.00	-0.9	+2.4/B	+2.7/B	NL	1,000,000				
	T. Rowe Price GrStk	39,358	58.81	+2.2	+20.1/A	+13.9/A	NL	2,500				
	Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	195,224	219.96	+2.2	+19.9/B	+13.6/A	NL	10,000				
	Vanguard DivGrInv	31,712	24.91	+2.8	+13.4/E	+12.2/C	NL	3,000				
	Vanguard HCAdmrl	35,952	86.79	+4.2	+9.7/E	+18.0/C	NL	50,000				
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Denise, age 9, plays guitar at a Brownie Troop meeting at Winan's School.



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while learning life skills and becoming helpful citizens. The Girl Scout featured here, Denise Benden, will graduate from Park High School this spring. She is an **Ambassador Girl Scout.**

Photos courtesy of Michele Mickelson



Denise, age 15, and Nicole Juliano, 14, carry a Dutch oven meal that was cooked in a bean hole.



Denise, left, and two of her friends, Sarah Haines, top, and Ellie Mickelson,, bottom, pose for a photo while camping out in 2008 at the the Wild Rose Lodge.



Denise, 17, participates in her final Investiture Ceremony last fall. The candles represent each part of the Scout Law.

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Photo by Katie Johnson

The Run to the Pub race starting line is pictured from the middle of the crowd near Sacajawea Middle School on Saturday in Bozeman. More than 4,000 runners from around the country participated in the race.

Locals pound the pavement over the hill for pints

By Samantha Hill and Liz Kearney

Enterprise Staff Writers

ho would want to run a foot race in a silly costume for a beer, a cupcake, and a chance to win a trip to Ireland waiting for you at the end?

About 4,000 people, to be exact — the number who participated in Saturday's half-marathon and 10-kilometer run in Bozeman Saturday morning.

After about a week of uncertain weather, including snow, the clouds opened up just enough for a good



day to enjoy exercise and beer during the Run to the Pub race on Saturday in Bozeman.

Run to the Pub is a fun run that raises money for the Bozeman Area Community Foundation, which contributes to area nonprofits. The race, in its 11th year, raised \$10,000 for the BACC, race organizers said Saturday.

People began arriving around 8:30 a.m. to the downtown area in the middle of Main Street near Pub 317, the main organization that puts on the race.

Yellow school buses crowded the streets to carry the more than 4,000 participants to the starting gates. It was a little over 40 degrees that morning, but it was comfortable thanks to the nice sweat-wicking shirt that came with the race packet swag.

While some chose to run a half-marathon, which equates to about 13 miles, others ran or walked the shorter distance of the 10K — a little over 6 miles.

After the buses hauled everyone

to the starting gate by Sacajawea Middle School around 9:30 a.m. for the 10K, it became obvious the lengths that people went to for their costumes before arriving. While some dressed in homemade tutus, crafted out of tulle and elastic, others dressed like superheroes and leprechauns, complete with dyed beards — and there was even a man in a sports bra.

A family that would later go on to win the costume contest was the

group dressed as the "Paddy Wagon." The two parents were wearing old-fashioned constable outfits with their baby's ride a wooden box tricked out to look like a paddy wagon, complete with cute little bars on the windows.

When the 10K race began at 10:45 a.m., everybody began to run—even those who later made their way to the back of the pack to walk. The run took the crowd from Fowler Lane to South Third Street and then onto Sourdough Road, where the race met up with the half-marathon participants.

Although there were small inclines throughout the walk, there was always a water station or someone prepared to give out a high-five that made the trek more bearable.

As the last mile came and went, a woman running nearby in a group advised not running until you hit the corner, otherwise you will get too tired, referring to the corner to turn onto Main Street, the last small stretch of the race.

Despite taking it slow for most of the run, some participants chose to sprint the last few meters.

"It was an exuberant mob, and it was fun to be a part of it, and it made money for the (Bozeman Area) Community Foundation — how fabulous."

Dorothy Bradley,

race participant from Clyde Park

Most of the racers made it across the finish line in a little over two hours for the half-marathon, but the winner of the 10K finished in just over 30 minutes. And everyone received a bottle opener medal when they finished

when they finished.

Numerous Park County residents participated in the race, including Dorothy Bradley, 70, of Clyde Park, who took second place in her age category in the 10K race.

"I think there were two of us,"
Bradley quipped Tuesday morning
in a phone interview.

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Bradley, a former Democratic candidate for governor who was narrowly defeated by Marc Racicot in 1992, moved from Bozeman to Clyde Park about nine years ago. She said this is the second time she's participated in the Run to the Pub race. She's also run in the more grueling Bridger Ridge Run, which traverses the Bridger Mountains over a 20-mile course with an eleva-



Enterprise photo by Liz Kearney

Participants work their way up Main Street in Bozeman in their costumes for the Run to the Pub race held on Saturday.

tion gain of 6,800 feet and a 9,500-foot loss, according to the race

Run to the Pub is an easier race since it's all on pavement, she said. "I find my steady pace and try to

trails, you have to focus."

Bradley posted a time of one hour and 10 minutes, for a very respectable 11 minutes and 20 seconds per

find my stride," Bradley said. "On

Bradley exercises daily, either running with dogs on country roads, or getting in some skiing, either downhill or cross-country. Before she moved from Bozeman, she liked to go to cardio classes with music, but driving roundtrip to town for an exercise class wasn't practical after she moved to Clyde Park.

"You have to find what fits. It's a matter of keeping at it. I keep hoping (my activity) spurs other people on," Bradley said. "My mother didn't get near 70, and it makes you think, 'Don't waste it."

think, 'Don't waste it.'"

She praised the race organizers for how organized everything was, and for putting on such a fun, low-

and for putting on such a fun, lowpressure race.

"It was an exuberant mob, and it was fun to a part of it," she said, adding, "and it made money for the

(Bozeman Area) Community Foun-

dation — how fabulous.'



Photo courtesy of Dorothy Bradley

Dorothy Bradley, of Clyde Park, right, poses for a snapshot before the Run to the Pub race Saturday with friends Ande Buffington, left, and Lynn Crawford.

Bradley compared the race to

Livingston's annual Night Owl Run.
"I love the Night Owl. Everybody

gets very joyous," she said.

She cracked a joke about spending a day near St. Patrick's Day in a

road race rather than in the more traditional beer-quaffing celebrations

"If you can't dance on the table in a bar in Butte, then you can run to the pub in Bozeman," she laughed.

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NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament





TOP: Michigan guard Derrick Walton Jr. (10) reacts during the first half of the Big Ten NCAA college basketball championship game against Wisconsin on Sunday in Washington. BOTTOM: Arizona's Allonzo Trier, center, competes for the ball with Oregon's Dylan Ennis, left, and Casey Benson during the championship of the Pac-12 men's tournament on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Let's Dance!

The user's guide to March Madness

By Stephen Hawkins AP Basketball Writer

There are 67 games to be played over the next three weeks to determine the next national champion, a magical time known as the NCAA Tournament.

So what's in store in 2017? Is there any way to top the madness of last year's tournament filled with double-digit upsets and an incredible ending?

Kris Jenkins' buzzer-beating 3-pointer gave Villanova its first championship since 1985 after North Carolina tied the game on Marcus Paige's double-clutch 3-pointer with 4.7 seconds left.

Anyone up for a rematch in the April 3 title game in Phoenix? It's possible with the defending national champion Wildcats and North Carolina, a five-time champ, are No. 1 seeds on opposite sides of this year's bracket.

Still No. 1's

Kansas (28-4) and North Carolina (27-7) kept their expected No. 1 seeds after losses in their conference tournaments.

The Jayhawks, who won their 13th consecutive Big 12 regular-season title, lost their only Big 12 Tournament game 85-82 to TCU in Kansas City, where they could play again in the Sweet 16 if they win a couple of NCAA Tournament games. ACC regularseason champion North Carolina fell to Duke 93-83 in the league tournament semifi-

Defending national champion Villanova (31-3), the overall No. 1 seed, swept the Big East regular-season and conference titles, as did Gonzaga (32-1) in the West Coast Conference.

Double down

A record 10 double-digit seeds won first-round games in last year's NCAA Tournament. Four of those winners are back in the field this year, three of them double-digit seeds again.

Gonzaga, which made it to the Sweet 16 as a No. 11 seed last year, is a No. 1 this time.

Middle Tennessee State pulled off the biggest shocker as a No. 15 seed last year with a 90-81 win over Michigan State, which went into that tournament as trendy pick to win a national title. The Blue Raiders are now a No. 12 seed against Minnesota.

Virginia Commonwealth is a No. 10 seed again, this time against Saint Mary's after winning its opener over Oregon State last March.

Wichita State is a No. 10 seed, and listed as an early favorite this year against Dayton. The Shockers were a No. 11 seed last year when they upset Arizona.

On the wrong side

Baylor, a No. 3 seed again this season and playing New Mexico State, has lost to double-digit seeds in its opener in the last two NCAA Tourna-

The Big 12 Bears lost to 12th-seeded Yale last year after 14th-seed Georgia State pulled off a first-round upset in 2015 on R.J. Hunter's 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left.

Regular attenders

Tom Izzo is in his 20th straight NCAA Tournament as Michigan State's coach. Bill Self is making his 19th consecutive appearance -14thwith Big 12 champion Kansas (half of the Jayhawks' record 28 consecutive NCAA appearances) after trips with Tulsa and Illinois.

There's no chance of Izzo and Self both getting to the Sweet 16. The Spartans and Jayhawks, both with a national title under their coaches, could meet in a second-round game Sunday in the Midwest Regional at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Coaching bloodlines

Northwestern plays its first-ever NCAA Tournament game against Vanderbilt, whose 15 losses are the most ever by an at-large team. Both coaches in the West Region's 8-9 matchup are the 42-year-old sons of former

The Wildcats are in their fourth season with coach Chris Collins, the son of former NBA coach Doug Collins.

Bryce Drew, the son of former Valparaiso coach Homer Drew and younger brother of Baylor coach Scott Drew, is in his first season at Vanderbilt (19-15). Bryce Drew, who like his father coached Valpo to multiple NCAA appearances, is also known for his buzzerbeating 3-pointer as the Crusaders upset fourth-seeded Ole Miss in their 1998 NCAA opener on way to the Sweet

Father-son

This is the first time a father and son are head coaches of different teams in the same NCAA Tournament.

Minnesota is in for the first time since 2013 , the year before Richard Pitino became the Golden Gophers coach. Like his father Rick at Louisville, Richard Pitino has led his team to 24 wins so far this season.

The only way they play each other is if Minnesota and Louisville both make the championship game.

Villanova, Gonzaga, Kansas, Arizona lead final AP poll



In this file photo, Kansas head coach Bill Self holds the ball while directing his team during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game against Texas Tech in Lawrence, Kan.

By Jim O'Connell AP Basketball Writer

Villanova, the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament, is No. 1 in the final Associated Press college basketball poll of the season.

The Wildcats (31-3) were a runaway choice Monday, receiving 59 first-place votes from the 65-member media panel.

Gonzaga (32-1), which received the other six firstplace votes, and Kansas, two No. 1 seeds for the tournament, were second and third, but the poll and the selection committee disagreed on the fourth No. 1.

Arizona was fourth in the poll, while North Carolina, the fourth No. 1 seed, was ranked fifth.

Kentucky was sixth, followed by Duke, UCLA, Oregon and Louisville.

SMU was 11th, followed by Baylor, West Virginia, Notre Dame, Purdue, Florida State, Iowa State, Cincinnati, Wichita State and Florida.

The last five ranked teams were Butler, Saint Mary's, Michigan, Virginia and Wis-

consin. This was Villanova's eighth

week as No. 1 this season. Gonzaga was on top of the poll for four weeks while Duke, Kentucky and Kansas were all there for two weeks and Baylor for one. Baylor's climb was the most impressive considering the Bears weren't ranked in the preseason poll. Fifteen teams were ranked

the entire season, with Villanova and Kansas the only two who spent the entire season in the top 10.

Kansas ends the season with the longest current streak, 161 polls dating to February 2009. Arizona is next at 97, then Villanova at 73. UCLA holds the record of 221 consecutive polls from 1966-80.

There were seven oneweek wonders. Connecticut, California, Virginia Tech, Minnesota, Kansas State, Northwestern and Miami were all in the Top 25 for one

Forty-two teams were ranked this season and the Atlantic Coast Conference led the way with nine schools in the Top 25. The Big Ten had eight ranked schools, while the Big 12 had six, Pac-12 five and Big East four.



This image shows the 2017 NCAA Division I men's college basketball tournament bracket. Villanova took the overall top seed on Selection Sunday, with Kansas, North Carolina and Gonzaga joining the defending national champions on the No. 1 line for the NCAA Tournament.



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NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

UConn, Irish, South Carolina, Baylor top seeds

nn's drive for five will begin at home.

Winners of 107 straight games, coach Geno Auriemma and the Huskies won't have to leave the state of Connecticut in the NCAA Tournament until the Final Four as they try for an unprecedented fifth consecutive national championship.

The top seed will open at home on Saturday against Albany and if they advance to the Bridgeport Regional would have a short drive.

"I worry sometimes about being at home. I worry about the distractions that kids have," Auriemma said. "When you are on the road you can just huddle everybody up and you can eliminate a lot of distractions. Sometimes the officials get funny against the home team in the NCAA Tournament."

While the Huskies won't have to leave the state until potentially heading to Dallas for the national semifinals, the other No. 1 seeds aren't as lucky.

South Carolina is the top seed in Stockton, California. The Gamecocks are headed out of the Eastern time zone for the third time in four seasons. The Gamecocks' lone trip to the Final Four came when they played a regional in Greensboro in 2015.

"I don't know what more

NEW YORK (AP) — UCo- we can do," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "We won our conference tournament to play closer. Two years ago, we got sent to Greensboro. Last year, we had to take the time zone flight, over two time zones. I thought it was our turn to get flipped back to the Greensboro kind of ideology. I'm not going to say it's not fair. But they got to figure out a different way.'

Baylor is the No. 1 in the Oklahoma City Regional and Notre Dame is the top choice in Lexington, Kentucky.

NCAA selection committee chair Terry Gawlik defended the choice to send South Carolina out west again.

"It made the most sense for the good of the game and the student-athlete experience to go out to Stockton and have Baylor go to Oklahoma City," she said.

All four hope to get to Dallas for the Final Four on Friday, March 31. The NCAA switched the national semifinals back to a Friday-Sunday format this season for the first time since 2002. The Huskies would matchup with Baylor while South Carolina and Notre Dame would play if all four teams advance that far. The Lady Bears are hoping to make the short drive from Waco to Dallas.

That scenario may be unlikely. Last year, the Hus-



kies were the only top team to make the Final Four as Washington, Syracuse and Oregon State all pulled off upsets to advance.

UConn, which has won a record 11 national championships, is the prohibitive favorite to win again. Unlike the past few years where it almost seemed a foregone conclusion that UConn would win the title, the Huskies weren't the favorite coming into the season with big losses to graduation.

Geno Auriemma challenged his young team with a difficult schedule that saw the Huskies play most of the other top teams in the country, including Notre Dame, South Carolina and Baylor. Still, they did show some vulnerability with a single digit win over Maryland — the No. 3 seed in their region. UConn also only beat Tulane by three points in February, giving other teams hope that the Huskies are beatable.

"We might be the No. 1 seed but I don't know that we are the clear-cut favorite.' Auriemma said.

Maryland coach Brenda Frese wasn't thrilled at the low seed. The Terrapins were fourth in the final AP poll on Monday.

"We understand it's tournament time. I'm most surprised that being a team ranked top four in the country, (we) earn a three seed," Frese said. "Thirty wins, win vour conference regular season and conference tournament at this point it doesn't matter. Put your head down



LEFT: South Carolina forward A'ja Wilson (22) drives against Mississippi State center Chinwe Okorie (45) during the Southeastern Conference tournament in Greenville, S.C., Saturday.

ABOVE: Baylor head coach Kim Mulkey is pictured during the Big 12 Conference championship game against West Virginia on Monday in Oklahoma City.

and given the bracket you have, it's the next opportuni-

Duke is the No. 2 seed in the region after missing the NCAAs last year for the first time since 1994.

For the second consecutive season the NCAA is having the top four teams in each region host the opening two rounds. No. 2 Stanford couldn't host because of a conflict in its facility so the Cardinal will head to seventhseeded Kansas State.

Tennessee isn't one of those 16 teams, but the Lady Vols will be making their 36th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament. They've been in the field ever year.

The Lady Vols who have shown they can beat nearly anyone in the field but also can lose to many teams too. They open up against Dayton in Louisville. The Cardinals are the four seed in the Okla-

homa City Regional. Elon and Texas Southern are the lone teams playing in their first NCAAs.

The SEC has eight teams in the field while the ACC and Pac-12 each have seven.

The Missouri Valley Conference got a second team in with Northern Iowa making the field as a 10-seed. Drake won the conference's automatic bid, going unbeaten in conference play.

Gawlik said the last four teams in the field were Northern Iowa, Auburn, California and Purdue. The first four out were Michigan, Virginia, George Washington and South Dakota State.



Carolina and Baylor are the No. 1 seeds in the women's NCAA Tournament, which was announced on Monday.

Adult Co-Ed Softball

By Enterprise Staff

Teams are now forming for the 2017 Livingston Adult Co-Ed Softball league.

Games will begin in the first week of June, with a city tournament ending the season in mid-August. Weekday games will be held on Monday and Tuesday — possibly Wednesday as well, depending on the number of teams — at 6, 7:15 and Team rosters, fees and waivers are due no later than April

18. Players must be at least 18 years old to participate.

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'Rebuilding' Huskies undefeated heading into NCAA tournament

STORRS, Conn. (AP) -UConn's players heard all the talk. Following four straight national championships, this would be a rebuilding season.

After Breanna Stewart, Moriah Jefferson and Morgan Tuck went 1-3 in the WNBA draft, even coach Geno Auriemma suggested this year's Huskies could lose six games during a tough non-conference schedule.

Instead, UConn (32-0) enters the NCAA Tournament undefeated for the eighth time, on a 107-game winning streak and as the tournament's overall No. 1

"I think the chip on our shoulder helped," said guard Katie Lou Samuelson. "We always heard how we lost Stewie, Tuck and Mo. We heard about that every single day and that kind of motivated us and pushed us forward."

UConn will host the first two rounds on campus, about 80 miles north of the regional site in Bridgeport.

The Huskies face 16th-seed Albany (21-11), the champions of the America East conference, in the opening round. No. 9 Duke, No. 4 Maryland and No. 15 UCLA, are the region's other top seeds.

Despite recent success, Auriemma still worries about how this group, most of whom did not play a big role a year ago, will handle the pressure of tournament games against that kind of competition.

"How will this team react in a big, big, big situation, when it's their first time facing elimination?" Auriemma said. "Now, everything is riding on them. But it's been like that all year, so maybe they've gotten accustomed to

Some other things to watch for in the Bridgeport Region-

Title game rematch?

UConn beat Syracuse in last year's national championship game. If the schools meet again in this year's NCAA Tournament, it will be on the Huskies' home court.

Syracuse (21-10) will head to Storrs as an eighth seed. The Orange have a firstround matchup against Iowa State (18-12), with a chance for a title-game rematch in the second round.

"For us, it's a big opportunity," said Syracuse coach Quentin Hillsman. "We were in the Big East, so we know what it's like to play in

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In Mosul, a heavy but not crushing blow to IS group

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi troops have surrounded western Mosul and military leaders vow it's only a matter of time until they crush the last major stand of the Islamic State group in Iraq. But the militants are positioning themselves to defend the remains of their so-called "caliphate" in Syria and wage an insurgent campaign in Iraq.

The extremists are carrying out what looks like an organized, fighting withdrawal: a core of fighters is holding out in the city using hundreds of thousands of civilians as shields, tying down and bleeding the Iraqi military in urban combat.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon and Iraqi officials say the senior IS leadership has escaped to regroup in Syria and the deserts along the border to prepare for the

"They know they will lose Mosul, but they want this to be a hard fight," said Maj. Saif Ali, a commander in the Iraqi special forces on the front lines.

The civilian population is perhaps the main reason IS fighters have been able to hold out so long and turn Mosul into such a grueling battle. It took months for



An Iraqi soldier inspects on March 1 a recently-discovered train tunnel, adorned with an Islamic State group flag, that belonged to the former Baghdad-to-Mosul line that was turned it to a training camp for IS fighters in western Mosul, Iraq.

Iraqi forces to drive them out of eastern Mosul while trying to avoid high casualties among residents amid house-to-house battles. Now some 2,000 militants, by a coalition estimate, are holed up in western Mosul with

700,000 civilians. IS fighters are holding most of those civilians hostage as shields, while forcing some to flee as cover for their troops.

Mosul's fall will be the biggest blow yet to IS, largely breaking its hold

over territory in Iraq and ending its rule over half the "caliphate," which at its height stretched from northern Syria through western Iraq. The largest city in IS territory, Mosul provided the group signifi-

cant financing from taxing the population, factories to make weapons and space to gather freely.

But the Islamic State group's durable organization ensures it can fall back to the next fight.

Report accuses Syria of 'slaughter' of people trapped by war

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Syrian government committed "slow-motion slaughter" of unknown numbers of Syrians trapped in besieged and hard-toreach areas by willfully denying them food and health care, according to a new report Tuesday from a civil rights group.

Physicians for Human Rights says in the report that the Syrian government consistently exploited a new U.N. aid delivery system, depriving millions of Syrians unable to leave their towns and cities of critically needed food and medicine. The group called that a war crime.

Officials in Damascus declined to

The New York-based advocacy group said a new two-step approval process for aid convoys that Syrian and U.N. officials agreed to in April 2016 "fell abysmally short" of its aim of ensuring access to all Syrians in need because the government in Damascus retained "unilateral authority" over who received assis-

Besides the unknown numbers of Syrians that have starved to death, Physicians for Human Rights said many others suffered avoidable deaths because military forces stripped medical supplies from aid convoys that did manage to enter besieged and hard-to-reach areas.

"Still others bleed to death from war-related injuries — or die in childbirth, or from other preventable causes — because their besiegers refuse to allow the sick and injured to be evacuated to medical care," the rights group said.

The report called on the United Nations to carry out deliveries to the most difficult areas without pri-



A resident of the besieged Palestinian camp of Yarmouk weeps as she waits to receive humanitarian aid from UNRWA in Damascus, Syria, in this Feb. 24, 2014, file photo. A new report by Physicians for Human Rights accuses the Syrian government of "slow-motion slaughter" of unknown numbers of Syrians trapped in besieged and hard-to-reach areas by willfully denying them food and health care, which it calls a war crime.

ument and quickly report attempts to restrict or block convoys. And it called on the Syrian government not to block, restrict or delay aid con-

The international medical relief organization Doctors Without Borders, also known by its French acronym MSF, issued a similar appeal. It said Monday that all parties, and especially the Syrian government and the Islamic State group, needed to allow medical assistance to reach victims of the conflict.

or government approval and to doc. PHR cited data from the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs saying that by early December 2016, 4.9 million Syrians lived in besieged and hardto-reach areas, "including about 975,000 under active siege, most of them — about 850,000 — by Syrian government forces.'

> In 2015, U.N. agencies completed 32 convoy deliveries to just 620,500 people in besieged and hard-toreach areas.

> Physicians for Human Rights analyzed the U.N. data from OCHA for

2016 and reported that the number of aid convoys to those areas increased significantly to 131 — but it said "the increased deliveries were vastly insufficient to meeting rapidly growing needs across the

Only 24 percent of the people living in besieged and hard-to-reach areas received aid between May and December, after the two-step process took effect, it said.

One factor, the report said, was the Syrian government's rejection from May through December of access to one-third of the people in besieged and hard-to-reach areas that the U.N. sought to help, which left, on average, nearly 340,000 people without aid every month, "many for months on end."

While the government approved aid to two-thirds of the areas requested from May through December, Physicians for Human Rights said U.N. convoys only reach 38 percent of the approved popula-

'On average, U.N. agencies were unable to deliver aid to more than 500,000 people for whom Syrian authorities had approved access each month during this time neriod," the report said.

The data analysis showed that on average the U.N. actually reached a decreasing number of people each month in 2016.

"Thus, the increased approval rates throughout 2016 were meaningless at best, as they failed to produce increased aid deliveries," the report said. "At worst, this pattern reflects an effort by Syrian authorities to appear cooperative while still ensuring that access to besieged areas remained blocked.'

German official wants \$53M fines for social media hate posts

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's iustice minister is proposing fines of up to 50 million euros (\$53 million) for social networking sites that fail to swiftly remove illegal content, such as hate speech or defamatory "fake news."

The plan announced Tuesday marks a further step in Germany's attempt to impose its strict domestic laws against incitement on the free-wheeling world of online chatter.

Justice Minister Heiko Maas, a member of the center-left Social Democratic Party, said social media companies had already taken voluntary steps to crack down on hate crimes that have resulted in improvements.

"This isn't sufficient yet," Maas said, citing research that he said showed Twitter deletes just 1 percent of illegal content flagged by users, while Facebook deletes 39 percent.

The proposal would require companies to provide a roundthe-clock service for users to flag illegal content, which would have to be removed by the site within seven days. All copies of the content would also have to be deleted and social media companies would need to publish a quarterly report detailing how they have dealt with such material.

Sites would also have to nominate a person responsible for handling complaints, who could face fines of up to 5 million euros personally if the company fails to abide by mandatory standards.

Maas said the measures, which will become part of a bill to be put before Parliament, wouldn't restrict freedom of speech that already exists in Germany and there were no plans to create a "truth commission" against socalled fake news.

But he noted that fake news could constitute illegal content "if it constitutes slander, defamation or libel."

Facebook said it would examine the proposal. "We have clear rules against hate speech and are working hard to remove such content from our platform," the company said in a statement, adding it was working with the government to tackle the issue.

However, Facebook said tests it commissioned showed higher rates of removal than those cited by Maas, Facebook also said it had taken measures to train staff in how to deal with the legal situation in Germany and expects to have 700 people in Berlin examining flagged content by the end of the year.

Twitter declined to comment directly on the proposal, but noted that it had taken a number of measures in recent months designed to prevent abuse and allow users to filter unwanted content.

High EU court: Workplace headscarf ban not discriminatory

businesses in Europe can forbid Muslim women in their employ from wearing headscarves if the ban is part of a policy of neutrality within the company and not a sign of prejudice against a particular religion, the European Union Court of Justice said Tuesday.

Such a ban doesn't constitute what the court calls 'direct discrimination.'

The conclusion by the highest court in the 28-nation European Union was in response to two cases brought by a Belgian and a French woman, both fired for refusing to remove their headscarves. It clarifies a long-standing question about whether bans by some countries on religious symbols, in classrooms, for example, can be extended to the workplace.

The court's response fed right into the French presidential campaign, bolstering the platforms of far-right leader Marine Le Pen, a leading contender in the spring election who wants to do away with all "ostentatious" religious symbols in the name of secularism, and conservative Francois Fillon, who hailed the court's decisions. France already bans headscarves and other religious symbols in classrooms as well as face-covering veils

However, critics quickly voiced fears that the decision

PARIS (AP) — Private risks becoming a setback to all working Muslim women.

"Today's disappointing rulings ... give greater leeway to employers to discriminate against women — and men on the grounds of religious belief," said a statement by Amnesty International. "At a time when identity and appearance has become a political battleground, people need more protection against prejudice, not less.

Georgina Siklossy of the European Network Against Racism in Brussels expressed concern it could have dastardly effects on Muslim women — like making them choose between working and wearing religious garments — and other minority populations in Europe, like Sikhs with turbans or Jews with kippahs.

The Open Society Justice Initiative, which submitted a brief supporting the women, expressed disappointment.

The group's policy officer, Maryam Hmadoum, contended that the decision "weakens the guarantee of equality that is at the heart of the EU's antidiscrimination directive," which the Court of Justice cited in weighing

"Certainly, many employees who are asking themselves questions about religious signs in their companies will look at these decisions and probably put in place internal regulations," said lawyer Claire Waquet,

who represents the French woman in question. "Some will certainly do this."

The EU Court of Justice made separate decisions on the cases, which were referred to them by the courts of Cassation in Belgium and France, but linked the cases.

In the Belgian case, Samira Achbita, a receptionist at a security firm, was fired in June 2006 for wearing an Islamic headscarf, banned in a new set of internal rules by her company that prohibited visible signs of political, religious or philosophical beliefs. Belgium's Court of Cassation sought guidance from the Luxembourg-based European court which rules on cases involving EU law, which applies to all EU mem-

The French case differs and offers Asma Bougnaoui a reason for optimism because her dismissal as a design engineer was based, not on internal rules, but on the complaint of a customer unhappy with her Islamic headscarf. The court's response made clear that a

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company policy to maintain neutrality in the religious sphere was critical to ensuring non-discrimination — not a complaint by a client.

The court said that an employer's readiness to take into account the wishes of a customer, not internal policy, doesn't qualify for the measure set out by the European Union: a "genuine and determining occupational requirement.'



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The play of some bridge hands can be likened to a tug of war, with each side trying to yank the other out of position. For example, take this deal where West leads a club against four hearts. East cashes two club tricks and plays a third round of clubs, hoping West will be able to ruff and force declarer to overruff with dummy's ten or jack. If East's plan succeeds, he will automatically

Opening lead — three of clubs.

acquire a trump trick.

West cooperates by ruffing the third club with the five, and if declarer makes the mistake of overruffing in dummy, he eventually goes down one, losing both a trump trick and a diamond.

But if South is on his toes, he does not allow himself to be yanked out of position by this attack on his trumps. Instead of overtrumping West's five, which seems the natural thing to do, South discards the deuce of diamonds from dummy

It is not difficult for declarer to diagnose East's purpose in leading a third round of clubs, especially after West ruffs with the five. Furthermore, since South has a sure diamond loser in any case, he realizes he is better off to concede it at this point rather than weaken dummy's trump holding.

Discarding the diamond from dummy allows declarer to win the tug of war. Whatever West returns, South can get to dummy with the king of diamonds, lead the jack of hearts and finesse, then repeat the finesse to trap East's king. After drawing East's last trump, declarer trumps a diamond in dummy and winds up losing only the first three tricks to make his contract.

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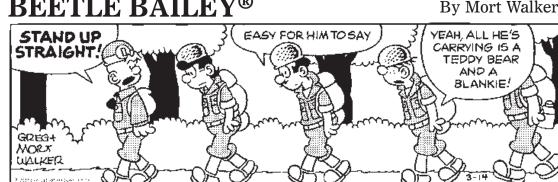






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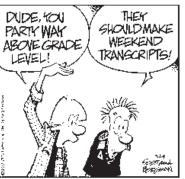
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- 21 "Scotch" sealers
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Monday's Puzzle Solved A B C S DIOICIK DRAT REPOS OILPAINTER (M)(A)(S)||T||E||R||O||F||A||R||T|(S) AONE T|A|R ODED BETTLE (M)(A)(F|+|A|B|0)(S)(S OMNIA L[K|G[L(A)(S)(S) RASED KHAN LSD NPR S|E|R|V|||C|E|B|R|E|A|K H|I|G|H|R|O|L|L||E|R| EDEN |P|N|E|A |0|S|L|0

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38 Crossword 48 Crypts, e.g. 51 December solver's smudges

39 Change genetically

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45 Reply to bad alternatives

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on menus

songs 53 Swap 54 Reddish-orange

dye 56 "Don't think so" 57 Red-coated

cheese

59 Australian

bird

61 Nemesis

58 Fast punch

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Livingston Area 5-Day Forecast **Tonight** Mostly Cloudy

Precip Chance: 20%

39 Winds: 11-18 mph SW

Livingston Outlook

Wednesday Partly Cloudy Precip Chance: 10%

63 43 Winds: 22-26 mph SW



32 **55** Winds:

15-20 mph W

Partly Cloudy **52** 39 Winds:

15-17 mph NW

Friday



8-11 mph NW

63 41 Winds:

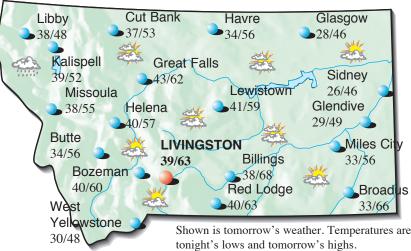
Tonight expect mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 39. Southwest wind 11 to 18 mph. The record low temperature for tonight is -8 set in 1997. High expected Wednesday is 63.

Livingston Statistics
As recorded through yesterday.
Temperatures
High yesterday60
Low yesterday23
Record high69 in 2003
Record low0 in 1949
Precipitation (as of 4 p.m.)
Yesterday0.00"
Month to date0.33"
Normal for month0.27"
Year to date1.65"
Normal year to date1.26"
Average Humidity59%
Barometer (noon)30.04" (falling)
Wind Sock

Peak gust for last 24 hours: 44 mph (Recorded 2:53 p.m.

	Monday a	t Mission Field
Yellowston	e River	
Depth (at Carter	's Bridge)	1.75 ft
Current flow		1,820 ft3/sec
77-year averag	ge	1,270 ft3/sec.
Temperature		35
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Montana Weather



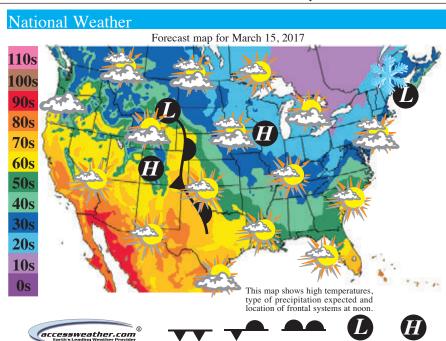
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City	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Belgrade	48	33	ra	45	24	ra
Billings	68	41	pc	59	33	sh
Bozeman	60	40	рс	51	29	ra
Butte	56	33	mc	45	23	rs
Dillon	57	35	рс	50	27	rs
Glasgow	46	34	рс	49	27	рс
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Great Falls			mc			
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	Tom	orr	ow	Th	ursday		
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Helena	57	38	mc	48	29	ra	
Kalispell	52	34	ra	45	25	ra	
Lewistown	59	38	mc	50	30	ra	
Miles City	56	37	рс	55	30	sh	
Missoula	55	35	ra	46	27	ra	
Sidney	46	33	mc	49	28	rs	
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Moon Pha	ises						







	Tomorrow Thursday					,	Tomorrow						
City	Hi l	Lo	Wx	Hi	LoV	Vx	City	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
Anchorage	18	6	S	19	4	S	Los Angeles	83	56	mc	82	58	pc
Atlanta	44	22	S	53	33	S	New York	31	18	sn	32	21	S
Boston	31	19	рс	30	17	S	Phoenix	92	63	S	92	64	S
Chicago	30	19	S	37	30	S	Salt Lake City	73	49	S	67	41	рс
Dallas	68	53	S	72	61	cl	Seattle	55	41	ra	52	40	ra
Denver	76	43	S	75	41	S	Washington, D.	C. 31	21	sn	37	23	S

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.



City sues drugmaker for letting OxyContin flood black market

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) As deaths from painkillers and heroin abuse spiked and street crimes increased, the mayor of Everett took major steps to tackle the opioid epidemic devastating this working-class city north of Seattle.

Mayor Ray Stephanson stepped up patrols, hired social workers to ride with officers and pushed for more permanent housing for chronically homeless people. The city says it has spent millions combating OxyContin and heroin abuse — and expects the tab to rise.

So Everett is suing Purdue Pharma, maker of the opioid pain medication OxyContin, in an unusual case that alleges the drugmaker knowingly allowed pills to be funneled into the black market and the city of about 108,000. Everett alleges the drugmaker did nothing to stop it and must pay for damages caused to the community.

Everett's lawsuit, now in federal court in Seattle, accuses Purdue Pharma of gross negligence and nuisance. The city seeks to hold the company accountable, the lawsuit alleges, for "supplying OxyContin to obviously suspicious pharmacies and physicians and enabling the illegal diversion of OxyContin into the black market" and into Everett, despite a company program to track suspicious flows.

significantly damaged, and we need to be made whole." said Stephanson, who grew up in Everett and is its longestserving mayor, holding the job since 2003.

He said the opioid crisis caused by "Purdue's drive for city's resources, stretching



In this Feb. 16 photo, Parker O'Neall, a homeless man living in a shelter of tarps in an encampment in the outskirts of Everett, Wash., rubs his face as he talks with police and social workers checking on him.

everyone from first responders to park crews who clean up discarded syringes. The lawsuit doesn't say how much money the city is seeking, but the mayor says Everett will attempt to quantify its costs in coming months.

Connecticut-based Purdue Pharma says the lawsuit paints a flawed and inaccurate picture of the events that led to the crisis in Everett.

"We look forward to presenting the facts in court," the company said in a state-

Purdue said it is "deeply troubled by the abuse and "Our community has been misuse of our medication," and noted it leads the industry in developing medicines with properties that deter abuse, even though its products account for less than 2 percent of all U.S. opioid prescriptions.

profit" has overwhelmed the and its executives paid more than \$630 million in legal pen- in the city's epidemic.

alties to the federal government for willfully misrepresenting the drug's addiction risks. The same year, it also settled with Washington and other states that claimed the company aggressively marketed OxyContin to doctors while downplaying the addiction risk. As part of that settlement, it agreed to continue internal controls to identify potential diversion or abuse.

While numerous individuals and states have sued Purdue, this case is different because Everett is getting at the results of addiction, said Elizabeth Porter, associate law professor at the University of Washington.

She thinks Everett may have a shot at winning, though it will have to overcome some legal burdens, including showing that diverted OxyContin from In 2007, Purdue Pharma rogue doctors and pharmacies was a substantial factor

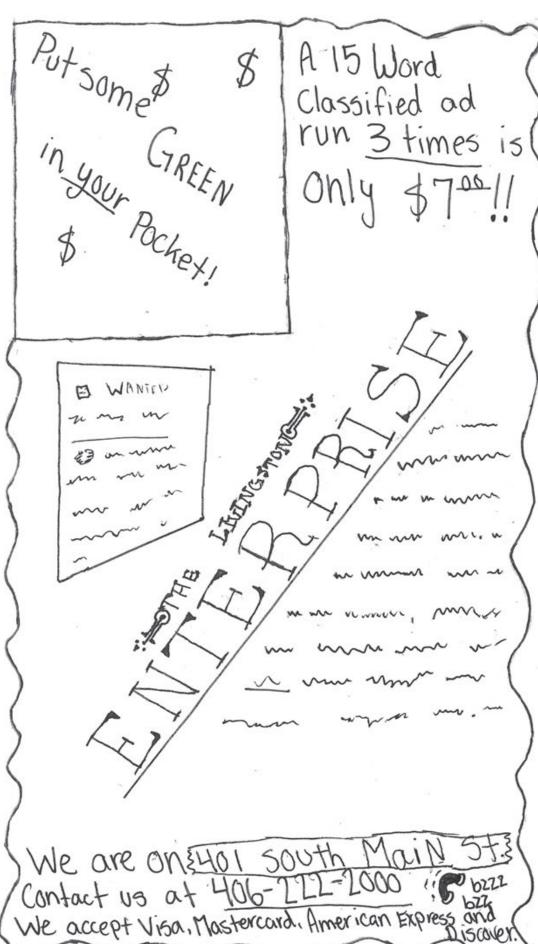
Stephanson said he was lawsuit.

"absolutely outraged" after the Los Angeles Times reported last summer it found Purdue had evidence that pointed to illegal trafficking of its pills but in many cases did nothing to notify authorities or stop the flow. That newspaper investi-

In response to the newspaper's reporting, Purdue said in a statement that in 2007, it provided LA-area law enforcement information that helped lead to the convictions of the criminal prescribers and pharmacists referenced by the Los Angeles Times. gation prompted the city's The company also pointed to

court documents that showed a wholesaler alerted the Drug **Enforcement Administration** about suspicious activity at a sham clinic noted in the newspaper's story.

Still, Everett contends Purdue created a market for addicts that didn't exist until the company let its pills flood



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White nationalist's tax-exempt status nixed

By The Associated Press

The U.S. government has revoked the tax-exempt status of a group run by prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer for its failure to file tax returns.

Internal Revenue Service records show Spencer's National Policy Institute automatically lost its tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit after failing to file tax returns for three consecutive years.

Spencer didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment Tuesday. But he told The Los Angeles Times, which first reported the story, that he would appeal the revocation. He blamed it on an IRS error that led him to believe his group was not

required to file tax returns. "It's a bit embarrassing,

but it's not good. We'll figure it out," Spencer told the newspaper.

Spencer popularized the term "alt-right" and is a leading figure in a fringe movement that has been described as a mix of racism, white nationalism and populism. Spencer, an outspoken supporter of President Donald Trump, hosted a postelection conference in Washington that ended with audience members mimicking Nazi salutes after Spencer shouted, "Hail Trump, hail our people, hail victory!'

IRS records indicate that, sometime in 2006 or 2007, the agency mistakenly reclassified the National Policy Institute as one that didn't need to file tax returns, according to Chuck McLean, a senior research fellow for the nonprofit watchdog Guidestar. The IRS posted a notice of the group's revocation on its website Monday, but the loss of its tax status is retroactive to May 15, 2016, the date

when its most recent tax

return was due.

McLean said he suspects the group's revocation was an "automated thing." "They handle so many of

these, it's just a routine

thing," he added. Louisiana State University law professor Philip Hackney, a former IRS attorney, said it shouldn't be difficult for Spencer's group to get reinstated as a tax-exempt nonprofit. But an IRS error isn't a valid excuse for its failure to file tax returns,

according to Hackney. "They should have still been filing," Hackney added.