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Community Calendar

Monday, Oct. 5

Senior Menu: Chili with beans, mixed vegetables, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Egg bake.
School Lunch: Corn dogs, baked beans.
Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
State A Boys Golf, 9 a.m.
Second Grade Girls Basketball, 3:30 p.m., Elementary Gym
JH Football vs. Deuel at Langford, 4 p.m.
Volleyball hosts Tiospa Zina (JH/C at 5 p.m., JV at 6 p.m., Varsity at 7:15 p.m.)
JV Football vs. Deuel at Langford, 5:30 p.m.
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, fruit, whole wheat bread.
School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.
School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, corn.
State A Boys Golf, 9 a.m.
SDHSAA First Round Soccer Playoffs, 4 p.m.
Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 4 p.m., Elementary Gym
Winter Gear Drive at Dacotah Bank, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
United Methodist: Bible Study, 10 a.m.

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1440

Why 1440? The printing press was invented around the year 1440, spreading knowledge to the masses and changing the course of history. More facts: In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. We're here to make each one count.

Nobel Prize Week

The 2026 Nobel Prize announcements began today and will encompass six awards. The first prize, for medical breakthroughs, was announced this morning at 5:30 am ET.

The prizes originated in 1895, when Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel willed a fortune equivalent to over \$260M in today's currency to establish the awards. Six years later, committees in Sweden and Norway recognized the first Nobel laureates for groundbreaking contributions to humanity across physiology or medicine, physics, chemistry, literature, and peace. Sweden's central bank, Sveriges Riksbank, established a sixth prize for economic sciences in 1968.

Honorees receive approximately \$1.2M, a gold medal, and a diploma.

Experts say the International Space Station is a front-runner for this year's Peace Prize, to be announced Friday morning.

Runoff in Brazil

Brazil's tightly contested presidential election will head to an Oct. 25 runoff after no candidate secured more than 50% of the vote in national elections yesterday. The contest to govern Latin America's largest country is viewed as the latest in a conservative populist surge across the region in recent years.

Leftist incumbent Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, known as "Lula," is seeking his fourth term as president. Having left office in 2010—Brazil's constitution bars more than two consecutive, but not total, terms—Lula spent a year and a half in prison on money laundering charges. The conviction was annulled in 2021, and he ran and was reelected the following year.

His opponent, conservative Flávio Bolsonaro, is the son of former president Jair Bolsonaro. The elder Bolsonaro is currently serving a 27-year prison sentence (under house arrest) for plotting a coup after supporters stormed federal buildings following his 2022 loss to Lula.

As of this writing, Bolsonaro had a 47%-45% lead over Lula.

FlyDubai Assailant Identified

The pilot who allegedly attacked the captain of a FlyDubai flight bound for Israel last week was identified as 29-year-old Omani national Hamam al-Hammami, per officials. He was reportedly banned from flying for a separate carrier in 2024 over concerns he held radical ideological views.

Before joining FlyDubai, al-Hammami worked for Oman Air as a copilot trainee. The airline moved him to an administrative role following a discovery that he possessed unspecified extremist materials. It is unclear if Oman informed other countries or airlines about al-Hammami's alleged beliefs.

The United Arab Emirates is investigating the incident and confirmed the copilot tried to seize control of the plane after assaulting Captain Smit Machchhar with a crash ax.

During the altercation, the plane plummeted 17,400 feet while reaching a peak velocity near the speed of sound.

Sports, Entertainment, & Culture

Max Verstappen wins Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia following 90-minute delay caused by rain and engine software glitches.

WNBA semifinals tip off with the Atlanta Dream downing the New York Liberty, and the Golden State Valkyries topping the Las Vegas Aces to grab 1-0 leads in their five-game series.

"Avengers: Endgame" retakes top spot as highest-grossing movie ever after theatrical rerelease nudges Marvel film's tally over "Avatar" by around \$2M.

An exhaustive fan guide on how to watch all MCU films and shows in order.

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Science & Technology

White House is reportedly monitoring a suspected plague case and connected quarantines in Russia. Dengue cases in Florida exceed 250 reports, likely the continental US' largest such outbreak since at least the 1940s.

President Donald Trump announces formation of task force focusing on the risks and opportunities of artificial intelligence, led by Director of National Intelligence Jay Clayton.

Scientists discover covering coral with underwater shades reduces light exposure by 60%, providing temporary protection from UV damage and bleaching.

Business & Markets

US stock markets rise Friday (S&P 500 +0.7%, Dow +0.5%, Nasdaq +1.2%) despite a Friday report showing just 29,000 jobs added in September; Nvidia hits all-time high during intraday trading.

Merged Paramount-Warner Bros. company to be called Skydance; deal closes tomorrow, company will move trading to the NYSE under the ticker "SKYD".

Ford narrowly retains third-place slot in US auto sales, despite sales dropping 6.6% in the third quarter; General Motors, Toyota claim top spots.

Politics & World Affairs

Tennessee prison chief resigns following failed execution of Christa Pike last week; Pike remains unconscious and on a ventilator.

Parts of the US West Coast under severe heat warning through at least Thursday; downtown Los Angeles set daily record Friday, reaching 103 degrees.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz makes surprise visit to Ukrainian capital of Kyiv amid Russian strikes.

Ukrainian operation involving robots dropped by drones behind Russian lines has retaken around 70 square miles of the Donbas region, per reports.

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EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Old tire waste is a big problem. What are we doing to fix it? – D.R. via email

Tires often pose deadly health and environmental risks if not properly disposed of. Instead of being considered municipal solid waste, tire waste is classified as special waste because it has the potential to release dangerous chemicals and, therefore, requires careful handling.

Each year, approximately 3 billion tires are produced worldwide. The production process requires large amounts of fossil fuels, water and space to grow natural rubber. In addition, the manufacture of tires itself releases chemicals, including 6PPD-quinone, zinc, lead, copper and nitrosamines, that are toxic. As for their end of life, some 1.5 billion tires globally reach the destruction stage annually. At that point, tires are often either burned for fuel (releasing fine particulate matter) or recycled.

While some tire waste is unavoidable, excessive amounts of it can cause negative environmental and human impacts. Most notably, large piles of rubber tire waste can catch on fire and burn and smolder for long periods, releasing toxic fumes into the air. They can also gather water due to their shape and as such becoming a breeding ground for unwanted wildlife, including mosquitoes and snakes. Not to mention, tires are difficult to recycle as they are made through a vulcanization process to maximize sturdiness, making it difficult to remold and melt.

To combat excessive tire waste, there are already many current and emerging processes used around the world. Tire-derived fuel is used to generate power and manufacture materials such as concrete or paper. By doing so, it not only saves carbon emissions for producing other kinds of fuel but also reduces the number of used tires. Another current strategy is rubber recycling, which can be divided into crumb rubber, which is used to make concrete and asphalt, or TDA, which is often used as backfill for walls and landfills as it is much larger. Currently, “there is a potential for up to 2,000 tire recycling plants around the world,” says Pascal Klein, CEO of Pyrum, a European recycling firm.

As for future initiatives, many experts have recommended extended producer responsibility, which is when producers are responsible for products when they reach end-of-life, carried out by tire companies to create a more sustainable cycle. At the same time, there is continued research on looking for alternatives to rubber in tires, which is the main hazardous material, as they ensure safety. In the future, government regulation can play an influential role in controlling the amount of tire waste allowed.

As for ordinary citizens, they can play their role in reducing tire waste by ensuring their tires are properly inflated and rotated, which will decrease the number of tires they use. When tires reach their end of life, owners should recycle them rather than throwing them away or into wrong categories. When buying new tires, people can promote sustainability by supporting companies that publicly announce their use of sustainable materials, recycled tires, or retreaded tires.



Old tires may be one of the biggest local pollution hazards all around the world. Credit: Pexels.com.

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B.A.G.S. Ladies with Heart take first

Their project put them in the public spotlight, according to one of the judges, and their project propelled them to a first place finish at the State DI Tournament in the Project Outreach division. Pictured in back, left to right, are Tiara DeHoet, Julianna Kosel and KaSandra Pappas; in front, left to right, are Madeline Schuelke, Coach Julie Milbrandt and Samantha Pappas. Not pictured are Katlyn Kyar and Coach Gail Kyar. (Photo #5757 by Paul Kosel)

The BAGS program at the Groton Area Elementary School got its start in 2013 when this Destination Imagination team had an outreach program to raise money for the program.



The B.A.G.S. Ladies with heart, Julianna Kosel, Tiara DeHoet, KaSandra Pappas, Madeline Schuelke and Katlyn Kyar present Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow, a check for \$685 for the DI Outreach program. Not pictured is Samantha Pappas.

Nationally ranked Wolves down Bemidji State in North Division showdown

Aberdeen, S.D. – The (RV)/#25 Northern State University defense shinned Saturday evening from Dacotah Bank Stadium with career milestones, big time stops, and three scoreless quarters for their opponent in a 16-9 victory over Bemidji State. With the win, the Wolves sit atop the North Division and tied for second in the NSIC overall standings.

THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 16, BSU 9

Records: NSU 5-1 (4-1 NSIC), BSU 2-4 (2-3 NSIC)

Attendance: 5709

HOW IT HAPPENED

The Wolves opened the contest with a 70-yard drive resulting in a 28-yard field goal by Jeremy Caruso and 3-0 lead at 9:45 in the first

With the Beavers punting from their own 3-yard line in the second, Jackson Waitkus came up big, blocking the Beaver punt which was scooped up by Kale Johnson at the 6-yard line and returned for the sophomore's first career touchdown

The two teams entered the locker room at halftime with Northern holding a 9-0 lead

Hank Kraft opened the second half scoring with a 52-yard touchdown run at 9:07 in the third

Northern entered the fourth with a 16-0 lead, however Bemidji State stormed back late in the quarter notching a 3-yard passing score at 2:10 and 32-yard field goal at 1:08

The Beavers attempted an on-side kick following the field goal, however Northern was able to come away with the ball on the play and kneel for the win as the clock ticked down

The Wolves led the contest with 232 yards rushing and 284 yards of total offense, averaging 5.2 yards per play in the win

The defense held Bemidji State to 260 yards of total offense and one touchdown, notching one interception by Andrew Ewald and two sacks

Kraft continued his national leading performance this season, racking up 191 rushing yards in the win, averaging 9.6 yards per carry with a 52-yard long

Connor Sams made his first appearance for NSU, adding 42 yards rushing with an average of 5.2 yards per carry

Jake Adams was back in double figures for NSU with 13 tackles, including 0.5 sack, and one pass break-up

Cooper Logan and Kale Johnson followed with eight tackles and one pass break-up each, with Logan notching 1.0 tackle for a loss and Johnson recording the punt return score

Kegan Mountain forced his second fumble of the season and added a pass break-up, while Kaydn Turnbow connected with Adams for the 0.5 sacks

Gabe Gutierrez tallied the second sack on the evening for NSU for a total loss of six yards and Javonnee Szymanski added the final TFL for the defense

Cooper Eisenbeisz led the returners with 24 punt return yards and 18 kick return yards, while adding a team leading 18 yards receiving

NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

Hank Kraft: 191 yards rushing, 9 yards receiving, 1 touchdown, 9.6 yards per carry

Jake Adams: 13 tackles, 0.5 sack, 1 pass break-up

Cooper Logan: 8 tackles, 1.0 tackle for a loss, 1 pass break-up

Kale Johnson: 8 tackles, 1 pass break-up, 1 punt return touchdown

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

Gabe Gutierrez solidified his spot at the top of the career records list with the 18th of his career against

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the Beavers

The Sioux Falls native achieved the feat in just 25 games played for the Wolves, surpassing Bryar Johnson with 17.0 sacks set back in 2008

UP NEXT

Northern State is set for a stint on the road, traveling to Minnesota Duluth next Saturday, October 10. Kick-off is set for 12 p.m. versus the Bulldogs. The Wolves will then enter the bye week, before heading to MSU Moorhead for a 12 p.m. kick on October 24.



This Week's Roar:

Monday, October 5th:

STATE Golf @ Lakeview GC in Mitchell (Jace @ 10:30am, Liam @ 10:50am)

Volleyball vs. Tiospa Zina (7th/C @ 5pm, 8th/JV @ 6pm, Varsity to follow - theme: Adam Sandler)

JH/JV Football @ Langford vs. Deuel (JH @ 4pm, JV @ 5pm)

Tuesday, October 6th:

STATE Golf @ Lakeview GC in Mitchell (Tee Times TBD)

GIRLS First Round Soccer Playoffs @ STM (3pm MST/4pm CST)

BOYS First Round Soccer Playoffs @ Hot Springs (4pm MST/5pm CST)

Wednesday, October 7th:

Community Bond Issue Meeting in Columbia (7pm)

Thursday, October 8th:

Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:00)

NEC Cross Country @ Webster (1pm)

Friday, October 9th:

Staff Development Day - No School!

Lake Region Marching Band Festival in Groton (9am)

Football vs. Mobridge/Pollock (7pm - theme: Animal Print/Camo)

Saturday, October 10th:

SDHSAA Second Round Soccer Playoffs (TBD)

JH Volleyball Tournament at Warner (8:30am)

Go make it a great week, Tigers!

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L-Right: Back row: McKenna Tietz, Andi Iverson, Coach Matt Baumgartner, Addison Steffes, Kella Tracy, Ashlynn Warrington, Emerlee Jones, Tori Schuster, Zoe Olson, Blakely Stiegelmeier, Rowan Hanson. Front Row: Devan Locke, Ryelle Gilbert, Sydney Locke, Brenna Imrie, Libby Johnson, Avery Roettele, Addison Hoffman, Avery Crank, Amelia Ewalt. (Courtesy Photo)

Girls Soccer Post Season Preview

by Coach Matt Baumgartner

Our team finished the regular season at 6-6 and were given the fifth seed, barely being beat out on seed points for the fourth seed spot. Our next opponent is St. Thomas More.

The girls and I both feel our team is way better than a six-loss team. Our season has had its learning and growing moments, and we are eager to keep playing the calm but aggressive nature-style soccer we have put on display during the last chapter of the season.

Our season started on the Friday and Saturday of the Brown County Fair, and we fell in each contest to last year's finalists and state champions: Dakota Valley, 2-10, and Sioux Falls Christian, 0-5. That first weekend was a huge learning experience for our entire team. In total, five girls made their first-ever varsity starts that weekend: Addison Steffes (8th grade), Zoe Olson (8th grade), Tori Schuster (8th grade), Andi Iverson (8th grade), and Devan Locke (7th grade).

Like mentioned, a tremendous number of things were learned that first weekend: girls playing different position roles than in previous years, integrating new faces into varsity soccer, and trying new formations and playing styles. Were some of the things I was trying to intertwine into this group (formation changes, position swaps) a bit too confusing and/or didn't fit our current roster? Yes. Do I take blame for that? A little bit, but I was eager to try and bring a fresh new idea to the table and see if it would stick.

Games 3, 4 and 5 came about, and we reverted back to a familiar formation and knowledgeable roles, and we excelled, winning two of those three. That one loss was on the road off a back-to-back against STM by the score of 0-1, with their lone goal coming in the last five minutes of play. That loss to them was one that stung right away, knowing that could be a factor come playoff seeding, and it sure turned out to be the edge over us in regard to home-field advantage in the first round.

But to wrap up a short memo on the regular season, this group of girls has battled extremely hard through two months, a stacked first 14 days with six games, me playing nine different starting lineups, and themselves juggling their schoolwork, jobs, and other school sports and activities. From the week of the BCF to the first week of school to Labor Day weekend and homecoming, these girls don't take a day off, and it is a huge testament to their work ethic and desire to put on a good performance for all Tigers fans.

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Our team has been led by senior co-captains Emerlee Jones and McKenna Tietz. Emerlee has one goal on the season, many offensive chances created, and a plethora of big defensive stops, as she's been a staple for us in the middle of our defensive shape. McKenna, on the other hand, is a focal point for our offense, as she leads the team with seven goals and three assists and constantly causes disruptions for opposing teams' defenses with her breakaway pace.

Also on the scoresheet this year are seniors Brenna Imrie — three goals, two assists; Avery Crank — two goals, one assist; and Ashlynn Warrington and Addison Hoffman — one goal each.

Our junior pairing of Ruelle Gilbert and Sydney Locke have nine total contributions: Sydney — six goals and one assist; and Ruelle — two assists.

As a team, we have a total of 24 goals scored, and the remaining three not listed yet have come from our middle school kids: eighth-grader Addison Steffes — one goal, two assists; and seventh-grader Devan Locke — two goals.

Like mentioned, we are eager to get out to Rapid City on Tuesday for our first-round game, and if we play with more determination and speed than our opponent, we can hang right in there with all the teams in our class.

Go Tigers!



Volleyball
Tiospa Zina
at Groton Area
Mon., Oct. 5, 2026



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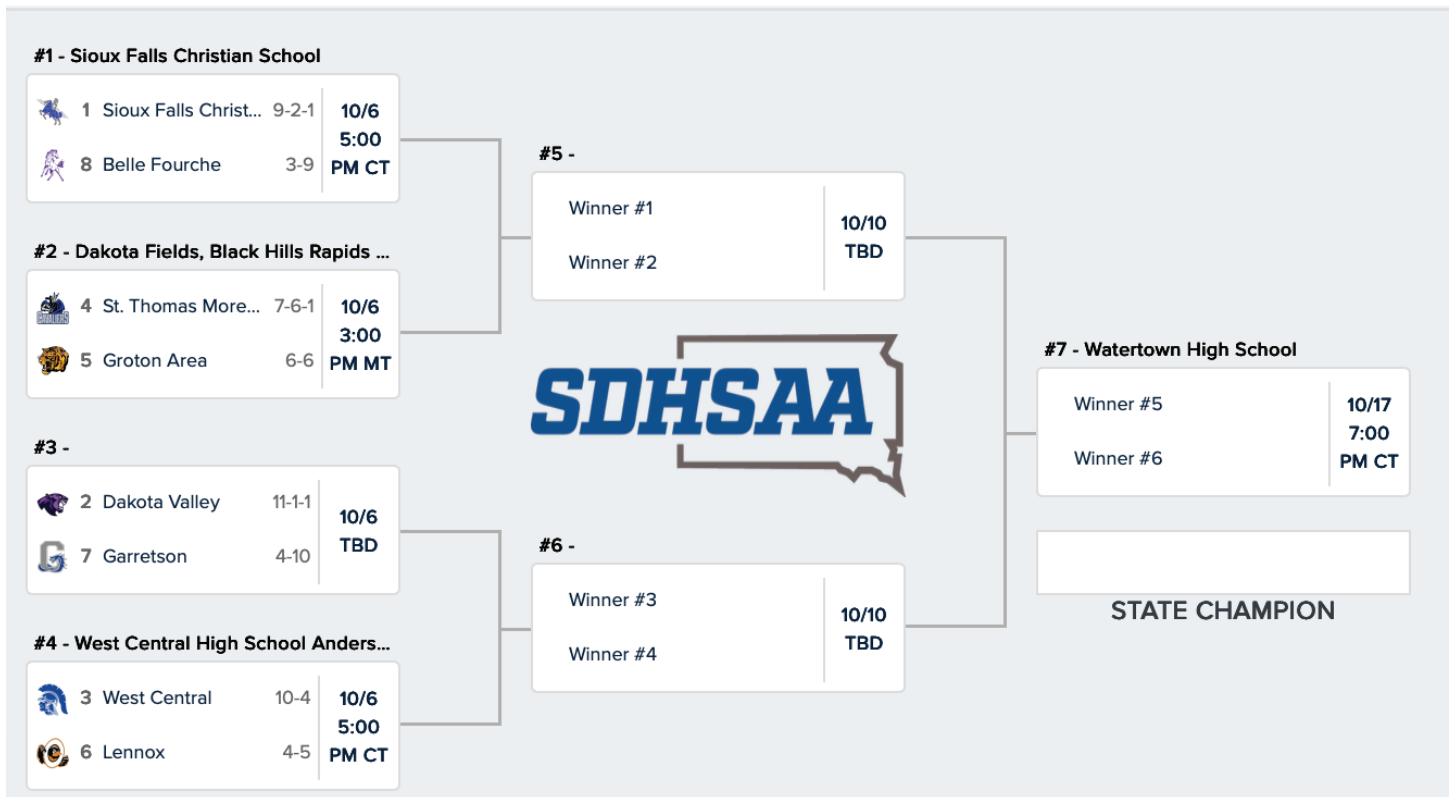
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Varsity to Follow

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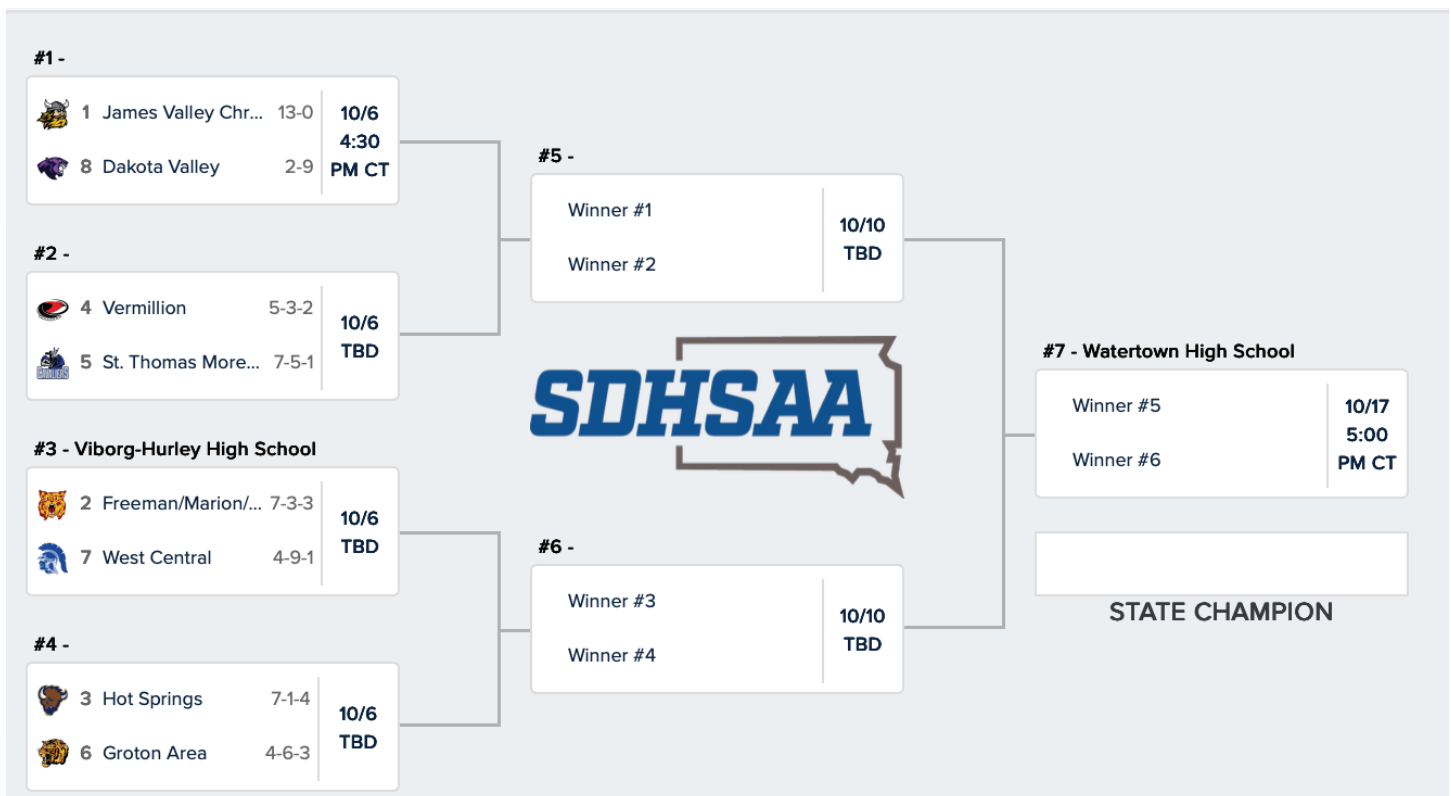
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Class A - State **Girl's Division**



Class A - State **Boy's Division**



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The Minnesota Vikings moved to 4-0 this season after beating the Miami Dolphins 15-10 on Sunday. Despite being one of only three teams to remain undefeated through Week 4, talk to any Vikings fan and you'd think the sky was falling. Is this team a fraudulent 4-0? Are fans too pessimistic? Let's break it down.

The Good

We have to start with the fact that this team is 4-0 this season (and has won their last nine games going back to last season). Winning is tough in the NFL, and at the end of the season they don't ask HOW you won. A team's record is all that matters when it comes to playoff seeding.

The Vikings defense is legit. I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it, because what this defense is doing is otherworldly. Through four games, the defense has only given up 51 points. That's only 12.7 points per game. The 1985 Bears, considered one of the best defenses of all time, allowed 12.4 ppg.

Minnesota's special teams have also been... well, special this season. Kick returner Myles Price was recently named the NFC Special Teams Player of the Month, and he continued playing at a high level on Sunday, averaging 35 yards per kick return and 17 yards per punt return. Kicker Will Reichard was 5/5 on field goals against the Dolphins and is 12/12 this season. (The Vikings' punt team was horrible Sunday, but we're going to conveniently forget about that, okay?)

The Bad

If "The Good" section started with the defense, then "The Bad" section must start with the offense. After putting up 39 points in Week 1 against the Packers, the Vikings' offense has only found the end zone once in Weeks 2-4. It was easy to dismiss the poor performance in Week 2, because the Vikings were playing with their backup QB, and the weather was atrocious. Week 3 was a little concerning, but it was Kyler Murray's first full game, so we could chalk it up to him still learning the system. But at home, against one of the worst teams in the league, we should have seen things start to click.

Injuries are starting to stack up. Kyler Murray was injured in the first quarter of Week 1. Co-starting RB Jordan Mason is on IR with a thumb injury. Superstar WR Justin Jefferson is dealing with an ankle injury. Left tackle Christian Darrisaw left the game against the Dolphins with concussion symptoms. Left guard Donovan Jackson left the game in the first quarter with a knee injury. Injuries are going to happen in the NFL, but this many, to key players, this early in the season? It's concerning.

The Verdict

So... is the sky falling? Or are fans just being too pessimistic? In my opinion, the answer lies somewhere in the middle. I'm not ready to call Kyler Murray a bust yet, and I'm certainly not grabbing my pitchfork and joining the mob calling for Kevin O'Connell to be fired. But I need to see something. The Vikings have the best defense in the NFL, an offensive-minded head coach, a Heisman-winning and former No. 1 overall pick QB, and a superstar wide receiver. This offense really needs to get on track, because even an average offense would make this team dangerous.

Looking ahead, the Vikings travel to New Orleans to face the Aints Saints. (Yes, I still have not forgiven them for 2009). I'm writing this Sunday evening, so the Saints haven't played their Week 4 matchup against the Atlanta Falcons yet, but they are 1-2 entering the game. They lost to the Lions by one point in Week 1, beat the Ravens in Week 2, and lost to the Raiders in Week 3. Are the Vikings the better team who should be able to leave this game with their undefeated streak intact? Yes. Am I confident they'll pull it off? Of course not.

"Alphabet Soup: GLP-1s, DPP-4s and SGLT-2s"

Medications used to treat Type 2 diabetes have changed dramatically over the past 20 years. As our understanding of the disease has grown, scientists have learned that Type 2 diabetes is not caused by a single problem in the pancreas. Several organs and hormones play a role. Because of this, there is no single medication that can completely address every aspect of diabetes. This research has led to several new classes of medications, many of which are named for the enzyme, hormone or pathway they target.

While you may not recognize the acronyms, you have likely seen commercials for some of these medications. Let's break down the alphabet soup and explain how they work. Although drug names can look like someone grabbed a handful of Scrabble tiles, the ending of a generic drug name often provides a clue about its class. GLP-1 medications generally end in -tide, DPP-4 medications end in -gliptin, and SGLT-2 medications end in -iflozin.

The first GLP-1 receptor agonist, exenatide (Byetta), was introduced in 2005. GLP-1 stands for glucagon-like peptide-1. These medications mimic a naturally occurring hormone called an incretin, which helps regulate blood sugar by stimulating the body to release insulin when blood sugar is elevated. They also reduce the amount of sugar released by the liver, slow digestion and increase feelings of fullness. Together, these effects can improve blood sugar control and may lead to weight loss. Other medications in this group include semaglutide (Ozempic and Wegovy), liraglutide (Victoza) and dulaglutide (Trulicity). Tirzepatide (Mounjaro and Zepbound) works on both GLP-1 and GIP pathways.

DPP-4 inhibitors were introduced in 2006, with sitagliptin (Januvia) as the first medication in the class. DPP-4 stands for dipeptidyl peptidase-4, an enzyme that breaks down incretin hormones in the body. By blocking this enzyme, these medications allow incretins to remain active longer. This helps increase insulin release and lower blood sugar. Other medications in this class include saxagliptin (Onglyza) and linagliptin (Tradjenta).

SGLT-2 inhibitors arrived in 2013, beginning with canagliflozin (Invokana). These medications lower blood sugar by helping the kidneys remove extra glucose through the urine. Because some calories are lost along with that glucose, they can also contribute to modest weight loss. However, they do not cause as much weight loss as the GLP-1s and do not cause weight loss in people without Diabetes. SGLT-2 inhibitors have also been shown to provide benefits for some people with diabetes, including reducing the risk of hospitalization for heart failure and slowing the progression of chronic kidney disease.

While all these acronyms may seem like alphabet soup, each represents a different approach to treating diabetes. Finding the medication that is right for you takes more than choosing the commercial you like best. Talk with your health care provider about your current medications, health conditions and treatment goals. Together, you can determine whether a -tide, -gliptin or -iflozin medication is right for you. Remember, there's more to staying healthy than knowing your ABCs—or your GLP-1s, DPP-4s and SGLT-2s. You do not need a prescription to stay active and eat a healthy diet, which will also help you stay healthy out there, people!

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Inmates moving to new Rapid City women's prison, but dilapidated unit in Pierre remains in use

Total prisoner population has grown since parole policy changes in spring

BY JOHN HULT

South Dakota's recently opened women's prison in Rapid City held 79 women at the end of September, the first month the state began to move them there from the women's prison campus in Pierre.

Overcrowding in the buildings at the older women's prison spurred the construction of the \$87 million Rapid City complex. For years, the state has paid Hughes County to house some female state prison inmates at the jail in Pierre and held hundreds of women in a minimum security unit that state engineers have deemed unfit for human habitation.

The new women's prison on the state's western side has 288 beds. In addition to standard housing units, the campus has facilities for chemical dependency treatment and for a mother-baby program that lets qualifying women live in a home-like environment with their newborn children.

Department of Corrections spokesperson Michael Winder said its population of 79 will grow as its operations ramp up.

On July 10, the date of a ribbon cutting for the prison, Winder told South Dakota Searchlight that inmates would start to move in "beginning next month," but the first inmates didn't arrive until September.

As of Thursday, 466 women remained in prison custody in secure facilities Pierre, Winder said in an email. There were 64 held off-site at the Hughes County Jail and 208 in the minimum security unit, with the remaining people in secure detention housed in the main prison unit.

Beyond the women in secure facilities, the total population of women in state prison custody includes some who live in community facilities, such as halfway houses.

Corrections Secretary Nick Lamb told lawmakers in February that the minimum unit is "not suited for occupancy," according to multiple assessments across multiple years, and has "structural deficiencies."

Lamb's remarks came in support of a bill to set aside \$682,825 to demolish the building, which lawmakers passed and Gov. Larry Rhoden signed into law.

All maintenance work on the building ceased once lawmakers approved funding for the new Rapid City prison in 2023, Lamb said in February, and the demolition would be needed because the building will "continue to degrade and pose life safety concerns."

The women in the minimum unit would be transferred to Rapid City "later this summer," Lamb told lawmakers.

Winder told South Dakota Searchlight that "there have been no substantial maintenance projects" at the minimum unit since Lamb said that.

The number of South Dakotans in prison systemwide has risen by hundreds since spring. A policy change announced this spring by Gov. Larry Rhoden makes it easier to bring paroled inmates back to prison for breaking the rules of their supervision agreements after early release. The number of parolees in custody spiked shortly after the announcement.

Inmates are also being denied early release at a higher rate.

In February, the total inmate population was 3,720. Of those, 580 were women.

At the end of August — the most recent population count available when this story was published — there were 4,049 inmates in custody. Of those, 632 were women. There were eight more women in the

minimum unit on Aug. 31 than there are today.

In response to a question about whether the minimum unit in Pierre would remain in service now that the Rapid City facility is open, Winder said the Department of Corrections intends to demolish the building in accordance with the Legislature's decision.

The timeline for removal is not set, however, and will take place when the unit "is no longer needed," Winder said.

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After states sue, Trump administration walks away from disability rights enforcement

BY ANNA CLAIRE VOLLERS

A court battle that began when conservative-led states sued to block protections for transgender people has ended in a rollback of protections for people with disabilities — a result disability advocates have feared for months.

At the end of August, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services joined the handful of conservative-led states suing it, and asked a court to strike language from a federal disability-rights regulation that directed states to prioritize serving disabled people in their communities rather than in nursing homes or institutions.

Last week the judge did so, ending the case, *Texas v. Kennedy*, by removing all mentions of community integration from the regulation that implements a piece of landmark federal disability law known as Section 504.

The Trump administration's move — along with a June memo from the Justice Department that argued federal law doesn't require states to provide community-based services for disabled people — marks a sharp about-face for the federal government, which has long been the chief enforcer of such protections.

The change to the Section 504 rule, disability rights advocates fear, will make it harder for disabled people to receive services they need to live in their communities — and to stay out of institutions.

"This affects children, this affects adults, it affects your elderly parents. It affects everyone," said Charlotte Cravins, a Baton Rouge, Louisiana, attorney whose toddler son Landry was born with Down syndrome and has impaired vision.

Landry receives publicly funded therapies that have helped him learn to crawl, pull himself up to stand, and to use American Sign Language, all while being able to live at home with his family.

But Cravins worries the ruling threatens those gains. Her husband, who was Landry's main caregiver, recently had to return to work, and so Cravins is now caring for their son while also working. They're hoping to get Landry assessed for nursing services and other aids that can help with daily living.

"But those services are at risk now of being unavailable," she said.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services told Stateline in an email that the department "remains firmly committed to protecting the civil rights of individuals with disabilities" and enforcing applicable disability rights law.

"Our commitment to ensuring that individuals with disabilities are treated with dignity, afforded equal opportunity, and are able to meaningfully access community services remains unchanged," he said.

The U.S. Department of Justice, in an email to Stateline, said the court's order "answered an ordinary-course request" about updated federal guidance and clarified the "proper scope" of *Olmstead v. L.C.*, the landmark 1999 Supreme Court ruling that people with disabilities have a civil right to live and receive services in their communities rather than institutions.

Previous administrations have relied on *Olmstead*'s precedent to compel states to provide community-based services.

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States that were plaintiffs in the lawsuit have told the court they don't want federal interference: They said that Biden-era updates to Section 504 unfairly restricted how they're able to spend money, and prevented them from deciding how best to care for their own residents. They said their budgets, strained by rising costs and workforce shortages, can't always accommodate expensive services required by the law, and that with smaller Medicaid budgets they're having to make hard choices. Removing the federal "integration mandate" would give them more flexibility.

"Florida joined this lawsuit to serve as a check on federal power, not to deny care," Jae Williams, press secretary in the office of Florida Attorney General James Uthmeier, a Republican, told Stateline in a statement.

"Reclaiming state authority gives Florida the flexibility needed to address critical public safety and homelessness issues while ensuring proper care for individuals."

The resolution of the case "achieves the right balance," said Sam Curtis, information officer for the Alaska Department of Law, "by keeping historical Section 504 protections in place and vacating only the unlawful new provisions that threatened Alaska's Medicaid program, home and community based services, and systems of care for Alaskans with complex needs."

But the change to how the feds enforce Section 504 means states may no longer have a federal monitor ensuring they provide community services, disability advocates and experts told Stateline.

"It's part of this bigger effort from the federal government to walk away from their longstanding commitment to the right to community living," said Alison Barkoff, director of the Hirsh Health Law and Policy Program at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University.

Disabled people still have a legal right to receive community-based services, she said, "but the right is only as good as the enforcement."

Gender dysphoria to disability rights

The case began back in 2024, when 17 Republican-led states sued the Biden administration over its inclusion of gender dysphoria as a protected disability under Section 504.

But then the suit morphed into something different.

After Trump was reelected and his administration made clear it would not enforce the Biden rule, several states pulled out of the lawsuit. Their attorneys general scrambled to distance themselves from it, amid a swift backlash from the disability community that warned the suit imperiled federal protections for all people with disabilities.

But in a surprising move, a handful of states chose to stick with the lawsuit. In January, they amended their complaint to ask the court to strike down the Section 504 rule that directs states to provide disabled people services in their communities whenever possible, rather than in institutions such as nursing homes and state hospitals.

By September, more states had dropped out, leaving five — Alaska, Florida, Louisiana, Montana and Texas — when the Trump administration joined them in asking the court to strike the integration provisions.

In an email to Stateline, a spokesperson for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, a Republican, connected the lawsuit and its resolution to the original complaint about the inclusion of gender dysphoria, saying it defeated a "woke" rule that "would have endangered disability funding for the sake of promoting the radical trans agenda." He did not address the removal of the integration mandate.

"This resolution ensures that Texans who rely on Section 504 and disability assistance are fully protected," he said. "It supports family choice, ensures healthcare providers are able to provide the best possible care to Texans, and guarantees that all protections that existed prior to the 2024 Biden rule are upheld and permanently preserved."

Barkoff emphasized that the ruling doesn't change disability rights protections that are baked into other federal laws, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, and precedent-setting cases such as Olmstead.

"These rights still exist, and people need to understand that," Barkoff said.

M. Geron Gadd, a senior attorney at the National Health Law Program who focuses on disability rights cases, agreed that the ruling doesn't eliminate states' legal requirement to provide community-based

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services to disabled people.

However, she said, "it can make it much harder for people with disabilities and their families, who often are already struggling, to obtain needed services."

States get a boost

One practical result of the judgment in this case — and the Department of Justice's June memo that reinterpreted federal disability law and the Olmstead decision — is that disabled people may have to go to greater lengths, including suing states, to get services if they're denied them.

The department has already retreated from disability rights cases against states including Florida and Texas, which have long pushed back against Olmstead's scope in the hopes of persuading the feds to narrow their interpretation of disability law.

In 2023, a U.S. district court found that Florida had kept children with complex medical needs unnecessarily institutionalized in nursing facilities, violating federal disability rights law and the Olmstead integration mandate. The Justice Department filed the lawsuit during the Biden administration. The department shifted its stance this year and asked the court to vacate its decision.

The Justice Department also dropped out of a long-running case centered on claims Texas has been illegally placing thousands of disabled people in nursing homes for decades.

Disability rights groups and advocates have called for protection of federal integration requirements. Late last month, a bipartisan group of congressional representatives cosponsored a resolution to reaffirm Olmstead and the right of disabled people to receive services in their communities. A group of 100 Democratic members of Congress also signed a letter in July calling on the Justice Department to rescind its memo.

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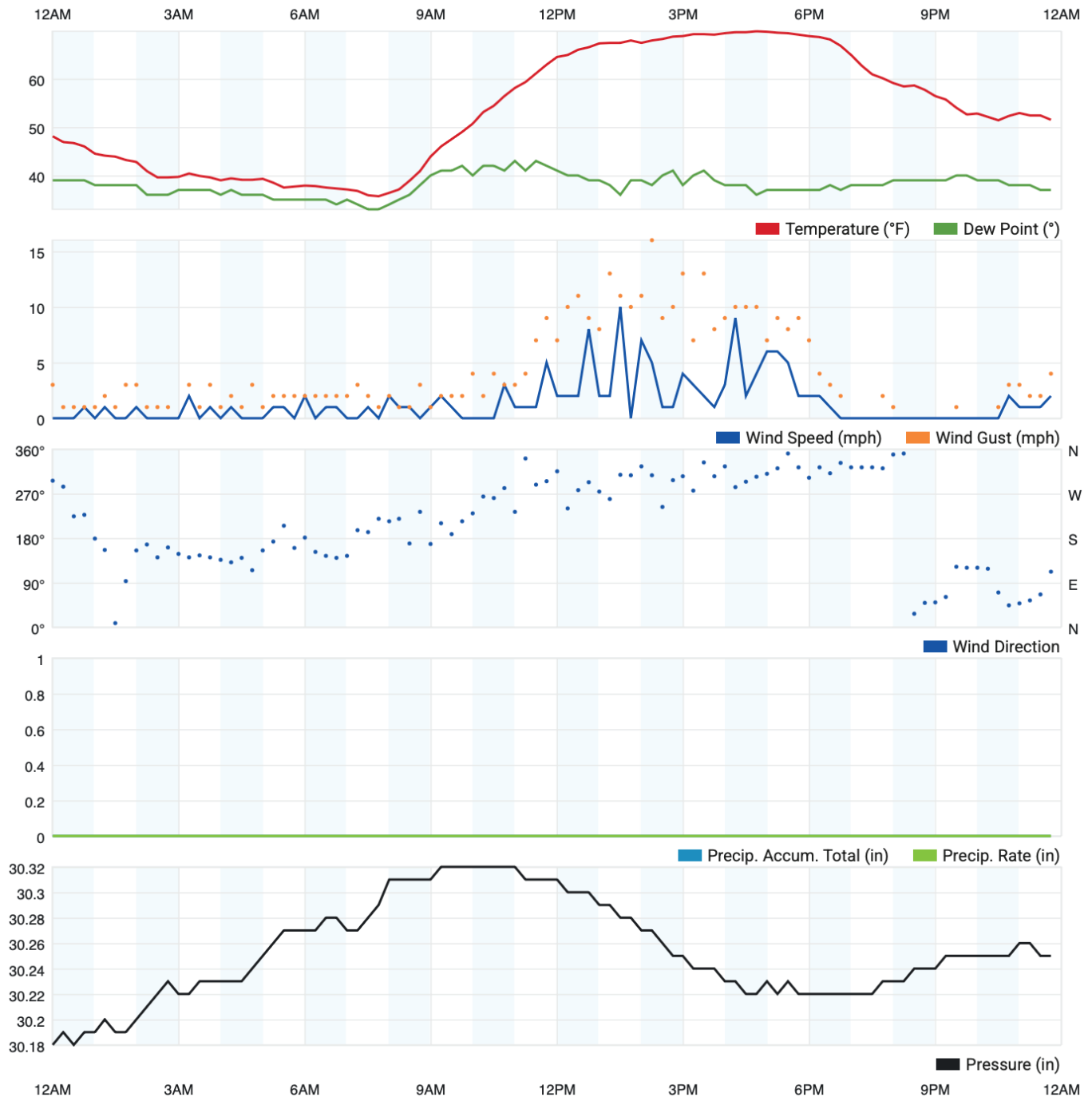
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs

October 4, 2026



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Today



High: 75 °F

Becoming
Sunny

Tonight



Low: 50 °F

Mostly Clear

Tuesday



High: 79 °F

Becoming
Sunny

Tuesday Night



Low: 46 °F

Mostly Clear

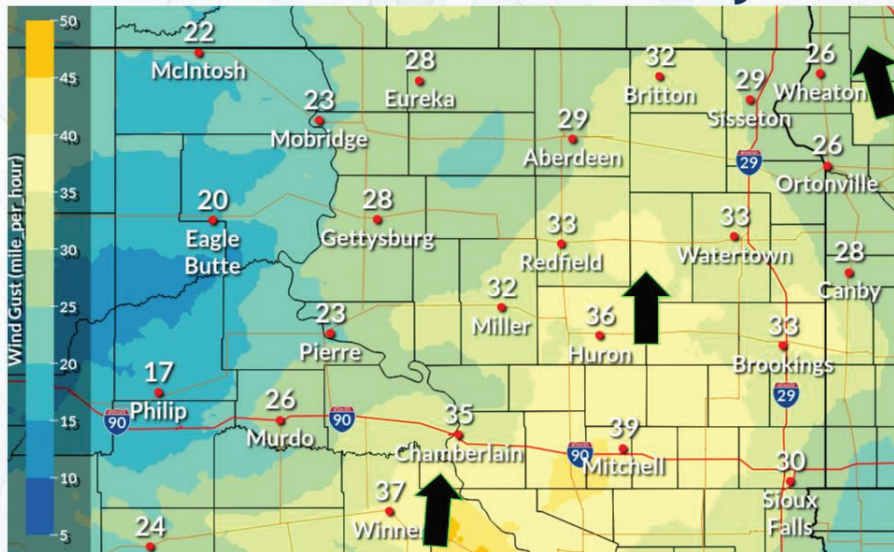
Wednesday



High: 72 °F

Sunny

Peak Wind Gusts Today



Today's Weather



morning clouds over northeastern SD & west central MN, otherwise sunny

Winds out of the south
gusting 25 to 35 mph,
while lighter over north central SD

High temperatures
in the 70s, except
in the low 80s west
of the MO River



National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Expect increased winds out of the south today, with gust 25 to 35 mph from portions of south central South Dakota through northeastern South Dakota. Today will be sunny, except for morning clouds over northeastern South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Temperatures will top out in the 70s to low 80s.

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Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 70 °F at 4:39 PM

Low Temp: 36 °F at 7:39 AM

Wind: 16 mph at 2:09 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 96 in 1963

Record Low: 19 in 1935

Average High: 66

Average Low: 39

Average Precip in Oct.: 0.39

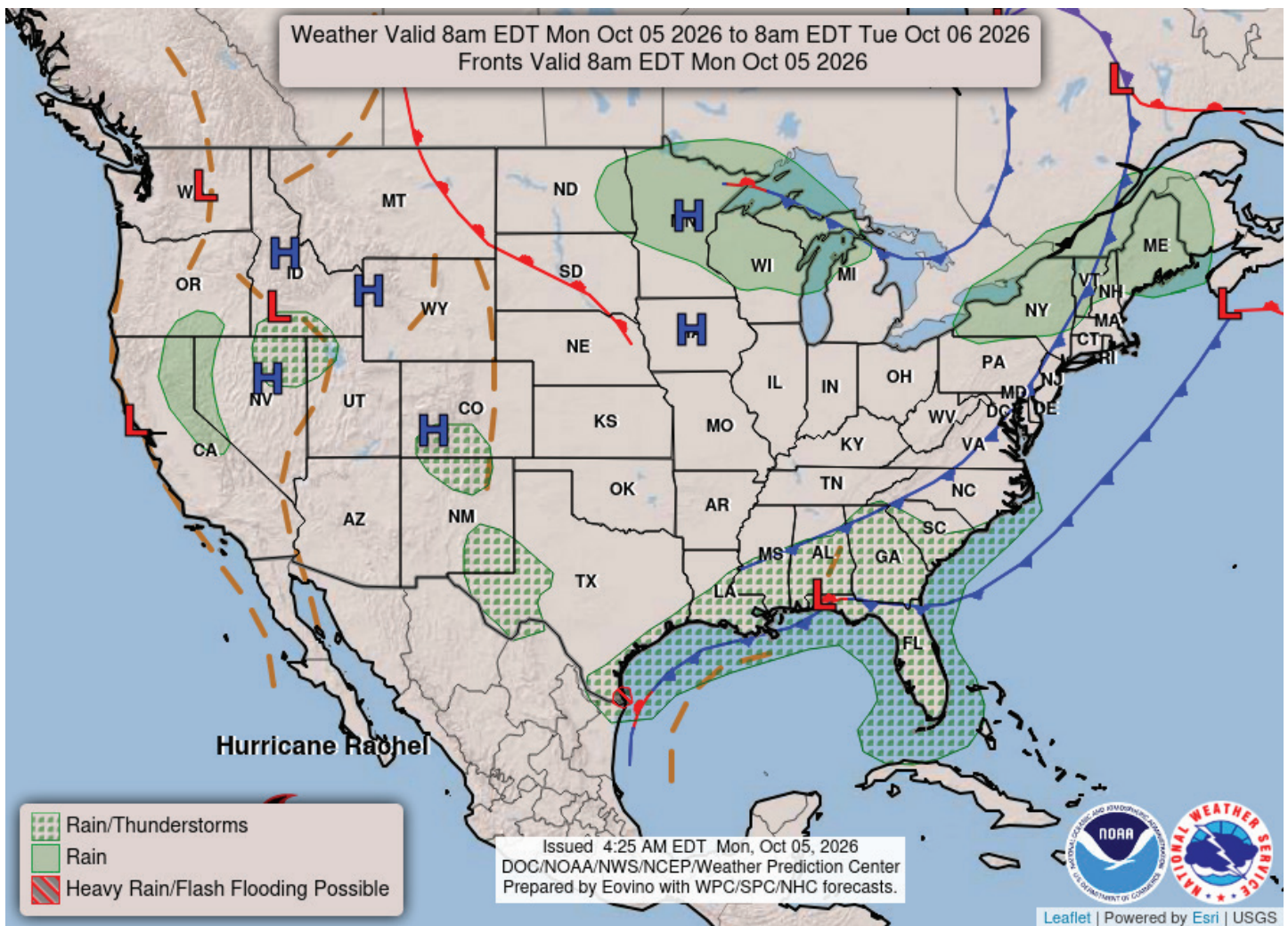
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Average Precip to date: 18.72

Precip Year to Date: 22.08

Sunset Tonight: 7:05 pm

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:36 am



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Today in Weather History

October 5, 1982: Strong thunderstorms developed across central South Dakota and raced into portions of southwest Minnesota. The storms were prolific lightning producers in South Dakota, setting several structures on fire. An electrical substation was damaged near Salem, an elementary school was set ablaze in Aberdeen, and several homes in Sioux Falls were struck. One house in Sioux Falls had a hole knocked in a wall by a lightning strike.

Numerous fires were also started in southern Minnesota by the same line of storms. Strong thunderstorm winds leveled several buildings, damaged a house, and moved a hog shed off its foundation on three separate farms near Worthington. The winds also turned over railroad cars near Pipestone. Worthington narrowly escaped damage as a small tornado touched down two miles southwest of town and moved southeast. Fortunately, the tornado's damage was confined to trees and crops.

October 5, 2013: A historic blizzard pounded western South Dakota with record-setting snowfall and high winds for almost 48 hours from October 3 through the afternoon of October 5. One to two feet of snow was reported over the plains of western South Dakota, with three to five feet of snow falling over the northern and central Black Hills. Wind gusts to 70 mph across the plains produced significant blowing and drifting snow, with visibilities near zero for much of the day on October 4. The heavy wet snow and strong winds downed trees and power lines, causing prolonged outages and impassable highways. The roofs of several businesses, a middle school, and a community center collapsed from the heavy snow. Thousands of livestock were killed from hypothermia, suffocation, or drowning. The South Dakota Animal Industry Board received over 21,000 cattle; over 1300 sheep; 400 horses; and 40 bison deaths from the storm. Tree and debris removal costs were several million dollars. An unyielding low-pressure area moving across the region brought an early fall blizzard to most of the counties west of Missouri River on October 4th and 5th. The snowfall and blizzard conditions occurred mainly along with the western parts of the counties. The snowfall amounts varied broadly from 1 to 2 inches to as much as 22 inches in far western Corson County. Very strong northwest winds of 30 to 50 mph with gusts to 60 mph brought blizzard conditions and significant travel problems. Interstate-90 was closed from Murdo to the Wyoming border from 7 pm on October 4th to October 8th. No travel was advised on all roads west of the Missouri River. Many cattle were also lost in western Corson County due to the storm. The heavy snow, along with strong winds, resulted in some power outages and some downed tree branches. The snowfall began in the late morning hours of the 4th and ended in the early afternoon hours of the 5th. Some snowfall amounts that occurred were 1 inch at Murdo; 2 inches at Timber Lake and 5 miles west of Hayes; 4 inches at McIntosh; 16 inches southeast of Morristown; and 22 inches southwest of Keldron.

1786: The famous "Pumpkin Flood" occurred on the Delaware and Susquehanna Rivers. Harrisburg, PA, reported a river stage of twenty-two feet.

1864: A tropical cyclone hit India near Calcutta, devastating the city and killing about 60,000 people.

1972: Tropical Storm Joanne, earlier a hurricane, moved across the Baja California peninsula and came ashore in western Mexico south of Ajo. The storm brought heavy rain and flooding to much of Arizona. This storm is the first documented tropical storm to reach Arizona, with its cyclonic circulation intact. Over 5 inches of rain was reported on the Mogollon rim southeast of Flagstaff. Additional rainfall amounts included 4.44 at Flagstaff, 3.80 at Prescott, 2.21 at Yuma, 1.95 at Phoenix, 1.63 at Nogales, and 1.63 at Tucson.

2010: Large hail pounded Phoenix, Arizona, causing nearly \$3 billion in damage.

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Daily Devotion

Our Helper in Prayer

**Sometimes praying feels hard. But we can pray with confidence,
knowing the Spirit intercedes for us.**

Romans 8:26-27: 26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The Holy Spirit is a part of the Trinity—one with the Father and Son, omnipotent and omniscient. He knows exactly what God's will for our life is. So it's wise to depend on His guidance, especially in prayer (John 14:26).

Even the most intelligent people operate with limited knowledge. We don't know what the future holds, and our desires may not fit God's plan. That's why prayer isn't just talking to God—it's an opportunity to align our heart with His. The Holy Spirit directs our prayers, impresses truth upon us regarding what we have asked, and ultimately opens our mind to God's will.

There are believers who give up on prayer because our human limitations prevent fully understanding how it works. But stepping away from communication with God means missing out on the Spirit's remarkable work on our behalf. And we never have to worry about praying the "wrong" thing. If we ask for something outside the Father's will, the Spirit intercedes and asks for what is right.

When God's will is our true desire, we'll find ourselves increasingly sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance. He is our connection to the Father in prayer, and because He leads, we can always follow with confidence.

We all need the encouragement, comfort, and peace that comes through God's grace. Our daily devotionals, known as Seeds of Hope, have been a means through which thousands of people have experienced this grace. Each devotional comes from God's Word and we pray this good "seed" finds good soil in your heart. Our aim is that the Seeds of Hope will be a great source of daily encouragement to you and that God will use them to draw you near to Him

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News from the Associated Press

Former Prince Andrew files a legal action to quash warrants that led to searches of his residence

LONDON (AP) — Britain's former Prince Andrew has filed a legal action to quash warrants that led to searches of his residences.

A judicial spokesperson confirmed that Andrew Mountbatten-Windsor had filed a claim with the High Court in London and a hearing would take place Thursday.

The Daily Telegraph previously reported that Mountbatten-Windsor was claiming that the searches conducted by Thames Valley Police may have broken the law.

Mountbatten-Windsor has been granted permission to challenge whether the force acted lawfully over the searches relating to his arrest in February on suspicion of misconduct in public office following allegations that he shared sensitive information with Jeffrey Epstein during his time as the U.K.'s trade envoy.

King Charles III stripped his disgraced brother of his titles and evicted him from his royal residence after pressure to act over his relationship with the late convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The king's rare move followed years of shameful scandals.

2 killed, dozens hurt as gunfire erupts at homecoming block party in south Georgia

By MIKE STEWART and SCOTT BAUER Associated Press

VIENNA, Ga. (AP) — Law enforcement officials are still working to determine just what happened when a chaotic homecoming party spanning a four-block radius of a southern Georgia town erupted in gunfire early Sunday, leaving two people dead and nearly three dozen others injured.

Dooly County Sheriff Craig Peavy identified the two people killed as 21-year-old Jaquevious Jackson of Cordele and 23-year-old Macaleb Jackson of Hawkinsville, Georgia. He did not say if the two were related.

Some of the three dozen injured had gunshot wounds, Georgia Bureau of Investigation Chris Hosey said Sunday evening, but he could not provide a number.

"We're still trying to work through that," Hosey said during a news conference Sunday evening.

No arrests had been reported hours later, and authorities gave no possible motive for the gunfire.

The injured ranged in age from 14 to 51, and they were taken to several regional hospitals, Peavy said. Some were in critical condition Sunday evening and others were stable, he said.

More than 1,000 people attended the party

More than 1,000 people had gathered at the site, and more than 50 shots were fired in at least two locations about a block apart in Vienna, Peavy told WMAZ-TV. Vienna is a small, rural community about 130 miles (about 210 kilometers) south of Atlanta.

Deputies were near the scene when the shooting began, Peavy said, and after they arrived more gunfire erupted about a block away.

"We don't know if it's coming at us or someone else," he said. "You just have to keep doing what you're doing and hope you don't get hit by gunfire."

The incident took place over homecoming weekend for Dooly County High School.

One woman recalled rapid-fire shots and people running

Ashley Gee, 30, who lives in nearby Turner County and came to Vienna for the party, described to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution a constant barrage of gunfire, imitating the sound of rapid-fire shots.

"Like a machine gun," she said. "One person ran, and everybody started running."

The AJC said the party drew in people from other surrounding counties in south Georgia following a local high school football team's victory at a homecoming game Friday night.

The shooting was not at a school-sponsored event, said Sherrod Willaford, superintendent of the Dooly

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County School System.

"We recognize that its impact may reach many of our students, families, and staff," he said in a statement. Schools will open Monday, he said, but additional safety measures have been put in place. He did not specify what they are.

Peavy said the festivities began Friday night, and that it had "gone well" with "respect from the community" that evening as deputies patrolled the event.

Sheriff says deputies were on hand as shots were still being fired

But the party Saturday night was a "different story," he said.

"We're still working through the investigation to see what went wrong. But at large parties with people from different places, not just your locals, sometimes problems come," he said.

"Our deputies were just about on the scene when it happened. They were at the end of each, most directions of where the block party was being held. But it was so many people. And it was just hard to figure out what was going on," he said.

Peavy said the shooting was "a learning experience," for his law enforcement team.

"There's just hardly no way to know how to operate when something like that happens on the scene," he said. He later continued, "We thought we'd been involved with a lot of stuff. But sometimes it surprises, and it was overwhelming."

Vienna is about a 50-mile (80-kilometer) drive south on the Interstate 75 corridor from the central Georgia city of Macon, where authorities say 12 teens were wounded by gunfire during a confrontation between people at a birthday party the previous weekend at a city park.

Deputies in Vienna found two people dead at the scene and multiple others who had been shot, officials said. Police also did not specify how many of the injured had been shot. The victims were taken to several hospitals for treatment, the GBI said.

Dooly County Coroner Brett Walls said the two men were pronounced dead at the scene with fatal gunshot wounds. He said multiple other people were also shot, calling the scene "horrific."

Walls told the AJC that multiple people were struck by bullets and roughly a dozen others were hurt while trying to flee.

"This doesn't — it's not supposed to — happen in a small town like that. It's something you hear on the news in bigger cities," Walls told the newspaper, adding hospitals were flooded with the injured. "And even in bigger cities, you don't hear that kind of a number."

Investigators are seeking suspects and a motive

Authorities have not said whether any suspects are in custody or being sought. No motive has been given for the shooting.

Vienna Mayor Eddie Daniels said the shooting was about a block from his house and he "saw a lot of blue lights." Daniels said he hadn't spoken with law enforcement officials yet and had no details about what had happened.

Daniels said the city hadn't issued any kind of permit for the block party and he didn't know if it was a homecoming party.

Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesperson Lydia Bullard declined to answer questions about the shooting, saying it was an ongoing investigation.

A new Supreme Court term begins with cases on climate change, immigration and gun rights

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court's new term begins Monday with cases on climate change, religious rights and President Donald Trump's crackdown on immigration high on the agenda.

Here's a look at what's in store:

Climate change

The high court is starting its term with a major climate change case. The justices will hear an appeal

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from energy companies trying to block dozens of lawsuits seeking to hold them liable in court for damage related to climate change.

Billions of dollars are potentially at stake in a case out of Boulder, Colorado, where local officials say the industry should help shoulder the escalating costs of disasters linked to climate change.

The companies, Suncor and ExxonMobil, say lawsuits aren't the way to deal with the global issue. They have the backing of the Trump administration, which argues the litigation is a power grab intended to impose regulations on emissions.

Assault weapons bans

About a dozen states have banned semiautomatic rifles like AR-15s, which are often called assault weapons. They say the guns are disproportionately used in mass shootings, and banning them helps reduce gun violence.

Challengers say those laws violate the Second Amendment. They argue that AR-15s and other similar weapons are among the most popular and commonly owned guns in the country.

The conservative-majority court has expanded gun rights in recent years, and four justices had signaled that it was only a matter of time before the court took up the issue. The case will be considered in December.

Immigration

The court will hear two significant immigration cases with potentially big implications for Trump's wide-reaching crackdown.

One is about deportations of migrants who can't be quickly sent back to their home countries. The Trump administration has been sending thousands to other countries where they have no ties, under a series of often-secret agreements.

The Supreme Court will consider overturning lower court orders allowing them a chance to object. The justices have allowed the flights to continue in the meantime.

The other case is over the administration's mandatory detention policy for immigrants who have been living in the U.S. illegally, even if they've been in the country for years.

The administration argues it can hold people without a bond hearing, but most appeals courts that have considered the issue disagree.

Voting

A Republican push to enforce strict Arizona voting laws will also come before the justices this term.

One measure requires people to show proof of citizenship when registering to vote using a state form, and another calls for regular purges of the voter rolls to remove people if their citizenship could not be confirmed.

It comes as Trump has failed to get legislation requiring documentary proof of citizenship for registering to vote through Congress. Arguments are set for December.

Religious rights

Catholic preschools that can't take part in a taxpayer-funded program in Colorado will come before the court in November. It's the justices' latest case involving religious rights.

St. Mary Catholic Parish says it's been left out of the state's universal preschool program over its faith-based admissions policies, which exclude kids from LGBTQ+ families.

Colorado says religious schools are welcome to participate but have to follow nondiscrimination laws. The program was created by a 2020 ballot measure and provides public funding for preschool at schools selected by parents.

Nolo changes from a hurricane to a typhoon after crossing the international date line

MIAMI (AP) — Nolo has changed from a strong hurricane to a typhoon after it crossed the international date line.

Nolo was a Category 3 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 115 mph (185 kph) Sunday morning Hawaii time before it crossed the agreed-upon line in the Pacific Ocean that separates one day from the

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next. Names of tropical cyclones vary by the parts of the world where they occur.

Monday morning Japan time, Typhoon Nolo had maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (162 kph) and was moving west at 19 mph (30 kph), according to the Japan Meteorological Agency.

"The good news is there's a large, vast ocean, so even though it is still going to be strong, it's not near any land," said John Cangialosi, a senior hurricane specialist with the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Tropical cyclones with winds over 74 mph (119 kph) are called hurricanes in the northern Atlantic Ocean and the central and eastern Pacific. They are typhoons in the North Pacific, while the South Pacific and Indian Ocean use just the generic term tropical cyclone no matter the strength of the storm.

Nolo is forecast to keep moving west and gradually weaken.

Nolo skirted Hawaii as a hurricane a week ago. It then lost some of its punch and became a tropical storm, before regaining hurricane strength on Friday.

Elsewhere in the Pacific, Hurricane Rachel continued heading westward on a path away from Mexico.

As the storm moved further out to sea, it was sending dangerous waves and swells back to the coast of west-central Mexico and the Baja California Peninsula, according to the hurricane center.

Search suspended for 6 people on missing medical flight from Bermuda to Boston

By JOHN RABY Associated Press

Authorities on Sunday suspended the search off the Massachusetts coast for six people on an air ambulance that disappeared during a flight from Bermuda to Boston.

The U.S. Coast Guard said authorities searched more than 4,400 miles (7,081 kilometers) over a span of 66 hours for the four Canadians and two people from Bermuda who were on board.

"Suspending a search is not an easy decision," Rear Adm. Matthew Lake, commander of the Coast Guard's northeast district, said in a statement. "We express our deepest condolences to the families and loved ones affected by the tragedy and our gratitude for our partner agencies who helped support search efforts."

The Federal Aviation Administration contacted the Coast Guard at 2 a.m. Saturday that it had lost contact with the Gulfstream G100 carrying six people over the Atlantic Ocean. Searchers later Saturday found a "debris field" off the coast of Nantucket, Lake had said at a news conference on Sunday.

Coast Guard crews along with the New York National Guard's Air Rescue Wing and Massachusetts authorities searched a vast area using fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, boats and cutters.

The depth of the water around the debris field was 80 to 90 feet (about 24 to 27 meters).

The Canadian-registered air ambulance jet had four crew members and two passengers aboard when it departed Bermuda's L.F. Wade International Airport for the nighttime flight to Massachusetts, according to a statement from the Bermuda airport's operator, Skyport.

Air traffic audio indicates that the plane may have been "coming in blind" when a storm loomed ahead shortly before it vanished.

The pilot reported electrical problems and declared an emergency as the jet approached the coast, according to air traffic control audio posted by LiveATC.net. "Roger, you said you're coming in blind. Is that what you said?" a controller can be heard asking the pilot.

That makes Mary Schiavo, who is a former Inspector General of the Transportation Department, think the plane may have lost its navigational instruments just as a storm moved across its path on radar. The plane also descended sharply from its cruising altitude of around 24,000 feet to around 10,000 feet, according to preliminary data from flight tracking site FlightRadar24.

"Something bad happened with this big drop, and they flew into this big storm. It's a terrible place to have a loss of your instruments and be flying blind," said Schiavo, who is an aviation attorney. "It's very easy to get disoriented and not know if you're turning, climbing, descending, etc."

US Air Force removes all bombers from British air base targeted by a suspected terror attack

By KONSTANTIN TOROPIN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Air Force has brought home its bombers stationed at a U.S.-run military air base in England used to strike Iran following an investigation into a planned terror attack at the RAF Fairford base.

The bombers were redeployed to their home bases in the United States, according to a Pentagon official who was not authorized to discuss sensitive military movements and spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity.

Aviation watchers such as the Military Air Tracking Alliance have observed dozens of B-52 and B-1 bombers operating out of RAF Fairford since the opening days of the Iran war. Observers noticed a host of B-1 bombers fly out of the base on Sunday.

The move comes as President Donald Trump weighs options for his war on Iran — including new strikes — despite his initial promises to Americans that the campaign would last a matter of weeks.

"We have decisions that I'll make about Iran. Iran's been decimated. So the only question is — it'll either be the easy way, or the hard way," Trump told reporters on Saturday as he left the White House for a rally in Ohio.

A dual British-Iranian national was arrested in central London last week on suspicion of plotting a terror attack, following a security incident at RAF Fairford in late September. In total, six people have been taken into custody and then released on bail during the investigation.

British authorities have linked the incident to Tehran. Iran has denied involvement, but it has previously said it considers any base used to attack its territory a legitimate target.

U.K. officials say proxies linked to Iran have been behind a string of arson and other attacks in Britain and other countries, many of them targeting the Jewish community and intended to sow fear. They have previously warned that Tehran could expand its targets in the U.K. if conflicts in the Middle East continue.

RAF Fairford, located 100 miles (160 kilometers) west of London, has been used by American bombers during decades of conflicts in the Middle East.

The U.S. military still maintains a sizable presence in the Middle East. On Thursday, a U.S. official said the recently deployed USS Theodore Roosevelt aircraft carrier, as well as the USS Malkin Island amphibious readiness group — a group of ships that together carry over 7,000 sailors and 2,000 Marines — are heading for the region. The official said the move could result in three carriers in the region as early as the end of October.

A Black community in Louisiana faces a future without a champion in Congress after redistricting

By GARY FIELDS Associated Press

SCOTLANDVILLE, La. (AP) — If you cross the Mississippi River on the Huey P. Long-O.K. Allen Bridge, pass the Exxon Refinery, then head north for a few minutes, you'll find a pocket of Louisiana that's unlike any other place in America's never-ending battle over what it means to have equal representation.

Here is Scotlandville, which was once its own unincorporated town but is now part of Baton Rouge. It's a nearly all Black community of 10,000 people that has been, for the second time, shuffled around on the state's congressional map to make it part of a majority white district. Both times it was during the term of the same representative.

The first time was 1996, when a group of voters sued to redraw the lines. The second time was earlier this year, after the U.S. Supreme Court decided that a core part of the Voting Rights Act intended to protect minorities' political rights was unconstitutional.

The ruling led to cascading changes around the American South, but the case originated in Louisiana — specifically the 6th Congressional District that included Scotlandville. This is where Democratic Rep. Cleo

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Fields, 63, grew up poor and attended local schools before graduating from nearby Southern University A&M, eventually climbing the ranks to the U.S. House.

Now he plans to leave Washington and return to the Legislature instead of running for reelection in a race that he sees little chance of winning because the district boundaries have been altered dramatically. Scotlandville will no longer be represented by a native son, someone who people believed instinctively understood their challenges and offered a direct line to power and influence in the nation's capital.

"We're back to where we were right after Reconstruction," said Press Robinson Sr., 89, who has spent years working on issues involving the congressional map. "When they redistrict, they are not concerned about the effect it has on those of us who are people of color."

The methods have changed over the years, he said, but the intent has not.

"They disenfranchise people of color and they've done it again," Robinson said.

Field's career echoes legal battle for representation

Congressional districts are core to debates over racial equality in the South, where white leaders spent decades using gerrymandering to ensure Black people couldn't gain enough power to elect their own representatives.

The Voting Rights Act signed by Democratic President Lyndon Johnson in 1965 was supposed to fix that. Among other things, it required states and jurisdictions with a history of racial discrimination to get approval from the U.S. Department of Justice before congressional maps could take effect. It also allowed people to sue to challenge laws and procedures that would deny them the chance to elect candidates of their choice.

That didn't settle the issue, however, and there has been a series of legal battles since then. Fields' political career has tracked those twists and turns over the years.

He first came to Congress in 1993 when Scotlandville was part of the 4th District, which had been redrawn to create a majority Black seat. A federal court said in 1996 the boundaries that zigzagged from northwest portion of the state to the Baton Rouge area were unconstitutional.

Scotlandville shifted to the 6th District, which was then predominantly white, and Fields became a state senator. But he had an opening to return to Washington when Robinson and other plaintiffs challenged how the state drew its maps following the 2020 census.

A 2023 court decision involving Alabama also affected Louisiana, requiring the state to draw new district lines to achieve fairer representation for minorities. The district became majority Black again, and Fields won the seat in 2024.

Another wave of litigation was already starting, and the issue soon reached the U.S. Supreme Court once more. The new lawsuit by a group of non-Black voters dovetailed with a separate effort by President Donald Trump to push Republican-led states to redraw their maps to help his party keep control of Congress in this year's midterms.

The high court's conservative majority said Fields' district was unconstitutional. Louisiana, Alabama and Tennessee raced to redo their U.S. House districts in time for the November elections.

In Alabama, Democratic Rep. Shomari Figueres is fighting to hold onto his seat, where Black voting age population dropped from 50% to 40% under the new political lines, according to an Associated Press analysis of the citizen voting age population in his redrawn district. In Tennessee, the majority Black district anchored by Memphis was split between three others.

Fields' district went from being 53% Black to 25% in the new one. He announced in July that he wasn't going to run for reelection.

Blocks from the main entrance to Southern University A&M, a small crowd hung around a convenience store, but people were unwilling to talk about politics, eyeing strangers suspiciously. One younger man said he didn't know who represents the area on the city council, let alone in Congress.

Frank Levy, 56, the cashier, said people's apathy created the political environment that allowed for gerrymandering to occur again.

"A lot of people don't even think about politics like this," he said. "They don't understand."

About five minutes away, Dakasha Caulfield Leonard, 48, sat in the chapel of Scott's Bluff Morticians, a

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nearly century-old fixture in the business community. Leonard returned two years ago to take over the funeral home when her father, who purchased it in the 1990s, became ill. She is worried about what will happen when Fields is no longer in office.

"The community is small and everybody knows everybody. Cleo is a member of our community," she said. "If he doesn't speak up and carry our voices, there's nobody else to do that for us."

Scotlandville has struggled for investment

Scenic Highway is one of the main thoroughfares in Scotlandville, and it once featured family businesses and restaurants as part of a prosperous self-contained Black community.

It's faded overtime. The centerpiece boulevard has become blighted by empty lots and vacant buildings.

But deeper into the community is the Louisiana Leadership Institute, a sprawling complex that includes a full-scale gymnasium, classrooms, a fine arts center, a football field and a stadium with artificial turf. A thousand-seat amphitheater is being built.

The campus is the legacy of Fields, who founded the institute as the Congressional Classroom in 1993, during his first stint in Washington, and secured a mix of public and private funding for it. Over the decades since, it has hosted government, civics and leadership classes, and it's created opportunities to travel and experience art and music and see government work in Washington.

"I wanted to engage young people," Fields said. "Everything you see with the institute is result of me being a member of Congress." The goal, he said, was to bring the workings of the federal government and other experiences to kids who had grown up like him.

Baton Rouge Councilman Anthony Kenney Jr 29, is one of the human legacies, taking advantage of the course offerings, training and opportunities at the center as a young student.

"Congressman Fields is someone I've known my entire life," Kenney said. "I actually grew up in the Louisiana Leadership Institute. I was talking about civics, how to get involved in government, how to do policy, how to move legislation as a young child."

Kenney is now responsible for improving the roads, plumbing, drainage and sidewalks around Scotlandville, describing it as essential for attracting new businesses.

He said it was "devastating" to see what happened to Fields.

"It's important for us to have representation that not only is from here, raised here, but actually lived through that same experiences," Kenney said.

Christa Pike's lawyer says she has not regained consciousness since her failed Tennessee execution

By JEFFREY COLLINS Associated Press

Christa Pike has remained unconscious and on a ventilator at a hospital in the four days since her failed execution in Tennessee, and her prognosis might not be known for days more, one of her lawyers said Sunday.

Little has been released about Pike's condition since Wednesday night's execution attempt. She has since remained hospitalized under guard as doctors try to get the massive dose of the barbiturate pentobarbital out of her system.

When asked whether she ever regained consciousness after the execution attempt, Assistant Federal Defender Stephen Ferrell, Pike's lawyer, said on CNN's "State of the Union": "Not that I am aware of."

Lawyer says Pike's medical decisions are being decided by someone else

Pike, now 50, was 18 when she and her boyfriend tortured and killed a classmate, Colleen Slemmer, in a jealous rage in 1995. She became one of the youngest women to be sent to death row.

Tennessee prison officials gave Pike two doses of the lethal injection drug on Wednesday night. The pentobarbital didn't kill her, but her lawyers said her arms were burned and blistered from the caustic drugs.

Pike gave someone her medical power of attorney and that person is protecting her privacy, Ferrell said.

"I'm not sure what all they may have told that person," Ferrell said.

Pike's attorneys have not identified who is making Pike's medical decisions. They said they may not know

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for several more days whether or not she can recover.

"We don't know right now, and we may never know what sort of torture she endured during that process, where her consciousness was, what physical pain there was — what mental torture she went through," Ferrell said.

A spokeswoman for Pike's defense team said in a statement early Sunday that "we appreciate all respect for Christa's rightful privacy."

Pike's lawyer says Tennessee needs to be more open about executions

Pike's execution was delayed for more than eight hours Wednesday as the U.S. Supreme Court considered, and ultimately overturned, a federal appeals court ruling to halt her lethal injection so judges could thoroughly review whether the jury that sentenced her to death should have considered sexual abuse she said she suffered as a child.

Her attorneys asked a court Friday to order Tennessee prison officials to preserve any written records, communication, images or video from the execution.

Tennessee, like many other states with capital punishment, keeps many details about executions secret from the people involved to details about how the drugs are manufactured or obtained or any tests done on their quality.

"The state of Tennessee has got to start telling its people exactly what it is doing so that in the democratic process, the people of Tennessee can decide if that's what they want to be done in their name," Ferrell told CNN.

Tennessee has struggled with executions before

This was the second time this year Tennessee has not been able to execute a prisoner who was seemingly moments away from death. In May, Tennessee stopped the execution of Tony Carruthers after staff placed an IV into his right arm but couldn't get a secondary IV line.

Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Correction Frank Strada announced Saturday he was resigning.

Gov. Bill Lee has ordered an independent investigation into the state's capital punishment system conducted by former U.S. Attorney Ed Stanton. He also reviewed Tennessee's execution procedures after Lee called off a different execution in 2022 and found the state did not comply with its own lethal injection process.

Prison officials and the Tennessee Attorney General's Office have said little since Pike was taken to the hospital.

Future of Pike's death penalty case is unclear

It is unclear what will happen in her death penalty case. Pike's lawyers have asked the governor to commute her punishment to a life sentence.

"If she recovers, she may not fully recover. And there may be issues about her competence," Ferrell said.

Pike didn't deny she killed 19-year-old Colleen Slemmer in 1995. The two were classmates at Knoxville Job Corps.

Prosecutors said Pike feared Slemmer was a romantic rival and lured her to a secluded area where she and her boyfriend slashed Slemmer with a box cutter and beat her with a large chunk of asphalt. The case got widespread attention because of the brutality of the killing, the ages of the people involved and because a satanic symbol was carved into the victim's body.

On cusp of merger, 'Digger' bombs for Warner Bros., 'Verity' takes No. 1 at box office

By JAKE COYLE AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — On the cusp of the studio's merger with Paramount, Warner Bros.' "Digger" flopped in its opening weekend, handing Tom Cruise one of the worst debuts of his career and serving as a bitter final note for Warner Bros. as a standalone studio.

No. 1 in North American theaters instead went to Amazon MGM's "Verity," extending the streak for Col-

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leen Hoover adaptations at the box office. It debuted with \$32.6 million. The film, directed by Michael Showalter, stars Dakota Johnson as a writer hired to ghostwrite a book series by an incapacitated author (Anne Hathaway).

But all eyes were on how "Digger," one of the year's biggest gambles, would perform. Alejandro G. Iñárritu's critically panned satire grossed a paltry \$8 million domestically. Cruise is typically a big draw overseas, but international sales, \$12 million from 74 markets, were also weak.

After reviews so bad that Warner Bros. opted to run "decide for yourself" ads, estimates for "Digger" had been revised down over the past week.

It's a painfully rough start for a movie that cost at least \$125 million to make. Reports have pegged the production budget closer to \$150 million. The marketing spend is estimated at another \$100 million.

"Digger" had been positioned as a potential awards-season heavyweight, dated almost exactly the same as Warner Bros.' "One Battle After Another" was last year. "Digger" is a similarly politically charged release that handed a large budget to a top filmmaker working from an original story.

But this big swing by Warner Bros. Motion Picture Group co-chairs Michael De Luca and Pam Abdy won't pay off as well as "One Battle After Another." It grossed \$213.2 million worldwide and, more importantly, won best picture at the Academy Awards.

'Digger' flops at a moment of Hollywood transformation

The disappointing opening comes just as Paramount Skydance is closing its acquisition of Warner Bros. Discovery. After U.S. District Judge Araceli Martínez-Olguín on Wednesday approved the \$110 billion deal, Paramount said it would close the merger on Tuesday.

In a flush year for Hollywood, Warner Bros. has failed to get one film to \$100 million domestically, though its December release, "Dune: Part III," will easily cross that. De Luca and Abdy are expected to depart Warner Bros. this week. Mass layoffs are anticipated to follow.

"Digger" collapsed this weekend and the new management of the combined Paramount and Warner Bros., David Ellison and Josh Greenstein and Dana Goldberg, will soon decide what kind of movies they want from WB," wrote David A. Gross, a film consultant who publishes a newsletter on box office figures. "Paramount does not have a recent history of making big, auteur-driven films like this — that strategy appears to be over and out."

Critics (51% fresh on Rotten Tomatoes) slammed "Digger" as a strained climate change farce, though Cruise's over-the-top performance was received more warmly. Audiences agreed, giving it a "C+" CinemaScore.

Cruise has spent most of the last decade starring in "Mission: Impossible" movies and "Top Gun: Maverick," both franchises that have allowed him to remain a top action hero into his 60s. The 64-year-old's last major box-office disappointment was 2017's "The Mummy," which grossed \$409.2 million worldwide on a \$195 million budget.

To help sell "Digger," Cruise pulled out all the stops. He even granted his first lengthy magazine interview in years.

'Avengers: Endgame' retakes all-time crown

Last weekend's top film, "Avengers Endgame: Encore," slid to seventh place with \$4.4 million domestically and \$14.4 million overseas. But the Marvel re-release's second week allowed "Endgame" to just nudge ahead of "Avatar" to reclaim the title of highest grossing film ever, not accounting for inflation. The two films have traded spots in recent years with re-releases. "Endgame" now tallies \$2.9255 billion, while "Avatar" has \$2.9237 billion.

The rest of the top-sellers in cinemas over the weekend were holdovers: Zach Cregger's video game adaptation "Resident Evil" for Sony Pictures; Lance Oppenheim's A24 drama "Primetime," with Robert Pattinson as "To Catch a Predator" host Chris Hansen; and Paramount's "Heart of the Beast," starring Brad Pitt as a retired veteran who treks through the Alaskan wilderness with his combat dog after a plane crash.

In its third week, "Resident Evil" came in second with \$12.5 million. "Heart of the Beast" followed with \$11 million. And "Primetime" collected \$8 million in its second weekend.

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Top 10 movies by domestic box office

With final domestic figures being released Monday, this list factors in the estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak:

1. "Verity," \$32.6 million.
2. "Resident Evil," \$12.5 million.
3. "Heart of the Beast," \$11 million.
4. "Primetime," \$8 million.
5. "Digger," \$8 million.
6. "Forgotten Island," \$7.2 million.
7. "Avengers: Endgame: Encore," \$4.4 million.
8. "Drishyam: The Conclusion," \$2.7 million.
9. "Practical Magic 2," \$2.7 million.
10. "Spider-Man: Brand New Day," \$2.5 million.

A replica Oval Office near the White House just got a new Trump makeover. Gold flourishes abound

By WILL WEISSERT Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's glitzier. And there's way more gold.

The People's House museum exhibit has overhauled its replica Oval Office for visitors to experience President Donald Trump's second-term design choices.

Gleaming vases, golden-hued swirling onlays, two dozen portraits in heavy gilded frames and knick-knacks crowding nearly every available surface: the same rococo flourishes that Trump has installed in the world's most famous workspace have been recreated down to each wall appliqué in a museum just up Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House.

"As political as the Oval Office is, it really is also the office of the American people," said Luke Boorady, managing director of The People's House: A White House Experience. "And we want visitors who come here to feel more connected to this space."

Public tours of the White House do not include the West Wing. So the White House Historical Association set about recreating the Oval Office, opening the exhibit in September 2024. It is the same size as the real one, and visitors often marvel at how small it feels.

A team of specialized designers has been making over the exhibit, visiting Trump's Oval Office while the Republican president was away. Experts in North Carolina worked to recreate Trump's many wall appliques, while one from Indianapolis handled 3D scanning and printing of other specialized objects. California frame-makers did carving by hand for the gold frames of Trump's chosen 24 portraits, and teams from Canada and Virginia worked on replicas of vases and other tabletop pieces, Boorady said.

There are also two mirrors and a copy of the Declaration of Independence, just like in Trump's actual office.

The president has molded the White House in his own image

A real estate developer before he became a politician, Trump has revamped the White House to his extravagant tastes as part of his push to leave his mark on the nation's capital while he is still in office.

When asked by Time magazine last week what he would miss most about the White House after he leaves, Trump said, "This beautiful room that nobody should be allowed to rip down. The Oval Office." He said he had asked his chief of staff to make his altered office "a federal landmark."

In addition to filling the Oval Office with bling, Trump paved over the lawn near the Rose Garden to build a patio space reminiscent of the one at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida. He installed a row of presidential portraits along the colonnade between the White House residence and the West Wing.

He erected towering flagpoles on the North and South lawns, renovated the Palm Room and the bathroom that is part of the famous Lincoln Bedroom and ordered restoration work of the North Portico's front columns.

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But Trump seems proudest of the \$400 million ballroom that he is building after ordering that the East Wing be demolished. "It relaxes me, actually," the president said about the ballroom project during an unrelated event last week.

Trump's sense of ownership of the White House is now such that while recently defending his attempt to ban CNN, MS Now and Politico from its grounds, the president had a momentary slip of the tongue. "I don't have to let them into my — into the people's house," he said.

A replica of Trump's first term Oval Office gets a makeover

When the White House Historical Association first opened its Oval Office duplicate, it mirrored Democratic President Joe Biden's design. After the 2024 election, the association updated the exhibit to match Trump's first-term style.

Last week, a crew of 25 people worked from early Monday through late Friday to get the second-term transformation ready, making the finishing touches on Saturday.

Boorady said Biden was the first president to hang double layers of portraits over the Oval Office fireplace. Trump has expanded that all around the room, stacking the walls with portraits including those of George Washington, Andrew Jackson and Benjamin Franklin.

In the real Oval Office, the colors are made more brilliant by using gilded gold leaf. In the replica, crews used a paint solution. Boorady said they did not use gold leaf to protect against chipping or other wear-and-tear from visitors moving through the area.

Trump was once spotted using superglue to try to affix gold ornaments to the Oval Office fireplace, according to Maggie Haberman and Jonathan Swan in their book "Regime Change."

But no superglue was needed in the replica office. Crews used laser levels and temporary adhesive to fix items to the walls, checking their work for accuracy against renderings of the actual office before nailing many adornments to the walls.

It's not all new flair with Trump

There are many things in Trump's Oval Office that have stood the test of time: a beige-patterned rug from the Ronald Reagan era, gold draperies from Bill Clinton's tenure, and couches and chairs from the George W. Bush White House.

Of course there is a copy of the Resolute Desk. Visitors to the People's House are allowed to sit in the chairs and behind the replicated desk, which Trump and most presidents have used since it was gifted to President Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880.

The White House Historical Association declined to say how much remaking the replica Oval Office cost. The organization, created in 1961 by first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, receives no government funding, and raises money through private donations and sales of retail merchandise.

Trump briefly stopped by its gift shop during an unannounced visit to the People's House in August 2025. Asked whether Trump would come for a personal peek at his newly replicated workspace, Boorady replied, "I don't know" before adding that he is "always welcome."

Despair over future fuels political anxiety for college students on the cusp of adulthood

By JACQUELINE GANUN and NICHOLAS RICCARDI Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Frankie Llerandi, 21, has been unable to land a single internship in his three years at Michigan State University.

He will graduate in the spring with an economics degree and an interest in data analytics, but true adulthood seems maddeningly far away. Most of his cousins have not been able to buy a house or start a family deep into their 30s.

Kira Saiti, a 19-year-old sophomore, is more upset about the broader world than her own future. Every time she looks at her phone she sees images of violence and horror, both in the Middle East and closer to home.

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"It's kind of hard to look at that and say, 'This world is a great place,'" she said.

Julian Bautista, 20, saw his chosen profession of environmental work decimated by Trump administration cuts, pushing the junior to decide he will leave the United States to find work in the Netherlands when he graduates. He considers what remains his home country for the next 18 months to be a failure of democracy led by what he sees as corrupt politicians.

"Throughout my life, we've either stagnated or declined, we haven't improved," Bautista said.

For many of their classmates on campus and elsewhere around the country, the present looks bleak and the future uncertain at best. Their anxiety is fueling a restlessness with a national political system that they worry is no longer capable of improving their lives or no longer interested in helping.

Two years ago, grim economic vibes helped Donald Trump win a far larger share of young voters than is typical for a Republican — 47%, according to AP VoteCast, an extensive survey of the electorate. Now, anxiety about artificial intelligence and the Iran war has been added to the mix, powering a wave of disruptive candidates on the opposite end of the political spectrum who have been embraced by college students.

Llerandi, Saiti and Bautista all support a slate of progressive, antiestablishment Democratic candidates in Michigan who are pledging to shake up the status quo. Among them are Abdul El-Sayed, a former public health official running for U.S. Senate, and Will Lawrence, a liberal activist trying to unseat Tom Barrett, the Republican congressman who represents the swing district that includes the university.

The future looks bleak for many students

Anxieties about the job market, homeownership and adulthood are widespread across the campus, even among those who are not deeply involved in politics.

"It's just something to laugh at, but, you know, I really do want a house when I'm older," said Praveen Amunugama, a 21-year-old biochemistry major who plans to go to graduate school in hopes the job market improves over the next two years.

His friends feel the same way.

"They want to be able to afford things, raise a good family," he said.

Despite the economic angst among young people, at first blush the picture does not look that bad for them. The unemployment rate for those age 22 to 27 is 7.2%, higher than the broader rate of 4.1% but lower than some other moments of economic calm.

A 2024 study found members of the younger generation known as Generation Z are poised to be wealthier than millennials, who themselves are wealthier than the prior generation despite the persistent sense of economic doom that accompanied their entry into the job market during the Great Recession.

Kevin Corinth, the economist who co-authored that study, said he understands Gen Z angst, given modern uncertainties, especially the prospect of AI reshaping various industries and data showing younger people are taking longer to leave home and start families.

"For previous generations, if you took certain paths you were likely to succeed, to do better than your parents," said Corinth, who is at the American Enterprise Institute, a center-right think tank. For young people now, he acknowledged, that path is not as clear.

Kathryn Edwards, a Texas-based economist, noted that unemployment among recent college graduates is at 5.6%, higher than at most other times in recent history other than the Great Recession. Combined with historically high housing prices and rising costs for essentials such as food and healthcare, that is a challenging environment for young people.

"It's pretty bad for them," Edwards said, adding that young people are picking up on broader warning signs in the economy. "So many aspects of our current economy, I think young people have gotten right."

They are also fully exposed to the new form of job hunting: AI-powered, digital and done almost exclusively online, where it is hard to discern real job openings from fake ones.

"Think about the amount they get spammed and scammed, and there are tons of fake jobs out there," said Marla McGraw, assistant dean of career management in Michigan State's business school. "They're always coming in here going, 'Is this real?'"

She spends a lot of time trying to buck up disenchanted students.

"Our message right now is the job market is tough, but you're tougher," McGraw said.

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Students say political leaders are falling short

Young Americans' optimism about the job market has plummeted since 2024 and the gap between their view of the economy and those of their elders is greater than almost anywhere in the world, according to a Gallup survey earlier this year.

They are less likely to be engaged in politics and less likely to think it is important to vote, an Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll found. They also are less likely to be concerned about political violence.

That dissolution of beliefs in traditional political values worries Karlee VanAntwerp.

The 21-year-old Michigan State senior is also head of the local chapter of Turning Point, the group for young conservatives whose founder, Charlie Kirk, was assassinated last year. VanAntwerp has been horrified to see Kirk's killing repeatedly, and sometimes menacingly, mocked online.

"Gen Z tends to be more extreme with their views," VanAntwerp said. "It makes it hard to work with people of different political beliefs, because even if you're in the middle, they assume you're crazy."

VanAntwerp sees that feeding into the despair many of her generation feel about real change ever happening.

"One administration does a bunch of stuff, another administration comes in and wipes it all out," said VanAntwerp, who is also working for Barrett's campaign. "It feels like we always go in circles. That contributes to the political temperature being so high, because people feel nothing changes."

Her politics are the polar opposite of many liberal students who gathered to hear Lawrence, Barrett's Democratic challenger, talk in a classroom one recent evening, but there was a similar desire for dramatic change. Lawrence sympathized with the glum feelings of early adulthood and urged the students not to succumb to despair.

"When I was a little younger I wanted to drop out of society, and it was organizing that gave me a path in life," Lawrence said.

After the candidate left, however, Bautista still sounded on the verge of despair. He talked about how online influencers he trusts deride Democrats such as Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York as "mini-mes" because, Bautista contended, they are just watered-down versions of Trump.

"Our leaders are representing us less," Bautista said. "People are desperate for big stuff."

Today in History: October 5, Steve Jobs dies at 56

By The Associated Press undefined

Today is Monday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2026. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today in history:

On Oct. 5, 2011, Steve Jobs, the Apple founder and former chief executive who invented and master-marketed ever-sleeker gadgets that transformed everyday technology, died in Palo Alto, California, at age 56.

Also on this date:

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kansas.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman delivered the first televised White House address as he spoke on the world food crisis.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1958, racially desegregated Clinton High School in Clinton, Tennessee, was nearly leveled by an early morning bombing.

In 1983, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa (lek vah-WEN'-sah) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Starting in 1980, Walesa spearheaded Poland's pro-democracy movement that nine years later led to the peaceful end of the country's communist rule. He served as democratic Poland's first popularly elected president from 1990 until 1995.

In 1986, Nicaraguan Sandinista government soldiers shot down a cargo plane carrying weapons and

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ammunition bound for Contra rebels; the event exposed a web of illegal arms shipments, leading to the Iran-Contra Scandal.

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, North Carolina, convicted evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers. Initially sentenced to 45 years in prison, Bakker was freed in December 1994 after serving 4 1/2 years.

In 2001, Florida tabloid photo editor Robert Stevens died from inhaled anthrax, the first of a series of cases in which anthrax-laced letters also were mailed to television networks and a U.S. Senate office building in Washington, killing four other people. The FBI eventually concluded that a government scientist who killed himself in 2008 was responsible, but some who worked with him expressed doubt that he did it.

In 2018, a jury in Chicago convicted white police officer Jason Van Dyke of second-degree murder in the 2014 shooting of Black teenager Laquan McDonald.

In 2020, President Donald Trump made a dramatic return to the White House after leaving the military hospital where he was being treated for COVID-19.

In 2025, Syria held its first parliamentary elections, nearly a year after a rebel-led offensive unseated longtime autocratic leader Bashar Assad. The People's Assembly was tasked with passing a new constitution to move the country past the Assad era and more than a decade of civil war.

Today's Birthdays: College Football Hall of Fame coach Barry Switzer is 89. Rock musician Steve Miller is 83. Rock singer Brian Johnson (AC/DC) is 79. Actor Karen Allen is 75. Singer-songwriter Bob Geldof is 75. Astrophysicist-author Neil deGrasse Tyson is 68. Architect-designer Maya Lin is 67. Golf Hall of Famer Laura Davies is 63. Hockey Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux is 61. Hockey Hall of Famer Patrick Roy is 61. Actor Guy Pearce is 59. Actor Josie Bissett is 56. Actor Parminder Nagra (pah-rah-MIH-rah) is 51. Actor Kate Winslet is 51. Actor Jesse Eisenberg is 43. NFL tight end Travis Kelce is 37. Actor Jacob Tremblay is 20.