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10/02/23 WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Matt Gaetz says he'll try to remove House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, a fellow Republican, from his leadership position this week. Gaetz's announcement Sunday comes after McCarthy relied on Democratic support to pass legislation on Saturday that avoided a government shutdown. Gaetz is a Florida Republican who's a longtime McCarthy nemesis. In response, McCarthy says, "So be it. Bring it on. Let's get over with it and let's start governing." Gaetz contends McCarthy was in "brazen, material breach" of agreements he made with House Republicans in January when he ran for speaker. No speaker has ever been removed from office through the kind of move that Gaetz says he'll try. The lawmakers made their comments on the Sunday news shows.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden says American aid to Ukraine will keep flowing for now as he tries to reassure allies of continued U.S. financial support for the war effort. But he said from the White House on Sunday that time is running out as he warned Congress to act. Biden said, "We cannot under any circumstances allow American for Ukraine to be interrupted,." He spoke from the White House after Congress voted late Saturday to avert a government shutdown by passing a short-term funding package that dropped assistance for Ukraine in the fight against Russia. The measure lasts until mid-November. Biden urged Congress to negotiate an aid package as soon as possible.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is returning to a new term with familiar topics such as guns and abortion, as well as concerns about ethics swirling around the justices. The year also will have a heavy focus on social media and how free speech protections apply online. The new term begins on Monday. A big unknown is whether the court will be asked to weigh in on any aspect of the criminal cases against former President Donald Trump or on efforts in some states to keep Trump off the 2024 presidential ballot because of his role in trying to overturn the results of the last presidential contest.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A federal transportation official says a fatal tanker truck crash in central Illinois that released a deadly chemical may have started when another vehicle tried to pass the truck on a highway. A National Transportation Safety Board member says the truck ran off the road after pulling to the right. It jackknifed, toppled over and hit a utility trailer parked by the side of the road. The crash Friday night killed five people, injured five others and prompted an evacuation for hundreds of residents after a leak of toxic anhydrous ammonia. The accident occurred in the small community of Teutopolis about 110 miles northeast of St. Louis.

NEW YORK (AP) — With control over some of his most prized real estate holdings in jeopardy, former President Donald Trump says he will make a rare, voluntary trip to court in New York on Monday for the start of a civil trial in a lawsuit that has already resulted in a judge ruling that he committed fraud in his business dealings. Trump made the announcement Sunday night on his Truth Social platform. He wrote: "I'm going to Court tomorrow morning to fight for my name and reputation." The trial is the culmination of a yearslong investigation by New York Attorney General Letitia James, who accused Trump and his company of habitually lying about his wealth in financial statements.

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Some of Europe's top diplomats have gathered in Kyiv in a display of support for Ukraine's fight against Russia's invasion as signs emerge of political strain in Europe and the United States about the war. The foreign ministers from the European Union's 27 member countries converged on the Ukrainian capital for an unannounced informal meeting that officials said would review the bloc's support for Ukraine and discuss Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's proposed peace formula. The United States, the EU and the United Kingdom have provided massive support to Ukraine, enabling it to stand up to the Kremlin's attack. But uncertainty has set in over how long Kyiv's allies will keep sending it billions of dollars (euros).

CIUDAD MADERO, Mexico (AP) — Authorities in northern Mexico say the roof of a church collapsed during Sunday Mass, killing at least 10 people and injuring about 60. Approximately 30 parishioners are believed to have been trapped in the rubble when the roof caved in. Rescuers are still probing beneath the wreckage Monday and dogs have been brought in to search for possible survivors. The bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tampico says the roof caved in during Mass at the Santa Cruz church in the Gulf coast city of Ciudad Madero. The Tamaulipas state police said about 100 people were in the church at the time of the collapse.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis will open this week a global gathering of Catholic bishops and laypeople to discuss the future of the church. It's a meeting where women, their voices and their votes, will take center stage for the first time. Francis earlier this year agreed to let women and laypeople vote alongside bishops at the synod, putting the laity and hierarchy on equal ground. Supporters say that as a result of this, the gathering, which starts on Wednesday, is a watershed moment for the Catholic Church and quite possibly the most consequential thing Francis will have undertaken as pope. The meeting runs through Oct. 29, and will be followed by a second session next year.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom has named Democratic strategist and Kamala Harris 2020 presidential campaign adviser Laphonza Butler to fill the U.S. Senate seat made vacant by Sen. Dianne Feinstein's death. Newsom is fulfilling his pledge to appoint a Black woman if Feinstein's seat became open. The long-serving Democratic senator died Thursday after a series of illnesses. Butler leads Emily's List, a political organization that supports women who favor abortion rights. Butler lives in Maryland but owns a home in California and is expected to reregister to vote there. Newsom had faced pressure from some

Black politicians and advocacy groups to select Barbara Lee, a prominent Black congresswoman who's already running for the seat.

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Tyrone Taylor homered and Adrian Houser pitched five sharp innings as the NL Central champion Milwaukee Brewers beat the Chicago Cubs 4-0 in their final playoff tune-up. After wrapping up their third division title in six years last week, the Brewers will host the Arizona Diamondbacks in a best-of-three postseason series beginning Tuesday. Chicago heads home for the winter after falling short down the stretch in a crowded NL wild-card race. Cody Bellinger and the Cubs were eliminated from contention Saturday night, despite a 10-6 win over the Brewers, when Miami finished its 7-3 victory at Pittsburgh to secure a wild card.

CHICAGO (AP) — Jurickson Profar had two hits and drove in the go-ahead run in the 11th, leading the San Diego Padres over the Chicago White Sox 2-1 to complete their season with a sweep after missing the playoffs. Profar singled off Declan Cronin to score automatic runner José Azocar to put the Padres ahead in the 11th. Rich Hill allowed an unearned run and two hits in two innings for the Padres, who were eliminated from playoff contention Friday. Zach Remillard had three hits for the White Sox, who reached 100 losses Saturday for the fifth time.

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera made a backhanded stop, stepped on first base and smiled in the eighth inning on the final play of his career after walking in his last at-bat and the Detroit Tigers beat the Cleveland Guardians 5-2 Sunday. The game also marked the end of Terry Francona's career, Cleveland's manager, who led Boston to a pair of World Series titles and Philadelphia. Francona said the day belonged to Cabrera. It most certainly did. The only player to win the Triple Crown in more than a half-century went 0 for 3 with a walk, but that didn't diminish the celebration.

Indiana Hoosiers coach Tom Allen has fired offensive coordinator Walt Bell. Rod Carey takes over play-calling duties. The announcement came less than 24 hours after another dismal performance in Saturday's 44-17 loss at unbeaten Maryland. Indiana was shut out in the first half against Louisville in Week 3 and blew a chance to force overtime when a fourth-down call near the goal line was stopped in the backfield. The Hoosiers needed four overtimes to beat Akron the next week and on Saturday managed just 206 yards and one field goal before scoring touchdowns on their final two drives.

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Audric Esteime snuck through a crowd and broke free for a 30-yard touchdown run with 31 seconds left, capping a clutch long drive by No. 11 Notre Dame to push past No. 17 Duke 21-14 on Saturday night. Esteime's run finished a 95-yard drive, one pushed by transfer quarterback Sam Hartman making multiple big plays with his team down 14-13. That included running for 17 yards on a fourth-and-16 play. Duke quarterback Riley Leonard suffered an apparent right leg or ankle injury on the Blue Devils' final snap as he was stripped of the ball while trying to throw on Duke's last-gasp drive.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Hudson Card threw two touchdown passes, Devin Mockobee and Dylan Downing each scored on TD runs and Purdue used a 21-point third-quarter flurry to run away from Illinois 44-19. The Boilermakers snapped a two-game losing streak by giving first-year coach Ryan Walters his first home victory in the annual battle for The Cannon. Illinois has lost four straight in this rivalry and all three in coach Bret Bielema's tenure. The Fighting Illini finished with nine penalties, one turnover that Purdue recovered for a touchdown and five sacks allowed.

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP) — Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo was ruled out of Sunday's game at the Los Angeles Chargers because of a concussion. Either 15-year veteran Brian Hoyer or rookie Aidan O'Connell will start in place of Garoppolo, who has been in concussion protocol since getting injured Sunday night against the Steelers. The Raiders didn't announce which one would get the nod. The Raiders also announced that starting cornerback Nate Hobbs will not play because of an ankle injury. Running back Brandon Bolden didn't make the trip to Los Angeles because of personal reasons, but will travel to LA on his own and is expected to play.

10/16/23      RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hospitals in Gaza faced collapse today as water, power and medicine neared depletion, and hundreds of thousands of Palestinians searched for dwindling food supplies while Israel maintained punishing airstrikes in retaliation for last week's deadly rampage by Hamas. Thousands of patients' lives were at risk, U.N. officials said, and mediators struggled for a cease-fire to let in aid waiting at the Egyptian border. All eyes were on the Rafah crossing between Gaza and Egypt, where trucks carrying aid have waited for days unable to pass through. As Israel prepared a likely ground offensive into Gaza, fears rose over the conflict spreading along Israel's border with Lebanon.

CHICAGO (AP) — A 71-year-old Illinois man has appeared in court on murder and hate crime charges after the weekend slaying of a 6-year-old boy. Police say Joseph Czuba attacked the boy and his mother with a knife because of their Muslim faith and emotions over the Israel-Hamas war. Czuba is the 32-year-old mother's landlord. The mother is identified by family members as Hanaan Shahin. She says Czuba was angry with her and stabbed her after she proposed they "pray for peace." Czuba heard the charges today in a court in Will County, southwest of Chicago. Meanwhile, the Palestinian-American family prepared to bury young Wadea Al-Fayoume.

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian authorities have raised the terror alert to its highest level in the capital after the fatal shooting of two Swedes in Brussels that Prime Minister Alexander De Croo has linked to terrorism. The shooter remains at large. The killings happened some 3 miles from a stadium where over 35,000 fans were watching a Belgium-Sweden soccer match. The match was abandoned half way through. Belgian anti-terror center spokeswoman Laura Demullier says the top priority for authorities is to get the thousands of fans safely out of the King Baudouin Stadium.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump says in a social media post he'll appeal a narrow gag order imposed on him in his 2020 election interference case in Washington. U.S. District Court Judge Tanya Chutkan's order today bars the Republican presidential candidate from making

statements targeting prosecutors, possible witnesses and the judge's staff. The judge says the former president can't mount a "smear campaign" against prosecutors. The order marks a milestone moment in the federal case that accuses Trump of illegally conspiring to overturn his 2020 election loss to Democrat Joe Biden. During a campaign appearance in Iowa later today, Trump decried the order as unconstitutional, and claimed it would only help him in the polls.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris are meeting with national security officials as the Israel-Hamas conflict intensifies, according to the White House. Biden today postponed a trip to Colorado to stay in Washington and focus on the growing conflict in the Middle East. The Democratic president is setting aside an opportunity to pitch his economic accomplishments as he runs for reelection. Biden had been heading today to the Colorado district of Rep. Lauren Boebert, where he was to visit the world's largest facility for wind tower manufacturing. Biden is weighing a decision to visit the Middle East in a sign of support for Israel following the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas that killed more than 1,400 people.

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Ecuador's youngest elected president and its richest one faces a practically impossible task: That is reducing a terrifying, drug-driven crime wave within a greatly shortened 1.5 years in office. Daniel Noboa is the son of Ecuador's richest man thanks to a global empire built on bananas — the country's main crop. The 35-year-old's voters Sunday were frightened by the escalation of drug violence over the past three years. Killings, kidnappings, robberies and other criminal activities have become part of everyday life in Ecuador.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hard-charging right-wing Republican Rep. Jim Jordan is shoring up support to win the House speaker's gavel. One by one Jordan has been peeling off detractors who view the Ohio Republican as too extreme. A pressure campaign from Donald Trump allies including Fox News' Sean Hannity is helping to round up support. A floor vote that could turn into a showdown is set for midday Tuesday. In a letter today to colleagues, Jordan took a cooperative tone, vowing to "bring all Republicans together." It's been two weeks without a House speaker after hardline Republicans ousted Kevin McCarthy from the job.

Rite Aid has filed for bankruptcy and plans to sell part of its business as it attempts to restructure while dealing with losses and opioid-related lawsuits. The drugstore chain said late Sunday it also has obtained \$3.45 billion in fresh financing from some of its lenders. That will help support the company through its voluntary Chapter 11 process. Rite Aid says its plan will significantly reduce the company's debt while helping with some of its litigation. The company says the filing will not affect business operations. It is arranging for payment of wages and other costs as usual.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A proposed court settlement prevents the government from policies to separate migrant parents from their children at the border for eight years. The agreement announced today also provides families that were split under the Trump administration with temporary legal status and short-term housing aid. If approved by a judge, the settlement between the Biden administration and the American Civil Liberties Union would at least temporarily prohibit the type of "zero-tolerance" policy on illegal immigration under which former President Donald Trump separated thousands of families. Trump hasn't ruled out such an effort if elected president next year.

U.S. stocks rallied, as some of last week's moves driven by worries about war in the Middle East unwound. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq composite climbed just over 1%. The Dow rose 314 points, just under 1%.

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### SPORTS

Kansas is the preseason No. 1 in the AP men's college basketball poll. The Jayhawks received 46 of 63 first-place votes to outdistance second-place Duke and third-place Purdue. It's the third time since coach Bill Self's arrival in 2003 that his team will start the season on top. The Blue Devils received 11 first-place votes and the Boilermakers earned three. Michigan State was fourth with one first-place vote while Marquette rounded out the top five. Defending national champion UConn was sixth and runner-up San Diego State was No. 17. The official season begins Nov. 6.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Zack Wheeler is the Philadelphia Phillies' most dependable starter as he gets set for Game 1 of the NL Championship Series against the Arizona Diamondbacks tonight. He signed a \$118 million, five-year contract ahead of the 2020 season. Wheeler has topped 200 innings once, 200 strikeouts twice and won a pair of playoff games over that span. The Diamondbacks send out 17-game winner Zac Gallen for the Game 1 start. Merrill Kelly, a 12-game winner who tossed 6 1/3 shutout innings in an NLDS win over the Dodgers, goes in Game 2 against the Phillies' Aaron Nola. Late-season surprise Brandon Pfaadt is in line for the Game 3 start for Arizona.

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Marlins have announced Kim Ng is leaving the team after three seasons as general manager. The 54-year-old Ng became the majors' highest-ranking woman in baseball operations and the first female GM in the four major North American professional sports leagues in a groundbreaking hire in November 2020. The Marlins exercised their team option for her to return for the 2024 season, but Ng declined her mutual option.

Cricket is an Olympic sport again. Flag football gets in for the first time. Five sports have been given final approval to be added to the 2028 Los Angeles Games by the International Olympic Committee. Baseball-softball, lacrosse and squash have also been included on the program. All five cleared a final hurdle today from the Olympic body's full membership. The slate of sports was proposed by Los Angeles officials one week ago and recommended by the IOC executive board on Friday. Cricket has been elevated to Olympic status for the first time since 1900 in one of the hotspots of the sport, Mumbai, where the IOC is holding annual meetings while India hosts the sport's World Cup.

The NFL's last two undefeated teams beat themselves. The San Francisco 49ers and Philadelphia Eagles struggled on the road against inferior opponents with backup quarterbacks and tough defenses. That allowed Larry Csonka ("Zonka") and his teammates from the 1972 Miami Dolphins to pop the champagne bottles in October. They'll remain the only perfect team in league history for at least another year. The Buffalo Bills, the NFL's biggest favorite so far this season, also had problems facing a losing team and a backup quarterback but they held on at the 1-yard line for a 14-9 win over the New York Giants.

As the NCAA works to find a way to manage the way athletes are compensated for name, image and likeness, other threats are gathering. A federal antitrust case could force the NCAA

and the wealthiest conferences to create pro-style revenue sharing of billions of broadcast-rights dollars with football and basketball players. House vs. the NCAA is a class-action lawsuit being heard by Judge Claudia Wilken, whose previous rulings in NCAA cases paved the way for college athletes to profit from their fame and for schools to direct more money into players' hands.

10/30/23 Israel expands ground assault into Gaza as fears rise over airstrikes near crowded hospitals

KHAN YOUNIS, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli troops and armor have expanded their assault into the northern and central Gaza Strip. Video obtained by the Associated Press appeared to show an Israeli bulldozer and tank blocking in central Gaza blocking the territory's main north-south highway that the military told Palestinians to use to escape the expanding ground offensive. When asked about the video, Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm. Daniel Hagari said he would not comment on specific deployments. The U.N. and medical staff are expressing fears over airstrikes hitting closer to hospitals in northern Gaza where tens of thousands of Palestinians have sought shelter alongside thousands of wounded.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden is signing a sweeping executive order to guide the development of artificial intelligence. Monday's order will require industry to develop safety and security standards, introduce new consumer protections and give federal agencies an extensive to-do list to oversee the rapidly progressing technology. AI has been a source of deep personal curiosity for Biden, given its potential impact on the economy and national security. Biden had directed his staff to move with urgency on a policy that could maximize AI's possibilities and contain its perils. The Democratic president's order will require leading AI developers to share safety test results and other information with the government.

Court arguments on blocking Trump from the presidential ballot under the 'insurrection' clause begin

DENVER (AP) — Court arguments are beginning in the effort to bar former President Donald Trump from running for his old job again. The first set of arguments start in Colorado on Monday. A judge has scheduled a weeklong hearing on whether the U.S. Constitution's clause barring someone who "engaged in insurrection" against it means Trump can't run for president in Colorado. On Thursday, the Minnesota Supreme Court will consider the same issue for the Minnesota ballot. Either case could reach the U.S. Supreme Court. The nation's highest court has never ruled on the clause, which was added after the Civil War. Trump has castigated the lawsuits as "election interference."

More than 1,000 pay tribute to Maine's mass shooting victims on day of prayer, reflection and hope

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Residents of Lewiston are returning to work the morning after coming together to mourn those lost in Maine's worst mass shooting. More than 1,000 people gathered for an evening vigil Sunday. The names of the 18 killed were read aloud at Sunday's event. Authorities say 40-year-old Robert Card opened fire Wednesday at a bowling alley and then a bar, leaving 18 dead and 13 injured. He was found dead Friday of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. The Rev Todd Little from the First United Pentecostal Church of Lewiston spoke at Sunday's vigil of how that diverse community is now sharing "brokenness,

worry, fear and loss" because of the shooting. But he vowed the community is bigger than the tragedy and will emerge stronger.

Hundreds storm airport in Russia in antisemitic riot over arrival of plane from Israel  
MOSCOW (AP) — Hundreds of people have stormed into the main airport in Russia's Dagestan region and onto the landing field, seeking passengers arriving from the Israeli city of Tel Aviv. Russian news reports say the crowd surrounded the Russian carrier Red Wings airliner on Sunday. Videos on social media show some in the crowd waving Palestinian flags and others trying to overturn a police car. Antisemitic slogans can be heard being shouted and some in the crowd examine the passports of arriving passengers, apparently trying to identify Israelis. Dagestan's Ministry of Health says more than 20 people have been injured, with two in critical condition. On Monday, local authorities said 60 people were detained in the unrest.  
Illinois man to appear in court on hate crime and murder charges in attack on Muslim mother and son

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — A man accused of murder, attempted murder and a hate crime in an attack on a Palestinian American woman and her son is scheduled to appear in court following his indictment by an Illinois grand jury. Joseph Czuba, 71, is expected to enter a plea at an arraignment Monday on eight counts in the indictment filed last week. He is charged in the fatal stabbing of Wadea Al-Fayoume, 6, and the wounding of Hanaan Shahin, 32, on Oct. 14. Authorities say the victims were targeted because of their Muslim faith. Shahin told police that Czuba, her landlord in Plainfield in Will County, was upset over the Israel-Hamas war and attacked them after she had urged him to "pray for peace."

Deadly explosion off Nigeria points to threat posed by aging oil ships around the world  
OKITIPUPA, Nigeria (AP) — An explosion aboard the Trinity Spirit off the coast of Nigeria last year that killed five workers and left two others unaccounted for stands among the deadliest tragedies on an oil ship or platform in recent years. A review by The Associated Press of court documents and ship databases and interviews with crew members reveal that the 46-year-old ship was in a state of near-total disrepair. The Trinity Spirit fits a pattern of old tankers put to work storing and extracting oil even while on the brink of mechanical breakdowns. The AP's review found that at least eight have been shut down after a fire, a major safety hazard, or the death of a worker in the last decade. More than 30 are older than the Trinity Spirit and still storing oil around the world.

Some striking UAW members carry family legacies, Black middle-class future along with picket signs

WAYNE, Mich. (AP) — Britney Johnson is among the thousands of Ford Motor Co. workers who went on strike to force the automaker to improve pay for all. But she carried more than a picket sign outside Ford's Wayne Assembly plant west of Detroit. Johnson carried a multigenerational legacy of well-paid union jobs, benefits and security that allowed her family to become part of the rising Black middle class. That meant home ownership, cars and vacations — all things that had been unattainable for many Blacks until they found work alongside whites in union factories in Detroit and other cities.

As economy falters, more Chinese migrants take a perilous journey to the US border to seek asylum

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A major influx of Chinese migration to the United States on a relatively new and perilous route through Panama's Darién Gap jungle has become increasingly popular thanks to social media. Chinese people were the fourth-highest nationality, after Venezuelans, Ecuadorians and Haitians, crossing the Darién Gap during the first nine months of this year, according to Panamanian immigration authorities. Chinese migrants using this route fly to Ecuador, which does not require them to have visas. They then make their way north to the U.S.-Mexico border. They say they're seeking to escape an increasingly repressive political climate and bleak economic prospects.

AP Sports Summary Brief at 11:11 p.m. EDT

Cousins may have Achilles tendon injury; Stafford, Pickett, Taylor also hurt on rough day for QBs

Kirk Cousins, Matthew Stafford, Kenny Pickett and Tyrod Taylor were the latest quarterbacks to go down with injuries. Cousins' injury is likely the worst of the bunch. Minnesota Vikings coach Kevin O'Connell said the team fears the four-time Pro Bowl QB hurt his Achilles tendon. If the tendon is torn, Cousins' season would be over. The 35-year-old veteran limped to the sideline after suffering the non-contact injury in the fourth quarter of a 24-10 win at Green Bay. Stafford couldn't finish a lopsided loss at Dallas because of a thumb injury. Pickett and Taylor both injured ribs.

Wilson, Simmons lead Denver Broncos to first win over Chiefs since 2015 with a 24-9 thrashing  
DENVER (AP) — The Denver Broncos snapped their 16-game skid to the Kansas City Chiefs in a big way. They turned three touchdown passes from Russell Wilson and five takeaways into a 24-9 win in cold conditions in Denver. Safety Justin Simmons had a pair of takeaways and the Broncos beat Patrick Mahomes for the first time in 13 tries. Mahomes was added to the injury report before the game because of an illness and he was held without a touchdown throw for the first time since a 22-9 Chiefs' win over the Broncos in 2021.

AP Top 25: Oklahoma slips to No. 10; Kansas, K-State enter poll; No. 1 UGA and top 5 hold steady

Oklahoma dropped four spots to No. 10 after being upset by Kansas, the top five teams held their places and the Jayhawks and rival Kansas State both entered The Associated Press college football poll. Georgia is No. 1 for the 20th straight week, receiving 48 of 63 first-place votes, distancing itself from No. 2 Michigan. The Wolverines, who were off Saturday after a week of being in the news for an NCAA sign-stealing investigation, received nine first-place votes. No. 3 Ohio State and No. 4 Florida State each received three first-place votes. No. 5 Washington stayed a spot ahead of Pac-12 rival Oregon.

D-backs, Rangers combine for no errors in first two World Series games, continuing year-long trend

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Diamondbacks and Texas Rangers combined for zero errors over the first two games of the Fall Classic, which is the first time that's happened since 2018. That's no accident. The two teams made the fewest errors in the big leagues during the regular season and have a combined eight finalists for Gold Glove awards. The Rangers have five of them season, including catcher Jonah Heim, first baseman Nathaniel Lowe, second baseman Marcus Semien, shortstop Corey Seager and right fielder Adolis García, who has one of the

best outfield arms in the big leagues. The D-backs' finalists are catcher Gabriel Moreno, center fielder Alek Thomas and first baseman Christian Walker.

Rangers' Scherzer being glued together for start vs. Diamondbacks in World Series Game 3  
PHOENIX (AP) — Max Scherzer is being glued together to make his start in World Series Game 3. The three-time Cy Young Award winner has a cut on his pitching thumb that developed when he returned Oct. 18 from a five-week layoff caused by a strained muscle in his right shoulder. He said it won't bother him when he starts for the Texas Rangers on Monday with the Series against the Arizona Diamondbacks tied 1-1. Scherzer says "Found a way to use cotton and Super Glue" and calls it "a little arts and crafts in the training room."

American hockey player Adam Johnson dies after getting cut in the neck by a skate in England  
NOTTINGHAM, England (AP) — American hockey player Adam Johnson has died after a "freak accident" during a game in England on Saturday, according to his team. The 29-year-old from Minnesota was playing for the Nottingham Panthers in a Challenge Cup game against the Sheffield Steelers when he suffered a slashed neck during the second period. Johnson played for the Pittsburgh Penguins in the National Hockey League before spending the 2020-21 season in Sweden with the Malmo Redhawks. He went on to play in the American Hockey League and Germany before agreeing to join Nottingham for this season.

Warriors' Chris Paul comes off bench for 1st time in his NBA career

HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Paul has come off the bench for the first time in his NBA career. Paul entered Sunday's Golden State game at Houston as a substitute, checking in with 6:58 left in the first quarter for the Warriors. He started the first two games of the season for Golden State but was out of Sunday's lineup because Draymond Green returned from an ankle injury and rejoined the starting five. Since the NBA began tracking games started in 1982, no player had appeared in more games and started them all than Paul had entering Sunday. Including playoffs, Paul started the first 1,365 games of his NBA career.

Blaney wins Martinsville and will race for 1st Cup title in NASCAR's championship

Ryan Blaney will race for his first Cup championship after qualifying for NASCAR's title-deciding finale with a Sunday win at Martinsville Speedway. William Byron, who led the Cup Series with six wins this season, earned the fourth and final slot in the championship by limping to a 13th-place finish at the Virginia short track. Byron had padded his position with bonus points earned all season and edged Denny Hamlin, who finished third at Martinsville on Sunday, by eight points to qualify for NASCAR's championship. Blaney and Byron will race Christopher Bell and Kyle Larson next Sunday at Phoenix Raceway, where the Cup championship will go to the highest-finishing driver.

Harden sits out third straight game, Embiid gets the start for 76ers in home opener

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — James Harden was out for the 76ers. Joel Embiid was in. The reigning NBA MVP skipped a chance to rest and started Sunday night in Philadelphia's home opener. Harden's absence against Portland was no surprise. The 10-time All-Star has now missed all three games in the wake of his offseason trade demand. Nurse said he expected Harden to practice on Tuesday. The 76ers don't play again until Thursday. Embiid almost sat out Sunday to get some rest. But he did get the start against Portland.

Jokic's 28 points lead Nuggets past Thunder 128-95 in Holmgren's 1st regular-season home game

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Nikola Jokic had 28 points and 14 rebounds to help the Denver Nuggets roll past the Oklahoma City Thunder 128-95. Michael Porter Jr. had 20 points and nine rebounds and Jamal Murray added 19 points and eight assists for the Nuggets. Denver shot just over 60% from the field. Oklahoma City's Chet Holmgren missed last season with a foot injury, so this was his first regular-season game in front of the home fans. He got a loud cheer when he was introduced and delivered a team-leading 19 points. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored just seven points on 2-for-16 shooting.

**Issue: Politics**

**Program Name: PBS Newshour**

**Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm**

10/02/23 Monday on the NewsHour, the future of Trump's business empire is in question as he appears in court for a civil fraud trial. House Speaker McCarthy faces a revolt from far-right Republicans after making a deal to avoid a government shutdown. Plus, the United Nations Security Council votes to send armed forces to Haiti to combat the violent gangs that have largely overrun the capital city.

10/19/23 Thursday on the NewsHour, more Israeli airstrikes hammer Gaza as the death toll rises and Hamas continues to hold its hostages. More chaos in the House as Republicans again fail to agree on a permanent speaker and reject an effort to empower an interim caretaker. Plus, Native Americans who are targeted by law enforcement in disproportionate numbers demand that their voices be heard.

10/25/23 Wednesday on the NewsHour, House Republicans finally choose a speaker in Mike Johnson. Israel appears ready to delay a ground invasion of Gaza, buying time for hostage negotiations, humanitarian aid for Palestinians and the buildup of U.S. defenses. Plus, Judy Woodruff explores how American democracy has survived despite deep polarization at many points in history.

**Issue: The Environment**

**Program Name: StarDate**

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

10/02/23 It's "take two" for a mission to a heavy-metal asteroid. The billion-dollar mission was supposed to launch in September of last year. But software problems forced NASA to cancel that attempt. The new launch window opens on Thursday, and continues through October 25th. If the craft gets off as planned, it'll reach its target in 2029.

Psyche will orbit an asteroid of the same name. Most asteroids are made mostly of rock. But Psyche consists mainly of metals — primarily iron and nickel. It's the largest metallic asteroid yet discovered — about 140 miles in diameter.

Most of the millions of asteroids that orbit the Sun probably are debris left over from the formation of the planets. But Psyche could be the remains of a much-larger body — something that was bigger than most asteroids, but not as big as a planet.

The original body could have been massive enough to form distinct layers. Iron and nickel fell to the middle, as they did in our own planet. So taking a look at Psyche could be like peeking into the heart of Earth.

We'll get that peek because Psyche somehow lost its outer layers — perhaps in collisions with other asteroids. Only its core remained.

Psyche is about three times farther from the Sun than Earth is. The launch delay extended the travel time of Psyche the spacecraft. It'll have to swing past Mars to get a gravitational “kick” — boosting it toward a heavy ball of metal in the asteroid belt.

10/15/23 Charles Messier compiled a catalog of “fuzzy” objects in the night sky to help his fellow astronomers discover more comets. But it was while watching a comet that Messier discovered the 51st object on his list.

He found it 250 years ago tonight. He described it as “a very faint nebula, without stars.” Modern telescopes see it as a beautiful spiral galaxy, known as the Whirlpool. It's about 25 million to 30 million light-years away. It's a little smaller than our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

M51 actually consists of two galaxies that have sideswiped each other. The close encounter helped create the larger galaxy's beautiful spiral arms.

The gravity of the smaller galaxy, which looks like a bright knot of stars at the end of one of the larger galaxy's spiral arms, has created waves that roll around the galaxy's core. The waves compress clouds of gas and dust, triggering the birth of new stars. Some of the new stars are big, hot, and bright, so they outline the spiral arms.

These young, bright stars don't last long, though — they explode after a few million years. In fact, three stellar explosions have been seen in M51 in the past few decades, compared to none in the bigger Milky Way. Even as they die, though, the stars are replaced by new ones — the offspring of a galactic encounter.

M51 is just outside Ursa Major, near the tip of the Big Dipper's handle. It's an easy target for small telescopes.

10/31/23 Ghosts and goblins and ghouls prowl the streets tonight. And they also prowl the sky. In fact, four stars in Perseus represent the Gorgons — the mythological sisters whose heads were covered with snakes. One look at them turned the viewer to stone.

The most prominent of these stars really does do something strange. For a couple of hours every three days or so, it fades dramatically. Ancient skywatchers must have found that a bit frightening, because they gave the star a spooky name: Ras Al-gul — “the demon’s head.” Today, it’s known by a shorter version of the name: Algol.

The star doesn’t really do anything ghoulish, though. Instead, its “fainting” spells are the result of eclipses.

Algol consists of three stars. Two of them are close together, so they orbit each other in a bit less than three days. We see them eclipse each other during each orbit.

One of the stars is a couple of hundred times brighter than the Sun, while the other is much fainter. But the fainter star is also the bigger of the two. So when it passes in front of the brighter star, the system drops to about a third of its normal brightness. Skywatchers in ancient times knew nothing about the cause of the fading act, though — only that it was a ghoulish thing for a star to do.

The “demon” star is low in the northeast at nightfall, not far to the lower right of Mirphak, the constellation’s brightest star. It’s a perfect companion for a Halloween night.

#### **Issue: Politics**

**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**

11/01/23      RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — After more than three weeks of siege, the first Palestinians were allowed to leave Gaza. They were hundreds of dual passport holders and dozens of seriously injured people. Israeli airstrikes pounded a densely populated area for the second day in a row. And Jordan, a key U.S. ally, recalled its ambassador from Israel. Jordan also told Israel’s ambassador to remain out of its country in protest over the “humanitarian catastrophe” in Gaza.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The mayors of Chicago, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles and New York are pressing to meet with President Joe Biden about the migrants arriving in their cities. The Democratic leader want to discuss getting federal help in managing the surge of migrants they say are arriving with little to no coordination, support or resources from the president's administration. The Democratic leaders say in a letter obtained by The Associated Press on Wednesday that while they appreciate Biden’s efforts so far, much more needs to be done to ease the burden on their cities. Biden is increasingly under fire on this issue from members of his own party. And Republicans claim he's soft on border security.

SANTA MARÍA ATZOMPA, México (AP) — Mexicans in the state of Oaxaca are celebrating the Day of the Dead. It’s a time to honor deceased relatives with vigils and homemade altars. Nov. 1 is meant to commemorate loved ones by cleaning their graves, decorating with fresh flowers

and gathering around all night long. The local secretary of culture says October and November are the dry season, when the land languishes. But it is also being reborn, "so there is this thought that the dead return to enjoy what they loved in life." The traditions are embraced from childhood and passed from parents to children.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal authorities have unsealed charges against four men in the theft earlier this year of more than 2 million dimes from a tractor-trailer that had picked up the coins from the U.S. Mint in Philadelphia. Authorities have said the driver was bound for Miami on April 13 when he pulled into a parking lot to sleep. They say thieves raided the truck overnight, stealing a portion of the \$750,000 in dimes — a shipment weighing six tons. The heist left thousands of coins scattered over the lot. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports four defendants face conspiracy, robbery, theft of government money and other charges that were unsealed Monday.

11/10/23 JERUSALEM (AP) — Fistfights break out in bread lines. Residents wait hours for a gallon of brackish water that makes them sick. Scabies, diarrhea and respiratory infections rip through overcrowded shelters. And some families have to choose who eats. With the Israel-Hamas war in its second month and more than 10,000 people killed in Gaza, trapped civilians are struggling to survive without electricity or running water. Over half a million displaced people have crammed into hospitals and U.N. schools-turned-shelters in the south. Each day has become a mind-numbing cycle of searching for bread and water and waiting in lines. A sense of desperation has strained Gaza's close-knit society and even emboldened some Palestinians to vent their anger against the ruling Hamas militant group.

NEW YORK (AP) — Democratic operatives believe that Joe Manchin's decision not to seek reelection virtually ensures the party will lose his Senate seat in deep-red West Virginia next year. At the same time, some Democratic officials are concerned that Manchin's announcement frees him to pursue a third-party presidential bid. Some think Manchin might ultimately undermine President Joe Biden's reelection. Overall, Manchin's announcement injects a new layer of uncertainty for Democratic leaders already anxious about the party's prospects in 2024. Biden is seeking a second term despite persistent concerns about his age and economic leadership. And Democrats are clinging to a 51-49 majority in the Senate.

ST. PETER, Minn. (AP) — A 96-year-old Korean War veteran from Minnesota has been waiting for 70 years for a Purple Heart medal. The Army keeps turning him down. He has provided documents to back up his assertion that he was wounded in combat in June 1951. His doctors at the Department of Veterans Affairs accepted his account that the shrapnel in his thigh came from a mortar attack. But an Army review board has issued what it called a final rejection in April, citing insufficient documentation. Meyer sued the Army in September. Now the Office of the Sergeant Major of the Army says it's going to take another look.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Internet access across the war-torn nation of Yemen has collapsed and remained down for hours. Officials later blamed unannounced "maintenance work" for an outage that followed attacks by the country's Houthi rebels on both Israel and the U.S. The outage began early Friday and halted all traffic at YemenNet, the country's main provider for about 10 million users which is now controlled by Yemen's Iranian-backed Houthis.

Both NetBlocks, a group tracking internet outages, and the internet services company CloudFlare reported the outage. Several hours later, some service was restored, though access remained troubled.

PARIS (AP) — French far-right leader Marine Le Pen has set off a cacophony of criticism over her plans to attend a weekend march to protest rising antisemitism in France. Critics say her party has failed to shake its antisemitic heritage despite newfound political legitimacy. Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, numerous political parties and citizens are to attend the Sunday march. Le Pen has said that she and her National Rally party also will be there, though government spokesman Olivier Veran said Wednesday that her party “does not have a place” at the march.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Oct. 7 Hamas raid on Israel — and Israel's response — have led to demonstrations on college campuses that have sometimes turned violent. The unease is felt acutely at Tulane University in New Orleans, where 43% of students are Jewish. An Oct. 26 demonstration on a street running through campus erupted in violence between pro-Palestinian demonstrators and counter-demonstrators supporting Israel. Jewish students say the events on campus and elsewhere have shattered their sense of safety. Meanwhile, people on both sides say they believe students have grown more reluctant to openly take positions in support of Israel or the Palestinians.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A devoted group of Bay Area baseball fans are sending “Stay In Oakland” boxes to 15 Major League Baseball team owners, imploring them to vote no on the team's planned relocation to Las Vegas. The group is targetting owners who could be swayed to vote against the proposed move during annual league meetings next week. The list includes Boston's John Henry and the New York Yankees' Hal Steinbrenner. The boxes contain green A's caps, baseball cards featuring the owners' likenesses and a note detailing why they should vote against Las Vegas.

11/29/23 DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — International mediators appeared to have made progress Wednesday on extending the truce in Gaza. They are encouraging the territory's Hamas rulers to keep freeing hostages in return for the release of Palestinian prisoners and further respite from Israel's air and ground offensive. The deal will otherwise expire within a day. Israel has welcomed the release of dozens of hostages in recent days and says it will maintain the truce if Hamas keeps freeing captives. But its other major goal is the annihilation of the armed group that has ruled Gaza for 16 years and orchestrated the deadly attack on Israel that triggered the war. That seems less and less likely.

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. life expectancy rose last year, but it still isn't close to what it was before the COVID-19 pandemic. It was up by more than a year in 2022, after plunging two straight years at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. It's now 77 years, 6 months — about what it was two decades ago. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the numbers on Wednesday. Researchers say the rise was mainly due the waning pandemic. The

snapshot statistic is considered one of the most important measures of the health of the U.S. population.

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — With her frail husband as a silent witness, Rosalynn Carter is being celebrated by her family and closest friends at her funeral in the same tiny town where she and Jimmy Carter were born. The former president is attending the intimate gathering at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains. In that church, she and her husband spent decades welcoming guests and a wooden cross Jimmy Carter fashioned in his woodshop is displayed. Maranatha Pastor Tony Lowden opened the service with a tribute to “the life and legacy of the greatest first lady” and said that as a humanitarian, she “served every nation around the world.”

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronomers have discovered six planets orbiting a bright, nearby star in perfect synchrony like a grand cosmic orchestra. The rare find can help explain how solar systems across the Milky Way galaxy came to be. Scientists made the announcement on Wednesday. A pair of planet-hunting satellites by NASA and the European Space Agency teamed up for the observations. The planets are two to three times the size of Earth, but made mostly of gas. None of the planets are within the star’s so-called habitable zone.

A moose on the loose in southern Minnesota has gained a herd of thousands of followers hoping to see the animal's journey end safely. The young male moose was spotted Tuesday northwest of Minneapolis. Fans call the animal “Rutt” in homage to a scatterbrained moose from the movie “Brother Bear.” More than 18,000 accounts are following the moose's travels on a community Facebook page as of Tuesday. A Minnesota Department of Natural Resources big game expert told the Minnesota Star Tribune that moose typically only roam in northern Minnesota. The expert says the moose is likely looking for home territory or other moose friends.

**Issue: Politics**

**Program Name: PBS Newshour**

**Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm**

11/01/23      Wednesday on the NewsHour, for the first time in the war, civilians trapped in Gaza are allowed to cross into Egypt. Pakistan's government issues an ultimatum to over one million Afghan refugees to leave the country or face forced deportation. Plus, former GOP Congressman Adam Kinzinger reflects on the current state of his party and the future of American democracy.

11/15/23      Wednesday on the NewsHour, the first fuel trucks cross into the Gaza Strip as Israeli troops raid the main hospital in search of militants and hostages. President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping meet for the first time in a year as relations between the two countries have grown tense. Plus, Judy Woodruff reports on why people in one Ohio town feel left behind in a changing modern economy.

11/30/23 Thursday on the NewsHour, we speak to the head of UNICEF about the urgent humanitarian needs of the Israel-Hamas war's youngest victims and the risks should fighting resume. The latest UN climate conference opens in Dubai amid global tensions and skepticism that the world will move away from fossil fuels. Plus, the controversial former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger dies at 100.

**Issue: The Environment**

**Program Name: StarDate**

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

11/01/23 Jupiter is the “big brother” of the solar system. It’s bigger and heavier than its sibling planets — more than twice as massive as all of them combined. And it’s also older; it might have been born tens of millions of years before Earth and some of the other planets.

Jupiter was born much farther from the Sun than Earth and the other inner planets. At that range, it was cold enough for ices to clump together with rock and metals to make Jupiter’s giant core. The core quickly grew to about seven times the mass of the present-day Earth.

The core’s gravity was strong enough to pull in enormous amounts of hydrogen and helium gas — leftovers from the formation of the Sun. That allowed Jupiter to grow in a hurry. Some models say it reached full planethood within about three million years of the Sun’s birth. That’s not long when you consider that the Sun is about four and a half billion years old. The other planets came later — first the other giant outer planets, then the rocky inner planets — including Earth.

Jupiter is putting in its best showing of the year this week. It lines up opposite the Sun, so it rises around sunset and is in view all night. It looks like a brilliant star — only the Moon and Venus outshine it. Jupiter is low in the east as darkness falls. It reaches its highest point in the sky in the wee hours of the morning, and is low in the west at dawn.

11/15/23 Astronomers have found planets orbiting all kinds of stars: big and small, young and old, and even dead. But they haven’t found many stars in globular clusters — tight balls of hundreds of thousands or millions of stars. In fact, they’ve confirmed only one planet in the Milky Way’s 150 globulars.

In part, that may be because it’s hard to make planets there. Globulars are the oldest residents of the Milky Way. Some date to less than a billion years after the Big Bang. So when the clusters were born, there weren’t many heavy elements for making planets. Those elements were created inside early stars, then expelled into space, where they could be incorporated into later generations of stars and planets.

If planets tried to form in globulars, they might not have had a chance. Stars in the clusters are tightly packed. Encounters between stars might have stirred up the clouds of planet-making material. And even if planets did form, they could have been kicked out of their parent clusters by similar encounters.

On the other hand, globulars are a long way away, so perhaps they do have planets, but they're just too hard to see.

The only known planet is a giant — heavier than Jupiter, the giant of our own solar system. It orbits a pair of dead stars. It's likely that the planet was born elsewhere, then captured by the dead stars during a close encounter — giving them the only known planet in any globular cluster.

11/30/23      A couple of bright alignments greet early risers tomorrow. The Moon and the twins of Gemini are high in the western sky at dawn. And the planet Venus and the star Spica are in the southeast.

The Moon and Gemini actually climb into good view by about 8:30 or 9 tonight. Pollux, the brighter of the stars that represent the heads of the twins, is quite close to the Moon. Castor, the other twin, is farther to the upper left of the Moon. As the night rolls on, the Moon will widen the gap with Pollux. But they'll still be quite close at first light.

Venus and Spica rise into good view by about three hours before sunrise.

Venus is the brilliant "morning star," so you can't miss it. Despite the nickname, it's not really a star at all. Instead, it's our closest planetary neighbor, which is one reason it shines so brightly.

Spica is a star — the brightest in the constellation Virgo. It stands to the right of Venus, by about the width of three fingers held at arm's length. It's one of the brightest stars in the night sky, so you won't have any trouble spotting it.

By Saturday morning, the Moon will have moved into Cancer, one constellation over from the twins. Venus and Spica will still be close, but Venus will be starting to drop away. It'll stand a little lower than Spica. The bright planet will continue to move back toward the Sun as Spica climbs higher in the early morning sky.

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12/01/23      DEIR AL-BALAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli fighter jets hit targets in the Gaza Strip minutes after a weeklong truce expired, as the war with Hamas resumed in full force. Black smoke billowed from the besieged territory Friday, and Israel dropped leaflets over parts of southern Gaza urging people to leave their homes, suggesting it was preparing to widen its offensive. In Israel, sirens warning of incoming rockets blared at several communal farms near Gaza, a sign that militants also restarted attacks. There were no reports of hits. The renewed hostilities heightened concerns for Palestinians in the tiny coastal enclave as well as about 140

hostages who remain there. Qatar said negotiators were still trying to reach an agreement on restarting the cease-fire.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Nearly two months after Hamas infiltrated Israel, killing some 1,200 people and taking about 240 hostages, dozens of people are still unaccounted for. Their families are left living in limbo. In the immediate aftermath of the Oct. 7 attack, police, the military and investigators grappled with a mass casualty crime scene, trying to identify the dead and the abducted. Getting clear answers for people's whereabouts and numbers of deaths was challenging. It remains so. Some of the bodies of those who died were so badly burned in fires or explosions that there's little left to identify, while others who might be alive still haven't been traced.

KHARKIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy says the war with Russia is in a new stage, with winter expected to complicate fighting after a summer counteroffensive that failed to produce desired results due to enduring shortages of weapons and ground forces. Despite the setbacks, however, he says in an interview with The Associated Press that "we are not backing down." Zelenskyy also said he fears the Israel-Hamas war threatens to overshadow the conflict in Ukraine, with competing political agendas and limited resources reducing military aid. And his concerns are amplified by the tumult that inevitably arises during a U.S. election year and its implications for continued aid to his country.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. George Santos of New York will confront a third effort to expel him from the House on Friday, sensing the vote is likely to be his last and intent on not going away quietly. The first-term Republican could well become just the sixth member of the House to be ousted by colleagues. Of the previous expulsions, three were for disloyalty to the Union during the Civil War and two were for being convicted of crimes in federal court. Santos' challenge to colleagues to take the "hard vote" is an appeal to those lawmakers who worry that a new precedent is being set for the chamber's harshest punishment.

BEIJING (AP) — Henry Kissinger is being remembered positively in China as an envoy who was willing to overlook ideological differences at the height of the Cold War and long after. Many Chinese people mourned Kissinger on social media after the former U.S. secretary of state died on Wednesday. Official China called Henry Kissinger "an old friend." A commentator likened him to a goodwill ambassador between two countries that have been at odds more often than not. Kissinger developed a special relationship with China in the second half of his 100-year-long life. He made more than 100 trips to China, according to the Chinese government, and as recently as July was met by Chinese President Xi Jinping.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Dak Prescott threw three touchdown passes, and the Dallas Cowboys extended their home winning streak to 14 games by rallying for a 41-35 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Prescott's 12-yard pass to Jake Ferguson put Dallas in front with 4 1/2 minutes remaining. The Cowboys set up a rematch with NFC East rival Philadelphia by escaping what would have been their first loss since falling to the Eagles 28-23 to start November. Geno Smith threw three touchdown passes to D.K. Metcalf, including a 73-yarder, as the Seahawks got their offense going again

12/12/23 WASHINGTON (AP) — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy will arrive on Capitol Hill to a darker mood than when he swooped in last winter for a hero's welcome. Zelenskyy's visit Tuesday comes as President Joe Biden's request for an additional \$110 billion U.S. aid package for Ukraine, Israel and other national security needs is at serious risk of collapse in Congress. Republicans are insisting on strict U.S.-Mexico border security changes that Democrats decry as draconian in exchange for any Ukraine aid. Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware says the stalemate sends "a very bad message" to the world. Zelenskyy will meet privately with senators and new House Speaker Mike Johnson, then head to the White House for talks with Biden.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani officials says a suicide bomber has detonated his explosive-laden vehicle at a police station's main gate in the country's northwest, killing at least 23 security forces and wounding 32 others, and causing a part of the building to collapse upon impact. Six attackers were also killed in the shootout that ensued between militants and security forces. Tuesday's attack, one of the deadliest in months, happened in Dera Ismail Khan, a city in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province bordering Afghanistan. The newly formed militant group Tehreek-e-Jihad Pakistan, or TJP, believed to be an offshoot of the militant Pakistani Taliban group, claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A missile fired by Yemen's Houthi rebels slammed into a Norwegian-flagged tanker in the Red Sea off the coast of Yemen near a key maritime chokepoint. That's according to the rebels and authorities who spoke Tuesday. The assault on the oil and chemical tanker Strinda expands a campaign by the Iranian-backed rebels targeting ships near the Bab el-Mandeb Strait into apparently now striking those that have no clear ties to Israel. That potentially imperils cargo and energy shipments coming through the Suez Canal and further widens the international impact of the Israel-Hamas war now raging in the Gaza Strip. Houthi military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree said the rebels only fired on the vessel when it "rejected all warning calls."

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Constitutional rights are at the center of a legal fight over a state-run court in part of Mississippi's majority-Black capital city of Jackson. A federal judge will hear arguments Dec. 19, and the Capitol Complex Improvement District Court is scheduled to be created Jan. 1. It is equivalent to a municipal court but would have an appointed judge and prosecutors. Those jobs are usually appointed by local officials. The Justice Department says the new court would continue Mississippi's history of trying to suppress Black people's right to participate in government. The state's Republican attorney general disagrees, saying the new court is part of an effort to reduce crime.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team's run for a second national title fell one win short in what was a magical season, suffering a 2-1 loss to the Clemson Tigers on Monday night at Lynn Family Stadium. The Irish close the year with a 13-3-6 record, qualifying for their third College Cup and second appearance in the championship match.

The Tigers recorded goals in the 27th and 70th minute to take a 2-0 advantage while the Irish dominated most of the possession and opportunities in the second half. Notre Dame got one back in the 90th minute when Paddy Burns converted a penalty kick opportunity. Yet, the Irish ran out of time and fell a goal short despite outshooting the Tigers 15-9, including a 5-3 shots-on-goal advantage.

The Irish finished the season with a record of 13-3-6. Notre Dame made its second College Cup Final in program history along with advancing to its third College Cup ever, including second in three years. The Irish claimed the ACC Atlantic division crown after recording their first undefeated conference season (6-0-2) in program history.

Four University of Notre Dame student-athletes have earned All-America accolades from the Associated Press. Junior offensive tackle Joe Alt and junior safety Xavier Watts were named to the first team, while senior defensive tackle Howard Cross III and junior running back Audric Estimé earned second-team honors.

Alt joins Ohio State's Marvin Harrison Jr. as the only players to repeat as Associated Press First-Team All-Americans in 2022 and 2023.

The Associated Press is one of the five All-America teams that are utilized to determine both consensus and unanimous All-America honors. Alt and Watts have already earned first-team honors from the Football Writers Association of America (FWAA) and the Walter Camp Foundation, while Cross III earned second team honors from those outlets. The Sporting News and American Football Coaches Association teams are the two remaining teams that have yet to announce their selections.

12/22/23      RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Starting internationally, health officials in Hamas-run Gaza say the Palestinian death toll there has surpassed 20,000. That figure was released today. It is the latest indication of the staggering cost of the war as Israel expands its ground offensive and ordered tens of thousands more people to leave their homes. The deaths amount to nearly 1% of the territory's prewar population. They are just one measure of the devastation wrought by the conflict that over 11 weeks has displaced nearly 85% of Gaza's people and leveled wide swaths of the tiny coastal enclave. The U.N. and other agencies said Thursday that more than half a million people in Gaza are starving in describing the crisis caused by Israel's bombardment and siege on the territory in response to Hamas' Oct. 7 attack.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — In response, the U.N. Security Council has adopted a watered-down resolution calling for immediate speeded-up aid deliveries to hungry and desperate civilians in Gaza – but without the original call for an "urgent suspension of hostilities" between Israel and Hamas. Today's long-delayed vote in the 15-member council was 13-0 with the United States and Russia abstaining. The vote came immediately after the United States vetoed a Russian amendment that would have restored a call to immediately suspend hostilities. The U.S. abstention on the resolution avoided a second U.S. veto of a Gaza resolution following Hamas' surprise Oct. 7 attacks inside Israel. A relieved U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told the council after the resolution's adoption: "This was tough, but we got there."

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Meanwhile, around the globe, some Catholic bishops say they will not follow the Vatican's new direction on allowing blessings for same-sex couples. Others have fiercely criticized it, with one bishop describing the new policy as a hidden "evil." The strong reactions show how Pope Francis' move to make the church a more welcoming place for the LGBTQ+ community continues to spark resistance and rebellion among traditionalist Catholic leaders. Bishops in Poland, Kazakhstan, Zambia, Malawi and elsewhere say they would not allow priests to give blessings to same-sex couples and are pushing back against the new policy approved this week by Pope Francis.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Back on home soil, the Supreme Court says it will not immediately take up a plea by special counsel Jack Smith to rule on whether former President Donald Trump can be prosecuted for his actions to overturn the 2020 election results. The court revealed its decision today. The issue will now be decided by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which has signaled it will act quickly to decide the case. Special counsel Jack Smith had cautioned that even a rapid appellate decision might not get to the Supreme Court in time for review and final word before the court's traditional summer break.

NEW YORK (AP) — However, the man at the center of it all doesn't seem too concerned. Former President Donald Trump says he is eager to debate President Joe Biden, even if the debates are sponsored by the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates. And he says he is open to debating a single Republican rival if a serious challenger emerges after the New Hampshire primary. Trump has skipped all of the primary debates so far, citing his commanding lead in the polls. He was asked about his plans during an interview with conservative radio host Hugh Hewitt today. Biden's campaign has not said yet whether he plans to participate in the debates.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a look at a different area of government, the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of prices fell last month, another sign that inflation is easing and that consumers should expect to see lower interest rates in 2024. Today's report from the Commerce Department showed that U.S. consumer prices slid 0.1% last month from October and rose 2.6% from November 2022. The month-over-month drop was the largest since April 2020 when the economy was reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic. The numbers show somewhat more progress against inflation than economists had expected. Inflation is steadily moving down to the Fed's year-over-year target of 2% and appears to be clearing the way for Fed rate cuts in 2024.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — We have an update on the shooting in Maine from back in October. Police in Maine feared that confronting an Army reservist in the weeks before he killed 18 people in the state's deadliest mass shooting would "throw a stick of dynamite on a pool of gas," according to video released today by law enforcement. The videos were released to the Portland Press Herald and then sent to The Associated Press earlier today. One of them documents a call between Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Sgt. Aaron Skolfield and Army Reserve Capt. Jeremy Reamer. Skolfield was following up with Reamer about the potential threat posed by Robert Card, a 40-year-old Army reservist from the Lewiston area who carried out the Oct. 25 attacks at a bowling alley and a restaurant.

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. health officials say flu and COVID-19 infections are expected to ramp up in the coming weeks. They say the increases will be fueled by holiday gathering, low rates of vaccinations and the latest version of the coronavirus that appears to spread more easily. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported today that high levels of flu-like were seen last week in 17 states. Health officials are keeping an eye on a version of the ever-evolving coronavirus. But officials say there's no evidence that the strain causes more severe disease than other recent variants.

Taking a look now at our sports news, American gymnast Simone Biles is the Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for 2023. This is the third time Biles has won the award. The 26-year-old dazzled in her return to competition following a two-year break after the 2020

Olympics. She won a record eighth U.S. national title in August and added a sixth world all-around gold medal in October. Biles is eyeing a return to the Olympics in Paris next summer. Iowa basketball star Caitlin Clark finished second in the voting, followed by Aitana Bonmati of Spain's World Cup champion soccer team.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — And in big football news, Florida State has sued the Atlantic Coast Conference, challenging a contract that binds the school to the league for the next 12 years. The lawsuit claims the ACC's grant of rights violates antitrust law and has unenforceable withdrawal penalties. It also accuses the ACC of mismanaging its members' media rights. The suit says it would cost more than \$570 million for Florida State to withdraw from the ACC. The ACC says the school agreed to a renewal of the GOR in 2016 knowing all the details. The conference filed its own lawsuit against the FSU Board of Trustees in North Carolina.

### **Issue: Politics**

#### **Program Name: PBS Newshour**

#### **Aired Monday-Friday, 7-8pm**

12/01/23 Friday on the NewsHour, fighting between Israel and Hamas resumes as a new report claims that Israeli officials repeatedly dismissed warning signs before the October 7 attacks. Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court, passes away at 93. Plus, Rep. George Santos is expelled from the House of Representatives in the wake of his many lies and scandals.

12/13/23 Wednesday on the NewsHour, several Israeli soldiers are killed in an ambush in northern Gaza while floods add to the suffering in crowded refugee camps. Delegates at the U.N.'s global climate summit agree to transition away from fossil fuels but loopholes remain. Plus, drone warfare forces both Russia and Ukraine to shift tactics as the war drags into another winter.

12/25/23 Monday on the NewsHour, in one of the war's deadliest nights, an Israeli airstrike kills more than 100 Gazans. Two months after Maine's deadliest mass shooting, its deaf community works to rebuild in the wake of tragedy. Plus, how "chatty cafes" and "chatty benches" are helping combat loneliness in Britain.

### **Issue: The Environment**

#### **Program Name: StarDate**

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12/01/23 Astronomers who study the material between the stars are ready to "go for the gusto." They're planning to launch a telescope aboard a giant balloon. If everything goes as planned, it'll loop around Antarctica for up to four months, staring deep into the Milky Way and a companion galaxy.

The mission is known as GUSTO. It'll monitor the sky at far-infrared wavelengths. Water vapor in Earth's atmosphere absorbs those wavelengths, so the only way to study them is to climb above the atmosphere.

GUSTO will do so with a super-pressure balloon. After launch from McMurdo Station, it'll climb to about 120,000 feet. It'll circle around the continent, eventually drifting over the Southern Ocean. Scientists will track it with satellites.

The mission's goal is to study the ISM — the interstellar medium — the wisps of gas and dust between the stars. Studying this material can help scientists trace the lifecycle of the stars. Stars are born from giant clouds of gas and dust. As they age, they spew out winds of particles that add to the ISM. And when they die, they expel most of their gas back into space, where the cycle starts all over again.

The big challenge for GUSTO may be the weather. The balloon can't be launched in high winds. A precursor mission in 2012 couldn't launch until its eighth try. And a second test, the following year, couldn't get off at all. So GUSTO will need calm winds to soar into the Antarctic sky.

12/15/23      Our sedate, middle-aged Sun spins on its axis about once a month. This leisurely rate keeps the Sun nice and round, like a beachball. But some stars rotate much faster. In fact, some spin so fast that they flatten themselves out, like a squashed beachball.

An example is Gomeisa, the second-brightest star of Canis Minor, the little dog. It's quite low in the east by about 9 o'clock. It's above Procyon, the constellation's brightest star.

Gomeisa is several times as massive as the Sun, and several times wider. And it spins much faster than the Sun does — about once per day. Since a star is made of gas, that high-speed rotation forces material outward at Gomeisa's equator, giving the star its compressed appearance.

The rotation has another important effect. Gas at the equator is moving at more than half a million miles per hour. And since the equator is bulging outward, it "feels" less of a gravitational grip than material at the poles. So some of the hydrogen gas at the equator gets flung out into space, like water whirling away from a spinning lawn sprinkler. That surrounds Gomeisa with a disk of gas that's several times wider than the star.

If you could get close to Gomeisa, you'd see one other odd effect. Because the gas at the poles is closer to the center of the star, it's much hotter than gas at the equator. So the star's poles are brighter than its equator — a two-toned appearance for a flattened star.

12/31/23      As the night grows late, and 2024 approaches – or perhaps after you've enjoyed the midnight countdown, and the new year is already here – take a moment to look at the sky. Even if the fireworks are all over, you'll still see some beautiful and colorful lights.

At midnight, the Moon is in the east. Sunlight illuminates three-quarters of the lunar hemisphere that faces our way, so it's nice and bright. Its glare washes out the view of many fainter stars – especially those close to the Moon. But plenty of bright lights will shine through.

High in the south, for example, look for Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky. It should be twinkling more than any other star, shifting from red to blue to pure white. And if you're in the southern parts of the country – south of about Dallas – you might also spot Canopus, the second-brightest star. It's directly below Sirius, just above the horizon.

Orion stands to the upper right of Sirius. It may be the most beautiful of all constellations – and the easiest to find. Look for a short diagonal line of three stars – Orion's Belt. It's inside a rectangle of brighter stars.

And if you want a light that's brighter still, look in the west for Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system. It far outshines everything else in the sky at that hour except the Moon – teaming with the Moon to bookend the sky on the final hours of 2023.