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DETROIT QUARTERBACK JARED GOFF THREW FOR 334 YARDS AND FIVE TOUCHDOWNS AS THE LIONS OPENED UP THEIR OFFENSE IN LAST WEEK'S 52-21 WIN OVER THE CHICAGO BEARS. **B1**

ROBERT REDFORD 1936-2025

Robert Redford, Oscar-winning Sundance founder, dies at 89

His boyish good looks made him a star, but he became a producer, director and the godfather of independent cinema.



Robert Redford — an actor whose good looks and magnetism in films such as “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” “The Sting” and “The Way We Were” made him one of the biggest movie stars of all time but who forged a more profound legacy in cinema as the patron saint of American independent cinema — has died. It was Redford who launched the Sundance Institute, a showcase for indie films and lifeblood for young filmmakers. That spirit of independence often infused his own films, too. Redford was the driving force behind “All the President’s Men,” the 1976 film about Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein’s Watergate investigation. “He was one of a kind,” recalled his costar and fellow filmmaker Barbra Streisand. *AP file photo*

‘The word to be underscored’ for Redford? ‘Independence.’ **A4**

Slotkin says Putin is mocking Trump with Ukraine attack

Senator calls it sticking “a thumb in the eye of Trump.”

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U.S. Sen. Elissa Slotkin, a former CIA analyst, said Russian President Vladimir Putin is thumbing his nose at President Donald Trump by launching a large-scale attack on Ukraine’s capital, violating the airspace of NATO allies and meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The incidents happened after Trump met with Putin last month at a U.S. air base in Alaska.

Slotkin, D-Holly, said Trump hoped to end Russia’s war with Ukraine, as well as conflicts in the Middle East, in an effort to win the Nobel Peace Prize.

“(Trump) rolls out the red carpet, cozies up to (Putin), and the data points since then are basically like a thumb in the eye to Trump, right?” Slotkin said Saturday on CNN’s “The Amanpour Hour.”

She told host Christiane Amanpour: “He, Putin goes and does this big event with the Chinese leadership. He launches the largest assault on Kiev since the beginning of the war and now is testing like a, like a toddler, the sort of NATO limits by sending drones over (Poland and Romania).”

“I personally think we have to send a strong message back to Putin because he is clearly walking all over President Trump.”

Slotkin said there already is a strong mil-

itary presence in countries near Russia. She called for added sanctions on Russia.

She also addressed the war against Hamas in Gaza.

Israel last week struck Qatar, killing five members of Hamas and a Qatari security officer, but missing a negotiating team, Al Jazeera reported Monday.

Slotkin noted Trump provided a “strongly worded statement” that he had not approved Israel’s strike and that it did not move toward peace.

“The president of the United States could solve this problem by having firm conversations with (Israeli Prime Minister) Bibi Netanyahu.”

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Crowd gathers at Michigan Capitol to honor Charlie Kirk

Speakers celebrate Kirk’s life and attendees condemn political violence in all forms.

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LANSING — People chanted together during a memorial gathering held in Lansing Monday evening for a man who was gunned down during a debate in Utah last week. “We are Charlie Kirk,” people in the crowd said.

Kirk, the founder of Turning Point USA and a rising force on the political right, was killed Wednesday during a debate at Utah Valley University. He was 31.

People shared messages on signs and speeches Monday at the State Capitol, honoring Kirk and urging people to carry on the work he was doing.

Landen Chulski, from the Grand Rapids area, attended the event with his wife and their 1-year-old son.

Watching Kirk and hearing his advice was helpful, Chulski said. It inspired him to go deeper into his faith.

Kirk was famous for openly debating people on college campuses across the U.S. He was doing that last week when a single bullet fatally struck him in the neck.

Tyler James Robinson, 22, of Washington, Utah, was arrested as a suspect in the killing, police said.

Chulski said he opposes any form of political violence.

“We’re not each other’s enemy,” Chulski said. “We all want America to succeed.”

Debate is one of the great things about the United States, he said.

The past week has brought Chulski through emotions from sad and angry to confused, he said.

His family joined hundreds of people outside the capitol Monday afternoon.

The Michigan Republican Party organized the event and Chairman Jim Runestad also spoke.

“His mission did not die with him, it lives in every person here today,” Runestad said.

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Jillian Pierce hugs Amie Sherrill-Pierce on Monday as a crowd gathers at the state Capitol to honor the life of Charlie Kirk.
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