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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

22 - Sunday

St. John's: Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.;
Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Emmanuel: worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10
a.m.

SEAS Catholic: service, 9 a.m.

C&MA: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:45
a.m.

UMC: Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

Presbyterian: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11
a.m.

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East
Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers
and aluminum cans.



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Sunday Extras



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

❧ MATTHEW 5:44,45 ❧

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BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Levi in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Proverbs 29, what happens when the wicked have authority? *People mourn, Heavens blackened, Masses kill, Taxes abound*

3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall" do what? *Obtain mercy, Inherit the earth, See God, Be called children of God*

4. In what book of the Bible do we find the good Samaritan parable? *Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*

5. From Numbers 22, what animal did God allow to speak? *Lamb, Donkey, Camel, Ram*

7. From 2 Chronicles, what did Solomon ask for? *Wealth, Long life, Wisdom, Honor*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) People mourn; 3) Inherit the earth; 4) Luke; 5) Donkey; 6) Wisdom

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at www.patron.com/triviaguy.

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Comfort foods

Made fast
and
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Baked Caramel-Apple-Pecan Pie

Autumn is here, and if you love fresh apples like I do, now is the time to savor desserts like this one!

- 1 purchased refrigerated unbaked 9-inch pie crust
- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 1 cup water
- 1 teaspoon apple-pie spice or ground cinnamon
- 4 cups cored, peeled and sliced cooking apples
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup fat-free caramel topping
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

1. Heat oven to 375 F. Place pie crust in a 9-inch pie plate and flute edges.

2. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, water and apple-pie spice. Stir in apples. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and apples start to soften, stirring often. Remove from heat. Add pecans and caramel topping. Mix gently to combine.

3. Spoon hot mixture into prepared pie crust. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Place pie plate on a wire rack and allow to cool. Cut into 8 pieces. When serving, top each piece with 1 tablespoon whipped topping.

• Each serving equals: 221 calories, 9g fat, 1g protein, 34g carb., 206mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fruit, 1 1/2 Fat.

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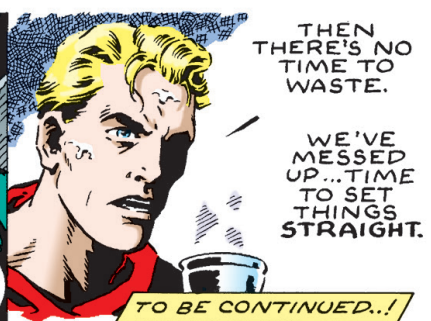
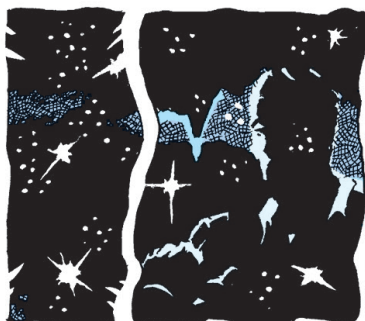
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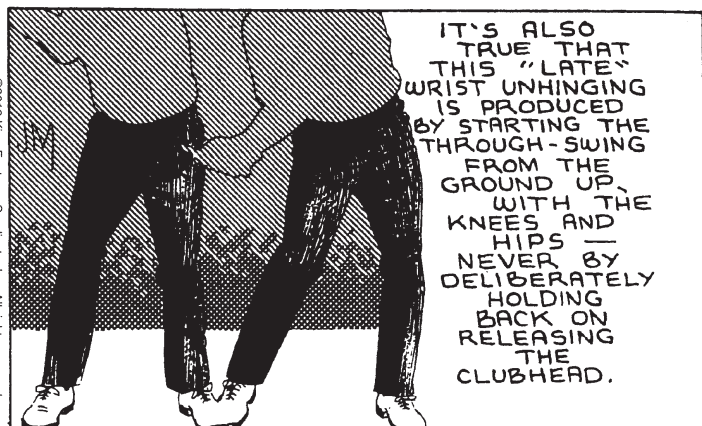
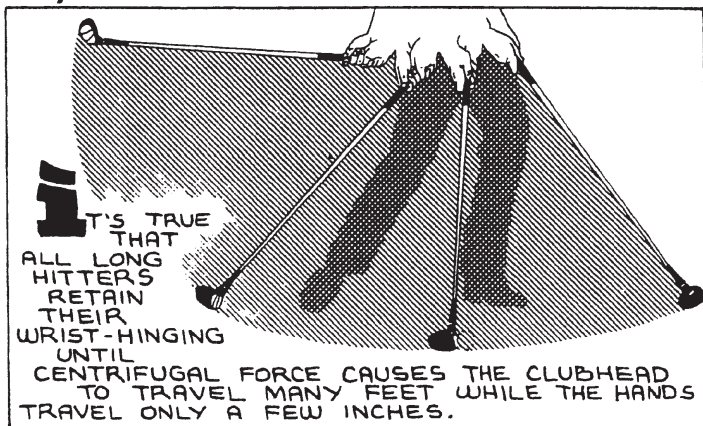
FLASH GORDON

9-15 BY JIM KEEFE

WITH A BLAST OF HEAT, FLASH IS RELEASED FROM HIS CRYOGENIC SLUMBER!



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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Quitting Smoking Better Than Any Cough Syrup

DEAR DR. ROACH: My daughter smokes. She doesn't have COPD now, but last spring she had bronchitis and was off work for a week. When she went back to work, she didn't feel good, and her doctor told her that she had pneumonia in both lungs and wondered why she went back to work. She still takes cough syrup under her doctor's orders. — *N.P.*

ANSWER: Getting someone to quit smoking is a challenge, but perhaps some advice I can give your daughter might help. The first piece of advice is that a cough necessitating cough syrup on a routine basis indeed might be a sign of COPD. There are two major forms of COPD: emphysema and chronic bronchitis. The definition of "chronic bronchitis" is a productive cough for three months in each of two successive years.

The second piece of advice is that quitting before there are serious symptoms is the best time to quit. Although the body has some ability to recover from the effects of chronic cigarette smoke, there is a degree of permanent damage in long-term smokers. Quitting greatly slows down the rate of ongoing damage to the lungs and reduces the risk of having lifelong symptoms of shortness of breath and cough.

Quitting smoking will do more good than any cough syrup can.

DEAR DR. ROACH: Does taking Norvasc or any calcium channel blocker reduce or destroy the calcium in the bones, eventually causing osteoporosis? — *E.G.*

ANSWER: No. Calcium channel blockers, like amlodipine (Norvasc), work on cells in the heart and blood vessels, controlling the flow of calcium into the cell. Calcium in the cell is one of the regulators of smooth muscle cells, and for Norvasc in particular, that means its major effect is on blood vessels, causing them to open up and reduce blood pressure, and thus the amount of work the heart needs to do.

Calcium in bone is used structurally, where it combines with other ions to form hydroxyapatite, the mineral that keeps bones hard and strong. The mechanism for calcium entry into bone cells is very different. Calcium channel blockers do not affect mineralization of the bone, nor do they increase the risk for osteoporosis.

One group found that people on calcium channel blockers may have a slightly higher risk of fractures; however, that was thought to be due to an increased number of falls, especially in the elderly. Physicians need to take care not to use too much medication, especially ones that dilate blood vessels, as they can increase risk of dizziness and falls.

DR. ROACH WRITES: Many readers kindly shared their recommendations about preventing underarm odor, and the most commonly mentioned, by far, was crystal mineral salt deodorants, of which there are several brands. Several people made their own deodorants by mixing baking powder, cornstarch and olive or coconut oil. Other people noted using antibacterial soaps or cleansing products containing the same products we use in the operating room, such as chlorhexidine and hexachlorophene. A product with zinc oxide and talc helped one reader. Finally, more than a few people noted that removing all underarm hair was necessary to successfully get rid of odor.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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1. What Donovan song caused an old school friend to leave the army?
2. Name the artist who released a rock album with the title "Success Hasn't Spoiled Me Yet."
3. Which duo wrote and released "Harlem Shuffle"?
4. Who released "I'm Not Gonna Let It Bother Me Tonight"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "When the moon is in the Seventh House and Jupiter aligns with Mars, Then peace will guide the planets."

Answers

1. "Epistle to Dippy," 1967, was a pacifist message that Donovan's buddy heard loud and clear. After "looking through crystal spectacles," the real "Dippy" left the British Army.
2. Rick Springfield, in 1982. Among other songs, the album contained "Don't Talk to Strangers" and "Calling All Girls."
3. Bob & Earl, in 1963. The Rolling Stones followed up in 1986 with a music video and a cover that went to No. 5.
4. Atlanta Rhythm Section, in 1978.
5. "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In," from the 1967 rock musical "Hair." The single by The 5th Dimension topped the Billboard's Hot 100 chart for six weeks in the spring of 1969. The counterculture musical "Hair" centered on a group of bohemian hippies trying to avoid the Vietnam War draft.

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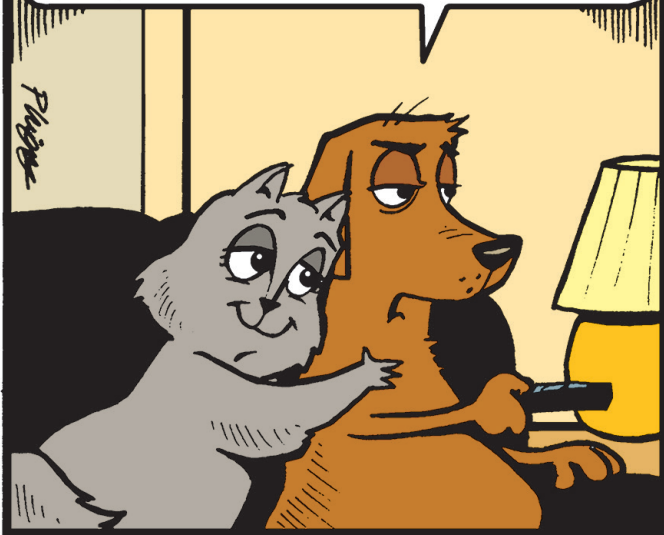
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

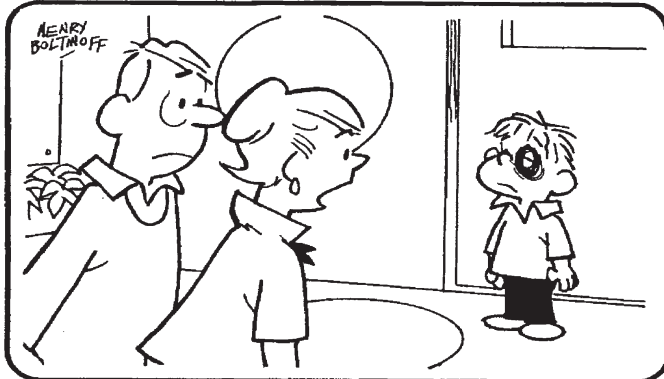
HOW CAN I COMPETE WITH THE DUDES IN YOUR ROMANTIC COMEDIES? THEY'RE HANDSOME, RICH, AND HAVE THEIR OWN SOUNDTRACK.



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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

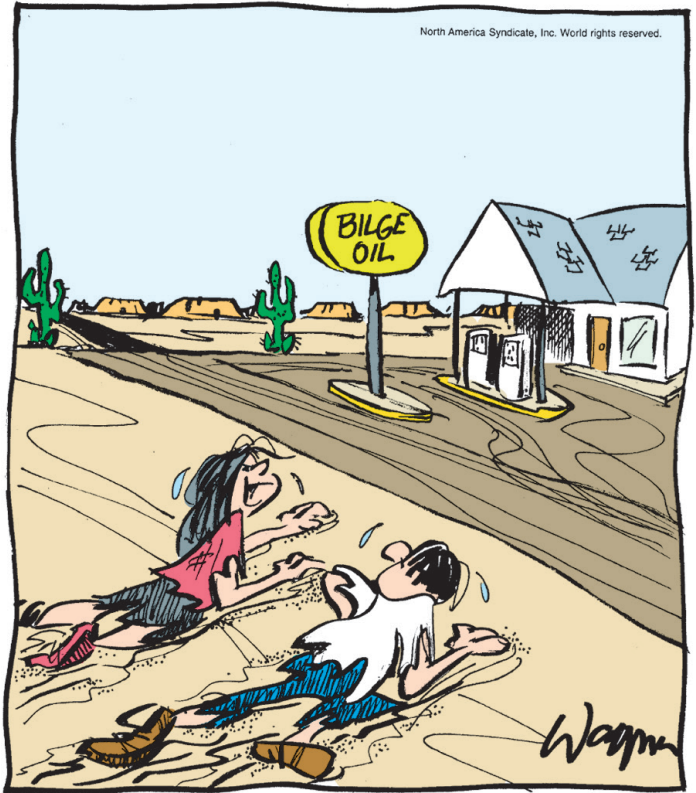


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Differences: 1. Man's sweater is black. 2. Plant is fuller. 3. Picture is missing. 4. Boy is taller. 5. Earring is missing. 6. Boy's right arm is hidden.

GRIN and BEAR IT ^{by} Wayne

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"I hope they have clean rest rooms!"

Wayne



- “Need brown sugar for a recipe and suddenly realize you’re out? Save a trip to the grocery store by adding molasses to white sugar. No molasses? Use maple syrup in a pinch.” — *W.S. in Florida*

- Keep it clean in the laundry room with this quick cleanup tip: When you do a load of towels or rags, use one of them to wipe down the washer and dryer — including a quick scrub of the lint trap — before tossing the rag in the wash.

- “The last time I went through my plastic containers to remove the ones without lids and the lids that have no container, I thought ‘How does this even happen?’ So, when I got ready to put the ‘keep’ pile back, I decided that I would store them with their lids attached. It has worked well. Even though it takes up a little more space, they are all there, and no lid or container has gone missing.” — *M.M. in Ohio*

- To keep hard floors in good shape, get a microfiber mop that is strictly for dust mopping. Treat it with an appropriate floor-care agent, and make sure that you toss the mop head in the wash regularly. Never use fabric softener when washing or drying microfiber cleaning cloths.

- Store an extra set of sheets and an additional blanket under the bed in a laundry basket for easy accessibility.

- When making a cream pie filling or a custard, you may substitute two egg yolks for each egg.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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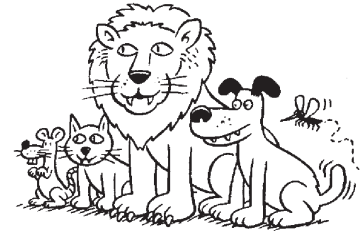
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Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A VERY SHORT CROSSWORD PUZZLE

1	2	3	4	5
6				
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This is a tricky puzzle. Fill in the puzzle grid using the following definitions:

Across:

- Well-known insects.
- Organs of the body.
- To tantalize.
- Comfort.
- Belongs to us.

Down:

- What a lion is.
- What a mouse is.
- What a mosquito is.
- What a cat is.
- What a dog is.

Answers: (Across) 1. BBBB (Bees), 6. IIIII (Eyes), 7. TTTT (Tease), 8. EEEE (Ease), 9. RRRR (Ours), (Down) 1. 1-6 BITER.

IT'S MAGIC! Use the numbers 2 through 17 to fill in the above Magic Square. The numbers in each horizontal row and vertical column must total 38. Also, the two corner-to-corner diagonals. We've filled in six numbers for you. Use the trial-and-error method.

Answer: First row: 9, 12, 15, 2. Second row: 14, 3, 8, 13. Third row: 4, 17, 10, 7. Fourth row: 11, 6, 5, 16.

STUMP THE TEACHER! Challenge your English teacher to come up with a nine-letter word that contains only ONE vowel. Hint: He'll need a STRONG vocabulary to answer this one.



Answer: The word is STRENGTHS.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. LAD	ABLE
2. HAS	RED
3. IMP	KING
4. MITE	LED
5. KIN	TEN
6. NOT	LIED

Answers: Laded, hasten, implied, mitered, kinking, notable.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE

WHAT YOU DOING, HUGO? PULLING NAILS OUT

WHY? IT'S THE BEST WAY TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STEPPING ON 'EM

...AND GETTING HURT!

WHAT'S THE SECOND BEST WAY?

BUD BLAKE

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Bread choice
- 4 Ignore
- 8 Platter
- 12 "— the fields we go"
- 13 Watergate evidence
- 14 "Do — others ..."
- 15 Succumb to gravity
- 16 Bloodhound's clue
- 17 Poker variety
- 18 Half an aphorism
- 21 Atmosphere
- 22 Spring time
- 23 Counterfeit
- 26 Festive
- 27 Kreskin's claim
- 30 "— Lang Syne"
- 31 Tenor Peerce
- 32 Tolerate
- 33 Spelldown
- 34 Follow relentlessly
- 35 Linger
- 36 Old French coin
- 37 Scale member
- 38 18-Across' other half
- 45 PC operator
- 46 Requisite
- 47 Martini ingredient

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- 48 Stead
- 49 Figure-skating jump
- 50 Genetic stuff
- 51 Mary's follower
- 52 Muse's musicmaker
- 53 Early bird?
- DOWN**
- 1 Parks or Bonheur
- 2 Calendar quota
- 3 Therefore
- 4 Impassive
- 5 Bottom
- 6 "Once — a
- 7 "The Seventh Seal" director
- 8 Failing the white glove test
- 9 Grooving on
- 10 Phaser setting
- 11 "The Da Vinci —"
- 19 Praise highly
- 20 Put into words
- 23 "Terrif"
- 24 Wish otherwise
- 25 Hearty quaff
- 26 Joke
- 27 Wet wriggler
- 28 "Erie Canal" mule
- 29 Use a crowbar
- 31 Blog
- 32 Ointment
- 34 Fawn's mom
- 35 Random drawing?
- 36 Bush
- 37 Villain's look
- 38 Sea flier
- 39 Largest of the seven
- 40 Abound
- 41 Alluring
- 42 Shrek, e.g.
- 43 Croon
- 44 Hosiery mishap

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 24 mins.

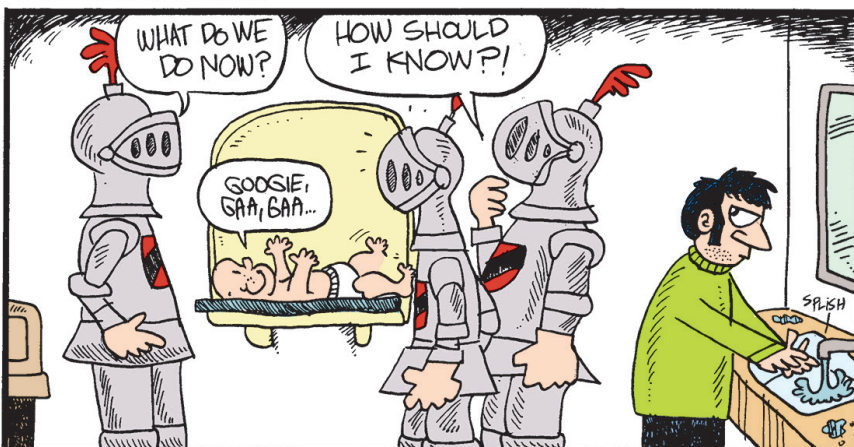
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LAFF - A - DAY



"I know what you have, Mrs. Atkinson —
I just can't pronounce it."

Out on a Limb



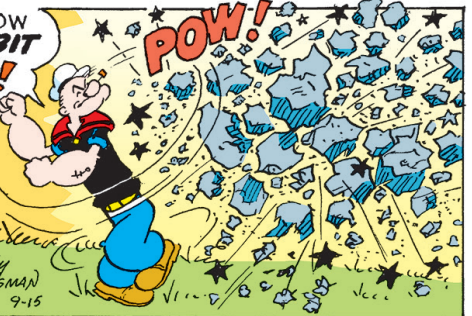
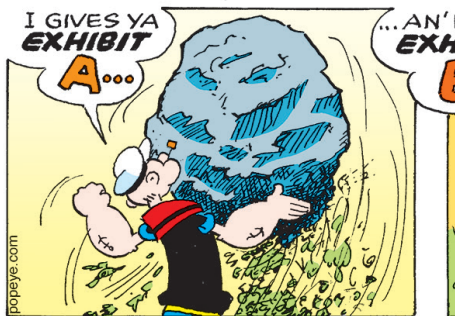
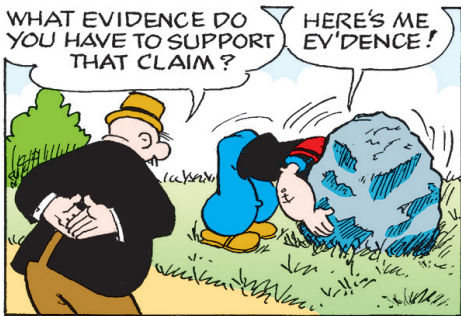
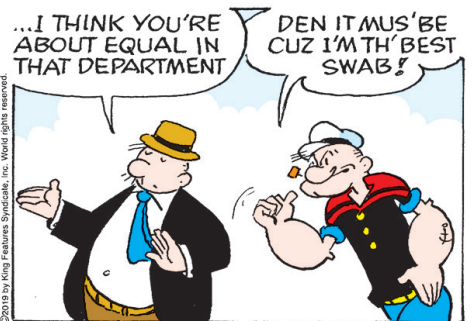
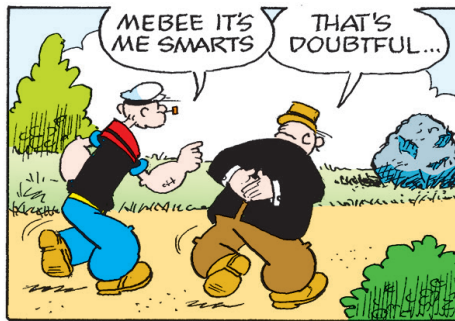
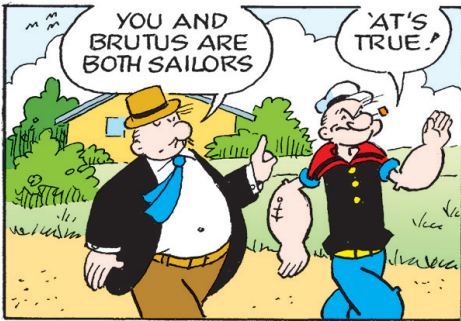
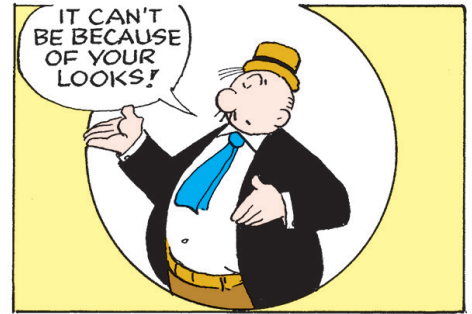
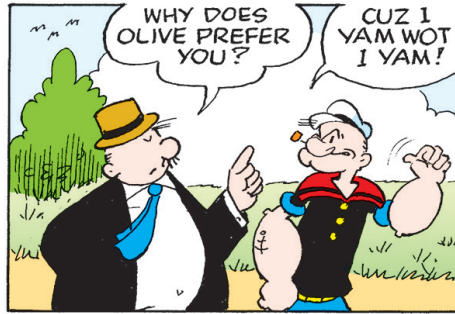
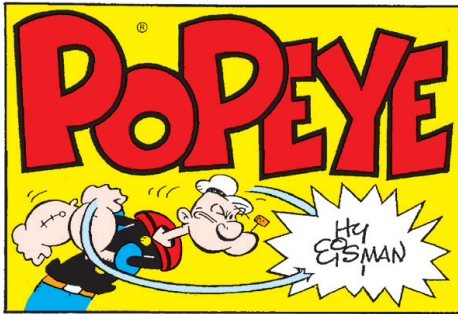
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KNIGHTS OF THE
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KOPERVAS

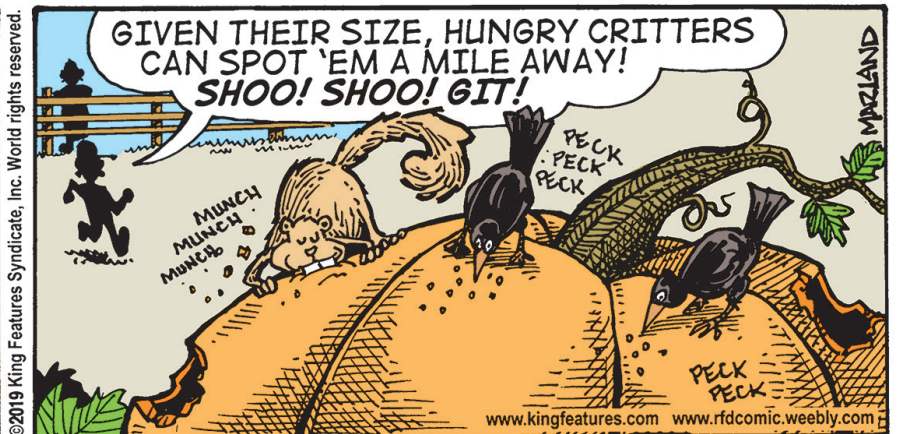
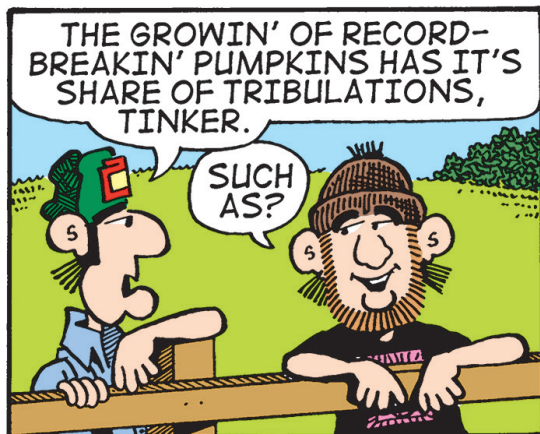
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



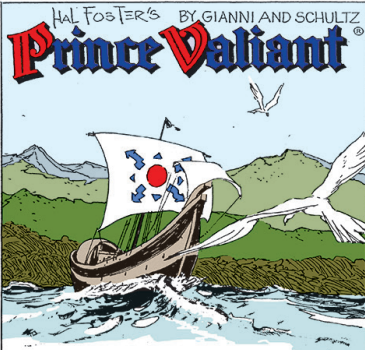
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Hal Foster's BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ
Prince Valiant



Our Story:
TWO WEEKS AT SEA - VAL AND ALETAS VESSEL ROUNDS SOUTHERNMOST AFRICA, TO BEAT NORTHERLY UP THE COAST.




THE NORSEMEN, WHO FEAR NOT THE OPEN WATER, PROPOSE TURNING OUT FROM LAND AND SAILING A DIRECT ROUTE HOME.



VAL, EAGER FOR CAMELOT, AGREES, BUT THREE DAYS OUT HE HAS REASON TO REGRET HIS DECISION, AS GREAT STORM CLOUDS PILE UP IN THE EAST.

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THEN COMES A TERRIBLE, CEASELESS HOWLING, AS THE WIND SHIFTS AND GROWS TO A GALE. THE SAILS ARE QUICKLY TAKEN IN, PASSENGERS GO BELOW, AND ALL PREPARE FOR THE WORST...

... AND NONE TOO SOON. THE GALE EXPLODES INTO THE MOST VIOLENT STORM VAL HAS EVER SEEN. LASHED BY SHEETS OF SUFFOCATING RAIN, THE SHIP IS DRIVEN LIKE FOAM THROUGH THE MOUNTAINOUS SWELLS, FAR INTO THE UNCHARTED WESTERN SEA!

NEXT:
Storm driven




The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



SOMETIMES I DON'T KNOW WHETHER I'M COMING OR GOING.



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CAN I PUT IN A REQUEST FOR GOING?

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

You Need a Second Pneumonia Vaccine

Have you had your second pneumonia shot? Some of us either don't know the vaccine comes in two parts, or we forget to ask for it a year later when we need the second dose.

The two vaccines are called PCV13 (pneumococcal conjugate vaccine) and PPSV23 (pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The numbers refer to how many strains of bacteria each one covers.

We generally call it pneumonia, but its official name is pneumococcal disease, and it can be serious. On the mild end of the spectrum, it might cause only a sore throat or sinus infection. On the other hand, besides pneumonia, the disease can cause infections of the blood, brain and spinal cord.

The blood, brain and spinal cord.

The pneumonia vaccine is one you might want to get at your doctor's office, even if it's handier to go to the local pharmacy. The reason is that there are certain warnings about whether you should or shouldn't have one or the other of the two shots. Your doctor will be able to check your medical records to be sure the vaccine is right for you.

Pneumonia is transmitted by direct contact through mucous or saliva, and others can pass it to you without even knowing they have it. Be sure to wash your hands frequently!

Medicare Part B will cover the cost of these vaccines if you get them a year apart.

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1. Pitcher Freddy Peralta set a Milwaukee Brewers rookie record in 2018 for most strikeouts in a game (13). Name two of the four pitchers who had held the franchise mark of 12.

2. In 2004, Arizona's Randy Johnson became the oldest major-league pitcher to throw a perfect game. How old was he?

3. The all-time leader for touchdown receptions in the NFL playoffs is Jerry Rice, with 22. Name either of the two players tied for No. 2.

4. Who was the last men's college basketball player before Murray State's Ja Morant in 2019 to notch a triple-double in an NCAA Tournament game?

5. The Carolina Hurricanes have reached the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs six times since 1998. How many of those times did they advance to at least the conference finals?

6. Alex Morgan tied a Women's World Cup soccer single-game record in 2019 with five goals in a game. Who else holds the mark?

7. Name either of the two fighters George Foreman defeated between winning the heavyweight boxing titles from Joe Frazier in January 1973 and losing them to Muhammad Ali in October 1974.

Answers

1. Teddy Higuera (1985), Juan Nieves (1986), Cal Eldred (1992) and Steve Woodard (1997).

2. He was 40 years old.

3. Rob Gronkowski and John Stallworth, with 12 each.

4. Draymond Green of Michigan State, in 2012 (24 points, 12 rebounds, 10 assists).

5. Four times.

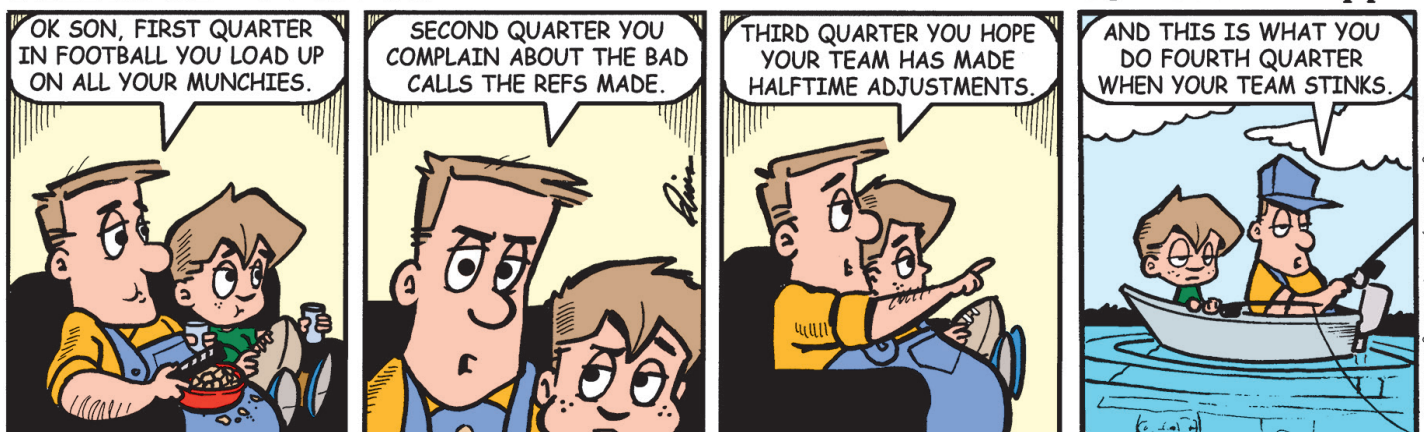
6. Michelle Akers, who did it in 1991.

7. Jose Roman and Ken Norton.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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GHS Homecoming Parade



Groton American Legion Post #39 Float



GHS Marching Band

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Groton Area Junior High Band



BEST CHURCH FLOAT: St. John's Lutheran Church & Pre-School

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Teddy Bear Day Care Too



GT Robotics Club

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Pumpkin Fest



Seventh Grade Float

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Sixth Grade Float



Eighth Grade Float

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THIRD PLACE: Sophomore Class Float



FIRST PLACE: Freshmen Class Float

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SECOND PLACE: Junior Class Float



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Senior Class Float



Groton Garden Club



First State Bank
Best Commercial Float

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Junior Kindergarten



Kindergarten



First Grade

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Second Grade



Third Grade



Fourth Grade

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Fifth Grade



FCCLA

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GHS Flag Corp



Queen Eliza Wanner
King Anthony Schinkel



GHS Class of 1969

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**Senior Citizens Royalty: Maralyn Thorson
and Don Dauwen**



**Parade Marshals
Larry and Kathy Harry**



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Homecoming Candidates

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**Carnival of Silver Skates
Queen Taylor Holm**



**Groton Junior Snow Queen
Stella Meier**



Avantara Groton Royalty

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Groton FFA



The Columbia and Groton Fire Departments

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CONGRESSMAN
DUSTY JOHNSON
Representing **SOUTH DAKOTA** at large



“For Show” or “For Real”

Washington is a town where investigations can last for years and cost millions of taxpayer dollars. Some investigations happen in order to check a box before moving onto the next task. We all know in D.C. there are two types of investigations. Investigations that are “for show” and investigations that are “for real.”

In cattle country we need an investigation “for real.”

Times have been tough for cattle producers, especially throughout the last couple of years. South Dakotans have faced unprecedented hard weather – as recent as last week, folks are facing flooded fields and their cows are stranded on flooded plains.

Despite tough times, the producers I know don’t ask for guarantees or handouts, all they want is a fair chance to earn a living. Unfortunately, cattle prices have been soft, and those producers’ tight margins don’t allow for huge swings for our feeders and to our ranchers.

Following the Holcomb fire, the market experienced extreme volatility. The producers I know are smart and savvy professionals—they expressed that the immediate aftermath of the fire caused serious damage to the long-term viability of their business and to their way of life.

USDA has taken notice—I’m grateful Secretary Perdue and USDA acted expediently and opened an investigation under the Packers and Stockyards Act into the cattle market. An investigation like this does not happen every day. Many folks in South Dakota are anxiously awaiting the results. I know that I am.

It’s for these reasons that Congress gave USDA oversight authority. Every indication from USDA gives me a good feeling that they are conducting this investigation “for real.” I believe they are doing their best to gather and analyze the pertinent data.

It’s imperative our agencies continue to pay attention as Congress intended. USDA wants to get to the bottom of this and rightly so. They want to determine if there has been unfair trade practices or market manipulation.

Making that kind of a serious determination won’t be easy. It will require real effort, real persistence, and a real willingness to dig deep.

As I said at the beginning, there are two types of investigations in this town, those that are “for show” and those that are “for real.” It looks like USDA is conducting this investigation “for real,” and thank goodness for that.

Our cow-calf producers deserve it, our feedlots deserve it, and our country deserves it.

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SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR
KRISTI NOEM



Launching a Week of Work

In 1879, a 16-year-old boy told his parents he wanted to learn how to build machinery. He

moved nine miles away from his parents' farm to take an apprenticeship as a machinist at a shipbuilding firm in Detroit. From there, he went on to become an engineer for the Detroit Edison Company where he developed plans for a horseless carriage. Twenty-four years after accepting that apprenticeship, Henry Ford established the Ford Motor Company.

We see it through Henry Ford's story, and we see it time and time again: work-based learning works.

In mid-September, my team and I announced the official kick-off of our South Dakota Week of Work initiative – a partnership with businesses and schools that will give 10th grade students the opportunity to get out of the classroom, experience the world of work, and see careers that are available right here in South Dakota. It will help teach them soft skills like showing up on time, dressing professionally, and interacting with customers. Our first Week of Work will be April 20-24, 2020.

This initiative will also help address our skills gap. As I talk with employers throughout the state, I hear the same thing over and over. They tell me that business is good and they'd like to expand, but they can't find skilled workers to fill the open jobs.

As of July, we have 17,300 job openings in South Dakota and 12,800 people who are unemployed. The problem is two-fold: we don't have the people needed to fill openings and often those who are looking for work don't have the skills needed for the open positions.

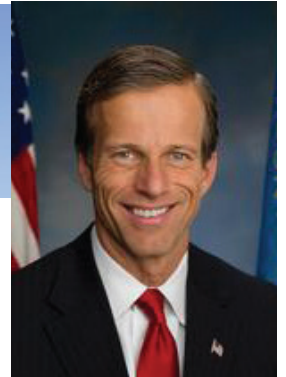
This program will help bridge that gap.

By connecting businesses with students interested in their field of work, businesses can help develop the needed skills for future leaders in their industry. Students get exposure to careers where they could excel and that they're passionate about. Everyone wins.

This fall, I'm inviting businesses to sign up for this special event at sdweekofwork.com. In the spring, schools will be able to register students for the opportunities businesses are offering.

I strongly believe that within our South Dakota schools today are the next Henry Fords – innovators with ideas that will change the world. They are the next generation's chefs, teachers, mechanics, dentists, pastors, police officers, lawyers, nurses, and engineers. Within our students sits our state's greatest potential. Now is the time to get our kids into the workplace and show them the opportunities and careers available right here in South Dakota.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



The Time is Now to Pass USMCA

It's been a rough year in farm country. Severe weather. Flooding. A delayed (and in some cases non-existent) planting season. Sluggish agriculture economy. Barriers to market access. Ongoing trade disputes. There are plenty of things South Dakota's farmers and ranchers could complain about – things for which most Americans would be sympathetic – but these folks don't have a complaining bone in their body, because a complaint is time wasted, and it doesn't do anything to help an operation succeed.

Farmers and ranchers are hardworking, glass-half-full optimists, and I'm proud of what they do, but I don't want to underplay the raw anxiety that exists in farm country today. While folks are glad this administration is willing to go toe-to-toe with China on trade, and they look forward to what that means for the future of agriculture, there's no doubt they are still concerned about the here and now and the difficult situation that currently exists.

It's not just farmers' and ranchers' optimism that I admire. One, they know more about agriculture policy than just about anyone else I know. And two, they aren't shy. I rarely make a stop in South Dakota these days without hearing about the day-to-day struggles in the agriculture community as well as the many ideas folks have to address it, and I want to thank them for their counsel, especially on trade.

Not only do I take the advice I receive throughout South Dakota seriously, I oftentimes take it directly to the White House – to the Oval Office, if necessary. I've met with the president twice in September alone, during which I had the opportunity to advocate for South Dakota's agriculture producers.

While negotiations with China and other countries are ongoing, there's one important trade agreement that's already been completed, and it's now up to Congress to get it across the finish line. The administration wrapped up its negotiations on the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) literally hundreds of days ago. Mexico's government has already approved it, and Canada is just waiting on the United States to take the next step. We could take that next step, and we could take it quickly, but there's one thing standing in the way: politics.

If possible, the Senate would be prepared to vote on USMCA tomorrow, but the Democrat-led House of Representatives continues to drag its feet on this deal, which would benefit virtually every sector of our economy – from manufacturing to digital services to the automotive industry. They're standing in the way of a pro-growth trade agreement that is expected to create 176,000 new U.S. jobs and raise wages for workers.

From my vantage point, this administration has worked in good faith to address many of my Democrat colleagues' concerns, and I'm encouraged by their ongoing discussions. I just hope Democrats wouldn't intentionally slow-walk this deal just to prevent a perceived political win for the president. Let me be clear, political parties don't win with USMCA. America wins, which is why every single living former secretary of agriculture who has served since the Reagan administration – Republican and Democrat – supports USMCA.

Farming and ranching is a tough, unpredictable business. Last year at this time, many of the same parts of the state that have battled this year's wet weather were facing opposite conditions – a drought. There's more than enough unpredictability for these folks as it is, which is why we owe it to them to provide as much certainty as possible in the areas that are within our control. That's exactly why the time is now to pass USMCA.

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Deb Bowman: A Genuine Public Servant

There's a difference between public servants and bureaucrats, and we have known or dealt with both. Our office spends an incredible amount of time and energy helping constituents bust through the federal bureaucracy and unfortunately, we often bump heads with federal bureaucrats. It is time-consuming and aggravating for constituents. After experiences like these, we unfortunately have a tendency to stereotype all government employees in that manner.

Thankfully, that's not always the case. There are examples of legitimate public servants, often behind the scenes, who truly seek to make the lives of our citizens better. One of those special individuals is Deb Bowman.

Deb Bowman was the truest, most sincere (and brutally honest) public servant I've had the honor of knowing.

For those of us who knew Deb, especially her family—her husband Randy, her children Brooke and Jessamine and her grandkids—our hearts ache. At just 65 years old, Deb passed away on September 17, 2019, after a fairly recent lung cancer diagnosis. Years earlier, Deb became a kidney transplant recipient and I believe that experience and the other hardships in her life shaped her view of public service.

Deb was a loyal friend who worked with me while I served as governor. She was a tremendous asset on my 2002 transition team, as a senior advisor and cabinet secretary. Prior to that, Deb was an advisor to Governors Mickelson and Janklow and she went on to serve Governor Dugaard before her retirement in 2014.

It is not hard to understand how four governors saw the same value and passion in Deb. It is a testament to the legacy she has left.

Deb was a fierce conversationalist. Her ability to identify with those less fortunate was her signature quality. She was able to put a "face" on the policy decisions that were made and reminded governors, legislators and state employees that the monetary and policy decisions we make impact real people and families. She was a tough and relentless advocate for those less fortunate. And, she inspired understanding about the role society and state government played when it came to children, the poor and the elderly.

Often, Deb would be outright arguing a position with me and she'd say; "Oh now come on Governor, that's 'bullcrap', have you considered..." Needless to say, Deb won those debates multiple times and our state is better off for it.

She understood that her value was not mimicking the opinions being expressed around the table. She brought compassion to her advocacy and I believe, it made me a better governor. Her service was not without sacrifice. On top of time away from her family and the strain upon her health, her empathy was so deep and pure that she carried the weight of the vulnerable through long hours and personal anguish. Yet despite many times being dismissed as the lone, unpopular voice, she'd take a drive around the Capitol, think over her argument, and show up with a new line of reasoning. She was persistent.

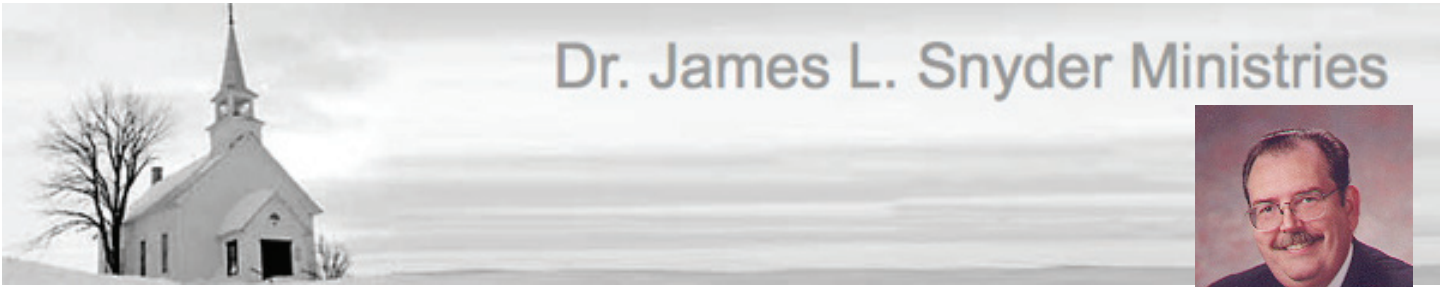
When I think of the rare public servant like Deb, I'm reminded of Matthew 23:11; "The greatest among you must be a servant." Deb was a phenomenal public servant – for all the right reasons.

Deb could have been the CEO of any organization and made a bunch more money. She was intelligent, a hard worker, a professional, a leader. She chose public service, and in doing so she was a friend, to me and to many.

Thank you, Deb, for showing all of us what a true public servant looks like.

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I Wasn't Born Old It Just Happened That Way

Everywhere I look these days people are obsessed with age. More products are sold today to make you look younger than anything else. Everybody desires to look younger than what they actually are. I think that is rather hypocritical.

Just saying.

It seems to me that nobody is happy with the way they are. When you are young, you want to be old and then when you get old you want to be young. Nobody is happy being what they are at the time.

The problem with me is that not all my clocks are ticking at the same time. Things seem to just creep up on me without me being aware of any of it. For one, I did not know I was old.

It dawned on me this past week when I was sitting in my chair in the middle of the afternoon. I had no inspiration to get out of the chair and go do something. I was just feeling a little tired. You know, sometimes it is important just to chill out for a little bit.

Not everybody thinks this. The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has a different view of all this.

As I said, I was just chilling in my chair when my wife walked by, stopped in front of me, put both hands on her hips and stared at me for a moment giving me that look. Then she said, "I guess you're getting old, aren't you?"

With that, she whirled around and walked away, leaving me to my own thoughts. Nothing is scarier in the whole world than to be left with your own thoughts. However, as I thought about this, certain things seemed to come to the surface.

I did appear to be "old," whatever that may entail. It is funny how people use words and they mean different things to different people at different times.

I never thought of myself as "old," but then, my wife would never lie to me. If she thinks I am getting old, well, I must be getting old.

Then I chuckled to myself. I like to keep my chuckles to myself for a variety of reasons. As I thought about me being old and my wife recognizing that I am old, it dawned on me that she is older than me. Now please, do not let her know I let this slip out of the bag. But, if I'm old, what does that make her?

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You did not hear it from me, but I had a nice chuckle as I thought about this whole scenario of being old. Being the gentleman that I am, and a great lover of life, I will never bring this to her attention. If she finds out that she is old, she will never learn this information from me. I may be old, but my goal is to get older.

Right after this little incident, I walked into a McDonald's restaurant to get some coffee. I prefer to keep certain things to myself and my age is one of them. I cannot hide my good looks; it is all out there in the open for everybody to see. But my age is something a little different. I try to keep that to myself.

"Are you a senior citizen?" The waitress behind the counter asked chipperly.

At first, this really irritated me. What business is it of her with regards to my age? I was just about ready to ask her what her age was when she changed the whole conversation.

"If you are a senior citizen your coffee is only \$.80." With that she smiled quite gingerly.

That puts age in a very different perspective for me. Normally, coffee is \$1.39, but for senior citizens, it is only \$.80. A lot of things I am not very proficient at, but arithmetic is not one of them. If I would admit to this young lady that I was a senior citizen, I could save \$.59. I do not know about anybody else, but \$.59 is \$.59!

"Why, yes," I muttered, "I am a senior citizen."

"Oh dear," she giggled, "you sure do not look like a senior citizen to me."

Now, I do not know if she really meant that or not but allow me to repeat myself, \$.59 is \$.59!

I have never thought of myself as old, just older. And, as a friend of mine used to say, "I plan to get as old as I possibly can get."

Getting old has many benefits and \$.59 is only the beginning.

My great objective from this time on is to cash in on as much Senior Citizen benefits as I can get. After all, \$.59 is \$.59! And, if I get a cup of coffee every day, I will save \$215.35 in the year, every year. Who would have thought that getting old would pay such rich dividends?

There is a strange anomaly that most people do not want to get old but then they do not want to die either. The only remedy for not getting old is...

It is not getting old that is the problem, it is not discovering the real foundation of life which is none other than Jesus Christ.

"The glory of young men is their strength: and the beauty of old men is the gray head" (Proverbs 20:29).

Getting old is not for sissies. It takes a real man to get old.



Many crime victims in S.D. not being paid restitution they are owed

By: Nick Lowrey

In South Dakota, people convicted of crimes owe their victims millions of dollars in court-ordered restitution, but most of that debt is going unpaid and there is little remedy available for those harmed to get their money.

In theory, ordering criminals to pay for damages they caused gives courts a way to provide victims some measure of financial compensation and closure. The idea is so highly valued that state courts are required by law and a recent state constitutional amendment to order defendants to pay restitution anytime there is measurable financial harm done to a victim.

In practice, state data show, criminal restitution rarely benefits the people who need the most help after being victimized. The vast majority of criminal restitution never gets paid. Over the past three fiscal years, state courts have ordered criminals to pay more than \$10.4 million to their victims. Of that, courts have collected only about \$2.1 million for victims.

Over that same time period, the state Unified Judicial System has sent more than \$64 million in overdue court-ordered debt to the newly created South Dakota Debt Obligation Recovery Center, which can enact sanctions to prompt people to pay up.

Most of the court debt is for restitution owed to crime victims, said Greg Sattizahn, state court administrator. About \$9.2 million has been collected by the combined efforts of the state court system and the ORC. Of that total, more than a third was paid toward fines and fees and not to crime victims.

Despite low collection rates, many prosecutors and court system officials say restitution is a necessary piece of criminal sentencing because it helps make victims whole.

"It's really viewed as part of the punishment, as part of the process to recognize that a person or an entity was harmed and that it is [the defendant's] responsibility" to pay, Sattizahn said.

Critics of criminal restitution say the practice doesn't help most victims and can actually do more harm than good. Many defendants do not have the money to pay restitution and have few legal options for raising the necessary cash. In effect, restitution keeps people who otherwise have paid their debts to society enmeshed in the criminal justice system long after they've left prison, parole supervision or probation, and can make them more likely to re-offend, said Libby Skarin, policy director for the South Dakota chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"One of the things we have to recognize is that incarcerating low-income people or putting a lifetime of unpayable debt on their plates doesn't deter crime, doesn't serve a rehabilitative purpose and it doesn't do anything for public safety," Skarin said. "If we are putting someone into a debt that they are never going to pay ... that is not wise. We are setting people up to fail."



Created for victims but largely ineffective

Restitution became a formal piece of the U.S. criminal justice system in the late 1960s and early 1970s. At that time, state legislatures and justice officials across the country were taking a closer look at how crime victims were treated by the system. Adding financial restitution requirements to criminal sentencing laws was seen as a way to both acknowledge that a person had been harmed and show that offenders bore the responsibility for making their victims whole.

South Dakota's restitution law dates back to 1978. In broad terms, the South Dakota law says any victim of a crime who suffered measurable monetary damage is entitled to restitution. The law requires prosecutors to ask for, and the judge to order, as much restitution as the defendant can reasonably be expected to pay.

In 2016, a victim's right to restitution was enshrined in the South Dakota Constitution by a referendum vote on the so-called Marsy's Law. A campaign funded by California billionaire Henry T. Nicholas III successfully convinced

South Dakota voters to enact Marsy's Law, which is a list of rights afforded to crime victims. One of those rights gives crime victims access to full and timely restitution.

"The reality is, if I'm a prosecutor, I have 'X' amount of discretion, but when it comes to this with Marsy's Law and everything else, if the restitution is out there and it's warranted, it's my job to ask for it," said Tim Bormann, a former prosecutor who is now chief of staff to South Dakota Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg.

Restitution in some cases has also been used as an alternative to sending non-violent defendants to prison. Often judges will suspend a defendant's prison time or their whole sentence, up to and including scrubbing a felony conviction from a defendant's criminal record, provided they are willing to pay restitution to their victims.

Once a restitution order has been handed down, the defendant is expected to pay up immediately, Sattizahn said. If the defendant can't pay right away, it is up to their probation officer, the Department of Corrections or the local clerk of courts to devise a payment plan, Sattizahn said.

In the event that defendants don't pay off their restitution quickly enough, crime victims can ask a judge to order a county sheriff to seize and sell a defendant's assets in order to satisfy the debt, Sattizahn said. The state judicial system has gone so far as to create a standard form crime victims can use to request such orders.

As the amount of unpaid restitution continues to rise, officials are beginning to question the utility of large restitution orders against people who likely never will be able to repay their victims.

"Is it prudent? Are you creating paperwork that is just going to sit there and never produce anything? Unfortunately that is the situation we have ... It is something that I think warrants looking at," Bormann said.



Greg Sattizahn, South Dakota Unified Judicial System administrator, said criminal restitution is viewed as a necessary piece of a criminal sentence because it both helps victims heal after a crime is committed and adds another layer of responsibility to defendants. Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch

New approaches needed?

Even after a defendant is convicted and restitution is ordered, many crime victims say they largely feel forgotten by criminal justice officials. In 2016, the non-profit Alliance for Safety and Justice published a report on the results of what it called a first-of-its-kind national survey of crime victims called "Crime Survivors Speak". Two of every three crime victims surveyed said they got no help from law enforcement or the courts after being victimized.

Those who did get help rarely got it from the criminal justice system,

the survey found. Instead, about 75 percent said they got help from family or hospitals. About one in 10 victims said they got some help from a prosecutor's office and one in four said they got help from a law enforcement agency.

Crime victims who didn't get help, especially teens and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24, were more likely to suffer long-term mental health effects and become involved with criminal activity themselves, the survey found. A similar survey has not been conducted in South Dakota.

The "Crime Survivors Speak" survey report noted that more than 70% of the crime victims surveyed said they wanted prosecutors to increase efforts to rehabilitate criminals, even if it meant there would be fewer criminal convictions.

Skarin, of the ACLU in South Dakota, said there also is the question of whether the harm caused by large, often uncollectible restitution orders is justifiable.

In South Dakota, for example, people who have been convicted of a felony are stripped of their right to vote until they have completed all conditions of their sentence, including paying restitution in full as well as all fines and fees. A person who has finished their prison time, completed probation or parole supervision yet still owes restitution is barred from registering to vote.

"It's another way to segment people out of our society," Skarin said. "That is part of the harm that outweighs the benefits and doesn't do much, if anything, for the victim. We are putting barriers in peoples' way that may lead to them not becoming fully engaged members of their community. That creates problems and leads to the revolving door of incarceration in a way that could create more victims."

Having the right to vote, research has shown, can actually help reduce recidivism. Voting helps people engage and connect with their communities, Skarin said, which makes them less likely to commit crimes against their neighbors. Finding ways to restore defendants' rights to vote is a piece of the ACLU's Smart Justice Campaign, a nationwide campaign to reduce prison populations and improve outcomes in criminal justice.

The idea is to push the criminal justice system away from the current model that focuses on retribution, punishment and restitution in favor of a more rehabilitative model, Skarin said.

"What is the government's obligation to a victim of crime? If the obligation is simply to order monies to be paid and then wash their hands of it, I don't think that that serves the needs of the victim," Skarin said.

MANY VICTIMS NOT RECEIVING COURT-ORDERED RESTITUTION

Here is a look at how much court-ordered restitution money was ordered to be paid by people convicted of crimes to their victims in each of the past three fiscal years, and how much of the money had been paid as of August 2019.

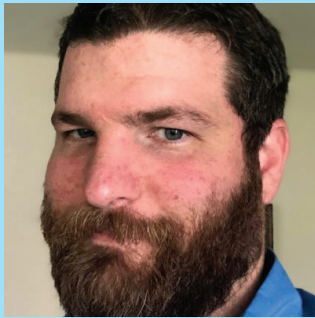
Fiscal year	Restitution	Paid so far	% paid
2017	\$4.6 million	\$648,706	14.1%
2018	\$3.1 million	\$755,313	24.5%
2019	\$2.7 million	\$689,484	25.1%
Total	\$10.4 million	\$2.1 million	20.2%

Source: South Dakota Unified Judicial System

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"That is not to say restitution is never warranted. I just don't think it's a cure-all, especially when you look at the effect of restitution on people who have no ability to pay."



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Libby Skarin, policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union in South Dakota, said reforms are needed to the state's criminal restitution laws. Oftentimes, she said, restitution denies debtors their basic rights simply because they are poor and unable to pay. Photo: Submitted

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Solid Defense and Efficient Offense Leads No. 8 Northern State to Sweep

Aberdeen, S.D. – The No. 8 Northern State University volleyball team was firing on all cylinders Saturday afternoon from Wachs Arena, sweeping No. 20 Wayne State College.

THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 3, WSC 0

Records: NSU 9-1 (2-0 NSIC), WSC 9-1 (1-1 NSIC)

Attendance: 513

HOW IT HAPPENED

- Northern handed Wayne State their first loss of the 2019 season with set scores of 25-23, 25-16, and 25-17
- The Wolves hit .261 overall and a match high .359 in the second set
- NSU combined for 52 kills, 49 assists, 88 digs, eight blocks, and three aces
- Defensively, Northern held the Wildcats to a .122 hitting percentage and forced 17 attack errors
- NSU held Wildcat leading attacker, Tarrin Beller to just ten kills and a .269 attack percentage, she entered the match hitting over .500 this season
- Three Wolves tallied double figure kills in the match, while five recorded double digit digs

NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Ashley Rozell: 44 assists (14.67 per set), 14 digs, 2 blocks, 1 ace
- Laura Snyder: 18 kills, .389 attack %, 13 digs, 4 blocks
- Jenna Reiff: 13 kills, 15 digs, 3 blocks
- Sally Gaul: 10 kills, .364 attack %
- Jaiden Langlie: 23 digs (7.67 per set), 1 ace
- Bry Goar: 17 digs (5.67 per set)

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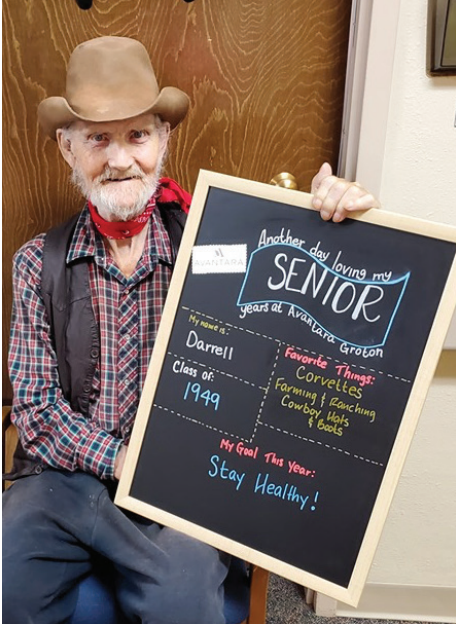
Northern State is on the road next weekend at Southwest Minnesota State and Sioux Falls. The Wolves will face-off against the Mustangs at 6 p.m. on Friday and the Cougars at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

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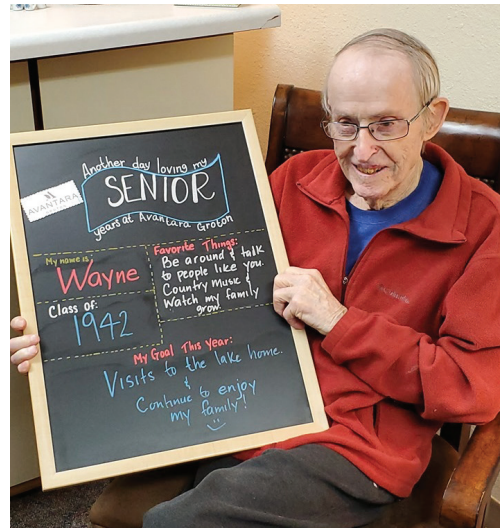
Avantara residents staying busy

The residents are loving their senior years at Avantara Groton. Some of their goals include learning a new recipe, staying busy and stay smiling. (Photos from Avantara Groton Facebook Page)



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U8 Girls Soccer Team

Back row: Addison Steffes, Amelia Ewalt, Elaina Myburgh, Rayna Loeschke and me. Front row: Zoe Olson, Andi Iverson, and Kendyll Kroll. (Photo from Ryan Olson)



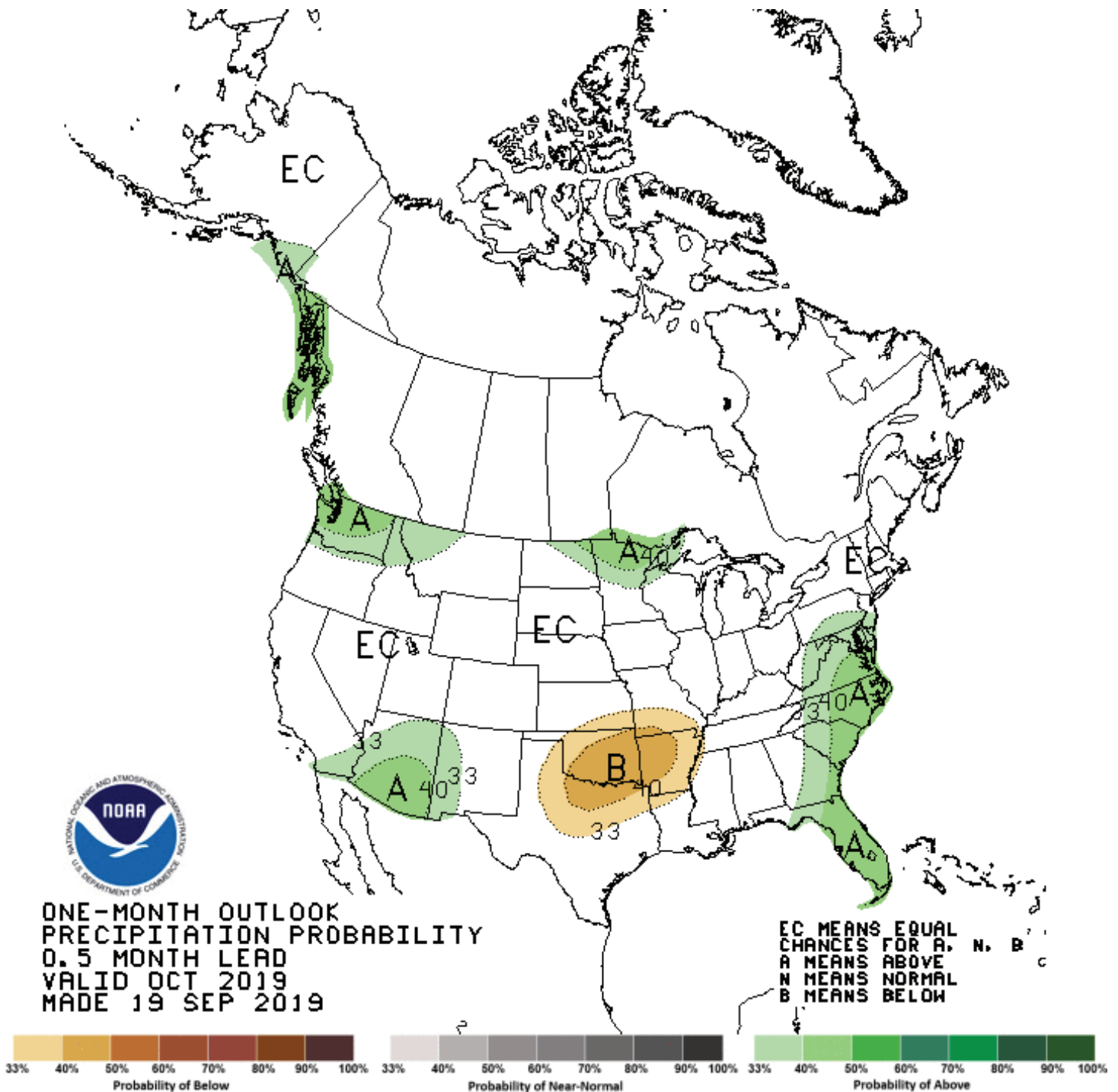
Groton 9-10 Boys

Back- Ryder Schwan, Axel Abeln, Wesley Morehouse, Logan Olson, Connor Kroll, Coach Ryan Olson.

Front- Haden Harder, Liam Johnson, grant Cleveland, Dawson Feist, David Jetto. (Photo from April Abeln)

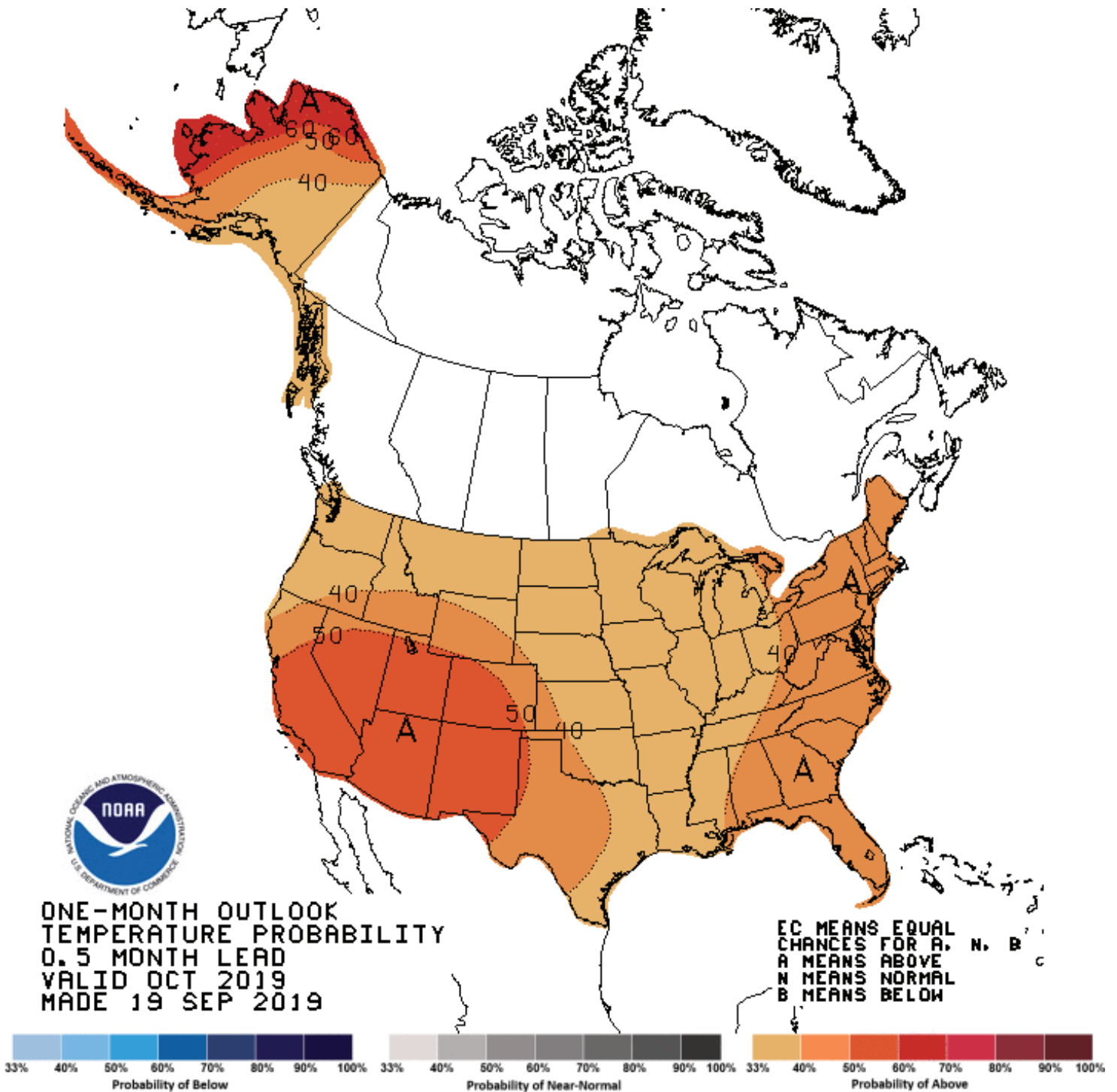
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Groton boys soccer team beats Freeman Academy

Groton boys beat Freeman Academy 1-0. The lone goal was scored in the first half by Austin Jones with an assist from Dragr Monson.



Anthony Schinkel races against Freeman Academy's Gavin Haggerty. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)



Austin Jones throws in the ball at the soccer game played at Freeman Academy. (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)

Class A

Top 6 (based on seed points) qualify for playoffs

	School	Seed Points	W-L-D
1	SF Christian	43.300	9-1-0
2	Tea Area	41.429	3-2-2
3	St. Thomas More	40.091	4-5-2
4	Groton Area	39.875	5-3-0
5	Vermillion	38.857	2-3-2
6	James Valley Christian	37.833	1-5-3
	Belle Fourche	37.625	1-10-1
	Freeman Academy	36.143	1-6-0
	Hot Springs	34.143	0-7-0
	Mitchell Christian/Mt. Vernon	0.000	0-0-0

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Second Half Comeback Comes up Short for Wolves versus Dragons

Aberdeen, S.D. – After trailing at the half, the Northern State University football team rallied back in the third and fourth quarters from Swisher Field on Saturday evening, however the Wolves were unable to come away with a victory over MSU Moorhead.

THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 17, MSUM 24

Records: NSU 1-2 (1-2 North), MSUM 2-1 (2-1 North)

Attendance: 3755

HOW IT HAPPENED

- The Wolves scored first on their third possession of the game off the foot of Mitch Tschakert; his 33-yard field goal gave Northern the 3-0 lead
- Moorhead answered back, tacking on two touchdowns in the second via a 3-yard run and 23-yard reception
- The score stood at 14-3 at the half, however Northern began to chip away in the third
- Hunter Trautman hit Jacob Streit on a 32-yard reception for the pairs first touchdown of the 2019 season
- The Wolves were within four, but not for long as the Dragons responded with a 37-yard made field goal
- With just under ten minutes remaining in regulation, Trautman took things into his own hands and run nine yards for his first rushing touchdown of the year, tying the game at 17-all
- Northern had their opportunities with three possessions, kicked off by an interception by Joe Gorghuber at the Moorhead 34-yard line, but were unable to take the lead
- The Dragons took possession with 50 seconds left in regulation and recorded ultimately the game winning touchdown just 34 seconds later; a 26-yard reception by Bresnahan
- NSU recorded a game high 18 first downs and 86 yards rushing, adding 267 yards passing and 353 yards of total offense
- The Wolves averaged 2.5 yards per rush and 6.8 yards per reception without giving up an interception
- Defensively, Northern tallied two sacks for a total loss of 17 yards, and combined for 11 tackles for a loss
- The NSU kickers tallied 360 yards punting, averaging 36.0 yards per punt, 217 yards on kickoffs, averaging 54.3 yards per kickoff, and went 1-for-2 in field goal attempts

NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Hunter Trautman: 16-of-39, 267 yards passing, 57-yard long, 1 rushing touchdown
- Isaiah Cherrier: 68 yards rushing, 32-yard long, 3.6 yards per carry, 63 yards receiving
- Jacob Streit: 102 yards receiving, 32-yard long, 1 touchdown, 20.4 yards per reception
- Chance Olson: 7 tackles
- Bryce Zawatzke: 7 tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss, 1 sack (12 yards)
- Landon Hoellein: 7 tackles, 2.5 tackles for a loss
- Joe Gorghuber: 4 tackles, 1 sack (5 yards), 1 interception

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

- Northern is now 31-24-1 all-time versus MSU Moorhead
- The Wolves tallied season highs in receiving yards (267), points scored (17), tackles (62), tackles for a loss (11.0), sacks (2.0), pass break-ups (7), punting yards (360), and kickoff yards (217)

UP NEXT

The Wolves will spend the next two weeks on the road at St. Cloud State and Upper Iowa University. Kickoff is scheduled for 5 p.m. on September 28 versus the Huskies and 3 p.m. on October 5 against the Peacocks. Northern will be back at Swisher Field on October 12 for the Gypsy Days game at 2:30 p.m. versus Minnesota State.

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Today



Decreasing
Clouds

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Monday



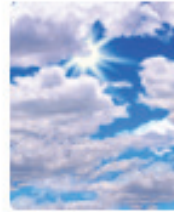
Sunny

Monday
Night



Partly Cloudy

Tuesday



Partly Sunn

High: 70 °F

Low: 46 °F

High: 78 °F

Low: 52 °F

High: 76 °F

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Near 70°	Upper 70s	70s

Astronomical
Fall Begins

Updated: 9/22/2019 3:16 AM Central

Published on: 09/21/2019 at 11:19PM

Expect dry and cooler conditions through Tuesday. With Astronomical Fall on Monday, now is the time to brush up on Fall Weather Safety at <https://www.weather.gov/wrn/fall-safety>

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Today in Weather History

September 22, 1936: Abnormally warm conditions brought record temperatures to much of central and northeast South Dakota along with west central Minnesota on this day in 1936. Temperatures rose into the upper 90s and lower 100s during the afternoon hours. Pierre and Watertown set record highs of 99 degrees. Mobridge and Sisseton warmed to record highs of 101 degrees. Finally, Kennebec and Aberdeen rose to record highs of 102 and 103 degrees, respectively.

1810: A tornado striking Fernhill Heath had a width between 0.5 to 1 mile; making it the widest path ever in Britain.

1890 - A severe hailstorm struck Strawberry, AZ. Fives days after the storm hail still lay in drifts 12 to 18 inches deep. (The Weather Channel)

1913 - Des Moines, IA, experienced their earliest freeze of record. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Hurricane Esther made a near complete circle south of Cape Cod. The hurricane then passed over Cape Cod and hit Maine. Its energy was largely spent over the North Atlantic Ocean, however, heavy rains over Maine resulted in widespread local flooding of cellars, low roads, and underpasses. (David Ludlum)

1983 - Forty-one cities reported record cold temperatures during the morning. Houston, TX, hit 50 degrees, and Williston ND plunged to 19 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Hurricane Emily, the first hurricane to roam the Carribean in nearly six years, made landfall over the Dominican Republic late in the day, packing 125 mph winds. Emily killed three persons and caused thirty million dollars damage. A record high of 92 degrees at Miami FL was their fifth in a row. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - An early morning thunderstorm produced baseball size hail at Plainview, in Hale County TX. Late in the evening more thunderstorms in the Southern High Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Plainview TX and Crosby TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo quickly lost strength over South Carolina, but still was a tropical storm as it crossed into North Carolina, just west of Charlotte, at about 7 AM. Winds around Charlotte reached 69 mph, with gusts to 99 mph. Eighty percent of the power was knocked out to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Property damage in North Carolina was 210 million dollars, and damage to crops was 97 million dollars. The strongest storm surge occurred along the southern coast shortly after midnight, reaching nine feet above sea level at ocean Isle and Sunset Beach. Hugo killed one person and injured fifteen others in North Carolina. Strong northwesterly winds ushered unseasonably cold air into the north central U.S., in time for the official start of autumn, at 8" 20 PM (CDT). Squalls produced light snow in northern Wisconsin. Winds in Wisconsin gusted to 52 mph at Rhinelander. (Storm Data) (The Nati

2005 - For the first time in the historical record, two hurricanes reached category-5 intensity in the Gulf of Mexico in a single season as Hurricane Rita intensified before making landfall (Katrina and Rita).

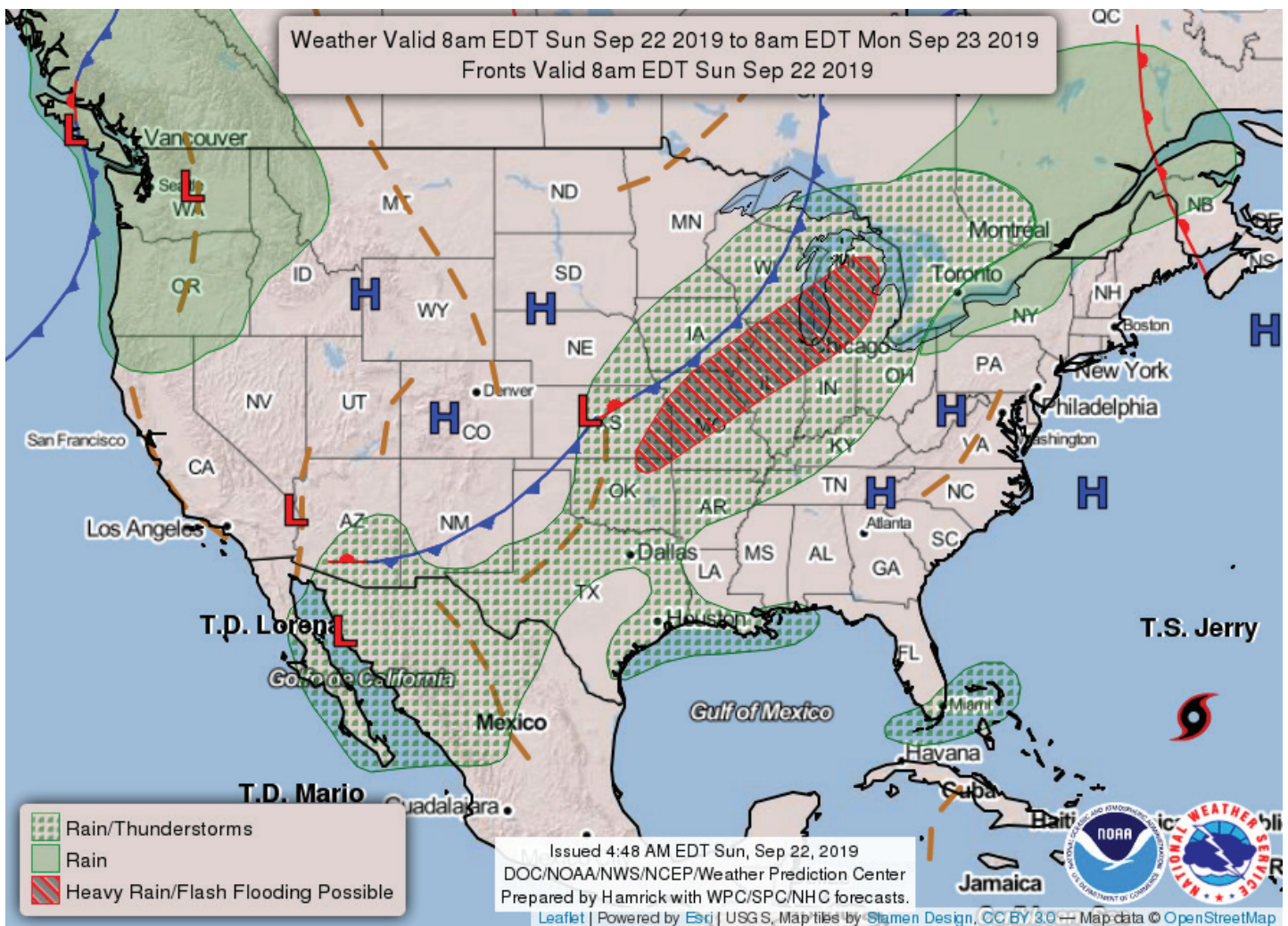
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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 78 °F at 2:33 PM
Low Temp: 57 °F at 10:28 PM
Wind: 23 mph at 12:22 AM
Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 103° in 1936
Record Low: 20° in 1995
Average High: 69°F
Average Low: 43°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.55
Precip to date in Sept.: 5.18
Average Precip to date: 17.84
Precip Year to Date: 24.90
Sunset Tonight: 7:32 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:22 a.m.



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LET GOD MAKE THINGS RIGHT

Resentments fill hearts and control minds. They are easy to collect and store in dark crevices deep inside while we wait for the right moment to "settle a score." It is amazing how much more room we seem to have for resentments than we do for love. Perhaps it is because we want to be like God and set standards and pass judgment on what others do to us. It seems like we want to be the prosecutor, then the jury, become the judge, and finally the executioner.

If we could ever look at this "getting even" objectively, it might amaze us. Unless there is an accepted way to measure a wrong, it is impossible to know the appropriate method to apply to "get even." It might be too little, or too much, and rarely "just right."

For example: What are we to do if someone treats us or a loved one unfairly? Or speaks a lie or half-truth about us? Maybe exaggerate our faults? Refuse to pay back the money we loaned them? Try to ruin our reputation? Have you been ridiculed for an honest mistake? Someone perhaps, may have sold us an inferior product, then refused to honor their service contract.

Most of our "getting even" are subjective and devised to achieve what we think and feel is appropriate. However, in God's Word we are warned not to do that!

"Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the Lord, and He will avenge you." One translator inserts the word "expectantly" after the word "wait." In other words, "You know that this is up to God, and He, in His impeccable timing, will come to your aid." God is our Savior and Redeemer and He will do what is right in His eyes – not our eyes.

There is a warning in Genesis that demands our attention: "Far be it from you (to do the work of God)! Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?"

We must never assume God's responsibilities! Never!

Prayer: Father, "getting even" is a natural, normal thing to want to do. But it is never the right thing to do. Help us to turn vengeance over to You for You are the Judge! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Proverbs 20:22 Do not say, 'I'll pay you back for this wrong!' Wait for the Lord, and He will avenge you.

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2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12/2019 St. John's Lutheran Luncheon
- 09/20/2019 Presbyterian Luncheon
- 09/28/2019 Granary Living History Fall Festival
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/31/2019 Trunk or Treat/Halloween on Main (Halloween)
- 11/09/2019 Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Holiday Party
- 12/07/2019 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services
- Bingo: every Wednesday at the Legion Post #39

2020 Groton SD Community Events

- 01/26/2020 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
- 04/04/2020 Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Sharp (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/25/2020 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 05/02/2020 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
- 06/8-10/2020 St. John's VBS
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
Groton Hosting State B American Legion Baseball Tournament
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/14/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

06-27-28-31-32

(six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-one, thirty-two)

Estimated jackpot: \$141,000

Lotto America

09-12-15-27-33, Star Ball: 5, ASB: 2

(nine, twelve, fifteen, twenty-seven, thirty-three; Star Ball: five; ASB: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$3 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$227 million

Powerball

01-09-22-36-68, Powerball: 22, Power Play: 2

(one, nine, twenty-two, thirty-six, sixty-eight; Powerball: twenty-two; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$80 million

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Crow Creek 54, Flandreau Indian 8

Gordon/Rushville, Neb. 12, Bennett County 6, OT

Sturgis Brown 19, Douglas 6

Volleyball

Bowman County, N.D. def. Bison, 25-21, 25-10, 25-18

Clark/Willow Lake def. Wilmot, 25-13, 25-15, 25-12

Huron def. Aberdeen Central, 25-20, 25-21, 25-18

Lyman def. Bennett County, 25-17, 25-20, 16-25, 28-30, 16-14

New Underwood def. Oelrichs, 25-11, 25-15, 25-12

Pierre def. Douglas, 25-19, 25-10, 23-25, 25-11

Rapid City Christian def. Red Cloud, 25-15, 25-19, 25-20

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-21, 21-25, 25-19, 25-21

Bon Homme Cavalier Clash Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 1

Avon def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-8, 25-17

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-21, 25-21

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Avon, 23-25, 25-23, 25-17

Northwestern def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-9, 25-11

Northwestern def. Avon, 25-11, 25-12

Northwestern def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-9, 25-8

Pool 2

Beresford def. Bon Homme, 25-14, 25-8

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Beresford def. Custer, 25-22, 25-20
Beresford def. Gregory, 25-7, 25-20
Custer def. Bon Homme, 27-25, 25-12
Gregory def. Custer, 17-25, 25-17, 25-21
Gregory def. Bon Homme, 18-25, 25-22, 25-23
Pool 3
Gayville-Volin def. Centerville, 25-10, 25-8
Parkston def. Wagner, 9-25, 25-22, 25-17
Parkston def. Centerville, 25-13, 25-11
Parkston def. Gayville-Volin, 25-19, 18-25, 29-27
Wagner def. Centerville, 25-10, 25-9
Wagner def. Gayville-Volin, 25-12, 25-19
Pool 4
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Platte-Geddes, 25-18, 25-22
Parker def. Platte-Geddes, 25-12, 25-21
Parker def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-17, 25-8
Parker def. Vermillion, 25-20, 25-13
Vermillion def. Platte-Geddes, 25-12, 26-24
Vermillion def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-18, 25-18
Championship Bracket
First Round
Beresford def. Vermillion, 25-17, 25-20
Northwestern def. Wagner, 25-15, 25-14
Parker def. Gregory, 25-11, 25-17
Parkston def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-22, 25-12
Semifinal
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Beresford, 25-22, 12-25, 25-13
Northwestern def. Parker, 25-11, 25-17
Championship
Northwestern def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-11, 25-10
Bridgewater-Emery Tournament
First Round
Bridgewater-Emery def. Canistota, 25-11, 25-18
Bridgewater-Emery def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-15, 25-14
Bridgewater-Emery def. Irene-Wakonda, 22-25, 25-21, 25-19
Chester def. Hanson, 25-10, 25-12
Ethan def. Scotland, 25-10, 25-15
Ethan def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-19, 25-20
Hanson def. Canistota, 17-25, 25-18, 25-17
Irene-Wakonda def. Scotland, 25-17, 25-10
Irene-Wakonda def. Hanson, 25-23, 24-26, 25-18
Third Place
Ethan def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-22, 25-20
Championship
Ethan def. Chester, 16-25, 30-28, 25-23
Dakota Oyate Challenge
First Round
Flandreau Indian def. Wakpala, 20-25, 25-13, 25-21
Marty Indian def. Lower Brule, 25-17, 25-12
Tiospa Zina JV def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-18, 21-25, 25-18

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Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Takini, 25-10, 25-8
Consolation Semifinal
Takini def. Lower Brule, 23-25, 25-14, 25-19
Wakpala def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-21, 14-25, 25-10
Semifinal
Flandreau Indian def. Tiospa Zina JV, 25-11, 21-25, 27-25
Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Marty Indian, 25-12, 25-15
Seventh Place
Lower Brule def. Tiospaye Topa, 25-21, 25-15
Fifth Place
Takini def. Wakpala, 25-10, 25-14
Third Place
Marty Indian def. Tiospa Zina JV, 25-7, 26-24
Championship
Tiospa Zina Tribal def. Flandreau Indian, 25-17, 25-8
Hamlin Tournament
Pool Play
Pool 1
Hamlin def. Sisseton, 25-15, 25-23
Pool 2
Castlewood def. Madison, 25-15, 25-20
Ipswich Tournament
Pool Play
Pool A
Ipswich def. South Border, N.D., 25-21, 25-18
Ipswich def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-13, 25-20
Ipswich def. Lemmon, 25-14, 25-14
Lemmon def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-20, 25-23
South Border, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-19, 25-13
Pool B
Herreid/Selby Area def. Leola/Frederick, 25-23, 25-18
Herreid/Selby Area def. Kimball/White Lake, 30-28, 25-16
Langford def. Leola/Frederick, 25-13, 25-23
Langford def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-19, 25-10
Langford def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-21, 25-18
Consolation
Lemmon def. Kimball/White Lake, 30-28, 25-22
Third Place
South Border, N.D. def. Herreid/Selby Area, 2-0
Championship
Ipswich def. Langford, 25-23, 25-20
Lake Preston Tournament
First Round
Estelline/Hendricks def. Lake Preston, 25-11, 25-9
Sioux Valley def. Waubay/Summit, 23-25, 28-26, 25-16
Rapid City Quadrangular
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-15, 25-17, 25-16
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Rapid City Central, 25-13, 25-13, 25-21
Sioux Falls Washington def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-22, 25-8, 15-25, 25-19

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Sioux Falls Washington def. Rapid City Central, 25-15, 25-10, 25-21
Stanley County Tournament
Chamberlain def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-19, 25-14
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Todd County, 25-14, 25-21
Winner def. Stanley County, 25-4, 25-7

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

Strong, special teams help S. Dakota St. beat Southern Utah

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Pierre Strong scored two touchdowns and the South Dakota State special teams blocked three kicks as the Jackrabbits beat Southern Utah 43-7 on Saturday night.

Strong had 11 carries for 85 yards and a score and added a 45-yard touchdown catch. J'Bore Gibbs completed 15 of 24 passes for 215 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions for South Dakota State (2-1), which came in ranked No. 3 in the FCS Coaches poll.

After forcing the Jackrabbits to punt on the game's opening drive, Southern Utah (1-2) drove to the SDSU 36 where, on fourth-and-5, Thomas Duckett was stopped for a 4-yard loss. On the next play, Gibbs connected with Cade Johnson for a 23-yard gain and, three plays later on fourth-and-3, hit Johnson again, this time for a 30-yard touchdown.

Mikey Daniel scored on a 1-yard run early in the second quarter and C.J. Wilson's 8-yard TD run with three minutes left in the first half made it 21-0.

Chris Helbig scored on a 1-yard keeper to get the Thunderbirds on the board just before halftime but, on the first drive of the second half, South Dakota State's Jaxon Janke blocked a punt that rolled out of the back of the end zone for a safety.

Christian Rozeboom scored on a 27-yard interception return on SUU's next drive to make it 30-7.

SDSU's Xavier Ward and Logan Backhaus each blocked a field-goal attempt in the first half and punter Ben Dinkel pinned the Thunderbirds at their own 5 twice in the first half, the first time with a 75-yard punt.

Triplett, Duke tied for lead in PGA Tour Champions

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Ken Duke has played 313 times on the PGA Tour, 159 times on the Korn Ferry and this is his 16th start on the PGA Tour Champions since turning 50 this year. All that experience and Duke gets to try something new in the Sanford International.

This is the first time he's had at least a share of the lead going into the final round.

Duke shot a 5-under 65 on Saturday and shared the lead with Kirk Triplett, who birdied his last hole for a 68.

They were at 6-under 134, and didn't have anything more than a one-shot margin over Paul Goydos. The leading eight players were separated by just two shots going into Sunday at Minnehaha Country Club. Scott McCarron, the Charles Schwab Cup leader, had a 68 and was tied for 14th, but he was only four shots behind.

The wind wasn't as strong Saturday, but it was enough of a test to keep players on edge.

"On a golf course like this, when it gets firm and fast, you just have to keep it front of you," Duke said. "You really have to use your imagination going into the greens because they're so firm and fast, so you've got to keep the ball below the hole. All of us today in our group, we got behind the hole a few times and we paid for it. I just hit it close a couple times and got through the day."

Goydos had a 65 and has a great chance to win for the first time in two years. Colin Montgomerie (66) and Steve Flesch (65) were among those two shots back.

Goydos says the course doesn't favor any style, whether that's power or accuracy, aggressive or playing for spots on the green.

"This golf course I think is one of those golf courses that everybody's going to kind of play it their own

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way," Goydos said. "There is no set way to play it. I have my theory and everybody else has got theirs. Very rarely do you see on a Champions Tour event or PGA Tour event where you get on a tee on a non-par 3 and three different clubs are off the tee. That just doesn't happen in golf anymore, and this golf course that happens all the time."

Duke's only victory on the PGA Tour was at the Travelers Championship in 2013. Triplett, meanwhile, is going for his second victory this year on the 50-and-over circuit.

"I had some chances coming in, didn't quite make them, but I knew I was going to be near the lead," Triplett said. "I felt comfortable even if I ended up the day 3 or 4 under total that I would have a chance to win the tournament tomorrow. That's what all of us are trying to do."

For more AP golf coverage: <https://apnews.com/apf-Golf> and https://twitter.com/AP_Sports

South Dakota beats Northern Colorado 14-6

GREELEY, Colo. (AP) — Austin Simmons passed for 185 yards and a touchdown on Saturday and South Dakota won its first game of the year 14-6 over Northern Colorado.

Simmons also ran 17 times for 63 yards for the Coyotes (1-3). Kai Henry added 60 yards rushing on nine carries.

South Dakota opened the scoring in the second quarter on Simmons' 10-yard TD pass to Connor Hermann.

Milo Hall's 5-yard run capped a seven-play, 80-yard drive in the third quarter for the Bears (0-4). Patrick Nassiat's extra point attempt was blocked and Northern Colorado trailed 7-6.

Ben Klett barreled into the end zone on a 12-yard run early in the fourth quarter to make it 14-6 for the Coyotes.

Jacob Knipp passed for 184 yards, Hall finished with 73 yards rushing on 20 carries and Jaren Mitchell caught four passes for 70 yards for the Bears.

UAW strike puts Trump, GOP in political bind in key states

By DAVID EGGERT and SARA BURNETT Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Democrats were quick to back working-class United Auto Workers in their strike against General Motors, delivering doughnuts and holding picket signs outside factories to show solidarity. It's a union they long have aligned with politically.

There were no doughnuts from Republicans.

Led by President Donald Trump, GOP officials have largely avoided taking sides in the strike that threatens to upend the economy in Michigan, an election battleground, a year before the 2020 vote. Both here and nationally, most Republicans said little about the substance of the dispute beyond hope for a speedy resolution.

The muted response reflects the tricky politics of labor for Republicans.

Trump has made inroads with members of some unions, due partly to promises to get tough on trade and keep manufacturing jobs in the United States. The message pulled key voters away from their Democratic union bosses, who Trump argues are corrupt.

But a strike prompted in part over GM's plan to close American plants highlights Trump's unfulfilled promises on manufacturing and gives Democrats a chance to play up their union credentials.

Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren planned to show up on the picket line in Michigan on Sunday, with rival Bernie Sanders expected this coming week. Nearly all the candidates have tweeted support for the workers.

"Proud to stand with @UAW to demand fair wages and benefits for their members. America's workers deserve better," Joe Biden tweeted. The union says Biden will be at a picket line in at the Fairfax plant in Kansas City, Kansas, on Sunday.

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Trump is in a bind.

Backing the union would undermine Trump's message that labor does not advocate for its workers and give a powerful Democratic force a boost before an election.

Siding with GM would call into question his promises to defend workers and he would risk getting blamed for economic woes in Rust Belt states he needs to win reelection.

His task gets tougher the longer the strike goes on.

"There is a history of this issue being treacherous in Michigan," said Michigan State University political scientist Matt Grossmann. He noted that Republican Mitt Romney's presidential campaign suffered in 2012 when Democrats pointed repeatedly to an opinion article he wrote opposing the auto bailout. The headline: "Let Detroit Go Bankrupt."

"It is treacherous to be against the autoworkers," Grossmann said.

The president has appeared mindful of the dilemma, saying little about the strike. On Monday, the first day of the walkout, he told reporters at the White House the dispute was "sad" and he made a distinction between workers and their union leaders.

"I don't want General Motors to be building plants outside of this country," he said. "My relationship has been very powerful with the auto workers — not necessarily the top person or two, but the people that work doing automobiles."

The strike is playing out as a federal corruption investigation against top UAW officials widens. The FBI raided UAW President Gary Jones' suburban Detroit home last month and prosecutors have charged 11 people in the investigation so far, leading many of the 49,000 workers nationwide to question whether leaders have their backs.

Trump may be wise to try to separate union workers from their leaders.

Although union members have historically supported Democrats, Trump's promises to rewrite free trade agreements appeared to resonate with many in manufacturing areas. Nationally, union members were just slightly more likely than other voters to support Democrats in 2018, when the party gained control of the House. Six in 10 union voters supported Democratic candidates in House races, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of more than 115,000 midterm voters nationwide.

But Trump has struggled to make good on promises to stop companies from shipping jobs overseas.

From the first announcement in 2018, he was quick to criticize GM for wanting to close U.S. plants, an issue at the center of current fight. He met with CEO Mary Barra at the White House on Sept. 5, days after suggesting the company should move jobs from China to the U.S. GM has not been persuaded yet.

Trump's escalation of the trade war with China has hurt manufacturers, with factories in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania shedding workers since the end of 2018, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



White Lake resident D.J. Calma of White Lake, second from left and has worked for General Motors in four different plants in 12 years, chants in unison "No contract! No work!" as they circle at one of the Flint Assembly Plant entrance, blocking through traffic during the fourth day of the national UAW strike against GM on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019 in Flint. The United Auto Workers union and its roughly 49,000 members at GM plants in the U.S. have been on strike since Monday, Sept. 16 because contract negotiations with the automaker had broken down. It's the first national UAW strike since 2007, when GM workers were out for two days. (Jake May/The Flint Journal via AP)

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His administration's decision to stop California from setting its own emission standards for cars and trucks also has created uncertainty in the industry.

"If this strike goes into a second week, you're going to see parts of Michigan go into a recession," said Patrick Anderson, CEO of the Anderson Economic Group, an East Lansing-based consulting firm whose work includes analyzing the auto industry. "Parts of Michigan are feeling it today. You're already seeing losses in income and people cutting back on their spending."

There is some expectation that Trump will intervene in an attempt to prevent that. But the White House denied a report this past week that it engaged in talks with the company and the union.

Michigan-based Republican strategist John Sellek said he believes Trump is on the side of the workers but is trying to "thread the needle" and not "blow up" GM's offer to save a plant or two.

"That fits his electoral victory path, and it fits his policy positions on trade," he said. "He's walking a more careful path rhetorically for now. But if he decides on any given day that it's time to jump in with both feet, we shouldn't be surprised that he does."

GM's proposal includes creating an electric vehicle battery assembly plant in Lordstown, Ohio, where the company is in the process of closing a small-car assembly plant. In addition, GM would pay for an electric pickup truck that would go into the Detroit-Hamtramck plant, which the company also wants to close.

The Lordstown facility would offer lower wages, according to a person briefed on the matter who was not authorized to publicly discuss the matter and spoke on condition of anonymity. The union wants to add jobs that pay the top UAW wage.

GM workers who were picketing Friday outside the Grand River factory in Lansing — one that makes Cadillacs and Chevy Camaros — were mixed on whether Trump should weigh in. Many said their top priority is giving temporary workers a path to permanent jobs. Others also want commitments that vehicles would be made in the U.S.

Keith Cannon, 47, of Lansing, said Trump, whom he does not back, should engage. He interpreted Trump's remarks about the strike as being supportive of workers.

"It's important because it affects the country he's running," said Cannon, a 19-year GM worker who as a UAW district committeeman represents workers in disputes with management. "He should weigh in on it because ultimately we affect the community. You have restaurants, stores, businesses that rely on us to support them as much as they support us with their services."

Cannon said he cannot spend much locally while living on strike pay of only \$250 per week.

Democratic presidential candidates are beginning to flock to the picket lines. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar went to Detroit on Thursday and Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan met Monday with strikers in Lordstown, where GM halted production earlier this year, laying off 1,400 employees.

Burnett reported from Chicago. Associated Press writers Zeke Miller and Josh Boak in Washington contributed to this report.

Democrats blast latest Trump crisis. But what will they do?

By LISA MASCARO and STEVE PEOPLES Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A whistleblower's complaint over President Donald Trump's interactions with a foreign leader is testing the political and practical power Democrats can use against a Republican in the White House who so brazenly ignores protocol and presidential norms.

Democrats were unanimous in their condemnation of Trump for going to extraordinary lengths to tear down a chief political rival by asking the new leader of Ukraine to investigate the son of former Vice President Joe Biden. But even as calls for impeachment amplified — Elizabeth Warren blasted Congress as "complicit" in Trump's transgressions — there were no signs that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi would move quickly to try to remove the president.

Allies of Biden, the early front-runner in the Democratic presidential primary, seized on the developments to portray him as the candidate Trump least wants to face next fall.

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But the controversy could just as easily revive interest in the business activities of Biden's son, which would do little to further his campaign. Taken together, the developments bear a striking resemblance to the tumult of the 2016 campaign, in which Trump was accused of enlisting a foreign power to help him win an election.

The president on Saturday denied any wrongdoing, and his most vocal allies and critics were energized. Political operatives in both parties suggested that for many increasingly numb to a constant sense of crisis, the fresh explosion of political drama may not seem so alarming.

One thing is becoming clear: Trump is more than willing to cast aside norms to gain a political advantage.

Jesse Ferguson, a Democratic strategist and former top aide to Hillary Clinton, said the country "has to be ready for the president to try to weaponize the government against them in a way we've never seen before in American history."

The president on Saturday embraced the parallels to the 2016 campaign and predicted he would prevail again in 2020.

Trump said the latest allegations from a government whistleblower are "just as ridiculous as the others," branding it "the Ukraine Witch Hunt" — a nod to former special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia probe, which he mocked as a "witch hunt."

"Will fail again!" Trump tweeted.

The complaint from the intelligence community whistleblower is based on a series of events, including what sources now say is Trump's conversation with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy. The conversation happened on July 25, just a day after Mueller wrapped up his own work by testifying on Capitol Hill.

Trump urged Zelenskiy to probe the activities of Biden's son Hunter, who had worked for a Ukrainian gas company, according to a person who was briefed on the call.

For legal scholars and ethics watchdogs, the interaction between Trump and the foreign leader is seen as nothing less than a pressure campaign that cuts to the core of the nation's public corruption and bribery laws. It came as the White House was holding up \$250 million in military aid for Ukraine. Even if there was no quid-pro-quo from the president, the conversation could be seen by legal experts as improper.

"It appears that the president might have used his official powers — in particular, perhaps the threat of withholding a quarter-billion dollars in military aid — to leverage a foreign government into helping him defeat a potential political opponent in the United States," wrote lawyer George T. Conway III, who is married to a top Trump adviser, and Neal Katyal, a Georgetown University law professor and former acting solicitor general, in an op-ed in The Washington Post. "If Trump did that, it would be the ultimate impeachable act."

Campaigning in Iowa on Saturday, Joe Biden said the president "deserves to be investigated," but he stopped short of calling for impeachment.

"He's using the abuse of power and every element of the presidency to try to do something to smear me," Biden told reporters.



President Donald Trump listens to music by military musicians during a State Dinner in the Rose Garden at the White House, Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, in Washington.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

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Sen. Chris Coons, D-Del., said Trump's actions show "Joe Biden is correctly perceived by President Trump as the greatest threat to his re-election."

It's less clear whether the situation may ultimately hurt Biden, who has claimed the moral high ground in his 2020 campaign. When speaking about his experience as vice president, Biden often says he's most proud of the lack of scandal during his eight years in the Obama White House. Trump's allies hope that the focus on Biden's involvement in Ukraine may begin to chip away at his squeaky clean image.

"The longer we talk about what the Bidens did in Ukraine, the better," said Barry Bennett, a former Trump campaign adviser, who dismissed those who believe Trump will pay a political price for the latest controversy.

The questions about Hunter Biden have circulated for years, particularly in conservative circles, after he was hired in 2014 by Burisma Holdings, whose founder had been a political ally of Russia-friendly former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich. At the time questions were raised about whether the Ukrainian firm was seeking to gain influence with the Obama administration through its employment of Joe Biden's son.

This year, Trump's personal lawyer Rudolph Giuliani revived interest in the issue and said he reached out directly to the Ukrainian government.

Joe Biden said he's never spoken to his son about his overseas business dealings. Hunter Biden has denied the claims that he used his influence with his father to aid Burisma, saying the criticism is false and stoked by far-right political critics.

While Sen. Warren and other Democrats say there's no choice but to start impeachment proceedings, other Democrats have been reluctant to launch a process they say could scare away more moderate and centrist voters, especially for lawmakers in Congress.

Pelosi showed no signs of moving off her position that Congress must continue to investigate the administration and not start impeachment proceedings unless the American public demands it. Instead, she said that Trump faces "repercussions" if the whistleblower's allegations prove true and she said it's time to change the law to make sure future presidents can be indicted for wrongdoing.

Democratic strategist Jeffrey Pollock, who was a pollster for former presidential candidate Kirsten Gillibrand, suggested that the latest explosive allegations against the Republican president would have little impact on the broader 2020 debate.

"To date, no scandal has seemed to impact Donald Trump on its own," Pollock said. "And the fact that this one involves a political rival I suspect is no different."

Associated Press writers Alexandra Jaffe and Tom Beaumont in Des Moines, Iowa, and Stephen Braun in Washington contributed to this report.

4 Chinese tourists killed in Utah bus accident identified

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST and MORGAN SMITH Associated Press

PANGUITCH, Utah (AP) — Authorities on Saturday identified the four Chinese tourists killed in a bus crash in southern Utah, and the tour group is dispatching employees from China to help those injured.

Three women and one man perished in the crash on a highway running through the red-rock landscape of southern Utah on Friday. The victims have been identified as Ling Geng, 68, Xiuyun Chen, 67, Zhang Caiyu, 62, and Zhongliang Caiyu, 65. They were all from Shanghai, China.

They were part of a tour group made up of 29 tourists and one leader. They come from Shanghai and the nearby provinces of Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Heilongjiang, according to a news report on the media website huanqiu.com. The tour leader came from Hebei Province, near Beijing, according to the Zhejiang Online news site.

Five passengers remained in critical condition Friday night, and the death toll could rise, Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Nick Street said.

All 31 people on board were hurt. Twelve to 15 on board were considered to be in critical condition shortly

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after the crash, but several of them have since improved, Street said. Not everyone was wearing a seatbelt, as is common in tour buses, he said.

The Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism urged the travel agency, Shanghai Zhuyuan International Travel Agency, to spare no effort in rescuing the injured and properly handle the follow-up matters.

Phone calls to the travel agency rang unanswered Sunday morning. Lu Yong, the travel agency's general manager, told a Chinese TV program that the agency's American partners sent 10 staff members to hospitals to help the victims communicate with doctors and police.

The News Perspective program, part of the Shanghai Media Group, said in an article on its official social media account that seven relatives of the victims were expected to leave for the United States on Monday or Tuesday with travel agency staff and officials from the culture and tourism bureau.

The news program's social media post included photos of parts of the itinerary, indicating the accident occurred on the seventh day of a 16-day trip and also included visits to Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. They were to fly to the East Coast after the western U.S. stops.

The crash happened near a highway rest stop a few miles from southern Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park, an otherworldly landscape of narrow red-rock spires.

Authorities believe the driver swerved on the way to the park on Friday morning. But when he yanked the steering wheel to put the bus back onto the road, the momentum sent the bus into a rollover crash, authorities said.

The driver, an American citizen, survived and was talking with investigators, Street said. He didn't appear to be intoxicated, but authorities were still investigating his condition as well as any possible mechanical problems, he said.

There was some wind, but it was not strong enough to cause problems, Street said.

The crash left the top of a white bus smashed in and one side peeling away as the vehicle came to rest mostly off the side of the road against a sign for restrooms.

The National Transportation Safety Board was sending a team to investigate.

The company listed on the bus was America Shengjia Inc. Utah business records indicate it is based in Monterey Park, California. A woman answering the phone there did not have immediate comment.

Intermountain Garfield Memorial Hospital said it received 17 patients, including three in critical condition and 11 in serious condition. Patients also were taken to Cedar City and St. George hospitals.

Millions of people visit Utah's five national parks every year. Last year, about 87,000 people from China visited the state, making them the fastest-growing group of Utah tourists, according to state data.

More than half of visitors from China travel on tour buses, said Vicki Varela, managing director of Utah Office of Tourism.

The Chinese Embassy tweeted that it was saddened to hear about the crash and that it was sending staff to help the victims.



Authorities work the scene where at least four people were killed in a tour bus crash near Bryce Canyon National Park, Friday, Sept. 20, 2019, in Utah. (Spenser Heaps/The Deseret News

via AP)

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Bryce Canyon, about 300 miles (480 kilometers) south of Salt Lake City, draws more than 2 million visitors a year.

"You have a group from China who have worked hard to come to the states, got the visa and everything they needed, excited about it, and for a tragedy like this to happen it just makes it all the more tragic," Street said.

Associated Press writer Brady McCombs, news assistant Henry Hou in Beijing and researcher Si Chen in Shanghai contributed to this story.

AP Top 25 Takeaways: Separating contenders and pretenders

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Highlighted by three games matching top-15 teams, this was the first weekend of the season to seriously separate College Football Playoff contenders and pretenders.

Feel free to take a seat at the adults' table No. 8 Auburn and No. 13 Wisconsin. You, too, No. 12 Texas. And No. 7 Notre Dame, even in a loss you looked like you belong.

We are looking for teams capable of disrupting the established upper tier in college football this season: No. 1 Clemson, No. 2 Alabama, No. 3 Georgia, No. 4 LSU, No. 5 Oklahoma and No. 6 Ohio State.

The Tigers, Badgers, Longhorns and Fighting Irish might — maybe — have the stuff to crash the party.

No. 11 Michigan, you're excused. Playoffs are the last thing coach Jim Harbaugh needs to be thinking about. His program seems to be at a crossroads. No. 15 UCF, which lost a regular-season game for the first time since 2016, will be joining the Wolverines on the don't-call-us-we'll-call-you list.

Might as well go in chronological order.

BULLISH BADGERS

A year after a season of great expectations went sideways for Wisconsin the country's most self-aware program is back on track. The Badgers never stray far from their successful player development blueprint. Build a big, strong offensive line. Put a workhorse tailback behind it. Play tough and disciplined defense. Wisconsin ripped off four straight 10-win seasons before sliding to 8-5 last year.

The Badgers are back. By beating down Michigan in Madison, the Badgers validated their dominant 2-0 start against weak competition.

"After the first two games, I feel like the world didn't want to say we were the best defense in the country," Badgers linebacker Zack Baun said. "(They said) we didn't have the best running back in the country and we didn't have the best O-line in the country. And we really made an effort to make a statement this game."



Wisconsin head coach Paul Chryst congratulates wide receiver A.J. Taylor after a Wisconsin touchdown during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, in Madison, Wis. Wisconsin won 35-14. (AP Photo/Andy Manis)

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The Badgers finally did allow a point after nearly 11 quarters of shutout ball to start the season, and Jonathan Taylor ran for 203 yards, despite sitting out the second quarter with cramps. The Big Ten West looked wide open coming into the season, with Nebraska penciled in as the favorite. The Badgers still face the trickiest schedule in the West, including trips to No. 6 Ohio State and Nebraska, but they are clearly the favorites now.

That Oct. 26 meeting with the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, might be a preview of the Big Ten championship game. Through four weeks, Wisconsin is the only team in the Big Ten that looks like it can challenge Justin Fields and Ohio State.

TEXAS TIGERS

Auburn was next up, taking care of No. 17 Texas A&M on the road. Auburn has made itself right at home in College Station, Texas, since the Aggies joined the Southeastern Conference, winning all four games there.

The Tigers now have two notable victories in the Lone Star State in September after rallying to beat No. 16 Oregon in Arlington to start the season.

To be fair, Auburn still looks too limited offensively to keep pace with super-charged Alabama and No. 4 LSU. The Tigers also draw both No. 3 Georgia and No. 9 Florida from the SEC East. But if there is going to be a third wheel in the West, Auburn and its nasty defensive line led by preseason All-American tackle Derrick Brown is it.

HORNS UP

Texas didn't beat a ranked foe. More like vanquishing a demon. Oklahoma State had won four straight overall against Texas and five straight in Austin. The Cowboys' dominance in the rivalry was symbolic of Texas' fall from grace.

The Longhorns, who two weeks ago played LSU toe-to-toe, took back the rivalry, with some timely defensive stops in their own territory and the third four-TD pass game of the season for Sam Ehlinger. On the Is Texas Back?-o-Meter, this was about an 8 out of 10.

NOTRE DAME'S ROAD

The Fighting Irish went to Athens as a two-touchdown underdog to face a Georgia team that has been trying to make the case it is the equal of Clemson and Alabama.

The Irish hung tough, but lost to a top-five team for the 11th straight time. There are no moral victories, but it wasn't that bad of a day for the Irish's playoff hopes. Suddenly, what was assumed to be difficult road games against Michigan and Stanford don't look so difficult for Notre Dame.

The Irish can't afford another loss but they will probably be favored in all their remaining games.

WHAT NOW MICHIGAN?

To be clear: Most of the criticism of Harbaugh during his tenure at Michigan has been overblown. Fans like to see blue bloods fail. Especially, when they are coached by a quirky former NFL quarterback with a big reputation and no conference championships.

Harbaugh has three 10-win seasons at Michigan and the program, despite obvious shortcomings against Ohio State, has not been healthier since Lloyd Carr was coach more than a decade ago. At least that is the way it seemed until last Thanksgiving weekend. The Wolverines went to Ohio State favored and looking like a playoff team. They lost 62-39. They then lost to Florida 41-15 in an uninspired Peach Bowl performance. Now, after an offseason remake of the offense, Michigan's first big game of the season was no contest.

Michigan has been outscored by 70 points in its last three games against ranked teams. It is also 0-7 as an underdog with Harbaugh.

"We were outplayed, outprepared, outcoached, the whole thing both offensively and defensively," Harbaugh said. "It was thorough."

This is not a hot-seat situation. Michigan is all in on Harbaugh. But for the first time since he arrived in Ann Arbor in 2015 the trajectory of the program feels like it is headed in the wrong direction. And that leads to the scariest question for Michigan fans: If Harbaugh can't make Michigan a consistently elite

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program again, can anyone?

UCF AS IN FLOP

Folks were lining up to champion the Knights last week after UCF trounced Stanford. So, of course, the Knights followed it up by losing to Pitt.

Everybody off the bandwagon.

The Panthers' have chaos in the DNA, always good for at least one perplexing loss and equally surprising victory per season. A week after coach Pat Narduzzi called for a bafflingly conservative field goal late in the game that cost his team, Pitt beat the Knights with its own version of the Philly Special on a fourth-and-ballgame.

One loss on the road is not an indictment of UCF. The Knights are formidable. They're just not playoff contenders.

AROUND THE COUNTRY: The last time Appalachian State beat a Power Five team the Mountaineers blocked a kick on the final play of the game to seal one of the great upsets of all-time. North Carolina is no Michigan and App State's latest takedown of a Power Five team was hardly an upset at all ... West Virginia ended Kansas' winning streak at one. ... Eastern Michigan is one of the most entertaining teams in the country. The Eagles have played 27 (14-13) one-score games since 2016. The latest: EMU blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown with 10 seconds left to beat FCS Central Connecticut. A week ago, coach Chris Creighton's Eagles beat Illinois of the Big Ten with a last-second field goal. Creighton is probably due for a shot at a bigger program. ... Florida State blew another big lead, but this time recovered for a much-needed victory against Louisville. Willie Taggart so desperately needs to calm the waters in Tallahassee ... Speaking of pretenders, No. 10 Utah rammed into its ceiling at Southern California on Friday night. ... San Jose State earned \$1.5 million and beat Arkansas for its first victory against a Power Five team since 2006 and first ever against an SEC team. A lot of attention has been on the struggles of second-year coaches Taggart, Jeremy Pruitt of Tennessee and UCLA's Chip Kelly, but Chad Morris is now 4-12 with the Razorbacks, with losses to Colorado State, North Texas and San Jose State.

More AP college football: <https://apnews.com/Collegefootball> and https://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Trump heads to UN with long list of deals he's yet to close

By DEB RIECHMANN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump, a self-described deal-maker, is saddled with a long list of unresolved foreign policy deals he has yet to close heading into his U.N. visit this coming week.

There are challenges with Iran, North Korea, the Afghan Taliban, Israel and the Palestinians — not to mention a number of trade pacts. Some are inching forward. Some have stalled.

Trump has said repeatedly that he is in "no rush" to wrap up the deals. But negotiations take time. He is nearly three years into his presidency and the 2020 election looms, which will crimp his ability to tend to unfinished foreign business.

"I don't blame the president for having so many deals open," said Nicholas Burns, a former undersecretary of state who has worked for Republican and Democratic presidents. He gives Trump credit for going after China on its trade practices and talking to the Taliban to try to end 18 years of war in Afghanistan.

"But I do think you have to be tough-minded as citizens and grade him," Burns said. "How's he doing? Well, in my book, he doesn't have a single major foreign policy achievement in more than 2½ years in office."

Trump's critics say that lack of success means the president is going to the United Nations in a weakened position.

Some foreign policy experts give Trump credit for opening up international negotiations. Yet there is plentiful criticism of his brash negotiating style — blasting foreign leaders one day, making nice the next

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— because they think it makes the global chessboard more wobbly.

In his defense, Trump says: "It's the way I negotiate. It's done very well for me over the years, and it's doing even better for the country."

Trump's "America first" mantra hasn't gone over well at the United Nations before. Now, as tensions escalate between the U.S. and Iran, the president needs international support to help put pressure on Tehran.

Ever since Trump pulled the U.S. from the Iran nuclear deal and reinstated crippling economic sanctions, Iran has lashed out. Iran downed an American drone, has impounded ships in the Persian Gulf and is being blamed for the attack on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities.

"He's argued in the past that each country should act solely in its own interest, and he's argued that American might, combined with his negotiating skill, would build U.S. power," said Jon Alterman, Middle East program director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "Now we have a General Assembly meeting where the president really needs allies on Iran."

The prospect of Trump talking with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly has evaporated.

Alterman said the best-case scenario of another negotiation with Iran would be one leading to the end of Tehran's destabilizing activities in the Mideast, new limits on its nuclear program and greater visibility into its missile program. The worst-case scenario, he said, is that the president alienates his allies and Iran carries out more attacks on U.S. interests and allies.

Former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who was fired by Trump, told a group at Harvard University recently that successful negotiations occur when both parties leave with an acceptable outcome. In a comment seemingly aimed at Trump, Tillerson said: "If you ever think about a negotiation as a win/lose, you're going to have a terrible experience, you're going to be very dissatisfied, and not very many people are going to want to deal with you."

Trump's other disarmament talks — with North Korea — have hit a wall, too.

Trump's initial summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore was a first, as was Trump's historic step inside North Korea at the Demilitarized Zone dividing North and South Korea.

Still, the U.S. and North Korea have failed to gain traction on nuclear talks. Negotiations to get Kim to give up his nuclear weapons have been stalled since a February summit in Hanoi, which collapsed over disagreement about sanctions relief in exchange for disarmament measures.

On Friday, Trump claimed that his three-year relationship with Kim is the "best thing that's happened" to the United States.

"We'll see what happens," Trump added. "It might work out. It might not work out." But Trump stressed that since they started talking, Kim has not conducted nuclear tests and has only fired short-range, not



FILE - In this June 30, 2019, file photo, President Donald Trump meets with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un at the border village of Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone, South Korea. Trump, the self-styled deal-maker president, is struggling to close big deals. He heads to the United Nations this coming week saddled with a heavy load of unresolved foreign policy challenges involving Iran, North Korea, Afghanistan, the Mideast and more. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

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long-range missiles.

Trump's Mideast peace negotiations also have no momentum.

The administration's long-awaited peace plan, developed by Trump son-in-law and adviser Jared Kushner, has not come out and the path forward is unclear.

Tentative plans to release the proposal had been scrapped at least twice. The plan already is facing rejection by the Palestinians, who cut off ties with the administration after Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. The Palestinians have accused his administration of losing its standing as an honest broker by repeatedly siding with Israel.

And then there is the long-running conflict in Afghanistan.

While Trump has public backing to end the war, he just cut off nearly a year of U.S. talks with the Taliban. He said the Taliban were ramping up violence to gain leverage in the negotiations.

"They made a mistake," Trump said Friday. "I was totally willing to have a meeting."

Trump has the public's support for withdrawing U.S. troops, but he was harshly criticized for planning to host the Taliban at the Camp David presidential retreat just before the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The Taliban were harboring al-Qaida when al-Qaida orchestrated 9/11.

Trump biographer Michael D'Antonio said that where international affairs are concerned, the president appears more interested having something showy to announce than in long-term problem-solving.

"Once he has a partner engaged, he'll likely announce something that sounds important," D'Antonio said. "Others will clean up the details after the election."

Steak, beer and politics: 2020 Democrats descend on Iowa

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE and THOMAS BEAUMONT Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Democratic presidential candidates made a colorful and often loud pitch to Iowa Democrats at the Steak Fry fundraiser in Des Moines on Saturday as a new poll showed Elizabeth Warren and Joe Biden in a close race in the state.

The event, a fundraiser for the Polk County Democratic Party and one of the biggest remaining opportunities for candidates to flex their organizing muscles in Iowa before the caucuses, came as a number of candidates are facing an uncertain future in the race and shaking up and ramping up their campaigns in an effort to break out of the pack.

With thousands of Iowa Democrats braving ominous gray skies and intermittent rain, South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, punctuating a summer-long buildup in Iowa, drew one of the most robust receptions.

To the chants of, "Pete, Pete, Pete," the once-little-known candidate began his speech joking, "I guess I can cross out the part where it says my name is Pete Buttigieg."

Likewise, California Sen. Kamala Harris, who announced Thursday she is going all-in on Iowa in hopes of a top-three finish, despite lagging in national and Iowa polls. "I'm moving to Iowa," Harris thundered, albeit facetiously, from the stage at a sprawling riverside park in Des Moines.

With just over four months until Iowans launch the 2020 Democratic nominating contest on Feb. 3, candidates have begun sharpening their contrasts, particularly with Warren, who is building a robust Iowa campaign.

The new Des Moines Register-CNN-Mediacom poll showed Warren running about even with Biden, who led the last poll in June.

Unlike the former vice president, who marched into the event led by a fire truck and with a marching band and hundreds of supporters in tow, or Harris, who danced along with a drum line into the fundraiser, Warren held no pre-show festivities and came in to speak at the event relatively unnoticed.

Still, the Massachusetts senator gave a rousing speech that focused on her call for President Donald Trump's impeachment and plans to address corruption in Washington.

"I know what's broken, I know how to fix it, and we're building a grassroots movement to make it happen," she told the crowd to chants of her name.

For some of the other 19 candidates who spoke, the event was more about dire appeals to remain in

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the race.

New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker warned he may need to end his campaign if he's unable to raise \$1.7 million by the end of the third fundraising quarter. Booker, who entered the race last winter with key staff and backing from influential Iowans, has struggled to break through.

"This election is not an election about me, it's a team sport," Booker shouted, his voice hoarse from the impassioned delivery. "And so I'm gonna call to you right now, I need everyone's help with my campaign."

Candidates worked to turn out their supporters in force. Of the 12,000 attending, 9,000 of the tickets were provided by the campaigns. Buttigieg's and Biden's campaigns competed for turnout, with both turning out well over 1,000.

Part festival, part organizing exercise, the daylong event was quintessentially Iowa, with roots going back to veteran former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who held the first one more than 40 years ago when first running for the House. The Polk County Democratic Party took over the steak fry after Harkin's retirement in 2015.

Democrats of all ages and their families enjoyed the traditional steaks — 10,500 were grilled by volunteers — but also had the option to order from a food truck or visit a craft beer tent. There was also artichoke salad and grilled chicken, hardly on the menu during the Harkin days.

The county's Democratic chairman, Sean Bagniewski, said the event has a "modern twist."

"That's the future of the party — it's gonna be more women in positions of leadership, it's gonna be more people of color, and it's going to be more young people," he said.

What hasn't changed is the event's significance for the candidates. When Barack Obama marched into the 2007 Iowa steak fry flanked by 1,000 supporters, skeptical Iowans were put on notice that he could win the state's caucus. Bagniewski said that, like 2007, Democrats are looking for someone who can show they have the organizational strength to win.

While Buttigieg and Biden have recently pressed Warren on whether she would propose raising taxes to pay for her universal health care proposal, both used uplifting messages Saturday.

"I've got some good news, in only 135 days, you get to be the very first in the country, to lead us away from the horror show, from this reality show," Buttigieg said.

Likewise, Biden continued his upbeat call for Americans to "pick our heads up, remember who we are, we are the United States of America."

Yet, against this festive backdrop, Biden did comment on the dust-up over a whistleblower's complaint in Washington that involved President Donald Trump's phone conversation with Ukraine's leader.

Although the complaint is under wraps, Trump is known to want Ukraine to investigate business dealings there by Biden's son Hunter during his vice presidency.

"The fact of the matter is that that fellow in the White House knows that if we get the nomination we're gonna beat him like a drum," Biden said. "So be prepared for every lousy thing that's coming from him."



Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass. speaks at the Polk County Democrats Steak Fry, in Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. (AP Photo/Nati Harnik)

Elevator briefly breaks down at reopened

Washington Monument

WASHINGTON (AP) — The newly upgraded elevator at the Washington Monument stopped working just days after reopening to the public following a three-year renovation project.

The National Park Service says there was a “brief interruption in service” for about an hour Saturday.

Spokesman Mike Litterst said Parks Service staffers resolved the issue and visitors who were at the top of the 555-foot stone obelisk were able to return to the ground floor using the elevator.

First lady Melania Trump cut the ribbon Thursday morning as the monument opened to the public for first time since September 2016. It had been closed to replace the elevator and upgrade security systems.

Litterst apologized to visitors for the inconvenience. He said tours were running on schedule later Saturday afternoon.



John Lopes, playing the part of President George Washington, stands near the Washington Monument following a ribbon-cutting ceremony with first lady Melania Trump to re-open the monument, Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019, in Washington. The monument has been closed to the public for renovations since August 2016. (AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

Bert Bell was more than the father of the NFL draft

By BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bert Bell was not the first NFL commissioner. He was, however, the first to make a major impact on pro football.

To call Bell the father of the NFL draft would be accurate. It also would be an incomplete assessment, because Bell was a brilliant innovator who helped carry his league from afterthought to a player among American sports.

The NFL ranked behind baseball and college football when Bell became the league’s second commissioner in 1946. Even boxing and horse racing were more popular.

Bell’s love affair with football began when he was captain at Penn, where his son Upton says his dad threw the first pass in Rose Bowl history. Bert Bell then volunteered for the military in World War I, receiving several decorations, before returning to Penn.

According to Upton Bell, his father and mother, an actress and dancer named Frances Upton, bought the Philadelphia neighborhood’s Frankford Yellow Jackets as a wedding present for each other. They soon were renamed the Eagles, and Bert Bell began his impactful career as a pro football executive.

In 1935, after being burned by losing college players to other teams in bidding wars, Bell proposed a draft that took effect the next year — and has been copied by pretty much every other sport. Today, the NFL draft has spawned a cottage industry, has become a traveling show as popular as anything the NFL does outside the Super Bowl, and remains a key element to building teams.

Among his other early suggestions that took root in the NFL was a more balanced schedule in which the strong teams played other such squads while the weak played the weak more often. That practice has been carried through the decades and still exists.

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"My father was always in favor of poor teams having a chance to catch up quickly," Upton Bell told Ken Rappoport and Barry Wilner in the book "ON THE CLOCK, The Story of the NFL Draft."

Among his peers, Bell was one of the more highly regarded owners even though the Eagles saw little success on the field and economically. When they sought to replace Elmer Layden as commissioner, the owners turned to Bell and elected him unanimously.

He immediately tackled two significant topics challenging the 10-team league: a rival organization, the All-America Football Conference; and the specter of gambling hovering over the sport.

Bell recognized it would take some time before the NFL-AAFC issue could be resolved. So he made his first priority establishing strong anti-gambling conduct codes to prevent scandals that occasionally plagued baseball, boxing and basketball.

Two New York Giants had been approached by a convicted felon seeking to fix the 1946 title game between the Bears and Giants. One, full-back Merle Hapes, was barred from playing in it, while the other, quarterback Frank Filchock, was allowed to suit up. Subsequently, though, Bell suspended each of them indefinitely for "actions detrimental to the welfare of the National Football League and professional football." Neither Hapes nor Filchock ever appeared in another NFL game.

Wiser to the ways gamblers might influence outcomes, Bell's office remained diligent in monitoring point spreads. Bell hired several former FBI agents to work in league security roles.

As for the AAFC, Bell had been encouraged by several NFL owners to "crush" the competing league. Bell, however, saw the value in some of the AAFC's franchises, specifically Cleveland and San Francisco. The NFL had only one West Coast team in those years, with the Rams having moved from Cleveland to Los Angeles in 1946. A California partner for them could open up an entire geographic region for the league, Bell reasoned. Given that there now are franchises in Seattle, Phoenix and, soon, Las Vegas, as well as in California, his vision was accurate.

Instead of plotting the total demise of the AAFC, Bell worked a merger after the 1949 season that brought the Browns, 49ers and Baltimore Colts into the NFL's fold. Not only did that bring peace in pro football, it brought Paul Brown into the NFL; some would argue Brown is the greatest coach and game-changing executive in league history.

Bell shrugged at the notion those three franchises would be tailenders in his league, noting "these are strong teams run by strong administrators and coaches, and with very good players."

And in 1950, the Browns won the NFL championship. From 1951-54, the 49ers had winning records. Only the Colts faltered of that trio: They folded after the 1950 season, as did the holdover NFL franchise New York Yankees in 1951.

That made stability something of a problem — the Dallas Texans played only in 1952 before disappearing — but Bell and several team owners worked to secure more reliable (and deep-pocketed) owners, and



FILE - In this Feb. 13, 1957, file photo, NFL Commissioner Bert Bell gestures in his office in Philadelphia. Bert Bell was not the first NFL commissioner. He was, however, the first to make a major impact on pro football. To call Bell the father of the NFL draft would be accurate. It also would be an incomplete assessment, because Bell was a brilliant innovator who helped carry his league from afterthought to a player among American sports. (AP Photo/Warren M. Winterbottom, File)

by 1953, when a new Baltimore franchise entered the league, financial constancy became an NFL staple. No franchise has folded since.

Although his level of achievement in securing broadcast rights fees didn't rival his successors' accomplishments, Bell envisioned the same thing Pete Rozelle, Paul Tagliabue and Roger Goodell did from the outset. He knew a solid and lengthy marriage with television was essential to prominence and profitability.

While he didn't put together a nationwide TV package, Bell did reason that blackouts of home games would help local attendance in a time when an NFL sellout was never a given. So he ordered that only road contests be televised back to home cities, and despite each franchise having its own television deal, that became league policy.

In place of televising a home game, matchups between other teams — often high-profile games — were allowed.

Bell also proposed sudden-death overtime for championship games so as to avoid having co-champions should the title match end in a tie. Such prescience bore fruit when the 1958 NFL championship between the Giants and Colts was, indeed, tied through four quarters.

And it wasn't a mere coincidence that the title game was broadcast nationally, though it was blacked out in New York because it was not a sellout. The NBC telecast drew an estimated 45 million viewers and would be the catalyst to the NFL's mega-presence on network TV.

Bell also was the first commissioner to recognize the NFL Players' Association, which angered every team owner. He simply shrugged and said the union would serve the best interests of the game.

"He was equally trusted by the media, the players and the owners," Upton Bell said in *ON THE CLOCK*. "You would never get that again. I don't know any commissioner today that is trusted by everyone. When was the last commissioner that actually played the game? Any sport? Did anyone play the game, own a team, and become commissioner? Bert Bell understood it from every level."

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Intrepid scientists witness final days of Venezuelan glacier

By CHRISTINA LARSON and FEDERICA NARANCIO Associated Press

MERIDA, Venezuela (AP) — Blackouts shut off the refrigerators where the scientists keep their lab samples. Gas shortages mean they sometimes have to work from home. They even reuse sheets of paper to record field data because fresh supplies are so scarce.

As their country falls apart, a hardy team of scientists in Venezuela is determined to transcend the political and economic turmoil to record what happens as the country's last glacier vanishes.

Temperatures are warming faster at the Earth's higher elevations than in lowlands, and scientists predict that the glacier — an ice sheet in the Andes Mountains — could be gone within two decades.

"If we left and came back in 20 years, we would have missed it," says Luis Daniel Llambí, a mountain ecologist at the University of the Andes in Mérida.

Scientists say Venezuela will be the first country in South America to lose all its glaciers.

Throughout history, glaciers have waxed and waned numerous times. But the rapid pace of glacial retreat over the past century and a half, accelerated by human activities and the burning of fossil fuels, creates a new urgency — and opportunity — for scientists to understand how freshly exposed rock forms new soil and eventually new ecosystems.

While most of the planet's ice is stored in the polar regions, there also are glaciers in some mountainous regions of the tropics — primarily in South America.

"Practically all of the high-mountain tropical glaciers are in the Andes. There's still a little bit on Mount Kilimanjaro," says Robert Hofstede, a tropical ecologist in Ecuador who advises international agencies such as the World Bank and United Nations.

Monitoring Venezuela's Humboldt glacier depends on continuous visits, Llambí notes. And even in the best of circumstances, it's no easy trek from the small mountain town of Mérida to the ice sheet perched

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within Venezuela's Sierra Nevada National Park at nearly 16,500 feet (5,000 meters) above sea level.

When Llambí and three other scientists made the journey this spring to scout out mountain terrain for a new research project, they first rode a cable car, then walked a full day to the base camp, pitching their tents in drizzling rain.

Each day, they then had to climb an additional three hours to reach the glacier, at times donning helmets and holding tight to ropes to maneuver up steep boulders. Some of the scientists had waterproofed their worn-out old boots using melted candle wax.

Mountain fieldwork always is physically grueling, but the deepening crisis in Venezuela since the death of former president Hugo Chavez in 2013 has transformed even simple tasks into immense hurdles.

"Things that you normally take for granted for research — internet, gas, electricity — all become scarce and unpredictable," Llambí says.

Perhaps the hardest toll has been watching many of their colleagues and students leave, joining the more than 4 million people who have fled Venezuela's political upheaval in recent years.

"Every week, someone asks me why I haven't left," says Alejandra Melfo, a team member who is a physicist at the University of the Andes.

Not now, she tells anyone who asks.

"Climate change is real and has to be documented," she says. "We have to be there."

The Institute of Environmental and Ecological Sciences at the University of the Andes was founded 50 years ago, in 1969, and the scientists there see themselves as custodians of long-term data monitoring how temperatures and plant life are changing in the region, including in the Andean ecosystem known as the paramos — a mist-covered mountain grassland that lies between the top of the treeline and the bottom of the glacier.

While most tundras have sparse vegetation, the paramos is famous for striking plants called frailejones that can be taller than humans and resemble a cross between a cactus and a palm tree. These mountain grasslands also store and release water that sustains the cities and croplands further downslope.

It's hard to overstate the importance of the Andean glaciers in maintaining regional water cycles.

"More than 50 million people in South America rely on water provision from the Andes," says Francisco Cuesta, a tropical ecologist at the University of the Americas in Quito, Ecuador, who marvels at the dogged work the team is doing under such punishing conditions.

"To me, it's incredible that they are still doing research there," Cuesta says.

The region is one of the front lines of climate change. Glaciers in the tropical Andes have been retreat-



In this Feb. 19, 2019 photo, the bones of an animal lie on a rock during a scientific mission to study how temperatures and plant life are changing in the Andean ecosystem known as the paramos — a mist-covered mountain grassland that lies between the top of the treeline and the bottom of the Humboldt glacier, in Merida, Venezuela. A team of scientists in Venezuela is trying to weather the political and economic crisis engulfing their country to record what happens as Venezuela's last glacier vanishes.

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ing faster than most other glaciers since scientists began keeping detailed records in the 1970s, because tropical latitudes get more direct sunlight and radiation.

When a glacier melts away, at first only bedrock is left behind — sometimes rough gravel and sometimes smooth rock, worn down by centuries or millenniums of grinding ice.

But within a few years or decades, bacteria and lichen began to colonize the area. As they decompose the minerals of the rock and their bodies then decay into organic matter, the first hints of soil begin to form. And soil is the basis of a new ecosystem, providing a structure to retain water and for plant roots to grow.

"The formation of soil is the difference between an ecosystem being able to form quickly and being stalled for hundreds of years," Llambí says.

On the rocks left behind when the glacier retreats, the scientists think that a new ecosystem resembling the paramos may eventually begin to develop. But there are many questions still to answer: Will it take decades to form new soil? Can plant and animal species that thrive at lower elevations also survive further upslope? Will they be able to adapt to continually changing temperatures?

Venezuela has the world's largest known oil reserves, but an economy hitched for decades to global oil demand has proven unstable. Llambí believes he has a special obligation to help inform the public of the impacts of climate change in a country where the boom-and-bust cycle of fossil fuel exploration has shaped nearly everyone's life.

"Our university is in Mérida, which has long been called 'the city of eternal snow,'" he reflects. "We are discovering that 'eternity' is not forever, and that's what we have to get used to in a world with climate change."

Larson reported from Washington.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Sunday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2019. There are 100 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of January 1, 1863.

On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1950, Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general, joining an elite group that included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold.

In 1961, the Interstate Commerce Commission issued rules prohibiting racial discrimination on interstate buses.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war.

In 1985, rock and country music artists participated in "FarmAid," a concert staged in Champaign, Illinois, to help the nation's farmers.

In 1989, the Irish Republican Army bombed the Royal Marines School of Music in Deal, Kent, England,

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killing 11 band members. Songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101.

In 1993, 47 people were killed when an Amtrak passenger train fell off a bridge and crashed into Big Bayou Canot near Mobile, Alabama. (A tugboat pilot lost in fog pushed a barge into the railroad bridge, knocking the tracks 38 inches out of line just minutes before the train arrived.)

In 1994, the situation comedy "Friends" debuted on NBC-TV.

In 1995, an AWACS plane carrying U.S. and Canadian military personnel crashed on takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, killing all 24 people aboard.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama, visiting New York, brought together Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas for their first face-to-face meeting. Al-Qaida released a 106-minute-long video predicting President Obama's downfall at the hands of the Muslim world.

Five years ago: The United States and five Arab nations launched airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria, sending waves of planes and Tomahawk cruise missiles against an array of targets.

One year ago: Negotiations between the Senate Judiciary Committee and Christine Blasey Ford on the conditions for her possible testimony continued, with committee chairman Chuck Grassley saying the panel would go ahead and vote on the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh if no agreement could be worked out for Ford to testify about what she said was a sexual assault by Kavanaugh. Paul Simon ended what was billed as his final concert tour in a park in Queens, New York, telling the hometown crowd that their cheers "mean more than you can know."

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 92. Actress Anna Karina is 79. Former NBA Commissioner David Stern is 77. Dancer/choreographer/singer Toni Basil is 76. Actor Paul Le Mat is 74. Musician King Sunny Ade (ah-DAY') is 73. Capt. Mark Phillips is 71. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 68. Actress Shari Belafonte is 65. Singer Debby Boone is 63. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 63. Singer Nick Cave is 62. Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 62. Actress Lynn Herring is 62. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli (an-DRAY'-ah boh-CHEL'-ee) is 61. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 61. Actor Scott Baio is 59. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 58. Actress Bonnie Hunt is 58. Actor Rob Stone is 57. Actor Dan Bucatinsky (TV: "24: Legacy") is 54. Musician Matt Sharp is 50. Rock musician Dave Hernandez is 49. Rapper Mystikal is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 48. Actor James Hillier (TV: "The Crown") is 46. Actress Mireille Enos is 44. Actress Daniella Alonso is 41. Actor Michael Graziadei (GRAHT'-zee-uh-day-ee) is 40. Actress Ashley Drane (Eckstein) is 38. Actress Katie Lowes is 37. Rock musician Will Farquarson (Bastille) is 36. Actress Tatiana Maslany is 34. Actor Ukweli Roach (TV: "Blindspot") is 33. Actor Tom Felton is 32. Actress Teyonah Parris is 32. Actress Juliette Goglia is 24. Actress Dalya Knapp is nine.

Thought for Today: "Life resembles a novel more often than novels resemble life." — George Sand, French author (1804-1876).

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