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School of Medicine alumni couple's gift aids MD students

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A West Virginia University School of Medicine alumni couple is expanding research opportunities for Mountain State medical students with a \$100,000 scholarship gift.

The gift from Drs. William and Polley Cunningham establishes a

namesake scholarship endowment to benefit students from West Virginia pursuing a medical degree at WVU. First preference goes to students participating in the Initiation to Research Opportunities program, known as INTRO. The endowment may also support an alternate summer research project under the spon-

sorship of a WVU School of Medicine faculty member.

INTRO is an eight-week summer program that offers first-year medical and pharmacy students hands-on research experience with the guidance and support of an experienced faculty mentor, in partnership with the West Virginia Clinical and Trans-

lational Science Institute. "The INTRO program is an important experience for students — in some cases launching a lifelong commitment to biomedical research," said Dr. Sally Hodder, WVCTSI director and associate vice president of clinical and translational science at WVU Health Sciences. "We are grateful to the Cunninghams for recognizing the significance of these kinds of early research opportunities and supporting the growth of a culture of research among our students."

The Cunninghams are West Virginia natives who met in med-

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This week in W.Va. history



Submitted photos

On Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak (above) was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. On Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall (below) was born in Johnson City, Tenn.

A look at significant events in the Mountain State

WV Humanities Council

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

■ Sept. 22, 1856: Albert Blakeslee "A.B." White was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He was West Virginia's 11th governor, serving from 1901-05. He was the fourth person to serve as governor from Wood County, his adopted home.

■ Sept. 22, 1894: Louis Bennett Jr. was born in Weston. Bennett was West Virginia's only World War I flying ace. With 12 combat kills, including three aircraft and nine balloons, Bennett placed himself ninth on the roster of aces. This record was accomplished in just 10 days after assignment to his combat unit.

■ Sept. 22, 1970: The "Brinkley Bridge" in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck. The bridge was named for newscaster David Brinkley, who had filmed a 1960 news report about the poor condition of the span.

■ Sept. 23, 1922: Five men were struck and killed at the Glen Rogers mine in Wyoming County when equipment fell during the construction of a deep shaft.

■ Sept. 23, 1923: Folk artist Herman Hayes was born in Elkview. His woodcarvings were displayed in Washington and New York City, and he twice won the top award in the West Virginia Juried Exhibition.

■ Sept. 23, 1938: The Mingo Oak was cut down after succumbing to the fumes of a burning coal refuse pile. The Mingo Oak, which stood near the Logan-Mingo county line, was more than 500 years old and may have been the largest white oak in the world.

■ Sept. 24, 1911: Laura Jackson Arnold

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DRUG CRISIS

\$3.4M for treatment, recovery programs

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U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (I-WV), member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced \$3,460,028 from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) for seven Investments Supporting Partnerships in Recovery Ecosystems (INSPIRE) grants across West Virginia. These investments assist individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) in transitioning from treatment programs to recovery and employment.

"The Appalachian Regional Commission continues to be a great partner for developing a ready workforce in West Virginia," said Manchin. "These treatment, workforce development and mentorship programs will be instrumental in facilitating full recovery for individuals who have overcome substance abuse challenges. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will continue advocating for funding to combat the drug epidemic and ensure our communities across the Mountain State are able to thrive."

Individual awards

■ \$500,000 — Williamson Health and Wellness Center; Williamson.

This funding will support the New Heights Recovery Continuum workforce training.

■ \$500,000 — Region 4 Planning and Development Council, Summersville.

This funding will support Therapeutic Landscapes, Aquaculture and Workforce Development opportunities.

■ \$499,999 — Libera Inc. Morgantown.

This funding will support the expansion of Libera Mentorship Program for at-risk young women in West Virginia.

■ \$499,949 — Marshall University Research Corp., Huntington

This funding will support the career and technical program, LevelUP.

■ \$493,592 — Rural Appalachian

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Mass shooting kills 4 and wounds 18 in Alabama

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A mass shooting killed four people and wounded 18 others in a popular nightlife area in Birmingham, Alabama, with many of the victims caught in the crossfire, police said early Sunday. Authorities asked the public for tips as they searched for the shooters.

The shooting happened shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday in Five Points South, a district filled with entertainment venues, restaurants and bars that is often crowded on weekend nights.

Multiple suspects pulled up in a vehicle, got out, fired shots, got back in the vehicle and fled, Police Chief Scott Thurmond said at a news conference Sunday morning. He described the shooting as possibly “a hit” conducted in exchange for payment.

Officers found two men

and a woman on a sidewalk with gunshot wounds, and they were pronounced dead there. An additional male gunshot victim was pronounced dead at a hospital, police said.

Authorities believe the intended target was among the dead, Thurmond said at the news conference, where he was joined by Mayor Randall Woodfin and officials from the FBI and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Investigators believe other victims were caught in the crossfire.

By early Sunday, after victims began showing up at hospitals, police had identified 18 people with injuries, some of them life-threatening, Officer Truman Fitzgerald said in an email.

There were no immediate arrests. Anyone with information was asked to contact authorities.

MD

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ical school at WVU. Bill hails from Charleston and earned his bachelor's degree from Princeton University; Polley grew up in Beckley and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Bill's experience at WVU inspired the couple's decision to support the INTRO program. After completing his first year of medical school, Bill spent the summer assisting Gunter Franz, a longtime physiology professor, with research focused on how the vagus nerve affects the heart.

“My interest is in helping medical students get research experience,” Bill said. “In the long view, I think scientific investigation is where progress is made in medicine. The chance for a young person to have research experience might lead them to go into clinical research or, at least, learn a little bit about statistics, how you handle data and all those things involved in science.”

Polley was one of just five women among more than 60 students in the MD class of 1974. She always dreamed of being a doctor, despite discouragement from junior and high school teachers who told her women shouldn't be doctors.

After marrying and completing their medical degrees, the Cunninghams went on to the University of Virginia for residencies in internal medicine and subspecialty training — in gastroenterology for Bill and rheumatology for Polley. Afterward, the couple returned to West Virginia and practiced at Huntington Internal Medicine Group for over 20 years.

The Cunninghams moved to Lewisburg in

2007, when Bill joined The Greenbrier Clinic in White Sulphur Springs as director of the surgery center. Polley retired at that time, and Bill followed suit about seven years later.

The couple's gift comes 50 years after they graduated from medical school.

“We owe a lot of gratitude to the university,” Bill said. “The medical education we got from the university enabled our careers and, in retrospect, it was a really wonderful education and opportunity. So, we felt that we ought to give something back.”

The Cunninghams relied on family support to cover their education and chose WVU for medical school because it was affordable.

“When we went to medical school, it really wasn't very expensive,” Polley said. “At the time, the cost of living and everything was much lower than it is now. But now, medical school is out of reach for a lot of people. The debt that's incurred by students is humongous, and it's difficult to earn extra money. You can't do a research project unless there's support for it. The cost has gone up so much that we felt it was important to support young people, particularly from poorer areas, that are very talented but don't have the resources.”

The Cunninghams divide their time between Lewisburg and Boca Grande, Florida. They have two adult children, a son who works as an attorney in Denver and a daughter who works in higher education in California.

The couple's gift was made through the WVU Foundation, the nonprofit organization that receives and administers private donations on behalf of the university.

PROGRAMS

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Improvement League, Mullens.

This funding will support the Remote Readiness Resource Network workforce training program.

■ \$485,598 — Randolph County Housing Authority, Elkins.

This funding will support the Cultivating Recovery Employment and Training Education (CREATE) program.

■ \$480,890 — The REACH Initiative, Charleston.

This funding will support the West Virginia's REACH-back Recovery Reentry Navigator Program.

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FUNDING

Capito Secures CDS Awards to Improve Health Services, Facilities in West Virginia

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U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS), announced 11 funding awards from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for health care education; facility construction, acquisitions and renovations; and treatment resources in West Virginia.

These awards, which were secured through Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) requests made by Capito in Fiscal

Year 2024 (FY24), will be used to improve medical emergency response resources, open and expand medical education facilities and increase treatment options in West Virginia for a variety of medical conditions.

Individual award

■ \$6,428,000 HHS CDS award to West Virginia University (WVU) Children's hospital for the build out of three additional inpatient shelled areas between its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), Birthing Center and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU), inclusive of its Cardiac Intensive Care Unit (CICU) and

Epilepsy Monitoring Unit (EMU). In the NICU, Birthing Center, and PICU the hospital consistently runs over an 80% occupancy rate and at times closer to 100% or greater.

■ \$3,059,000 HHS CDS award to Fairmont State University to relocate and expand the university's Nursing Simulation Center and update its Skills Lab. The upgraded systems and technology within this revitalized space will more accurately simulate the workflow of a true hospital setting, positioning future nursing graduates to meet the demands of the healthcare field. Improving these facilities will increase

public health and strengthen the regional economy by helping the College of Nursing produce highly qualified graduates.

■ \$500,000 HHS CDS award to Morgantown Community Resources (MCR) Inc. (Morgantown) to expand the Hazel's House of Hope Day Services Center (DSC) to provide space for these services and other recovery-focused programming related to health and life-skills. These services require a safe, secure environment so that clients can give their full attention to the program. The expanded programs will promote necessary work and health-related life-skills.



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On Sept. 22, 1970: The “Brinkley Bridge” in Wayne County collapsed under the weight of an overloaded truck (at left). On Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature (above). On Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer “Spanky” Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County (below). On Sept. 28, 1955: Labor activist Sarah “Mother” Blizzard died at age 90 (bottom right). On Sept. 23, 1923: Folk artist Herman Hayes was born in Elkview (bottom right).



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died in Buckhannon. The sister of Stonewall Jackson, she was a staunch Unionist during the Civil War, opening her home to care for injured Union soldiers.

■ Sept. 24, 1918: George Spencer “Spanky” Roberts was born in London, Kanawha County. He entered aviation cadet training with the first class of Tuskegee Airmen and became the first Black military pilot from West Virginia.

■ Sept. 25, 1864: George Smith Patton was killed at the Third Battle of Winchester. Patton, a Charleston lawyer, had organized the Kanawha Riflemen, a Virginia militia company. He was the grandfather of Gen. George S. Patton of World War II.

■ Sept. 26, 1816: David Hunter Strother was born in Martinsburg. He was an artist and an author who used the pen name “Porte Crayon.”

■ Sept. 26, 1863: The Great Seal of West Virginia was adopted by the legislature. The seal, which has



remained unchanged, was designed by Joseph H. Diss Debar.

■ Sept. 27, 1914: Author Catherine Marshall was born in Johnson City, Tenn. Her family moved to West Virginia and lived in Keyser during the late 1920s and the 1930s. Her best-loved novel, Christy (1967), was based on her mother's girlhood in the southern mountains.

■ Sept. 28, 1955: Labor activist Sarah “Mother” Blizzard died at age 90. Blizzard was deeply involved in the United Mine Workers of America, from the organization's early beginnings in the late 19th century.





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ACHIEVEMENTS

‘Miracles Happen’ campaign scores People’s Telly Award for WVU Heart and Vascular

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InnerAction Media, a local leader in marketing and advertising, announced that it has been honored with a People’s Telly Award Bronze in the category of Branded Content.

The accolade recognizes work on the “Miracles Happen” campaign for the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute.

“It has been a pleasure working with InnerAction on several initiatives. They have always been highly professional, efficient with their use of film time,

and effective with their deliverables,” Dr. Vinay Badhwar, executive chair of WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, said. “They capture our most important tenor of caring deeply for the outcomes of our patients while providing a message that is relatable to all we serve.”

The project featured George Jenkins, an atrial fibrillation (AFib) patient at WVU Medicine. Jenkins underwent a life-saving robotic Cox-Maze procedure after living with AFib for 10 years, a condition he once feared might claim his life. Now, he’s returned

to his normal activities, including running the beloved Dairy King in Philippi. This story highlights the state’s only dedicated multidisciplinary AFib team at WVU Medicine, comprised of electrophysiologists, cardiologists and heart surgeons, all committed to combating this challenging condition.

Gabe Ofca, director of photography, was happy the award came through the project with Jenkins.

“It was an honor to capture and share the success story of George’s procedure,” said Ofca. “I’m grateful for such excellence

in medicine within the state of West Virginia and that the efforts of WVU Medicine are able to improve and extend the lives of people like George. I look forward to sharing many more impactful stories through my work with the team at InnerAction Media.”

This is one of two Telly awards the media company won this year, with 23 Telly awards won since InnerAction Media’s inception in 2011. IAM specializes in providing high-quality video, social media management, and strategic marketing services. With a proven track record in industries

such as healthcare, construction, higher education, tourism and real estate, the agency creates personalized plans that simplify a brand’s message based on its proprietary BrandStory framework.

“It’s always a pleasure to work with the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute team on projects like this,” said Schofield. “George’s story is incredible, and I’m proud of our work on bringing this story to life for WVU Medicine.”

The Telly Awards celebrate excellence in video and television across all screens.

DIY faux watercolors



Submitted photo, courtesy of Aldona Bird

This is a fun art project for both kids and adults.

With markers and water, you can achieve similar look

BY ALDONA BIRD
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A watercolor background can look artsy and great on hand made note cards or other paper goods. But sometimes getting an abstract gradient with watercolors is a little trickier than it looks.

This project is an easy way to make a faux watercolor — while it doesn’t use actual watercolors it is still a fun art project for both kids and adults.

To make faux abstract watercolors you will need:

- paper
- markers
- plastic ziplock bag
- spray bottle

Watercolor paper works best for this project, although mixed media paper and card stock can work as



well. If you are using either of the latter, after you complete the project weight the paper down so it dries flat rather than buckling.

Any crafting markers should work well for this project — select different shades in a couple of colors to create a gentle gradient.

Fill the spray bottle with water, and protect your work surface with paper or a plastic table cloth.

Lay the plastic baggie down flat, and color on it with markers. You can color a large area or smaller sections

with gaps between, depending on the resulting look you want. Add a few colors next to each other to make a gradient.

Next, lightly spray the colored plastic bag with water. The amount of water you use will change the amount the color spreads.

Carefully lay your sheet of paper on top of the colored bag, and gently press down. Pull the paper off the plastic, and check out the result.

If you want to write a message on your paper, you can do so before or after applying the color. To make a greeting card with this technique you can write a message for the front, and place it underneath the bag before you color it, so you can place the colors around the words.

This method of adding a watercolor look can also be layered with drawings, doodles or stencils.

Kids will love this project, and can easily make a bunch of cards in one sitting.

Each one is unique, and is a fun way to experiment with mixing colors.

IN THE KNOW

Saying good-bye with pride in the work and peace in the heart



PAM QUEEN

ON JULY 25, I CELEBRATED 36 YEARS WITH THE DOMINION POST. Sept. 30 will be my last day.

Ogden Newspapers bought this newspaper and had to make hard decisions about how to restructure the staff so the product can become even better. The powers that be decided I would not be here to help them figure that out.

And, guess what? I’m OK with that. I’ve always believed that everything happens for a reason. We might not always know what that reason is, but it’s there.

Over the past couple of days, I’ve been talking to my dad. Those of you who know me personally, know he died in 2020. But, I still talk to him. He was always good to go to for sage advice and I knew he’d be there for me Friday when I learned my fate.

Anyway, it was never my dream to work at a newspaper. I went to school to be a teacher, graduating from WVU with a degree in secondary education. I was certified

to teach English and journalism.

It didn’t take long to realize teaching wasn’t for me. So, I found a job in the Newsroom of The Dominion Post, typing obituaries, rewriting press releases and doing general typing.

I quickly moved on to being a news reporter — covering everything from Morgantown City Council to accidents and fires to parades and area events.

I even met people like Don Knotts and Bill Engvall.

From news reporting, I moved to features, Lifestyles editor, assistant managing editor, managing editor and then editor.

I was proud to lead the Newsroom of my hometown newspaper. I’m still proud to have done all I’ve done here.

But now it’s time I move on. Maybe not by my choice, but, as I wrote before, everything happens for a reason.

I have two little grandsons I will get to spend more time with. My husband probably thinks I’ll cook dinner every night.

I might show up somewhere else, eventually. In the meantime, thanks for reading The Dominion Post and know that I will be just fine.

PAM QUEEN is editor of The Dominion Post.

MUB WORK WEEK

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Morgantown Utility Board announces its projects for the week.

Street repair

- Road repair, Foxwood
- Road repair, White Oaks
- Road repair, Burroughs Street near Windsor Avenue

Road repair

- Jones Avenue

Hydrant flushing

- Flushing hydrants in Brookhaven Area

Main line construction

- Water line upgrade, Manville Street
- Water line replacement, North Street

Maintenance crews

- New water services: Red Oak Court, Mulligan Court, Bogy Lane, Montrose

- FUOC at 850 Richwood Ave.

- Sewer line extension: Kingston

- Leak repairs: 5001 Stoneridge Place, 340 Kenmore St., Intersection of Tyrone Avery Road at Pounds Hollow, Harner Run in Open Field

Vac crew

- Lift station cleaning: Cheat Lake, Scotts Run, and Morgantown area

- Periodic cleaning: University Avenue, Sabraton Avenue, South High Street, Western Avenue

Camera crew

- Work on system maintenance. Work on dye checks. Handle complaints.

- Smoke Testing in Evansdale Area

Ditch crew

- ST-615 storm upgrades on Elysian Avenue
- City paving, Westover

GUEST EDITORIAL

Weinstein charges require careful prosecution

Since the avalanche of accusations against Harvey Weinstein in 2017, we've always suspected that there were probably more incidents of sexual misconduct against the former movie power player than were publicly acknowledged.

Now, one more such allegation has come to light in the form of a new indictment against him, involving a purported assault of a woman in Manhattan in 2006. Weinstein has pleaded not guilty to the charge, setting up yet another trial over whether the one-time film producer leaned on his wealth and clout to prey on young women.

This new charge comes after the New York's highest court earlier this year overturned his 2020 convictions for sex crimes on the basis that the trial judge erred in allowing testimony from other women whose accusations were not themselves at issue in the trial.

We understand that all the legal maneuvering and starts and stops are frustrating to people who want to see Weinstein face accountability. Yet the wheels of justice grind slowly, and there are good reasons for that; if prosecutors can speed cases along too quickly or override evidentiary rules for Weinstein, they can do so with far more ease for the millions of defendants without deep pockets.

None of it means the toppled mogul is off the hook; the fact that Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg is bringing a completely new case now, years after Weinstein's misconduct burst out into the limelight, means that law enforcement is continuing to look for evidence of crimes with purpose and diligence. In addition to this indictment, Weinstein will be retried over his overturned convictions and remains a convicted felon for sex crimes in Los Angeles as well.

We hope that this same gusto can be brought to investigation of sexual harassment and assault in general, crimes that often go unreported in part because of the sense that police departments and prosecutors don't take them seriously enough. By the same token that we shouldn't excuse procedural missteps just because Weinstein is seen as such a particularly malevolent figure, we shouldn't aggressively pursue cases against him while letting others fall by the wayside.

On that front, we're heartened by the fact that powerful people have continued to face legal scrutiny and consequences for this conduct even after some of the public furor around it has died down. Singer R. Kelly has now been sentenced to multiple decades in prison for a pattern of sexual misconduct dating back to the 1990s and Sean "Diddy" Combs was arrested by federal agents on a number of charges, including sex trafficking.

Weinstein was long ago convicted in the court of public opinion for the litany of heinous acts for which he will now forever be known. But getting there via the legal process means crossing every t and dotting every i, which is necessary to make these convictions stick and protect all our due process rights.

THIS EDITORIAL first appeared in the New York Daily News. This commentary should be considered another point of view and not necessarily the opinion or editorial policy of The Dominion Post.

Rhetoric of Harris and Biden isn't what's sparking political violence

ANOTHER UNWELL PERSON SOUGHT TO KILL DONALD TRUMP, ACCORDING TO THE FBI AND OTHER OFFICIALS. We should all be grateful that no one was hurt, and that the Secret Service and local law enforcement appear to have done their jobs properly.

I'm also grateful to former President Trump for assigning blame for the foiled assassination attempt to Democratic rhetoric, specifically that of "Biden and Harris." He told Fox News Digital, "Their rhetoric is causing me to be shot at, when I am the one who is going to save the country, and they are the ones that are destroying the country — both from the inside and out."

Why am I grateful to Trump? For starters, because he saved me an enormous amount of time. I planned to address this claim using examples from Trump boosters. "Dems Still in 'Stop Hitler' Incitement Mode" read one headline at Breitbart.com before it got muted. But collecting such quotes — often from second- or third-rate MAGA sycophants and apologists — is tedious and it requires arguing with people I'd rather not elevate by taking seriously.

But here we have the claim stated concisely by the presidential candidate — and target — himself. Even better, it contains the fundamental cynicism and hypocrisy of much lengthier versions of this talking point.

Trump believes that the "threat to democracy" charge against him is inciting people to violence. This could be possible, though there is little evidence that the would-be assassin in Butler, Pa., in July was motivated by politics; the latest assailant, a one-time Trump supporter turned critic, certainly seems to have been very political, whatever his specific motivation.

Still, in a country of 337 million people, it's always going to be the case that some tiny fraction of unwell people will be

motivated to violence by "extreme" claims.

And here's the problem with the argument as it's made by Trump and his defenders. They are not against allegedly violence-inciting, rhetorical extremism, they're against such rhetoric deployed against Trump. Similar rhetoric targeting Biden and Harris is just fine.

Go back and look at Trump's complaint. "They are the ones that are destroying the country," he insists. Later he adds, "It is called the enemy from within. They are the real threat."

In other words, Trump believes the problem isn't apocalyptic rhetoric that incites violence. No, the problem is that people believe the rhetoric about him, when they should believe his similar rhetoric about his political opponents. Indeed, Trump routinely insists that if Harris — whom he calls a communist and fascist — is elected "the country will be over."

Few of the people, including Trump himself, who will blame "hateful rhetoric constantly aimed at Trump," in the words of the New York Post's Miranda Devine, for the latest assassination attempt, have any problem with Trump's hateful rhetoric. It's a remarkable double standard. We can wax Jesuitical about the differences between saying Harris will "destroy" the country and saying that Trump is a "threat to democracy." But logically and empirically, the differences between the claims are nugatory.

There is an objective divergence, however. People — including some unhinged ones — find the charges against Trump plausible. That might have more to

do with Trump's past behavior (say, on Jan. 6) or his stated positions (his call to terminate the Constitution so he can retake power, perhaps) than with the persuasiveness of his critics or the power of the media.

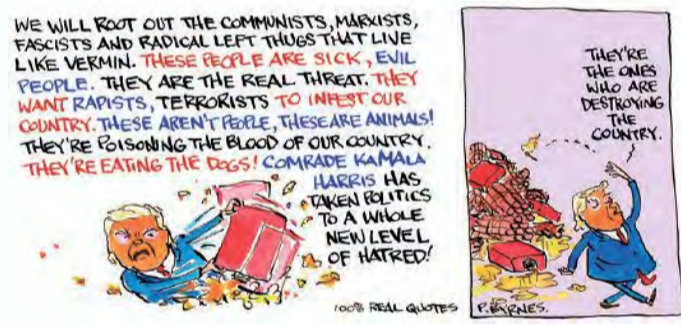
Indeed, whether the claim that Trump is a threat to democracy is extreme depends largely on whether it is true. If he is a threat to democracy, then calling him one is merely an accurate description. It's irresponsible — or "extreme" in the colloquial argot of politics these days — to falsely shout, "Fire!" in a crowded theater. If you actually see a fire, it's a defensible warning.

This assassination attempt came amid a broiling controversy over baseless claims by Trump and JD Vance about Haitian immigrants feasting on pet cats and dogs in Springfield, Ohio. These claims resulted in school closures over bomb threats and shooting threats against Haitians in Springfield. Bear in mind that Trump routinely refers to migrants as blood-poisoning vermin. And yet, complaints and concerns from the hand-wringers about that kind of rhetoric have not been forthcoming.

It's worth recalling that conservatives used to denounce efforts to blame politicians for the actions of madmen. When then-Democratic Rep. Gabby Giffords was shot in Arizona in 2011, many liberals ludicrously insisted that Sarah Palin was to blame, and conservatives rightly objected. Now, many conservatives sound like those liberals, only in defense of Donald Trump.

If hypocrisy was helium, many people would have funny voices, and some would just float away.

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Eliminating the Education Dept. would destroy public schools

SINCE PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CREATED THE MODERN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN 1979, THE DEPARTMENT HAS FACED CONTINUOUS CALLS FOR ITS ABOLITION. This threat has persisted through Republican administrations, from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump.

Never following through on their campaign promises to abolish it, some presidents have often used the department to push agendas hostile to public schools. Reagan's department brought exaggerated claims of doom and gloom in "A Nation at Risk," denigrating our public schools with a still-existing narrative. And Trump's secretary of education, Betsy DeVos, did little to hide her disdain for public schools, calling for abolishing the department she ran.

However, no matter how often presidents promise to ax it, ending the department would require an act of Congress. While there is little reason to believe that Congress would agree, given the volatility of government, one can never be sure. At the least, the

promise to abolish the department is a rallying cry and a dominant feature of the right-wing agenda to end what it calls "government schools."

That right-wing agenda, reflected in Project 2025 and to a more limited extent in the Republican platform, is to eliminate democratically governed public schools. It emanates from the vision of Milton Friedman, who believed that public school systems should be replaced by a patchwork of private, home school, religious and semi-public schools like charter schools.

Parents would receive funds in a "savings account" to shop among them. Proposers of this voucher-like funding scheme know that public school systems could not survive without reliable systemic funding streams. The remnant of public schools would serve the children no private or charter school wants.

Over time, funds for families are likely to decrease, with parents required to make up the difference. "But today, I would argue

there's no case for (the) government even financing (K12 education), except for the indigent," Friedman stated in his later years.

Without the Department of Education, the process of defunding K12 education would accelerate, and other consequences would ensue.

Individuals with Disability Education Act funding, now implemented and regulated by the Education Department, would go to states with no strings attached as per Project 2025. Before IDEA, students with the most severe disabilities were institutionalized or not educated at all. Students with milder disabilities were ignored or put in "slow classes." In some states, those days would return.

Title I funding, which helps level the playing field for schools with large proportions of high-needs students, would be distributed without department regulation at the whim of state politicians. Funding would eventually be eliminated, according

to Project 2025.

Without the Education Department's extensive data collection through its National Center of Education Statistics and Office for Civil Rights, researchers would not have access to the data they need to compare states and their outcomes. Without the department's Office of the Inspector General, there would be no federal agency for parents and teachers to register serious violations of students' rights and know they will get the investigation they deserve — especially when states turn a blind eye to such abuses, as they often do.

As states go off to do their own thing, which is only sometimes in the best interest of students, there would be no way to measure the effects. Guess who oversees our nation's report card, known as NAEP? The Department of Education, of course.

Department overreach has occurred during Republican and Democratic administrations. No Child Left Behind created unreachable goals, resulting in

watered-down proficiency scores and test-driven instruction that states are still trying to unwind. Race to the Top, with its Common Core, the misguided evaluation of teachers by test scores, and the incentivization of charter schools, did as much damage as NCLB.

Despite such flaws, the department has a critical mission. It serves as the only guardrail protecting schools and students in states that appear hellbent on destroying their public schools and every equity initiative that most Americans stand for and support.

The department's elimination would turn back the clock on student rights and protections and bring those who wish to destroy neighborhood public schools one step closer to their goal. That's why it is still needed today.

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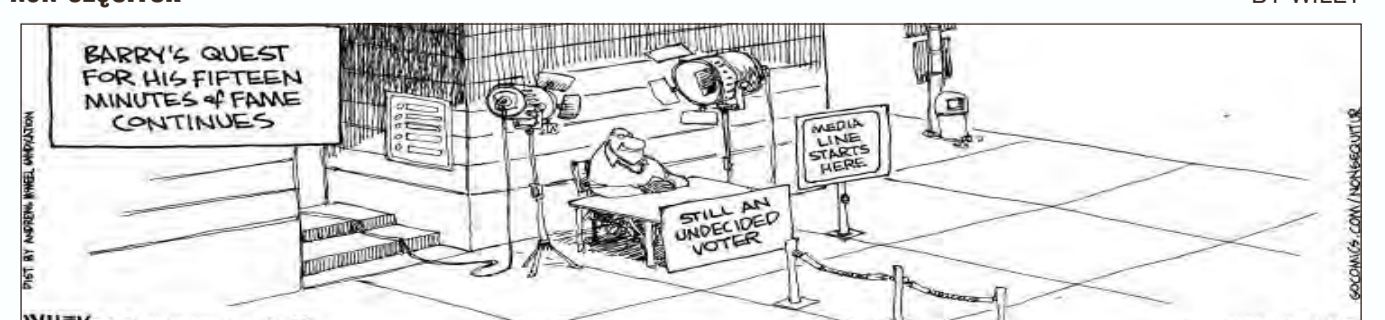
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PRO FOOTBALL

Steelers Overpower Chargers

Fields, offense take charge in 2nd half of win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Justin Fields keeps avoiding mistakes. Mike Tomlin keeps avoiding the subject.

If Tomlin's backup quarterback keeps playing like this, the Pittsburgh Steelers coach might not be able to for much longer, not with Fields quietly building a case he should remain the starter even after Russell Wilson's balky right calf heals.

Fields produced his most efficient performance yet in a 20-10 win over the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday, throwing for a touchdown and running for another as the Steelers improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2020.

While Fields is quick to point out he's hardly doing this alone — certainly not on a day Pittsburgh's defense limited the Chargers (2-1) to 168 total yards and the offensive line manhandled Los Angeles late — he admits he's not the same player who endured three largely uneven seasons in Chicago before the Bears traded him to Pittsburgh in March.

"I feel like I'm just very calm out there, cool, calm and collected in the field and really just that sense of peace out there on the field and not rushing things," Fields said after completing 25 of 32 passes for 245 yards. "Inter-



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback Justin Herbert (10) is sacked by Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Elandon Roberts, bottom left, during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday in Pittsburgh.

nally, my brain, just staying calm in the pocket, making plays when I can and must doing my job."

Against the Chargers, that meant guiding an offense that kept pounding away for three quarters until Los Angeles eventually wore down.

Pittsburgh's three fourth-quarter possessions ended with a go-ahead field goal from Chris Boswell, a 55-yard strike from

Fields to Calvin Austin III, and a 65-yard drive that ate away the final 4:59 and appeared to sap the will of their opponent.

"It was just clear to the offensive line that they were just done," Steelers left tackle Dan Moore Jr. said.

Pittsburgh believes it's just getting started as a season that began with plenty of questions — most notably at quarterback — has opened with three straight victories that have followed a familiar pattern: a tight, physical game where the Steelers made all the plays that mattered late.

"I think we're just seasoned for those moments," Pittsburgh defensive tackle Cam Heyward said.

Maybe because they haven't had much choice in recent years. The Steelers have been forced to rely heavily on their defense because the offense struggled to produce much of anything with any sort of regularity.

While there remains much work to be done — Fields threw his first pick of the season on an ill-advised pass into traffic in the third quarter that cut short a potential scoring drive, for example — there is also a growing belief that Pittsburgh's throwback approach could work in 2024.

"Those are the old Bill Cowher days, 3 yards and a cloud of dust," Heyward said, referencing Pittsburgh's former Hall of Fame coach known for his team's physical approach to their work.

The Chargers are being built in much the same way under first-year head coach Jim Harbaugh. Los Angeles, however, couldn't keep pace without Justin Herbert.

The Chargers franchise quarterback began the day by starting despite a balky right ankle that limited his practice time during the week.

He ended it with his right foot in a boot after being pulled late in the third quarter not long after being sacked by Steelers linebacker Elandon Roberts.

While Herbert completed 12 of 18 passes for 125 yards and a touchdown to Quentin Johnston, he could only watch from the sideline in the fourth quarter as backup Taylor Heinicke struggled to find time in the face of a pass rush that ended up with five sacks.

Harbaugh declined to speculate what Herbert's availability might be next week against Kansas City, instead praising his franchise quarterback's toughness.

"Every time I think there's not another rung on the ladder he can go in my esteem, he climbs another one," Harbaugh said.

Still, the Chargers saw the momentum they've built during the early stages of the Harbaugh era vanish in the fourth quarter. Three defensive penalties extended the Pittsburgh drive that ended with Chris Boswell's second field goal that gave the Steelers a 13-10 lead.

Heinicke managed to produce a first down before punting, and Fields responded by hitting the 5-foot-9 Austin on a slant that the former Memphis walk-on turned into the game-turning score.

"We didn't get it finished," Harbaugh said.

"Not every game is going to be a fairytale ending."

BASEBALL

Skenes Strikes Out 9 as Bucs Top Reds, 2-0

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Paul Skenes struck out nine and pitched two-hit ball through five innings, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 2-0 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Sunday.

Skenes (11-3) recorded his 16th game with seven or more strikeouts, surpassing Larry McWilliams (1983) for seventh-most by a Pirates starter in a season.

"He's special," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "He continues to evolve. I mean the change-up today was elite. You don't see a guy in his rookie year be able to throw multiple weapons at you and continue to get better."

In three starts against the Reds, the 22-year-old right-hander has allowed one earned run with 25 strikeouts in 17 innings.

"He (Skenes) dominated really," Reds manager David Bell said. "He had a really good change-up. It is kind of the growth from the last time we faced him. That pitch was a difference maker for him today."

Skenes lowered his ERA to 1.99 on Sunday, the second-lowest through 22 career starts behind Steve Roger's 1.95 ERA in 1973-74 with the Montreal Expos.

"He's got a lot of pitches and throws them for strikes," Reds first baseman Ty France said. "He throws them where he wants, when he wants."

Shelton said Skenes was aware that five innings was his limit on Sunday. His 73 pitches were a season-low through five innings.

"That's something I needed to be better at the entire year," Skenes said. "I'm glad that it happened that way today, just better execution in counts."

Oneil Cruz hit his 21st homer in the first inning and Nick Yorke's first career homer off Fernando Cruz in the fifth inning gave the Pirates a two-run lead. Pittsburgh won by shutout for the 12th time this season.

Hunter Greene (9-5) made his first start since having his season interrupted by right elbow soreness in mid-August. He pitched three innings and allowed a run on two hits with four strikeouts.

The Reds lost by shutout for the 14th time this season and for the second time when Skenes started.



AP Photo Pittsburgh Pirates' Oneil Cruz, right, is congratulated by Andrew McCutchen after hitting a solo home run in the first inning of a baseball game against the Cincinnati Reds Sunday in Cincinnati.



AP Photo Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Calvin Austin III (19) is hoisted up by center Zach Frazer, bottom, after scoring a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Chargers Sunday in Pittsburgh.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25: No. 5 Tennessee Continues to Climb in the Rankings

Associated Press

Tennessee moved up to No. 5 in The Associated Press college football poll Sunday as the Volunteers continued to surge up the rankings, and No. 25 Boise State returned to the AP Top 25 for the first time in four years.

Texas was No. 1 for the second straight week, receiving 44 of 62 first-place votes as the top four teams remained the same.

The Longhorns won a game as the top-ranked team in the country for the first time since 2008, cruising past Louisiana-Monroe in quarterback Arch Manning's first career start.

Georgia held at No. 2, receiving 13 first-place votes, and Ohio State is No. 3 with five first-place votes. Alabama is No. 4.

The Bulldogs and Crimson Tide were each off this past weekend as they prepare to meet next Saturday in Tuscaloosa for a top-five matchup.

The Volunteers welcomed Oklahoma to

the Southeastern Conference with a 25-15 road victory that helped Tennessee rise in the rankings for the fourth straight week. The Vols started the season ranked No. 15, then went to No. 14 after Week 1, No. 7 after Week 2 and No. 6 last week.

Tennessee was last in the top five in 2022, peaking at No. 2 on Oct. 30.

Mississippi slipped a spot to No. 6 and No. 7 Miami, No. 8 Oregon and No. 9 Penn State all moved up one place.

No. 10 Utah moved up two spots after beating Oklahoma State on the road in a matchup of ranked Big 12 teams.

Boise State is making its first poll appearance since a two-week stay in early November 2020.

The Broncos, two weeks removed from losing at Oregon on a last-second field goal, improved to 2-1 with a blowout of Portland State on Saturday.

Poll points
The SEC's stranglehold on the top of the

rankings loosened a little, with Missouri's overtime victory against Vanderbilt dropping the Tigers four spots to No. 11. The conference still reached another milestone.

The SEC had gone two straight weeks holding down six of the top seven spots in the rankings, a first for one league in poll history. No conference previously even held five of the top seven spots, which the now 16-team SEC still has this week.

With Missouri slipping, the SEC still holds five of the top six spots, and it's on a three-week streak of owning four of the top five. That streak is another AP poll first.

The only other time in the 88-year history of the poll that a conference had four of the top five ranked teams was the SEC on Oct. 19, 2014 (No. 1 Mississippi State, No. 3 Mississippi, No. 4 Alabama and No. 5 Auburn). That lasted a week.

In-and-out
Boise State's absence from the AP rankings had been notable after the Broncos be-

came a poll fixture for nearly two decades.

Boise State went 19 straight seasons making at least one appearance in the AP Top 25, from its first-ever appearance in 2002 to 2020. The Broncos finished the season ranked 13 times during that span.

No. 22 BYU also made its season debut in the rankings.

The Cougars (4-0) are in for the first time since Oct. 2, 2022, after routing Kansas State at home Saturday night. The loss dropped the previously unbeaten Wildcats 10 spots to No. 23.

Exiting the rankings this week after brief stays and their first losses of the season were Nebraska and Northern Illinois.

The Cornhuskers fell in overtime to Illinois, a victory that helped the Illini move up five spots to No. 19.

NIU, which had not played since upsetting Notre Dame two weeks ago, lost in overtime to Buffalo in a Mid-American Conference game.

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SCOREBOARD

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COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY
3 p.m. — BTN — Michigan at Michigan St.
COLLEGE SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
9 p.m. — ESPN — Utah at BYU
MLB BASEBALL
6:30 p.m. — MLBN — Regional Coverage: Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia OR Boston at Toronto (7:05 p.m.)
9:30 p.m. — MLBN — Regional Coverage: San Francisco at Arizona OR Seattle at Houston (8:10 p.m.)
NFL FOOTBALL
7:30 p.m. — ESPN — Jacksonville at Buffalo
8:15 p.m. — ABC — Washington at Cincinnati
NHL HOCKEY
9 p.m. — NHLN — Preseason: Los Angeles at Utah
SOCCER (MEN'S)
2:45 p.m. — CBSN — Serie A: Como at Atalanta
SOCCER (WOMEN'S)
10 p.m. — CBSN | NWSL: Portland at Angel City
TENNIS
5:30 a.m. — TENNIS — Hangzhou-ATP Quarterfinals
6 a.m. — TENNIS — Hangzhou-ATP Semifinals

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series Bass Pro Shops Night Race Results Saturday
At Bristol Motor Speedway
1. (2) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 500 laps, 60 points.
2. (10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 500, 38.
3. (11) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 500, 40.
4. (8) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 500, 46.
5. (6) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 500, 46.
6. (22) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 500, 33.
7. (14) Ryan Preece, Ford, 500, 30.
8. (5) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 500, 36.
9. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 500, 41.
10. (12) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 500, 27.
11. (18) Michael McDowell, Ford, 499, 26.
12. (16) Noah Gragson, Ford, 499, 25.
13. (27) Austin Cindric, Ford, 499, 24.
14. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, 499, 23.
15. (13) Ty Gibbs, Toyota, 499, 25.
16. (33) Zane Smith, Chevrolet, 499, 21.
17. (3) William Byron, Chevrolet, 499, 26.
18. (7) Carson Hocevar, Chevrolet, 499, 19.
19. (21) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 499, 18.
20. (15) Tyler Reddick, Toyota, 499, 24.
21. (30) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 499, 16.
22. (28) Justin Haley, Ford, 499, 15.
23. (19) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 499, 0.
24. (4) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 499, 29.
25. (29) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 498, 12.
26. (23) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 497, 11.
27. (31) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 497, 10.
28. (20) Joey Logano, Ford, 496, 9.
29. (25) Josh Berry, Ford, 496, 8.
30. (32) Erik Jones, Toyota, 496, 7.
31. (35) Daniel Suárez, Chevrolet, 496, 6.
32. (24) Todd Gilliland, Ford, 496, 5.
33. (28) John H. Nemechek, Toyota, 491, 4.
34. (37) Josh Billicki, Ford, 467, 0.
35. (34) Harrison Burton, Ford, 422, 2.
36. (9) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, accident, 330, 1.
37. (36) Kaz Grala, Ford, garage, 296, 1.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 101.277 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 37 minutes, 53 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 1.088 seconds.
Caution Flags: 5 for 36 laps.
Top 16 in Points: 1. C.Bell, 2089; 2. A.Cindric, 2086; 3. J.Logano, 2084; 4. A.Bowman, 2084; 5. D.Suarez, 2079; 6. T.Reddick, 2073; 7. C.Elliott, 2073; 8. R.Blaney, 2072; 9. K.Larson, 2069; 10. W.Byron, 2068; 11. C.Briscoe, 2049; 12. T.Gibbs, 2049; 13. D.Hamlin, 2043; 14. B.Keselowski, 2037; 15. M.Truxex, 2035; 16. H.Burton, 2029.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL	AMERICAN CONFERENCE					
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	65	38
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0	.667	67	52
Miami	1	2	0	.333	33	72
New England	1	2	0	.333	39	57
South						
Houston	2	1	0	.667	55	74
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	58	61
Jacksonville	0	2	0	.000	30	38
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	48	78
North						
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1.000	51	26
Baltimore	1	2	0	.333	71	78
Cleveland	1	2	0	.333	50	67
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	35	42
West						
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	53	45
L.A. Chargers	2	1	0	.667	58	33
Denver	1	2	0	.333	52	46
Las Vegas	1	2	0	.333	58	81
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	70	63
Washington	1	1	0	.500	41	55
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	77	89
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0	.333	45	64
South						
New Orleans	2	1	0	.667	103	44
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	64	62
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	32	39
Carolina	1	2	0	.333	49	95
North						
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	85	30
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	62	53
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	75	58
Chicago	1	2	0	.333	53	57
West						
Seattle	3	0	0	1.000	73	43
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	82	64
L.A. Rams	1	2	0	.333	57	91
San Francisco	1	2	0	.333	73	69

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Jets 24, New England 3
Sunday's Games
Denver 26, Tampa Bay 7
Green Bay 30, Tennessee 14
Indianapolis 21, Chicago 16
Minnesota 34, Houston 7
N.Y. Giants 21, Cleveland 15
Philadelphia 15, New Orleans 12
Pittsburgh 20, L.A. Chargers 10
Carolina 36, Las Vegas 22
Seattle 24, Miami 3
Baltimore 28, Dallas 13
Detroit 20, Arizona 13
L.A. Rams 27, San Francisco 24
Kansas City at Atlanta, night
Monday's Games
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sep. 21, 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. Texas (44)	4-0	1527	1
2. Georgia (13)	3-0	1482	2
3. Ohio St. (5)	3-0	1432	3
4. Alabama	3-0	1328	4
5. Tennessee	4-0	1283	6
6. Mississippi	4-0	1269	5
7. Miami	4-0	1139	8
8. Oregon	3-0	1073	9
9. Penn St.	3-0	1051	10
10. Utah	4-0	1037	12
11. Missouri	4-0	1009	7
12. Michigan	3-1	805	18
13. Southern Cal	2-1	690	11
14. LSU	3-1	637	16
15. Louisville	3-0	553	19
16. Notre Dame	3-1	546	17
17. Clemson	2-1	540	21
18. Iowa St.	3-0	530	20
19. Illinois	4-0	458	24
20. Oklahoma St.	3-1	388	14
21. Oklahoma	3-1	375	15
22. BYU	4-0	327	-
23. Kansas St.	3-1	168	13
24. Texas A&M	3-1	77	25
25. Boise St.	2-1	69	-

Others receiving votes: Washington St. 67, Indiana 63, Boston College 55, UNLV 53, Pittsburgh 37, Nebraska 25, Iowa 24, James Madison 11, South Carolina 7, Liberty 4, Arkansas 3, UCF 3, Arizona 2, SMU 2, Navy 1.

PRO FOOTBALL

Darnold Tosses 4 TDs as Vikings Roll; Browns Now 1-2 After Losing to Giants

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Sam Darnold matched his career high with four touchdown passes, and the undefeated Minnesota Vikings used another dominant performance on defense to trounce C.J. Stroud and the Houston Texans 34-7 on Sunday. Jonathan Greenard had three of the four sacks of Stroud, his former teammate, as the Vikings (3-0) intercepted the 2023 AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year twice while rattling the Texans (2-1) with their aggressive and unpredictable scheme — and the crowd noise that cranked up with each stop. Darnold connected with Justin Jefferson and Aaron Jones for scores in the first quarter on third down plays inside the 10. In the second half, he delivered a touchdown to Jalen Nailor for the third straight game and got tight end Johnny Mundt one, too.

GIANTS 21, BROWNS 15
CLEVELAND (AP) — Daniel Jones threw two touchdown passes to rookie Malik Nabers, the Giant's defensive players took turns sacking Deshaun Watson as New York held off Cleveland.

Jones completed 24 of 34 passes for 236 yards as the Giants (1-2) shook off a loss at Washington that prompted a week of criticism toward coach Brian Daboll.

It wasn't easy. The Browns (1-2) rallied in the fourth after being dominated for three quarters and losing three offensive linemen to injuries.

PACKERS 30, TITANS 14
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Malik Willis ran for a touchdown and threw for a score in his best performance in the NFL, leading Green Bay to a rout over Tennessee.

Willis not only won his second straight start subbing for Jordan Love, he got a sweet measure of revenge against the team that traded him to Green Bay (2-1) in August. Willis accounted for 134 of the Packers' 137 yards in the first quarter. He finished with 202 yards passing and 73 rushing.

Cornerback Jaire Alexander scored a touchdown on his first career pick-6 late in the first quarter, helping Green Bay jump out to a 17-7 lead after 15 minutes. The Packers led 20-7 at halftime and ultimately scored 20 straight points for a 27-7 advantage midway through the third, prompting a loud chant of "Go, Pack, Go!"

BRONCOS 26, BUCCANEERS 7
TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Rookie Bo Nix ran for an early touchdown and Wil Lutz kicked four field goals to help Denver avoid starting 0-3 for the second straight season with a victory over Tampa Bay.

Nix completed 25 of 36 passes for 216 yards without an interception. The 12th overall pick in this year's NFL draft, however, still hasn't thrown for a TD through three games.

Denver's defense did its part in helping Nix rebound from struggling the previous two weeks, too, sacking Baker Mayfield seven times and intercepting the Bucs quarterback once to set up a second-quarter touchdown. The Broncos (1-2) also turned away two Tampa Bay possessions in Denver territory in the fourth quarter, stopping one drive on downs and forcing a fumble on the other.

The three-time defending NFC South champion Bucs (2-1), looking to start a season with three consecutive victories for the first time since 2005, was limited to 223 yards total



AP Photo

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Sam Darnold (14) runs from Houston Texans defensive end Will Anderson Jr. (51) during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday in Minneapolis.

touchdowns to lead Carolina past Las Vegas. Promoted to the starting job in place of the ineffective Bryce Young, Dalton guided the Panthers (1-2) to their first win and moved to 4-0 lifetime against the Raiders. Carolina, now 3-17 going back to last season, was outscored a combined 73-13 by the Saints and Chargers in the first two weeks before Coach Dave Canales benched Young, the No. 1 overall draft pick just a year ago, on Monday.

EAGLES 15, SAINTS 12
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Saquon Barkley rushed for fourth-quarter touchdowns of 65 and 4 yards, and Philadelphia rebounded from a maddening late-game collapse six days earlier to beat New Orleans.

Barkley's shorter scoring run came with 1:01 left, one play after Dallas Goedert got free across the middle on third-and-16 for a 61-yard catch and run that gave him a career-high 170 yards on 10 receptions. Eagles safety Reed Blankenship sealed the victory when he intercepted Derek Carr's pass over the middle with 48 seconds left, capping a banner performance by Philadelphia's defense against an offense that had scored an NFL-high 91 points during the regular season's first two weeks under new coordinator Klint Kubiak.

Coming off a 22-21 home loss to Atlanta on Monday night, the Eagles (2-1) did not allow a touchdown until Carr found Chris Olave for a 12-yard, go-ahead score with just more than two minutes left. That gave the Saints a 12-7 lead after a failed 2-point try.

COLTS 21, BEARS 16
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jonathan Taylor had two touchdown runs and Trey Sermon added another as Indianapolis held on for a victory over Chicago.

Taylor ran 23 times for 110 yards as the Colts (1-2) avoided their first 0-3 start since 2021. Anthony Richardson completed 10 of 20 passes for 167 yards, but had two more interceptions.

Chicago (1-2) lost its second straight despite getting two offensive TDs — one more than its total in the first two weeks. Caleb Williams, this year's No. 1 overall draft pick, went 33 of 52 with 363 yards through the air — all season bests — and threw the first two TD passes of his NFL career. Williams also was intercepted twice.

The performances sure didn't win many style points.

PANTHERS 36, RAIDERS 22
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Andy Dalton gave the Panthers the quarterback play they've been sorely lacking, throwing for 319 yards and three

touchdowns to lead Carolina past Las Vegas.

Promoted to the starting job in place of the ineffective Bryce Young, Dalton guided the Panthers (1-2) to their first win and moved to 4-0 lifetime against the Raiders.

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Dalton resembled the quarterback who earned the nickname "Red Rifle" in his prime more than a 36-year-old who last started in Week 3 of last season. He was sharp throughout, completing 26 of 37 passes and becoming the first NFL quarterback this season to post a 300-yard, three-TD performance. Dalton has thrown for 1,027 yards and 10 TDs in four career starts against the Raiders.

SEAHAWKS 24, DOLPHINS 3
SEATTLE (AP) — Geno Smith threw for 289 yards and a 71-yard touchdown to DK Metcalf, Zach Charbonnet rushed for two TDs, and Seattle beat Miami where the attention turned to another injury suffered by a Dolphins quarterback.

A week after losing Tua Tagovailoa to the third concussion in the past two years, the Dolphins watched Skylar Thompson suffer a chest injury in the second half, leaving Tim Boyle to try and lead the charge back from a 17-3 deficit.

Boyle was unable to direct a comeback and the Dolphins (1-2) were stuck back in a place of uncertainty about their QB situation.

LIONS 20, CARDINALS 13
GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Jared Goff threw two touchdown passes, David Montgomery ran for 106 yards and a score and Detroit held on late to beat Arizona.

The Lions continued their recent dominance in the series, improving to 5-0-1 against the Cardinals since 2017. Detroit's defense kept Kyler Murray and Arizona out of the end zone in the second half, giving up just one field goal.

Goff completed his first 14 passes before an incompletion in the third quarter. It was his longest streak without an incompletion to start a

game in his nine-year career and he finished 18 of 23 for 196 yards.

Detroit (2-1) took a 20-7 lead just before halftime on a well-executed hook-and-ladder play. Goff threw short to Amon-Ra St. Brown, who immediately lateraled to Jahmyr Gibbs, who dashed 20 yards for the touchdown.

RAVENS 28, COWBOYS 25
ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Derrick Henry ran for 151 yards and two touchdowns, Lamar Jackson accounted for two scores and Baltimore held on for a victory over Dallas.

The Ravens (1-2) scored touchdowns on their first two drives, running and throwing with ease while emphatically responding to the first 0-2 start since 2015 for a franchise coming off a trip to the AFC championship game.

The Cowboys (1-2) have allowed 120 points in their past three home games, including a 48-32 wild-card loss to Green Bay in January that ended Dallas' 16-game winning streak at AT&T Stadium.

Brandon Aubrey kicked a 65-yard field goal for the Cowboys, 1 yard shy of the NFL record from 2021 held by the kicker on the other sideline, Baltimore's Justin Tucker.

RAMS 27, 49ERS 24
INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Rookie Joshua Karty hit a 37-yard field goal with 2 seconds to play, and Los Angeles staged a spectacular late rally for a victory over San Francisco.

Kyren Williams rushed 4 yards for his third touchdown of the day with 1:50 left for the Rams (1-2), who came back from a 14-point deficit in the second half for their second straight win over San Francisco (1-2) after losing 10 of the NFC West archrivals' previous 12 meetings.

Jauan Jennings set career highs with 11 catches for 175 yards and three touchdowns for the 49ers, who blew a lead of at least 14 points for the first time since 2018.

Los Angeles trailed 24-14 midway through the fourth quarter, but Jake Moody missed a 55-yard field goal attempt for San Francisco with 2:43 to play. Matthew Stafford quickly hit Tutu Atwell for a 50-yard completion to the San Francisco 5, and Williams took it in two plays later.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas, Ohio State, Miami, Utah Are Top Seeds in CFP Bracket

Associated Press

The top four seeds remain locked into The Associated Press' College Football Playoff bracket projection as Miami and Utah move up the Top 25.

Using the AP college football poll to fill out the 12-team bracket, Texas is the No. 1 seed as the projected Southeastern Conference champion, followed by Ohio State as the second seed out of the Big Ten.

Miami, which moved up to No. 7 in the rankings, holds down the third seed as the projected Atlantic Coast Conference champion. Utah moved up to No. 10 in the rankings to maintain its place as the projected Big 12 champion and fourth seed.

The only team entering the field this week is Boise State of the Mountain West as the 12th seed and fifth-highest-ranked conference champion.

SEC teams are still holding down seeds five through eight, meaning they would all host first-round games on campus.

A reminder about the format: The top four seeds are assigned to the highest-ranked conference champions, regardless of their overall ranking. The five highest-ranked conference champions, regardless of league, are guaranteed spots in the field.

There is no cap on the number of teams that can come from one conference. The CFP selection committee starts ranking teams in November, but for now, the breakdown via the AP Top 25:

No. 9 Oregon at No. 8 Mississippi. Winner vs. No. 1 Texas in the Sugar Bowl.



AP Photo

Miami running back Damien Martinez (6) celebrates after scoring against South Florida during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday in Tampa, Florida.

No. 12 Boise State at No. 5 Georgia. Winner vs. No. 4 Utah in the Fiesta Bowl. No. 10 Penn State at No. 7 Tennessee. Winner vs. No. 2 Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

No. 11 Missouri at No. 6 Alabama. Winner vs. No. 3 Miami in the Peach Bowl. Moving in this week: Boise State. Moving out: Northern Illinois.

Next five: No. 12 Michigan, No. 13 Southern California, No. 14 LSU, No. 15 Louisville, No. 16 Notre Dame.

BASEBALL

White Sox Drop 120th

Associated Press

The Chicago White Sox tied the post-1900 record of 120 losses by the 1962 expansion New York Mets when the San Diego Padres won 4-2 by rallying for three runs in the eighth inning.

The White Sox had taken a 2-1 lead on home runs by

Korey Lee and Miguel Vargas off Yu Darvish, but that lead quickly disappeared in the eighth. This defeat came a day after the White Sox tied the American League record of 119 losses set by the 2003 Detroit Tigers. The 1899 Cleveland Spiders hold the major league record for losses at 20-134.

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WVSR is the state-chartered affiliate of the American Association of Respiratory Care (AARC). As a leading nonprofit pro-

fessional organization, the WVSR plays a crucial role in enhancing the quality of life for patients diagnosed with a range of respiratory illnesses.

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pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema, black lung, pneumonia and asthma. Services provided by respiratory care practitioners help their patients experience a healthier quality of life.

Cynthia Keely, a respiratory care practitioner and board member of the West Virginia Society for Respiratory Care (WVSR), said, "The

WVSR Health Care Conferences allow respiratory care practitioners to maintain and enhance their knowledge and skill set while providing networking opportunities in a fun, engaging environment. We invite all to join us at our bi-annual events."

This year's event featured a unique opportunity for attendees to experience one of WVJC's three state-

of-the-art mobile simulation labs as part of a collaboration between WVJC, IngMar Medical and VR Patient. Both strategic partners joined WVJC to provide an immersive, hands-on experience showcasing the future of respiratory care education. It's a preview of WVJC's new online, hybrid Respiratory Therapy program scheduled to launch in 2025.

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Understanding familial hypercholesterolemia

DEAR DOCTORS: Can you please do a column about familial hypercholesterolemia? It is my diagnosis, and I would like you to explain it. My LDL is over 500. It is my understanding that there are different kinds of LDL. Is that correct? Any information would be helpful.



DRS. ELIZABETH KO & EVE GLAZIER

Dear Reader: Familial hypercholesterolemia, often shortened to FH, is a condition that interferes with the mechanisms the body uses to manage blood cholesterol levels. In medical terminology, "hyper" means that something is above normal, and "emia" refers to the blood. The word "familial" indicates this condition has a genetic component. More specifically, FH results in very high levels of a type of cholesterol known as low-density lipoprotein, or LDL. This puts people living with FH at increased risk of developing heart disease and of having a heart attack at an early age. To understand how and why, we need a few more details.

High levels of cholesterol, particularly of LDL, can lead to a dangerous buildup of fatty deposits within the blood vessels. This significantly increases the risk of narrowing of the arteries.

You are correct that there are different types of LDL. It is broken down into several subclasses, each of which decreases in size and increases in density. It is those characteristics, the smaller size and higher density, that make an overabundance of LDL particularly dangerous.

The good news is that lifestyle choices, along with medical interventions, can have a positive effect on this condition. These include not just changes to diet and the use of medication, but also regular screenings to monitor blood lipid levels. Due to the genetic component, each case of FH is different and benefits from highly personalized treatment.

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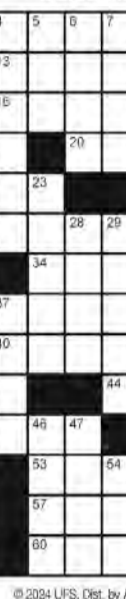
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DOWN

- 2 Bryce Canyon's state
- 3 Stadium event
- 4 Consent
- 5 — Dhabi
- 6 Shed
- 7 Equal



CURTIS

BY RAY BILLINGSLEY



PEANUTS

BY CHARLES M. SCHULZ



THE GRIZZLEWS

BY BILL SCHORR



BEETLE BAILEY

BY GREG, BRIAN & NEAL WALKER



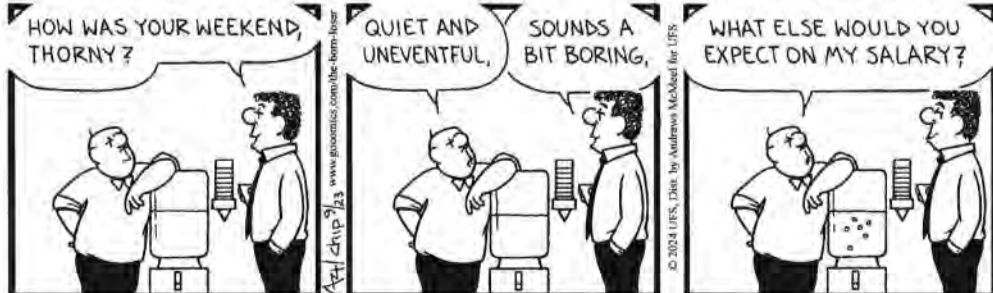
FRANK & ERNEST

BY BOB THAVES



BORN LOSER

BY ART & CHIP SANSON



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

BY DIK BROWNE



MARMADUKE BY BRAD & PAUL ANDERSON



"You waited at that window seven hours for Fifi to walk by. I hope it was worth it."

SCRABBLE GRAMS

PAR SCORE 155-165
BEST SCORE 224

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter have no point value. All words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



RHYMES WITH ORANGE

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MUTTS

BY PATRICK MCDONNELL

