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Wheat Montana founder speaks at Havre Chamber meeting

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A man with a story about the humble beginnings of a Montana business that became a multi-million dollar company was the keynote speaker Wednesday at the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce's 110th Annual Meeting and Luncheon in the Olympic Room of the Duck Inn.

Dean Folkvord, former chief executive officer of Wheat Montana, was the keynote speaker at the meeting. He talked about his family turning their small wheat farm in the Gallatin Valley into a multi-million dollar business, taking grain raised on the family farm, processing it into products and selling those products in markets across the country, including in Havre.

Several of the more-than 200 people at the meeting said after Folkvord's presentation that it was inspiring.

Northern Agricultural Research Center Superintendent Darrin Boss said Folkvord's story is a huge success story for Montana and a testament to Montana growers. He said Folkvord, like many other producers in Montana, had a family business that was family-driven. But the message that he heard was that people should not be afraid of taking the leap to expand and grow their business, Boss said.

Alyssa Crawford, co-owner of Crawford Distillery and Yellow Tin Cup, said Folkvord's story was amazing, and that she found many similarities between her family's business and his. She added that what Folkvord said about people sharing their dreams with other people spoke to her.

Montana State University-Northern Chancellor Greg Kegel said the entrepreneurial spirit that Folkvord showed in his story is something special.

Not every single person is like that, Kegel said, but Folkvord had a vision and, despite ups and downs in his business, he never lost his vision. He also knew how to lead, he said.

Kegel said that he tells his students to do just that, to persevere, focus on their dreams and never lose sight of the prize. He added that sometimes



Dean Folkvord, keynote speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce, holds up a loaf of bread as he discusses the history of Wheat Montana Wednesday at the Duck Inn in Havre.

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these commitments can be challenging, but if people just follow through until the end, the payoff will be that much better.

The Wheat Montana Story

Folkvord said that his family started off with a small family farm in Three Forks, with his father wanting to make a living as either a farmer or a rancher. Over the years they grew their operations, he said, because his dad was willing to take the risk.

He said that one of things that helped his family in the beginning was a good harvest in addition to a spike in the wheat market in 1974. His family harvested so much wheat that year

that they filled all of their grain bins and even had to start piling it on the ground because they had nowhere else to store it, although that year was followed high interest rates during the late 1970s.

He said that when he came back from college he began working full-time at the family farm, although he also had found work as an auctioneer and a crop insurance salesperson in order to help the family along.

After a while, he said, things began to get better and in the 1980s he and his wife traveled to Hawaii for a vacation. That was where they first began to get a rough idea of the business that was eventually going to turn into

Wheat Montana.

Folkvord said that while they were in Hawaii they visited a pineapple plantation in Maui. They toured the facility, ate some of the pineapple that the plantation produced and saw the product being packaged for wholesale. He said he and his wife then had the idea that they could do something similar in Montana with wheat.

He quickly told his parents the idea, he said, and in 1987 the began forming the Wheat Montana corporation.

They first started off selling flour using wheat that they grew and processed themselves then delivered to a local grocery store, he said, adding it

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Future looks bright for Havre Chamber of Commerce

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The Havre Area Chamber of Commerce held its 110th annual Chamber luncheon in the Olympic Room of the Duck Inn Wednesday, including introducing Curtis Lineweaver as the new Chamber president.

Lineweaver, who is replacing outgoing president Havre Daily News Publisher Stacy Mantle, is a financial advisor at D.A. Davidson & Co.

He said he felt good about being the next president of the Chamber and was excited to get started.

Lineweaver went over the various committees within the Chamber and gave a brief description of their importance.

"We're going to be revamping the committees and just trying to breathe a little more life into some of them," Lineweaver said. "because they really are the workhorse (of the Chamber)."

He added that a new committee will be formed this year, the Commission Visitor Bureau. Lineweaver said because that committee is brand-new he would head it to get a feel for the position.

Havre qualified for the bureau on the state level, Lineweaver said, and the money generated from it will be used to help fund tourism. The bureau will work alongside the Chamber Tourism Committee.

"We're working now on a new website that's more tourism-driven," he



Joe Ross, left, accepts a plaque Wednesday at the Duck Inn in Havre from Curt Lineweaver for his service on the Havre Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

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added. "To kind of draw people to see what is here — retail, restaurants, attractions, hotels."

He said the goal is to have the new website completed by June.

Chamber Executive Director Jody Olson said <https://www.havrearevents.com/> and the Havre Facebook page have been very successful. She said the Facebook was helpful in promoting her message to "stay local and shop local."

She added that last year's ice fishing event was a success and that the raffle was also a success. Olson said the money raised from the raffle went to help fund local scholarships for high school students.

Olson said this year's ice fishing tournament is canceled due to a shortage of ice on the reservoirs, although the raffles still will be conducted with the drawings Jan. 26.

In an effort to attract more tourists

to the Havre area, Olson said, she is going to Minnesota and will hand out brochures highlighting all the things Havre has to offer. Olson said Minnesota has the second-most travelers who pass through Havre.

This year, Olson said, the Chamber will focus on updating its social media presence, as well.

She added that NorthWestern Energy will be helping to light up Town Square at some time in the future. She said she spoke with Josh Peck regarding the lighting and was told by him that they would "light it up like Times Square."

Olson said the new board members for the Chamber of Commerce this year will be Alyssa Crawford from Crawford Distillery and The Yellow Tin Cup, Shaina Hofeldt from Andy's Supper Club, Shaylee Lewis from Lewis Heating and Air Conditioning, Kimmi Boyce from Boyce and Berry Flowers and Shawn Huravitch from NorthWestern Energy.

She added that there will also be some new representatives on the board, such as Mayor Tim Solomon, who will be representing the city, and Montana State University-Northern student representative Brooke Elliot.

Olson, who is in her second year as Chamber executive director, added that the meeting was exciting for her because it was her first annual meeting. Olson said she was unable to attend last year due to personal reasons.

Fire devastates garage at residence on U.S. Highway 2

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Firefighters responded to a report of a garage fire at a residence on the 8600 Block of U.S. Highway 2 West, past Beaver Creek Golf Course, at 10:56 a.m. Wednesday.

Havre Fire Department issued an all-department page, with all available

personnel, 15 total, responding to the call along with one fire truck and two tender vehicles to supply water.

No vehicles were inside of the garage, although items were in it at the time of the fire.

Fire Chief Mel Paulson said that the damage within the garage was extensive and the firefighters were unable to

save the structure. No one was hurt in the fire, he said, and the department was able to contain the damage to the garage.

He added that the department was able to gain control of the fire within the first 10 minutes.

Assistant Fire Chief Kelly Jones said this morning that crews were on hand

for about three-and-a-half hours making sure the fire was completely out.

The garage and its contents were a total loss, Jones said, and items in an attached shed were smoke damaged.

A wood-burning stove was determined to be the cause of the fire, he added.

Pam Burke contributed to this story.

Salvation Army renovation begins

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The Salvation Army announced it is about to start renovations on the Havre Salvation Army Thrift Store.

A clearance sale is set next week and the store's grand re-opening is planned for the spring.

Salvation Army said in a press release the renovations will start Monday.

The Havre Salvation Army Thrift Store will also be open for a clearance sale Friday, Jan. 25, and Saturday, 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, Salvation Army Capt. Jonathan Harvey said, with everything within the store heavily discounted.

"It will give folks in the community an opportunity to purchase those items at drastically reduced prices and also give us a clean slate from which to work," he said.

Renovation on the exterior of the building will have already begun during the time of the clearance sale, he said, although the work should not hinder customers entering the store.

After the clearance sale takes place the Salvation Army will move forward with full renovation.

Salvation Army closed its Havre thrift store last September, announcing it was shifting to primarily volunteer workers in the store and doing renovations including removing lead-based paint and asbestos.

The release this week announced Salvation Army contracted with CK Builders and Valley Furniture and Flooring to renovate the building.

Salvation Army Capt. Jonathan Harvey said Wednesday that CK Builders will renovate the exterior of the building, modernizing and updating the look, while Valley Furniture will remodel the interior, installing new floors and fixtures, repainting and improving the lighting for the store.

"It will be a whole new look on the inside," Harvey said. "We are very excited. We could not be more excited. We love the city of Havre."

The Salvation Army wants to continue to serve the community, he said, and to be as strong financially as they can to serve the community. He said he believes the remodeling to be an investment and will be a great step in having a community-based store.

The new store will be better able to serve Havre and in a stronger position to serve more people than ever before. An upgraded storefront will bring in more customers and using volunteers and paying less in wages will send more money to the Salvation Army services.


"For me it is always a joy to be able to see a new birth, a new life and renewed energy," Harvey said, "so, I'm looking forward to seeing those things take place."

Harvey said they have not yet collected a volunteer team to work in the Salvation Army Thrift Store after the renovations are completed. Although, he added, they have a strong volunteer base already in Havre. He said people who would like to volunteer can contact volunteer coordinator Karen Lynch.

The Salvation Army wanted to make sure construction was in place so they have something to work from, Harvey said, before they decided when to start training volunteers. Now that the renovations are underway, he added, volunteers are welcomed to apply.

This is really ground zero of the new rebirth of the Salvation Army store in Havre, Harvey said.

"It's an exciting new step for the community," he said. "We are just a conduit in many ways to providing help for people. We provide an opportunity for people to serve in volunteerism, we provide opportunity to receive help. We are just excited to be that place where people can serve and be served."

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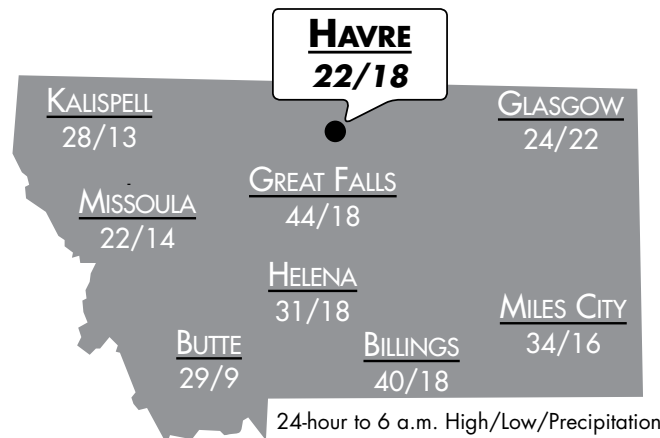


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High/low: 22°/9°
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Record high: 60° in 1973
Record low: -34° in 1982
State high: 48° in Big Timber
State low: 9° in Butte, Bannack
Precip in January: 00"
Normal monthly precip: .20"
Precip for year: 00"
Normal yearly precip: .20"
Sunset tonight: 4:54 p.m.
Sunrise Friday: 8:04 a.m.

Montana's Bullock in no rush to announce plans for 2020

HELENA (AP) — Montana Gov. Steve Bullock appears to be in no hurry to announce his plans for the 2020 election, even as the Democratic field of presidential candidates grows more crowded by the day. Bullock made multiple trips last year to early voting states such as Iowa and New

Hampshire as he flirts with joining what's expected to be a large field of would-be challengers to President Donald Trump. But he's not jumping in yet, and he has given no sign that he plans to announce a decision before Montana's legislative session ends in April.

During a news conference Wednesday, Bullock deflected repeated questions on his presidential aspirations and whether delaying an announcement would put him at a disadvantage when it comes to raising money in a crowded field. "I am at a great advantage to be able to do the job that I

get to do, and that's what I'm focusing on," he said. "My aspirations are to make sure that we get publicly funded preschool for our kids and Medicaid expansion." On Tuesday, New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand became the latest Democrat to enter the race. Last week, former Obama

cabinet member Julian Castro and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard announced their candidacies. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren previously announced she is forming an exploratory committee. In 2017, Bullock formed a political-action committee called Big Sky Values that was

widely seen as a first step in exploring a presidential bid. Since then, he's made numerous appearances nationwide in which he touts his record as a Democratic governor who can work with a Republican legislature, and as a crusader against dark money in election campaigns.

Government shutdown taking toll on wildfire preparations

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press
PORTLAND, Ore. — Just two months after a wildfire wiped out Paradise, California, officials are gearing up for this year's fire season and fear the government shutdown could make it even more difficult than one of the worst in history.

firefighters on the ground to federal contractors and top managers who control the fire-fighting strategy. State and local crews who need training classes, for example, are scrambling without federal instructors. Conservation groups that work with the U.S. Forest Service to plan wildfire-prevention projects on federal lands are treading water. Annual retreats where local, state and federal firefighting agencies strategize are being called off.

Washington, Colorado, Nevada, West Virginia and Michigan sent a letter this week to Trump warning that the shutdown would put lives at risk this coming fire season. Classes necessary for fire incident managers, smokejumpers and hotshot crews are in jeopardy in the near future, the senators said. Smokejumpers parachute into remote forests to battle blazes not inaccessible by firefighters on the ground and hot-shot crews are small groups of elite firefighters trained to battle the most ferocious flames.

The U.S. Forest Service said in an email that the agency was committed to hiring for temporary and permanent firefighting positions and would continue critical training "to the extent feasible." The first session of an apprenticeship program for wildland firefighters went ahead this week, Forest Service spokeswoman Katie O'Connor said. "The agency is assessing and prioritizing the activities we are able to maintain while in shutdown status. We are unable to speculate on specific impacts while the government shutdown is ongoing and ever-changing," O'Connor said in a statement.

Conservationists and fire managers say there are other concerns. Clearing and thinning projects and planned burns on federal land that could lessen fire danger by weeding out flammable debris also are largely on

hold in California, Oregon and elsewhere. Private contractors say they have received letters telling them to stop the work. A backlog of such projects already exists in federal forests in Oregon and Northern California, said Michael Wheelock, president of Grayback, a private contractor in Grants Pass, Oregon. Intentional fires can only be set in a narrow winter window before temperatures and humidity falls — and that is rapidly closing, Wheelock said. "Every week that goes by, it's going to start increasing the impact," he said.

The winter months are critical for wildfire managers who use the break from the flames to prepare for the next onslaught, but much of that effort has ground to a halt on U.S. land because employees are furloughed. Firefighting training courses are being canceled from Tennessee to Oregon, piles of dead trees are untended in federal forests and controlled burns to thin dry vegetation aren't getting done.

The fire season starts as early as March in the southeastern United States, and by April, fires pop up in the Southwest. Last year's most devastating fire leveled the Northern California town of Paradise just before Thanksgiving, leaving just a few months to prepare between seasons. "I think a lot of people don't understand that while there's not fire going on out there right

now, there's a lot of really critical work going on for the fire season — and that's not getting done," said Michael DeGrosky, chief of the Fire Protection Bureau for the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. It's especially important with climate change making wildfire seasons longer, deadlier and more destructive. DeGrosky was supposed to be teaching a course this week for firefighters who want to qualify for the command staff of a fire management team. But the class was canceled without instructors from federal agencies.

Similar classes were called off in Oregon and Tennessee, and others face the same fate as the shutdown drags on. President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats are at odds over funding for a border wall. A dozen senators from Oregon, California, New Mexico,

stop at a stop sign in town. The other rider was flown to the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and was in critical condition. It was not immediately clear who was driving. Police Chief Scott Newell says both riders were on vacation and had rented the snowmobile.

HELENA (AP) — A woman who says she is the daughter of a former Montana high school athletic trainer accused of abusing teenage boys says she supports a bill that would lift the statute of limitations for sex offenses against children. The Great Falls Tribune reports that Kristen Newby told the state House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, "I just don't want to let this ever happen again."

= Montana Briefs

Sheriff: Pilot not injured in small plane crash in Montana

HELENA (AP) — A small airplane crashed on an island in the Missouri River, marking the second plane crash in two weeks near a Montana town southeast of Helena. Broadwater County Sheriff Wynn Meehan tells the Independent Record the pilot was not injured in the crash Wednesday afternoon near Townsend. Meehan says the aircraft, believed to be a Cessna, was intact. He says the pilot was possibly practicing landings when the plane "tipped over" near Crimson Bluffs. Two Gallatin County men were injured when a small airplane struck a power line near Townsend Jan. 2. Both men were flown to hospitals in serious condition. Meehan says the latest crash appears to be less serious.

Information from: Independent Record, <http://www.helenair.com/>.

Judge hears dispute over make-up of Trump energy panel

BILLINGS (AP) — U.S. government attorneys have asked a federal judge in Montana to dismiss allegations that a Trump administration panel reviewing royalties paid by fossil fuel companies is

stacked with industry supporters. U.S. District Judge Donald Molloy in Missoula presided over a Wednesday hearing in the case. He did not issue an immediate decision.

A Montana-based conservation group called the Western Organization of Resource Councils sued the administration in August. It wants to disband the Interior Department's Royalty Policy Committee and strike down its recommendations. The committee was established in 2017 by former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke. It's supposed to find ways to expedite drilling and mining, while making sure taxpayers aren't shortchanged by companies. The lawsuit claims the committee has favored industry with recommendations to speed up oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic and hasten drilling approvals.

Montana officials ID Alabama man killed in snowmobile crash

WEST YELLOWSTONE (AP) — Montana authorities have identified the person who died when a sport utility vehicle crashed into the snowmobile he was riding as a 60-year-old man from Alabama. Gallatin County coroner officials said Wednesday that Michael Najjar of Five Points was declared dead at the scene of the crash in West Yellowstone. West Yellowstone police officials have said the collision happened Monday when the snowmobile carrying two riders failed to

Accused ex-trainer's daughter backs sex offender bill

Information from: Great Falls Tribune, <http://www.greatfallstribune.com/>.

Speaker: Folkvord: 'If you dream alone, it's only a dream'

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sold quickly. He said one large buyer in the beginning, Church Universal and Triumphant, would buy truck-loads of their products. But they still wanted to grow, Folkvord said. The first glimpse they got at how big Wheat Montana could be was when they were contacted by McDonald's Corp., which wanted to purchase their flour to make whole-wheat hamburger buns. The deal fell through, even though they received positive feedback on the buns produced, he said. Because of that experience, Folkvord said they became involved in 1988 with a small bakery in Bozeman. Soon, they purchased the bakery outright

and began manufacturing loaves of bread. They tested a large number of products and business ideas through trial and error, he said, with that creating the Wheat Montana company that is known today. He added that a lot of the lessons he learned from those experiences helped guide the company and aid it in its growth. Although, he added, just because the company was well-established didn't mean it didn't have to change and adapt. Over the years Wheat Montana has diversified its products from bread to cereal to chia seeds, he said. In 2005, Folkvord said, his family sold the farm and bak-

ery to focus on their Wheat Montana Deli restaurants. During the Great Recession starting in 2008 the family's plans to expand their Wheat Montana Delis fell through and in 2010 the Folkvord family repurchased the farm and bakery. Folkvord said Wheat Montana now produces food products that are shipped across the United States every day and employs about 150 people. Folkvord said he stepped away from Wheat Montana as CEO the first of this year and is working on other family investments, such as hotels and motels.

Folkvord's business lessons
Folkvord said he has learned a few things from his experiences that he wants to share with business owners. "Give the customers what they want, not what you want them to have," he said. He added that some of the choices that the business made with products were not his favorite ideas, and sometimes he believed the products would not do well, but the consumers loved the products and some of them are now among their most profitable items. "What they say they want and what they buy are two different things," Folkvord said. He said that, for example, many people talk about wanting

whole-wheat products, although 94 percent of all bread that is sold is still white bread. "If you look the same as everyone else the only difference becomes the price," he said. Wheat Montana, in its early years would package their products differently than their competitors, he said, because they wanted to stand out as a high-quality product and for people to know that just by looking at their products. They have to conduct research to know the best products, he said. "We have to conduct multiple experiments in the marketplace at any one time," he said. Wheat Montana does this to

know what is going on in the market, what works and doesn't work, and what consumers are using their products for, he said. He said one of the surprising things to him is that the chia seeds are outselling flour 7-to-1. He talked about companies marketing hats or other merchandise from and noticed that the merchandise in some cases are more popular than the products. "You have become successful when people buy memorabilia from you," Folkvord said. Folkvord said that the last thing he wanted to share was one of the most important. "If you dream alone, it's only a dream," Folkvord said.

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Community Calendar

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"Death of a Salesman," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge will open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and military, and free to MSU-N students with an ID. Tickets are available at fivehead's, The Computer Center and Bear Paw Meats or at the door.

Local legislative videoconference with state legislators, noon, Conference Room 1 on the first floor of Northern Montana Hospital.

Job Search Techniques, an Ultimate Job Search Workshop, 9 - noon, Havre Job Service. To sign up call 265-5847.

"Hot Diggity Dog for Math" Family Game Night, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., Lincoln-McKinley Primary School. The event will start with free hot dogs and chili in the cafeteria and then move to the gym to play math games with the students.

Snowshoeing the Bear Paws, a Community Ed class, 6-7 p.m., Sunnyside School workroom, for the safety and route class. Jan. 19, 10-3 p.m., class will meet at Bear Paw Nature Trail. Instructor will try to accommodate various skill levels. Cost: \$10. Snow shoe rental is available with pre-registration for additional \$10. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Securing Your Retirement: Transforming Social Security Into a Winning Retirement Strategy, a Community Ed class, 6:30-8 p.m., HHS Media room. Cost is \$2. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Friends of the Library meeting, noon, Havre-Hill County Library meeting room. Planning for the February pie social. New members are welcome.

Lego Time and Robotics, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free and open to the public. For info, call 265-2123.

Friday, Jan. 18
Artist Reception for "Montana! Montana!" artwork by Linda Warneke, 6 - 8 p.m., Artitudes Gallery in the upper level Atrium Mall, 220 3rd Ave. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and a chance to meet with the artist.

"Death of a Salesman," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge will open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and military, and free to MSU-N students with an ID. Tickets are available at fivehead's, The Computer Center and Bear Paw Meats or at the door.

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave.

Saturday, Jan 19
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Sunday, Jan. 20
Public ice skating, 5 - 6:30 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave.

Monday, Jan. 21
Auditions for "The 39 Steps," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 7 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre.

North Central Montana Transit buses will not run this day in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 22
Auditions for "The 39 Steps," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 7 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre.

Class of 2019 Senior Parent-Student meeting, 7 p.m., Havre High Library, to discuss plans for senior activities during graduation weekend.

Bullhook Blossoms Garden

Club meeting, 2 p.m., Hill County Courthouse Timmons Room. The program will be Burchard Gardens presented by Lela Patena. Guests are welcome. For info call 265-2133.

The Keto Craze, a Community Ed class, 6-8 p.m., Havre High Room 162. Participants will learn the ins and outs of The Ketogenic Lifestyle approach to health and weight loss. Cost is \$10. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Slip Pocket Pillow Cover, a Community Ed class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Bearly Square Quilting. Bring to class a half-yard cut of fabric, 18-inch pillow form, thread, basic sewing supplies and good working sewing machine with new needle. Cost is \$10. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Dungeons and Dragons with Game Master Paul Verity, 5th ed., 6 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Character sheet assistance available at the children's desk, but bring a pencil and dice. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Jan. 23
Dealing with Debt, a free webinar viewing from the Solid Finances series, noon - 1 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library meeting room. People are welcome to bring their lunch. For info, contact Jasmine Carbajal, 265-5481, ext. 2333, or jasmine.carbajal@montana.edu.

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave.

Books and Babies, 10:15 a.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free and public is welcome.

Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free and public is welcome.

Thursday, Jan. 24
"The Glass Menagerie," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge will open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and military, and free to MSU-N students with an ID. Tickets are available at fivehead's, The Computer Center and Bear Paw Meats or at the door.

Local legislative videoconference with state legislators, noon, Conference Room 1 on the first floor of Northern Montana Hospital.

Writing Effective Resumes, an Ultimate Job Search Workshop, 9 - noon, Havre Job Service. To sign up call 265-5847.

Pressure Cooker Class, a Community Ed class, 5:30-8 p.m., Havre Middle School Room 162. Class will review basics of pressure cookers and make recipes. Space is limited. Participants are encouraged to bring a pressure cooker. Fee includes all ingredients needed, and participants will eat what they make during the class. Cost is \$28. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Lego Time and Robotics, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Havre-Hill County Library. Free and open to the public. For info, call 265-2123.

Friday, Jan. 25
"The Glass Menagerie," a Montana Actors' Theatre production, 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Little Theatre. Doors and Backstage Lounge will open at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, seniors and military, and free to MSU-N students with an ID. Tickets are available at fivehead's, The Computer Center and Bear Paw Meats or at the door.

East Coast Swing Dance Classes, a Community Ed class, Fridays through Feb. 15, 7-8 p.m., Sunnyside School cafeteria. Each week of this four-week class covers two new steps that will eventually come together for a whole swing song. Cost is \$20, and for 62 and older \$18. Community Ed, 425 6th St., communityed@blueponyk12.com or 395-8550, ext. 6716.

Public ice skating, 5:45 - 7:15 p.m., Havre Ice Dome, 2585 5th Ave.

In era of news deserts, no easy fix for local news struggles

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — The local news industry hasn't been the subject of much good news itself, lately.

Newspaper circulation is down sharply, and so is employment in the newspaper industry. Financial cutbacks have led to the shutdown of nearly 1,800 daily and weekly newspapers since 2004.

Two developments this week brought the issue into further focus. Facebook, whose success has contributed to the news business' decline, announced Tuesday it would invest \$300 million over three years in news initiatives with an emphasis in local coverage. More ominously, the hedge fund-backed Digital First Media, known for sharp cost-cutting strategies, bid to buy Gannett Co., the publisher of USA Today and several daily newspapers across the country including the Great Falls Tribune in Montana.

"It's a struggle every day," said Charles Sennott, a former newspaper beat reporter who co-founded The GroundTruth Project, a foundation that funds the work of journalists. "Every day we are facing the fact that American journalism is in crisis."

Sennott was buoyed this week by Obed Manuel, a young reporter at the Dallas Morning News whose coverage of Hispanic immigration is paid for in part by The GroundTruth Project.

Yet there was a pall over the newsroom they toured. The Dallas Morning News announced 43 layoffs last week, 20 of them newsroom employees, to cope with persistent declines in readership and advertising revenue.

That's a familiar dynamic in the local news industry, where a positive development like Manuel's hiring can feel like a tender shoot of green struggling to rise in a barren late-winter landscape.

The statistics are numbing: U.S. weekday newspaper circulation is down from 122 million to 73 million in 15 years. The number of working newspaper journalists has been cut in half since 2004. Nearly 1,800 daily and weekly newspapers have been lost in the same period, down to a little more than 7,000.

Penelope Muse Abernathy, a journalism professor at the University of North Carolina, whose study of the topic has

given rise to new terminology: news deserts, refers to communities that are no longer covered by daily journalists; and ghost newspapers is a reference to publications that have become a shadow of their former selves in terms of circulation and ambition.

Social media behemoths like Facebook have cut into news readership and revenue. But Abernathy said business decisions of newspaper owners are more to blame. Metropolitan and regional newspapers cut circulation in outlying suburban and rural areas, while many weekly newspapers simply shuttered, she said.

"The country feels very divided and I think a lot of the divisiveness in the country is because people feel they are not being heard," Sennott said. There are fewer local reporters around to listen to and report on their concerns, he said.

The challenge for the news business is convincing the public — many of whom aren't particularly enamored with journalists anyway — that this loss hurts them, too, in terms of how connected they are to their communities when there is less opportunity to know what's going on.

"We are really at a tipping point now," Abernathy said. "Can we revitalize the news industry?"

Facebook is donating \$2 million to Report for America, an offshoot of Sennott's GroundTruth Project that has helped pay for reporters at news organizations in Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Report for America pays part of their salaries, the news organization pays part, and donations are also solicited from the community. There are 13 reporters in place now, with a goal of 50 working by the end of the year.

Facebook is giving a \$5 million grant to the Pulitzer Center for "Bringing Stories Home," which will fund at least 12 in-depth local reporting projects. Much of Pulitzer's previous work has gone to helping pay for international journalism, particularly as it affected local communities.

"This isn't going to solve the challenges facing smaller news organizations and the communities they serve but at least it's a step in the right direction," said Jon Sawyer,

executive director of the Pulitzer Center.

Noted Abernathy: "It's a start."

There have been some 500 digital start-ups attempting to replace coverage offered at the 1,800 newspapers that have closed in the past decade and a half, Abernathy said. The problem is these sites mostly serve urban areas, since that's where there is enough business to provide advertising, she said. She's encouraged by foundations that support news, although much of that funding goes to international projects.

Some large news outlets like The New York Times and Washington Post have provided models to succeed in the new environment, said Ken Doctor, a news industry analyst at Harvard's Nieman Lab. The formula includes a healthy investment in journalism, the creation of innovative digital and mobile products and asking readers to help pay for them.

It helps that the Post is owned by Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world. Few smaller newspapers have anywhere near the resources or determination, he said.

Many companies that own newspapers are motivated by the typical business imperative — making money — and don't necessarily recognize or care too deeply about the public service aspect of journalism, Abernathy said.

"If you believe that (journalists) are a critical part of a functioning democracy, you cannot run this business like you run a widget factory," she said.

Some companies offer a way out, she said. The Minnesota-based Adams Publishing, in business only five years, has viewed the newspapers it has bought as long-term investments, she said. She also pointed to owners of the Pilot, in Southern Pines, North Carolina, who help fund the newspaper by buying or starting other businesses in the community like a bookstore, an arts publication and telephone listings.

"This is very much a long-term game," Sawyer said. "It's why over a third of our budget and staff is devoted to our work in middle and secondary schools, universities and community colleges. The next generation is the one we have to reach, and we believe that compelling, credible journalism is the key."

Local News

NCMT buses not running for MLK Day

North Central Montana Transit buses will not run Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but service will return in full Tuesday. For information on the NCMT's services go online to <https://ncmtransit.rural-transit.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/NCMTransit/> or call the office 265-4762.

West Texas town of Stamford reopens local movie theater

By RONALD W. ERDRICH
Abilene Reporter-News

STAMFORD, Texas (AP) — The balcony is finally open in the West Texas town of Stamford.

The Abilene Reporter-News reports the Grand Theatre is living up to its name. The 1930s-era movie palace, shuttered since 2011, is once again showing films.

Like the Tower Drive-In in nearby Rule, the Grand had to close its doors because of changes in the motion picture industry. The conversion to digital rippled the landscape for small-town theaters across the nation. Stamford has a population of nearly 3,000.

Back in 2002, the Grand received movies in large film cans, shipped from another theater. Once the movie ran for its designated period, it would be packed and shipped to the next theater.

But as cameras went digital, the projectors soon followed. Movie companies realized they could save quite a bit of money by convincing theaters to switch to digital projection. The argument for the switch was not only easier access to movies, but better sound as well.

The only hiccup in this plan is cost, of course. Locally-owned movie houses found themselves going out of business or scrambling to create community partnerships to save their theaters.

An early local example is Eastland's Majestic Theatre, a restored beauty from the same era as the Grand. The M3 Palace Theater in Colorado City also successfully upgraded.

The Grand reopened Nov. 23 with "The Grinch." Jessica Decker, a marketing professional in Stamford volunteering for the theater project, said it's been a community effort.

"About two and a half years ago, the Economic Development Corporation put together a committee of people to fund raise and start the renovation process," she said.

That committee raised more than \$100,000 for the effort through donations and loans.

Volunteers were enlisted for the demolition and restoration work.

"Just a lot of people in general spend a lot of time and money over the past two and a half years to put this thing back together," Decker said.

Why was this a priority for the community?

"People just realized that it was too important to the town to lose. Not only because of the history, it's a key landmark on the square," she said. "But for having a place kids can go for entertainment."

That's true in any small town. And at this time of year, not many want to drive 80 miles round-trip to see a movie.

"Having something to do in the winter that's constructive and beneficial is too valuable to lose," Decker said.

The Grand shows movies at 7 p.m. Friday through Monday, with Sunday's showing a matinee at 3 p.m. They're family-friendly movies, PG-13 and under. Upcoming current features are listed on their Facebook page, but classic movies might be coming.

"That has definitely been discussed," Decker said, and laughed. "I know if it were up to my dad, we'd have a whole John Wayne series."

Powder horn stolen from Detroit-area museum in 1952 returned

By COREY WILLIAMS
Associated Press

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — An oxen gunpowder container made in 1757 and stolen more than 60 years ago from a Detroit-area museum has been returned.

The FBI turned the Nowlin Powder Horn over Tuesday during a ceremony at the Dearborn Historical Museum. Authorities tracked the powder horn down in November to an estate auction in Pennsylvania.

It's not known who originally took the artifact in 1952 and the most recent owner may not have been aware it was stolen. It was sold for about \$13,000 at auction in 1991 to an unknown buyer.

"We got it off the auction block before it went up for auction again," said Jake Archer, special agent with the FBI's Art Crime Team in Philadelphia.

The powder horn was made in Charlestown, New Hampshire, for Lt. Abel Prindel during the French and Indian War, according to the Detroit Historical Society. Prindel's name, rank, the date of its making and a verse from a poem are engraved on the horn.

It later came into the possession of John Nowlin, an early settler of what is now



Robin Buckson/Detroit News via AP

FBI special agent Jake Archer of the FBI Art Crime team holds a powder horn Tuesday as John Bendzick of Dearborn, right, looks on, during a news conference at the Dearborn Historical Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The oxen gunpowder container, made in 1757, was stolen more than 60 years ago from the Detroit-area museum. Authorities tracked the powder horn down in November to an estate auction in Pennsylvania.

Dearborn, just southwest of Detroit. The Nowlin family traveled in 1833 to Detroit from their homestead in New York. The horn was handed down through generations of the Nowlin family and sold in 1947 for \$75 to the Detroit Historical Museum. The Detroit Historical Society operates that museum and loaned it to the Dearborn museum for inclusion in an exhibit called "Saga of a

Settler."

"We don't have many clues as to who may have taken it at that time," said Dearborn police Cpl. Stanley Kulikowski.

Even years after its theft, police in Dearborn continued to look into the case and in 2017 enlisted the help of the FBI.

The powder horn will be on short-term display through the spring at the Detroit Historical Museum.

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Letters to the Editor

A new name for Sen. Sales for his wall bid

From 1953 until 1966 there was a children's television show hosted by a comedian who went by the stage name "Soupy Sales." In 1965, upset at having to work on New Year's Day, Sales ended his live broadcast by directing his viewers to tiptoe into their still-sleeping parents' bedrooms and remove those "funny green pieces of paper with pictures of U.S. presidents" from their pants and pocketbooks. "Put them in an envelope and mail them to me," Soupy instructed the children. Soon, money began arriving and Soupy found himself suspended by management and ridiculed for his actions. Now, another Mr. Sales proposes taking \$8 million from Montana taxpayers and mailing it to the southern bor-

der to build a questionable wall that the majority of Americans don't support. In terms of legislative theater, his obvious political grandstanding could, and should, result in a poor review by management — taxpayers — and eventual ridicule — at the ballot box — as well.

Perhaps Sen. Scott Sales should have a "stage" name as a result of this absurd publicity stunt. Since Soupy is taken, how about Senseless? "Senator Senseless Sales" kind of has a nice, alliterative ring ... would have made a fine character on "Lunch With Soupy."

Mark O'Keefe of Helena is a former Montana legislator and former state auditor

Dems want 'technological wall' that won't keep anybody out

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border would be "immoral." Instead, she favors something she calls a "technological wall." Another top House Democrat, Rep. James Clyburn, calls it a "smart wall."

Instead of building an actual physical barrier of steel, concrete or some other material, Pelosi, Clyburn and other Democrats advocate employing an array of high-tech devices — drones, infrared sensors, surveillance cameras and more — to keep track of activity at the border without physical impediments to discourage illegal crossings.

"We cannot protect the border with concrete," Clyburn said recently. "We can protect the border using the technology that is available to us to wall off intrusions."

The problem is, a smart wall would not actually wall off intrusions. Indeed, the main feature of a smart wall — in past debates it was often referred to as a virtual fence — is that it will not stop anyone from crossing the border into the United States. It can detect illegal crossers and alert authorities to their presence. But it does nothing to keep them from entering the country.

That is especially important given the nature of the migrants crossing the border illegally today. In the past, many were single adult men who could be caught and quickly returned to Mexico. But now, according to the Department of Homeland Security, about two-thirds of the crossers are families and unaccompanied children, who by U.S. law cannot be quickly returned. Once in the United States, their asylum claims — the vast majority are ultimately judged without merit — take a long time to process. During that time, many simply disappear into the country.

The point, for those illegal immigrants, is not to enter the United States without being detected. It is to enter, be caught and begin the asylum process that will allow them to stay, one way or the other.

A smart wall is no obstacle to such crossers. On the other hand, a physical barrier would be a big obstacle and, if placed in key areas of the border, would likely reduce illegal crossings significantly. That is precisely the kind of barrier that Pelosi, Clyburn and other Democrats oppose.

"The virtual fence does not actually block the entry of anyone like a real wall or fence does," said Jessica Vaughan, policy director at the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors tighter controls on immigration. "The virtual fence only works if there are enough Border Patrol agents around to arrest the illegal crossers who are detected."

"Most importantly, this technology would not help in the case of caravan migrants pushing through the obsolete and aging barriers we have in many

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Byron York



places," Vaughan added. "And it does not help at all if the people who cross are detected only to be released after they state a fear of return, or because they brought a minor with them, or if they are unaccompanied minors led across by smugglers."

Given the nature of the illegal flow across the border, a virtual wall would be even less effective than it might have been in the past.

Still, Democrats insist it is what is needed. Rep. Scott Peters, who delivered the recent Democratic weekly address, discussed his home city of San Diego and called for "sensors and radar ... cameras mounted on drones ... (and) state-of-the-art technologies to detect tunnels."

"That is what real border security looks like, and I can tell you that San Diegans want that border security," Peters said. "But we do not want a wall."

Under Peters' plan, the Department of Homeland Security would have to rely on technology at the border; if it wanted to build a physical barrier, it would have to get special congressional permission.

Peters briefly acknowledged that San Diego has a border fence. What he did not tell listeners was that building that physical barrier saved the city from a crisis in the 1980s by dramatically reducing the flow of illegal immigrants. In 1986, with no barrier to speak of, an astonishing 600,000-plus people were caught trying to enter illegally.

Only after fencing went up in 1989, and was lengthened and strengthened a few years later, did the flow subside. People seeking to enter the U.S. illegally moved eastward, to points where there was no fence.

The border barrier was a key factor in solving San Diego's problem. Now, a congressman from San Diego is dead set against building a physical barrier to stop illegal crossings in other parts of the country the way it did in San Diego.

Peters reflects his party's leadership and their determination to stop the construction of any more barriers on the border. But Democrats from Pelosi down still want to appear strong on border security. Now, they are advocating sensors and drones and cameras that would watch an unfenced border — while doing nothing to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.

Those words came out of my mouth with full exclamation stop. And nobody near with ears to hear.

Among other things in this mysterious and strange aging process, things like talking with myself, I have an emerging propensity to use phrases I have not heard since I was a child; phrases I snubbed, vowed never to let pass my more educated, sophisticated lips. Ha.

Yesterday, I returned from my week on the beach in Mazatlan. With a severe shortage of gasoline in the state of Jalisco, among other Mexican states, returning had its moments.

Mexico has a weird new president, Lopez Obrador, whom I most admire for taking a stand against government complacency and gangland corruption. More to the point of weird, he started with his own office, weird things like refusing the opulent presidential palace, sending his guards home and flying coach on commercial airlines. Weird. That kind of weird.

Seems that huachicoleros, a criminal gang by any other name, have had a payday for years beyond counting, stealing billions of pesos of oil annually from Mexico's pipelines.

President Obrador said, "Stop it!" So the government shut down certain isolated pipelines most vulnerable to these illegal taps and diverted fuel to trucks and rail cars under heavy guard. So oil flows but by a sluggish, complicated process.

Consequently, stations which bought black market fuel are shut down. Other stations have long, long, lines of customers in cars, burning gas, creeping up to the pumps, hoping for a fill up, before tanks run empty. That is, both car tanks and gas station tanks.

Oh, for pity's sake!

Looking Out My Backdoor



Sondra Ashton

So, yesterday, as I said, I returned home to Jalisco from a week on the beach in Mazatlan. Being the selfish person I am, you wonder why this gasoline "crisis" should bother me. Well, so do I; so do I.

My diesel-fueled bus goes direct from Mazatlan to Zapopan, a municipality which comprises a huge portion of Guadalajara. (From what I am told diesel fuel is readily available, a boon to public transportation, shipping and farmers.) Leo generally picks me up at the bus station for the more, or less, hour-long drive home to Etzatlan.

Leo called me, "My car broke. And there is no gasoline. I cannot come get you." "Not to worry," I said. "I will take a taxi." He actually called six times trying to figure out best way to get me home. Each time I said the same. I am the only one not worried.

While on the bus, an hour out of Mazatlan, I got a call from Josue. Actually, he called four times, throughout the six hour trip. He had gas, would pick me up. Then, he did not have, did have, did not have. I said, "Not to worry. I take taxi."

The sweet young man (They get younger every year, notice that?) who helped me with my bags after I got off the bus in Zapopan tried to convince me to take the local bus to Etzatlan.

I did that once. Cramped molded plastic seats, knees beneath chin, at least a hundred stops along the road,

no exaggeration, plus stops in every tiny pueblo and hamlet along the way. Three hours later, barely able to move, I brushed off the chicken feathers and goat slobber. I really do not want to repeat that trip, ever again.

I held up my cane, pointed to my hip, said, "Mucho dolor." The young man nodded his understanding, signaled the taxi driver next in line. Within minutes, my handsome young driver, all of fourteen, whisked me down the highway to home, a drive of forty minutes with so little traffic.

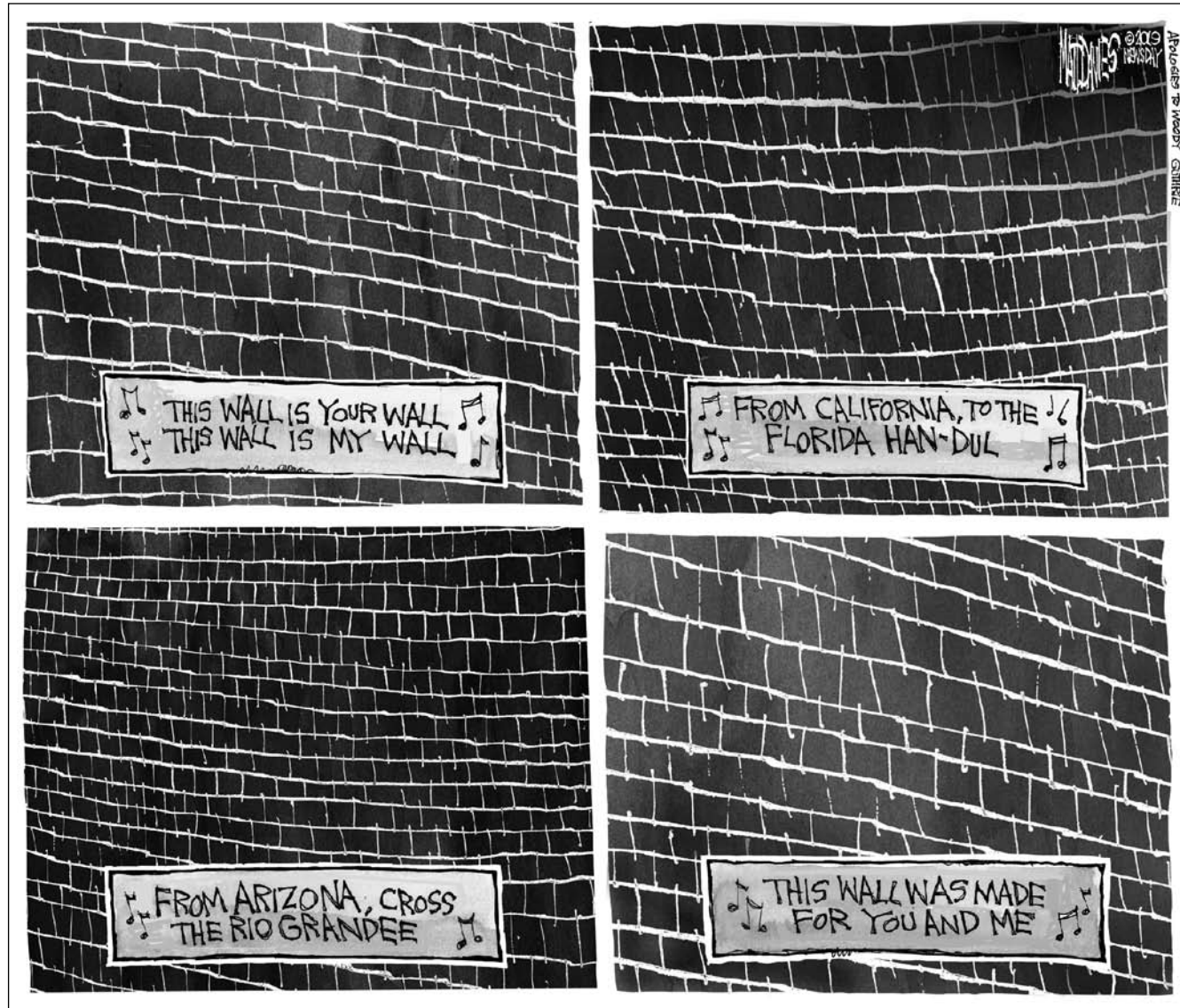
With my own eyes I got to see cars at the few open stations stacked in lines two and three kilometers in length.

So when I got home, I checked Mexican news for the straight skinny on the gasoline situation. While frustrated, most of the Mexican people I know support this short-term inconvenience in exchange for long-term benefits. Neighbors do not just jump in the jitney for every whim. Necessary trips can be managed.

In my search for information, I also discovered there is considerable worry with how the shortage in Mexico could affect the United States. The chief concern voiced in our country was that there would not be avocados for the Super Bowl parties.

"Oh, for pity's sake."

Sondra Ashton grew up in Harlem but spent most of her adult life out of state. She returned to see the Hi-Line with a perspective of delight. After several years back in Harlem, Ashton is seeking new experiences in Etzatlan, Mexico. Once a Montanan, always. Read Ashton's essays and other work at montanatumbleweed.blogspot.com. Email sondrajean.ashton@yahoo.com.



Bill would lower the cost of medication in Montana

Everyone agrees that the high cost of prescription medications is a huge issue, but there hasn't been a serious attempt to solve the problem in Montana. We're changing that by bringing forward legislation we estimate will save Montanans about \$8 million in the first year alone.

Allow us to explain. Prescriptions make up about 20 percent of health care costs, and they're one of the fastest-growing cost drivers in health care. While there are many reasons for this, a primary one is the middlemen who control the process between the manufacturer creating a medication and the consumer buying it.

A major middleman is a type of company called a pharmacy benefit manager, or PBM. Insurance companies contract with PBMs to perform important functions of administering complex pharmaceutical transactions. Besides doing what they were formed to do, PBMs have also devised ways to dramatically increase their profits through secretive and manipulative behavior. Major PBMs have become some of the biggest companies in the world, with hundreds of billions of dollars in revenue.

The shady practices PBMs engage in include price gouging, where they charge insurance companies drastically more for a prescription than they

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Matt Rosendale, Dr. Al Olzewski, Kristen Hansen

reimburse to the pharmacy, increasing the cost of insurance. They keep kickbacks from drug manufacturers instead of passing savings onto consumers.

They claw back additional money from pharmacies, and sometimes even put gag clauses into contracts that prevent pharmacists from telling Montanans it would be cheaper to buy medication with cash rather than through their insurance plan.

Health insurance companies enable this racket being perpetuated on their customers by passing the blame onto PBMs even though they are the ones selling plans to consumers. Insurers continue to use PBMs that engage in bad practices instead of contracting with better ones, and we've discovered that sometimes they don't even know what's in their own contracts. Health insurers should be fighting to lower drug costs for their customers, but they're not.

Hence our legislation. Senate Bill 71 will be heard in the Montana Legislature on Feb. 1. It's a unique, made-in-Montana approach written by the state auditor's office after extensive

investigation. SB 71 will hold insurance companies accountable to their customers by prohibiting price gouging, ensuring all manufacturer rebates are used to lower consumers' costs and requiring other changes to the way the industry operates in Montana. We know our strategy can work because similar changes at Montana's health plan for state employees saved \$7.4 million in the first year.

Federal law creates problems for states directly regulating PBMs and for making these reforms apply outside of our limited jurisdiction. For that reason, SB 71 only applies to health insurance plans sold on the individual market, but it will also provide a roadmap to establishing best practices and be a great starting point to enacting reform more broadly.

To reduce health insurance rates, we must address the costs of health care itself. Senate Bill 71 does just that, and we urge the Legislature and Gov. Steve Bullock to support it.

Republican Matt Rosendale is Montana's state auditor. Republican state Sen. Dr. Al Olzewski is an orthopedic surgeon in Kalispell and the sponsor of SB 71. Kristin Hansen is the state auditor's chief legal counsel and a former Republican state senator from Havre.



From travel to IPOs, how shutdown is upsetting US economy

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Delta Air Lines can't get eight new aircraft in the air. Roughly a million government employees and contractors aren't being paid. Some Americans who are trying to start small businesses face delays in obtaining the required tax identification number from the IRS.

As the partial government shutdown moves through its fourth week with no end in sight, the economic blow is being felt not only by federal workers but also by business people, households and travelers across the country. And while the hit to the overall economy so far remains slight, economist foresee real damage if the shutdown drags into February or beyond.

"Even if the shutdown is over by the end of the month, the hit to growth will be material," Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said in a research note.

Shepherdson projects that after growing for nearly 10 years, the economy might even contract in this year's first quarter if the shutdown lasts through March. Other forecasts are less dire. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics, thinks that if the shutdown extends that long, the economy would slow by 0.5 percentage point but would remain on solid footing.

On Tuesday, Kevin Hassett, a top economist in the White House, acknowledged that the shutdown was weighing on the economy more than he had previously estimated. Hassett, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, said the White House now calculates that annual growth is slowing by about 0.1 percentage point a week.

With the shutdown in its fourth week, that calculation would suggest that the economy has lost nearly a half-percentage point of annual growth so far, though some of that loss occurred at the end of last year and some in the first quarter of this year. Hassett said the economy should enjoy a boost whenever the government reopens.

Previous White House estimates of the impact didn't

fully take into account the effects on people who work for private companies that contract with the government to provide services, Hassett said.

The shutdown is rippling through the economy in ways that are not always visible, making it hard to fully assess its consequences. Complicating the task is that much of the economic data the government normally provides — from retail sales to home construction to the nation's gross domestic product — has been suspended because the agencies that compile it remain closed.

With national parks shut down and some travelers suffering through long security lines and in some cases partial airport closures, for example, many Americans are having to decide whether to cancel travel and vacation plans.

"It is now plainly evident that the shutdown is affecting air travel, and when that happens, damage to the overall U.S. economy will shortly follow," said Jonathan Grella, a spokesman for the U.S. Travel Association, a trade group.

Some companies are pointing to specific problems: Delta said Tuesday that the shutdown is costing it \$25 million a month in government travel. Its CEO, Edward Bastian, said that with the Federal Aviation Administration partially closed, Delta will also likely delay the start date of eight new aircraft.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, which oversees public stock offerings, is mostly closed because of the shutdown. As a result, some companies that had been planning initial public offerings in coming months, including Uber and Lyft, are likely facing delays. Marianne Lake, chief financial officer for JPMorgan Chase, said the bank could lose out on fees from IPOs and merger and acquisition deals that would be delayed if other shuttered agencies can't approve them.

For small companies, too, the effects are increasingly being felt. Edward Farrer, an executive at Principal Manufacturing Corp., a manufacturer in Broadview,

Illinois, said that when the shutdown took effect, his company had nearly won approval for a request to the Commerce Department to import specialty steel from Europe free of U.S. tariffs. Commerce is among the now-closed government departments.

"We think we'd got it to the goal line and were waiting for an approval, but everything is at an impasse because of the shutdown," Farrer said.

Principal Manufacturing uses mainly American-made steel in the parts it sells to automakers and other industrial companies. But it imports some steel from Europe that is used to make a component for auto underbodies. Last spring, it asked the Trump administration to exclude that steel from the 25 percent tariffs the White House imposed on steel imports. Commerce was considering the request as part of a process the administration had established for companies that say they can't obtain the steel they import from elsewhere.

For now, Farrer says Principal is paying the tariffs, which typically cost the company tens of thousands of dollars a month. It wants to keep doing the work, so it is eating the cost, Farrer said. "But we can't do it forever."

Neil Bradley, chief policy officer at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber has heard from members that have been unable to obtain an employer identification number from the IRS. That number is needed to open bank accounts and file tax returns.

Eric Smith, an IRS spokesman, said most U.S.-based businesses can obtain the numbers online, but paper applications aren't being processed.

The most hard-hit by the shutdown, of course, are government workers themselves, who missed their first paychecks Friday, and contractors that work closely with the government. Many have had to cut back on purchases, lowering overall consumer spending.

Among them is Pearl Fraley of Greenville, North Carolina, a consumer safety inspector for the food safety

inspection service. Fraley, 53, helps ensure the safety of the nation's food supply by monitoring slaughter processing plants. It's a job she's held for over 15 years.

Fraley's job, is deemed essential, so she's had to go to work even though she isn't being paid. She and her co-workers were told in an email that if they work 40 hours, they aren't eligible for unemployment benefits under North Carolina rules — even though they're receiving no pay.

Fraley said she feels like "an indentured servant" and said her stress level is "over the top."

"I can't pay my rent," she said. "I can't pay my car payment or insurance. I have money for gas to go to work and for food."

For now, her 25-year-old daughter is contributing some of the money she earns from working at McDonald's.

Zandi said the shutdown could inflict longer-term damage on the government — and ultimately on the economy — in ways that might not be obvious. He noted, for example, that some demoralized federal employees, particularly those with vital skills in such areas as cybersecurity, might quit for jobs in the private sector. Federal agencies may also have a harder time recruiting young workers.

"Government workers have options," Zandi said, particularly with unemployment low and many employers desperate to fill jobs. "This could be quite debilitating to the government."

Hassett said Tuesday that the Council of Economic Advisers itself may lose a potential new hire because of the shutdown.

A "young staffer who we hired for the first job out of grad school ... just informed us that they might have to turn down the job and move back home because they can't start ... and they can't be paid," Hassett said.

Associated Press Writer Michelle R. Smith contributed to this report from Providence, Rhode Island. AP Writers Damian Troise contributed from New York and Marcy Gordon from Washington.

= Obituaries =

Glen Ross Knudson

Glen Ross Knudson was born June 26, 1935, in Havre, Montana, on the family farm; he passed away peacefully in Spokane, Washington, January 5, 2019.

Farming and ranching were the biggest part of his life and the early years he worked eagerly alongside his father to learn the trade. His love of rodeo took him to many communities to compete in bronc riding, bull riding or roping, where he made several buddies along the way. He married Ila Springer in 1957 and they ranched on Red Rock, had five children and lived here until December 1968, when they then moved to Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada and continued ranching until they divorced in 1982.

Glen made his way to Spokane at this time and started his truck driving career until 2010. He enjoyed this part of his life and talked for hours about

all the places in the USA and Canada that he would not have traveled to otherwise. A passion for music took him and Jean to Nashville and Branson and he spent hours watching Grand Ole Opry tapes and listening to music.

Glen is survived by his sons Terry and Toby and daughter, Pam Hebert (Keith); grandchildren Dallas (Ben), Kelsey (Kyle), Jeffrey (Kendall), and Amy (Tyler), and six great-grandchildren; very special friend Jean Shaw; brothers Lyle, Dave and sister Gladys; and many nieces and nephews. Mourning him the most is Missy, his cat and Guardian Angel.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Dorothy (Schafer) Knudson; two sons, Timmy (1963) and Ted, (2015); two brothers and two sisters; and companion Guyanne Jensen (1998).

It's time to rest your mind and body, dad, we will miss you.

Cremation has taken place and a gathering for Glen in Havre will be announced at a later date.

May wins no-confidence vote, but still is beset by Brexit

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LONDON — British Prime Minister Theresa May survived a no-confidence vote in Parliament Wednesday to remain in office — but saw more of her power ebb away as she battled to keep Brexit on track after lawmakers demolished her European Union divorce deal.

May won a narrow victory, 325 votes to 306 votes, on an opposition motion seeking to topple her government and trigger a general election.

Now it's back to Brexit, where May is caught between the rock of her own negotiating red lines and the hard place of a Parliament that wants to force a radical change of course.

After defeating the no-confidence motion, May said she would hold talks "in a constructive spirit" with leaders of opposition parties and other lawmakers in a bid to find a way forward for Britain's EU exit.

She appeared outside her 10 Downing St. residence after meeting the leaders of several smaller parties. The prime minister named the parties in a statement in which she called on opposition politicians in Parliament to "put self-interest aside" and find a consensus on Britain's path out of the EU.

Legislators ripped up May's Brexit blueprint Tuesday by rejecting the divorce agreement she has negotiated with the EU over the last two years. That it would lose was widely expected, but the scale of the rout — 432 votes to 202, the biggest defeat government defeat in British parliamentary history — was devastating for May's leadership and her Brexit deal.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn responded with the no-confidence motion, and urged the government to "do the right thing and resign."

May, who leads a fractious government, a divided Parliament and a gridlocked Brexit process, said she was staying put. May said an election "would deepen division when we need unity, it would bring chaos when we need certainty, and it would bring delay when we need to move forward."

The government survived Wednesday's vote with support from May's Conservative Party and its Northern Irish ally, the Democratic Unionist Party. Many pro-Brexit Conservatives who voted against May's deal, backed her in the no-confidence vote to avoid an election that could bring a left-wing Labour government to power.

Had the government lost, Britain would have faced a snap election within weeks, just before the country is due to leave the European Union on March 29.

Political analyst Anand Menon, from the research group

U.K. in a Changing Europe, said May had a remarkable ability to soldier on.

"The thing about Theresa May is that nothing seems to faze her," he said. "She just keeps on going."

May's determination — or, as her foes see it, her inflexibility — might not be an asset in a situation calling for a change of course. The prime minister has until Monday to come up with a new Brexit plan.

Despite May's pledge to seek a broad consensus, there was no sign of an immediate breakthrough. Opposition leaders brought her a laundry list of sometimes conflicting demands.

Labour's Corbyn said he would not meet with May until she ruled out a no-deal Brexit. Scottish National Party leader Nicola Sturgeon said she needed to keep the option of a second Brexit referendum on the table.

More meetings were planned for today. May said she was disappointed Corbyn had not met her yet but added "our door remains open."

May insisted that any new Brexit plan must "deliver on the referendum result," which she has long interpreted to mean ending the free movement of workers to Britain from the EU and leaving the EU's single market and customs union.

Many lawmakers think a softer departure that retained single market or customs union membership is the only plan capable of winning a majority in Parliament. They fear the alternative is an abrupt "no-deal" withdrawal from the bloc, which businesses and economists fear would cause turmoil.

Labour lawmaker Ben Bradshaw accused May of being "in a total state of denial" about how radically her Brexit plan needed to change.

Faced with the deadlock, lawmakers from all parties are trying to wrest control of the Brexit process so that Parliament can direct planning for Britain's departure.

But with no clear majority in Parliament for any single alternative, there's a growing chance that Britain may seek to postpone its departure date while politicians work on a new plan — or even hand the decision back to voters in a new referendum on Britain's EU membership.

European leaders are now preparing for the worst, although German Chancellor Angela Merkel said there was still time for further talks. She told reporters in Berlin that "we are now waiting to see what the British prime minister proposes."

But her measured remarks contrasted with the blunt message from French President Emmanuel Macron, who told Britons to "figure it out yourselves." He said Britain needed to get realistic about what was possible.

Microsoft pledges \$500M to tackle Seattle housing crisis

SEATTLE (AP) — Microsoft pledged \$500 million to address homelessness and develop affordable housing in response to the Seattle region's widening affordability gap.

Most of the money will be aimed at increasing housing options in the Puget Sound region for low- and middle-income workers at a time when they're being priced out of Seattle and some of its suburbs, and when the vast majority of new buildings target wealthier renters, said Microsoft President Brad Smith.

The pledge is the largest in the company's 44-year history, and, according to the company, is one of the heaviest contributions by a private corporation to housing. The Seattle Times reported. In comparison, the amount

dwarfs the \$100 million in annual funding for Washington state's Housing Trust Fund.

It's too early to say exactly how much affordable housing will ultimately result from the \$500 million, Microsoft officials said. Smith said the company, based in the Seattle suburb of Redmond, hopes to leverage the funds to help create "tens of thousands of units."

The initiative comes as Microsoft and other tech giants that have driven the region's economic boom face increasing pressure to help mitigate affordable-housing shortages. Microsoft is coupling its contributions with a call for other companies to step up, and for Seattle's Eastside suburbs — of which Redmond is one — to facilitate more housing.

The company, which plans a news conference Thursday, will split the funds three ways.

Microsoft will loan \$225 million at below-market interest rates to help developers facing high land and construction costs build and preserve "workforce housing" on the Eastside, where the company has 50,000 workers and is planning for more. The developments will be aimed at households making between \$62,000 and \$124,000 per year.

Another \$250 million will go toward market-rate loans for construction of affordable housing across the Puget Sound region for people making up to 60 percent of the local median income — \$48,150 for a two-person household. The remaining \$25 million will be donated to services for the region's low-in-

come and homeless residents.

Smith said he views the fund as an acknowledgment of the economic realities faced by low-salary workers at the company and elsewhere in King County.

"At some level we as a region are going to need to either say there are certain areas where we're comfortable having more people live, or we just want permanently to force the people who are going to teach our kids in schools, and put out the fires in our houses and keep us alive in the hospital, to spend four hours every day getting to and from work," he said. "That is not, in our view, the best outcome for the community."

Information from: The Seattle Times, <http://www.seattletimes.com>

= For the Record =

Havre Police Department

A caller at Lincoln-McKinley Primary School reported a non-injury vehicle crash between a Ford Explorer and a school bus Wednesday at 7:57 a.m.

Officers investigated the use of a fake \$100 bill was reported at 4:25 this morning at a First Street West business.

Hill County Sheriff's Office

Tyrell Wade Nault of Box Elder, 18, was arrested on a Justice or City court warrant at Hill County Detention Center

Wednesday at 9:10 a.m.

Haley Marie Kelm of Havre, 21, was arrested on a state District Court warrant issued at the detention center at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday.

Brandon cole Velasquez of Box Elder, 23, was arrested on a state District Court warrant served at Hill County Courthouse Wednesday at 2:20 p.m.

A 13-year-old and an 11-year-old were each issued a sum-

mons on a charge of shoplifting after a caller at a U.S. Highway 2 West business reported shoplifters at 6:53 p.m. Wednesday.

Havre Fire Department

Emergency medical personnel responded to two calls Wednesday and one call this morning.

Havre Animal Shelter

The Havre shelter this morning held two medium-hair cats, one long-hair 8-month-old kitten and two long-hair 6-month-old kittens of unknown gender,

one medium-hair female cat and four medium-hair male cats, as well as six cats for its trap-spay/neuter-release program.

The Havre shelter also held this morning a male American bulldog, two female mixed-breed dogs, a female Labrador retriever dog, a female Weimaraner-dachshund dog, a male shepherd dog, a female Anatolian shepherd-husky 10-month-old puppy and a male pit bull-Labrador 9-month-old puppy.



The Next Chapter: A Brighter Future

Because of his age, Rocky Boy's Kendall Windy Boy was denied a final year of high school basketball with the Stars. But, putting a tough upbringing behind him, he's persevering in the classroom, and hopefully on the hardwood again some day

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High school basketball in Montana means a lot of things to a lot of different people. For Kendall Windy Boy, it meant an escape, at least for a few hours each day, from a life that was fraught with challenges.

Despite having an unstable family life and being forced to miss school at times to take care of things at home, Windy Boy eventually developed into a star at Rocky Boy, and last season, Windy Boy helped the Stars eventually take home third place at the Class B state tournament thanks in large part to a 20-point, 29-rebound effort in the third-place game.

Of course, the Stars were always going to lose talent off that team with Ben Iron Eyes and Kordell Small each being seniors. But what Rocky Boy didn't know was if Windy Boy would be able to play during the 2018-19 season or not.

And that's because while Windy Boy was a junior by academic standards, after getting held back at a younger age, he was 19 at the end of last school year and turned 20 this past December.

That meant that Rocky Boy would need to petition the Montana High School Association on behalf of Windy Boy, in order to ask for the 6-foot-7 forward to be allowed to play this season. In the end, however, the petition was denied, which effectively ended Windy Boy's high school career.

Yet, while it was a setback, it didn't end his basketball career and with some hard work, Windy Boy still has everything in front of him on the basketball floor — he's just taking a road less traveled to try and achieve them.

"Right now, he's just trying to graduate high school," Rocky Boy head coach Adam Demontiney said. "He's going to school at Rocky Boy and then taking some college classes and playing for the college team out there (at Stone Child). He's still interested in college basketball and there are some NAIA, four-year colleges still looking at him, so hopefully, he plays well enough at Stone Child to get looked at. But they play a good schedule and some good competition, so that should give him a chance to get noticed and show what he can do."

With Windy Boy's game and his size, it's not hard to imagine why some four-year colleges would be interested in his abilities.



Rocky Boy's Kendall Windy Boy handles the ball during a 2017-18 high school basketball game last winter. Windy Boy was held back multiple times in school as a child, so while he is currently a senior at Rocky Boy High School, he is now 20 years of age and he was denied an appeal to play this season by the Montana High School Association this past summer. Still, Windy Boy is on track to graduate high school this spring and is already taking college courses, while playing basketball for Stone Child College.

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But when the decision was first handed down, Demontiney said it was hard for Windy Boy to be optimistic about the future.

"It sucked," Demontiney said. "None of the classifications wanted to vote for him. It wasn't the outcome I expected and why I appealed the second time was that I didn't think they looked hard enough at why he was held back. It was a sad deal. They overlooked that and they just looked at him as a basketball player, so that was disappointing. But after that, we had to move on to bigger things and try to get him active and keep him in school. He kind of fell off a bit over the summer, he was really down and out about it. But we just had to keep him motivated."

One thing that has helped is the stable environment provided by Demontiney, who has provided Windy Boy with a place to live, as well as being a positive role model in his life.

"He didn't have a stable home," Demontiney said. "He was basically homeless. When I invited him to stay at my house, he was staying with friends and you know friends have arguments, so then he would end up on the street. So I invited him over to our house and he has been with us for two years now."

With Demontiney's encouragement, Windy Boy is determined to end his story on a happy note. He's pushing toward graduation this year from Rocky Boy High School and once that is completed, Windy Boy should have plenty of chances to pursue his hoops career at the next level, along with a college education.

"We push him every day," Demontiney said. "There are some days that he doesn't want to get up and work but we get after him and get him going. He's just a typical kid. But we are on him to make sure that he is getting good grades and making sure that he will get his high school diploma this spring."

While it took an unorthodox solution and a commitment from Windy Boy to play college basketball and take high school classes at the same time, his perseverance should be commended. And the fact that he plans to complete his school diploma shouldn't be forgotten.

Over the course of Windy Boy's life, he has faced a lot of adversity, but in the end, he has always found a way to rise above it and basketball has been a big reason why. And when he reached another low, following the decision not to let him play, he turned back to basketball and once again, in a different way, it helped lead him to salvation.

Blue Ponies look to regain Class A Duals title in Belgrade

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The Havre High wrestling team has just a few weeks to go before the Class A state tournament and one of the great things about the annual Class A duals is that it will provide the Blue Ponies a chance to see a number of different competitors before the state meet.

The tournament, which was won last year by Sidney, the same team that took home the Class A state championship last February, will be hosted in Belgrade once again. Things will get underway Friday and the finals will be Saturday and while Havre head coach Beau LaSalle didn't deny that his team would like a shot at the Eagles, who beat Havre in a dual in December, he said the biggest thing was continuing to improve with the All-Class state meet right around the corner.

"We want to put the best team out there that we can," LaSalle said. "We are going through some injuries right now. So we have to get some of those things taken care of. We want to get a shot at Sidney and we want to win the tournament, but we also have to make sure we are

healthy going into the state tournament, so our lineup might suffer a little bit."

While LaSalle said he is dealing with some injuries in his lineup, he didn't offer any specifics about who might miss time at the Class A Duals. However, the Ponies should have some of their top performers in attendance, such as Martin Wilkie, a 145-pounder that just won the Jug Beck Rocky Mountain Classic. Wilkie was named Most Outstanding Wrestler at the tournament for the second year in a row and Havre beat out teams like Frenchtown and Polson to finish as the top Class A team in attendance.

Joining Wilkie as an individual champion at the Jug Beck was sophomore Mick Chagnon, who will also be a key part of the lineup this week. He is also the top-ranked wrestler in Class A at 103 pounds. Wilkie and Chagnon have both been reliable for the Ponies in duals and tournaments and can be counted on to add bonus points on top of just getting victories. Others that Havre will look to this weekend to rack up points are Connor Harris at 152 pounds, Cameron Pleninger at 120 pounds and Austin Ratliff at 205 pounds. Harris and Ratliff were both

third at the Rocky Mountain; Pleninger was fifth.

"When we get into the matches, with the state tournament coming up, you want to take the mystery out of who's better," LaSalle said. "So we don't have to hang on to one point wins, we want to go out and dominate. That will make it that much easier down the road when you take the mystery out of it. We want to get our young guys some more matches and for our more experienced guys, we want to compete and try to dominate from start to finish."

LaSalle indicated that there may be some lineup shakeups, giving the need to manage injuries, but other wrestlers that could potentially see the mat at one time or another in the Class A duals for Havre are Riley Pleninger, Kendall Pleninger, Hunter Velk, Dominic Perkins, Lane Paulson, Randy Tommerup, Orion Thivierge, Taylor Gopher and Brayden Stadell.

The Class A duals will open Friday morning for the Ponies, who will take part in competition within their pool before advancing to the single-elimination tournament which will wrap up the meet Saturday. The Ponies are now just two weeks away from the start of the postseason.



Havre 103-pounder Mick Chagnon, right, won an individual title at last weekend's prestigious Rocky Mountain Classic in Missoula. Now, Chagnon will try and help his Blue Ponies win back the Class A Duals championship when Havre heads to Belgrade for the annual dual tournament Friday and Saturday.

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Lights aim to stay hot on the road

Northern men take a three-game winning streak into tonight's rematch with Western

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The Montana State University-Northern Lights are on a roll. Now, to keep the roll going, they'll have to win on the road for a while.

Northern (3-3, 11-7), winners of three straight Frontier Conference games, will be away from the Armory Gymnasium for the next two weeks, and that road trip starts tonight with a rematch against the Montana Western Bulldogs in Dillon. Northern then traverses west to Lewiston, Idaho, for a second meeting with the Lewis-Clark State Warriors.

And it was just two weeks ago that the Lights' current hot streak started, and ironically, it started with a heart-breaking loss to the Bulldogs in the Armory. Since that game, the Lights have beaten nationally ranked LC State, nationally ranked Providence, and a much-improved Montana Tech squad.

The key to those wins has been a resurgent Northern offense. The Lights have always been stout offensively, especially with dangerous 3-point shooters like Mascio McCadney, Adam Huse, Devin Bray and Caulin Bakalarski. Bakalarski has been especially sizzling during Northern's win streak, too. Add to that the always steady play of Justin Dunsmore and perhaps the Frontier's best sixth-man in Kavon Bey, and the Lights are very hard to defend. But in their last three games, they've been even better. Northern is shooting better than 55 percent from



Montana State University-Northern's Justin Dunsmore, left, drives by a Montana Tech defender during Saturday's Frontier Conference game in the Armory Gymnasium. The Lights will play their next five games on the road, starting with a rematch with Montana Western tonight in Dillon. Western was the last team to beat the Lights, who are currently on a three-game win streak.

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the field and a scorching 48 percent from the 3-point-line during its current winning streak.

"I do feel like we're starting to

click more and more," Northern head coach Shawn Huse said. "It does feel like we're improving more and more, and that has

been the goal all along."

Now, the goal is to continue growing, especially since the Lights have become a major

factor in the Frontier. Northern enters this weekend's trip in a four-way tie for second in the conference standings.

But, to keep all this going, the Lights will have to beat the last team that beat them — Western. The Bulldogs built a big lead in Havre two weeks ago, and while the Lights nearly came all the way back, Western escaped the Armory with a win. Still, the Dawgs (1-5, 7-10), have just one win in conference play, and they have struggled at times offensively. Kooper Kidgell is a dangerous inside-out threat, but overall, Western is struggling to put the ball in the hole.

The same cannot be said for LC State. Ranked No. 16 in the latest NAIA Coaches Poll, the Warriors (3-3, 14-4) are not just one of the highest-scoring teams in the conference, but in all of the NAIA. They average 94 ppg, and still hit that mark in the Lights' 99-95 win over LCSC two weeks ago in Havre. It's no surprise that LC can score given the wealth of talent at its disposal. Damek Mitchell scored 39 points the last time out against Northern, while Dana Abe, Cory Dollarhide, Race Martin and Cordell Hankerson all average in double figures, and five more Warriors average at least six points or more per night.

Yes, there's no doubt, Northern's two road games will be interesting this weekend. The Lights are seeking revenge tonight in Dillon, while the Warriors will look to get some pay-back against the Lights Saturday afternoon.

"Well, we know both teams very well and they know us very well ... having just played them a week ago," Huse said. "We will certainly need to be ready to go and playing with the energy I've seen recently from our squad if we expect to come out on top in these ones. The road is always a challenge but it feels like the guys are excited to give them everything we've got."

The Lights meet Western tonight at 7:30 in Dillon. Northern takes on LC State Saturday at 4 p.m. in Lewiston, Idaho.

Skylights hope to keep momentum going at Top 25 rivals Montana Western, LC State

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The Montana Western Bulldogs are one of the best teams in all of NAIA women's basketball. And the Montana State University-Northern Skylights have to play them for a second time in just 14 days.

When Northern (1-5, 9-9) heads to Dillon tonight to play the third-ranked Bulldogs (5-1, 14-1), it will start a five-game road swing for the Skylights. And while MSU-N was thumped by Western back on Jan. 4 in the Armory Gymnasium, the Skylights have a lot of confidence going into tonight's rematch.

That's because Northern is fresh off its first win in league play, a thrilling overtime victory over Montana Tech Saturday night. Before that, the Skylights also came within seconds of knocking off nationally ranked Lewis-Clark State and Providence, so, to say MSU-N is playing better since its bitter loss to Western would be an understatement.

"I think you see the growth," Northern head coach Chris Mout said after Saturday's win against the Orediggers. "We're getting better. We're growing."

The Skylights are getting better, and they're becoming a much deeper team thanks to the return of forwards Hailey Nicholson and Tiara Gilham, who both missed more than two months with injuries. With that pair back in the lineup, the Skylights have a deeper bench, and they've been much better defensively. Northern is allowing just 56 ppg in conference play, and just 51 ppg in the last three outings.

Of course, the Skylights know their defense will have to be stellar tonight in Dillon. Western leads the Frontier in scoring, and has All-American Brianna King, and a host of talented weapons around her. King dropped 26 points on the Skylights the last time out, and as good as Western is offensively, the Dawgs are even better defensively, as they lead the NAIA in scoring defense.

"Western is one of the best teams in the country and they have played at an extremely high level all season long," Mout said. "With all five starters back from their Final 4 run a year ago, they have a ton of experience. They also have one of the best (if not the best) players in the country in Bri King. She



Montana State University-Northern's Gokce Aslan runs a play during Saturday's Frontier Conference game between the Skylights and Montana Tech Orediggers in the Armory Gymnasium. Northern is on the road this weekend, playing nationally ranked Montana Western and Lewis-Clark State for the second time in two weeks. The trip starts tonight when the Skylights face Western at 5:30 in Dillon. MSU-N then travels to LC State Saturday afternoon.

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can do it all and makes them very dangerous. Western is very, very good defensively, and they are potent on the offensive end. They are just a very complete team who takes advantage of your mistakes."

Indeed, the Bulldogs are as good as anyone the Skylights have faced, and will face, this winter. But the road trip doesn't get any easier once Northern leaves Dillon.

Saturday afternoon, MSU-N will be in Lewiston, Idaho, for a rematch with the No. 18 Lewis-Clark State Warriors (3-3, 13-4). Northern took LCSC down the wire two weeks ago in Havre and had a chance to send the game into overtime on the last play. But the Warriors held on, and with a huge front line led by Jossilyn Blackman and Hailey Turner and a stingy defense, Mout knows another game

against the Warriors will be daunting.

"Lewis-Clark State has a ton of size and depth," Mout said. "They are playing a lot of kids and they are very talented. They are playing very fast and getting shots up in a hurry, so defensive transition will again be big for us. We also have to keep them off of the boards because they keep a lot of possessions alive at the offensive end. I expect them to continue to bring full-court pressure at us for 40 minutes."

As tough as the Warriors are, the Skylights' near miss against them in Havre is what started Northern's recent run of strong play. And the Skylights — led by Peyton Kehr's 14 ppg, as well as the continuing excellent play of point guard Gokce Aslan and the dangerous 3-point shooting of Allix Goldhahn — are hoping that strong play continues on the

road this weekend and beyond.

"This is a tough trip against two nationally ranked opponents," Mout said. "In both games, it is vital that we take care of the ball and that we are attacking on the offensive end. Against both teams, we didn't generate enough offense the first time around. Both are sound defensive teams and both bring pressure in different ways, and both are very good on the boards. Executing at a high level is important for us, and limiting Western and LC to one shot at the offensive end will be a major focus. These are two tough teams with great players."

Tonight's game between the Skylights and Bulldogs tips at 5:30 in Dillon. Saturday's game between Northern and LCSC gets underway at 2 p.m. in Lewiston, Idaho.

MSU-N grapplers get a taste of a big-time NAIA tourney atmosphere this weekend in Missouri

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The 2019 NAIA national wrestling tournament is still seven weeks away. But the Montana State University-Northern Lights will get as close to a look at what nationals will be like as they can get when they travel to Marshall, Missouri, this weekend.

The third-ranked Lights will be in Missouri for the annual Missouri Valley Invitational, a tournament which attracts most of the top NAIA programs in the country.

So, as in years past, the tourney in Missouri will have a national-tournament feel to it, especially with top-ranked Grand View, the five-time defending champions in attendance.

However, Grand View and the Lights won't be the only top teams in the field this weekend. Joining the Lights and Vikings are such NAIA powerhouses as, second-ranked Indiana Tech, as well as Baker, Menlo, Midland, Missouri Valley, Reinhardt, Lindsey Wilson, Oklahoma City, Cumberlands and more. In fact, 14 of the Top 20 teams in the NAIA Coaches Poll will be in a field of over 40 squads this weekend.

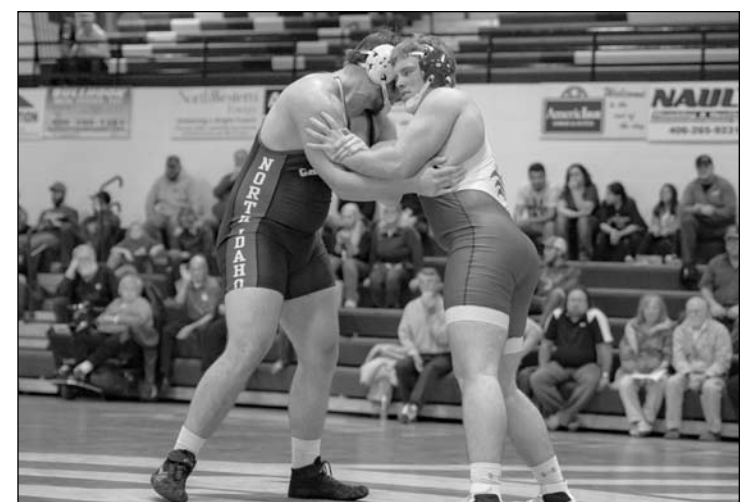
And that means, the Missouri Valley Invite will be a stern test for Northern's 12 grapplers in attendance. Those set to compete for the Lights include, second-ranked Brandon Weber (157),

second-ranked Isaac Bartel (197), second-ranked Chris Nile (174), fifth-ranked Andrew Bartel (165), 12th-ranked Nick Kunz (125), 14th-ranked Landon Bailey (133), 19th-ranked Jase Stokes (HWT) and 16th-ranked Chase Short (174). Steeler French will also be a key grappler for the Lights this weekend. Top-ranked Matt Weber (141) is currently sidelined with an injury.

Make no mistake, it's a big weekend for the Lights, too. After dominating Minot State and the Tyler Plummer Classic last week, Northern is on a roll, and the Missouri Valley Invite marks MSU-N's final tournament before next month's Cascade Conference championships.

The rest of MSU-N's schedule for the regular season will be duals, starting with next Thursday's senior night dual against Dickinson State. The Lights were set to host both Northwest College and DSU in the Armory Gymnasium, but Northwest won't be making the trip. Following the dual against the Blue Hawks, Northern closes out the regular season with a Jan. 26 dual at ranked rival Embry-Riddle, and the Feb. 6 rematch with the University of Providence in Great Falls.

The Missouri Valley Invite will start Friday morning and run through Saturday afternoon in Marshall, Missouri. Next Thursday's final home dual for the Lights against DSU will start at 7 p.m. in the Armory.



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Montana State University-Northern heavyweight Jase Stokes, right, won an individual title at last weekend's Tyler Plummer Classic in Dickinson, North Dakota. Now the Lights are set to compete in the even tougher Missouri Valley Invitational.

BUSINESS

Lorang of Havre earns honors from D.A. Davidson

Press release
GREAT FALLS — D.A. Davidson & Co. has named Jacob Lorang of Havre to its President's Club, one of the company's most prestigious honors organizations.

Lorang qualified for the distinction based on his integrity, strong business practices and client-first focus and, by earning the honor, can become involved in the direction and philosophy of the company's

Wealth Management group. Lorang serves as vice president, senior vice president and financial advisor. He works with his business partner, Associate Financial Advisor Curtis Lineweaver, as Milk River Wealth Management advisors with D.A. Davidson & Co.

Lorang joined D.A. Davidson in 2007 after previous work with UBS Financial and completing an intensive continuing education program at D.A. Davidson's

headquarters in Great Falls. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Montana State University and the certified wealth strategist™ professional designation.



Lorang

How small businesses can cope with the government shutdown

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NEW YORK — Small businesses affected by the government shutdown are contending with either a drop in revenue or their inability to get help from federal agencies, or both. A look at what some owners are doing, and what owners should do to protect themselves during any future shutdowns:

- Half of Yael Krigman's revenue comes from her bake shop, Baked by Yael, located near the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Most of the shop's customers are visitors to the zoo, which is closed. So Krigman is increasing her social media marketing, trying to boost revenue from her corporate and online businesses.

- Federal contractors who aren't getting paid and have no orders coming in are trying to increase their business from other customers. Tim Touchette, whose company Attache Corporate Housing manages temporary homes for business travelers including government employees, is

working to increase sales from other types of clients. For example, diplomats, lawyers and college professors.

Many small business federal contractors become dependent on the government for most of their revenue. Jennifer Schaus, who does consulting for government contractors, recommends that they diversify even when there's no threat of a shutdown. "They should also want to work for state and local governments and some commercial clients," says Schaus, whose company bearing her name is based in Washington, D.C.

- Companies that want to obtain Small Business Administration loans should start the application process now. Although SBA employees aren't able to review or approve applications, the loan process starts with banks; an application should be completed by the time the shutdown ends.

- Companies shouldn't expect business to be back to normal right after the shut-

down ends. Veterans of past shutdowns have learned that when government employees get back to work, they face a backlog of orders, requests and applications. According to Drew Boling, whose company, Custom Vehicle Upfitters, is a federal contractor, "we'll still have months to get back on track."

- Having a line of credit or other financial cushion can help a company weather a shutdown. Owners whose companies are dependent on government contracts, or whose customers are government workers, should make sure they always have a financial buffer.

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Sears survives a near-death experience, but for how long?

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK Sears will live on — at least for now.

Its chairman and biggest shareholder, Eddie Lampert, won tentative approval for a \$5 billion plan to keep the ailing, 132-year-old department-store chain in business, fending off demands from creditors that it throw in the towel, according to a person familiar with the negotiations. The person was not authorized to discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday.

Lampert, the hedge fund owner who steered Sears into Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in October, is aiming to keep open roughly 400 stores and preserve tens of thousands of jobs.

But how long Sears can survive under the 56-year-old billionaire, who has tried and failed to turn it around many times before, remains an open question.

The company that was once the Amazon of its day, selling everything from girdles to snow tires, still faces cutthroat competition from the likes of Amazon, Target and Walmart. Its stores are looking drab and old. And Lampert has yet to spell out how he plans to change the company's fortunes.

"While there's no doubt that a shrunken Sears will be more viable than the larger entity, which struggled to turn a profit, we remain extremely pessimistic about the chain's future," said Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail.

"In our view, Sears exits this process with almost as many problems as it had when it entered bankruptcy protection. In essence, its hand has not changed, and the cards it holds are not winning ones."

Sears' corporate parent, which also owns Kmart, had 687 stores and 68,000 employees at the time of its bankruptcy filing. At its peak in 2012, its stores numbered 4,000.

The company was hammered during the recession and outmatched in its aftermath by shifting consumer trends and strong rivals. It hasn't had a profitable year since 2010 and has suffered 11 straight years of declining sales.

At a bankruptcy auction held this week in New York, Lampert won the OK from a



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A sign for a Sears Outlet department store is displayed Oct. 15 in Norristown, Pa. Multiple media outlets reported early Wednesday that billionaire Eddie Lampert has won a bankruptcy auction after strengthening his bid in several days of negotiations with creditors. Lampert, Sears' chairman and largest shareholder, upped his offer to more than \$5 billion and added a \$120 million cash deposit through an affiliate of his ESL hedge fund.

subcommittee of the Sears board for a rescue plan financed through an affiliate of his hedge fund ESL.

Many of Sears' unsecured creditors, who rank at the bottom of the list to be paid and include merchandise suppliers and landlords, had pressed for liquidation, contending the business was worth more dead than alive. They also questioned the propriety of certain deals Lampert has done while at Sears.

Lampert's rescue plan still needs approval from a bankruptcy judge in White Plains, New York. A hearing is set for Feb. 1. Creditors will have the opportunity to object before then. The specific terms of the bid haven't been made public.

Lampert personally owns 31 percent of the Sears' outstanding stock, and his hedge fund has an 18.5 percent stake, according to FactSet.

Lampert, who stepped down as CEO in October after being in that role since 2013, pledged years ago to return Sears to greatness, but that never happened. He has been criticized for not investing in the stores.

Under Lampert, Sears has survived in part by spinning off stores and selling well-known brands like Craftsman tools, and he has also lent some of his own money, though critics say his real aim was benefiting his hedge fund.

If his bid to save Sears gets final approval, he will need to

reinvent the business. That means revitalizing the stores and focusing on the major appliances and tools that were once Sears' proudest products, industry analysts say.

Sears will also need to convince shoppers like Sanjay Singh they should come back.

Singh was recently shopping with his wife at the Newport Centre Mall in Jersey City, New Jersey, and stopped by a Sears to look for a swimsuit for his 11-year-old daughter. He said he usually shops at places like Macy's and J.C. Penney because they have a better assortment of merchandise and the quality is also better.

"Sears is usually my last option," he said.

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A balmy start to winter has infringed on the popular sport of ice fishing on the Hi-Line

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Last winter probably seemed like an ice fisherman's paradise around Havre and all over Montana. Of course, few other people would have chosen to use the word paradise when describing the winter of 2018.

Fast forward one year, though, and Havre has seemed like paradise so far this winter. Except for the ice fisherman that is.

With well-above average temperatures and little precipitation so far this winter, there is very little ice on local fisheries, so it seems more like regular fishing season than ice fishing season.

And right now, there's some good and some bad coming with the lack of ice, according to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks local biologist Cody Nagel.

The good is, with a less harsh winter, fish will have a much better chance at survival, though he also noted that the warm temperatures and lack of ice on reservoirs and lakes, really isn't too big of a deal one way or another.

"It's kind of indifferent actually," Nagel said. "Last winter was really harsh, and we did observe quite a bit of winter kill. So the lack of ice will probably carry more fish through the winter."

The lack of a harsh winter is also good in the sense that, fishermen can get to more ponds this winter.

"That was a big thing last winter, access for anglers was pretty limited," Nagel said. "There were a lot of remote places they just couldn't get into with all of the snow. So they're not having that problem this year."

The problem for ice fishermen, though, is, of course, a lack of ice. Little to no ice, because of days that have felt more like September or May than December and January, have limited



anglers' ability to harvest much fish this winter.

"It's a safety thing more than anything right now out there," Nagel said. "A lot of anglers are used to accessing their spots with ATVs or vehicles. It's a lot easier to do that than carry all their gear across the ice on foot, and right now, they can't do that most places. There just isn't that kind of ice on most bodies of water. So that's hindered their access quite a bit."

"But, we do have reports of some good ice along the (Canadian) northern border," he added. "There are some ponds up there where there is some decent ice."

For the most part, though, many of the popular fisheries around Havre and along the Hi-Line just don't have the ice that normally comes with a typical winter, so there's no denying, ice fishing has been pretty slow so far this winter.

And with the conditions the area has seen so far, it's also time to start thinking about what the El Niño will do to local fisheries come summer.

"It's hard to tell right now what it will be like this summer," Nagel said. "Right now, actually, things are still pretty average as far as water is concerned in the

Milk River Valley. For example, Fresno is only 47 percent full right now, but if you look at the averages, it's right at 100 percent average. And after last winter, all of our ponds and reservoirs were pretty much plum full last spring and summer, so they should still be in good shape right now. But if this were to continue for a couple more months, then things could change as far as how much water we're going to have this summer."

That's the beauty of a Montana winter, things can, and likely will change. NOAA is predicting that north-central Montana will continue to see above average temperatures in February and March, but its predictions for precipitation for those two months are more at or slightly below average. And up to 2 to 3 inches of snow is predicted to come today into Friday. So while the ice fishing may not be the best for the remainder of the season, it's not time to hit the panic button on the summer fishing just yet.

"It all depends on the next couple of months," Nagel said. "It would only take a couple of major precipitation events, or some good rain in the spring to right the ship."

Above: Plenty of open water, little ice, and no ice houses can be seen at Beaver Creek Reservoir earlier this week. The warm start to the 2019 winter has left many area lakes and ponds without enough ice for safe ice fishing. Below: A view of the thin ice at Fresno Reservoir earlier this week. Fresno is a popular ice fishing spot on the Hi-Line, but because of well-above average temperatures, quality ice fishing has been limited so far this winter. For more photos, go to www.havredailynews.com.



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WHEN DEPRESSION STRIKES

Editor's Note: Annie Lane is off this week. The following column was originally published in October 2016.

Dear Annie: I want people to know that depression can happen to someone even if her life appears wonderful. I know from experience. A few years ago, I had just married a wonderful man and moved to a beautiful home in a fun new city. I had been looking forward to these changes for months. However, once we moved, I found myself deeply sad and irritable.

I remember when our wedding pictures came in the mail from our photographer. I felt as if I were looking at a stranger when I saw myself. The happy bride in the photos seemed a million miles away. I wondered what was wrong with me. How could I have been so happy just a few weeks before? I was absolutely positive that I would never smile again the way I smiled in those photos. On top of that, I felt so embarrassed and ashamed to be so unhappy. After all, a large group of my friends and family just celebrated with us, brought gifts and wished us well.

I forced myself to join a social group in my new city and saw my primary care physician for a referral to a mental health professional. She diagnosed me with depression and explained that a major life change can sometimes contribute to depression, even if that life change is something great. I got treatment and have felt much better. I want other people to know that they don't have to suffer with depression. There is help available. -- Chris in Massachusetts

Dear Chris: Thanks so much for coming forward and reminding all of us that depression is common and treatable. Today, Oct. 6, is National Depression Screening Day. About 10 percent of Americans suffer from depression each year. Symptoms to look out for include feelings of hopelessness and pessimism, decreased energy, insomnia or oversleeping, and significant changes in weight. If you feel you or a loved one may be depressed, see a licensed therapist.

Anyone can take a free and anonymous depression screening at http://www.HelpYourself-HelpOthers.org.

Dear Annie: In response to "Sick and Tired," the gentleman who is 5 feet tall and having a tough time: My husband and his brother were both short. The difference in the two was that my husband carried himself tall while his brother used his height to gain pity.

My husband not only handled everyday life well but also stood up for those who could not stand up for themselves. Once, when a gang of teens surrounded a man in a wheelchair, terrorizing him, my husband, who was using a cane at the time to get around, waded into the fray, giving the man a chance to get into a nearby store.

The store manager, a woman, came out to help, while all the "tall" men hid like children in safety.

It is not your height that makes you tall. It's how you feel about yourself. -- Proud of My Husband

SENSE & SENSITIVITY

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FRIEND TOOTS HER OWN HORN AT WORK

DEAR HARRIETTE: I have a friend who has had a hard time finding work. I recently helped her get a freelance job where I have also been working, and she's doing pretty well. The problem I have noticed is that she is constantly selling herself, telling stories about things she accomplished in the past. These victories are from 20-plus years ago, and the young professionals she is working with don't care. I think it hurts her to bring up her past because it highlights her age. We still live in a society that is sensitive to age and gender. How can I suggest to her that she just do her job and stop singing her own praises? -- Helping a Friend

DEAR HELPING A FRIEND: Pull your friend aside and have a heart-to-heart talk with her. As difficult as it may be to bring up this topic, you know that she trusts you, so you are the best person to tell her. Suggest that she stop going down memory lane, and instead stay focused on the work at hand. If she handles a project well and she is asked how she knows how to do a particular task, she should then say she learned it when working on a project that she can describe.

In general, bragging about anything is annoying to those listening. Tell her what you have observed, how you have reacted to her commentary and how you have noticed that others have responded. Chances are, she doesn't realize the effect of her behavior. She is overcompensating while trying to fit in. Suggest that she just relax and let her work speak for itself.

DEAR HARRIETTE: I am blessed to have a mother who is approaching her 90th year. She is fortunate to have quite a few friends her age who are still alive. I guess it's natural that they are having all kinds of health challenges. Every few months there's another issue. One has heart palpitations. The other got a pacemaker. Another is losing her memory. One of the few husbands left has inexplicable bleeding issues. And yet they are here. How can we, their children, stay upbeat when their health problems are scaring us? This came up again during the holidays when one of my mother's best friends was hospitalized on Christmas Day. -- Elder Care

DEAR ELDER CARE: Keeping things in perspective may help. You are so fortunate to have your mother and her friends in your life and doing their best as they advance in their years. You are now in a stage of life where you are having to care for your parents in the ways that they cared for you as a child. Often, elders require lots of hands-on care to manage to day to day.

Perhaps you can create an informal support group with your peers who have elderly parents. As your roles evolve into caregivers, be there for one another to talk about your parents' issues and your own ability to handle the realities of each day. You can create a group chat, a weekly call or a get-together if you are in the same town. Just talking to each other will help you to feel less isolated.

ASTROGRAPH

Trust in your judgment and stick to what's worked for you in the past. Change isn't necessary unless something isn't working anymore. Be moderate, take your time and do what's best for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Emotional meddling is apparent. Go directly to the source before you help someone or donate to a cause you know little about. Don't follow someone else; do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Take a moment to relax and review your situation at home and at work. An honest look at affairs will help you bring about a positive change and renew your confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Be careful what you wish for. Stick to what you know, and make the most of what you've got. Simplicity, moderation and honesty will keep you from making a mistake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Don't get angry when you can get moving. If you take care of your responsibilities, no one will have reason to complain. Personal gains are within reach if you do what's right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- You know better than anyone what you are capable of doing. Set high standards and live up to your expectations. You have the drive and wherewithal to reach your goal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Too much of anything will lead to trouble. Focus more on what you can do to improve your vitality, health and physical appearance. A little romance will enhance your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Stick to what and who you know. Avoid anyone who is looking for a fight. You'll accomplish far more if you keep the peace, go about your business and finish what you start.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Socialize, take up a new hobby, spend time with a loved one or make personal changes that will lift your spirits. Make today special, but don't overspend or exhibit indulgent behavior.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Don't let an emotional incident stop you from being productive. Consider whom you are indebted to, and do what you can to wipe out what you owe.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Keep the peace and focus on personal growth, enlightenment and better health. Ease your stress by walking away from people and situations that are causing problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- Make a plan that will help you convince others to see things your way and support your efforts. A lifestyle change will ease stress and encourage minimalism.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Personal changes will bring you closer to loved ones and improve the way you live. Distance yourself from people who are bad influences. Put health and family first.

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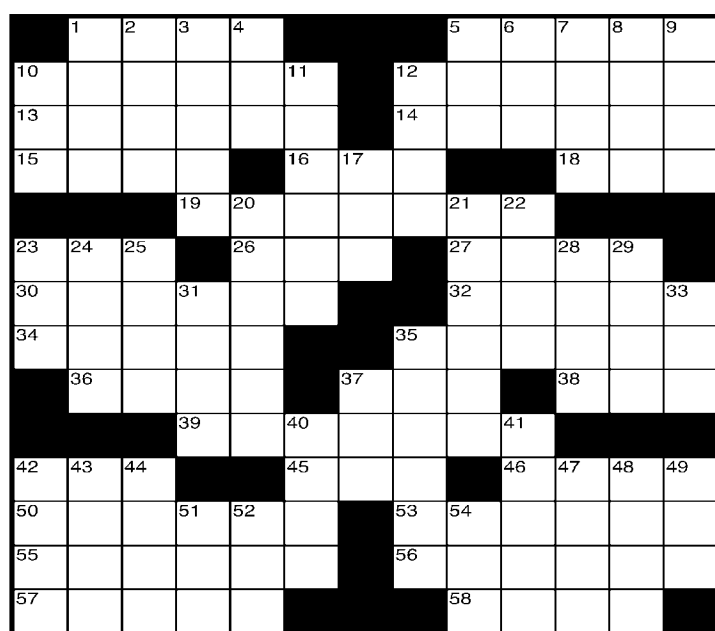
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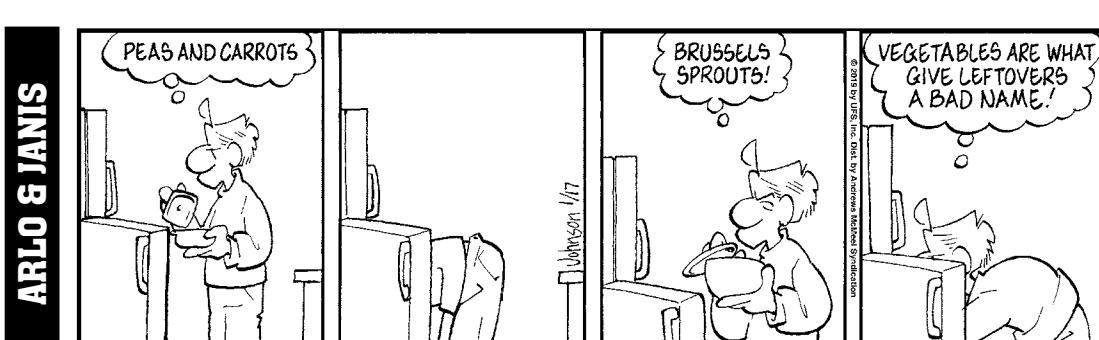
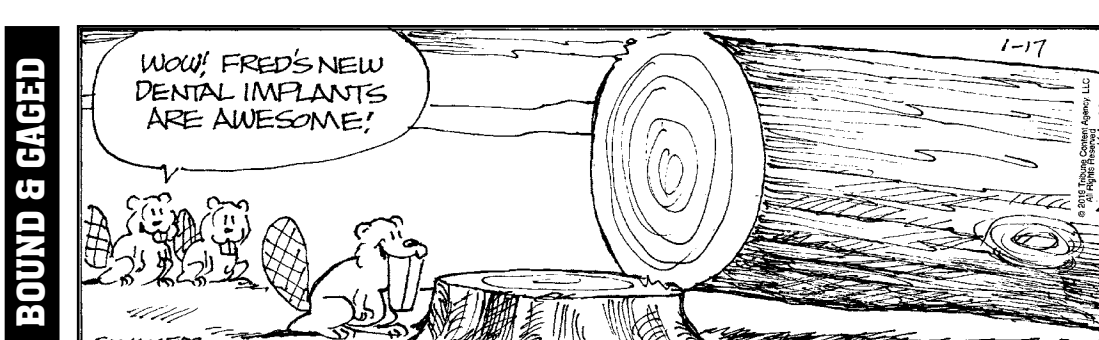
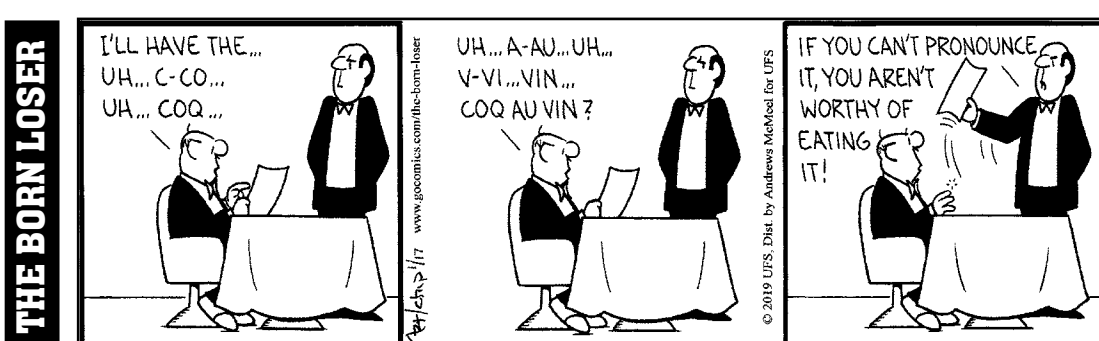
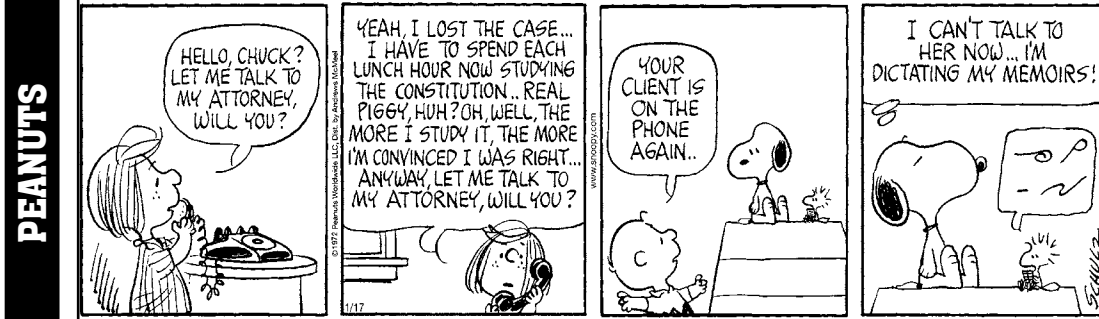
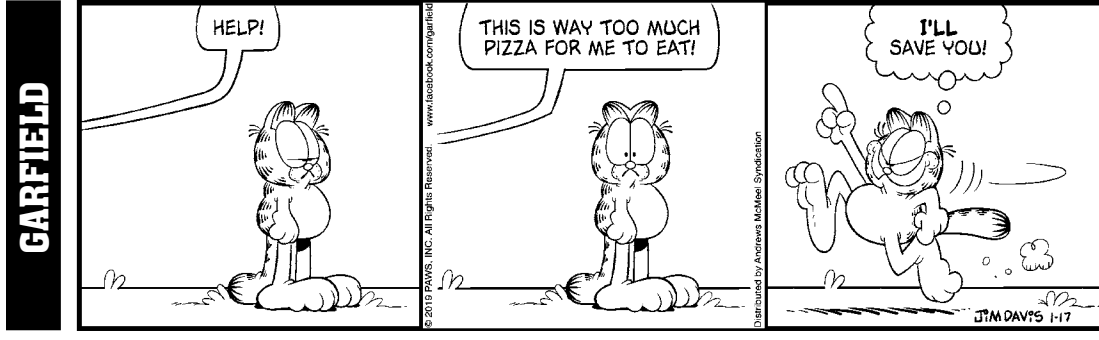
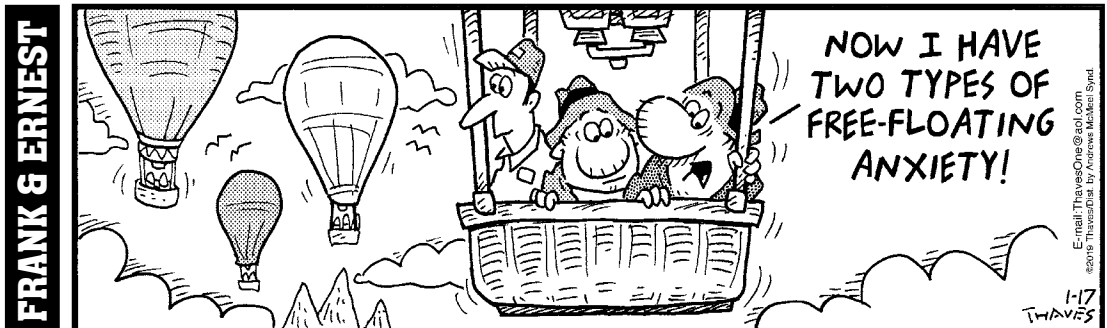
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Federal workers take on odd jobs to make ends meet

By MICHELLE R. SMITH
Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — When her paychecks dried up because of the partial government shutdown, Cheryl Inzunza Blum sought out a side job that has become a popular option in the current economy: She rented out a room on Airbnb.

Other government workers are driving for Uber, relying on word-of-mouth and social networks to find handyman work

and looking for traditional temp gigs to help pay the bills during the longest shutdown in U.S. history.

The hundreds of thousands of out-of-work government employees have more options than in past shutdowns given the rise of the so-called “gig economy” that has made an entire workforce out of people doing home vacation rentals and driving for companies like Uber, Lyft and Postmates.

It’s even happening among White House staff. Kevin Hassett, the chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, told reporters on a conference call Tuesday that “a long-time dedicated employee” trying to make ends meet without a paycheck was driving for Uber.

Blum decided to capitalize on the busy winter travel season in Arizona to help make ends meet after she stopped getting paid for her government contract work as

a lawyer in immigration court in Tucson. She says she has no choice but to continue to work unpaid because she has clients who are depending on her, some of whom are detained or have court hearings.

But she also has bills: her Arizona state bar dues, malpractice insurance and a more than \$500 phone bill for the past two months because she uses her phone so heavily for work. Blum bills the government for her

work, but the office that pays her hasn’t processed any paychecks to her since before the shutdown began. So she’s been tapping every source she can to keep herself afloat — even her high school- and college-aged children — and is even thinking about driving for Uber and Lyft as well.

“So after working in court all day I’m going to go home and get the room super clean because they’re arriving this evening,” she said of her Airbnb renters.

“I have a young man who’s visiting town to do some biking, and he’s going to come tomorrow and stay a week,” she added. “I’m thrilled because that means immediate money. Once they check in, the next day there’s some money in my account.”

The shutdown is occurring against the backdrop of a strong economy that has millions of open jobs, along with ample opportunities to pick up Uber and Lyft shifts.



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Dangerous Airbags Affect Millions Of Drivers

(NAPSI)—Roughly 37 million vehicles—across all makes and models—have dangerous, recalled airbags that need to be replaced immediately and they’re FREE.

In the event of a crash, the faulty airbags can explode with sharp metal fragments, causing serious injury or even death to the driver or passengers.

The easiest way to check if your vehicle has a defective airbag is to find your vehicle’s 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN), typically located on the driver’s side dashboard by the windshield and on vehicle registration and insurance documents. Next, visit CheckToProtect.org and enter the VIN. Within seconds, you’ll learn whether the vehicle has an open airbag safety recall.



CheckToProtect.org for auto recalls

Your vehicle may have airbags that make it dangerous to drive. Stay on the road to safety. Check for a recall notice and get them fixed, free.

If you do have an open airbag recall, call your dealer immediately to set up a FREE repair. Recall repairs are FREE and will always be done at an autho-

rized dealer, even if you purchased the vehicle somewhere else. Alternative transportation may be available at some dealers.

Even after you’ve checked your vehicle, it’s important to set a reminder to check every six months for airbag and other safety recall notices. Recalls are announced by automakers throughout the year, and if you miss a recall announcement—or have lost touch with your original dealer—you could be driving a vehicle with a dangerous safety recall.

To help protect your family and friends from these dangerous airbags, encourage everyone you know to Check To Protect today.

Hints To Help You Protect Your Kids In The Car

(NAPSI)—Keeping your kids on the road to safety when in and around a car can be easier if you take these steps:

What You Can Do

First, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), you should look for a car with these vehicle safety features:

- Rear-view cameras
- Interior trunk release
- Side-impact air bags
- Advanced frontal air bags
- Push-down/pull-up window switches
- Automatic door locks.

Next, the NHTSA says, you should always remember to:

1. Use a car seat for every trip—even when you’re just going down the street. Select the car seat based on your child’s age and size, and always follow the manufacturer’s directions. Make sure it’s compatible with your vehicle by checking the car seat manufacturer’s instructions.
2. Keep kids in the backseat at least



It’s never a good idea to leave a child alone in a car.

through age 12.

3. Tell children not to play around vehicles. Before getting into a vehicle, check around and behind it, as well as the surrounding area, to ensure no children are present.

4. Buckle and lock any unused seat belts to keep kids from getting tangled up in them.

5. Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, no matter how short the stop, or what the weather is, even if the windows are cracked. The car can heat up very quickly in almost all weather conditions. Even with moderate outside temperatures in the mid-60s, a vehicle’s interior can quickly heat up to more than 110° F. In addition, if the igni-

tion is on or the keys are in the ignition, children can accidentally cause the vehicle to roll or even drive away.

What Can Help

To prevent precious cargo from being left in cars, one company has come up with an ingenious Rear Door Alert (RDA) technology. An industry first, the system was developed by two mothers who are also engineers at Nissan. It monitors when the rear door is opened and closed before and after the vehicle is in motion. The system responds with a series of notifications if a rear door was used prior to a trip but was not reopened after the trip. Once the vehicle is in park and the ignition is turned off, the system will first display a notification in the instrument panel and progresses to distinctive chirps of the horn to remind drivers to check the backseat.

Nissan’s RDA is easy to configure and can be temporarily or permanently turned off through a menu in the cluster display.

Already available in the Nissan Pathfinder, for model year 2019, RDA will be standard equipment on eight other Nissan cars, including the best-selling Rogue and the all-new Altima. By model year 2022, it will be standard on all the company’s four-door trucks, sedans and SUVs.

Did You Know?

(METRO) The disclaimer “Objects in mirror are closer than they appear” is featured on passenger-side mirrors of vehicles manufactured in the United States, Canada, India, Korea, and Australia.

These mirrors are convex, which means they distort the size of objects viewed in the mirror, and as such, distorts the perception of how close or far away objects are from the driver’s car.

However, this distortion allows for the reflection of a wider field of view on the side of the vehicle to help eliminate blind spots. In the United States and Canada, driver’s side mirrors are flat or

“planar.” Dual convex mirrors are not currently the norm on vehicles manufactured in North America based on requirements implemented by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 111 and the Canada Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 111.

Elsewhere, such as in Europe, dual convex mirrors are included on vehicles. Many automotive companies support having two convex mirrors on the sides of cars to eliminate blind spots, as well as reduce the driver’s need to twist his head to the left when turning or changing lanes. However, flat mirrors have

been required to avoid distortion and give drivers the most accurate assessment of traffic to their left for changing lanes, called “unit magnification.” This may soon change, though.

According to a 2013 statement from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, “The agency intends to reevaluate existing side-mirror requirements (FMVSS No. 111) to determine whether convex mirrors should be harmonized with European requirements.”

Currently, drivers can modify their driver’s-side mirrors to include a convex mirror add-on, as long as the mirrors also have the required flat portion.

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