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Turning 20: Adventure WV guides WVU students toward relationships, state pride

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For almost 20 years now, Adventure WV has been an important part of the student experience at West Virginia University, introducing thousands of students to the Mountain State's outdoor opportunities while helping them make friends and learn new skills.

Heading into the anniversary year, one of the longest-running Adventure WV success stories is the First-Year Trips program, which was created as a peer-led, outdoor-based effort to help incoming first-year students become familiar with their new home in West Virginia by visiting some of the state's most

popular places.

"We want to create a tight-knit community for incoming students even before they set foot on campus," said Morgan Haas, associate director with Adventure WV, who oversees the First-Year Trips program. "This helps them transition to college smoothly by assisting them in

getting to know each other, including their peers and leaders, and by introducing them to the resources available on campus. One of our goals is to foster an early connection between students, WVU and the state."

Greg Corio, assistant vice president for Outdoor Youth

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This week in West Virginia history



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On Nov. 14: 1970, chartered plane slammed into a hillside just short of Huntington's Tri-State Airport near Ceredo, killing all 75 of the passengers and crew. The victims included nearly the entire Marshall University football team

Notable events in the Mountain State from Nov. 12-18

The West Virginia Encyclopedia

Charleston — The following events happened on these dates in West Virginia history. To read more, go to e-WV: The West Virginia Encyclopedia at www.wvencyclopedia.org.

Nov. 12, 1844: Henry Schmulbach was born in Germany. Schmulbach became a leading businessman in Wheeling, buying Nail City Brewery in 1882 and becoming president of the German Bank, now Wes-Banco.

Nov. 13, 1879: Educator Elsie Clapp was born. Under her direction, the community school at Arthurdale stressed education for real-life situations and revived traditional music to strengthen reading and writing skills.

Nov. 14, 1788: Kanawha County, named for the Kanawha River which flows through it, was created on this date.

Nov. 14, 1939: The Charleston Civic Orchestra gave its first concert at the

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On Nov. 15, 2010, the landmark Aracoma Hotel in Logan was damaged by fire. It was demolished later that year.

ENTERTAINMENT

Landau Eugene Murphy Jr. comes home for the holidays

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Landau Eugene Murphy Jr.'s 13th annual "Home For The Holidays" Christmas tour is back with an all-new show and performances throughout December in West Virginia and Kentucky.

The 2023 Christmas tour will feature the season six winner of NBC TV's America's Got Talent crooning his way through Christmas classics and fan favorites from the Great American Songbook with his Landau Little Big Band.

Landau's special guest for the 2023 Home For The Holidays tour will be fellow West Virginian Kamron Lawson. The Beckley native wowed the judges this season on ABC TV's American Idol and became a viral internet sensation when he auditioned and won the hearts of viewers all over America. Lawson will be sharing the stage with Landau to spread Christmas cheer and dazzle audiences.

Tickets for the "Landau Home For The Holidays" tour are available at <https://landaumurphyjr.com/events/> or the individual venue's website.

Landau's Home For The Holidays tour attendees are encouraged to bring a new, toy to the show of their choice to contribute to Landau's annual "Kids Joy Toy Drive." Each attendee who donates will receive a digital copy of Landau's "Christmas Made For Two" full-length album of holiday classics.

"Landau's Home For The Holidays" 2023 tour is presented by West Virginia Adult Education and the "Never Too Late To Graduate" platform. Landau is a proud spokesperson for WVAE, having earned his high school equivalency diploma with other adult learners. WVAE staffers will be on hand at most tour stops to assist those who are interested in earning their diplomas and to help collect toys for kids in need in conjunction with Landau's Kids Joy Toy Drive.

Landau's 13th Annual 2023 Home For The Holidays Tour will stop in the following cities:

- Dec. 2 — Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center, Clarksburg
- Dec. 7 — Scottish Rite Auditorium, Charleston
- Dec. 8 — Ludlow Theatre, Lud-

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VETERANS DAY

Preston County honors veterans with courthouse ceremony



Jim Savage speaks during the ceremony.

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
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KINGWOOD — The Preston County Honor Guard and Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 977 hosted a Veterans Day Observance on the courthouse lawn Saturday.

Jim Savage, president of VVA 977, welcomed about 100 residents to the event.

“Thank you for being here today. We are here to thank and remember all those veterans who have gone before us. We enjoy our freedom because of the sacrifices of our Veterans. They paid the price — long days and nights separated from loved ones — the uncertainty of what the next day would bring, and the ultimate sacrifice

of their lives, so we can live in a free nation,” Savage said.

Other speakers at the event included Circuit Judge Stephen Shaffer, Delegate George Street, Commission President Samantha Stone and commissioners Don Smith and Hunter Thomas.

Thomas said we should be grateful to live in the United States where we are free.

“Look at Israel and Ukraine and see what’s going on there,” he said.

Several of the members of the audience agreed to give the reason they came to the observance.

“I came out of respect and deep appreciation,” Charlotte Henning, of Reedsville, said.

Sharon Moran, of

Masontown, said she came for her friend who is a veteran — and all the other veterans who have served.

“I came for the dedication,” veteran Larry Cress, of Masontown, said. “My son and I both have bricks in the walkway.”

The Preston County Honor Guard performed a three volley salute, and “Taps” was played.

Terry Sybolt handed out copies of “Not to be Forgotten: Prestonians Who Died in Vietnam 1965-1970” by Dorothy Bonafield Snyder. At the end of her preface, Snyder writes:

“It is with love and respect that I write this book to honor these men and their memory. My hope is that after reading their stories, each reader will have a new and renewed

respect for the hardships endured by our military men and their families — not just for the men who did not return from Vietnam, but respect and honor for all of the men and women in our armed forces.”

Not only did the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) lay a wreath at the event, they also provided doughnuts and hot chocolate for those attending.

The National Anthem and “Proud to be an American” were performed by Lori Ranking.

Anyone interested in purchasing a Veteran Brick may contact Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 977 at Post Office Box 803 Masontown WV 26542. Bricks are \$75 each.

ADVENTURE

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Advocacy and Initiatives with the WVU Brad and Alys Smith Outdoor Economic Development Collaborative, started the First-Year Trips program during the 2003-2004 academic year as his graduate project, a program housed in the WVU Division of Student Life that has blossomed into one of the largest student-centric outdoor programs in the country.

“The First-Year Trips come at a transition point when students are not high school students and they are not college students, where they’re hungry to learn in school but they’re also a little nervous,” Corio said. “This is their first college experience — their first college experience with a lot of support in an

environment they’re usually not super comfortable in with classmates they’ve never met being led by upperclassmen.”

Corio, a WVU alumnus, formed the idea of a freshmen outdoor orientation after seeing other universities do outdoor trips like those available in West Virginia. As a graduate student, he approached then President David C. Hardesty Jr. with a proposal for an outdoor orientation program with the potential to improve retention and graduation rates.

“President Hardesty said, ‘I’ve been waiting on a program like this for a long time,’” Corio recalled.

Student retention has increased by 7.3% and six-year graduation rates by 9.5% because of the program, according to institutional research.

After an initial launch,

Corio connected First-Year Trips with the Freshmen Seminar in 2004 and the program began to expand quickly. Students participated in five Explore trips, showcasing some of West Virginia’s scenic landscapes, and one Habitat for Humanity trip.

“We had no idea if that first Habitat trip was going to work, but in the end, it did and those students became a family, and we knew we were on to something special,” Corio said.

Included in that 2004 trip was Carrie Behe, a two-time university graduate who is now the senior global brand manager at Cotopaxi, a company that creates sustainably made outdoor gear.

Her First-Year Trip, one she came into with no outdoor experience, set her on the path to not only a professional career in the out-

doors industry, but also toward building a love for the outdoors and traveling in her personal life.

“It utterly changed the course of my life. The person I am today is because I was a participant of Adventure WV and it has such invaluable meaning,” Behe said. “It’s hard to put into words what it means to me because it changed my life so significantly. Every facet of who I am as a person and where I’ve ended up 20 years later is because of this one program.”

Behe’s trip included stops at Coopers Rock, Blackwater Falls, Seneca Rocks and Spruce Knob, and concluded with whitewater rafting on the New River near Fayetteville.

A few years later, Behe returned to the program as a student leader, and has since been all over the world, exploring natural

wonders. “I never could have accomplished any of these things if I wouldn’t have gone through Adventure,” she said.

Most participants are incoming freshmen, but transfer students can also sign up along with nontraditional students, such as veterans.

“We want everyone to come on our trips because we believe it is a transformational experience,” Haas said. “We want these students to persist through their time here at WVU and we genuinely believe finding a sense of community, mentorship and overcoming obstacles together can support that.”

Branching out from the First-Year Trips concept are other programs within Adventure WV with a similar format, but for different demographics. The Sophomore Outdoor

Adventure Reorientation Program allows upcoming sophomores to reflect on their first year at WVU, prepare for a future at the university and explore other parts of the country, such as the desert Southwest.

The Adventure WV model also led to creation of both the WVU Science Adventure School and the Ascend WV program.

“You bring a new group of people together who have a shared experience in the outdoors, and you help create a sense of community and belonging as well as help them fall in love with the beauty of West Virginia. It works with sixth graders as well as remote workers,” Corio said.

“All of these tell a story about the impact Adventure WV has had during the past two decades.”

MURPHY

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low, Ky.

- Dec. 9 — Coalfield Jamboree, Logan
- Dec. 14 — Blennerhassett School Auditorium, Parkersburg
- Dec. 15 — Foundry Theatre, Huntington
- Dec. 16 — Historic Fayette Theater, Fayetteville
- Dec. 17 — Carnegie Hall, Lewisburg

Murphy is the soul-and-Sinatra singing sensation who first rose to national attention on NBC TV’s “America’s Got Talent.”

His debut album “That’s Life” spent several weeks atop the Billboard Jazz charts and in the Top 40 overall. Landau has since released three additional well-received albums with another

scheduled for a 2024 release.

He has penned an Amazon #1 best-selling memoir; appeared on several network TV shows, had a featured role in a film, was nominated for an NAACP Image Award, was named one of the Top Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Jaycees, and has toured around the world, performing hundreds of sold-out concerts.


During the COVID-19 pandemic and his forced time off the road, Landau turned his attention to his education, went back to school online, receiving his high school equivalency diploma three decades after dropping out, proving it’s never too late to graduate. Landau is now a leading advocate for adult literacy.


Visit him online at landaumurphyjr.com.



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Chickie Williams (left) and Robert Drasnin (right).





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and crew. The victims included nearly the entire Marshall University football team, all but one of their coaches, and a number of fans.

Nov. 15, 2010: The landmark Aracoma Hotel in Logan was damaged by fire. It was demolished later that year.

Nov. 16, 1734: Samuel Washington was born at Pope’s Creek, Virginia. Samuel, a younger brother of George Wash-

ington, was the first of several members of the Washington family to live in what is now the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

Nov. 16, 1823: Politician and industrialist Henry Gassaway Davis, known in the early 20th century as West Virginia’s “Grand Old Man,” was born in Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 17, 1927: Composer and performer

Robert Drasnin was born in Charleston. He performed with classic combos and big bands such as Tommy Dorsey and Les Brown, and scored music for movies and television.

Nov. 18, 2007: Country singer Chickie Williams died. As wife of musician Doc Williams, she performed with his Border Riders band and appeared on the Wheeling Jamboree radio show.

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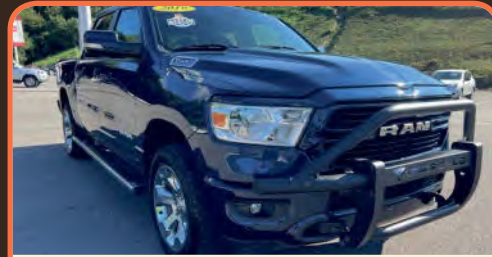
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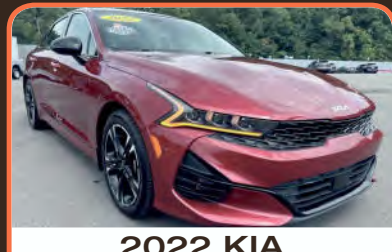
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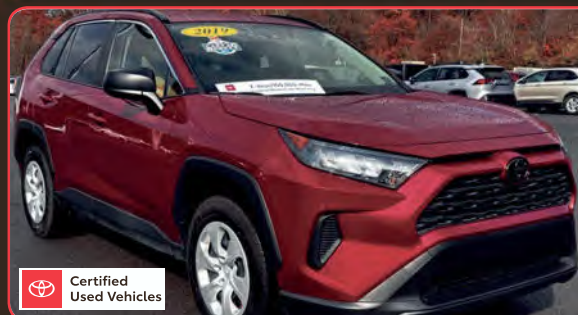


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HEALTH CARE

National MS Society recognizes WVU RNI

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The WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute (RNI) has been recognized as a Center for Comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Care through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Partners in MS Care program.

This formal recognition honors the RNI’s commitment to high-quality MS care.

The Comprehensive MS Care Center distinction is awarded to organizations that

demonstrate coordinated, multi-disciplinary care for MS. According to the MS ociety, RNI clinicians continually demonstrate a wealth of knowledge, experience and the important attention to detail necessary in treating people living with MS.

“We are proud of the work we’ve done to expand access to comprehensive MS care for the many West Virginians who are living with MS, including treatment with the most highly effective medications, multi-

disciplinary care for the many symptoms caused by MS, and access to several clinical trials for all subtypes of MS,” Dr. Melanie Ward, RNI neurologist, said.

“Our team is passionate about providing the highest quality MS care in our region, and we look forward to continuing to expand resources for our patients. We are very appreciative of the National MS Society for its support of our clinic.”

Ward traveled to Richmond, Va., in October for the Society’s

Virginia-West Virginia Chapter Board Retreat, where she joined fellow panelists for an update about MS care and research in Virginia and West Virginia. Following the panel discussion, Ward received the RNI’s Comprehensive Care Center certificate.

“We are proud to partner with the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute to enhance coordinated, comprehensive care for people who live with MS,” Sherri Ellis, president of the National MS Society’s Virginia-West Virginia Chapter Board, said. “In earning this recognition, the Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in MS care, making a tremendous impact on the nearly one million people living with MS in our country.”

KINGWOOD Water board approves loan bond

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
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KINGWOOD — The Kingwood Water Board voted unanimously to accept a bond anticipation loan for \$848,000.

The vote was made on the condition of clarification about monthly interest payments, and no additional expenses.

Water Board Chariman Robert DeRiggi said the money will be used for engineering soft costs to get some of the Phase I projects going.

Board attorney John Stump from Steptoe and Johnson’s Charleston office was not present at the meeting, but he spoke to board members on the phone about aspects of the loan. According to the law firm’s website, Stump’s practice is in the area of municipal bonds, project finance, economic development and utility regulation.

After the meeting, DeRiggi said the projects the board is seeking the funding for included the WISDOM project, and the downtown extensions.

The Phase I Project includes a variety of high priority improvements to all stages and phases of the water system, including source water, treatment, distribution, storage and operations, and will address four key areas:

- Downtown water system — It will replace water lines on West Main Street and Price Street.
 - Downtown system improvements — Will replace old and problematic sections of water line throughout the city that have reached the end of their useful life and are the source of significant water loss and maintenance. It will also include an extension along Pine Lane to serve six new customers.
 - Economic Development — It will replace water mains that service Allegheny Wood Products and many other businesses along W.Va. 7, east of the W.Va. 26 intersection because they are old and are a source of significant water loss and maintenance.
 - Water Intelligence and Security Development for Operational Support of the Military (WISDOM) — This part of the project is already funded through a congressional appropriation, governor’s office grant and the county commission through the American Rescue Plan Act funds. It will provide improvements focused on the reliability, safety and security of the water supply that serves Camp Dawson. It will also add an intermediate new tank, improvements to the Pleasantdale system and add new clarifiers.
- When completed the project will increase water system capacity; increase the security, reliability and safety of the water system; increase water storage and minimize threats from outages and source water contamination; reduce labor and maintenance costs; improve system pressure; provide additional fire protection, and remove asbestos, cast iron, steel, galvanized and lead lines from the system.
- Kingwood is the largest water producer in Preston County, serving about a third of the county’s water customers. There are 10 storage tanks, and between Kingwood and the former Public Service District 2 areas, there are 100 to 150 miles of line.

DIY SOUP STOCK



The Dominion Post

If you have raw veggies in your fridge, you can make soup stock yourself and skip the expense and packaging it comes in.

BY ALDONA BIRD
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Soup stock, or vegetable broth, is a key ingredient in many recipes. It gives soups and stews an extra boost of flavor, along with adding extra nutrients. Cooking rice in broth, or adding it to other recipes can make for healthy and delicious meals.

If you have raw veggies in your fridge, you can make soup stock yourself and skip the expense and packaging it comes in.

With a few food scraps you can make frozen broth cubes, or even stock powder.

The most basic way to make soup stock at home is to throw vegetables (including scraps) into a soup pot or Instant Pot, and fill with water.

Vegetables that make a great stock include — potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, and any others you have on hand. Avoid using red beets, unless you want a pink stock.

To make a particularly waste-free soup stock, save vegetable peels and scraps and freeze them until you have enough to make a flavorful stock. Peels of any vegetable, stems (such as from broccoli or cauliflower), and odds and ends have lots of nutrients and flavor in them.

Add cloves (stick them into the onion to make removal super easy), a bayleaf, and any other herbs you have on hand.

If using an instant pot, set to the stock setting. If you are making stock on the stove top (a great way to add a little heat to your



house and make your kitchen smell great), bring to a boil and then simmer until the broth is flavorful. This may take an hour or more.

Allow the stock to cool, and then freeze in ice cube trays. Once frozen, move into an airtight container. When you are making a

recipe which calls for broth, defrost and use.

Another way to make broth is to cook a veggie mix (scraps count) in a little bit of olive oil, with lots of herbs. Saute, and then cook until most of the moisture has evaporated. Puree in a food processor or blender.

Line a baking pan with parchment paper, and spread the vegetable puree into the pan and freeze. Once frozen, cut into cubes and wrap each in a small square of parchment paper and store in the freezer in an airtight container.

When you are ready to use the stock cubes, reconstitute in two to four cups of water.

If you don’t have much freezer space, you can also dehydrate the vegetable puree. Spread thinly on a parchment lined baking sheet and put in your oven at 150F. If your oven doesn’t have a setting that low, set it to the lowest temperature and crack the oven door open.

Dehydrate until you can easily crack the layer of vegetables — in the oven this may take up to 10 hours. Once dried, pulverize and store at room temperature in an airtight container.

You can also dehydrate the stock puree in a dehydrator, at 150 until it is crispy.

Having a supply of broth on hand makes cooking easier, and is a great way to use bits of veggies which you would otherwise throw away.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Hamas’ goal: Kill, create ‘permanent’ conflict with Israel

Former President Barack Obama has shamefully come down on the side of moral equivalence in the Middle East. He should know better.

In an interview released Nov. 4, Obama implied that Israel and Hamas are both to blame for the ongoing fighting. “Nobody’s hands are clean,” he said, adding, “All of us are complicit to some degree.”

This helps explain why America’s relationship with Israel was fraught with tensions during Obama’s eight years in the White House. The Obama administration’s preferred diplomatic approach was to appease Iran with pallets of cash in hopes it would rein in its terrorist proxies, Hamas and Hezbollah. Meanwhile, “The Obama strategy of pressuring Israel and indulging the Palestinians made no progress toward peace,” The Wall Street Journal’s Elliot Kaufman noted this week.

Obama’s policies were utter failures. And his implication that bloodthirsty Hamas terrorists and Israel are equally at fault for stoking the flames of war is as dangerous as it is naive.

On Wednesday, The New York Times published interviews with various Hamas officials who are reveling in the carnage — even the deaths of their own people.

The Oct. 7 attack and the subsequent bloodshed are necessary to “change the entire equation and not just have a clash,” Khalil al-Hayya, a member of Hamas’ top leadership body, told the newspaper from Doha, Qatar. “We succeeded in putting the Palestinian issue back on the table, and now no one in the region is experiencing calm.”

Far from seeking peace, another Hamas higher-up told the Times that the group wants a “permanent” conflict with Israel in hopes of uniting various Arab nations against the Jewish state. The goal is to wipe Israel off the map and establish a Palestinian-Islamist state in its place.

As for those living in Gaza, the territory that Hamas runs? The group could not care less about bettering conditions for its own people or minimizing civilian deaths during war. Quite the opposite.

“This battle was not because we wanted fuel or laborers,” al-Hayya said to the Times. “It did not seek to improve the situation in Gaza. This battle is to completely overthrow the situation.”

Indeed, Israel Defense Forces have released photos of Hamas rocket launchers located near mosques, nurseries and schools. The group not only seeks to kill innocent Israelis, it purposely puts its own citizens at risk in order to use their deaths for propaganda purposes.

This is whom Obama puts on equal moral footing with Israel, a functioning democracy fighting for its existence? Shameful.

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Trump promises power grabs and vengeance if he wins in 2024

IN THE WAKE OF THIS WEEK’S TERRIFYING NEWS OF THE NEW YORK TIMES/SIENA COLLEGE POLLS SHOWING DONALD TRUMP BEATING PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN IN MUST-WIN BATTLEGROUND STATES, KEEP IN MIND TWO WORDS AND SPREAD THEM: Insurrection Act.

It’s been 31 years since a president last invoked the act and dispatched troops domestically to enforce federal law. That’s the longest stretch of nonuse in the Insurrection Act’s roughly 240-year history, befitting the disquieting power it confers.

But if Trump is reelected, the law’s next invocation could well come soon, on Jan. 20, 2025 — Inauguration Day.

Anticipating widespread protests against his second term, Trump and allies reportedly are drafting plans to invoke the Insurrection Act in his first hours back in the White House — thereby confirming the expected protesters’ likely point: Trump is a danger to liberty and constitutional governance.

And that’s just one of many MAGA plans in the works, as the Washington Post reported last week, all aimed at making good on Trump’s central promise of the 2024 campaign: “retribution.” (A third word to remember, and repeat.)

According to the Post, Trump allies — purported intellectuals and Cabinet wannabes in far-right think tanks — are “mapping out specific plans for using the federal government to punish [his] critics and opponents,” even naming individuals to be investigated and prosecuted.

Among the targets are some of the top appointees of Trump’s four years as president, who learned firsthand that he was and is unfit for office: John F. Kelly, the retired Marine general and Gold Star father who was White House chief of staff and Homeland Security secretary; former Atty. Gen. William Barr; retired Army Gen. Mark A. Milley, formerly the nation’s highest-ranking military officer as chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and a pasel of officials at the Justice Department and FBI. Oh, and he’s already

told us he’ll “go after” Biden and his family.

The Post account builds on an earlier one in the New York Times about the “Project 2025” plan for a new Trump administration — er, autocracy. The newspaper’s report said Trump’s second-term objectives include taking control of independent agencies, including the Fed, that are meant to be free of political interference; impounding congressionally appropriated funds he doesn’t like; gutting the civil service and returning to the partisan 19th century “spoils system”; and purging the Defense, State and intelligence departments of disloyal officials — disloyal to Trump, that is.

As Tom Nichols, a national security analyst and former Republican, wrote in the Atlantic, what’s afoot are “plans for a dictatorship that should appall every American.”

Indeed, every American should be appalled. Yet nearly half of the electorate supports this would-be despot, polls show, including a CNN poll released Tuesday. But an unprecedented number of former presidential appointees all but implore us to never let their former boss darken the door of the Oval Office again.

We’re talking about former Pentagon and intelligence chiefs, other Cabinet secretaries, members of his White House inner circle — even his vice president!

Despite this, too many voters are disengaged, grumpy that their choice seems to be coming down to Trump vs. Biden. As if those choices were comparably distasteful when, in fact, one is vanilla and the other is nitroglycerin.

Trump, returned to the presidency, would sit at the apex of a government whose foundation is

the rule of law. Yet his obnoxious outbursts this week in his New York civil trial over financial skulduggery were just the latest evidence of his disdain for the law and the judicial system. And we haven’t even gotten to his three criminal trials for seeking to overturn Biden’s election and making off with government documents. No one — not witnesses, prosecutors or judges — is immune from his attacks and the death threats that follow.

Then there’s the flip side of Trump’s promises of revenge: the rewards and pardons he’ll dispense to convicted Jan. 6 rioters and schemers, cronies in legal peril and, of course, himself. He’ll try, if there’s a next time, to make good on his past claim that under the Constitution’s Article 2, “I have the right to do whatever I want as president.”

As president, Trump was thwarted in his unhinged, unconstitutional and unethical impulses by those former administration officials he now assails. Kelly told the Post, “The lesson he learned was to find sycophants.”

Well, the folks at Project 2025 have that covered. They’re compiling names of thousands of potential appointees for a second Trump administration who are sure to be “conservative warriors.”

So what guardrails might protect us from Trump 2.0?

There is the military, which, as Milley made himself aware, can refuse an illegal order. The Insurrection Act, however, gives a president broad authority to order the military into action in this country.

There are the federal courts, which mostly served the republic well against Trump’s post-election scheming. There’s

the Senate, given its power to confirm presidential appointees, though that’s a thin reed indeed given Republicans’ fealty to Trump.

The best guardrail is not electing Trump, period.

Repeat: Insurrection Act. Retribution. Because he’s warned us.

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The ‘who’ and the ‘why’ of chronic student absenteeism are key

AS OUR COUNTRY REFLECTS ON THE DECISIONS MADE TO CLOSE SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE SEVERE DAMAGE IT DID TO STUDENTS’ ACADEMIC PROGRESS, it would be easy to assume students being out of school is a problem of the past.

It would be easy, but it would also be wrong.

As it turns out, while schools have reopened and returned to normal, millions of students are missing.

According to a recent report from Stanford University, chronic absenteeism, defined as when students miss roughly 18 days of school year, is on the rise in 40 states across the country. In the 2021-22 school year, there were 6.5 million more students chronically absent than in the 2018-19 school year, an increase of roughly 14%.

The problem does not appear to be going away anytime soon. In fact, initial estimates from 2022-23

data imply chronic absenteeism will remain extremely high. An analysis from Attendance Works and the Everyone Graduates Center at Johns Hopkins University forecasts chronic absenteeism in 2022-23 to be roughly 28%, nearly double the pre-pandemic rate.

But it isn’t just the rate of change that is different, it is also the populations of students who are chronically absent.

Historically, students with learning disabilities and students living in poverty were more likely than other students to be chronically absent. As chronic absenteeism has grown massively post-pandemic, it has become more frequent among minority and LGBTQ teens, according to a recent survey of teens conducted by EdChoice and Morning Consult.

When surveyed in August, an alarming 19% of teens self-reported missing more than 15 whole days of school. But

among Black teens, as well as those from the LGBTQ community, 25% reported missing more than 15 whole days of school in the past school year. It’s important to note that these are snapshots of data at a single point in time. It is still very concerning, however, and we desperately need more data parsing out which groups of students are chronically absent.

Mental health appears to be playing a role as well. According to a recent student survey from the EdWeek Research Center, 16% of students who were absent for at least one day in the past year (for reasons other than physical illness) said they didn’t attend because of anxiety. Another 12% reported feeling too sad or depressed to attend school. Anxiety was the second most common reason among students for missing school, trailing only bad weather as the top reason.

Recent EdChoice and Morning

Consult polling supports this as well. For example, 27% of teenagers feel their school harms their personal happiness. One-fourth of teens indicated they are feeling “overwhelmed.” When asked whether they feel their mental health is supported by their school, only 37% of teenagers felt supported.

There is no playbook to rely on to address an extremely high rate of chronic absenteeism coming out of a pandemic. Identifying effective solutions can’t happen without necessary information regarding the “who” and the “why” of chronic absenteeism.

As abundant data exist showing students’ mental health and academic success have eroded as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, it would be naive to ignore the possibility that these realities have a role to play in the increase of chronic absenteeism rates. Early detection and increased engagement are some of the solu-

tions in the past that have shown positive effects in curbing chronic absenteeism. But, as the problem has grown to an unprecedented level, it is fair to wonder whether the tools used in the past are still effective. That is one reason why this new reality is so worrisome.

The problem of chronic absenteeism is unlikely to improve anytime soon. The approaches relied upon in the past to fight chronic absenteeism are almost certainly not going to suffice given the growth of the problem. There is no world where the proper academic recovery can begin without a serious understanding of, and proactive approach to curbing, chronic absenteeism. Every second counts.

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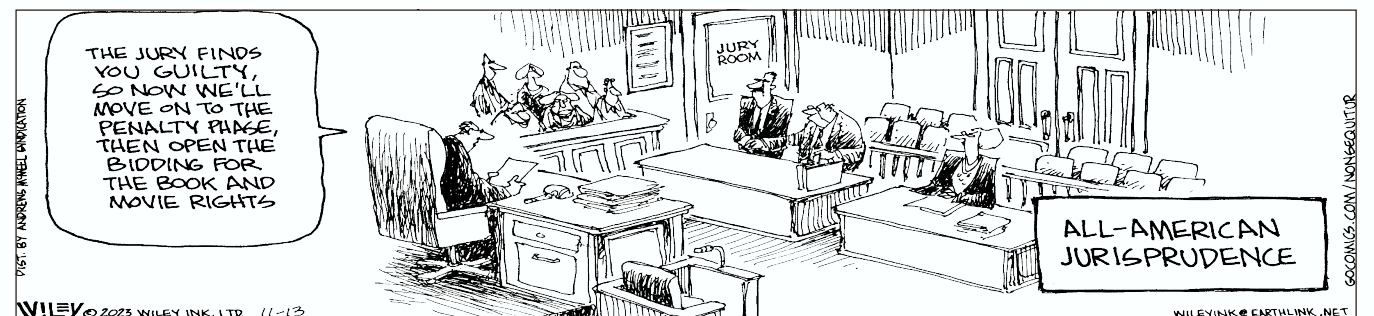
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PRO FOOTBALL

Running backs shine early, defense shines late for Steelers

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Najee Harris stopped paying attention to the circumstances long ago. Maybe because they almost never change for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

It's going to get tight. It's going to get late. And Pittsburgh is going to somehow find a way.

Even when the Steelers are outgained — which is always, at least in 2023. Even when they're out played — which is frequently. Even when the only place they regularly look like a team in play-off contention is the standings — which is essentially the story of the first half of a season that is somehow both chaotic and utterly predictable at the same time.

Maybe that's why Harris more

or less shrugged after a 23-19 win over Green Bay on Sunday that had all the hallmarks of so many victories that have come before. A little offense. A couple of timely turnovers, and just enough of everything else to survive.

"I'm just so used to (close games), I don't even realize it," Harris said after running for 82 yards and a touchdown. "That's just how we are."

Seemingly every single week. The Steelers (6-3) have ripped off nine straight wins in one-score games dating to last season. All six of their wins so far in 2023 have come by eight points or less, a trend that defies the logic of the "every game is a coin flip" NFL.

The odds figure to even out at some point. They're just not in Pittsburgh. Not yet anyway.

"It just shows in those pressure moments, we come up making the big plays," outside linebacker Alex Highsmith said.

The patched together Steelers secondary provided two of them late. Veteran cornerback Patrick Peterson tipped Jordan Love's pass into the hands of safety Keanu Neal in the end zone with 3:20 to go to end one threat. Safety Damontae Kazee later stepped in front of Love's last-second heave at the goal line on the final play as the Steelers head into a pivotal two-game road trip to AFC North rivals Cleveland and Cincinnati with momentum.

Jaylen Warren, introduced as a co-starter with Harris for the first time, ran for a career-high

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AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers' Keanu Neal intercepts a pass intended for Green Bay Packers' Christian Watson Sunday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THE 1ST ROAD BUMP

Eliert and WVU looking to get past loss to Monmouth

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In the court of public opinion, Josh Eilert knew well before this men's basketball season began it was going to be a bumpy ride.

Win a game and he is the hero. He would be bathed in celebration, as he was after Game 1 of the season.

Lose, as the Mountaineers did in their second game of the season Friday night, 73-65 against Monmouth — a team that won just seven games last season — and suddenly he's not the right person for the job.

"There are going to be a lot of voices and there are going to be a

SEE BUMP, B-2



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West Virginia Mountaineers head coach Josh Eilert reacts during the game against Monmouth Hawks on Friday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oklahoma — and the Stoops family — are now part of West Virginia's past



AP Photo

Oklahoma wide receiver Drake Stoops (12) gestures after a first down run against West Virginia Saturday in Norman, Okla.

BY MICHAEL SUDHALTER

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NORMAN, Okla. — First it was the father, then the son.

The West Virginia University Football Team has been stumped by two generations of Stoops.

From 2012-2016, then-Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops went 5-0 against the Mountaineers. The margin of victory ranged from one point to 28, but the outcome was always the same.

On Saturday night, there was only a sprinkle of Gold and Blue amidst the Crimson and Cream at Gaylord Family-Oklahoma Memorial Stadium as No. 17 Oklahoma routed WVU, 59-20.

It's been seven years since the elder Stoops retired from OU. The Youngstown native's progeny, senior wide receiver Drake Stoops, recorded a career-high 10 receptions for 164 yards and three touchdowns in the Sooners' 59-20 victory over West Virginia.

"Drake Stoops is a helluva football player who maximizes his talent," WVU head foot-

ball coach Neal Brown said. "He'll play in the NFL, and good for him."

Will the Mountaineers ever face Bob Stoops' grandson? Possibly. But it likely won't be as conference rivals. The Sooners have decided to join the Southeastern Conference, effective next season.

Brown, however, is indifferent to the conclusion of the series. He went 1-3 against the Sooners as a head coach, following the legendary Don Nehlen and the late Bill Stewart as the only WVU coaches to defeat Oklahoma. Brown earned that 23-20 win last season in Morgantown for the Mountaineers' only Big 12 win over the Sooners in 11 tries. The overall series is 12-3 in OU's favor.

"I respect Oklahoma's fan base, but I don't care (that the series is ending)," Brown said. "Whoever's on the schedule is who we'll play."

Brown did heap some praise on embattled OU offensive coordinator Jeff Lebby.

"Everywhere he's been, they've had a good offense," Brown said.

SEE PAST, B-2

MEN'S SOCCER

WVU falls to Marshall in Sun Belt final

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HUNTINGTON — The No. 5 West Virginia University men's soccer team dropped the Sun Belt Championship final, 3-2, to No. 1 Marshall, Sunday afternoon at Hoops Family Field. The Mountaineers fall to 14-2-4 on the season while the Herd go to 17-2-0.

Senior Sergio Ors Navarro scored both goals for the Mountaineers, finding the back of the net twice in the first half. Each goal put WVU out in front, but Marshall had an answer on both occasions before securing the game-winner in the 77th minute.

Marshall outshot the Mountaineers, 17-10, including a 6-4 edge in shots on goal. The Herd also had a 9-3 advantage in corner kicks.

Ors Navarro, senior Yutaro Tsukada, and senior Luke McCormick were named to the All-Tournament team after they each scored multiple goals in the three games this week.

In front of 3,151 fans, West Virginia quieted the crowd in the 18th minute as a free kick into the box bounced around before finding the foot of Ors Navarro, who sent a screamer into the top-right corner of the net. Junior Max Broughton and senior Brayden Borutskie were credited with assists on the goal.

Marshall responded in the 25th minute with a goal by Alvaro Garcia-Pascual, the Most Outstanding Player of the Tournament.

Just six minutes later, the Mountaineers retook the lead as senior Ryan Baer sent a perfect through ball to Ors Navarro, who slotted it past the keeper with his left foot.

The lead was short-lived once again as Marshall evened up the match in the 36th minute.

Possession went back-and-forth in the second half until Garcia-Pascual got behind the WVU defense in the 77th minute and chipped a shot over Jackson Lee and into the back of the net.

West Virginia will now turn its attention to the NCAA Tournament with the selection show set for Monday afternoon at 1 p.m. The top 16 teams will receive a bye and will begin play on Sunday, Nov. 19 at home. The Mountaineers currently sit at No. 6 in the RPI.

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6:30 p.m. FS1 — Michigan at St. John's	
7 p.m. ACCN — Florida Gulf Coast at Pittsburgh	
CBSSN — East Tennessee St. at Butler	
8 p.m. BTN — Rider at Nebraska	
PAC-12N — Southern U. at Arizona	
8:30 p.m. FS1 — Xavier at Purdue	
9 p.m. CBSSN — UC Santa Barbara at UTEP	
10 p.m. PAC-12N — CS Bakersfield at California	
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)	
6 p.m. BTN — Kansas at Penn St.	
PAC-12N — Cal Poly at California	
8 p.m.	
SECN — Florida A&M at Florida	
GOLF	
2:30 p.m. GOLF — The Southwest Airlines Showcase At Cedar Crest: First Round, Cedar Crest Golf Course, Marysville, Wash.	
MLB BASEBALL	
6 p.m. MLBN — BBWAA Rookie of the Year	
NBA BASKETBALL	
7:30 p.m. NBATV — New York at Boston	
10 p.m. NBATV — Cleveland at Sacramento	
NFL FOOTBALL	
8:15 p.m. ABC — Denver at Buffalo	
ESPN — Denver at Buffalo	
ESPN2 — Denver at Buffalo (ManningCast)	
NHL HOCKEY	
8 p.m. NHLN — Hockey Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	
SOCCER (MEN'S)	
3:45 a.m. FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Spain vs. Mali, Group B, Surakarta, Indonesia	
6:45 a.m. FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Uzbekistan vs. Canada, Group B, Surakarta, Indonesia	
3:45 a.m. (Tuesday) FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Senegal vs. Poland, Group D, Bandung, Indonesia	
3:50 a.m. (Tuesday) FS1 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: Brazil vs. New Caledonia, Group C, Jakarta, Indonesia	
6:45 a.m. (Tuesday) FS2 — FIFA U-17 World Cup Group Stage: England vs. Iran, Group C, Jakarta, Indonesia	
TENNIS	
6 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin	
8:30 a.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin	
12:30 p.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin	
3 p.m. TENNIS — ATP Finals Singles Round Robin	
6 a.m. (Tuesday) TENNIS — ATP Finals Doubles Round Robin	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Georgia (54)	10-0	1540	1
2. Michigan (77)	10-0	1464	2
3. Ohio St. (1)	10-0	1433	3
4. Florida St.	10-0	1366	4
5. Washington	10-0	1322	5
6. Oregon	9-1	1218	6
7. Texas	9-1	1180	7
8. Alabama	9-1	1141	8
9. Louisville	9-1	1002	11
10. Oregon St.	8-2	934	12
11. Missouri	8-2	917	16
12. Penn St.	8-2	865	9
13. Mississippi	8-2	810	10
14. Oklahoma	8-2	733	17
15. LSU	7-3	703	18
16. Utah	7-3	543	13
17. Tulane	9-1	409	20
18. James Madison	10-0	405	21
19. Arizona	7-3	387	23
20. Notre Dame	7-3	359	22
21. Tennessee	7-3	332	14
22. North Carolina	8-2	265	24
23. Kansas St.	7-3	239	-
24. Oklahoma St.	7-3	177	15
25. Liberty	10-0	133	25

Others receiving votes: Iowa 110, Kansas 82, Toledo 51, Fresno St. 13, Southern Cal 5, UNLV 4, SMU 4, NC State 2, Miami (Ohio) 1, Texas A&M 1.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
EAST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Miami	6	3	0	.667	285	225			
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	240	160			
N.Y. Jets	4	4	0	.500	132	156			
New England	2	8	0	.200	141	238			
SOUTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	196	190			
Houston	5	4	0	.556	217	192			
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	242	248			
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	154	180			
NORTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	270	157			
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	214	170			
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	156	182			
Cincinnati	5	4	0	.556	182	192			
WEST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778	208	143			
L.A. Chargers	4	5	0	.444	239	215			
Las Vegas	4	5	0	.444	156	193			
Denver	3	5	0	.375	172	226			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
EAST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	252	195			
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	269	165			
Washington	4	6	0	.400	217	274			
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	118	266			
SOUTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	214	198			
Tampa Bay	4	5	0	.444	178	173			
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	189	217			
Carolina	1	8	0	.111	153	242			
NORTH									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Detroit	7	2	0	.778	241	203			
Minnesota	6	4	0	.600	233	209			
Green Bay	3	6	0	.333	179	182			
Chicago	3	7	0	.300	204	255			
WEST									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
San Francisco	6	3	0	.667	252	143			
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	200	201			
L.A. Rams	3	6	0	.333	178	204			
Arizona	2	8	0	.200	176	263			

NFL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	14	11	1	2	24	46	28		
Florida	14	9	4	1	19	44	40		
Detroit	15	8	5	2	18	55	49		
Toronto	15	8	5	2	18	55	54		
Montreal	14	7	5	2	16	42	48		
Tampa Bay	15	6	5	4	16	53	54		
Buffalo	15	7	7	1	15	44	47		
Ottawa	13	6	7	0	12	50	44		
METROPOLITAN DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
N.Y.	13	10	2	1	21	43	28		
Rangers	15	9	6	0	18	51	49		
Carolina	13	7	4	2	16	32	37		
Washington	13	7	5	1	15	48	49		
New Jersey	15	7	7	1	15	48	49		
Philadel-	13	7	7	1	15	48	46		
phia									
Pittsburgh	13	7	6	0	14	46	34		
N.Y.	13	5	5	3	13	32	40		
Islanders	14	4	7	3	11	38	49		
Columbus	14	4	7	3	11	38	49		
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL DIVISION									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Dallas	13	9	3	1	19	40	33		
Colorado	13	8	5	0	16	43	43		
Winnipeg	14	7	5	2	16	49	47		
St. Louis	13	7	5	1	15	37	36		

	14	7	6	1	15	49	42
Arizona	14	7	6	1	15	47	56
Minnesota	14	5	7	2	12	47	56
Chicago	13	5	8	0	10	34	45
Nashville	14	5	9	0	10	42	49
PACIFIC DIVISION							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	15	12	2	1	25	58	32
Vancouver	14	10	3	1	21	61	31
Los Angeles	14	8	3	3	19	56	42
Anaheim	13	7	6	0	14	40	40
Seattle	15	5	7	3	13	39	53
Calgary	14	4	8	2	10	37	52
Edmonton	13	3	9	1	7	35	51
San Jose	14	2	11	1	5	17	63
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.							
SUNDAY'S GAMES							
Florida 4, Chicago 3							
Dallas at Minnesota, 6 p.m.							
Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.							
Vancouver at Montreal, 7 p.m.							
San Jose at Anaheim, 8 p.m.							
MONDAY'S GAMES							
N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.							
Colorado at Seattle, 10 p.m.							
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Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.							
Calgary at Montreal, 7 p.m.							
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 7 p.m.							

SCOREBOARD

Texas A&M fires coach Jimbo Fisher, a move that will cost the school \$75M

Associated Press

Texas A&M fired coach Jimbo Fisher on Sunday, a move that will cost the school more than \$75 million and end a tenure that began six years ago with the Aggies presenting him an engraved national championship trophy missing only the year.

"After very careful analysis of all the components related to Texas A&M football, I recommended to President (Mark) Welsh and then Chancellor (John) Sharp that a change in the leadership of the program was necessary in order for Aggie football to reach our full potential and they accepted my decision," Texas A&M athletic director Ross Bjork said in a statement. "We appreciate Coach Fisher's time here at Texas A&M and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Instead of winning a title, Fisher won 45-25 and 27-21 in the Southeastern Conference, never winning more than nine games in any season. The Aggies are 6-4 with two games left, coming off a 51-10 victory against Mississippi State on Saturday night in College Station, Texas.

Fisher was lured away from Florida State, where he had won a national championship in 2013, by massive 10-year, fully guaranteed contract at the end



AP Photo

Texas A&M head coach Jimbo Fisher yells at his players during the second half against Tennessee Saturday.

of the 2017 season.

That contract was extended back to 10 years after he led the Aggies to a 9-1 record during the 2020 pandemic season, by far A&M's best year under Fisher.

According to his contract, Fisher is owed the entirety of what remains on his deal — regardless of whether he gets another job in coaching — a staggering buyout that is more than triple the largest known given to a fired head coach.

Auburn paid out about \$21 million when it fired Gus Malzahn after the 2020 season.

Fisher was asked if the season was frustrating after Saturday night's victory.

"It's not frustrating, but it's disappointing at times,"

STEELERS

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101 yards and a touchdown on a day the two running backs combined for 206 of Pittsburgh's 324 total yards. Chris Boswell kicked three field goals — including two in the 16 minutes after Green Bay took a slim 19-17 lead — to help the Steelers improve to 3-1 since their bye week.

"All that matters is we keep winning games," center Mason Cole said. "We don't care how we get them as long as we get them."

Love completed 21 of 40 for 289 yards and two touchdowns for Green Bay, but the Packers (3-6) were unable to back up last week's victory over the Los Angeles Rams despite out-gaining the Steelers by 75 yards.

Then again, that doesn't mean much when playing Pittsburgh. The Steelers have been outgained in every game this season,

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lot of critics," Eilert said after the game. "Those people can voice their opinion and try to break us, but we've got to stay together and figure out how we get better as a coaching staff, get better as a program and be better teammates."

"We're going to keep working. It's a long season. We dropped one. Now we have to figure out how we learn from it."

Any interim coach on a one-season contract would be in a similar situation, but very few have walked the path Eilert is currently on.

Not only is he trying to replace a Hall-of-Fame coach in Bob Huggins, but he is trying to replace a coach who is so beloved by an entire state and has made it public he still

wants to coach the team Eilert is now in charge of.

Thus the win-loss roller-coaster ride, one that will be played out in an age of instant reaction and analyzation through social media and the public eye.

To Eilert's credit, that is all secondary. In his own words, he's never exactly felt comfortable becoming the face of the program.

"Like I told the guys, this is their team. It's 100% your team," Eilert said. "I hate that I'm plastered on every production and every billboard in terms of West Virginia basketball. It's really not my personality."

And while the players certainly recognize the tale that was spun this off-season, they, too, are more than ready to move on.

"We're going to get killed for this and there's probably some truth

pretty. The Steelers are aware of this. They also don't particularly care. They're winning games while not always playing winning football. Yet they're also not playing losing football. It may not be sustainable long term. But for now, it's working.

"We should just be better in certain ways so that you don't have to have such a heart attack at the end of the game," Highsmith said. "But whenever we're in those 'got to have it' moments, we're capitalizing."

PRAISE CANADA?

The Steelers scored on each of their first three drives while taking a 17-7 lead. At times, the offense looked as fluid as it has in a long time in the second game since embattled offensive coordinator Matt Canada moved from the coach's box to the sideline in an effort find what head coach Mike Tomlin has

PRO FOOTBALL

Browns rally to stun Ravens behind Watson's passing, pick-6 by Newsome and field goal by Hopkins

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Dustin Hopkins kicked a 40-yard field goal as time expired to cap a furious Cleveland rally in the fourth quarter, and the Browns edged the Baltimore Ravens 33-31 on Sunday.

Cleveland (6-3) trailed 31-17 before Deshaun Watson delivered the type of victory the Browns have been waiting for from their high-priced quarterback.

Watson threw a 10-yard touchdown pass to Elijah Moore with 8:57 remaining. Then one of Lamar Jackson's passes caromed high into the air and was picked off by Greg Newsome II,

and he returned the interception 34 yards for a TD just 41 seconds later.

The Ravens stayed ahead 31-30 because Hopkins missed the extra point, but Cleveland got the ball back and drove 58 yards for the winning kick.

Baltimore (7-3) had a four-game winning streak snapped, and the victory by Cleveland tightened the race in the AFC North significantly.

Watson got off to a terrible start — his first pass of the game was picked off and returned for a touchdown by Kyle Hamilton — but he finished with 213 yards passing and 37 rushing.

The Ravens led 14-0 less

than five minutes into the game, 24-9 early in the fourth quarter and 31-17 early in the fourth, but couldn't hold on. Lamar Jackson threw for 223 yards and a touchdown but was intercepted twice.

TEXANS 30, BENGALS 27

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rookie C.J. Stroud directed a last-minute, game-winning drive for the second straight week, finishing with 356 yards passing and leading Houston past Cincinnati.

With the game tied at 27-all and 1:33 remaining, Stroud moved the Texans 55 yards in six plays to set up a 38-yard field goal by Matt

Ammendola as time expired. Ammendola had just been signed on Tuesday because Ka'imi Fairbairn suffered a quadriceps injury a week earlier.

Stroud connected with Dalton Schultz for 25 yards and Noah Brown for 22 yards on the decisive drive. Brown finished with seven catches for a season-high 172 yards, and Devin Singletary rushed for 150 yards and a touchdown on 30 carries.

Stroud threw for a touchdown and ran for a score.

Cincinnati's Joe Burrow threw for 357 yards and two touchdowns but was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter. Still, he rallied the Bengals from a 20-7 third-

quarter deficit and kept them in striking distance late.

Evan McPherson tied the game with a 31-yard field goal, but Burrow didn't get another opportunity.

49ERS 34, JAGUARS 3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Brock Purdy threw three touchdown passes, including a 66-yarder to George Kittle, and San Francisco drubbed Jacksonville to end a three-game skid.

VIKINGS 27, SAINTS 19

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Joshua Dobbs kept Minnesota's offense on track in his first start, throwing for

a career-high 268 yards as Minnesota beat New Orleans for its fifth straight victory.

COLTS 10, PATRIOTS 6

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Jonathan Taylor ran for a first-quarter touchdown, Mac Jones threw a crucial interception in the fourth quarter, and Indianapolis held on to beat New England.

BUCCANEERS 20, TITANS 6

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Baker Mayfield threw for 278 yards and two touchdowns, and Tampa Bay beat Tennessee to stop a four-game skid.

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Get vaccinated to protect from early start to flu season

HELLO, DEAR READERS, and welcome to our monthly letters column. We'll begin with the news that lab-confirmed cases of influenza have been reported throughout the United States, which means our flu season is having another early start. Please make time to get your flu shot. This year, it's a quadrivalent vaccine that offers protection from two strains each of influenza A and influenza B.

Many of you have asked if the updated COVID-19 vaccine, which is tailored to the newest variants, can be administered at the same time as the flu shot. The answer is yes, you can get both shots at the same time. For those who do get sick with either the flu or COVID-19, being vaccinated decreases the severity of symptoms. And now, onward to your letters.

■ A reader who drinks bottled water asked about advice she recently received. "I have been drinking spring water from the store for many years because the water from my tap tastes bad," she wrote. "But someone



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told me spring water lacks minerals and I should stop. Is this true?" Both tap water and bottled water contain minerals. However, tests show that the mineral profiles of each vary, depending on the source. Unless you're drinking distilled water, from which all organic materials have been removed, you are getting minerals in your drinking water. But don't forget diet is also an important source of minerals. This includes foods like vegetables, leafy greens, fruit, seafood, shellfish, grains and dairy products. Eat a varied and balanced diet to be sure you get the minerals — and vitamins — your body needs.

Monday, Nov. 13, 2023

Prepare to take advantage of whatever opportunity comes your way. Think about the possibilities, and don't be afraid to do things differently. Trust in your capability and let your imagination take over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Introduce positive change that makes your home comfortable. Communication will help settle your differences.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Take care of your responsibilities with a smile and you'll dodge a sticky situation. Use your charm and imagination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Consider how you use your skills to adapt to what's trending. Making yourself more versatile will improve your opportunity to try something exciting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You'll meet with criticism and opposition if you implement changes that have flaws. Arguments will slow you down.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take advantage of opportunities by investing time and money in yourself and what you offer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Put your head down and do what others



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expect of you. Don't let spontaneity lead to unnecessary purchases.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't waste time. There's plenty you can do to get ahead and to pursue your dreams. Stop talking and start doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Designating time for self-improvement projects will help you realize what's important.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — A change of pace will offer insight into making day-to-day life manageable. You can turn one of your skills into extra income.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Reach out and have conversations that offer insight into something you want to pursue.

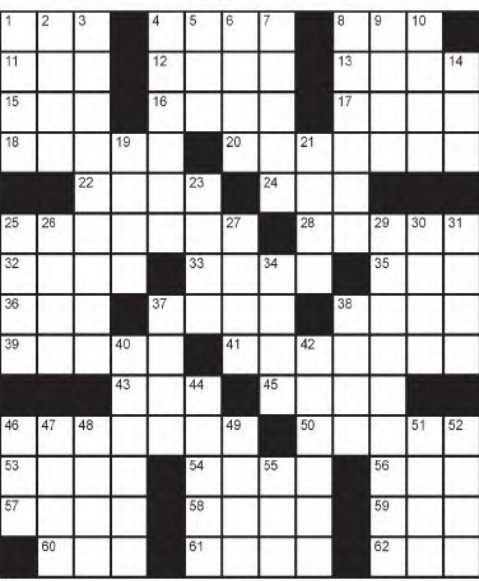
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Be prepared before you converse with someone well-versed regarding the topic you want to address.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Say what's on your mind and follow through. A change at home will ease stress. Take the initiative and show discipline.

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- 31 Narrative
- 34 Sour, like cherries
- 37 Not at all ruddy
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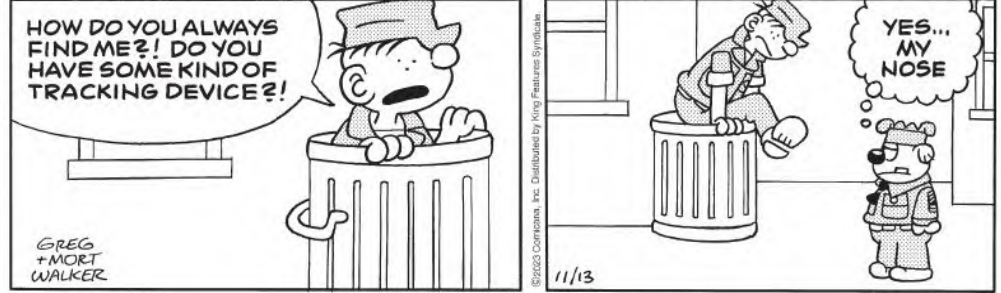
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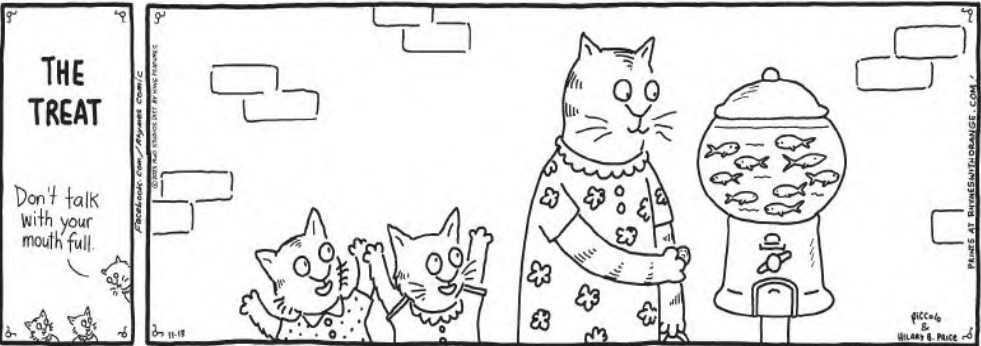
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