

[RICK JACKSON/IDEASTREAM]:

COMING UP NEXT ON NEWSDEPTH:

THE US HAD A FROSTY CHRISTMAS, DUE TO A MASSIVE WINTER STORM.
MARS ALSO GOT SOME SNOW – CUBED-SHAPED SNOW.
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS A NEW SPEAKER.
AND MARY HAS SOME FACTS ABOUT THE FEROCIOUS FELINES, NATIVE TO OUR STATE.

NEWSDEPTH IS NOW.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AND WELCOME BACK FRIENDS!

HELLO EVERYBODY! I'M RICK JACKSON. THANKS FOR JOINING US.

WE'RE HEADED INTO THE THIRD WEEK OF THE YEAR, AND SO MUCH AS ALREADY HAPPENED. WE HAVE A NEW HOUSE SPEAKER, AND CHINA HAS CHANGED THE TERMINOLOGY THEY USE FOR COVID-19. BUT....

BEFORE WE GET INTO THE NEW NEWS, LET'S REVIEW SOME OF THE NEWS WE TALKED ABOUT LAST YEAR.

REVIEWING CAN BE A VERY HELPFUL TOOL TO RETAIN INFORMATION. THAT'S WHY A LOT OF YOU REVIEW YOUR NOTES BEFORE A BIG TEST.

IDEASTREAM'S CONOR MORRIS HAS THE YEAR IN REVIEW FOR 2022.

[2022 REVIEW]

[CONOR MORRIS/IDEASTREAM]: LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK AT 2022!

WE HIT A GLOBAL POPULATION RECORD OF 8 BILLION PEOPLE.

EVEN THE YOUNGEST MADE NEWS. MILITARY AIRCRAFT FLEW IN TONS OF BABY FORMULA FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO HELP A U-S SHORTAGE...

THE FIRST DAY OF 2022 SHATTERED THE US COVID CASE RECORD WITH MORE THAN 355,000 DAILY INFECTIONS.

RUSSIA INVADED UKRAINE---DESTROYING, DISPLACING, AND DISRUPTING... BUT NOT DEMORALIZING.

[VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY/UKRAINIAN PRESIDENT]: "THEY DO NOT KNOW OUR PEOPLE"

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN NOMINATED THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO THE NATION'S HIGHEST COURT.

[JUSTICE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON/SUPREME COURT]: "I HOPE THAT IT WILL BRING CONFIDENCE, IT WILL HELP INSPIRE PEOPLE"

GAS PRICES WENT UP – THE AVERAGE PRICE HIT 5-DOLLARS FOR THE FIRST TIME BEFORE DROPPING OFF AGAIN.
MORTGAGE RATES MORE THAN DOUBLED...

MILLIONS WEATHERED RECORD-BREAKING STORMS. THE CATEGORY 4 STORM HIT THE STATE OF FLORIDA – AND DROUGHT SO EXTREME IT UNCOVERED DINOSAUR TRACKS IN TEXAS...

THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS HIPPO - FIONA THE HIPPO - BECAME A BIG SISTER. A BOUNCING BULBOUS BOY NAMED "FRITZ" MOVED IN WITH HER AT THE CINCINNATI ZOO.

QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND PASSED AWAY LEAVING A 70 YEAR REIGN--LONGER THAN ANY MONARCH IN BRITISH HISTORY.

THE JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE SENT BACK A TREASURE TROVE OF INTERSTELLAR IMAGES, INCLUDING NEBULAS, AND GALAXIES LIGHT YEARS AWAY LIKE THIS PHANTOM GALAXY.

AND PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE FIRST MAJOR GUN CONTROL LEGISLATION IN DECADES AS AN EFFORT TO KEEP SCHOOL SAFE.

THANK YOU CONNOR

LAST YEAR, WE ASKED YOU TO TELL US WHO YOU WOULD PICK AS PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2022.

LET'S CHECK OUT YOUR PICKS BY OPENING UP OUR INBOX.

[INBOX]

TAYLOR FROM BEREA MIDPARK MIDDLE SCHOOL IN MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS WROTE ABOUT THEIR FAVORITE TEACHER: DEAR NEWSDEPTH, MY PERSON OF THE MONTH IS MY FELLOW FRIEND & TEACHER MR. PEARL. HE IS SO FUNNY AND ONE OF MY FAVORITE TEACHERS. HE ONCE MADE THE BEST PANCAKES EVER AND HE SITS AT MY LUNCH TABLE EVERY DAY.

KI'ANA FROM GORDON DEWITT ELEMENTARY IN CUYAHOGA FALLS SAYS: DEAR NEWSDEPTH, THE PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR 2022 IS NEWSDEPTH. YOU GUYS

INSPIRE ME SO MUCH I EVEN WATCH YOU GUYS WITH MY BROTHER AND MY SISTER! WE WATCH YOU GUYS EVERY FRIDAY IN CLASS! YOU GUYS MAKE US KNOW A BUNCH OF STUFF WE DON'T KNOW! THAT'S WHY I DID NEWSDEPTH. YOU GUYS INSPIRE EVERYONE. I LOVE NEWS CAT AND NEWS HOUND. KEEP INSPIRING PEOPLE AND MAKE PEOPLE LEARN LIKE YOU DO ALREADY. NEVER GIVE UP WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND KEEP ON GOING!

KI'ANA THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTER! AND ALSO EVERYONE OF YOU WHO TOLD US HOW MUCH NEWSDEPTH MEANS TO YOU. I READ EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR MESSAGES.

NATHAN FROM ORRVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ORRVILLE WROTE: THE PERSON OF THE YEAR FOR ME IS TRAE YOUNG. HE PLAYS FOR THE ATLANTA HAWKS IN THE NBA. HE HAS PLAYED THROUGH INJURIES DURING HIS GAMES. HE HAS DONE GREAT, AND HIS TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING TOGETHER REALLY WELL.

CAROLINE FROM FRANK ELEMENTARY IN PERRYSBURG REALLY APPRECIATES HER FRIENDS: MY PERSON OF THE YEAR OF 2022 WOULD BE ALL OF MY FRIENDS. PROBABLY BECAUSE WHENEVER I SHARE STUFF THAT'S PRIVATE WITH THEM OR SOMETHING I DON'T LIKE THAT IS HAPPENING IN MY LIFE, THEY CARE ABOUT IT EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT THEIR PROBLEM AND SUPPORT ME. I CARE ABOUT MY FRIENDS SO MUCH. THEY ARE AMAZING PEOPLE AND IT IS CRAZY THAT I HAVE THEM IN MY LIFE, I AM SO PROUD.

AND PARKER FROM MIDVIEW WEST ELEMENTARY IN LORAIN COUNTY WANTED TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT TO HIS UNCLE: DEAR NEWSDEPTH, THIS IS WHO MY PERSON OF THE YEAR IS: MY UNCLE CHRIS BECAUSE HE WAS IN THE MARINES AND NOW HE IS A POLICE OFFICER. THAT IS MY PERSON OF THE YEAR.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LETTERS. LET'S KEEP THEM COMING!

LET'S GET BACK TO THE NEWS.

I NEED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF STORIES. SO THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED WHILE WE WERE OUT.

[WHILE WE WERE OUT]

FIRST, SOME SOMBER NEWS. THE WORLD SAID GOOD-BYE TO PUBLIC FIGURES THE LAST WEEK OF THE YEAR.

BRAZILIAN SOCCER PLAYER PELE PASSED AWAY DECEMBER 29TH FROM CANCER. HE WAS A GLOBAL CELEBRITY WHO CHANGED THE WORLD OF SOCCER.

A DAY LATER, ON DECEMBER 30TH, AMERICAN BROADCASTER BARBARA WALTERS, KNOWN FOR HER INTERVIEWING SKILLS, PASSED AWAY. THEN ON

DECEMBER 31ST, RETIRED POPE BENEDICT XVI (16) DIED AT THE AGE OF 95.

A MAJOR WINTER STORM HIT THE U-S ON DECEMBER 23TH. ALMOST EVERY STATE WAS AFFECTED BY LOW-TEMPS, HIGH WINDS, ICE AND SNOW.

THE STORM WAS DESCRIBED AS A BOMB CYCLONE. A **BOMB CYCLONE** IS A STORM THAT QUICKLY INTENSIFIES.

THIS WINTER STORM BROUGHT A 40-DEGREE TEMPERATURE DROP REACHING SUB-FREEZING DEGREES IN LESS THAN 24 HOURS. FLORIDA EXPERIENCED IT'S COLDEST CHRISTMAS IN 30 YEARS. PLACES IN MONTANA AND WYOMING REACHED NEGATIVE 11 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT. AND AREAS AROUND THE GREAT LAKES GOT SNOW PILING UP TO 24 INCHES IN SOME CITIES.

HOLIDAY TRAVEL WAS ALL BUT CANCELED. PEOPLE WERE ADVISED NOT TO DRIVE, AND FLIGHTS WERE CANCELED.

BUT SOME HIGH-TEMPERATURES THAWED US OUT BY NEW YEAR'S EVE.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK WAS ONE OF THE CITIES HIT THE HARDEST BY THE STORM.

SYDNI EURE HAS THE SCOOP.

[NY: MAN BREAKS INTO SCHOOL TO SAVE LIVES IN BLIZZARD]

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. I'M TERRIBLY SORRY ABOUT BREAKING THE SCHOOL WINDOW AND BREAKING IN THE KITCHEN..."

THESE WORDS START OFF A MESSAGE LEFT BEHIND BY 27-YEAR-OLD JAY WITHEY HIS NOTE, SUMS UP A STORY OF COMMUNITY AND A STRONG WILL TO SURVIVE--

DURING THE WORST STORM THAT HIT WESTERN NEW YORK IN A GENERATION.

[JAY WITHEY/BROKE INTO SCHOOL]: "I SAID I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE STUCK AROUND HERE. I KNOW THERE IS. WE CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONES STUCK. SO I TOLD HER I'M GOING TO BREAK INTO THE SCHOOL."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: CHEEKTOWAGA POLICE POSTED THESE SURVEILLANCE IMAGES ON SOCIAL MEDIA TRYING TO TRACK WITHEY DOWN.

IT WAS FRIDAY NIGHT WHEN DOZENS OF PEOPLE WERE LEFT STRANDED IN CARS DURING THE STORM WHEN ROBERT HOLZMAN SAYS THEY ALL GOT A KNOCK ON THEIR WINDOW AND A WAY OUT

[ROBERT HOLZMAN/SURVIVOR]: "SOMEBODY APPROACHED THE CAR AND SAID THEY GOT INTO THE SCHOOL. THAT WAS JAY."

[JAY WITHEY/BROKE INTO SCHOOL]: "I WAS REALLY GOD'S WILL. BROKE THE WINDOW AND GOT INSIDE. I OPENED THE DOORS AND ALARMS GOING OFF."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH WBEN RADIO - WITHEY SAYS HE TOOK SEVERAL TRIPS - UP AND DOWN DELAVAN AVE - LOOKING IN CARS AND BRINGING PEOPLE TO SAFETY INSIDE OF EDGE ACADEMY ONE BY ONE.

[JAY WITHEY/BROKE INTO SCHOOL]: "LIKE I SAID I WALKED TIL I CRIED. I WALKED TIL I COULDN'T WALK ANYMORE."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: WITHEY'S LETTER GOES ON TO SAY "GOT STUCK AT 8PM FRIDAY AND SLEPT IN MY TRUCK WITH TWO STRANGER JUST TRYING NOT TO DIE."

AND SABRINA ANDINO WHO FOUND REFUGE INSIDE OF THE SCHOOL SAY IT'S BECAUSE OF JAY THAT NONE OF THEM DID.

[SABRINA ANDINO/SURVIVOR]: "I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DIE."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: THE GROUP ROAMED THE HALLS GATHERING ESSENTIALS LIKE APPLES AND CEREAL -- JUST TO SURVIVE.

HOLZMAN PICTURED HERE CARTING BLANKETS AND WATER BACK TO THE OTHERS.

[SABRINA ANDINO/SURVIVOR]: "WITHOUT JAY BREAKING INTO THAT SCHOOL, AS BAD AS IT SOUNDS BUT HE SAVED US."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: BECAUSE OF WITHEY 24 PEOPLE ARE STILL ALIVE

[SABRINA ANDINO/SURVIVOR]: "THIS IS A BOND. WE'RE ALL SURVIVORS."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: AND AFTER DAYS OF WAITING THERE INSIDE-

[ROBERT HOLZMAN/SURVIVOR]: "I'M OVERWHELMED. MY SON'S OVERWHELMED. I MEAN ALL MY SON WANTED FOR CHRISTMAS WAS FOR ME TO COME HOME."

[SYDNI EURE/REPORTER]: EVERYTHING WAS PUT BACK IN ITS PLACE - AND THE ONLY THING LEFT WAS THE NOTE - AND THESE FINAL WORDS-

"I HAD TO DO IT TO SAVE EVERYONE AND GET THEM SHELTER AND FOOD AND A BATHROOM."

WOW!

HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU – DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND THE NIGHT AT SCHOOL?

HEAD ONLINE TO ANSWER THIS WEEK'S POLL. YOU CAN PICK BETWEEN: "YES! I'M PACKING MY SLEEPING-BAG!" OR "NO THANK YOU, I LIKE MY OWN BED"

FOR OUR LAST POLL OF THE YEAR LAST YEAR, WE ASKED YOU WHICH STRESS COPING TIP YOU WERE GOING TO TRY OUT.

44% OF YOU SAID YOU WOULD LIKE TALKING TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST.

35% SAID YOU WANTED TO GIVE DEEP BREATHING A TRY.

AND 21% SAID THAT TAKING CARE OF YOUR HEALTH WOULD BE GOOD FOR COPING WITH STRESS.

[A+: REBUILD THE BEACH]

WAY BACK IN EPISODE 3 OF THIS YEAR, WE TOLD YOU ALL ABOUT HURRICANE IAN AND THE CAJUN NAVY. IF YOU REMEMBER, HURRICANE IAN MADE LANDFALL ON FLORIDA'S GULF COAST AND CAUSED SERIOUS DAMAGE TO HOMES, BUSINESSES, BEACHES, AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

INFRASTRUCTURE, OF COURSE, IS THE PHYSICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES NEEDED FOR THE OPERATION OF A SOCIETY. THINGS LIKE ROADS, BRIDGES, AND POWER STATIONS.

THAT STORY INSPIRED THE BUILDERS CLUB AT INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO TAKE ACTION, AND THAT ACTION EARNED THEM THIS WEEK'S A+ AWARD.

SIXTH GRADE TEACHER, MS. KOUSSA EXPLAINED TO US THAT THE BUILDERS CLUB IS THE MIDDLE SCHOOL VERSION OF THE KIWANIS CLUB, WHICH MAY BE IN MANY OF YOUR OWN COMMUNITIES. THE BUILDERS CLUB DECIDED TO DO WHAT THEY COULD TO HELP FLORIDIANS. "SO MANY PEOPLE WERE SUFFERING AND WE WANTED TO SHOW THEM WE CARED," KAITLYN, A SIXTH GRADER, TOLD US. HAILEY, ANOTHER SIXTH GRADER ADDED THAT "WE HAVE A LOT OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN OUR COMMUNITY AND SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT WERE AFFECTED."

WHEN WE VISITED WITH THE BUILDERS CLUB THEY TOLD US THAT THEY CAME UP WITH A PRETTY COMPLEX PLAN TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE VICTIMS. DELLA EXPLAINED THAT THEY SOLD OCEAN THEMED SNACKS AT LUNCH. THINGS LIKE GUMMY FISH AND TROPICAL THEMED DRINKS. THEY ALSO HOSTED A REBUILD THE BEACH CRAFT PARTY AFTER SCHOOL WHERE CLASSMATES COULD PAY AN ADMISSION FEE AND MAKE ALL SORTS OF CRAFTS. KAITLYN TOLD US THAT THEY EVEN HAD TO GO BOXES FOR STUDENTS WHO COULDN'T STAY AFTER SCHOOL! WHAT A COOL IDEA AND WAY TO INCLUDE EVERYONE!

THE BUILDERS CLUB RAISED NEARLY \$2000 TO DONATE! THEY EVEN MADE SURE TO RESEARCH THE ORGANIZATION THAT ENDED UP RECEIVING THEIR DONATION TO MAKE SURE ALL OF THE MONEY WENT TO THOSE IN NEED. THEY TOLD US

THAT ABOUT 80% OF THE STUDENTS AT INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATED. THAT'S IMPRESSIVE.

ELLE TOLD US THAT THE BIGGEST THING SHE LEARNED, AND WHAT SHE'S MOST PROUD OF, IS THAT SHE WAS ABLE TO HELP PEOPLE IN NEED. WHAT A POWERFUL LESSON.

WE'RE KEEPING OUR EYE OUT FOR THEIR NEXT SERVICE PROJECT AND WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHAT THEY DO NEXT! THIS WEEK'S A+ AWARD GOES TO THE VERY DESERVING MEMBERS OF THE BUILDERS CLUB AT INDEPENDENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

EARTH IS NOT THE ONLY PLANET THAT EXPERIENCES WINTERS.

NASA IS SHARING WHAT WINTER IS LIKE ON MARS. WHICH INCLUDES CUBE-SHAPED SNOW AND SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES.

JEFF ST. CLAIR HAS ALL THE DETAILS IN THIS WEEK'S SPOT ON SCIENCE.

[SOS: WINTER IN MARS]

[JEFF ST. CLAIR/IDEASTREAM]: BRR... YOU THINK IT GETS COLD HERE DURING WINTER, IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE MINUS 190 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT ON THE RED PLANET.

EARTH IS NOT THE ONLY PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM THAT EXPERIENCES WINTER. MARS ALSO GETS SNOW, ICE, AND FREEZING TEMPERATURES.

BUT BECAUSE OF ITS ELLIPTICAL ORBIT, IT CAN TAKE ALMOST TWO EARTH YEARS FOR WINTER TO COME BACK AROUND.

THANKS TO NASA'S ROBOTIC MARS ROVERS, SCIENTISTS CAN NOW TELL THAT MARS CAN GET ICE AND SNOW FROM TWO DIFFERENT ELEMENTS. H₂O OR WATER, LIKE WE DO ON EARTH – AND DRY ICE FROM CO₂ OR CARBON DIOXIDE.

SNOW OCCURS ONLY AT THE COLDEST EXTREMES OF MARS: AT THE POLES, UNDER CLOUDS, AND AT NIGHT.

CAMERAS ORBITING CAN'T SEE THROUGH THOSE CLOUDS, AND SURFACE MISSIONS CAN'T SURVIVE IN THE EXTREME COLD. SO THAT MEANS THAT THERE'S NO PICTURES OF THE FALLING SNOW.

THE CLOSEST WE'VE EVER GOTTEN WAS IN 2008, WHEN NASA SENT THE PHOENIX LANDER WITHIN 1,000 MILES OF MARS' NORTH POLE. THEY USED A LASER INSTRUMENT TO DETECT WATER-ICE SNOW FALLING.

THE AIR THERE IS SO THIN THAT WATER-ICE SNOW NEVER ACTUALLY REACHES THE GROUND. IT **SUBLIMATES**, OR BECOMES A GAS AS IT FALLS.

BUT DRY-ICE SNOW ON THE OTHER HAND ACTUALLY DOES REACH THE GROUND.

THE MOLECULES THAT FORM CARBON DIOXIDE FOLLOW A FOUR-SIDED SYMMETRY - AND MANY SCIENTISTS THINK DRY ICE SNOW WOULD BE CUBE-SHAPED - BUT SMALLER THAN THE WIDTH OF YOUR HAIR.

WATER AND CARBON DIOXIDE CAN BOTH FORM FROST ON MARS, AND BOTH TYPES OF FROST APPEAR FAR MORE WIDELY ACROSS THE PLANET THAN SNOW DOES.

THE CO₂ ICE THAT COVERS THE LANDSCAPE DOES NOT MELT. BUT INSTEAD CHANGES BETWEEN SOLID AND GAS IN THE ATMOSPHERE - SUBLIMATION AGAIN.

ONCE WINTER IS OVER, AND MARS BEGINS TO THAW, SOME PRETTY UNIQUE SURFACE FEATURES START FORMING. LIKE SPIDER SHAPED FEATURES, DALMATIAN DOTS, AND FRIED EGGS.

WITHIN AN ENTIRE WINTER SEASON, MARS CAN COLLECT UP TO 7 FEET OF SNOW. HEY, I WONDER IF I CAN SKI ON A MARTIAN CRATER?

THANKS JEFF! THAT WAS SO COOL (WINK)

FOR OUR WRITE-IN QUESTION THIS WEEK, WE WANT TO KNOW: "WHAT DO YOU THINK WINTER LOOKS LIKE ON YOUR FAVORITE PLANET?"

FOR THIS QUESTION, YOU HAVE TO CONSIDER THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE, AVERAGE TEMPERATURE, AND IF IT HAS WATER.

NOW HEAD ONLINE TO GIVE US YOUR WINTERY DESCRIPTIONS.

OK, JUMPING BACK DOWN TO EARTH.

PROTESTS IN CHINA ERUPTED LAST MONTH AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S ZERO COVID POLICIES.

PROTESTERS GATHERED IN AT LEAST ELEVEN CITIES DESPITE THE THREAT OF GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWNS.

THE PROTESTS BEGAN IN XINJIANG PROVINCE AFTER A DEADLY FIRE, A TRAGEDY THAT HAS STRUCK A CHORD ACROSS CHINA -- SELINA WANG REPORTS.

[CHINA: WIDESPREAD PROTESTS AROUND THE COUNTRY]

[SELINA WANG/REPORTER]: THEY CHANT "XI JINPING, STEP DOWN!"

AN EXTRAORDINARY SHOW OF DEFIANCE IN CHINA... IN SHANGHAI, THEY CHANT FOR FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY... AN END TO COVID LOCKDOWNS.

EVEN TARGETING THE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SUPREME LEADER HIMSELF.

UNPRECEDENTED PROTESTS ARE ERUPTING ACROSS CHINA. FROM MAJOR METROPOLISES TO ELITE COLLEGE CAMPUSES, EVEN FAR FLUNG CITIES.

MOST OF XINJIANG HAS BEEN LOCKED DOWN FOR MORE THAN 100 DAYS.

THE PROTESTS, EVEN SPILLING INTO THE CAPITAL.

[SELINA WANG/REPORTER]: THEY'RE CHANTING THAT THEY DON'T WANT COVID TESTS, THEY WANT FREEDOM... AND MANY PEOPLE ARE ALSO HOLDING WHITE PAPERS IN THEIR HANDS, WHICH IS A SIGN OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST CENSORSHIP.

THEY SING AND CHEER... SHOUT TO BE "UNSEALED"... AND SOME EVEN BREAK DOWN INTO TEARS.

A MAN WITH A LOUDSPEAKER SHOUTS "WE ALWAYS SUPPORT THE COMMUNIST PARTY BUT WE WANT DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM."

I ASKED A PROTESTER HOW HE WAS FEELING. OVERWHELMED, HE SAID.

[BEIJING PROTESTER]: ALL CONSCIENTIOUS CHINESE PEOPLE SHOULD COME HERE AND STAND TOGETHER.

[SELINA WANG/REPORTER]: I SAID, 'YOU REALIZE THERE'S A RISK BEING HERE...

[BEIJING PROTESTER]: OF COURSE THERE IS, HE RESPONDED.

[SELINA WANG/REPORTER]: AND IF WE JUST TURN THE CAMERA AROUND, JUST HERE THERE IS A ROW OF POLICE.

HOURS LATER, MASSES OF POLICE FILED IN... PUSHING THE PROTESTERS BACK.

DEMONSTRATORS SHOUT TOWARDS THE AUTHORITIES "WE ARE NOT YOUR ENEMY." "WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER."

THESE DEMONSTRATORS KNOW WHAT THEY ARE RISKING... BUT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD

CHINA SAYS IT WILL NOW RENAME COVID AS AN INFECTION INSTEAD OF PNEUMONIA.

AN **INFECTION**, IN MEDICAL TERMS, IS THE INVASION AND GROWTH OF GERMS IN THE BODY.

AND **PNEUMONIA** IS A LUNG INFLAMMATION CAUSED BY BACTERIAL OR VIRAL INFECTION.

THE CHANGE IN TERMINOLOGY RECOGNIZES THAT PNEUMONIA IS JUST ONE OF THE POSSIBLE SYMPTOMS OF THE COVID INFECTION. AND THAT HAS ALLOWED CHINA RESIDENTS WITH LIGHT SYMPTOMS TO QUARANTINE AT HOME.

THE COUNTRY'S TOP HEALTH AUTHORITY WILL SEIZE ALL REMAINING PARTS OF ITS ZERO COVID POLICY THAT SPARKED THE COUNTRY-WIDE PROTESTS.

LAST WEEKEND WAS ALSO THE OFFICIAL END OF QUARANTINE POLICY FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS TO CHINA.

SELINA WANG, CAN YOU EXPLAIN FOR US CHINA'S NEW STRATEGY?

[CHINA COVID RESTRICTIONS UPDATE]

[SELINA WANG/REPORTER]: CHINA'S LEADER, XI JINPING IS CALLING FOR A MORE TARGETED HEALTH STRATEGY TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S LIVES.

AS CHINA FACES AN UNPRECEDENTED COVID OUTBREAK.

THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION ANNOUNCED IT WILL NO LONGER PUBLISH DAILY CASE NUMBERS.

HEALTH AUTHORITIES HAVEN'T SAID WHY, BUT THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER WIDESPREAD CRITICISM OVER HOW UNRELIABLE THE DATA WAS.

THE MEDICAL SYSTEM IS UNDER A HUGE AMOUNT OF PRESSURE.

EVEN THE CAPITAL BEIJING WHICH HAS SOME OF THE BEST MEDICAL RESOURCES IN THE COUNTRY.

DOCTORS SAY THEY'RE OVERWHELMED WITH ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH COVID SYMPTOMS.

A DOCTOR AT BEIJING UNITED FAMILY HOSPITAL SAID THERE WAS NO PREPARATION FOR THIS WAVE OF COVID CASES.

NO STOCKPILING OF MEDICINE, FEVER AND COLD MEDICINE ARE NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE TO GET AT DRUGSTORES.

BEIJING HAS JUST ANNOUNCED IT'S GOING TO START DISTRIBUTING PAXLOVID TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE COMING DAYS.

THANK YOU SELINA.

THE BIGGEST NEWS THIS WEEK BACK IN THE U-S COMES FROM CONGRESS, WHERE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN KEVIN MCCARTHY HAS BEEN ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES..

CONGRESSMAN KEVIN MCCARTHY SECURED ENOUGH REPUBLICAN SUPPORT TO BECOME HOUSE SPEAKER AFTER 4 DAYS, AND 15 ROUNDS OF VOTING.

THE ROLE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE IS TO MAINTAIN ORDER DURING PROCEEDINGS AND ACTS AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD.

WITH A NEW SPEAKER CHOSEN-- THE HOUSE CAN NOW SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS... KICK OFF THE NEW CONGRESS... AND PROCEED WITH THE REST OF ITS BUSINESS.

[CONGRESS SWORN IN]

[HOUSE SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY]: THE MEMBERS ELECT WILL RISE. THE CHAIR WILL NOW ADMINISTER THE OATH OF THE OFFICE. ALL MEMBERS ELECT WILL RAISE THEIR RIGHT HAND. DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR, AFFIRM THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC? THAT YOU WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE SAME? THAT YOU TAKE THIS OBLIGATION FREELY WITHOUT ANY MENTAL RESERVATION OR PURPOSE OF EVASION? AND THAT YOU WILL WELL AND FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE ON WHICH YOU ARE ABOUT TO ENTER? SO HELP YOU GOD."

[LAWMAKERS]: "I DO."

[HOUSE SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY]: "CONGRATULATIONS. YOU ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE 118TH CONGRESS."

AS YOU ALL REMEMBER, CONGRESS IS MADE UP OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE.

82 NEW CONGRESS MEMBERS ARE TAKING THE OATH OF OFFICE AS THE 118TH CONGRESS BEGINS.

THIS FRESHMAN CLASS INCLUDES A RECORD NUMBER OF WOMEN... AND MORE DIVERSITY.

JESSICA DEAN REPORTS

[NEW CONGRESS RECORD SETTING FRESHMEN WOMEN]

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: FOR FRESHMAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, JANUARY THIRD FEELS A LITTLE LIKE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "I'M DEFINITELY NERVOUS. IT'S A BIG WEIGHT. I DO NOT TAKE LIGHTLY, I DON'T TAKE LIGHTLY THAT I AM GOING TO CONGRESS."

[MONICA DE LA CRUZ/(D) TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE]: "I THINK WOW, IT'S HAPPENING. THIS IS REAL AND WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW PHASE OF LIFE."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: THIS FRESHMAN GROUP OF LAWMAKERS WILL BE HISTORICALLY DIVERSE —WITH RECORD SETTING NUMBERS OF WOMEN, LATINO MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ.

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, THIS WILL BE THE YOUNGEST GROUP OF INCOMING HOUSE MEMBERS IN THE LAST SEVEN FRESHMAN CLASSES WITH AN AVERAGE AGE OF 46.

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: "DO YOU THINK YOU'LL COME BACK EVERY WEEKEND?"

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "I THINK I'M GOING TO COME BACK AS OFTEN AS IS PRACTICAL."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: AT 35 YEARS OLD, DEMOCRAT SUMMER LEE IS THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO EVER REPRESENT PENNSYLVANIA.

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "I'M HONORED TO SERVE AS PEOPLE WHO COME FROM A WORKING CLASS BACKGROUND, A BLACK COMMUNITY, FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS, WITH MY ACCENT. I WANT THAT TO COME THROUGH. I WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE ME SO THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT WHETHER THEY SHOULD EVER RUN KNOW THAT THEY DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE WHO THEY ARE TO BE IN THIS PLACE."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: A RECORD BREAKING 149 WOMEN WILL SERVE IN THE HOUSE OR SENATE —AND THAT INCLUDES 42 REPUBLICANS, ANOTHER FIRST.

MONICA DE LA CRUZ IS THE FIRST REPUBLICAN AND FIRST WOMAN TO REPRESENT THE 15TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS.

[MONICA DE LA CRUZ/(D) TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE]: "IT'S REALLY A HUMBLING THOUGHT FOR ME. I JUST FEEL LIKE I REPRESENT THE AMERICAN DREAM."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: SINCE THE MOMENT THEY WON, BOTH WOMEN SAY IT'S BEEN A FLURRY OF LOGISTICS, HIRING AND PLANNING AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR NEW LIVES. THERE'S THE QUESTION OF WHERE THEY'LL LIVE -- LEE FOUND A ROOMMATE IN FELLOW INCOMING ILLINOIS CONGRESSWOMAN DELIA RAMIREZ.

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "WE WERE BOTH JUST KIND OF LIKE, CAN YOU AFFORD TO LIVE ALONE? AN IMMEDIATE CONNECTION ON THAT ONE."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: DE LA CRUZ, A SINGLE MOM TO TWO TEENAGERS, HAS YET TO FIND A PLACE IN WASHINGTON D-C.

[MONICA DE LA CRUZ/(D) TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE]: "I'LL PROBABLY BE SLEEPING IN MY OFFICE THE FIRST COUPLE OF MONTHS UNTIL I GET BETTER ORIENTED WITH THE CITY."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: THE LIST OF TO-DOS CONTINUES TO BE LONG... FROM HIRING STAFF

[MONICA DE LA CRUZ/(D) TEXAS REPRESENTATIVE]: "TRYING TO FIND PEOPLE THAT HAD THE SAME VISION AS I HAD, THAT HOPEFULLY WERE FROM THE DISTRICT, THAT MIGHT BE BILINGUAL ON TOP OF THAT."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]:...TO LEARNING HOW TO GET IN THE BUILDING

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "THE REALITY IS THAT WE ACTUALLY HAVE TO LEARN. THERE'S SO MUCH THAT WE HAVE TO LEARN."

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: THEY'RE ALSO BOTH WOMEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE AND THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WEAR AND HOW THEY PRESENT THEMSELVES WILL BE SCRUTINIZED.

[SUMMER LEE/(D) PENNSYLVANIA REPRESENTATIVE]: "IT IS A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF CONSIDERATION NOT EVEN JUST BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN BUT FOR BLACK WOMEN. AS BLACK WOMEN WE HAVE DIFFERENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR OUR HAIR. WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE FOR OUR HAIR? HOW ARE WE PRESENTING OURSELVES?"

[JESSICA DEAN/REPORTER]: ALL OF THE CONSIDERATIONS, THE EXCITEMENT AND EVEN FRESHMAN NERVES PART OF THE EXPERIENCE AS THEY BEGIN THEIR NEW JOBS.

THANK YOU JESSICA...

[ROAR]

WHAT WAS THAT? SOUNDED LIKE A BOBCAT.

BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN IN CUYAHOGA COUNTY ...FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS. - WELL, NOT UNTIL LAST YEAR.

THE CLEVELAND METROPARKS FOLKS SPOTTED THE BIG CAT ON CAMERA IN JULY, AND THEN AGAIN IN OCTOBER, MAKING IT THE FIRST CONFIRMED SIGHTING SINCE 1850.

METRO PARKS CHIEF OF CONSERVATION MIKE JOHNSON SAYS THE RETURN OF THIS SPECIES IS A SIGN OF THE IMPROVING HEALTH OF OUR FORESTS.

THE METROPARKS SAYS THAT BOBCATS ARE HARMLESS AND WILL NOT ATTACK OR HARM PEOPLE.

AND THEY USUALLY TRY TO HIDE FROM PEOPLE, SO THERE'S VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF YOU SPOTTING ONE ON YOUR NEXT HIKE.

DID YOU KNOW OHIO USED TO BE HOME TO SOME OF THE MOST FEARED CATS?

MARY PAWS UP SOME FACTS ABOUT THESE FEROCIOUS FELINES, INCLUDING COUGARS AND BOBCATS.

[KO: FEROCIOUS FELINES NATIVE TO OUR STATE]

[MARY FECTEAU/IDEASTREAM]: OKAY, I'LL ADMIT IT. I'M A CAT PERSON. ANYONE ELSE? I FIGURED IT WASN'T JUST ME, AND IT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE HERE IN OHIO, WE USED TO BE CAT COUNTRY — AND I'M TALKING - *BIG* CATS.

CHECK THIS GUY OUT — COUGARS, ALSO CALLED MOUNTAIN LIONS, USED TO ROAM MOST OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING OHIO. THEY GROW TO BE ABOUT FIVE FEET LONG WITH TAILS THAT ARE TWO TO THREE FEET LONG TOO. NATIVE AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT A COUGAR'S TAIL COULD WHIP UP WAVES AND STORMS. SO YEAH, THEY WERE A PRETTY SCARY PREDATOR, FOR THE NATIVE PEOPLE AND FOR NEW SETTLERS. ACCORDING TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN 1770 WHEN PRESIDENT GEORGE WASHINGTON HAD OHIO LAND SURVEYED, THEY FOUND COUGARS, ALONG WITH WOLVES AND BEARS.

COUGARS ARE PRETTY SAVVY HUNTERS THOUGH. THEY ONLY NEED TO HUNT ABOUT ONCE A WEEK. THEY'LL FEAST ON DEER UNTIL THEY'RE FULL AND THEN COVER THEIR MEAL WITH LEAVES, SO THEY CAN RETURN TO EAT MORE WHEN THERE HUNGRY LATER. PRETTY SMART. EVEN THOUGH DEER IS THEIR BIGGEST FOOD SOURCE, THEY WILL EAT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THEY CAN GET THEIR PAWS ON.

UNFORTUNATELY, HUNTING AND CHANGES IN LAND USE RESULTED IN THE *EXTIRPATION* OF COUGARS FROM OHIO. **EXTIRPATION** MEANS LOCAL EXTINCTION. SO WHILE THESE BIG CATS HAVE BEEN PUSHED OUT OF OUR STATE, THEY CONTINUE TO LIVE ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE COUNTRY AND IN CANADA.

BUT WE STILL DO HAVE SOME CATS AROUND THAT ARE QUITE FIERCE. WELL, HE MIGHT NOT LOOK IT, BUT THE BOBCAT IS A FAST POUNCER. THEY'RE ONLY A LITTLE BIGGER THAN YOUR AVERAGE HOUSE CAT, GROWING ABOUT THREE FEET LONG. THEY'VE GOT SHORT TAILS THAT ARE BLACK ON TOP AND WHITE ON THE BOTTOM.

FOR A WHILE, THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THOUGHT BOBCATS WERE GONE FROM THE STATE, BUT SINCE 1990, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE AND MORE SIGHTINGS OF THEM IN SOUTHEAST OHIO. HERE'S A CLIP OF ONE TRAVELING THROUGH OHIO, CAUGHT ON A TRAIL CAMERA. SEE THE

DIFFERENT SHADES ON HIS TAIL? BOBCATS LOVE TO ROAM HUGE AREAS, NEARLY 90 SQUARE MILES BY THEMSELVES. WHEN THEY FIND THE PURR-FECT SPOT, THEY'LL LAY IN WAIT FOR PREY TO PASS BY BEFORE THEY LEAP IN FOR THE KILL.

THANKS MARY

SPEAKING OF CATS, LOOKS LIKE NEWS CAT IS READY FOR US!

LET'S SEE WHAT SHE'S UP TO FOR THIS WEEK'S PETTING ZOO.

[PZ: NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS]

HAPPY NEW YEAR, NEWS CAT. WHAT YOU BEEN UP TO? AH, WORK. NOW THAT'S IMPRESSIVE. NAPPING LESS MUST BE HER RESOLUTION. LET'S SEE WHAT SHE'S FOUND.

AH HA, A STORY ABOUT HOW PETS CAN HELP PEOPLE KEEP THEIR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

TO FIND OUT HOW YOUR CAT OR PUP CAN HELP YOU STAY ON TRACK, CLICK THE PETTING ZOO BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE.

AND THANK YOU NEWS CAT.

WELL, THAT'S GONNA DO IT FOR US, BUT AS ALWAYS, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH US.

YOU CAN WRITE TO US, WE'RE AT 1375 EUCLID AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO. OUR ZIP CODE HERE IS 44115. YOU CAN EMAIL US AT NEWSDEPTH@IDEASTREAM.ORG, OR YOU CAN TWEET US, OUR HANDLE IS AT @NEWSDEPTHOHIO.

PLUS, YOU CAN CATCH ALL OF OUR SPECIAL SEGMENTS ON YOUTUBE. HIT SUBSCRIBE IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH, SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF OUR NEW VIDEOS.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, I'M RICK JACKSON, WE'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE NEXT WEEK.

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