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10/05/22 KYIV, Ukraine (AP) - Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the final papers to annex four regions of Ukraine while his military struggled to control the new territory. The documents finalizing the annexation were published today on a Russian government website. In a defiant move, the Kremlin held the door open for further land grabs in Ukraine. Speaking in a conference call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that "certain territories will be reclaimed" and that Russia would continue "consulting" residents about joining Russia. He did not specify which additional Ukrainian territories Moscow is eyeing. The four annexed regions were added in violation of international laws.

FORT MYERS, Florida (AP) - President Joe Biden is touring hurricane-ravaged areas of Florida, surveying storm damage by helicopter and bringing a pledge that federal, state and local governments will work as one to help rebuild homes, businesses and lives. Biden says he's putting politics on mute for now to focus on those in need in and around Fort Myers. He's meeting today with residents and small business owners, and thanking government officials providing emergency aid and removing debris. Joining Biden in Florida are two of his most prominent Republican critics, Gov. Ron DeSantis and Sen. Rick Scott, a former governor.

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) - The OPEC+ alliance of oil-exporting countries has decided to sharply cut production to support sagging oil prices. The move today could deal the struggling global economy another blow and raise politically sensitive pump prices for U.S. drivers just ahead of key national elections. Energy ministers meeting at the Vienna headquarters of the OPEC oil cartel cut production by 2 million barrels per day at their first face-to-face meeting since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Besides a token trim in oil production last month, the major cut is an abrupt turnaround from months of restoring deep cuts made during the depths of the pandemic and could help alliance member Russia weather a looming European ban on oil imports.

STOCKHOLM (AP) - This year's Nobel Prize in chemistry has been awarded to Americans Carolyn Bertozzi and Barry Sharpless, and Danish scientist Morten Meldal for developing a way of "snapping molecules together" that can be used to design better medicines. They were cited for their work on click chemistry and bioorthogonal reactions, which are used to make cancer drugs, map DNA and create materials that are tailored to a specific purpose. Hans Ellegren, secretary general of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, announced the winners today at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - A Democratic congressman who has made his opponent's questionable record fighting the opioid epidemic a central theme of his campaign for Ohio's open U.S. Senate seat has accepted campaign donations over the years from drug distributors blamed for key roles in the crisis. An Associated Press review found the \$27,000 in combined contributions to U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan from the nation's three largest drug distributors rolled in between 2007 and this August, a period of 13 years. The giving

represents a small fraction of Ryan's campaign contributions over the years, but it's notable because he's hammered Republican opponent JD Vance over the spotty record of his anti-opioid nonprofit.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The family of a cinematographer shot and killed by Alec Baldwin on the set of the film "Rust" has agreed to settle a lawsuit against Baldwin and the movie's producers, and production may resume on the project in January. Matthew Hutchins, widower of the cinematographer Halyna Hutchins, says in a statement that a settlement agreement has been reached in the New Mexico lawsuit. Matthew Hutchins says filming will resume on "Rust" in January, with the same principal players as before. New Mexico regulators say the production company has failed to pay a fine for safety violations, and have scheduled a hearing for April. Baldwin, Halyna Hutchins and others were setting up a shot inside a chapel on set when the gun he was holding went off in October 2021.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A malfunctioning South Korean ballistic missile blew up as it plowed into the ground during a drill with the United States that was a reprisal for North Korea's launch a day earlier of a weapon that flew over Japan and has the range to strike the U.S. Territory of Guam. The explosion panicked and confused residents of the coastal city of Gangneung. Their concern that it could be a North Korean attack only grew as the military and government officials provided no explanation about the explosion for hours. The short-range Hyunmoo-2 missile that crashed inside an air force base is key to South Korea's preemptive and retaliatory strike strategies against the North.

Stocks ended slightly lower on Wall Street as a gangbuster two-day rally ran out of gas. The S&P 500 ended 0.2% lower after briefly heading into the green late in the day. Its rally early this week was the biggest since the spring of 2020, spurred in part by hopes a softening economy may convince central banks to take it easier on interest rate hikes. Analysts have said such hopes may be premature. Other major U.S. indices including the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq also lost ground.

ANGOLA, Ind. (AP) — Authorities say an Ohio woman accused of striking two northeastern Indiana boys with her SUV, fatally injuring one of them, allegedly fled the scene and tried to conceal her involvement in the weekend accident. Forty-five-year-old Hope Ann Richmond of Montpelier, Ohio, is charged with three felonies. The Herald Republican of Angola reports that she was charged in Saturday night's accident along a Steuben County road that killed Wayden Bennett, 13, of Angola, and left 12-year-old Ryly Cumings, also of Angola, with a head laceration.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Authorities have arrested a Purdue University student in the killing of his roommate in their campus dorm room. Purdue Police Chief Lesley Wiete says Ji Min Sha, a 22-year-old cybersecurity major from Seoul, South Korea, was arrested on a preliminary murder charge in the killing of Varun Manish Chheda, a 20-year-old data science major from Indianapolis. The Tippecanoe County coroner says an autopsy determined that Chheda died of "multiple sharp-force traumatic injuries." Wiete says Sha, who goes by the nickname "Jimmy," called police at around 12:45 a.m. "alerting us to the death of his roommate" in their dorm room. She says investigators don't know why Chheda was killed, but she thinks it was "unprovoked and senseless."

The entire Major League Baseball playoff picture is now set. The four matchups in the wild-card round were locked in Tuesday night, right before

the last day of the regular season. Every series starts Friday and is a best two of three. Plus, the higher seed will host every game. In the National League, the San Diego Padres visit the New York Mets while the Philadelphia Phillies play at St. Louis against the Cardinals. In the American League, the Seattle Mariners visit the Toronto Blue Jays while the Cleveland Guardians host the Tampa Bay Rays. The postseason was expanded from 10 teams to 12 this season.

The owner of a sports memorabilia auction house says he has offered \$2 million to the fan who caught Aaron Judge's American League-record 62nd home run. JP Cohen, president of Memory Lane Inc. in Tustin, California, told The Associated Press today that he has texted and emailed Cory Youmans, who caught Judge's milestone shot Tuesday night at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Cohen says Youmans has not yet replied. Youmans grabbed the historic souvenir on the fly as it sailed into the front row of section 31 in left field. The Yankees slugger isn't in the starting lineup for New York's regular-season finale today.

NYON, Switzerland (AP) — Ukrainian soccer federation president Andriy Pavelko says hosting World Cup matches in 2030 would be "the dream of people who survived the horrors of war" after his country launched a joint bid with Spain and Portugal. The leaders of the three soccer federations joined together at UEFA headquarters to present a campaign they hope will connect people beyond the world of sports. Pavelko says the project is backed by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. FIFA will pick the host in 2024. Other likely candidates are a four-nation South American bid and a Saudi Arabia-led project involving Egypt.

MALANG, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's President Joko Widodo says locked gates contributed to the crush at the soccer stadium that left 131 dead and over 400 injured when police fired tear gas and set off a panicked run for the exits. Widodo made the statement after touring the stadium in East Java's Malang city for a first-hand look at the scene of one of the world's deadliest disasters at a sporting event. He also visited the victims at the hospital and pledged a thorough investigation into what had transpired on Saturday night. Police insist that the gates were open but were too narrow and could only accommodate two people at a time when hundreds were trying to escape. Indonesia's national soccer association blamed delays in unlocking the gates.

10/12/22 WATERBURY, Conn. (AP) — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones has been ordered by a Connecticut jury to pay \$965 million to people who suffered from his false claim that the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a hoax. The verdict is the second big judgment against the Infowars host for claiming the massacre was staged. It came in a lawsuit filed by the relatives of eight victims. An FBI agent who responded to the shooting was also a plaintiff. Jones now believes the shooting was real, but he says he had a right to publicly question whether it happened. A Texas jury in August ordered Jones to pay \$50 million to the parents of another slain child.

NEW YORK (AP) — Tens of millions of older Americans are about to get what may be the biggest raise of their lifetimes. On Thursday, the U.S. government is set to announce what's virtually certain to be the largest increase in Social Security benefits in 40 years. The boost is meant to allow beneficiaries to keep up with inflation, and how it's generated stirs plenty of controversy. Critics say the data used to set the increase doesn't reflect what older Americans are actually spending. It's also a

one-size-fits-all increase, which means beneficiaries get the same raise regardless of where they live or how big a nest egg they have.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Unbowed Western powers have pledged to supply Ukraine with more powerful air defense systems following a furious barrage of retaliatory Russian missile strikes. The attacks included one that temporarily knocked Europe's biggest nuclear power plant off the power grid today. Ukraine's nuclear operator said the Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant suffered a "blackout" when a missile damaged an electrical substation. Energoatom said diesel generators provided backup power before the external power source was repaired. Russia launched wide-ranging attacks this week in retaliation for an explosion that damaged a bridge linking Russia with Crimea. As Ukraine's Western allies calibrated their response, Russia's domestic security said it arrested eight suspects.

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has ruled that former President Donald Trump will have to sit for a deposition next week in a defamation lawsuit filed by a writer who says he raped her in the mid-1990s. U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan rejected a request by Trump's lawyers that the planned testimony be delayed. The deposition is now scheduled for Oct. 19. The decision came in a lawsuit brought by the writer E. Jean Carroll. She says Trump raped her in an upscale Manhattan department store's dressing room. Trump has denied it.

Three children who were sexually abused by their father are accusing a Utah state legislator and a prominent Salt Lake City law firm of conspiring with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to cover up their abuse and allowing it to go on for years. In a court filing in Cochise County, Arizona, made public today, the children of the late Paul Adams asked an Arizona judge for permission to add Republican state Rep. Merrill F. Nelson and law firm Kirton McConkie as defendants in their lawsuit against the Mormon church. The suit accuses the church of failing to notify police or child welfare officials that Adams was abusing his older daughter.

PHOENIX (AP) — ACT test scores made public in a report today reveal a decline in preparedness for college-level coursework. Overall, the average ACT composite score was 19.8 out of 36. This year was the first time since 1991 that the average score was below 20, and it was the lowest average in more than 30 years. The report also shows 42% of ACT-tested graduates in the class of 2022 met none of the ACT's subject benchmarks, which are indicators of how well students are expected to perform in college courses. The results offer a lens into systemic inequities in education, in place well before the pandemic shuttered schools and colleges waived testing requirements.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indiana Supreme Court has issued an order that prevents the state from enforcing a Republican-backed abortion ban while it considers whether it violates the state constitution. The court said in today's order that it was taking over appeals of a judge's decision last month that blocked the law a week after it took effect. It denied a request from the state Attorney General's office to set aside the preliminary injunction, setting a hearing on the lawsuit filed by abortion clinic operators for Jan. 12. Owen County Judge Kelsey Hanlon blocked the law from being enforced, writing that "there is reasonable likelihood that this significant restriction of personal autonomy offends the liberty

guarantees of the Indiana Constitution." Therefore, abortion is available in Indiana until at least Jan. 12.

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa will return to practice today in a limited capacity. He will not play Sunday against the Vikings. Tagovailoa has been in the concussion protocol since Sept. 29 when he took a hit against the Cincinnati Bengals and had to be stretchered off the field and taken to a hospital. Tagovailoa hadn't practiced since then. He took hard hits in successive games, and the NFL's concussion protocol was subsequently changed to address the symptoms he had during a loss to the Bills.

Nick Castellanos and the Philadelphia Phillies can put the defending World Series champion Braves on the brink of elimination. Same for the Dodgers against the rival Padres. Meanwhile, the Mariners and Guardians get a day to shake off tough losses to the Astros and Yankees, respectively. The National League Division Series pitting Phillies vs. Braves and Padres vs. Dodgers are set for their second games today, while the American League clubs get a day off. Castellanos carried a big load with his bat in a 7-6 Game 1 victory Tuesday over Atlanta. But despite driving in three runs, his glove work was what really had people talking with a full-speed diving catch to record an out in the 9th inning after the Braves had pulled within one run.

Carson Wentz takes enough hits on and off the field that short rest is just another obstacle. Fresh off his coach running him over figuratively, Wentz leads the Washington Commanders against the Chicago Bears on Thursday night with each team trying to snap a losing streak. Commanders coach Ron Rivera caused quite a stir this week when he blamed the team's four-game skid and last-place standing in the NFC East on his quarterback. Rivera later explained his response was misconstrued but the damage was done.

CLEVELAND (AP) — Authorities say two anglers are accused of stuffing fish in an attempt to win thousands of dollars in an Ohio fishing tournament. Forty-two-year-old Jacob Runyan, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and 35-year-old Chase Cominski, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, were indicted today in Cleveland on felony charges of cheating, attempted grand theft, possessing criminal tools and misdemeanor charges of unlawfully owning wild animals. They're due to be arraigned Oct. 26. They are accused of stuffing lead weights and fish filets into walleye in an attempt to win the Lake Erie Walleye Trail tournament, which had a first prize of \$28,760.

10/28/22 BAKHMUT, Ukraine (AP) — Russian soldiers are slowly edging closer to a city in eastern Ukraine they have tried to seize for months. Bakhmut has remained in Ukrainian hands during the war despite Moscow's goal of capturing the entire Donbas region bordering Russia. While much of the fighting in the last month has unfolded in southern Ukraine's Kherson region, the battle heating up around Bakhmut demonstrates Russian President Vladimir Putin's desire for visible gains following his troops' clear setbacks. Taking Bakhmut would rupture Ukraine's supply lines and open a route for Russian forces to press on toward other Ukrainian strongholds in the east. Mercenaries from the shadowy Wagner Group are reported to be leading the charge.

GROVEPORT, Ohio (AP) — A surprising dynamic is taking shape in Ohio, where Republicans are hoping to ride a wave of national discontent with

Democrats to take control of the Senate. Less than two weeks before Election Day, the race is more competitive than initially expected. Republican JD Vance, the venture capitalist and author-turned-first time candidate, may still win in a state that former President Donald Trump carried by 8 percentage points twice. But most polls show Vance roughly tied with Democrat Tim Ryan, the 10-term congressman running against Vance as a moderate. That's even as incumbent Republican Gov. Mike DeWine leads his Democratic rival by double digits.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea says that North Korea has fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward the sea in its first ballistic weapons tests in two weeks. Friday's launches came after the U.S. military warned the North that the use of nuclear weapons "will result in the end of that regime." South Korea's military says it detected the two launches from the North's eastern coastal Tongchon area around Friday noon. The back-to-back launches, the North's first ballistic missile tests since Oct. 14, came on the final day of South Korea's annual 12-day field exercises, which North Korea views as an invasion rehearsal.

PAHRUMP, Nev. (AP) — An unprecedented hand-count of mail-in ballots in a rural Nevada county is on hold and may not resume. The Nevada Supreme Court said in a ruling late Thursday the process underway in Nye County is illegal. The Republican secretary of state who has been highly critical of conspiracy fraud theories that fueled the hand count directed the county clerk to "cease immediately." Volunteers had wrapped up a second day of hand-counting the ballots by the time the high court issued an opinion siding with objections raised by the American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada. The ACLU says Nye County lawyers told them the hand count had been shut down.

LONDON (AP) — The British government says new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak will not attend the major United Nations climate conference next month. Sunak's office said the decision was made because of "pressing domestic commitments" including preparations for an emergency budget on Nov. 17. The UK says it does not reflect a downgrade in the government's commitment to combating climate change. Officials from almost 200 countries are due to gather in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, starting Nov. 6 to discuss how to tackle global warming at the conference known as COP27. Britain hosted last year's COP26 conference in Glasgow, Scotland, which was attended by then-Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — A jury has acquitted a man of neglect charges after he was accused with his ex-wife of abandoning an adopted daughter. The Tippecanoe Superior Court panel deliberated about two hours Thursday before finding Michael Barnett not guilty of three neglect charges and conspiracy to commit neglect of a dependent. The daughter, Ukrainian immigrant Natalia Barnett, said her adoptive parents, before moving to Canada, abandoned her in a second-story Lafayette apartment in which she was unable to navigate the stairs and without a walker or wheelchair or any knowledge of the city. Michael Barnett and his ex-wife have said Natalia was an adult pretending to be a child.

FRANKLIN, Ind. (AP) — IBC Advanced Alloys Corp. (IAALF) on Thursday reported a loss of \$1.2 million in its fiscal fourth quarter.

The Franklin, Indiana-based company said it had a loss of 1 cent per share.

The maker of rare metal-based alloys posted revenue of \$6.4 million in the period.

For the year, the company reported that its loss narrowed to \$1.1 million, or 1 cent per share. Revenue was reported as \$26.9 million.

HOUSTON (AP) — Justin Verlander remains in search of his first World Series win after going 0-6 with a 5.68 ERA in seven Series starts. The 39-year-old right-hander starts for the Houston Astros on Friday night. Aaron Nola takes the mound for the Philadelphia Phillies, the first third-place team to reach a World Series. Verlander likely is headed to his third Cy Young Award in his first season back from Tommy John surgery, going 18-4 with a major league-best 1.75 ERA to give him a 244-133 record and a 3.24 ERA in 17 seasons.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Lamar Jackson threw for 238 yards and two second-half touchdowns to lead the Baltimore Ravens to a come-from-behind 27-22 victory over Tom Brady and the struggling Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Bucs lost for the fifth time in six games following a 2-0 start, and the 45-year-old Brady finds himself riding a three-game losing streak for the first time since 2002 — his first season as a full-time starter with the New England Patriots.

Issue: Politics

Program Name: PBS Newshour

Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm

10/3/22 Monday on the NewsHour, search and rescue efforts after Hurricane Ian continue in Florida as President Biden surveys the damage Hurricane Fiona inflicted on Puerto Rico. Brazil's presidential election heads to a second round after neither of the top two candidates secured the majority of votes. Plus, the Supreme Court is back in session with numerous controversial cases on its docket.

10/21/22 Friday on the NewsHour, a federal judge and the U.S. Supreme Court deny attempts to block President Biden's plan to erase student loan debt. Lebanon's dire financial crisis leads some citizens to rob banks to access their own money. Plus, David Brooks and Ruth Marcus weigh in on the top issues that could decide the midterm elections and the tumultuous state of politics in the United Kingdom.

10/25/22 Tuesday on the NewsHour, two weeks ahead of Election Day, Pennsylvania's closely-watched Senate race is neck and neck. We speak to voters about the issues influencing their vote. Hospitals are under strain as they care for high numbers of children infected with respiratory illnesses. Plus, gangs in Haiti grow stronger, spurring the government to ask for international armed forces to keep peace.

Issue: The Environment

Program Name: StarDate

Aired daily at noon and 5pm Monday-Friday on WSND-FM

10/1/22 Observe-the-Moon Night

Two of the constellations of summer bookend the waxing Moon tonight. Sagittarius is to the left of the Moon at nightfall. Some of its bright stars form the shape of a teapot, with the Moon near the tip of the spout.

Scorpius curls below and to the right of the Moon. The stars that mark the scorpion's stinger are directly below the Moon, with the scorpion's bright heart, the star Antares, well to the lower right of the Moon.

10/15/22 More Mars

Mars is bitterly cold. Temperatures seldom climb above freezing, and can slide far below minus-100 Fahrenheit. Yet the planet can get even colder. There's evidence that Mars goes through periodic ice ages that can last for hundreds of thousands of years.

10/25/22 Triangulum Galaxy

Almost every galaxy is giving birth to at least a few stars. But a giant stellar nursery on the rim of M33, the Triangulum Galaxy, takes starbirth to the extreme. It is giving birth to thousands of stars – including many that are among the hottest, brightest, and most massive yet seen.

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11/02/22 JERUSALEM (AP) – After four inconclusive elections, it looks like the fifth time finally worked for Benjamin Netanyahu. With about 85% of the ballots counted, it appears voters gave him and his far-right allies what looks like a stable majority in parliament. Votes are still being counted and results are not final, but Israel was likely headed to its most right-wing government, bolstered by a strong showing from the ultranationalist Religious Zionism party, whose members use inflammatory anti-Arab and anti-LGBTQ rhetoric. Initial results point to a continued rightward shift in the Israeli electorate, further dimming hopes for peace with the Palestinians and setting the stage for possible conflict with the Biden administration.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) – Some of Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's supporters are asking the military to help keep him in office despite his election loss to leftist rival Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Thousands of people who back the far-right president gathered today outside one of the army's eight regional headquarters a day after Bolsonaro stopped short of conceding the election but authorized his chief of staff to begin the transition process. The demonstrations come as truckers who support Bolsonaro maintained hundreds of roadblocks across the country to protest his loss. Da Silva's victory has been recognized by international leaders and the country's supreme court.

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) – Ethiopia's warring sides have formally agreed during talks in South Africa to a permanent cessation of hostilities in a 2-year conflict whose victims could be counted in the hundreds of thousands. Enormous challenges lie ahead including getting all parties to lay down arms or withdraw. African Union envoy Olusegun Obasanjo says Ethiopia's government and Tigray authorities have agreed on "orderly, smooth and coordinated disarmament." Other key points include "restoration of services" and "unhindered access to humanitarian supplies." The war, which marks two years on Friday, saw abuses documented on either side. Eritrea, which has fought alongside neighboring Ethiopia, was notably not part of the talks.

WASHINGTON (AP) – Lawyers who aided former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election regarded an appeal to

Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas as a "key" to their success. That's according to emails provided to congressional investigators and made public today. The emails from December 2020 show the lawyers discussing ways to delay the certification of results in Georgia, a closely contested state won by Democrat Joe Biden. One lawyer, Kenneth Chesebro, suggested that an appeal to Thomas could "end up being the key here." In the end, the Supreme Court wound up rejecting multiple Republican requests to intervene in the election and undo the results.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A witness in the trial of Oath Keepers founder Stewart Rhodes has testified that Rhodes tried to get a message to then-President Donald Trump days after the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection. He wanted to urge Trump to fight to stay in power and "save the republic." The message never made it to the president. Prosecutors sought to use the testimony today to show that Rhodes continued plotting to stop the transfer of presidential power even after the Capitol riot. Prosecutors are wrapping up their case against Rhodes and four associates in the most serious case stemming from the Jan. 6 attack to go to trial yet.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Saudi prince who was attending graduate school in Boston is the latest person targeted as part of what the FBI and others say is Saudi Arabia's crackdown on Saudis in the United States. Saudi court papers obtained by The Associated Press reveal the previously unreported case of Prince Abdullah bin Faisal al Saud. He was handed a 30-year prison sentence for phone conversations that Saudi officials say he had with his mother and others while in Boston. The case follows a 16-year prison sentence given a 72-year-old dual Saudi and American citizen for tweets he posted from his home in Florida. The Saudi Embassy calls allegations that it stalks Saudis on U.S. soil "preposterous." But Khalid al Jabri, a Saudi living in the U.S., calls it "a repression machine."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a midterm election that will define, and quite possibly constrict, the next two years of his term, President Joe Biden is treading a difficult line. At once he is the optimist, with a bright promise of better days ahead, only to then paint what he sees as a darker portrait of a Congress potentially controlled by hard-right Republicans. Biden is leaning on the positive at a time when many voters are feeling the pain of record inflation and higher prices, and harbor deep concerns about the fragility of democracy itself. And it's not clear that his optimistic vision is breaking through. Just 25% of Americans said the country is headed in the right direction in an October AP-NORC survey.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve pumped up its benchmark interest rate by three-quarters of a point for a fourth straight time to fight high inflation, but hinted that it could soon reduce the size of its rate hikes. It was the Fed's sixth rate hike this year — a streak that has made mortgages and other loans increasingly expensive and heightened the risk of a recession. The persistence of inflated prices and higher borrowing costs has undercut the ability of Democrats to campaign on the healthy job market as they try to maintain control of Congress. Republican candidates have hammered Democrats on the punishing impact of inflation in the run-up to the midterm elections that will end Tuesday, despite similar inflation woes worldwide.

Markets are worried the Fed may slow the economy so much that it enters a recession. Today the S&P 500 fell 2.5%, shedding gains from a brief rally. The Dow and Nasdaq also turned red.

CVS and Walgreens have agreed in principle to pay a total of about \$10 billion to settle lawsuits over the toll of powerful prescription opioids. A lawyer for local governments also said today that settlement talks continue with Walmart. The developments involving the nation's largest pharmacy chains could amount to the last huge settlements announced in years of litigation between government entities and drugmakers, distributors and pharmacies over opioids. Governments say pharmacies were filling prescriptions they should have flagged as inappropriate. Opioids have been linked to more than 500,000 deaths in the U.S. over two decades, and the crisis is intensifying.

PORTER, Ind. (AP) — The public will keep the right to use Indiana's Lake Michigan shoreline for recreation as the U.S. Supreme Court won't consider arguments from nearby property owners who claimed they also owned the beach. The court's decision was released Monday without any explanation as part of an order turning down dozens of cases from around the country. The action keeps in place a 2018 Indiana Supreme Court ruling. That decision found that three property owners in the northwest Indiana town of Porter never owned a private beach because the state owns the land under its section of Lake Michigan and the adjacent shoreline up to the ordinary high-water mark. That means the shoreline is open for walking, fishing, boating, swimming and other recreational purposes.

The NFL's Washington Commanders could soon be for sale. Owners Dan and Tanya Snyder say they have hired Bank of America Securities to consider potential transactions. Asked if the Snyders were considering selling part or all of the team, a spokesperson said, "We are exploring all options." The Commanders are worth an estimated \$5.6 billion, according to Forbes. That ranks sixth among the league's 32 teams. Snyder's ownership in Washington has come under increased pressure recently amid investigations by the league office and Congress into the team's workplace culture and potential financial improprieties.

DENVER, N.C. (AP) — Hailie Deegan heads into the final Truck Series race of the year Friday night without plans for 2023 announced. Deegan is the only full-time female driver in NASCAR. She's a Ford development driver and has spent the last two seasons in NASCAR's third-tier national series racing trucks for David Gilliland. But Gilliland is moving his program to Toyota next season, and even though Deegan started her career with Toyota, there's no spot for her in the move. Ford says it is trying to place Deegan for next season. The 21-year-old, meanwhile, uses social media to attract sponsorship to continue her career.

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas has suspended Hall of Fame coach Bill Self and top assistant Kurtis Townsend for the first four games of the season. The Jayhawks also imposed several recruiting restrictions as part of the fallout from a lengthy FBI investigation into college basketball corruption. Norm Roberts will be the acting coach for the defending national champions beginning with their opener Monday night against Omaha.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Houston starter Lance McCullers Jr. became the first pitcher to allow five home runs in a World Series game, serving up long balls to Philadelphia's Bryce Harper, Alec Bohm, Brandon Marsh, Kyle Schwarber and Rhys Hoskins in the first five innings of Game 3. The previous record of four homers allowed in a World Series game was shared by the Chicago Cubs' Charlie Root in 1932, Cincinnati's Gene Thompson in 1939 and St. Louis' Dick Hughes in 1967.

There are 14 Black women leading women's basketball programs at Power Five conference schools this season. That is one more than last season. While that doesn't show much improvement, five of the 12 openings at those conferences in the offseason did go to Black females. The Atlantic Coast and Southeastern conferences have led the way. Each has five Black head coaches.

11/16/22 PRZEWODOW, Poland (AP) — NATO's chief and the president of Poland say there are no indications that a missile that fell on Polish farmland and killed two people was a deliberate attack. They said that Ukraine likely launched the Soviet-era projectile as it was fending off a Russian air assault. Tuesday's incident came as Russia launched missiles and drones that savaged Ukraine's power grid. Poland said the missile was Russian-made. U.S. President Joe Biden said it was "unlikely" that Russia fired it. Ukraine's president said he did not believe the missile was Ukrainian and asked for more evidence. The NATO chief and others laid overall but not specific blame on Russian President Vladimir Putin's war. WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump has officially declared himself a candidate for president, but that won't shield him from the same criminal investigations that confront him as an ordinary citizen. The Justice Department is pushing ahead with its probes. And with the midterm elections now mostly complete and the 2024 presidential campaign yet to begin in earnest, federal prosecutors have plenty of time to continue their work, even as Trump hits the campaign trail. He is entering the race amid investigations related to his efforts to undo the 2020 election results and into the hoarding of top-secret government documents at his Florida estate — plus a separate state probe in Georgia.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A space capsule is hurtling toward the moon for the first time in 50 years. The spacecraft with three test dummies aboard launched on top of NASA's new moon rocket early today. The Florida launch brings the U.S. a big step closer to putting astronauts back on the lunar surface for the first time since the end of the Apollo program. If all goes well, the crew capsule will be propelled into a wide orbit around the moon, before returning to Earth with a Pacific splashdown in three weeks. NASA hopes to send four astronauts around the moon on the next flight, in 2024, and land humans there as early as 2025.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats are moving ahead with legislation to protect same-sex and interracial marriage. Democrats are acting now as they face the prospect of divided government in the next Congress. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer is planning a test vote on the bill today, betting that at least 10 Republicans will vote with all Democrats to advance legislation to ensure that same-sex and interracial marriages are legally recognized nationwide. The bill has gained momentum since the Supreme Court decision overturning the federal right to abortion. An opinion at the time from Justice Clarence Thomas suggested that earlier high court decisions protecting same-sex marriage and interracial marriage (like his own) could also come under threat.

SHARM el-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Brazilian President-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is promising to combat deforestation when he assumes office on Jan. 1. Da Silva, president between 2003 and 2010, is participating at the U.N. climate summit in Egypt known as COP27. In his first public appearance today, da Silva said his administration would make combating deforestation a priority. He also said he would suggest to U.N. officials that the climate summit in 2025 be held in the Amazon. Da Silva took

swipes at President Jair Bolsonaro, who pushed economic development in the Amazon. Da Silva beat Bolsonaro in last month's presidential election. Da Silva was expected to speak again later today and participate in the summit through Thursday.

Americans are bracing for a costly Thanksgiving this year, with double-digit percent increases in the price of turkey, potatoes, stuffing, canned pumpkin and other staples. Higher production costs are only part of the reason; disease, rough weather and the war in Ukraine are also contributors. Turkey supplies are at their lowest point since 1986 after a deadly avian flu wiped out flocks, and prices are up about 28%. But experts say there won't be shortages of whole birds because producers shifted production to meet Thanksgiving demand. Meanwhile, stores like Walmart, Lidl and Aldi are offering deals to lessen the sticker shock.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A prosecutor says a witness told police the University of Virginia student suspected of opening fire on fellow students as they returned by bus from a field trip, targeted specific victims. The prosecutor gave a brief accounting of what police say happened Sunday night during the suspect's first court appearance today. The alleged shooter was ordered held without bond. His attorney did not address the substance of the charges against him. The school also announced today it was canceling its final home football game of the season scheduled for the weekend against Coastal Carolina. The violence Sunday night left three football players dead and one player and another student wounded.

Officials: Monkeypox contributed to Indiana resident's death

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — State health officials say monkeypox was a contributing factor in the recent death of an Indiana resident. The Indiana Department of Health said Wednesday the person who died had a monkeypox infection as well as multiple other health conditions which contributed to that individual's death. State Health Commissioner Kris Box urged people at risk to get vaccinated against monkeypox. Since mid-June, 264 cases of monkeypox have been reported in Indiana, with most occurring among males ages 18 to 39. The vast majority of U.S. monkeypox cases have been among men who reported recent sexual contact with other men.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Phillies slugger Bryce Harper will have surgery today to repair the tear in the ulnar collateral ligament of his right elbow. The injury forced the right fielder to spend most of the season as designated hitter. Phillies President Dave Dombrowski says there's no timetable on Harper's recovery until after the surgery. Harper suffered the small tear in April and last played right field on April 16. He had a platelet-rich plasma injection in his right elbow in May and shifted to the designated hitter role.

CONWAY, S.C. (AP) — This was the week Coastal Carolina would make its case as one of the country's best teams outside the Power Five on an ACC stage. Instead, Chanticleers coach Jamey Chadwell, his players and campus pivoted to offer unconditional support to the Virginia program it was supposed to face Saturday. Virginia was devastated by the killing of three football players and wounding of another. Chadwell said thoughts of achievement by his newly ranked program turned to sorrow and how they could help. The game between the Chants and Cavaliers was called off today.

11/30/22 WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is moving urgently to head off the looming U.S. rail strike. The House passed a bill today that would bind companies and workers to a proposed settlement reached in September that failed to gain the support of all 12 unions involved. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. It would impose a compromise labor agreement brokered by President Joe Biden's administration. That agreement was ultimately voted down by four of the 12 unions representing more than 100,000 employees at large freight rail carriers. The unions have threatened to strike if an agreement can't be reached before a Dec. 9 deadline.

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York congressman Hakeem Jeffries has been elected House Democratic leader and will become, in the new year, the first Black American to lead a major political party in Congress. Democrats met today behind closed doors for the internal party elections as Speaker Nancy Pelosi and her team step aside. House Democrats are ushering in a new generation of leaders. The 52-year-old Jeffries has vowed to "get things done," even after Republicans won control of the chamber and relegated Democrats to the minority party in January. The trio led by Jeffries includes 59-year-old Rep. Katherine Clark of Massachusetts as the Democratic whip and 43-year-old Rep. Pete Aguilar of California as caucus chairman.

BEIJING (AP) — China's ruling Communist Party has vowed to "resolutely crack down on infiltration and sabotage activities by hostile forces." The Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission's statement was released late Tuesday after the largest street demonstrations in decades by citizens fed up with strict anti-virus restrictions. While it did not directly address protests, the statement serves as a reminder of the party's determination to enforce its rule. There has been a massive show of force by the internal security services to deter a recurrence of protests that broke out over the weekend in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and other cities. Security forces have conducted random ID checks and searched mobile phones for evidence of participation in demonstrations.

WETUMPKA, Ala. (AP) — The National Weather Service says record high temperatures in Texas and Louisiana fired up the storm front that spawned tornadoes across the Deep South. The severe weather wrecked numerous homes, destroyed a fire station, ripped the roof off an apartment complex and killed two people when a tree crunched their mobile home. More than 50,000 customers were without power this morning. Isaiah Sankey is vice chairman of Alabama's Montgomery County Commission and represents the Flatwood area where the people died. He vowed to make installing storm shelters a priority as the tight-knit community recovers.

NEW YORK (AP) — Christine McVie, the soulful British musician who sang lead on many of Fleetwood Mac's biggest hits, has died at 79. The band announced her death on social media today, saying "there are no words to describe our sadness at the passing of Christine McVie." No cause of death or other details were immediately provided. McVie was a steady presence and personality in a band known for its frequent lineup changes and volatile personalities. During its peak commercial years, from 1975-80, the band sold tens of millions of records and was an ongoing source of fascination for fans as it transformed personal battles into melodic, compelling songs.

KAILUA-KONA, Hawaii (AP) — The world's largest volcano is oozing rivers of glowing lava and drawing thousands of awestruck viewers who jammed a Hawaiian highway that could soon be covered by the flow. Mauna Loa awoke

from its 38-year slumber Sunday, causing volcanic ash and debris to drift down from the sky. Today, a main highway linking towns on the east and west coasts of the Big Island became an impromptu viewing point. Thousands of cars jammed the highway near Volcanoes National Park.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fed Chair Jerome Powell says the Federal Reserve will push rates higher than previously expected and keep them there longer to fight a stubborn bout of inflation. In written remarks to be delivered to the Brookings Institution today, Powell also signaled that the Fed may increase its key interest rate by a smaller increment at its December meeting, only a half-point after four straight three-quarter point hikes. But Powell also stressed that the smaller size shouldn't be seen as a sign the Fed will let up on its inflation fight anytime soon.

Stocks rallied on Wall Street after Powell's remarks were released. The S&P 500 jumped 3.1% today. The tech-heavy Nasdaq rose 4.4% and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 2.2%. Major indices ended November with their second straight month of gains.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's Republican attorney general has asked the state medical licensing board to discipline an Indianapolis doctor who has spoken publicly about providing an abortion to a 10-year-old rape victim who traveled from Ohio after its more-restrictive abortion law took effect. The complaint alleges Dr. Caitlin Bernard violated state law by not reporting the girl's child abuse to Indiana authorities and violated patient privacy laws by telling a reporter about the girl's treatment. That account sparked a national political uproar in the weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade in June. Bernard maintains the girl's abuse had already been reported to Ohio police before the doctor ever saw the child, and since the alleged abuse occurred in Ohio that state's authorities had jurisdiction.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Mike Braun has formally launched a committee for a 2024 campaign for governor in his home state of Indiana. The 68-year-old wealthy founder of a national auto parts distribution business is the most prominent of several active potential Republican candidates for the field to replace GOP Gov. Eric Holcomb. The current governor cannot seek reelection because of term limits. Braun would be heavily favored to win a second Senate term in 2024 from Republican-dominated Indiana. Running for governor would forego a reelection bid for his Senate seat. Braun adviser Josh Kelley said that Braun "will be making an official announcement of his candidacy very soon."

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Deshaun Watson is ready to play, not talk. Cleveland's starting quarterback didn't address the media before practicing for the first time since being reinstated by the NFL from his 11-game suspension stemming from accusations of sexual misconduct. Watson has been accused of harassment and assault by more than two dozen women for his actions during massage therapy sessions. Watson will make his debut for the Browns on Sunday against the Houston Texans, who traded him to Cleveland in March. The 27-year-old Watson accepted the league ban, a \$5 million fine and agreed to undergo therapy and counseling.

Russia and Kenya received encouraging news from track and field's ruling body, though any possible reprieve for Russia was tempered by World Athletics' intent to keep the country out of international meets until the war in Ukraine is over. Kenya is dealing with a protracted doping crisis that has landed dozens of athletes on suspension. But World Athletics

President Seb Coe says reports about a possible full-scale ban for the country were misguided. He says increased funding from the Kenyan government persuaded authorities to stop short of the most radical sanctions. Meanwhile, Russia's athletics federation could be reinstated from a doping suspension that began almost a decade ago. But Coe said the door will remain closed to Russians in major events until the war in Ukraine ends.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Some high school athletes are banking big bucks thanks to changes that allow them to accept major endorsement deals. California has become the trendsetter among the 19 states that let high school athletes profit from their name, image and likeness without affecting their eligibility to play in college. Among them is Jada Williams, who was a social media star and a talented point guard when she moved with her mother from a Kansas City suburb to San Diego. She wanted to play basketball for a high school powerhouse and parlay her online prowess into endorsement deals. Now the 17-year-old is pulling in six figures a year from six major endorsement deals.

AL RAYYAN, Qatar (AP) — Defending champion France won its World Cup group despite losing to Tunisia 1-0. Wahbi Khazri scored in the 58th minute to give the Tunisians the victory but it wasn't enough to get them into the round of 16. Australia beat Denmark 1-0 in another Group D game and finished second on goal difference.

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Lionel Messi will grace the World Cup stage at least one more time. The Argentina great had a penalty saved but his team still beat Poland 2-0 after second-half goals from Alexis Mac Allister and Julian Alvarez and advanced to the last 16. Argentina finished in first place in Group C to set up a match against surprise qualifier Australia. Poland also advanced despite the loss. Argentina has bounced back from opening the World Cup with a shocking 2-1 loss to Saudi Arabia. Messi's likely final World Cup rolls onto Saturday. He will be relieved after failing to score a penalty for the second straight World Cup.

Mexico beats Saudi Arabia 2-1 but falls short at World Cup

LUSAIL, Qatar (AP) — Henry Martin and Luis Chaves scored a goal each in Mexico's furious attempt to stay alive at the World Cup but the 2-1 victory over Saudi Arabia was not enough. Argentina beat Poland 2-0 in a simultaneous match so Mexico was eliminated from the group stage for the first time since 1978. Mexico had reached the round of 16 at the last seven World Cups. That was tied with Brazil for the longest current streak. El Tri went into the match at Lusail Stadium needing a victory and help from Poland to advance in Group C. Argentina's victory meant goal difference came into play and Mexico missed out.

Issue: Politics

Program Name: PBS Newshour

Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm

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Thursday on the NewsHour, Democrats and Republicans make their final pitch to voters as Americans prepare to cast their ballots in the midterms. The Ethiopian government and Tigrayan rebels agree to a truce after two years of civil war but widespread poverty and devastation remain. Plus, we look at the history of daylight saving and its effect on our health.

11/21/22 Monday on the NewsHour, prosecutors pursue hate crime charges in the shooting that left five dead and dozens wounded at an LGBTQ

nightclub in Colorado. Millions lack adequate food as a famine propelled by conflict and climate change looms over eastern Africa. Plus, a legal battle ensues after a study suggests a link between chemical hair straighteners and heightened chances of uterine cancer.

11/29/22 Tuesday on the NewsHour, Democrats push for legislation in the remaining days before Republicans take control of the House. The head of a far-right militia group is convicted of seditious conspiracy for his role in the January 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. Plus, the Supreme Court hears a case challenging the Biden administration's authority to decide who gets deported.

Issue: The Environment

Program Name: StarDate

Aired daily at noon and 5pm Monday-Friday on WSND-FM

11/01/22 Moon and Saturn

Saturn has it all – bright, beautiful rings and interesting moons. And the two appear to be related – the rings and moons are made of the same stuff. That raises an interesting possibility: Either the rings gave birth to the moons, or the moons gave birth to the rings.

11/11/22 Tycho's Supernova

Tycho Brahe was one of the greatest observers of the night sky. In the era before telescopes, he compiled some of the most accurate star catalogs in history. It didn't take a lot of talent for him to notice a bright new star in Cassiopeia, though. Tycho logged it 450 years ago tonight. He studied the star extensively, so today it's known as Tycho's Supernova.

11/30/22 Moon and Companions

The Moon slides through a bright triangle this evening – the planets Jupiter and Saturn and the star Fomalhaut.

Jupiter is the triangle's brightest point, to the upper left of the Moon. It's the largest planet in the solar system – about 11 times the diameter of Earth. It's a ball of hydrogen and helium gas with a dense, fuzzy core of heavier elements. It's attended by about 80 known moons, four of which are easy to see with binoculars.

Issue: News

Program Name: Associated Press News, read by Notre Dame students and WSND community announcers

Aired Monday-Friday at 7:30am, 8:30am, 12:30pm, 4:30pm and 5:30pm

12/02/22 WASHINGTON (AP) – The nation's employers kept hiring briskly in November despite high inflation and a slow-growing economy – a sign of resilience in the face of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate hikes. The economy added 263,000 jobs, while the unemployment rate stayed 3.7%, still near a 53-year low, the Labor Department said Friday.

November's job growth dipped only slightly from October's 284,000 gain. Last month's hiring, though down from the explosive pace at the start of 2022, amounted to a substantial increase. All year, as inflation has surged and the Fed has imposed ever-higher borrowing rates, America's labor market has defied skeptics, adding hundreds of thousands of jobs, month after month.

BRUSSELS (AP) – The European Union is edging closer to a \$60-per-barrel price cap on Russian oil. It's a highly anticipated and complex political

and economic maneuver designed to keep Russian oil flowing into global markets while clamping down on President Vladimir Putin's ability to fund his war in Ukraine. EU nations sought to push the cap across the finish line Thursday after Poland held out to get as low a figure as possible. There's a deadline to set the price for discounted oil by Monday, when a European embargo on seaborne Russian crude and a ban on shipping insurance for those supplies take effect.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to avert a freight rail strike in the United States is headed to President Joe Biden's desk. A bill to avoid the strike won final approval Thursday, clearing the Senate in a bipartisan vote. The bill will bind rail companies and workers to a proposed settlement that was reached between the rail companies and union leaders in September. That settlement had been rejected by four of the 12 unions involved, creating the possibility of a strike. The Senate vote was 80-15 and came one day after the House voted to impose the agreement. Biden has vowed to sign it quickly.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States' newest nuclear stealth bomber is making its public debut after years of secret development. The new bomber is part of the Pentagon's answer to rising concerns over a future conflict with China. The B-21 Raider gets its name from the 1942 Doolittle Raid over Tokyo and is the first new American bomber aircraft built in more than 30 years. Almost every aspect of the B-21 Raider program is classified. The Pentagon is providing the public its first glimpse of the Raider at an invitation-only event in Palmdale, California, on Friday. Falls Church, Virginia-based Northrop Grumman is building the Raider, which will take its first flight next year.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Asia's richest man, coal magnate Gautam Adani, made his vast fortune betting on coal as an energy hungry India grew swiftly after its economy was liberalized in the 1990s. Adani says he wants to be known as the world's largest renewable energy player by 2030, but he's also investing heavily in petrochemicals and conventional power. Adani has profited mightily since Narendra Modi, India's most influential prime minister in decades, took office in 2014.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A judge has ruled that an Indianapolis man charged in the killings of three people will remain jailed without bond until trial after he violated a release order by allegedly being found with guns, ammunition and marijuana. Eighteen-year-old Caden Smith had been released from jail in October after a judge threw out evidence in the case after finding that detectives serving a search warrant violated his Fourth Amendment rights. But a judge ruled Wednesday that Smith violated his pre-trial release conditions last week and will remain jailed without bond until his trial in the October 2021 shooting deaths of 18-year-old Joseph Thomas, 22-year-old Michael James and 17-year-old Abdulla Mubarak.

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Josh Allen threw two touchdown passes and the Buffalo Bills beat the New England Patriots 24-10 for their first AFC East victory of the season. Devin Singletary had a 1-yard touchdown run to help the Bills win their third straight and take a half-game lead in the division over Miami. Buffalo had been 0-2 against division foes. Allen became the first player in NFL history with three seasons of 25 passing TDs and five rushing scores. New England has lost two straight since posting a season-best, three-game win streak.

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Gregg Berhalter went to the Netherlands 28 years ago to turn pro and will apply some of the early lessons he learned when he coaches the United States against the Dutch on Saturday for a berth in the World Cup's quarterfinals. The U.S. was knocked out in the round of 16 in extra-time losses to Ghana in 2010 and Belgium in 2014 then failed to qualify for the 2018 tournament. The Americans have not reached the quarterfinals since 2002. The Netherlands is a three-time World Cup runner-up and finished third in 2014.

12/14/22 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A San Francisco police investigator has testified that the man accused of attacking the husband of U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said there was "evil in Washington" and he was targeting Pelosi because she is second in line to the presidency. Authorities say David DePape broke into the Pelosis' San Francisco home on Oct. 28, seeking to kidnap the speaker. She was out of town, and authorities say DePape instead beat her 82-year-old husband, Paul Pelosi, with a hammer. DePape appeared in state court today for a preliminary hearing. He has pleaded not guilty to federal and state charges. He remains held without bail.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve reinforced its inflation fight by raising its key interest rate for the seventh time this year and signaling more hikes to come. But the Fed announced a smaller hike than it had in its past four meetings, at a time when inflation is showing signs of easing. Though lower than its previous three-quarter-point hikes, the latest move will further increase the costs of many consumer and business loans and the risk of a recession. The policymakers also signaled that they are prepared to raise their benchmark rate by an additional three-quarters of a point and leave it there through 2023. Some economists had expected that the Fed would project only an additional half-point increase.

The S&P 500 lost 0.6% after giving up an earlier gain of 0.9%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.4% and the Nasdaq composite gave back 0.8%.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian authorities say they thwarted a Russian attack on Kyiv and the surrounding region as their air defense system destroyed 13 explosive-laden drones. An official said drone wreckage damaged five buildings. No casualties were reported. The attempted strikes underlined the continued vulnerability of Ukraine's capital but also highlighted Ukraine's claims of increasing efficiency in intercepting weapons. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russian forces fired 13 Iranian-made drones, and all were intercepted. Ukraine's capital remained largely calm after today's attack, which occurred around daybreak. In another development, Ukraine's human rights chiefs said authorities discovered evidence that children were tortured in formerly Russian-occupied areas.

NEW YORK (AP) — The number of U.S. deaths has dropped this year, but there are still more than there were before the coronavirus hit. Preliminary data — through the first 11 months of this year — indicates 2022 will see fewer deaths than the previous two COVID-19 pandemic years. Current reports suggest deaths may be down about 3% from 2020 and about 7% from 2021. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention posted its latest data today. It will be months before health officials have a full tally. COVID-19 is the nation's third leading cause of death — behind heart disease and cancer.

BEIJING (AP) — China says it will stop reporting asymptomatic COVID-19 cases since they've become "impossible" to track with mass testing no longer required. That's another step in the country's uncertain exit from some of the world's strictest antivirus policies. China last week announced its most significant easing yet of antivirus measures and has begun to see what appears to be a rapid increase in new infections. That has raised concerns that its health system could become overwhelmed as those in other countries did during early COVID waves. So far, though, many of those newly sick are staying home and there has been little evidence of a surge in patient numbers. But it's difficult to get a clear picture of the virus's spread.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Survivors of last month's deadly mass shooting at a Colorado gay nightclub have testified to Congress about the onslaught of threats and violence against members of the LGBTQ community as they urged lawmakers to pass a law banning some semiautomatic weapons. The survivors said Club Q was a haven for the community before a 22-year-old shooter turned a drag queen's birthday celebration into a massacre on Nov. 19. Five people were killed and 25 were injured before the shooter armed with an AR-15-style semiautomatic weapon was subdued by patrons. The hearing comes as lawmakers race to finish their work for this session without legislation to ban semiautomatic firearms on their year-end agenda.

NEW YORK (AP) — According to a judge's secret contempt ruling, Donald Trump's company impeded a grand jury investigation last year by repeatedly failing to turn over evidence in a timely fashion, leading to a \$4,000 fine. Court records made public Tuesday show that the Trump Organization was found to have been "willfully disobeying" four grand jury subpoenas and three court orders, to the detriment of Manhattan prosecutors who were left ill-prepared to question witnesses. The subpoenas preceded the Trump Organization's July 2021 indictment on criminal tax fraud charges for helping executives avoid taxes on company-paid perks. The company was convicted this month and faces a fine of up to \$1.6 million.

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru's new government has imposed a police state amid violent protests following the ouster of President Pedro Castillo. The defense minister said the military will support national police in restricting the rights of people across the Andean nation to gather and move and be free from search and seizure. Peru's new president, Dina Boluarte, has pleaded for calm and raised the possibility of scheduling general elections for a year from now. Demonstrators have called for immediate elections for the presidency and all of Congress. Meanwhile Castillo remains jailed as authorities build a rebellion case against him. At least seven people have died in the demonstrations.

The longtime DJ for "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" Stephen "tWitch" Boss has died at the age of 40. Boss' wife confirmed his passing in a statement published today on People.com. The statement she issued to People did not include any detail on the cause of his death. tWitch started his tenure at the Ellen Show in 2014 and later was promoted to co-executive producer in 2020. He began his career in the entertainment business in 2008, placing as a runner-up on "So You Think You Can Dance." He is survived by his wife and three children.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — A northern Indiana boy, who was 14 when he was arrested for allegedly taking part in a drive-by shooting that killed a woman inside a home, will be charged as an adult in the shooting.

Tuesday's ruling by a St. Joseph County magistrate found probable cause to charge the 15-year-old with murder and attempted murder in adult court in the death of 28-year-old Rhema Harris. Harris was fatally shot in June while at a gathering at a friend's house in Mishawaka. Harris was allegedly shot by a 17-year-old as some friends drove to the house because a teenage girl who the shooter was feuding with lived there.

CHICAGO (AP) — An Indiana man who pleaded guilty to making an illegal "straw" purchase of a handgun later used to kill a Chicago police officer was sentenced today to 2 1/2 years in prison. He was sentenced in a federal courtroom full of Chicago police officers and the mother of Officer Ella French, who was slain in August 2021. The Defendant had pleaded guilty in July to one count of federal firearm conspiracy. Two brothers are awaiting trial on first-degree murder and other felonies stemming from the shooting that killed French, 29, and wounded her partner after they had stopped an SUV with expired tags on Chicago's South Side.

CROWN POINT, Ind. (AP) — Indiana's high court has reinstated a Gary man's criminal convictions, months after the state appeals court overturned his convictions in a fatal shooting. In Tuesday's 5-0 ruling, the Indiana Supreme Court said that notwithstanding conflicts and uncertainties that could have led jurors to harbor reasonable doubt about 32-year-old Marquis Young's guilt, there's no basis for undoing their weighing of the evidence and reasonable inference he was guilty. The Times of Northwest Indiana reports Young was convicted of murder and attempted murder in the May 2020 shooting that killed one man and wounded two others at a Gary gas station. The state Court of Appeals had overturned Young's convictions in May, citing insufficient evidence.

AL KHOR, Qatar (AP) — France and Kylian Mbappé are headed back to the World Cup final for a much-anticipated matchup with Lionel Messi and Argentina after ending Morocco's historic run at soccer's biggest tournament. France beat Africa's first ever semifinalist 2-0 with Mbappé playing a part in goals by Theo Hernandez in the fifth minute and then substitute Randal Kolo Muani in the 79th. France will head into Sunday's title match looking to become the first team to retain the World Cup title since Brazil in 1962. Mbappé has the chance to cement his status as soccer's new superstar when he comes up against the 35-year-old Messi.

AL KHOR, Qatar (AP) — Mbappe attended to a fan who was apparently struck by a stray practice ball ahead of the World Cup semifinal match between France and Morocco. Mbappe was seen checking on the welfare of a France supporter who appeared to be dazed after the incident at Al Bayt Stadium. The French players had been warming up on the field before the match started. It is not clear if Mbappe was the one who hit the errant shot into the stands but he quickly went over to check on the man.

Messi evokes Maradona comparisons on road to World Cup final

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Lionel Messi has gone into full-on Diego Maradona mode at the World Cup. He has carried Argentina's class of 2022 into the World Cup final in the same way Maradona led the team to the title in 1986. There have always been echoes of Maradona in Messi because of his size, his dribbling skills, his quick feet and his wand of a left foot. Add in the leadership and fighting qualities he has shown throughout the tournament and it really does feel like Messi is imbued with the spirit of Maradona as he closes in on soccer's ultimate prize.

Inquiry finds widespread misconduct in women's pro soccer

An investigation commissioned by the National Women's Soccer League and its players union found "widespread misconduct" directed at players dating back to the beginnings nearly a decade ago of the top U.S. women's professional league. A report detailing the results of the year-long investigation was published a little over two months after the release of U.S. Soccer's own report on a separate investigation. Both investigations found instances of sexual abuse and manipulation within the league.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The NFL is considering ejections for roughing-the-passer penalties and hits on defenseless players, although league executive Troy Vincent is expressing caution on how such rulings would be enforced. Vincent says ejections were part of a discussion at the NFL owners meetings including roughing-the-passer calls among reviewable plays. Any changes wouldn't happen until the offseason. Vincent says such changes would have to be weighed against the length of games and other factors.

12/26/22 BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — The death toll from a pre-Christmas blizzard that paralyzed the Buffalo area and much of the country has risen to 27 in western New York, authorities said Monday as the region dug out from one of the worst weather-related disasters in its history. The dead have been found in their cars, homes and in snowbanks. Some died while shoveling snow. The storm that walloped much of the country is now blamed for at least 49 deaths, with rescue and recovery efforts continuing Monday. The blizzard roared through the region Friday and Saturday, stranding motorists, knocking out power and preventing emergency crews from reaching residents in frigid homes and stuck cars.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's foreign minister has said that his nation wants a summit to end the war but he doesn't anticipate Russia taking part, a statement making it hard to foresee the devastating invasion ending soon. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba told The Associated Press that his government wants a peace summit within two months at the United Nations with Secretary-General António Guterres as mediator. Kuleba told The Associated Press that Russia must face a war-crimes tribunal before his country talks with Moscow but that other nations should talk feel free to negotiate, as happened with a grain agreement between Turkey and Russia.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russia seems to show no interest in such a summit, as the Russian military says it shot down a Ukrainian drone approaching an air base deep inside its borders. It was the second time the facility was targeted this month. The incident raises questions about the effectiveness of Russia's air defenses. Russia's Defense Ministry said Monday that three servicemen were killed by debris at the Engels air base. The base houses nuclear-capable strategic bombers that have been involved in launching strikes on Ukraine. It is located more than 370 miles east of the border with Ukraine. Russia's Defense Ministry said aircraft weren't damaged. In another cross-border incident, Russia's Tass news agency reported that the country's security forces had killed four Ukrainian saboteurs attempting to enter from Ukraine.

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — In America, a sweeping national survey of the electorate, AP VoteCast, finds that Republican House candidates nationwide won the support of 38% of independent voters during last month's midterm elections. That lackluster showing among independents helps explain why the GOP flipped just nine House seats. The party secured a threadbare majority in the House that has already raised questions about its ability

to govern. Some Republican strategists say it's a sign that messages that resonate during party primaries, including searing critiques of President Joe Biden, were less effective in the general election campaign. The reason, they say, is because independent voters were searching for more than just the opposition.

In a bit of basketball news, Purdue remained atop The Associated Press men's college basketball poll for a third straight week. The week also included preseason No. 1 North Carolina returning to the rankings at No. 25 and New Mexico cracking the poll for the first time in eight years. The Boilermakers earned 40 of 60 first-place votes in Monday's new poll, while fellow unbeaten Connecticut earned the other 20 to sit at No. 2 in an unchanged top. Houston, Kansas and Arizona rounded out the top five. Miami made the week's biggest jump by climbing eight spots to No. 14.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In entertainment news, the chorus against Ticketmaster's contentious concert pricing practices is growing, including Zach Bryan and friends. The country music artist dropped a live album titled "All My Homies Hate Ticketmaster" on Sunday. Bryan also issued a statement on social media in which he decried "a massive issue with fair ticket prices to live shows lately." The statement doesn't mention Ticketmaster by name except in the new album title, though he tagged the company in a separate Instagram post displaying the track listing. A message seeking comment from Ticketmaster was not immediately returned.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — In sports news, we're starting with the NFL, as the Denver Broncos have fired coach Nathaniel Hackett after 15 games. Hackett never was able to get quarterback Russell Wilson out of a season-long slump. The Broncos are 4-11 and have posted their sixth straight losing season and are missing the playoffs for a seventh consecutive season. Hackett replaced Vic Fangio last January but the Broncos got worse in almost every category under the first-time head coach.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts revealed the unvarnished truth in their own words this week. After back-to-back historically poor performances, they described it as embarrassing. On Monday night, nine days since allowing the largest comeback in NFL history, the Colts hope to deliver a memorable rebound performance on national television. The Los Angeles Chargers understand. They started Week 16 with the No. 6 seed in the AFC playoff chase. And it's come nearly 12 months after an overtime loss in last season's final regular-season game kept them out of the postseason.

HAVANA (AP) — The United States will permit Major League Baseball players from Cuba to represent their home country in the World Baseball Classic next year. The license could be a big step in once again turning Cuba's national team into heavy hitters on an international stage. It clears the way for MLB stars such as Yordan Alvarez, José Abreu and Randy Arozarena to play for Cuba in the World Baseball Classic in March if they choose to accept a potential invitation. It's up to each country's national governing body to pick the players on its team. Final 30-man rosters are due Feb. 7 for the WBC, which begins March 8 with Cuba facing the Netherlands in Taiwan.

Issue: Politics

Program Name: PBS Newshour

Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm

12/1/22 Thursday on the NewsHour, former Vice President Mike Pence sits down with us to discuss the Jan. 6 insurrection and why he supported

legal challenges to the 2020 election. Early voters wait in line for hours to cast ballots in Georgia's Senate runoff. Plus, Turkey attacks Kurdish military bases along the Syrian border, a move that could have implications for the U.S. fight against ISIS.

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Wednesday on the NewsHour, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visits Washington to meet with President Biden and address Congress amid another round of military assistance. We speak to a key member of the Jan. 6 committee about the recommendation of charges against former President Trump. Plus, a Congressional committee votes to release the contents of Trump's tax returns.

12/28/22 Wednesday on the NewsHour, western New York digs out of many feet of snow as the death toll steadily rises and more flights are canceled. The mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, again declares an emergency after cold weather damages the city's water system. Plus, a movement by non-profits, politicians and the workers themselves aims to decriminalize the sex trade in Thailand.

Issue: The Environment

Program Name: StarDate

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12/01/22 Moon and Jupiter

The biggest moon in the solar system is an ocean world. It may have as much liquid water as all of Earth's oceans combined. Don't start looking for beachfront property, though – the ocean is buried below a hundred miles of ice.

Ganymede is a moon of Jupiter. It's about 3300 miles in diameter – half again the size of our moon. And it's about three times farther from Jupiter than the Moon is from Earth. Some of its surface is covered by impact craters, while the rest features long, deep grooves.

12/12/22 Geminid Meteors

It's hard to think of something that's moving at 80,000 miles per hour as slow. But that's the case for Geminid meteors. The bits of rock that create the meteors are a good bit slower than those that form most other showers. And that's good for skywatchers – it means the meteors last a little longer than most others.

12/31/22 The New Year

New Year's Eve brings loud, boisterous celebrations, with fireworks, music, and lots of champagne. And when you join those celebrations, you're following a tradition that dates back at least 4,000 years – to ancient Babylon.

But the Babylonians celebrated the start of the year at a different time – at the first new Moon after the spring equinox, in March. In fact, many cultures marked the turning of the year at about that same time. The equinox is a period of new life and new beginnings, so it seemed like a logical time to reset the calendar.