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Issue: Politics

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

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04/04/23 Chicago voters are choosing a new mayor to lead the heavily Democratic city. Tuesday's runoff pits former Chicago schools CEO Paul Vallas against progressive Brandon Johnson. Vallas is a moderate Democrat endorsed by Chicago's police union and major business groups. Johnson is a former teacher and union organizer backed by the Chicago Teachers Union. Both men finished ahead of current Mayor Lori Lightfoot in a February election, making her the first incumbent in 40 years to seek reelection in the city and lose. The top two vote-getters in the all-Democrat but officially nonpartisan race moved to the Tuesday runoff because no candidate received over 50% of the vote.

04/11/23 New data details the nation's worsening tide of sexually transmitted infections, but health officials are hoping an old drug will help the fight. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday released data about some of the most common infectious diseases in the U.S. The numbers show how chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis infections have been accelerating across the country. Meanwhile, the CDC is considering recommending the antibiotic doxycycline to be used after sex to prevent those infections. The pills are already used to treat some infections. Researchers have found that taking them soon after unprotected sex can sometimes prevent infections from happening at all.

04/28/23 Abortion bans in deeply conservative Nebraska and South Carolina each fell short of advancing in close legislative votes amid heated debates among Republicans. It's another sign that abortion is becoming a difficult issue for the GOP. Cheers erupted outside the legislative chamber in Nebraska on Thursday as the last vote was counted. Opponents of the bill waved signs and chanted, "Whose house? Our house!" In South Carolina, Thursday's vote was the third attempt since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last summer to strict bans on abortion. Fourteen states have bans in place on abortion at all stages of pregnancy.

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04/05/23 Wednesday on the NewsHour, the president of Taiwan meets House Speaker Kevin McCarthy amid rising tensions between the U.S. and China. Former President Trump remains defiant after being charged with multiple felonies as the political reaction to the case risks further dividing the country. Plus, how rural communities are using a fast-acting overdose treatment in the fight against opioid addiction.

04/18/23 Tuesday on the NewsHour, Fox News settles a legal case with Dominion Voting Systems that stemmed from the network's lies about the 2020 election. Questions abound in two separate shootings where a homeowner opened fire on a young person who mistakenly approached their house. Plus, cases of so-called long COVID keep many Americans from going back to work.

04/24/23 Monday on the NewsHour, how Tucker Carlson became a leading voice for the far-right and what his departure from Fox means for media and the Republican party. Foreign governments scramble to evacuate their citizens from Sudan as fighting intensifies between the army and paramilitary forces. Plus, Arkansas's Republican lieutenant governor weighs in on the debate over access to abortion medication.

Issue: The Environment

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04/01/23 Regulus has always been one of the most respected stars in the sky. Some of its earliest names referred to it as a king. Others have called it "the heart," because it represents the bright heart of the lion. And some have combined the names.

The name "Regulus" has been in use for about 500 years. It comes from the Latin word Rex, which means "the king." Regulus means "the little king" or "the prince."

The idea that it's a king among stars goes back thousands of years earlier, to ancient Babylon. The name was passed down to the Greeks, then the Romans, then to the later cultures of Europe — who passed it on to us.

04/10/23 The planet Jupiter is hiding. It lines up especially close to the Sun, so it's hidden in the glare. It won't return to view for a few weeks. But European scientists and engineers know exactly where it is. In fact, they're getting ready to send a spacecraft toward it this month. It'll arrive in 2031 to study Jupiter's three largest moons.

JUICE — short for Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer — is the most ambitious mission to Jupiter so far. While it orbits Jupiter, it'll make a total of 26 passes by the moons Ganymede, Callisto, and Europa. Then it'll settle into orbit around Ganymede — the first spacecraft to orbit any moon other than our own.

04/20/23 M87 is a beast. The galaxy is bigger than our home galaxy, the Milky Way. It contains many more stars than the Milky Way — trillions in all — and has a total mass up to a couple of hundred times the Milky Way's. And the black hole in its center may be a thousand times the mass of the Milky Way's.

One thing that M87 doesn't have is good looks. Instead of a beautiful spiral, it's an elliptical galaxy. It looks like a fat yellow rugby ball, with a bright middle surrounded by a hazy puffball of stars. Astronomers aren't sure how M87 got that shape, but they're working on it.

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05/03/23 Federal jurors have convicted all four defendants of bribery conspiracy at their trial in Chicago that provided an inside look at pay-to-play politics in Illinois that prosecutors said involved the state's largest electric utility and, at the time, one of its most powerful politicians. The verdicts Tuesday are a resounding win for prosecutors. They sought to prove two former ComEd executives, a former utility consultant and a longtime government insider arranged contracts, jobs and money for associates of then-Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan to ensure proposed bills boosting ComEd profits became law. The 81-year-old Madigan has been indicted in the case, though his own trial is scheduled for next year. He wasn't in court during the trial but featured in key evidence.

05/10/23 The sister of Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer says she is running for a New York congressional seat that narrowly flipped to Republican control last year and is expected to be one of the country's most competitive contests in 2024. Liz Geregthy is a Democratic small business owner and school board member. She's seeking the seat once held by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who led his party's effort to hold control of Congress in 2022 as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee but lost his own race to Republican Mike Lawler, a state Assemblyman. Lawler won by about 1,800 votes, or less than 1 percentage point.

05/19/23 President Joe Biden has approved plans to train Ukrainian pilots on U.S.-made F-16 fighter jets, according to two people familiar with the matter. That was learned as he huddled with allies at the Group of Seven summit on how to bolster support for Kyiv against Russia's invasion. The people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Biden announced he green-lit the training, which is likely to be conducted in Europe over the coming months, during a meeting of G7 leaders in Hiroshima, Japan. Biden told the leaders that decisions on when, how many, and who will provide the fourth-generation fighter jets to Ukraine will be made in the months ahead while the training is underway.

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05/02/23 Tuesday on the NewsHour, negotiations over government funding grow increasingly urgent after the Treasury says the U.S. could hit its debt limit in less than a month. Multiple reports of questionable financial dealings prompt a Senate probe into Supreme Court ethics. Plus, the new head of the World Food Programme discusses the worsening hunger crisis and widespread displacement in Somalia.

05/15/23 Monday on the NewsHour, a long-awaited special prosecutor's report criticizes the investigation into the 2016 Trump campaign and possible ties to Russia. President Zelenskyy tours Europe to secure more military aid while the fighting against Russian forces rages in

eastern Ukraine. Plus, a survey of Asian Americans paints a sobering picture of fears about rising violence and discrimination.

05/25/23 Thursday on the NewsHour, migrants at the southern border find themselves stuck in limbo amid a shift in United States immigration policies. Debt ceiling negotiations see progress on spending cuts but a deal to avoid a national default remains elusive. Plus, three years after the murder of George Floyd, the new police chief in Minneapolis discusses the department's future and the need for reform.

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05/05/23 The full Moon scoots low across the south tonight, shining on us from Libra, the balance scales.

A couple of years ago, astronomers snapped the sharpest pictures of the Moon ever taken from Earth. They showed details as small as a few feet across — shot with radar. The images were a demo for a project to develop the most powerful planetary radar system ever.

Astronomers have been using radar for six decades. It told them how fast Venus turns on its axis and revealed ice at the poles of the planet Mercury. It's also tracked some asteroids that could one day threaten Earth.

05/15/23 Spaceflight is never easy. Just ask the folks who operated Skylab, the first American space station.

It launched on May 14th, 1973. Just a minute into the flight, though, it was in trouble. A protective shield ripped away. It took a solar panel with it, and jammed a second one shut. Without the shield and the panels, there wasn't enough power to support the station, and the temperature inside the lab soared to 130 degrees. The launch of the first crew of astronauts had to be scrubbed.

Skylab was as roomy as a three-bedroom house. It was designed to house three astronauts for up to two months at a time. They would watch Earth and the Sun, conduct experiments, and study how their bodies adapted to life in orbit. Unless engineers could find a way to fix the problems, though, the station would have to be abandoned.

It took a few days, but they worked out a plan. An astronaut would stand in the hatch of his Apollo spacecraft. He would use a pair of bolt cutters on a long pole to free the jammed solar panel. Later, another astronaut would poke a parasol through an airlock on the back of the station. It would open up and reflect the sunlight, bringing down the temperature.

And it worked. The first crew made the repairs, then started on its main mission. Two other crews followed. The last remained aboard for 84 days — a record that stood for several years — thanks to the efforts of the engineers who saved Skylab.

05/30/23 The Moon stands near the middle of the largest member of the zodiac tonight, the constellation Virgo. Spica, the maiden's brightest star, is close to the Moon as darkness falls,

and the Moon will slide a little closer to it during the night. Spica represents an ear of wheat held in the maiden's hand.

Virgo is the second largest of all the modern constellations. Only Hydra, the water snake, outranks it. But it's not the size of the constellation that's made it one of the most important. Instead, it's the fact that the Sun passes through its borders at the time of the September equinox — the beginning of autumn in the northern hemisphere.

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06/06/23 Starting abroad in London, it's rare enough to see a senior British royal testifying in a court of law. What Prince Harry said in the witness box at Britain's High Court and in his written witness statement was just as unusual. His testimony shone a light on life as a royal and on Harry's bitter personal feud with the press. Harry described a lifetime of press intrusion that he says cast him as a "thicko" and wrecked his personal relationships. He lashed out at Mirror Group Newspapers for its treatment of his late mother, Princess Diana, and called for regulation of the British press. But he was grilled by the newspapers' lawyer, who said many of Harry's allegations of illegal activity were "speculation."

06/15/23 The Supreme Court has preserved the system that gives preference to Native American families in foster care and adoption proceedings of Native children. The justices rejected a broad attack from some Republican-led states and white families who argued that the system is based on race. The court left in place the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, which was enacted to address concerns that Native children were being separated from their families and, too frequently, placed in non-Native homes. Tribal leaders have backed the law as a means of preserving their families, traditions and cultures.

06/28/23 Ukraine's counterintelligence service has arrested a man it accuses of helping Russia direct a missile strike at a popular pizza restaurant. The attack killed at least 11 people, including three teenagers, at the restaurant in a city in east Ukraine. Officials say the attack Tuesday evening on Kramatorsk wounded 61 other people. It is the latest bombardment of a Ukraine city, a regular feature of Russian tactics in the 16-month-old war. The strike, and others elsewhere across Ukraine late Tuesday and early today, indicate that the Kremlin is not easing its aerial onslaught, despite political and military turmoil at home caused by a short-lived armed uprising in Russia last weekend.

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06/02/23 Friday on the NewsHour, the United States economy adds more jobs than expected in May, showing resilience in the face of inflation and interest rate hikes. Congress avoids a national default by passing a bipartisan bill to raise the debt ceiling with days to spare. Plus,

Greenland pushes for complete separation from Danish control, casting uncertainty over the future of the North Atlantic

06/15/23 Thursday on the NewsHour, we speak to the U.N.'s top humanitarian official as Ukraine steps up its counteroffensive against Russia amid increasing aerial bombardment. The Southern Baptist Convention votes to bar women from preaching and holding leadership positions, ejecting multiple member churches in the process. Plus, scientists issue increasingly dire warnings about warming oceans.

06/23/23 Friday on the NewsHour, a year after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Americans on both sides of the abortion debate reflect on the new legal landscape and how it's affecting their lives. Surpassing expectations, a section of I-95 in Philadelphia reopens less than two weeks after it collapsed. Plus, David Brooks and Jonathan Capehart weigh in on the week's political news.

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06/06/23 One of the most brilliant stars in the night sky is a dominant presence from late spring through autumn. Vega is the fifth-brightest star in all the night sky. It's about a third of the way up in the east-northeast at nightfall now, and climbs high overhead later on.

Vega is just 25 light-years away — a close neighbor. That's one reason it appears so bright. But it really is an impressive star. It's more than twice as big and heavy as the Sun, and about 40 times brighter.

06/16/23 60 years ago today, the Soviet Union astonished the world:

RADIO MOSCOW: This is Radio Moscow. For the first time in history, a woman has gone up into outer space. A Soviet citizen, Tereshkova.

Valentina Tereshkova was a 26-year-old textile worker. She was picked by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, who was a master of space propaganda. It was the height of the Cold War, and space travel was a powerful symbol of national power. Every space flight was held up as an indicator of a superior way of life.

06/26/23 One of the closest of the Milky Way's globular star clusters is near the middle of Ophiuchus, the serpent bearer. The constellation is in the southeast at nightfall, and wheels across the south later on.

Messier 10 is a family of hundreds of thousands of stars. But it's only about 80 light-years across. That means the stars in the cluster are jammed in far tighter than those in our region of the galaxy. So from any star in the cluster — especially those in its busy heart — hundreds or thousands of bright stars would decorate the night sky.