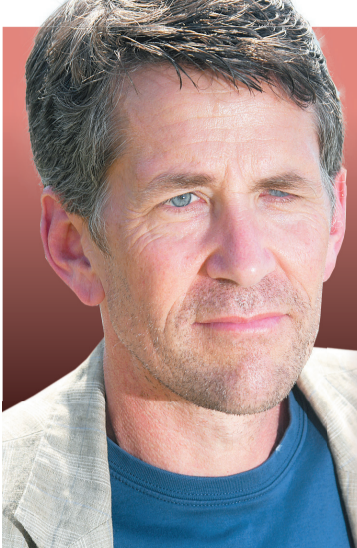
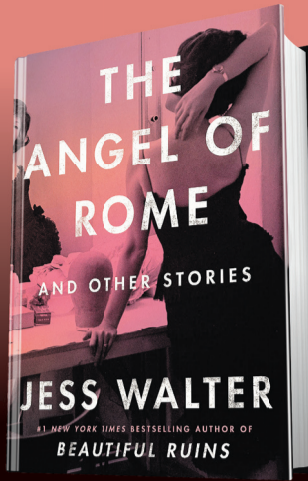


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ALL ABOUT JESS WALTER

We take a look at the writing career of the Spokane native, journalist and award-winning novelist. He is publishing his 10th book and second collection of short stories later this month. **SERENDIPITY, 5**



NORTHWEST PASSAGES EVENT

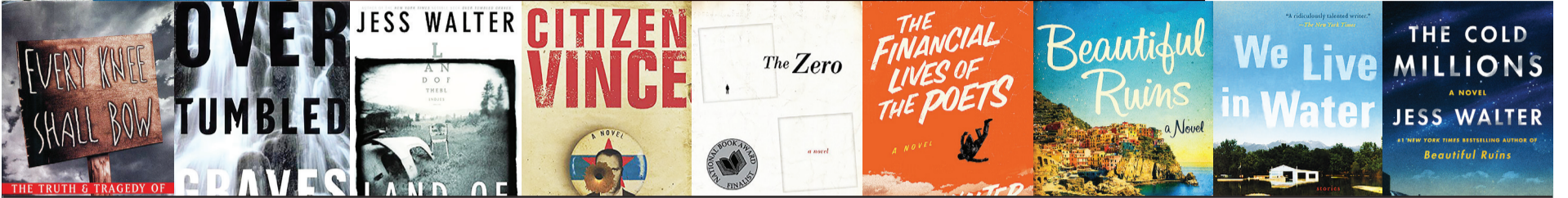
WHAT: Catch Jess Walter live on stage talking about his latest book, 'Angel of Rome' with Spokesman-Review columnist Shawn Vestal.



DATE: June 28 at 7 p.m.

WHERE: The Bing Crosby Theater, 901 W. Sprague Ave.

COST: \$7, tickets available online at Spokane7tickets.com and at the door on the night of the event.



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TROUBLE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

McDonough reacts to reports of harm

Risch calls for July launch of Cerner records system in Boise to be halted in light of Spokane veterans' experiences

By Orion Donovan-Smith
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

WASHINGTON - In response to a draft watchdog report's claim that a computer system at Spokane's VA hospital harmed scores of veterans, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough said Wednesday his confidence in the system has been shaken.

The Spokesman-Review reported Sunday that a draft report

from the VA Office of Inspector General found 148 cases of harm that resulted from a flaw in the electronic health record system developed by Cerner Corp. since it launched at Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center in October 2020. It also revealed that VA safety experts briefed McDonough's deputy about the harm and warned of ongoing risks in October 2021, months before the secretary told lawmakers in April he wouldn't

continue rolling out the system if those experts determined it presented risks to veterans.

"If I had known what I know today, when I was appearing before Congress, I would have answered those questions differently," McDonough said Wednesday in response to a question from The Spokesman-Review. He added that he had been in contact

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VA Secretary Denis McDonough addresses reporters at the Department of Veterans Affairs on Wednesday.

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WOMEN AT 50

The landmark law had revolutionary impact on women both in and out of sports

By Jim Allen
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

For Karen Troianello, there's no tearjerker quite like the state girls cross country meet in Pasco each year.

"I still cry sometimes," Troianello said.

But they are tears of joy, shed for the female athletes of today who are the beneficiaries of Title IX and the hard work of Troianello and other women at Washington State University.

Because they decided to run uphill against all odds, the path is that much easier for the young women of today.

Thursday is the 50th anniversary of Title IX, the federal civil rights law that has been credited with profoundly changing education in the United States by barring sex discrimination in

the nation's schools.

Along with other equity laws that followed, Title IX helped to unlock access to educational and athletic opportunities, paving the way for inroads into historically male dominated professions.

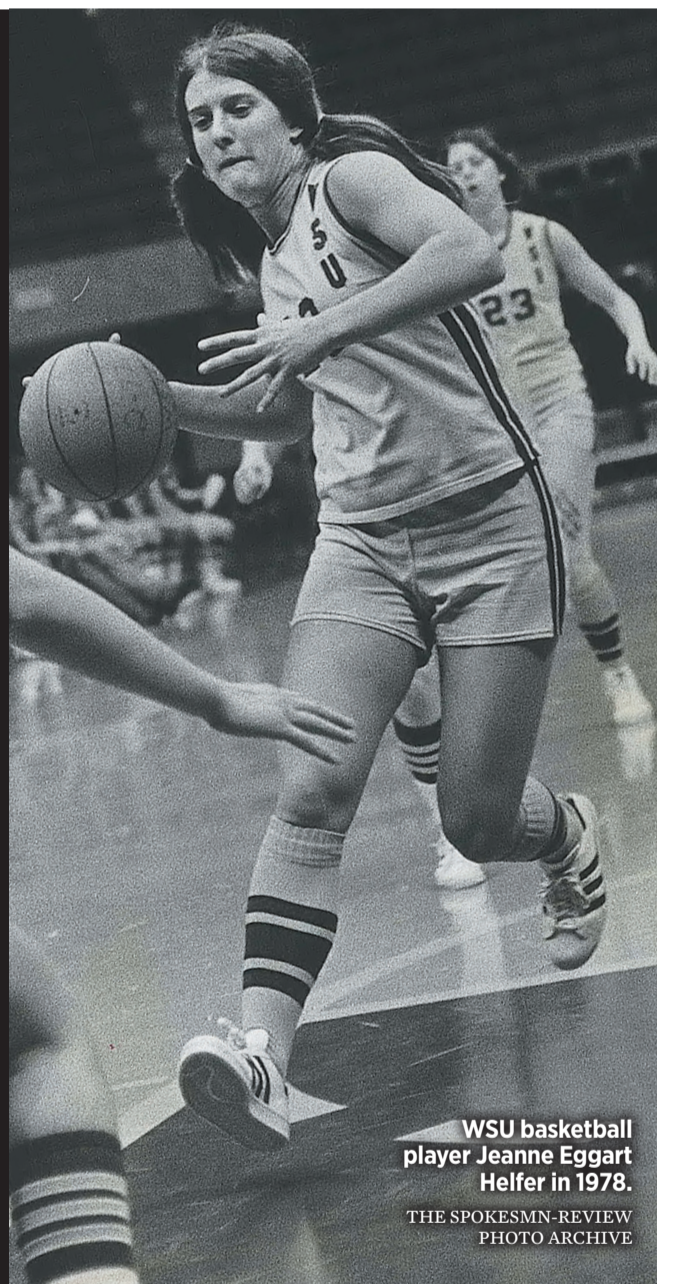
"We have come from a time that we were telling girls that you cannot be a doctor, you cannot be an athlete, because you are a girl," said Lynn Hickey, a former women's basketball coach and now the athletic director at Eastern Washington.

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MORE ON TITLE IX

NIL IS PAYING DIVIDENDS FOR WOMEN

Female athletes are cashing in thanks to new NCAA rules. **SPORTS, 1**



WSU basketball player Jeanne Eggert Helfer in 1978.

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NIC names Swayne as new president

Divided board picks college's next leader after year of upheaval

By Greg Mason
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

COEUR D'ALENE - The North Idaho College Board of Trustees has chosen Nick Swayne as the college's next president, seemingly ending the school's approximately nine-month search for a new leader.

Swayne, executive director of higher-education organization 4-Virginia, was one of four finalists for the job. Following the 3-2 vote Wednesday by the Board of Trustees, the next step will be to

negotiate an employment contract.

"This is an exciting opportunity for me," Swayne said in a statement provided by the college. "During my recent visit to North Idaho College, I met several dedicated, honorable people in college leadership and on the faculty and staff, as well as students. There are so many good things going on at the college, and I'm looking forward to making sure the community knows that."

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NIC Trustee Greg McKenzie raises questions during the selection of a new college president in Coeur d'Alene on Wednesday.

FIRST RESPONDERS TRAIN AT AIRPORT

Multiple local agencies worked together during a simulated mass-casualty event. **NW, 1**

HOLMGREN LOOKS AT POTENTIAL TEAMS

Top prospect and expected NBA draft lottery pick offers his opinions on likely suitors. **SPORTS, 1**

GSJ LAUNCHES DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Plan hopes to address challenges faced by Spokane businesses to retain help, grow. **NEWS, 8**