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Thursday, October 8

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Lasagna hot dish, romaine salad, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Lars & Kelli Hanson

Birthdays: Christopher Podoll • Gloria Pharis • Scott Vedvei • Shane Reich

9:20am: Juniors to DACAC Career Fair in Aberdeen

1:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Nursery Circle

3:30pm: NEC Cross Country Meet in Webster

4:30pm: 7th/8th VB at Sisseton

6:00pm: C/JV Volleyball match at Sisseton followed by varsity match

Friday, October 9

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dog, baked beans, fruit, carrots and dip.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, Swedish Apple Pie Square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Clint Jacobson, Jr. • Jerry Johnson • Eileen Schuelke • Janet Harder • London Bahr • Joseph Smith

10:00am: Lake Region Marching Festival in Groton

7:00pm: Football hosts Wagner

Saturday, October 10

Birthdays: • Jenn Gustafson • Erica Swisher • Mandilyn Krueger Fliehs • Megan Erickson

9:00am: VB Tourney at Redfield

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, October 11

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2015 Lake Region Marching Band Festival

Parade Order and Approximate Start Times

Groton Area High School (Exhibition)	10:00
Great Plains Lutheran (High School)	10:06
Warner (High School)	10:11
Webster (High School)	10:17
Leola (Combined)	10:22
Wilmot (Combined)	10:27
Waubay (Combined)	10:32
Hoven (Combined)	10:37
Ipswich (Combined)	10:42
Selby Area (Combined)	10:47
Aberdeen Roncalli (Combined)	10:52
Northwestern (Combined)	10:57
Langford Area (Combined)	11:02
Holgate/Simmons (Middle School)	11:07
Watertown (Middle School)	11:12
Milbank (Middle School)	11:17
Groton Area Junior High (Exhibition)	11:22
SDSU Pride of the Dakotas (University- Exhibition)	11:27

Please remember to support the Groton Area Table Talks Group at the concession stand. They are also giving half of their proceeds to the Groton Band Department. They will be serving coffee, cocoa, donuts, pop, water, and candy bars.

**Can't make it to the festival?
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Groton Area needed 5 games to fend off Leola-Frederick



Marlee Jones



Audrey Wanner



Titans' Abigail Berreth



Titans' Brianna Erdmann



Carly Wheeting

Fans were treated to an exciting evening of volleyball at the Groton Arena as Leola-Frederick came to town to take on the Tigers.

The first game had three lead changes and the game was tied five times before Groton rallied to score six unanswered points to take a 15-9 lead. The Titans were unable to recover from the deficit and the

Tigers went on to win, 25-16.

The match intensified with a hot second game. Groton Area took a 14-8 lead, but then the Titans rallied for six straight points to tie the game at 14. The game was tied six times before the Titans took the lead, 21-18. Groton came back to tie it at 22 and took a 24-22 lead. The Titans tied the game at 24 and 25 and Groton scored the last two points in extra points to win the game, 27-25.

The third game had an intense start with the game tied at 1, 2, 3, 5 and six before Leola-Frederick took the lead. The Tigers were unable to threaten in the game as the Titans held a 10-point lead, 21-11, and went on to win, 25-17.

If the games couldn't get any closer, well, it did in the fourth game. The game was tied 13 times and the lead changed hands six times. The game was tied at 21 when the Titans scored the final four points for the 25-21 win.

Neither team was ready to give up in the fifth and final match. The game was tied seven times and the lead changed hands five times before Groton took a 9-7 lead. Groton held a slim three-point lead, 12-9 and the Titans rallied to tie the game at 14 and to take the lead, 15-14. Groton called time-out and then scored the last three points to secure the win in extra points, 17-15.

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Groton Area was 90 of 103 in serving with 13 ace serves. Audrey Wanner was 17 of 20 with four ace serves, Katie Koehler was 17 of 18 with three ace serves and Gia Gengerke was 13 of 15 with three ace serves. The Titans were 94 of 107 with 11 ace serves. April Hoffman was 26 of 26 with 2 ace serves and Rachel Brandner was 16 of 17 with three ace serves.

In sets, Groton Area was 193 of 194 with 40 assists. Marlee Jones was 163 of 163 with 36 assists. Leola-Frederick was 193 of 199 with 31 assists. Keely Podoll was 160 of 165 with 29 assists.

The Tigers were 173 of 202 in spikes with 56 kills. Audrey Wanner was 39 of 43 with 15 kills and Gia

Gengerke was 32 of 37 with 14 kills. The Titans were 217 of 235 with 36 kills. MacKenzie Heilman was 80 of 85 with 13 kills and Chandler Ellwein was 37 of 41 with eight kills.

Groton Area had nine blocks with Gengerke having five, Paityn Bonn two and Carly Wheeting two. The Titans had 15 blocks with April Hoffman having two assisted blocks and MacKenzie Heilman having one solo and two assisted blocks. The Tigers had 90 digs with Wanner having 20



Katie Koehler



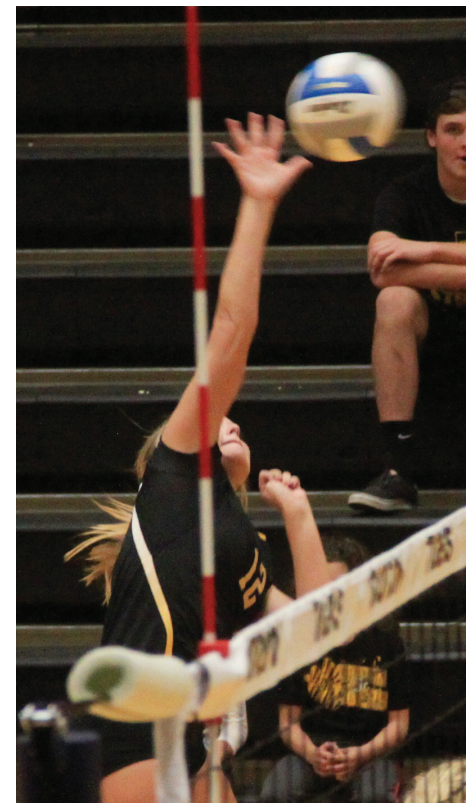
Audrey Wanner with the kill to give Groton a 7-4 lead in the second game.



Titans' MacKenzie Heilman



Gia Gengerke



Paityn Bonn

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and Koehler 19. The Titans had 138 digs with Ellwein having 32 and Heilman 28.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-15 and 25-10.

"They definitely came out and played well when they were down 2-0!" said Coach Chelsea Hanson about the Titans. "I continue to say we're still not an experienced team and that's showing in some of these tight games. Hats off to their setter (Keely Podoll), she's a great athlete and sees the court well and she put the ball wherever we weren't and we didn't make adjustments. Our serving wasn't as aggressive as I'd like it be to be and we're not keeping other teams out of sync. Overall I'm always glad for the win and it was a great learning experience for everyone involved! We need games like that where we have to fight to win especially with the mix up at the end of the game (Leola-Frederick was awarded a point for a rotation error. This gave Groton only a one-point lead, 14-13), the fact that we could still pull off the win is a step in the right direction!"

Groton's next volleyball action is tonight at Sisseton and on Saturday at the Redfield-Doland Tourney.



Leola-Frederick's excitement after tying the match at two games, winning the fourth game, 25-21.



Groton Area's excitement after winning the fifth game in extra points, 17-15, to win the match, 3-2.

SDSU Gains Approval for New Graduate Degree

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents this week granted South Dakota State University approval to offer a new master's degree designed to help organizations manage workforce planning and leadership development.

The M.S. degree in industrial/organizational psychology is a unique sub-discipline of psychology that applies research to improve the well-being and performance of employees and their organizations. This field of specialization is identified as one of the fastest-growing occupations across the country. SDSU officials said demand for this degree comes from people currently employed in South Dakota as training and development specialists and management analysts.

This program will be offered starting in the fall 2016 semester. After it is fully operational, SDSU plans to graduate about nine students from this graduate degree program each year.

Popularity of Dual Credit Courses Grows Quickly

ABERDEEN, S.D. – After the first full year of Gov. Dennis Daugaard's initiative to financially support college-level dual credit courses taken by high school juniors and seniors, enrollment in the courses has grown significantly.

A report this week to the South Dakota Board of Regents showed course enrollments grew by 33 percent from last spring to this fall, while the student headcount in dual credit courses also increased by 25 percent. This comes on top of an already-strong 44 percent course enrollment growth between the fall and spring semesters last year.

Dual credit programs enable eligible high school students to take a college-level course and, upon successful completion, receive both high school and college credit. The state supports high school students in the program at the reduced rate of \$40 per credit hour. It is open to students enrolling at all six public universities and four technical institutes in South Dakota.

"The popularity of this program is proven, with the significant growth in enrollments reported semester over semester," said Paul Turman, the regents' system vice president for academic affairs. "It is a win-win for many students and their families. They can complete some of their required general education courses before arriving at college, all with significant cost savings to them."

Within the public university system, 1,510 students enrolled in 2,173 courses this fall. The University of South Dakota posted the most course enrollments at 636, followed by South Dakota State University at 499 and Northern State University at 429. Black Hills State University had 381 course enrollments, with Dakota State University reporting 148 and South Dakota School of Mines & Technology 80.

The most popular course offering for dual credit students this fall is College Algebra, followed by English Composition I, Introduction to Psychology, Fundamentals of Speech, and United States History I.



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Regents Set 65 Percent Goal to Meet State Workforce Needs

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Studies show this country needs an increasingly skilled workforce with higher levels of education, and the South Dakota Board of Regents has set a new goal to help deliver those workers.

The board today endorsed a new statewide attainment goal for 65% of South Dakotans, aged 25 to 34, to hold some sort of postsecondary credential by 2025. It called on all of its postsecondary education partners—public, private, technical, and tribal institutions—to work together to deliver on that goal.

“In our country’s rapid transition to a knowledge-based and service-oriented economy, it is projected that by 2020 roughly 65 percent of all jobs in South Dakota will require some level of postsecondary education, from technical certificates to graduate degrees,” said Mike Rush, the regents’ executive director and CEO.

Rush noted that as of 2013, only 38 percent of working-age South Dakotans held an associate degree or higher. “The 65 percent goal is ambitious and will require new ways of addressing the challenge,” he said. “But meeting the goal is critical to the success of South Dakota and is worth the effort. It will necessitate collaboration with our partners and making public and private investments in postsecondary education.”

The 65 percent goal is based on projections from the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute’s Center on Education and the Workforce.

“Setting this statewide attainment goal creates a platform to begin new conversations aimed at building partnerships and higher education allies across the state,” said Regents President Randy Schaefer. Schaefer said possible strategies could include new conversations with government leaders and agencies on state-level goals, developing strong business community advocates, and creating an informational campaign to support the value of postsecondary education in South Dakota.

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Today in Weather History

October 8, 1982: October 8th and 9th, 1982 a record-breaking snowstorm for so early in the Fall paralyzed the northern Black Hills with three to six feet of heavy, wet snow and winds of 40 to 70 miles an hour. Some snowfall amounts included 41 inches at Galena, 36 inches at Lead, and 23 inches at Deadwood. Five to six feet of snow was common in the higher elevations. The heavy wet snow caused numerous problems. The roof of a clothing store in Lead collapsed under the weight of the snow and several other businesses were damaged.

The roofs of at least three trailer homes also collapsed. The combination of strong winds and heavy snow broke tree branches (causing extensive timber damage), power lines and telephone poles. Damage was done to 40 miles of power lines, including 30 broken power poles. Some residents were without power for five days. The city of Deadwood was without electricity and fresh water for at least three days.

1871 - Prolonged drought and dessicating winds led to the great Chicago fire, the Peshtigo horror, and the Michigan fire holocaust. Fire destroyed more than seventeen thousand buildings killing more than 200 persons in the city of Chicago, while a fire consumed the town of Peshtigo WI killing more than 1100 persons. In Wisconsin, a million acres of land were burned, and in Michigan, 2.5 million acres were burned killing 200 persons. "Tornadoes of fire" generated by intense heat caused houses to explode in fire, and burned to death scores of persons seeking refuge in open fields. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1901 - A deluge at Galveston, TX, produced nearly twelve inches of rain in about a six hour period. The rains came precisely thirteen months after the day of the famous Galveston hurricane disaster. (David Ludlum)

1982 - An unusually early snowstorm hit the northern Black Hills of Wyoming and South Dakota. The storm produced up to 54 inches of snow, and winds as high as 70 mph. The snowfall was very much dependent upon topography. Rapid City, 20 miles away, received just a trace of snow. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the southeastern U.S. Thirty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Madison WI with a reading of 22 degrees. The low of 28 degrees at Evansville IN was the coolest of record for so early in the season. Hot weather continued in the southwestern U.S. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 104 degrees and a record tying 116 days of 100 degree weather for the year. Tucson AZ established an all-time record with 72 days of 100 degree weather for the year. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Snow was reported across parts of northern New England. Two inches blanketed Mount Snow VT. Warm weather continued in the northwestern U.S. The afternoon high of 80 degrees at Stampede Pass WA exceeded their previous record for October by seven degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Morning lows in the 20s were reported from the Northern Plains to the Upper Great Lakes. International Falls MN and Marquette MI reported record lows of 22 degrees. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in central California as the Oakland Athletics won the American League pennant. San Luis Obispo CA reported a high of 99 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Partly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Patchy Frost then Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 59 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 84 °F	Low: 52 °F	High: 82 °F



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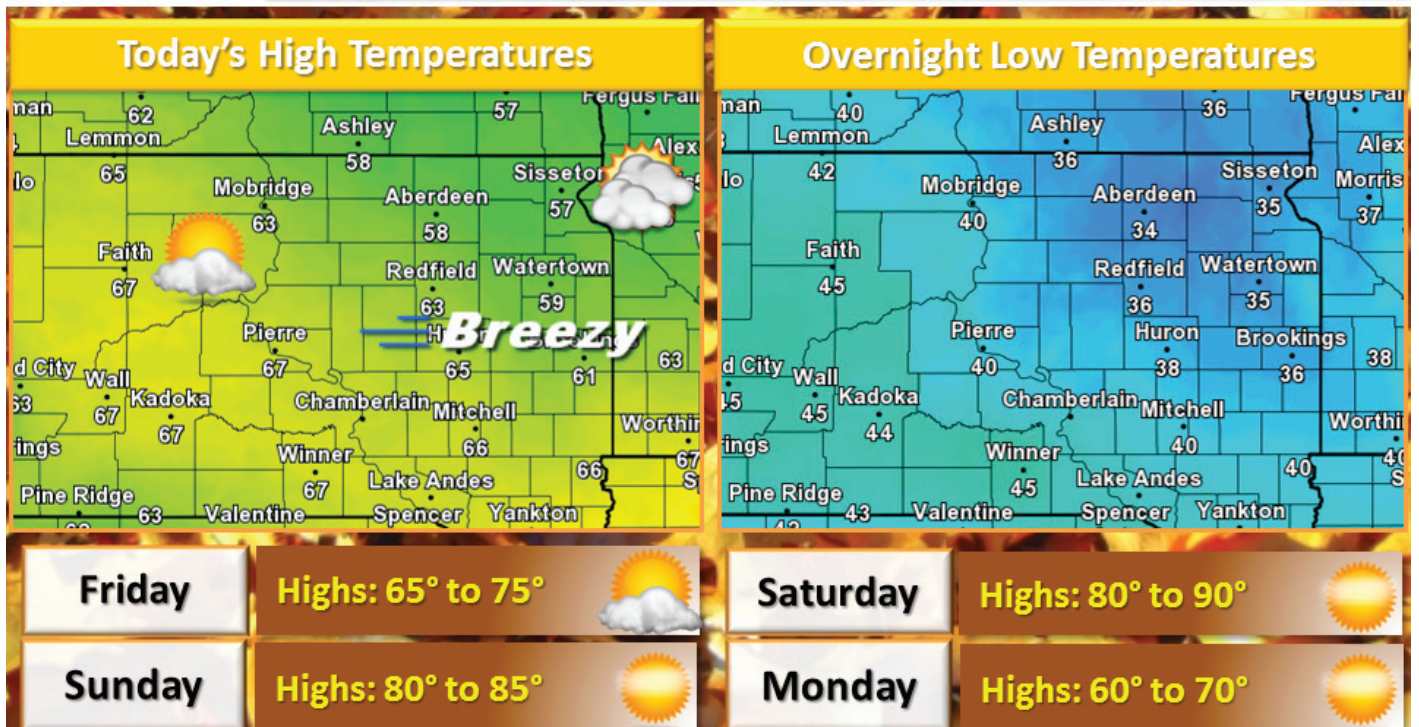
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Cooler temperatures and breezy northwest winds are on tap for today. Winds will taper off tonight however, and temperatures will drop quickly. There may be a brief period of patchy frost over parts of northeast SD and west central MN early Friday morning. Unseasonably warm air is then expected for the weekend.

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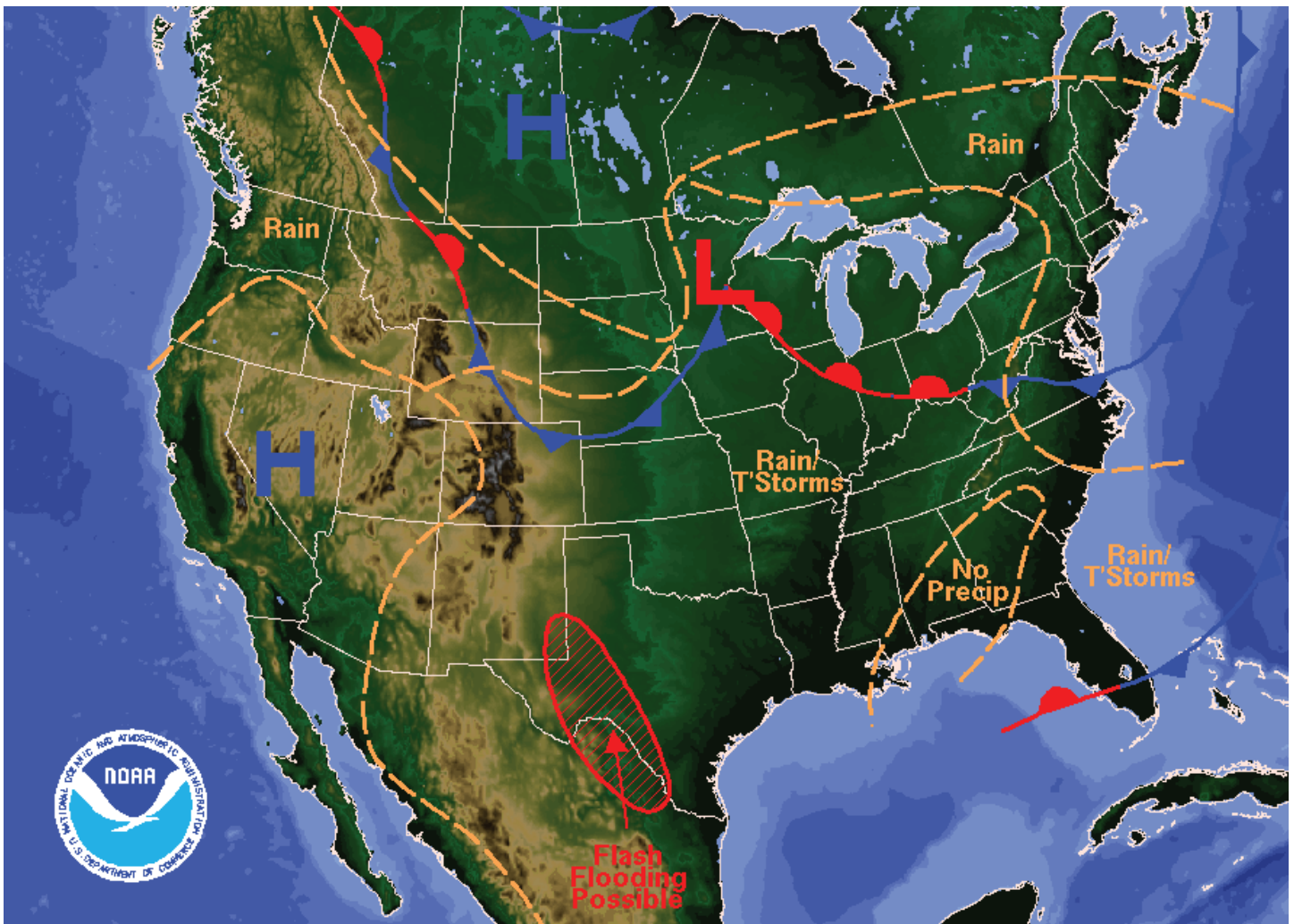
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 70.0
Low: 40.4
High Gust: 28
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 87° in 1936
Record Low: 9° in 1895
Average High: 62°F
Average Low: 36°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.60
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 19.08
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 7:01 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 08, 2015, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



"I KNOW I'M NOT LOST"

While driving through a rural area on dirt roads, a gentleman from the city became confused. He stopped at a farm house to ask directions. When the farmer came to the door, he asked, "Can you tell me how to get to Interstate 16?"

Shaking his head from side to side, the farmer replied, "Nope."

"Well, then," continued the lost tourist, "do you know where U.S. 301 is?"

Thinking for a moment, the farmer said, "Don't know that either."

Frustrated and confused, the driver blurted out, "You're stupid. You don't know anything!"

"Well," responded the farmer, "I know I'm not lost."

There are many things we may not know or understand about the Bible, but there is one thing we can know with certainty: whether or not we are lost and separated from God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Even though there are many roads that take us many places, there is only One Way that will lead us to God - Jesus. In Him we find God's truth and the road to eternal life.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for providing a simple, certain and sure way that will lead us to life with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls woman accused of assault with a selfie stick

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman is accused of assaulting her boyfriend with a selfie stick. Police allege that 22-year-old Tyshauna Lyons on Tuesday night first cut the man's head with a knife and then struck him on the shoulder with the selfie stick. The man was not seriously hurt.

Lyons faces assault charges. It wasn't immediately clear if she has an attorney, and a home telephone listing for her could not be found.

Inmate missing from minimum-security lockup in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A state prison inmate has been placed on escape status after walking away from a minimum-security lockup in Rapid City.

Corrections officials say 24-year-old Salvador Ortiz left the Rapid City Community Work Center without authorization about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Ortiz is serving a 4-year sentence for burglary in Pennington County.

South Dakota historical newspapers now available online

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Several South Dakota newspapers pre-dating 1922 are now available on a national online database.

The South Dakota State Historical Society says newspapers from Canton and Yankton are now part of the Chronicling America project, a Library of Congress initiative to develop an online database of select historical newspapers from around the United States.

The Historical Society received a two-year \$295,000 grant in 2014 to digitize the historical newspapers.

The Canton newspapers from 1876 through 1916 include five different titles: The Canton Advocate; Dakota Farmer's Advocate; Dakota Farmers' Leader; Lincoln County Advocate and Canton Daily Leader.

The Yankton newspapers from 1875 to 1885 included on the Chronicling America website are The Daily Press and Dakotan; Yankton Daily Press and Dakotaian; and the Press and Daily Dakotaian.

SDSU offers master's in industrial/organizational psych

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University will be offering a new master's degree aimed at helping organizations manage workforce planning and leadership development.

The South Dakota Board of Regents approved the master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology this week. It's a subdiscipline of psychology that applies research to improve the well-being and performance of employees and their organizations.

South Dakota State officials say the field of specialization is identified as one of the fastest-growing occupations across the country. Demand for the degree comes from people currently employed in South Dakota as training and development specialists and management analysts.

SDSU will begin offering the program in the fall 2016 semester. The university plans to graduate about nine students from the degree program each year.

SD woman gives birth to baby boy in car on way to hospital

ETHAN, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman has given birth to a baby boy in the family car on the way to the hospital.

Phil and Amanda Johnson were making the 30-minute drive from Emery to the Parkston hospital early Tuesday when she began to deliver the baby. Phil Johnson stopped at a stop sign in Ethan, just in time to reach over and grab the baby's head. Amanda, who is a nurse, caught the baby's body.

Phil Johnson says the baby briefly had the umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, but began crying

as soon as it was untangled.

He says baby Eli is 7 pounds, 1 ounce and healthy. He says the event was an adrenaline rush that was "pretty insane" for him and his wife.

Coalition created by Daugaard meets on Medicaid expansion

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A coalition of health representatives and state and tribal officials established by Gov. Dennis Daugaard to explore the possibility of expanding Medicaid in South Dakota is first focusing on how to free up enough funds to pay for the state's share.

The Health Care Solutions Coalition met for the first time Wednesday in Fort Pierre. The Daugaard administration has broadly outlined to federal officials a proposal to expand the health coverage program for low-income and disabled people and the federal government is taking the ideas seriously, said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, a senior adviser to the governor.

Members of the coalition will work out the details of paying for the state's share, which would be offset by savings to make up for the expected cost of between \$30 million and \$33 million starting in 2020.

"We're not talking about expansion unless we can free up the funding to do it," Malsam-Rysdon said.

The Republican governor met last week with Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell to explain the plan. A spokesman for the department said in a statement that the administration is "willing to work with any state interested in expanding Medicaid."

The proposal, which is in its early stages, would make about 48,500 South Dakota residents newly eligible for the program. The federal government in 2014 rejected a plan from the state to partially expand Medicaid.

The proposal aims to pay for the state's share in part by expanding access to services that are fully funded by the federal government, with the goal of freeing up enough state funding to pay for the addition of more residents to the Medicaid program.

Officials are focusing on people who are eligible for Medicaid but can get services through the Indian Health Service. The goal is to make services through the Indian Health Service more accessible so that people don't have to go to an outside health care provider, which can happen if the IHS is unable to offer a specific service.

Those services at the IHS are fully funded by the federal government through Medicaid rather than through the typical split in financing between the state and the federal government. The state is also asking for a change in the classification of some services to have them fully paid for by the federal government.

The administration also wants to improve access to care on the state's reservations. The response to the proposal from Native American tribes in the state has been promising, said Jerilyn Church of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board.

SD to receive about \$25K from settlement with pharmacy

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says South Dakota will receive about \$25,000 from a multistate settlement with a nursing home pharmacy accused of soliciting and receiving kickbacks from a manufacturer.

Federal prosecutors announced Wednesday that the \$9.25 million settlement with Kentucky-based PharMerica Corp. resolves claims that it received kickbacks from Abbott Laboratories in exchange for recommending that physicians prescribe the Abbott-manufactured drug Depakote.

The settlement partially resolves allegations in two whistleblower lawsuits.

Jackley says about \$16,500 of state's share will be retained by the federal government as the federal Medicaid share. The remainder will go to the state general fund.

In 2012, Abbott pleaded guilty and agreed to pay \$1.5 billion over allegations that it promoted Depakote for patients with dementia and autism — uses not approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Supreme Court hears arguments on contaminated soil farm

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court heard arguments Wednesday on whether Fall River County properly approved a company's plan to take in and clean oil-contaminated soil near Edgemont.

The justices will issue a written opinion at a later date on the issue, which some residents say was wrong because county commissioners kept them out of the process.

The commission approved the High Plains Resources LLC soil farm — in which it would take contaminated soil delivered to the site and repeatedly turn it over to gradually remove toxins — in March 2014 but later sought to rescind its decision because residents were not given proper notice that the issue was being considered. Residents also complained that a single printed copy of the ordinance was available for commissioners to share, and no copies were made available to the two residents in attendance.

The question came up again in June 2014, with the commission giving the public a chance to comment before rescinding its March resolution and passing one that was nearly identical. Unhappy residents collected petition signatures to refer the resolution to last November's ballot.

The votes were never tallied, and the case made its second appearance before the state's high court Wednesday.

High Plains attorney Brad Gordon argued again that commissioners did not have the authority to rescind the original resolution, saying the only instance in which a commission can do so is if there is a change in the location, size or purpose of the facility.

Gordon made that same argument to Circuit Judge Robert Mandel in October 2014, and Mandel agreed, directing that the referendum votes should not be counted.

But Fall River County State's Attorney James Sword appealed Mandel's decision to the state Supreme Court, which issued an Election Day ruling that allowed the county to count the ballots.

"Why didn't you count the votes?" Justice Glen Severson asked Sword on Wednesday.

"That is where the law and politics kind of ran into each other," Sword responded.

"We don't deal with politics. We deal with law," Severson said. "Why didn't you count the votes?"

Sword told the justice that he wanted to, but that commissioners decided instead to pursue the normal channels of an appeal.

Justice Steven Zinter told Gordon that he was unsure what remedy the county is seeking, to which Sword responded he'd like the original ordinance voided based on violations of the state's open meetings law and open records law.

Regardless of the outcome, High Plains still needs to secure permits from state environmental officials in order to create the soil farm.

Sheriff seeks public's help in probe into body found on I-90

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in southeast South Dakota are renewing their efforts to find anyone with information related to the death of a 16-year-old boy whose body was found on Interstate 90 last week.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Jay Gary Lavender are still under investigation, but the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office says it appears the boy was struck by a semitrailer that left the scene. Lavender's body was found Thursday night on I-90 just east of the I-29 interchange.

Capt. Paul Niedringhaus says authorities are looking for information from anyone who traveled in the area of I-90 mile marker 397 under the Kiwanis Avenue overpass between 9:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. Thursday.

He says a white semi-trailer was seen parked near the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to call 605-367-4300.

2014 was banner year for pheasant hunting in North Dakota

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Pheasant hunters in North Dakota enjoyed a banner year in 2014, and one expert says this year's bird harvest could be even better.

About 587,000 pheasants were killed last year, up 31 percent from 2013, despite an increase in licensed hunters of only 2 percent, according to statistics from the state Game and Fish Department.

"The last two years of fairly mild winters and good weather during nesting season has bumped up recruitment, and the number of birds in the fall has noticeably improved," said Stan Kohn, upland game management supervisor for Game and Fish. "That could mean a better harvest this fall over last year."

When hunters take to the field for the start of the season on Saturday, they'll be pursuing a population of birds that has increased by an estimated 30 percent over the past year, according to a late-summer survey that involved 259 runs along 105 brood routes across North Dakota. The hunting season runs through next Jan. 3.

Pheasant hunting is big business in North Dakota. Last year more than 78,000 hunters took part.

"People spend a lot of money pheasant hunting," Game and Fish Wildlife Chief Jeb Williams said. "Think of the overnight stays, gas for vehicles, shells, money spent in local cafes, bars. It's big business."

Last year, hunters spent an average of 4.3 days afield. They bagged an average of 7 1/2 birds, up from just under six in 2014.

The top area for both resident and nonresident pheasant hunters was Hettinger County in the southwest, according to Game and Fish data. That area should be productive again this year, with the summer survey indicating a 34 percent increase in birds over the year.

Other top counties last year were Morton, McLean, Burleigh and Divide for residents, and Bowman, Emons, Divide and Adams for out-of-state hunters.

South Dakota State Fair attendance up slightly over 2014

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Attendance at this year's South Dakota State Fair was up slightly from 2014, pleasing organizers.

The state Agriculture Department says the five-day fair in Huron last month drew 210,893 people, about 400 more than last year.

Attendance in 2014 was up 15 percent from the previous year. Fair Director Peggy Besch says the 2014 numbers were "phenomenal," and the goal this year was to keep pace. She says that goal was met.

Besch says preliminary revenue estimates indicate a 6 percent increase over last year.

Next year's State Fair is Sept. 1-5.

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As floodwaters caused by record rainfalls recede, residents are bracing for the harrowing reality of just how much they have lost.

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The AP talks to Kylee Moriarty, who weathers ups and downs of getting clean after taking advantage of a police department's addict-amnesty initiative.

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A new study argues that thyroid cancer among kids in Fukushima is associated with the radiation that spewed from the disaster 4 ½ years ago.

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Receding floodwaters lead to homecoming heartbreak

RUSS BYNUM, Associated Press

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SUMMERTON, S.C. (AP) — The pungent stench of mildew greeted Asiah Lewis when she came home to her apartment, her footsteps making squishing sounds on the carpet as she picked through soggy clothes piled on a bed and a lifted a moldy shoe from the floor.

Three days after Lewis, her four children and her mother fled the Meadowfield Apartments in chest-deep floodwaters, she returned Wednesday only to realize that — for now, at least — her family is homeless.

"I've got some important documents in the closet I need," said Lewis, 28, who grew up in the same three-bedroom apartment in which she had been raising her own children in Summerton, a tiny town 30 miles south of Sumter. "Pictures on the walls we're going to try to get. Other than that, it's a loss. Now I'm basically going to have to start over with four kids."

Record rainfall in South Carolina last weekend sent floodwaters gushing through Lewis' door and seeping through the walls of her apartment before dawn Sunday, when she awoke to firefighters knocking at her door telling her to leave. On Wednesday, Lewis was among 205 people still sleeping on cots at a high school gym serving as a Red Cross shelter. About half of those were her neighbors from Meadowfield.

As floodwaters recede across the state, residents are coming home to the heartbreaking reality of just how much they have lost.

"Everything is gone!" Wendy Dixon wailed, bursting into mournful sobs as she and her husband returned to their apartment in Columbia. "My clothes and all can be replaced. But my little things, my pictures, are all gone."

Dixon realized her wedding album and dozens of photos of her two sons and three grandchildren had been destroyed when muddy floodwaters swept through her apartment Sunday. She and her husband, Mike, had just moved there in June and her photos were still in boxes on the floor when the flood hit.

The couple has been staying at a shelter at a Columbia middle school.

"We'll be fine. We'll go somewhere," Mike Dixon said. "But she doesn't see that now."

It could take until the weekend for the threat of flooding to ease. U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham warned of a potential billion-dollar cleanup bill and the University of South Carolina moved its home football game against LSU some 700 miles away to Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

In another image of the storm's otherworldly toll, state officials said caskets have popped out of the ground in 11 instances in six counties.

South Carolina's top agriculture official said he estimates the state may have lost more than \$300 million crop losses in recent flooding. Commissioner Hugh Weathers said he flew over flooded areas several times this week and met with state and federal agriculture officials to begin assessing the damage. He said his initial estimate is conservative and could rise.

At least 19 people in South Carolina and North Carolina have died in the storm.

Residents of Summerville, northwest of Charleston, are wondering how long it will be before their lives return to normal. Dorchester Road, a main thoroughfare, remained impassable Wednesday in some spots. Amanda Perez and other residents used canoes and stand up paddle boards to assess the damage to their homes.

My house "is smelly. And, it's wet. And, even though it's showing some improvement today, I know I've lost at least two cars," Perez said. "How am I going to fix this? How am I going to get my kids to school? My cars are under water."

In Summerton, Dottie Carter, the apartment manager of Meadowfield Apartments, told returning residents they have until Friday to remove any belongings they can salvage. After that, everything left behind will be thrown out so crews can clean up and repair the flood damage.

How long that will take, nobody knows.

Meanwhile, Summerton Mayor Mac Bagnol said officials are looking for another place for evacuees to stay if they have no friends or relatives nearby. Local officials plan for classes to resume Monday at Scott's Branch High School, where the local shelter is now.

Finding recorder key to solving the sinking of cargo ship

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Investigators trying to determine why a 790-foot cargo ship stalled and sank in the howling winds of Hurricane Joaquin will be searching for a brightly colored device bolted to the deck and pinging away in the blackness and pressure of the 15,000-foot-deep sea.

Authorities say the El Faro's voyage data recorder, similar to the "black box" on an aircraft, would provide a wealth of data on what befell the ship and the 33 people aboard in the hours before it is believed to have gone down. The ship itself has not yet been located.

Recovering the recorder at such depths could be challenging. Assuming the device can be located, the National Transportation Safety Board will work with the Coast Guard, Navy and other agencies to devise a way to bring it up, likely using a robotic, remote-controlled submersible capable of diving great depths.

"We want to find every bit of information that we possibly can," NTSB vice chair Bella Dinh-Zarr said. "We will be here as long as it takes."

The El Faro lost power and went down in 15,000 feet of water east of the Bahamas last Thursday while attempting to outrun Hurricane Joaquin on its regular route from Jacksonville, Florida, to Puerto Rico, the Coast Guard and ship owner Tote Maritime have said.

The captain reported the ship was listing and taking on water through an open hatch. Then transmissions ceased.

An intensive search over tens of thousands of square miles of ocean turned up one unidentified body in a survival suit as well as large amounts of debris, including a heavily damaged life boat — but no sign of survivors. The Coast Guard announced it was suspending the search at dusk Wednesday.

"Any decision to suspend a search is painful," said Coast Guard Capt. Mark Fedor. "They did all they could."

Hope was fading among family members that survivors might be found.

"The ship went down. And there's no questioning the outcome of that. The ship has gone down, took everybody with it. There's really no speculation to be made," said Mary Shevory, mother of crew member Mariette Wright.

Among the questions that have been raised: What caused the ship to lose power? Did pressure to deliver the cargo on time play a role in the captain and company's decision to press ahead? Was the ship's

advanced age — more than 40 years old — a factor? And was the mechanical trouble caused by work that was being done in the engine room at the time?

The recorder, required for all large ships since 2002, would contain radio communications, command discussions on the bridge, the ship's speed and heading, wind speed and radar readings. Generally the recorders retain information from the 12 hours before they enter the water.

The ship, which was soon to be replaced on its Caribbean route to begin work in Alaska, left Jacksonville on Sept. 29 with 28 U.S. crew members and five Polish workers aboard. The Poles were doing preparatory work in the engine room for the El Faro's scheduled retrofitting in the coming weeks, according to Tote executives.

Joaquin quickly developed from a tropical storm to a powerful hurricane, but Tote officials say the ship's captain, Michael Davidson, had an acceptable plan to bypass the storm that would have worked, had the ship not lost power amid 140-mph winds and 50-foot waves.

The NTSB said a key part of the investigation is learning how to prevent similar tragedies. Family members say they hope so, too.

"I am hoping other companies will take a good look at when they're going to ship out," said Shevory, the crew member's mother. "And not do it with a storm coming that can potentially become a hurricane. Which of course, it did."

Goodell, owners expect future vote on LA relocation

BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL is moving slowly toward Los Angeles, and rapidly around the rest of the globe.

On the same Wednesday that the owners approved an extension and expansion of the international series of regular-season games, they discussed at length the desire of three teams to relocate to LA. The Rams want to leave St. Louis, the Chargers want to vacate San Diego, and the Raiders seek to move from Oakland.

Commissioner Roger Goodell expects owners will vote on franchise relocation, but when is another matter.

Goodell said the owners expressed interest "in wanting to be there, but also recognize we need to find solutions. Our relocation policy is very important."

So the league is being cautious and thorough.

"When you start out with nothing and you are trying to find a solution, you try to find all the pathways that can lead to success," said Eric Grubman, the NFL's point man for relocation to LA. "If you find one, people aren't necessarily optimistic it's going to be successful because there's a failure rate. If you find 100, then people are very optimistic. When we attacked it, we had to find more than one thing that can work.

"So what happens when you find more than one thing that can work and it's in the NFL and it involves multiple owners and multiple cities? Then suddenly the picture becomes very murky because not everyone can get exactly what they want. And that's the scenario that's most likely to play out."

Los Angeles has not had an NFL franchise since 1995, when the Rams and Raiders left. The current timetable calls for submission of applications to relocate in January, when the owners could vote.

There has been speculation that timetable could be moved up to December, when the next owners meeting occurs in Dallas. But Pittsburgh Steelers President Art Rooney said he doesn't envision that.

"I don't think we'll move up the deadline," Rooney said. "We have cities that still are putting together their proposals" to keep their teams.

Grubman admitted for a team or two to call LA home next season, the latest it could get approval would probably be March or April.

The Rams are proposing a stadium in Inglewood, California, while the Raiders and Chargers jointly have one planned for Carson. Those teams' owners were excused from a round table session during Wednesday's fall meetings, and the other 29 owners voiced their opinions on approving any moves to LA.

Goodell said it's "very positive" to have two alternatives in what he also called "the entertainment capital of the world."

Neither California team has had success in getting public funding for a new stadium; Goodell noted that has been happening "for decades." Missouri has come through with a plan for a \$1 billion stadium to keep the Rams, but there are delays in that proposal.

While LA remains an uncertainty, more games in the United Kingdom — and probably in other locales abroad — are coming.

The owners approved more international games through 2025, including quite possibly in Mexico, Germany and Canada.

"We think it's time to expand our international series to other countries and respond to the growing interest in our game not only in the U.K., but elsewhere around the world," Goodell said.

Mexico, where one regular-season game was played in 2005 and drew a record attendance of 103,467, is a front-runner for next year.

"That's our biggest fan base, our most vibrant market," said Mark Waller, the league's vice president/international. "It would be a logical place to start."

The NFL will announce the 2016 international games this fall. Three games are being held at London's Wembley Stadium this season for the second straight year, and that number could be increased.

Earlier this year, the NFL agreed with English Premier League club Tottenham to play at least two games a season at its new stadium in north London, which is scheduled to open in 2018. That is a 10-year deal.

The league also is looking at Toronto and Vancouver, and several cities in Germany have expressed interest in hosting games.

The Pro Bowl also could land in international sites. Brazil has expressed interest in the all-star game, and Waller said Australia, South Africa and Asia also were potential sites, but probably not before early 2018.

Also Wednesday:

— Goodell reiterated that the league will continue to vigorously pursue in court reinstating Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's four-game suspension for using underinflated footballs in the AFC championship game. Brady had the suspension set aside in federal court last month.

— In the wake of the officiating mistake at the end of Detroit's loss to Seattle on Monday night, Goodell said rules for use of instant replay in officiating "clearly will be discussed again" by the powerful competition committee.

— The league approved a cross-ownership proposal for Rams owner Stan Kroenke. He will be allowed to transfer ownership of the Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche to his wife, and retain the Rams. The NFL has prohibited an owner from also having other sports franchises in different cities.

— SiriusXM satellite radio extended its deal to carry NFL broadcasts for six more years. SiriusXM has partnered with the NFL since 2004.

Amazon challenges Etsy with Amazon Handmade

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NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon is launching its site for handcrafted goods called Amazon Handmade on Thursday, hoping to capitalize on shoppers' appetite for homemade goods ahead of the holiday season.

The move throws down the gauntlet to craft-selling site Etsy. But at least at the time of launch, the two sites will have a very different seller base, fee structure and stances on manufacturing.

Amazon started offering invitations in May to join Handmade, giving sellers access to Amazon's 285 million shoppers. The Seattle-based retailer says the site, which will carry everything from \$30 walnut cufflinks from Australia to \$325 handmade quilts from Wisconsin, sprang from customer feedback and site searches for crafty items.

"We had thousands of searches every day from customers looking for handmade or handcrafted items," said Peter Faricy, vice president for Amazon Marketplace.

That focus also pits it directly against Etsy Inc., which started 10 years ago as a marketplace for home-made goods and went public in April. But they're a bit different in size and scope.

At launch, Amazon Handmade will include about 5,000 sellers from 50 states and 60 countries offering 80,000 items. Amazon takes a 12 percent fee from overall sales made by Amazon Handmade sellers and

includes payment processing, discounted shipping and access to other Amazon services. There's no listing fee or monthly fee to start.

In contrast, New York-based Etsy has 1.5 million sellers and 21.7 million buyers as of June 30. It takes a 3.5 percent fee on overall sales and a 20 cent listing fee per item listed.

They also differ in terms of manufacturing policy. Amazon says sellers have to fill out an online application to be approved to sell on the site and all items sold on the site must be "factory-free" and not made by manufacturers.

New York-based Etsy, on the other hand, started letting some merchants apply to use manufacturers for some products in 2013. In September, Etsy said it was creating a new Etsy manufacturing marketplace to make it easier for its sellers to find "responsible production assistance." Manufacturers can apply to be part of the program and Etsy approves them based on certain criteria.

The divide on manufacturing highlights the challenge that platforms for handmade craft sellers face: They want to preserve the personal nature of handmade goods but also help their sellers (and themselves) grow and make more money.

Etsy CEO Chad Dickerson said Etsy Manufacturing grew out of trying to help sellers that have reached a point where they need outside help to grow.

"It's really about providing access to values-aligned producers, often in the sellers' own community," he said.

As far as competing against Amazon, Dickerson said that about half of Etsy sellers already sell via multiple venues, and of those sellers, Etsy is still usually their primary source of income.

"We believe that Etsy is the best platform for the creative entrepreneur," he said. "Etsy has a decade of experience understanding the needs of artists and sellers and supporting them in ways that no other marketplace can."

Some travelers love to hate the new discount airlines

DAVID KOENIG, AP Airlines Writer

DALLAS (AP) — When the delay on his 90-minute flight stretched past the four-hour mark, David Rankin started tweeting to Spirit Airlines as he and other passengers grew restless.

"We're looking at the plane," Rankin said by phone from a Spirit gate at the Philadelphia airport. "There are no pilots."

Rankin, an investment manager from New Jersey, swore it would be his last time on the discount airline. "My wife won't let me book a flight on Spirit next time," he said.

Spirit is one of a new breed of airline called ultra-low-cost carriers that also includes Frontier Airlines and Allegiant Air. They have grown rapidly by luring travelers with cheap base fares that undercut the big airlines, and boast among the best operating profits margins in the business.

Fans say the cheap tickets set the ultra-low-cost carriers apart in an industry where discomfort and inconvenience are now expected. But for many travelers, the new discounters take the aggravation to another level.

They charge extra for things that are still standard on bigger airlines like soda and carry-on bags. Need to print a boarding pass at the airport? There's a fee for that. They fit more passengers on the plane by squeezing seats together, which is easier because the seats don't recline. They don't have toll-free phone numbers for customer service.

There are few businesses that consumers love to hate more than airlines, but travelers seem to reserve a special level of vitriol for these no-frills, discount airlines.

Passengers are about 20 times more likely to complain about one of them than about Alaska Airlines or Southwest Airlines, which have the industry's lowest complaint rates. Either Frontier or Spirit has recorded the highest rate of complaints to the government every month this year. Allegiant would place third-worst, although because of its small size it is not included in the official rankings.

Much of the grousing can be tied to frequent flight delays. So far this year, Spirit Airlines has the worst

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on-time rate among the largest 14 U.S. airlines — 34 percent of flights are at least 15 minutes late — and Frontier is next-to-last.

In June, Spirit's on-time rate tumbled below 50 percent. It was the worst one-month performance by a large U.S. airline in 10 years. A Spirit spokesman blamed a four-day stretch of bad weather.

With fewer planes and pilots, Spirit, Frontier and Allegiant have less flexibility to deal with setbacks like summer storms than do larger airlines — it's not as easy to put passengers on a later flight because there might not be one. They generally don't have agreements to accommodate stranded passengers on bigger airlines. It can add up to long delays as crews try to wait out the weather or fix planes to avoid canceling flights.

In June, several hundred Spirit passengers were stuck at the airport in Las Vegas after cancelations. Airport officials handed out water and diapers. The same month in Atlantic City, New Jersey, two state troopers bought 15 pizzas to feed stranded Spirit passengers whose flight had been diverted there because of bad weather.

Another source of irritation: tight legroom. Frontier added 12 seats to its current planes by installing seats with less padding. Its new Airbus A321 jets arriving next year will have 230 seats. Spirit flies the A321 with 218 seats, JetBlue with 190, American with 181.

Unhappy customers also complain about being nickel-and-dimed — all the fees offset the cheaper base fare.

Heidi Kerr-Schlaefter, a Colorado travel writer, said she was a loyal customer of Denver-based Frontier Airlines for more than a decade. She "loved, loved, loved" the hometown airline with its wild-animal logos and friendly staff. But when the airline switched to mimic Spirit's low-fare, high-fees model last year, calculating the cost of a trip got too complicated.

"I had to sit down and say: This is what I'm paying for the flight, then they're charging me \$3 or \$5 for a seat (assignment), and I need to figure out how much baggage I'll bring both ways," she said. "It became a mathematics game and that's ridiculous."

The discount airlines, however, have their fans. Traffic jumped 77 percent on Spirit and 39 percent on Allegiant from 2011 through 2014. Travel is up by double-digits again this year on both airlines.

Even passengers on other airlines might owe the discounters some gratitude. By keeping base fares low, they prevent the major airlines from pushing prices even higher — at least on the routes they compete on — says John Kwoka, a Northeastern University economics professor who studies the airlines.

Loyal customers say you can avoid most fees and save money on the budget carriers if you pay attention to the rules.

"I've been on American Airlines, Frontier, Spirit — it's all the same as long as I get to where I need to be," Larry D. Wallace, a college student from Dallas, said on a recent Spirit flight from Dallas to Denver. "I've never had a complaint with Spirit. They're cheap; they're on time."

Wallace, who said it was his fourth trip on the budget carrier, saved money by not bringing a bag. And his flight was just about perfect. The Airbus A320 was clean and brand-new — Spirit's fleet averages about five years in age, much younger than most U.S. airlines — the flight attendants were cheerful and efficient. The flight arrived in Denver 15 minutes late, but no one seemed to mind.

Executives at the discount airlines and some industry experts dismiss the government's complaint figures. They point out that very few passengers bother to file a complaint with the Department of Transportation — even at Spirit and Frontier it's fewer than one passenger in every 10,000.

That can make for volatile figures. But ironically by the airlines' own admission, the government numbers don't tell the full story of passenger unhappiness.

Frontier CEO Barry Biffle says his airline gets about 30 complaints for every one filed with the government. It used to 90-to-1, he says.

Biffle says the official complaint rate just measures how many customers find the website to lodge a complaint and they're getting more savvy about that. But if airlines had to report all the complaints that they receive directly from consumers, the numbers would be even more damning.

Fiat Chrysler avoids strike with new tentative contract

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DETROIT (AP) — Fiat Chrysler has avoided an expensive strike at its U.S. plants after reaching a tentative labor agreement with the United Auto Workers union.

UAW announced the agreement just after 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, which was the deadline the union had set to reach a new deal or possibly go on strike.

The Italian-American automaker confirmed it had reached a new tentative agreement with the union but said in a statement that the company cannot discuss the specifics because the deal is subject to member ratification. A spokeswoman declined further comment.

UAW, which represents around 40,000 FCA factory workers at 23 U.S. plants, said in a post on its website that its bargaining committee had "secured significant gains."

Local union leaders will vote on the proposed deal Friday at a meeting in Detroit. If the leaders approve the tentative agreement, UAW will release details and the ratification process will begin, a UAW spokesman said.

This is the second tentative agreement FCA and the union have reached. Last week, UAW members overwhelmingly rejected a previous proposal, saying it didn't go far enough in restoring benefits workers lost in previous contracts. Union workers made concessions in recent years to help struggling automakers return to health. But now that the companies are making money, members want a bigger share.

The deal rejected last week included pay raises, the potential for increased profit sharing and a \$3,000 signing bonus. But members are seeking an end to the current two-tier pay structure, more specific guarantees of new vehicles for U.S. factories and a return of cost-of-living pay raises.

UAW's four-year contracts with FCA, Ford and General Motors expired on Sept. 14, but workers remained on the job under a contract extension. The union said in September it had chosen FCA as its target company in the negotiations; usually the first deal reached serves as a basic template for the other two companies.

When they kicked off contract talks in July, both UAW President Dennis Williams and FCA CEO Sergio Marchionne said they would consider it a personal failure if they can't reach an agreement and workers strike.

FCA workers haven't gone on strike since 2007, and such a move would have been expensive for the company. A weeklong strike could have cost as much as \$1.7 billion in revenue and \$35 million in net income, according to Sean McAlinden, chief economist for the Michigan-based Center for Automotive Research.

South Carolina still on edge from floods; 2 die in truck

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — It could take until the weekend for the threat of flooding to ease in storm-tattered South Carolina, where a senator warned of a potential billion-dollar cleanup bill, two more people died in the floodwaters and the flagship university sent a home football game 700 miles away.

Rivers rose and dams bulged as storm water from days of heavy rains made its way to the Atlantic Ocean, causing a second round of flooding downstream.

Gov. Nikki Haley paid a visit to the coast, which she said would still be in danger for another 24-48 hours. "We're holding our breath and saying a prayer," she said.

U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham warned the disaster could "break the bank" of federal emergency funds, possibly topping more than \$1 billion.

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At least 19 people in South Carolina and North Carolina have died in the storm, while many survivors returned home to discover they'd lost everything.

Wendy Dixon burst into sobs after realizing her wedding album and dozens of photos of her two sons and three grandchildren were destroyed.

Overcome with emotion and barely able to walk across her waterlogged carpet, Dixon grasped the arm of a niece inside the Columbia apartment.

"Everything is gone!" she wailed. "My clothes and all can be replaced. But my little things, my pictures, are all gone."

It was another anxious day of waiting for floodwaters to recede around the capital city.

About 1,000 residents near the compromised Beaver Dam were told to evacuate Wednesday morning, though the order was lifted several hours later when crews shored up the dam.

Haley said 62 dams across the state were being monitored, and 13 had already failed. However, she said South Carolina was fortunate that those represented only a small fraction of 2,000 or so dams regulated by the state.

At a news conference, Haley and other officials were asked repeatedly about whether the state had spent enough in previous years to maintain dams and other infrastructure.

"I think the analysis of this can be done after" the danger from the floods passes, she said in one testy response.

But Graham said the federal lifeline must be treated with care to avoid a "pork-laden monstrosity" like the federal government's aid package to the Northeast after Hurricane Sandy in 2012. He warned state and county officials not to use the disaster as an opportunity to ask for money unrelated to flood damage.

He also said it would take weeks to get a reliable damage assessment.

"We're talking hundreds of millions (of dollars), maybe over a billion," he said while visiting a shelter in Columbia.

As they waited for floodwaters to drop, officials also struggled to preserve Columbia's water supply. That supply was threatened earlier this week when a portion of the Columbia canal collapsed. Workers have been trying to build a dam and have dumped giant sandbags into the water to plug the breach. But when a second portion of the canal collapsed Wednesday afternoon, they were forced to look at other options, Mayor Steve Benjamin said.

Benjamin said contingency plans include pumping water from the canal to the reservoir that feeds the water plant and working with the National Guard to pump water directly from the Broad River. In the meantime, he asked the city's 375,000 water customers to conserve water.

And in an extraordinary move for the football-crazy South, the University of South Carolina announced it was moving Saturday's football game against No. 7 LSU some 700 miles to Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The university said more than 80,000 fans expected for the game in Columbia would have put too much stress on weakened infrastructure.

In the most recent storm-related deaths, a group of five railroad workers were in a pickup truck when it drove past a barricade and plunged into the water where pavement was washed out. Three men in the pickup managed to get to safety around 3 a.m. Wednesday and divers later found the bodies of two men, authorities said.

The workers were in town to help repair washed out tracks.

Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Curtis Wilson said the barricade was in the wrong lane, but regardless, the railroad workers should not have been out because there was a city-wide curfew in place.

Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said all nine deaths in the county have come from people trying to drive in flooded areas. Officers have located the cars belonging to several other missing people.

"I'm fearing the worst on that," Lott said.

Getting clean: Heroin addict goes through pioneering program

PHILIP MARCELO, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Kylee Moriarty has experienced her share of ups and downs since deciding to kick her heroin habit this past summer.

The 26-year-old's journey started in early July when she showed up, beaten and gaunt, at the police station in Gloucester, Massachusetts, looking to take advantage of the department's pioneering policy of connecting addicts with treatment rather than throwing them in jail.

Fast forward to late September, and Moriarty has been clean for over 70 days — her longest drug-free

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stint in years, according to her and her family. Her mother, Jackie Law, pays a visit. It's the first time she's seen her daughter in over a year.

Outside the Boston halfway house where Moriarty has been staying, the two sit side by side on a picnic bench, enjoying an unseasonably warm morning.

"I never thought we'd be here again," Moriarty says, clasping her mother's hand.

"You were really sick," Law says, breaking into a tearful mumble. "But you're not anymore. You're back. And I'm so happy."

"I'm not going anywhere now," Moriarty reassures.

Days later, she stumbles.

She's tossed out of the halfway house after housemates accuse her of being high on marijuana, a charge she vehemently denies.

Moriarty says there have been times over the past three months where she was on the verge of quitting and submitting to her cravings. She maintains she never did.

"The director basically wanted me to lie," she says, still seething at the decision that sent her to another recovery house nearby, where she's now required to submit to random drug tests but has somewhat greater freedoms to pursue work and other activities outside the house. "She said if I just admitted I was high, she'd let me stay. But I'm proud that I'm clean and sober."

Moriarty says she's as committed as ever to living clean. She's focused on making amends with her family. She also hopes to one day reconnect with her young son, Landon, now in the sole custody of his biological father.

"That's what keeps me going," she says. "I'm going to get back those things that I lost."

She says her addiction was the product of a tumultuous few years in which she dealt with bladder cancer, gave birth to her son two months prematurely and lost her biological father to suicide.

"Just a lot of things all at once," Law observes. "Right after the cancer, her life went into fast forward."

Law says she cut off Moriarty to protect Landon, whom she'd raised for years as her daughter struggled with addiction.

"I had to make a choice to let you go," she tells Moriarty during their reunion. "Emotionally, I was pretty tired. It took me a lot to even just come here. I didn't know what to expect."

Moriarty replies: "You made the right choice, Mom. I was completely toxic to everyone in my life. There was no reaching me."

After her father committed suicide in 2008, just months after Landon was born, Moriarty says she started taking Suboxone, a prescription drug her boyfriend at the time had been taking to treat his heroin addiction.

From there, Moriarty says, she fell deeper into drug use, from the synthetic party drug Molly to oxycodone, cocaine and heroin. Along the way, she was arrested on a range of offenses, including speeding, misdemeanor assault, receiving stolen property and resisting arrest.

The reckoning came in early July, when her boyfriend beat her and threw her out, accusing her of stealing his drugs. In a twisted way, Moriarty says, the altercation was a blessing.

"Jail didn't do it for me; losing my family and my child didn't do it for me," she says. "I literally had to be sleeping in a park for three days with no shoes and a broken face to get to that complete and utter desperation."

She eventually reached out to Joe Titone, a longtime family friend, for help.

"I almost cried. She looked horrible. She lost almost 30 pounds. Her face was all black and blue from getting beat up," the Seabrook, New Hampshire, resident recalls.

Titone immediately took her to a hospital in southern New Hampshire, but officials there said they couldn't offer treatment for her drug addiction. That's when he delivered her to the police station in nearby Gloucester.

By then, the department had drawn attention for offering heroin addicts a radical proposition: Commit to getting clean and police will fast-track you into treatment, no questions asked. The program, which by now has been replicated in a number of other cities, has placed more than 200 addicts into treatment.

Gloucester Police Chief Leonard Campanello, who has become a prominent voice in the national drug

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epidemic that's hit New England especially hard, met Moriarty the night she came to the police station and has been keeping up with her ever since.

The department covered her first \$150 monthly rent and provided her some personal effects to get her started at her new recovery house.

Campanello says he's not too concerned with her most recent move, as long as she's still committed to living drug-free.

"She's light-years from where she was 2 1/2 months ago," he says. "This disease is a day-to-day thing. She's going to have to work at it every day."

Moriarty says she's prepared to weather the bumps.

"I no longer wake up in the morning dreading my day. I've alive. I have hope now," she says. "I still have a lot of stuff to work on. It's progress, not perfection. It's baby steps."

Arrieta, Cubs silence Pirates 4-0 to win NL wild-card game

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Maybe it's time to stop treating the Chicago Cubs like they're too young to be here. The stage they seemingly weren't ready for now seems hardly big enough to contain them. Not with Jake Arrieta dealing. Not with a group of 20-somethings in the field that play with swagger and confidence. Not with a manager adept at keeping the minds of his rapidly maturing team decidedly clutter-free.

Watch out baseball, the Cubs — yes, the Cubs — are ahead of schedule. And the timetable only seems to be picking up speed for Joe Maddon's bunch.

Arrieta allowed four hits in nine dominant innings and Chicago rolled to a 4-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates in the NL wild-card game on Wednesday night. Arrieta struck out 11 without a walk. He also dusted himself off getting plunked by Pittsburgh reliever Tony Watson to send the Cubs to the NL Division Series in St. Louis starting on Friday.

"I'm exhausted. I haven't felt this way all year," said Arrieta, who led the majors with 22 wins. "This atmosphere, the energy was unbelievable. Tried to use it to the best of my ability. They were loud, they were really loud."

Dexter Fowler homered and scored three times for the Cubs. Kyle Schwarber, a rookie who began his season in Double-A, added a towering two-run shot off Pittsburgh starter Gerrit Cole as Chicago raced to an early lead and let Arrieta do the rest.

"Jake told me when we talked last night, he said, 'You give me a few runs, I'm good,'" Fowler said. "And I said, 'All right, bro, we'll see what we can do.'"

The largest crowd ever at PNC Park failed to rattle Arrieta or one of baseball's youngest teams, one that looked right at home while snapping a nine-game playoff losing streak that dated to the 2003 NL Championship Series.

"You don't think that these guys are 21, 23 years old, because they don't play like it," Arrieta said. "They have elevated their play to a level that's beyond their years, and it's one of the big reasons we're here."

Sounds a lot like the Houston Astros, by the way. They opened this year's postseason Tuesday night by winning the AL wild-card game at Yankee Stadium.

Pittsburgh was knocked out after finishing second in the majors with 98 victories this year. Last season, the Pirates also were shut out on four hits at home in the wild-card game, losing to Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants.

"Two years in a row we've drawn a tough bull," manager Clint Hurdle said.

The bearded, 29-year-old Arrieta, still unbeaten since July 25, stretched his remarkable second half — in which he posted an 0.75 ERA — into the opening round of the playoffs. He threw the first complete-game shutout for the Cubs in the postseason since Claude Passeau tossed a one-hitter in the 1945 World Series against Detroit.

Arrieta even laughed off a weird sequence in the seventh when Watson's fastball hit him in his left side. The benches and bullpens cleared when Watson was issued a warning, leading to little more than a few

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heated exchanges along the first base line.

Pirates utility player Sean Rodriguez, who'd already been pulled, was ejected and proceeded to give an unsuspecting water cooler a series of one-two combinations, eventually sending it tumbling to the ground.

"It's two teams battling, grinding it out, supporting their own guys, and sometimes those things happen," Arrieta said. "But we moved past it, and after that point it was just baseball as usual."

And Arrieta was basically unhittable, as usual.

Hurdle shelved slugger Pedro Alvarez — whose 27 homers led the team but whose 23 errors made him a defensive liability — in favor of more sure-handed Rodriguez. Hurdle pointed to the athleticism Rodriguez brought as a major factor, figuring the Pirates would need to get creative to score against Arrieta rather than hope Alvarez runs into the kind of mistake Arrieta has avoided nearly all season.

Maddon took the opposite approach, starting Kris Bryant in left and Schwarber in right and Tommy La Stella at third — positions each had played only sparingly during the regular season — because it was the lineup that presented the most firepower.

Did it ever.

Chicago took a 1-0 lead two batters into the game when Fowler led off with a single, stole second and scored on a single to left by Schwarber.

The two hooked up again in the third. Fowler singled with one out and Schwarber turned an 88 mph slider from Cole into a massive two-run shot that appeared destined for the downtown Pittsburgh skyline before disappearing over the stands in right field.

"I watched," Schwarber admitted with a laugh.

The blast drained whatever juice remained from a crowd that spent the buildup to the showdown between the teams with the second and third best record in the majors trying to get a rise out of Arrieta on Twitter. All it did was fire him up, tweeting "whatever helps keep your hope alive, just know, it doesn't matter."

Pretty much.

Maddon has preached a "keep it simple" approach since taking over last winter. When Arrieta is on the hill, Maddon's job tends to get pretty easy.

Arrieta retired 10 straight at one point, his only real wobbles coming in the sixth and seventh. Pittsburgh loaded the bases with one out behind a single, a hit batter and an error.

Starling Marte's sharp grounder, however, rolled right to Addison Russell at shortstop. A toss to second and a throw to first later to complete the double play, and Arrieta and the rest of his teammates were pumping their fist on the way back to the dugout.

The team with the best road record in the majors this season hardly fazed by the stakes or the weight of 106 years of postseason futility.

The Pirates, meanwhile, head into the offseason after a brief nine-inning stay. Last fall it was Bumgarner and the Giants who silenced the masses in an 8-0 whitewash on their way to winning the World Series.

This time it was Arrieta's turn, perhaps a more alarming development considering the Pirates will spend a large portion of the next decade trying to keep up with Schwarber, Bryant and Russell as well as the Cardinals in the hyper-competitive NL Central. St. Louis led the majors with 100 wins.

"Well, sports is hard," Hurdle said. "Life's not fair. You go out and play. You get beat, you move on."

UP NEXT

Cubs: Chicago went 8-11 this year against the Cardinals, their longtime rival. John Lackey is set to start the opener for St. Louis against Chicago's Jon Lester. The two were teammates on the 2013 Boston Red Sox team that won it all.

"Come Friday, we're not friends anymore," Lester said, laughing.

Gannett Co. acquires Midwest, South newspapers for \$280M **GREG MOORE, Associated Press**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Gannett Co. has reached an agreement to acquire newspaper company Journal Media Group for \$280 million, giving the media giant control of publications in more than 100 local markets

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in the U.S., company officials announced Wednesday evening.

Journal Media publications dot the Midwest and South and include the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Memphis (Tennessee) Commercial-Appeal and Knoxville (Tennessee) News Sentinel.

Industry experts say the publications are a natural fit for Gannett's strategy of maximizing short-term profits through managing the decline of publications in less competitive markets.

Gannett's "prevailing strategy is economy of scale," which involves reducing local costs and consolidating or regionalizing many operations, analyst Ken Doctor said.

"Undoubtedly, there will be some (layoffs) in any areas that can be centralized," including technology, newsrooms, human resources, finance and some advertising, said Doctor, who is president of Newsonomics, a website that monitors consumer media.

The goal is to "keep enough of a local presence to make enough people want to read you on a local level," he said. He went on to add, "Anything else you do on a national or regional level."

Gannett's flagship publication is USA Today, and it has used that publication's staff to produce national content for its local products.

Gannett this summer became a company that runs newspapers exclusively, having moved all of its television companies into a separate company, Tegna Inc.

The merger adds 15 daily and 18 weekly papers to Gannett's portfolio, according to the news release announcing the move.

"The publications of both Gannett and Journal Media Group have a rich history, a commitment to journalism, and a dedication to informing and being active members in the communities we serve," Robert J. Dickey, president and chief executive officer of Gannett, said in the statement. "Our merger will combine the best of each of our organizations to create a journalism-led, investor-focused company which will provide substantial value to the shareholders of both companies."

Tim Stautberg, president and CEO of Journal Media Group said the "transaction marks a critical next step in the transformation of our industry as we build local media brands that matter at a time when operational scale is a competitive advantage."

Journal Media Group was formed earlier this year, after Journal Communications Inc. of Milwaukee and E.W. Scripps Co. of Cincinnati combined their broadcasting operations under the E.W. Scripps name and spun off newspaper holdings into a separate public entity.

DraftKings open to regulation as it works to regain trust

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — As daily fantasy sports operators FanDuel and DraftKings hustle to prove they can be trusted by thousands of users each week, cheating allegations have served as a backdrop for lingering questions about an industry that has been unregulated.

Officials for the companies repeated Wednesday that a DraftKings employee who won \$350,000 in a FanDuel contest did nothing wrong, and did not have access to internal data before his entry into the contest was complete. But as the companies operate now, it's up to users of the sites to take their word for it.

DraftKings CEO Jason Robins said Wednesday the company is committed to creating an open and transparent environment.

"We have great records of when data is pulled, when communications were sent," he said in an interview on Fox Business. There was no wrongdoing, he said.

As for regulation, "we're open to that," Robins said on ESPN's "Outside the Lines" show, signaling a change of course for the company.

DraftKings hasn't responded to questions from The Associated Press about the degree of access employees have to internal information and when they can access it.

While legal in most U.S. states, daily fantasy sports is unregulated, unlike casinos and lotteries. Participants put together virtual teams based on real players and compete for points based on the players' statistics. The incident has been likened to insider trading. The internal data, describing how often players are selected by all players in the salary-cap style game, could be used strategically to build a lineup of

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players with a lot of potential who aren't popular selections among opponents.

If the companies were licensed casinos in Las Vegas, rules would govern who has access to what and when — it's likely a team of badge-wearing law-enforcement investigators would already be looking into the situation. Violating the rules would put valuable licenses to do business — both for high-ranking employees and the companies themselves — at risk.

Depending on the crime, employees could be prosecuted or added to the state's black book, formerly a home to mobsters and unsavory characters and more recently a yearbook for cheats and scammers banned from Nevada casinos for life.

"When companies get licensed, the very fact that these things could occur act as a deterrent to this type of activity," said Nevada Gaming Control Board chief A.G. Burnett.

Regulators approve house rules, negotiate disputes between players and the casinos and require reserves that can pay off any unpaid wagers and future bets. State agents can show up whenever they want, unannounced, and audits are routine.

"You can certainly debate how much regulation is important for just about anything. But I don't think you can debate the proposition that daily fantasy sports betting needs to be regulated," said Joe Asher, chief executive of the U.S. operations for sports betting company William Hill. "What you have going on is unregulated Internet gambling."

The operator of another, smaller, daily fantasy site called for outside oversight, too.

Amaya, which operates StarsDraft.com and is a licensed gambling operator for online poker said the recent incidents "demonstrate that the current self-regulatory practices have fallen short and that we need stricter state regulation." It said the company would lobby states to require regulations akin to those the gambling regulators set, including rules it already follows for its daily fantasy site.

Others say self-regulation would ultimately suffice if the industry proves to customers that the sites are fair, including stepping up internal controls.

"They've got a good thing going and they need to build these businesses," said Warren Packard, a venture capitalist and CEO of startup Thuuz Sports, which tracks particularly exciting moments in sports matches to play back highlights. "They need to be squeaky clean."

Both daily fantasy sports companies had hired outside law firms and former prosecutors to investigate the allegations raised and review their internal controls.

New York's attorney general sent letters to DraftKings and FanDuel Tuesday demanding they turn over details of any investigations into their employees.

FanDuel said it is also creating an advisory board led by Michael Garcia, a lawyer who led the investigation into the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bid process then resigned from the FIFA ethics committee in protest over the handling of his findings.

"There absolutely needs to be much stricter regulations from outside governing bodies. Otherwise the players are at the mercy of the sites which is not a good scenario," said David Paredes, a professional poker player who said he lost at least \$180,000 to an unregulated poker site several years ago.

In 2007, he and friend Mike Fosco started to see something amiss when playing online poker on sites Absolute Poker and Ultimate Bet. They crunched the numbers and realized that some of the wins that were occurring were an extreme statistical anomaly, eventually helping prove there was a robot program looking at the other players' critical hole cards, the ones kept secret to bet and bluff.

"We should have never had to figure it out in the first place," he said. "It should have been up to the regulators."

The sites reported only to a Canadian tribal gambling commission even though the owner of the sites was a former tribal chairman.

Paredes, a professional poker player, said he's a fan of the daily fantasy sites, but hasn't played, and less likely to join given the lack of oversight.

But if there's money to be made, "sometimes you have to take that risk as a gambler," he said.

California wants renewable energy for half its power by 2030

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gov. Jerry Brown dramatically increased California's climate-change goals on Wednesday, committing the state to use renewable energy for half its electricity and make existing buildings twice as energy-efficient in just 15 years.

Brown tried for an even stronger measure that also would have enforced a 50 percent drop in petroleum use by 2030, but was defeated by oil interests. He called that a short-term setback, and insisted that the world needs to wean itself off fossil fuels as quickly as possible.

"What has been the source of our prosperity now becomes the source of our ultimate destruction, if we don't get off it. And that is so difficult," Brown said at a signing ceremony at the hilltop Griffith Observatory, overlooking the haze of downtown Los Angeles.

California already has some of the world's toughest air quality standards, and set a mandate in 2006 to derive a third of its electricity from renewable sources such as solar, wind and geothermal by 2020. State regulators say they already hit 25 percent last year, as huge solar farms sprouted in the desert and towering windmills went up along mountain passes.

"It's monumental," said Alex Jackson, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council. "For an economy the size of California to commit to getting half of its power needs from renewable energy resources, I think, is a game changer."

Few question whether the new goal of 50 percent is achievable by 2030, but critics worry that the complex regulations needed to speed the transition from fossil fuels will add unknown costs for consumers and businesses.

Republican state Sen. Jim Nielsen of Gerber predicts more expensive "energy, food and all things that require abundant affordable energy to produce and transport, particularly hurting those California families least able to afford it."

Just how California will meet the new goal isn't clear. The bill by Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, a Los Angeles Democrat, left the details to the state's Air Resources Board, Energy Commission and Public Utilities Commission. These boards are led mostly by gubernatorial appointees and have broad influence over economic life.

California's utilities favored the measure. They mostly use natural gas, nuclear energy and some coal, but solar, wind, geothermal and biomass are growing sources of electricity, and regulators are expected to allow them to pass some costs of the transition on to consumers.

The new law also encourages utilities to expand by building many more charging stations for electric vehicles, and provides for fines or penalties if utilities don't meet the goals.

Supporters say Californians can keep saving money through rebates and subsidies as they purchase electric vehicles, replace inefficient light bulbs and appliances, and install solar panels or double-paned windows.

Brown, a Democrat, began this year with a vow to push the most aggressive greenhouse-gas emissions benchmark in North America. He took his campaign around the world, even meeting with the pope in July.

But he lost a key political battle among moderate Democrats in Sacramento amid intense lobbying by the oil industry, which financed a multimillion-dollar advertising campaign that raised fears of job losses if cuts in petroleum use were imposed.

Catherine Reheis-Boyd, president of the Western States Petroleum Association, said petroleum remains a "safe, reliable and affordable" energy source and that the state already requires clean-burning fuels.

Some lawmakers were willing to accept forced cuts in petroleum use if the Legislature could have more power over the Air Resources Board, which has been implementing the greenhouse gas emissions law.

But Brown refused to give up what he sees as his executive authority.

Both houses are controlled by Democrats, but on Wednesday, Brown squarely accused Republicans of failing to do enough to reverse global warming. He recalled that Ronald Reagan was California's governor when the state created the Air Resources Board in response to the Los Angeles smog, and that President

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Richard Nixon signed the Clean Air Act.

"That was a time when Republicans really got it. We hope they are going to come back to the good old days of Reagan and Nixon, when people cared about clean air and clean water," he said.

California's new goal builds on landmark legislation signed by Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2006, which laid the groundwork for the first U.S. program to set up a cap-and-trade emissions system, aiming to reduce pollutants to 1990 levels by 2020.

That program, second only to the European Union's in size, enables polluters to buy and sell credits on a market, generating billions in revenues since the state held its first carbon auction in 2012.

Businesses will pay an estimated \$2 billion in the current budget year to help fund mass transportation including a planned high-speed rail system and pay for appliance rebate programs, building upgrades and forestry and wetland conservation.

Opponents say all this raises costs for consumers, but supporters say initial fears of economic harm have not come true. California's economy is relatively healthy, with an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent in August. That's above the 5.1 percent national average, but the lowest it's been since January 2008.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, October 8, the 281st day of 2015. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 8, 2005, a magnitude 7.6 earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 86,000 people.

On this date:

In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce (puhrs), died in Concord, New Hampshire.

In 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and in several communities in Michigan.

In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1918, U.S. Army Cpl. Alvin C. York led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 others in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the kidnapped son of Charles and Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman told a press conference in Tiptonville, Tennessee, that the secret scientific knowledge behind the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1967, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee died in London at age 84.

In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

In 1998, the House triggered an open-ended impeachment inquiry against President Bill Clinton in a momentous 258-176 vote; 31 Democrats joined majority Republicans in opening the way for nationally televised impeachment hearings.

Ten years ago: An Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina videotaped three New Orleans police officers beating retired teacher Robert Davis. (Two of the officers involved were fired; one of them, Lance Schilling, committed suicide, while the other, Robert Evangelist, was cleared of battery and false imprisonment and reinstated to the police force.) Auto supplier Delphi Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. (Delphi emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2009.)

Five years ago: Imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo (lee-OO' show-BOH') won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize, prompting a furious response from China. British aid worker Linda Norgrove, who'd been

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taken captive in Afghanistan, was killed during a U.S. special forces rescue attempt, apparently by a U.S. grenade. Gen. James Jones announced he was quitting as President Barack Obama's national security adviser. Albertina Walker, the Grammy-winning singer from Chicago known as the "Queen of Gospel," died at age 81.

One year ago: President Barack Obama told top military commanders at the Pentagon that he was confident the U.S. would keep making progress in its fight against the Islamic State group. Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian man who was the first person diagnosed with Ebola in the United States, died at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas 10 days after being admitted. U.S. researchers Eric Betzig and William Moerner and German scientist Stefan Hell were named recipients of the Nobel Prize for chemistry for giving optical microscopes much sharper vision than was thought possible.

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 79. Actor Paul Hogan is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 75. Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson is 74. Comedian Chevy Chase is 72. Author R.L. Stine is 72. Actor Dale Dye is 71. Country singer Susan Raye is 71. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Airrion Love (The Stylistics) is 66. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 65. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 63. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 62. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 61. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 60. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 59. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 54. Actress Kim Wayans is 54. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 52. Actor Ian Hart is 51. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 51. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 50. Actress-producer Karyn Parsons is 49. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 49. Actress Emily Procter is 47. Actor Dylan Neal is 46. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 45. Actress Kristanna Loken is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 36. Rock-soul singer-musician Noelle Scaggs (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 36. Actor Nick Cannon is 35. Actor Max Crumm is 30. Singer-songwriter-producer Bruno Mars is 30. Actor Angus T. Jones is 22. Actress Molly Quinn is 22.

Thought for Today: "Don't let yesterday use up too much of today." - Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).