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## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Monday, Oct. 21

Volleyball at Langford. (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade at 5 p.m., JV at 6:30 p.m. followed by the varsity match)

### Tuesday, Oct. 22

End of First Quarter  
Volleyball hosting Northwestern (7th/C matches at 5 p.m., 8th/JV matches at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity match)

### Thursday, Oct. 24

7 p.m.: First Round Football Playoffs - Groton Area at Webster Area

### Friday, Oct. 25

Volleyball hosting Milbank (C/JV matches start at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity match)

### Saturday, Oct. 26

State Cross Country Meet at Huron  
ACT Testing at GHS, 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.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



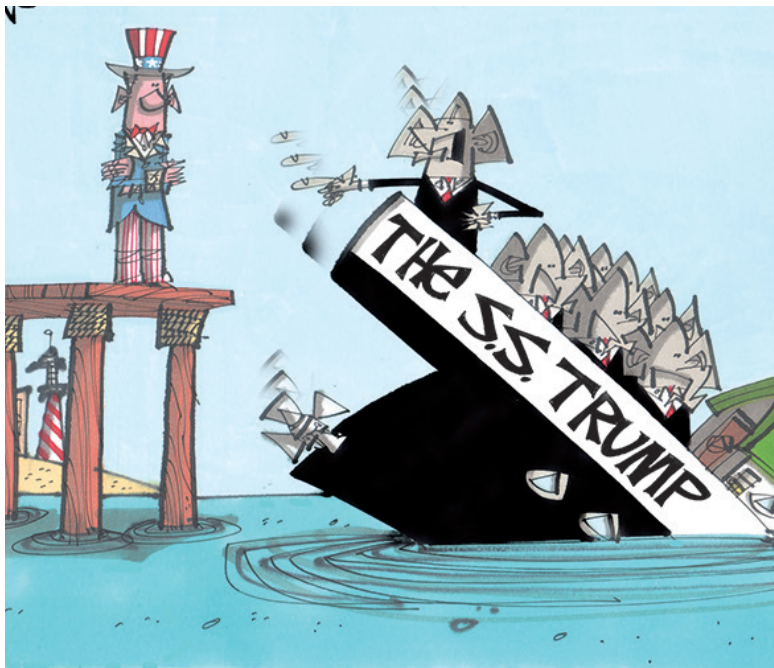
### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Detail of "Ezechielovo vidění"  
by Julius Schnorr von Karolsfeld (1883)

*Like the appearance of a rainbow  
in a cloud on a rainy day,  
so was the appearance  
of the brightness all around it.  
This was the appearance  
of the likeness of the glory  
of the Lord.*

✿ EZEKIEL 1:28 ✿



## BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. From Matthew 12, when an evil spirit returns to a person, how many companions does it bring? *2, 3, 7, 16*

3. In which book's 22:18 does it state, "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live"? *Exodus, Numbers, Isaiah, Hebrews*

4. The mark of the beast number (666) is found in what chapter of Revelation? *1, 7, 11, 13*

5. From 1 Samuel 16, what king of Israel was tormented by an evil spirit? *Solomon, David, Elah, Saul*

6. Who called the city of Nineveh "the mistress of witchcraft"? *Ahab, Nahum, Lucifer, Peter*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 7; 3) Exodus; 4) 13:18; 5) Saul; 6) Nahum

*Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey's subscriber site at [www.patreon.com/triviaguy](http://www.patreon.com/triviaguy).*

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## Comfort foods

Made fast  
and  
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

### Old English Apple Pie

Batter up! This pie is sure to be a hit.

- 2 eggs, or equivalent in egg substitute*
- 1/2 cup fat-free half & half*
- 2 tablespoons light margarine*
- 1/2 cup sugar substitute*
- 1 cup all-purpose flour*
- 1/2 teaspoon table salt*
- 2 teaspoons baking powder*
- 2 cups (2 medium) cored and finely chopped cooking apples*
- 1/4 cup chopped black walnuts*

1. Heat oven to 350 F. Spray a deep-dish 10-inch pie plate with butter-flavored cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine eggs, half & half, margarine and sugar substitute, using a wire whisk. Add flour, salt and baking powder. Mix well to combine. Stir in apples and walnuts. Evenly pour batter into prepared pie plate.

3. Bake for 30 minutes. Place pie plate on a wire rack and allow to cool. Cut into 8 servings.

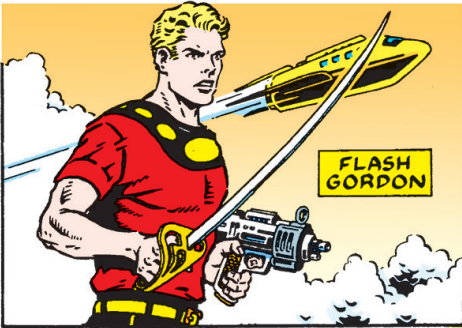
• Each serving equals: 142 calories, 6g fat, 4g protein, 18g carb., 263mg sodium, 78mg calcium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Starch/Carb., 1 Fat; Carb Choices: 1.

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## FLASH GORDON

10-13 BY JIM KEEFE

**B**LAZE'S PURSUIT OF FLASH BECOMES A DEADLY GAME OF CAT AND MOUSE.

SHOW YOURSELF, COWARD!

COME OUT AND FIGHT LIKE A MAN!

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IT'S WORKING JUST AS PLANNED.

HE'S SO DISTRACTED CHASING ME, IT'S GIVING ZARKOV THE OPPORTUNITY TO FREE THE QUEEN.

TIME TO HIT HIM WHERE IT REALLY COUNTS...

THE WAY I SEE IT I'M DOING YOU A FAVOR, BLAZE.

THE QUEEN ALREADY THINKS YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER...

...NO NEED TO HAVE HER SEE ME MOP UP THE FLOOR WITH YOU ON TOP OF THAT!

**THOOM!**

NOW TO GET OUT OF THIS CAVERN AND FAST!

TO BE CONTINUED..!

## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

**M**ATCH YOUR PUTTER TO YOUR STROKE.

IF YOU PUTT BEST WITH A LONG, FLOWING ACTION, GO FOR A LONG-SHAFTED, HEAVY-HEADED CLUB.

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IF YOUR NATURAL STYLE IS A MORE RAPPING OR TAPPING TYPE OF STROKE, YOU'LL ALMOST CERTAINLY PUTT BEST WITH A FAIRLY SHORT-SHAFTED, LIGHT- OR MEDIUM-WEIGHT CLUB.

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## Can Nothing be Done for Severe Back Pain?

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have severe lower back pain and can't stand up straight or walk very well. I saw a back specialist, and he took X-rays and reviewed an MRI. He informed me nothing could be done for me because I have diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis (DISH). I would like to know what this is and why nothing can be done for me. — *Anon.*

**ANSWER:** DISH is essentially a disease of bone spurs. The ligaments and their attachments to bone themselves become calcified and bonelike. The cause is unknown. Symptoms are commonly back pain (more often, middle or upper back, not the lower back pain you have), but pain also may occur in the neck. Problems with walking are not common, but can happen if a nerve is being compressed.

Surgery is not a usual treatment for DISH. It is occasionally necessary if the bone spurs press on nerves or if the bone spurs are so large that they interfere with eating. That doesn't mean nothing can be done for you. Physical therapy may be very beneficial; judicious pain medication and regular gentle exercise are the other effective treatments.

If the difficulty standing straight and walking persist, you should get re-evaluated.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** What is your take on the benefits versus risks of DMSO? — *W.R.*

**ANSWER:** DMSO (dimethyl sulfide) has only one use approved by

the Food and Drug Administration, in people with interstitial cystitis, where it is directly instilled into the bladder. It is also used (off-label, meaning without an official FDA indication) as a recovery treatment when the tube delivering some types of chemotherapy comes out of the vein.

DMSO may have a pain-relieving effect, both topically when applied, as well as in the brain, though the mechanism for this is unclear. DMSO is an antioxidant and opens pores in lipid membranes, but again it's unclear how this relates to its possible effects on people's symptoms.

It is an interesting and difficult-to-study compound. It is exceedingly permeable: Within five minutes of being applied to skin, it is detectable in the blood. It has a distinct flavor and odor that can be noticed after application to the skin, which makes doing a controlled trial difficult; subjects in a study find it very easy to know whether or not they have been given DMSO.

It's estimated that people have spent billions of dollars on DMSO for other conditions, especially arthritis and inflammatory diseases. However, the evidence that it is effective is poor, largely because of the difficulty in doing good studies on this compound, but also because large-scale studies are very expensive and there is little enthusiasm on performing such studies on a cheap compound.

The risks appear to be small. Apart from the taste and smell changes, there are rare reports of allergies, discomfort in the bladder after instillation there and possible damage to the eye lens (at least in animals).

You didn't tell me what condition you are considering DMSO for, but except in the case of interstitial cystitis (where there are other therapies more likely to be effective), given uncertain benefits, I don't recommend DMSO despite the low risk of harm.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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1. Weird Al Yankovic did a parody of the Kinks' "Lola." What did he call it?
2. Sam the Sham (of the Pharaohs) changed one of his songs halfway through writing it and instead named it after his cat. Which song?
3. Name the Heart album that came out in 2010.
4. Who penned and released "Just When I Needed You Most"?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Take these broken wings and learn to fly, All your life you were only waiting for this moment to arise."

### Answers

1. "Yoda." He based it on "The Empire Strikes Back" film. It took five years to get Star Wars creator George Lucas to give permission for its release.
2. "Wooly Bully," started out as a re-do of "Hully Gully Now." Sam riffed his way through multiple versions, including the English-Spanish intro.
3. "Red Velvet Car." The album contained 10 tracks in the U.S., 12 tracks in Europe, and 13 in Japan.
4. Randy VanWarmer, in 1979. One of the most underrated songwriters of all time, he later moved to Nashville and penned a string of country hits.
5. "Blackbird," by the Beatles in 1968. Paul McCartney has given multiple reasons over the years for writing the song, one being as a comment on U.S. race relations in the 1960s.

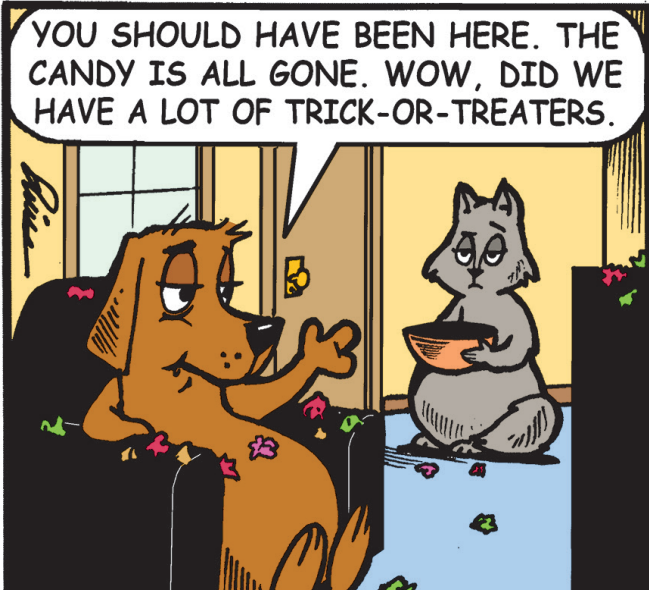
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## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

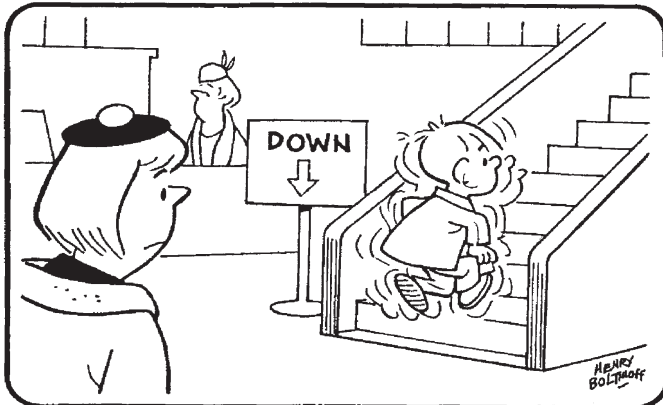


## GRIN and BEAR IT <sup>by</sup> Wagner

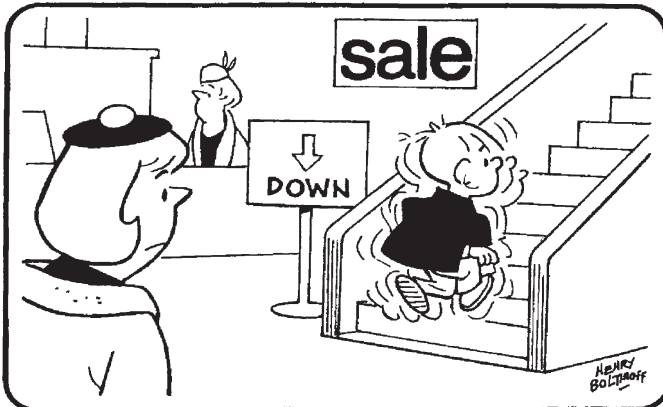


## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Boy's jacket is black. 2. "Down" sign is different. 3. Woman's dress is black. 4. "Sale" sign is added. 5. Windows are missing. 6. Woman's hairstyle is different.

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- You can rewrap a scratching post with sisal rope fairly easily. The rope usually costs only a couple of dollars, and you can use a drop of hot glue to get started and another at the end. Your cat (and your couch) will thank you.

- “I’ve been trying to make better choices about the packaging on items I purchase, and I’ve stopped using plastic wrap and baggies for the most part. But there are some items that wax paper or parchment bags can’t handle. But I found a solution: beeswax wrap. It works just like cling wrap, and you can wash it easily. It’s pretty cool and reusable over and over.” — *K.G. in Florida*

- Add a few tablespoons of milk to water that you use to cook cauliflower. It will help it retain its whiteness.

- Remove a lettuce core with this swift trick: Set the head of lettuce core side down on a hard surface. Bring the lettuce up and then down swiftly, crushing the core. Turn it over and the core should be easy to remove. Slice as needed.

- “I use the wide rubber band from a head of broccoli to keep my dusting cloth attached to my bottle of furniture polish. I have a microfiber cloth that I use several times before washing. I tuck it under the band, and the two items stay together under the sink.” — *B. in Oklahoma*

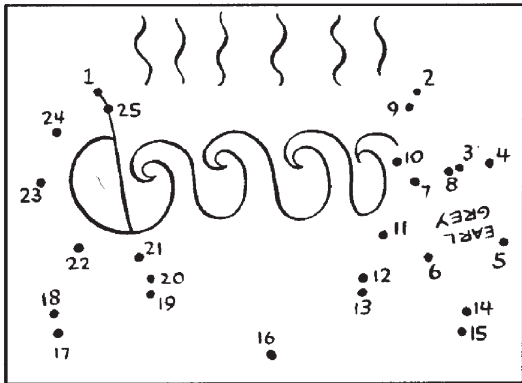
- “Someone brought a bag of temporary tattoos to a tailgate and the kids (and some of the adults, if I’m being honest) went overboard. We used baby oil to get the residue off the next day. It came off without a fight, thank goodness.” — *J.J. in Georgia*

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

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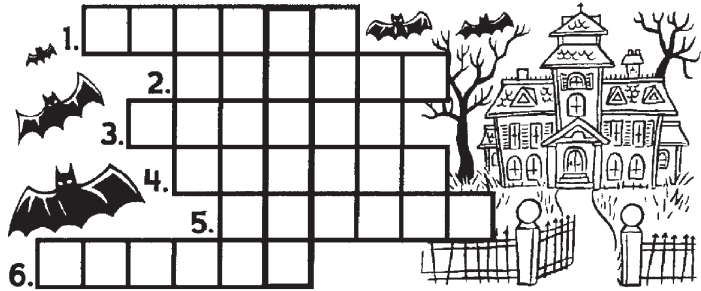
**CONNECT THE DOTS!** My name has three letters. Take away two and my name's the same. What am I?

Answers: Tea.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

### THE OLD HAUNTED HOUSE



In the grid above, there's room for six words pertaining to the haunted house. The following definitions should help:

1. They live in the house.
2. Noises you hear in the house.
3. Type of passages in the house.
4. What you might hear in the house.
5. What might block your way.
6. Coldest, darkest part of the house.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out what you "feel" at midnight in the house.

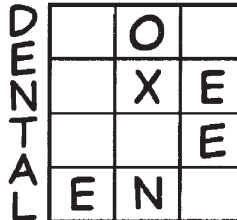
Answers: 1. Ghosts. 2. Creaks. 3. Secret. 4. Scream. 5. Cobweb. 6. Cellar. The dark frame column spells "Terror."

**A TIME TO REFLECT!** Study the four words to the right and see if you can determine what is unique about them.



Answer: The bottom half of each word is a mirror image of the top half. Turn this page upside down and look at it in the mirror. The words look the same.

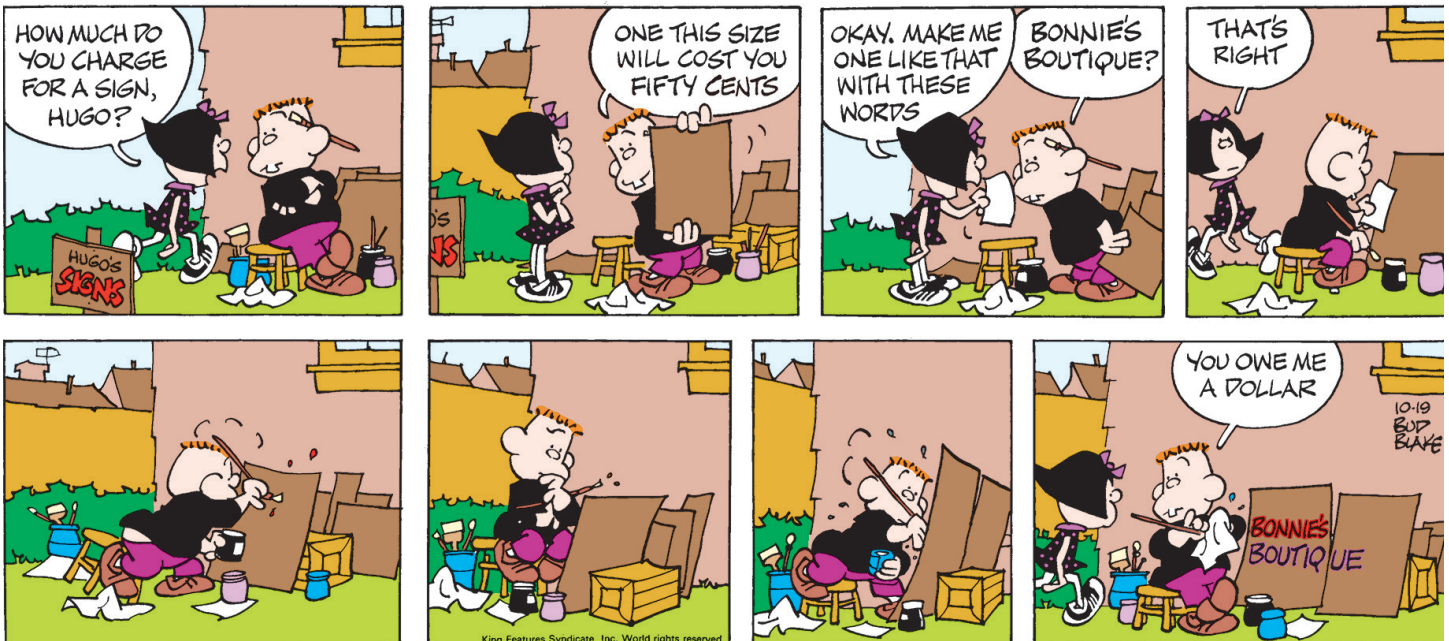
**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the Word Square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "DENTAL." See if you can replace these letters in the square so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.



Answers: (Across) Ton, axe, lee, end; (down) Tale, oxen, need.

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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## King Crossword

**ACROSS**

- 1 Lily variety
- 5 Homer's out-cry
- 8 Wax-coated cheese
- 12 Bivouac
- 13 Individual
- 14 Field mouse
- 15 Memo acronym
- 16 Series of battles
- 17 Actor McGregor
- 18 Fame
- 20 Easter hat
- 22 Stitch
- 23 Beast of burden
- 24 Commanded
- 27 Human-like robots
- 32 In olden days
- 33 "No seats" sign
- 34 Pizzazz
- 35 Detective
- 38 Say it isn't so
- 39 Actor Beatty
- 40 Neither mate
- 42 Falling-blocks game
- 45 Wedding-related
- 49 Ms. Brockovich
- 50 Shock and —
- 52 — colada
- 53 Unspeakable

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- act?
- 9 Fire some folks
- 10 Wings
- 11 Common noun suffix
- 19 1927 Lindbergh book
- 21 Rowing need
- 24 "Humbug!"
- 25 Khan title
- 26 Period of inactivity
- 28 Gun lobby org.
- 29 Pessimistic
- 30 Noise
- 31 Agent
- 36 Bit of grain
- 37 Star Wars inits.
- 38 Raining somewhat
- 41 On the other hand
- 42 Office part-timer
- 43 Great Lake
- 44 1940 Laurel & Hardy film, "— at Sea"
- 46 Tragic
- 47 Unsigned (Abbr.)
- 48 NASCAR circuits
- 51 Teensy

**DOWN**

- 1 Cicatrix
- 2 Facility
- 3 Fed
- 4 Go up against
- 5 Earthward airstream
- 6 — budget
- 7 KFC additive
- 8 Nevertheless

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## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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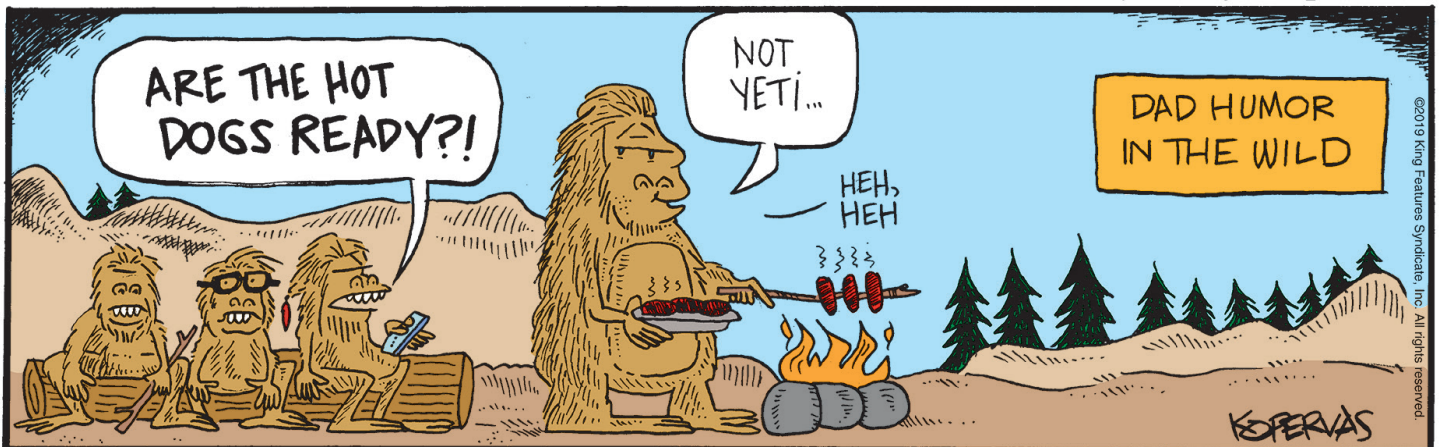
## LAFF - A - DAY



"No wonder you're so tired when you come home from work. You should learn to delegate tasks."

## Out on a Limb

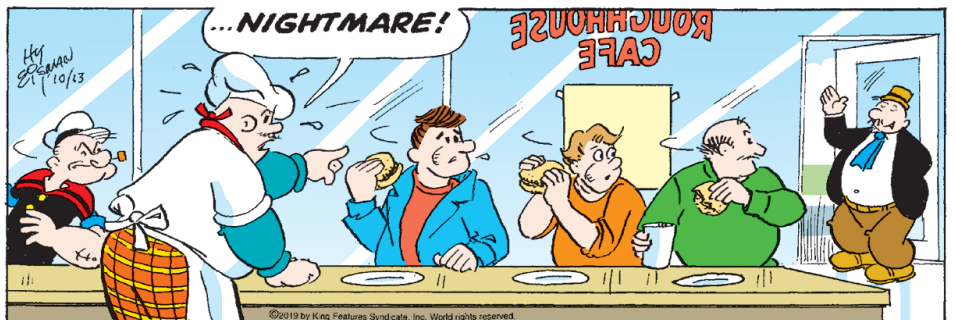
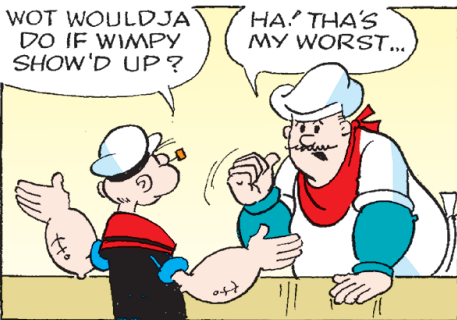
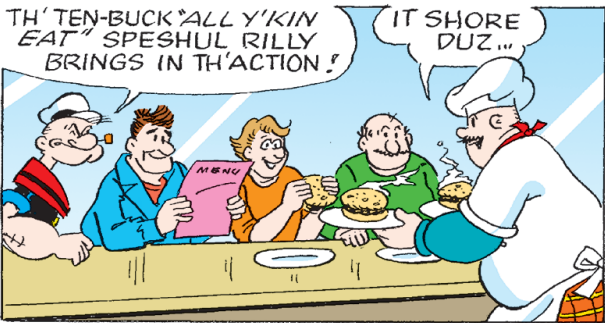
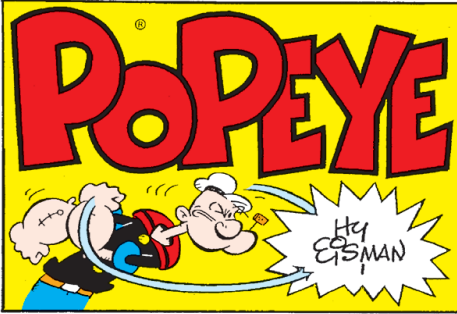
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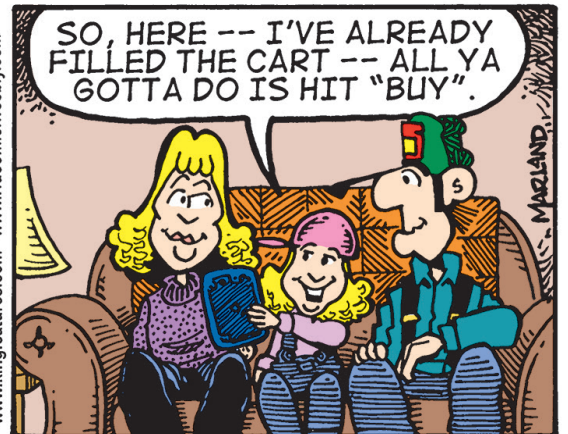
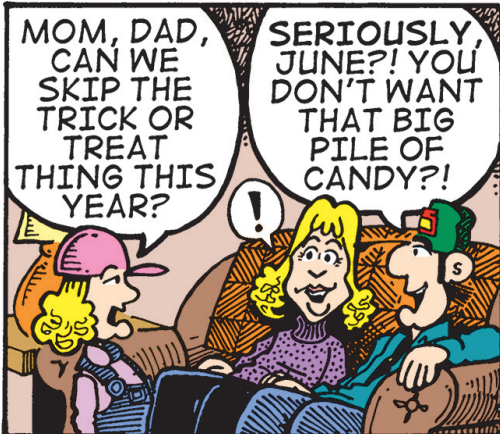
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## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland





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Hal Foster's BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ  
**Prince Valiant**



**Our Story:**  
GAWAIN THOUGHT HE WAS STEPPING OFF-SHIP TO DRY LAND, BUT AN UNEXPECTED HEAVE HAS SENT HIM FLYING.




HALF-BLIND BY STINGING SALTWATER AND CLINGING WEED, HE RAINS CURSES ON THE CREW FOR LAGGING WITH RESCUE EFFORTS ...

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... AND, AS HE CLEARS THE RAIL, HE UNDERSTANDS THE SOUNDS OF THE CLACKING AND COMMOTION.

GAWAIN'S ISLAND HAS NOT TAKEN KINDLY TO ITS DISTURBANCE. ONLY THE LONG AB'SABAN SPEARS - GIFTS FROM MAKEDA, MEANT TO BE SYMBOLIC MORE THAN PRACTICAL - ARE KEEPING THIS MONSTER AT BAY!

NEXT: Things come to a boil.

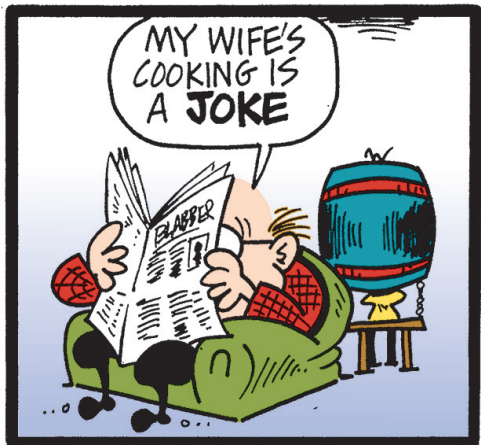


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## The Spats

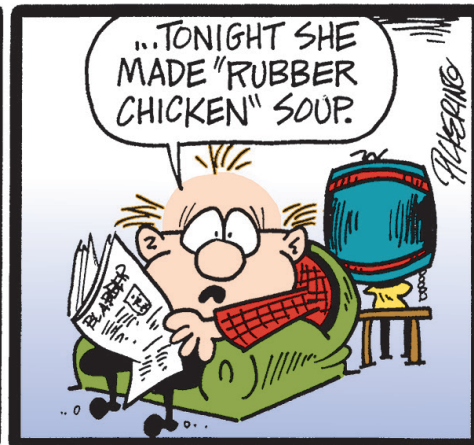
by Jeff Pickering



MY WIFE'S COOKING IS A JOKE



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...TONIGHT SHE MADE "RUBBER CHICKEN" SOUP.

PICKERING



## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### If Social Security Calls ... Hang Up!

Thieves are continuing to target seniors where we're most vulnerable. Most common is the Social Security scam.

Annoyingly enough, I received one of these calls today on my cellphone. I didn't answer, of course, so they left a voice message. My Social Security number had been associated with crime, they said. If I didn't call them back immediately, they would call the police and take out a warrant for my arrest. And so on ...

While scam calls can come from any area code, sometimes they use the real Social Security Administration phone number (1-800-772-1213). It's easy for them to spoof (fake) any number. However, there's one big difference. No one from Social Security is going to call you with threats. If Social Security has something to say to you, it will send a letter in the mail.

There are many reasons not to give out your personal information to someone you don't know, but the biggest ones are that your benefits can be diverted, and your identity can be stolen.

To protect yourself, make use of your Caller ID. If you don't recognize the number, don't answer. And leave your Social Security card at home when you go out.

If something doesn't sound right on a phone call you do answer, hang up. The minute someone asks you to verify anything (your name, address, bank information, Social Security number) or threatens you in any way, just hang up.

To hear what is said in these scam calls, go online to [www.consumer.ftc.gov](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov) and put "Social Security scam" in the search box. Click on "This is what a Social Security scam sounds like." You can hear a recording of a call and know what to expect if you do answer one.

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1. In 2019, Duke's Zion Williamson and RJ Barrett became the second set of freshman teammates to make The Associated Press' All-America First Team for men's basketball. Who were the first pair?

2. In 2018, the New York Yankees' Gleyber Torres became the fourth-youngest player (21 years, 163 days) in the modern-era major leagues to homer in four straight games. Name two of the three younger players.

3. Who was the last NFL quarterback before Jacksonville's Blake Bortles in 2018 to have more rushing yards than passing yards in a playoff game?

4. Name the last school before Florida State in 2017-18 to win the ACC Baseball Tournament two consecutive years.

5. Entering the 2019-20 NHL campaign, in how many seasons has Washington's Alex Ovechkin recorded at least 50 goals?

7. When was the last time before Brooks Koepka in 2019 that a golfer won the PGA Championship despite a final-round score of at least 74?

## Answers:

1. DeMarcus Cousins and John Wall of Kentucky, in 2010.

2. Miguel Cabrera (20 years, 362 days), Andruw Jones (21 years, 139 days) and Albert Pujols (21 years, 147 days).

3. Atlanta's Michael Vick did it in 2004.

4. Wake Forest in 1998-99.

5. Eight seasons.

6. Michael Phelps won seven medals in 2007 and 2011.

7. Vijay Singh, with a 76 in 2004 (he won in a three-way playoff).

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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



## Transparency Matters

Since I joined the U.S. House of Representatives in January, I've done my best to steer clear of the political circus we see on a daily basis in Washington. Instead I've worked successfully with my colleagues to pass legislation preventing child abuse and making it easier for Americans to save for school and retirement. I've been laser focused on passing the United States Mexico and Canada Trade Agreement, moving forward welfare reform, and implementing the 2018 Farm Bill.

But I just have to say—the impeachment process unfolding in the House over the last several weeks should cause pause for all members of Congress and the American people.

Some of my colleagues are for impeachment and others of us are opposed, but we should all admit that by its very nature, impeachment is emotional, taxing, and divisive.

Let's remember – some are seeking to remove our duly elected president from office. That is no small thing. This is changing the trajectory of American history. Given how contentious and how important this proceeding is, members of Congress have a special obligation to play by the rules. We need a process that is open, sound, and fair. Congress is failing at that special obligation.

First, the Speaker has launched impeachment without a vote of the legislative body. This is unprecedented. Members have been denied their authority, their voice, and their opportunity to be on the record. Let us be clear: under the Constitution, the authority to launch impeachment rests with the U.S. House of Representatives, not with the Speaker of the House or the Chairman of the Intelligence Committee.

Second, this proceeding has not been open and transparent. Instead, members have been denied access to witness testimony, there is no live feed or TV coverage like we've seen during past impeachment proceedings, and Republicans are being removed from committee hearings. The result is that Americans and most members of Congress are not getting all the facts.

Finally, this proceeding has not been fair. In the past, presidents have been allowed to have legal counsel present. Counsel had an opportunity to cross-examine witnesses. The accused had an opportunity to examine the evidence and prepare a defense rather than battle secondhand accounts of closed-door testimony selectively leaked to the media.

Two hundred and twenty-eight of my colleagues have announced they are ready to impeach the president even though the evidence hasn't been fully gathered yet, and in any case, we haven't been allowed to review it. How in the world is that fair?

Elections matter. Transparency matters. Due process matters. Faith in our Constitution and institutions matter. As I said, Congress should live up to its special obligation. Our country deserves nothing less.



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SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR  
**KRISTI NOEM**



## Pheasant Hunting: A South Dakota Tradition

I grew up hunting. Dad took us big-game hunting, but it was my Grandma Dorris who made bird hunting such a big part of our family heritage. Still today, it's something that brings my family together. (And how grateful this mom is for that!)

As much as pheasant season is a family tradition for us, it was our family business for years as well. When things got tight after my dad passed away and we were hit by the Death Tax, we looked to diversify. They say: "When you don't know what to do, do what you know." Well, that's exactly what we did. We focused our attention on hunting and started up a hunting lodge. It was hard work, but I loved it.

Small businesses like this are spread across South Dakota, and they come alive this time of year. Overall, outdoor activities support around 18,000 full- and part-time jobs in South Dakota. This fall sport connects rural South Dakota with visitors from across the country who spend more than \$175 million each year.

With such a significant impact on our economy and our family dynamics, I'm committed to enhancing our state's pheasant habitat. We need to protect this way of life for the next generation.

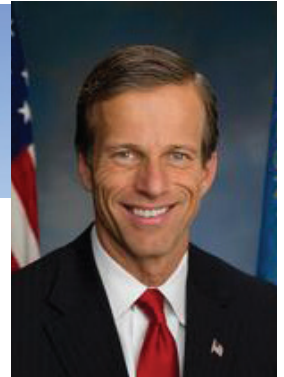
Over the past decade, substantial changes have occurred across South Dakota's landscape. CRP has been reduced from its peak of about 1.7 million acres to below 1 million acres. Additional grassland acres have been converted to agricultural row crops. Replacing this lost habitat and providing alternative incentive-based programs is more important now than it's ever been before.

This year, I've set into motion my plan to advance habitat and protect our outdoor culture. My expanded Hunt for Habitat program taps into auction tag and raffle licenses to raise money for habitat. Our nest predator bounty program is focused on reducing predators. We've partnered with producers to offer options for trying something new with their least productive acres. And we're crowdsourcing for solutions too. We want everyone to be involved in this effort – it's all about getting families outside together, mentoring new hunters, recreating with respect, and introducing kids to the adventure of nature.

As South Dakota's Sportsman-in-Chief, I'll continue working to promote our state and our hunting culture. And don't you worry... we'll be hitting the fields too! I love that my kids still get excited about this South Dakota sport. It's like a little piece of my Grandma Dorris still lives on through their excitement for Opening Day.

To all of the hunters reading this, have a safe pheasant season. Hope to see you out there!

**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Leadership Our Airmen Can Count On

South Dakota has a special connection to the U.S. Air Force, especially to the airmen who support its missions in the United States and around the globe. It's because of this special connection that I've always had a particular interest in ensuring the Air Force's civilian leaders both meet the needs of those they lead and possess the right vision for the future of the military and our national security interests as a whole.

For the last few years, South Dakota was proud to have Dr. Heather Wilson, former president of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, serve at the top as secretary of the Air Force. Having lived with Ellsworth Air Force Base in her backyard, Secretary Wilson brought a small piece of South Dakota with her when she led the department.

I was proud to work with her on a number of projects, but I will never forget when the phone rang on the morning of March 27, 2019. I was sitting in my office in Washington when she delivered the news we had long been waiting for: Ellsworth Air Force Base had been officially selected to receive future B-21 training and operational squadrons, which meant South Dakota would be home to the first of our nation's newest bombers.

I always appreciated Secretary Wilson's leadership, and while she has since left her post to resume her career in higher education, the Air Force is still in good hands. On October 16, 2019, Ambassador Barbara Barrett was overwhelmingly confirmed by the Senate to become the 25th secretary of the Air Force. Secretary Barrett is not only the fourth woman to lead the department in its history, but she is the third consecutive woman to hold this post since 2013, and I was proud to support her nomination.

Secretary Barrett is uniquely qualified for this role, and you don't need to look further than her long and notable resume to prove it. She has served as U.S. ambassador to Finland, deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and as a member of the Civil Aeronautics Board. As impressive as those achievements are on their own, she's gone even higher. Tens of thousands of feet higher, actually. She became the first civilian female pilot to land in an F-18 on an aircraft carrier, part of a mission to demonstrate women's fitness to fly in combat.

Before she was confirmed, I had the opportunity to sit down with then-nominee Barrett to discuss her vision for Ellsworth Air Force Base and how she believed it fit in the department's broader mission. I'm confident she will serve our airmen and their families well, and I look forward to working with her, particularly as Ellsworth prepares to host the B-21s in the not-too-distant future.

Speaking of new leadership, I visited Ellsworth in early October and was able to spend some time with the new commander of the 28th Bomb Wing, Colonel David Doss, as well as Command Chief Master Sergeant Rochelle Hemingway. They, too, will play a critical role in preparing for the B-21s, and I'm thankful for their service and leadership to carry out the base's current missions.

During this recent visit, I couldn't help but think about how far things have come at the base. In a mere 14 years' time, Ellsworth went from imminent closure to now being on the leading edge of our national security strategy. I couldn't be prouder of what it's become, and I'm so thankful for the men and women of Ellsworth who call South Dakota home.

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## The Pheasant Opener is a South Dakota Tradition

The 2019 pheasant opener always takes place on the third Saturday of October. For the next several months, hunters will enjoy being out in the fields. With more than one million acres of public hunting land available, South Dakota is widely known as the pheasant capital of the world. Folks from all over travel here to participate in our great South Dakota tradition, and at the same time make a big impact on our local economy.

According to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (GFP), their annual pheasant survey showed a 17 percent decline in the number of pheasants compared to last year. However, this was expected due to the heavy snow we had last winter and the high levels of precipitation during the spring and summer months. In South Dakota, weather is always something we have to be mindful of, but according to the GFP, this year's pheasant population index is still higher than the low years of 2013 and 2017 when hunters harvested an average of 900,000 roosters. We'll still have a good hunt, but we may just have to work harder for our birds. That's part of the fun!

The best pheasant nesting habitat is found on land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The land that my family and I hunt on is surrounded by CRP acres. We work to improve the habitat each year by making sure there is water nearby and that we have a number of different crops planted for feed and cover. When the farm bill passed the Senate last year, I worked to make sure it included an increase in the cap of CRP acres from 24 million to 27 million acres, with 2 million acres reserved for grasslands. This will help to provide a long-term healthy habitat for pheasant populations in our state. I continue to support farmers' and landowners' ability to enroll more of their acres in CRP.

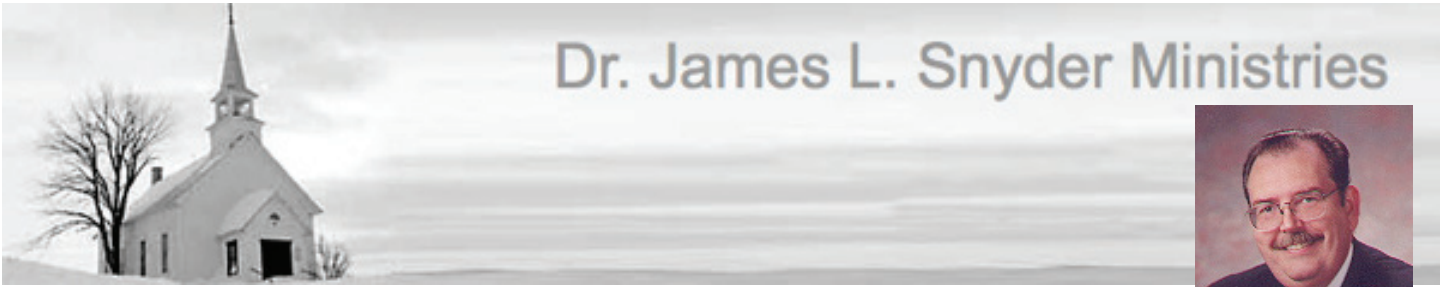
Like many of you, our family and friends have a pheasant opener tradition. We head out early to hunt near Presho. Our oldest grandson Ian is now old enough to hunt with the "big group," so we're looking forward to carrying on our family traditions. Even the kids and grandkids who don't participate in the hunt like to join us afterward for lunch at Hutch's Café to share stories from the day. And of course it wouldn't be opening weekend without some "pheasant poppers," which are a favorite of ours. You simply wrap pieces of pheasant breast with jalapeno pepper and bacon and cook it however you like—fried, grilled or baked. They're delicious!

Making memories and getting a few birds is what opening weekend is all about for us. I hope everyone who is participating has a safe, fun and successful hunt!



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## It was One of Those Weeks

At my stage in life, I have experienced a gazillion weeks. I thought about actually counting how many weeks I have lived, but I don't have that many fingers or toes. It doesn't matter how many weeks it is.

I have lived enough weeks to know, when you think you have experienced everything there is to experience, then another week shows itself. No matter how bad a week can be another week can always be worse.

On the other side, no matter how good a week can be, another week can be better.

I do have one complaint this week. Who was that knucklehead that invented the telephone? I would like to call him and give him a piece of my mind if I have any pieces left.

(Does anybody write letters anymore?)

Imagine how quiet my life would be if nobody could call me?

The telephone was one thing, now we have these sophisticated gadgets called cell phones. I know why they're called "cell" phones. Simply, because they are contemporary prisons and we are imprisoned for life.

Don't let this get around, there are days that I "forget" my cell phone and leave it at home. I must confess they are wonderful days of quietness and serenity. To have a whole day when nobody can get a hold of you has to be a day in paradise.

This week has been one of those weeks that certainly qualifies for the prize for being the most aggravating week in my life. There may not be cell phones in heaven, but I'm pretty certain there are cell phones in that "other place."

It all started on Monday morning. That's when the week starts and my week took off this Monday morning. I start every week with a positive expectation. It doesn't last long but at least I start that way.

I was going out the door to go to the office when the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said, "Do you have your phone with you?"

One of the things I have learned during my matrimonial adventure is not to lie, especially to my wife. I don't know what it is about wives, but they can smell a lie five hours before you tell it. At least that's what happens at my house.

"Oh no," I said. Then I went, got my cell phone and left for the office.

I didn't turn the phone on until I got to my office and was getting situated to begin my week's work. As soon as I set down the phone started ringing. That may be why they call it a smartphone.

It was one of those telemarketing calls that I get all the time. My memory isn't what it used to be, I know, but I cannot remember one call that I answered that had anything good about it. I think if I had a good call, I would remember it.

Two times a day this past week I received that call that somebody in our house had a hearing problem. To be honest, my problem is not hearing, but rather listening.

I can hear everything the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says, but most of the time I'm not listening. I wonder if they have some kind of a solution for that.



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Obviously, the company calling has a hearing problem or is it a listening problem, because they have been calling every day.

A similar call has been concerning the fact that someone in our house has a pain problem.

If only there was a real person talking that I could talk back to and say the only real pain problem I have is with somebody like you calling me. But it's a recorded call and I can't respond to it.

Just when I was getting deep into a project, the phone would ring. When that phone rings, I am rather frustrated. I don't mind people calling me who want to talk about some things. I just don't want these Robocalls, calling me with stuff I don't need.

As the week developed, I got more frustrated and more frustrated. What's a person to do when there's not anything you can do about these phone calls?

Of course, by Thursday I did get an actual person that was calling me live. I was so frustrated that I didn't know exactly how to deal with this person. Do I pour all my frustration on that person?

Then I had a thought tiptoe through the little gray cells in my cranium. That thought was, why don't I respond to this person in gibberish. If anybody is good at gibberish, it's a pastor. I've been a pastor for so long that I should have some kind of a PhD in gibberish.

A few moments talking gibberish to this person on the phone released me of all my frustration for the week. Now the person on the other end of the phone was getting frustrated.

"Please speak English," the person kept saying.

It was one of those weeks that was most frustrating, but then I learned to take that frustration and spin it into gibberish.

I was thinking of what Solomon once said. "It is as sport to a fool to do mischief: but a man of understanding hath wisdom" (Proverbs 10:23).

My desire is not to let the words of fools frustrate me, but to nourish my mind and soul on the wisdom of God

## SDSU study shows world's most common pesticide a danger to deer

By: Nick Lowrey

A groundbreaking study conducted by scientists in South Dakota has found that the world's most widely used family of pesticides — neonicotinoids — is likely causing serious birth defects in white-tailed deer, deepening concerns over the chemical's potential to harm large mammals, including humans.

A subsequent study by the wildlife scientists and ecologists at South Dakota State University in Brookings will examine whether ring-necked pheasants also could be harmed by neonicotinoid pesticides, which are used heavily in agriculture across the state.

The first study, with results published in March, showed that white-tailed deer with high levels of neonicotinoid pesticide in their spleens developed defects such as smaller reproductive organs, pronounced overbites and declined thyroid function. Fawns with elevated levels of the pesticide in their spleens were found to be generally smaller and less healthy than deer with less of the chemical in their organs. The study marks the first time neonicotinoid pesticide consumption has been linked to birth defects in large mammals.

"These (neonicotinoids) were deemed to be safe for higher organisms, and the fact that we saw so many diverse impacts on white-tailed deer, that was a big thing," said Dr. Jonathan Lundgren an ecologist from Estelline, S.D., an independent scientist who co-authored the study. "And then, the fact that whitetail deer are not that far off from our livestock or even humans suggests that maybe we need to be examining these insecticides' risks a little bit more closely."

SDSU scientists told South Dakota News Watch that they are preparing to publish a similar study that looked at the effect neonicotinoids might have on ring-necked pheasants, a game bird that drives a multi-million hunting industry in the state. Because the results have not yet been published, the scientists said they couldn't discuss the findings of that study.

Neonicotinoid pesticides entered wide commercial use in the late 1990s and within a few years became the world's most popular family of insecticides, often used to coat and protect the seeds of crops because they kill a wide range of insects, remain effective for weeks in the plant and were believed safe to mammals and birds.

The pesticide is often sold commercially as Imidacloprid, and is sold for home use in landscaping treatments such as Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control.

Neonicotinoids have not been definitively linked to human health issues. Until recently, scientists hadn't



**A recent study conducted by researchers at South Dakota State University found that neonicotinoid pesticides likely are causing birth defects in white-tailed deer. The study was the first of its kind to be conducted on large mammals.** Photo: Nick Lowrey, South Dakota News Watch



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been able to effectively monitor for the presence of neonicotinoids in the human population. Neonicotinoids can make their way into the human food chain when unabsorbed pesticides from farm operations become airborne or are carried into waterways and onto other crops by rain and run-off.

According to a paper published in September 2019, researchers with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found traces of the chemical in 49.1% of the urine samples collected from people during the 2015-16 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Based on the survey data, CDC researchers estimated that roughly half the U.S. population had recently been exposed to neonicotinoids.

A study published in January 2019, called "Trends in neonicotinoid pesticide residues in food and water in the United States, 1999-2015", found low levels of

neonicotinoid pesticides on nearly 60% of cauliflower, 45.6% of spinach and 29.5% of the apples intended for human consumption in the U.S.

The study Lundgren co-authored was called "Effects of Neonicotinoid Insecticides on Physiology and Reproductive Characteristics of Captive Female and Fawn White-tailed Deer," and its results were published in the March 2019 edition of the journal *Scientific Reports*. The experiment evaluated in the SDSU study was designed to expose captive deer to levels of neonicotinoid pesticide that scientists thought wild deer could encounter in their natural habitats. For her and others in her office, the reduced payment rates are worth the positive outcomes they see for patients who have few or no other options for care.

"You get paid less, but in some ways, you get paid more," she said.

The idea was to try to confirm or disprove an idea posed in a 2002 paper written by Montana wildlife rehabilitation expert Judy Hoy.

Hoy, who often dissected deer killed by cars, had seen the prevalence of birth defects such as overbite in white-tailed deer explode over the course of several years in the late 1990s. Hoy theorized that neonicotinoid pesticides might be causing the defects but couldn't prove her suspicions.

More than a decade later, over the summers of 2015 and 2016, Lundgren and other SDSU gave several groups of female deer and their fawns water laced with imidacloprid, one of the most popular types of neonicotinoid pesticide used in the U.S. Two groups were given water with levels of imidacloprid similar to those observed in Canadian wetlands. Another group was given water with a much higher dose of the pesticide in their water. The final group of deer was not intentionally given the pesticide.

The adult deer in the study were artificially inseminated during both years of the study and the fawns born to the adults were included in the study. At the end of each summer, the fawns were euthanized



**Jonathan Lundgren, one of the co-authors of a recent groundbreaking pesticide study at South Dakota State University, said new research on the potentially harmful effects of highly used neonicotinoid pesticides should lead to further examination of how pesticides are used in South Dakota and around the world.** Photo: Submitted

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and dissected so researchers could get a look at the physiological effects of exposure to the pesticide. At the end of 2016, all of the deer involved in the study were euthanized and dissected.

Imidacloprid was found to be building up in several organs, including the thyroid, reproductive system, liver and spleen. As it turned out, deer with higher levels of imidacloprid in their spleens had pronounced overbites, smaller bodies, smaller organs and were more likely to die early.

**"Our farming decisions are having broad scale implications for the environment in ways that we didn't predict, in ways that we can't predict. And so while I'm not an advocate for banning all pesticides, I do think that we need to use them with a whole lot more respect than we are right now."**

**-- Jonathan Lundgren, researcher**

The neonicotinoid was also found in the reproductive organs of adult deer, meaning fawns were probably being exposed to the pesticide before they were born, said Dr. Jonathan Jenks, a wildlife ecologist and professor at SDSU who co-authored the study.

"It is potentially having an effect on survival of fawns in a number of different ways that could decrease the number of young available or that get recruited into deer populations," Jenks said.

One of the study's important findings was that imidacloprid was concentrating in deer spleens. The discovery gives future researchers a better idea of which organs to monitor for neonicotinoid exposure in all mammals, Jenks said. Prior to the SDSU study, scientists had usually looked for the pesticide in livers, he said.

Another reason the spleen discovery is significant is that the organ is an important piece of the immune system. When spleen function is impaired, Jenks said, young deer are likely to be more susceptible to disease.

Lundgren, who in addition to being a working scientist, is director of the Ecdysis Foundation, a non-profit agriculture research organization that promotes sustainable farming practices, said the SDSU study is further evidence that scientists and farmers need to take a deeper look at pesticide use on mammals, including humans.

"I don't think we entirely know what the implications are or what the mechanisms are for how these insecticides are affecting (vertebrates). I think we need to be looking at things like hormones and things like other elements of biology that we formerly understood were affected by these neurotoxins," Lundgren said.

## **Pesticide is common and commonly found**

Imidacloprid was the first neonicotinoid introduced to the commercial market and has become the most widely used insecticide in the world. But there are six other types of neonicotinoid in use today, including Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Nitenpyram, Thiacloprid, Thiamethoxam and Acetamiprid.

All of the deer used in the SDSU study, even those not intentionally given imidacloprid, were found to have the chemical in their internal organs when they were dissected.

Both Jenks and Lundgren said they weren't able to pinpoint exactly how the control group — those deer not given imidacloprid in their water — were exposed to the pesticide.

"What we found ... is that these 'neonics' are everywhere. They're all over the place," Jenks said.

In bugs, neonicotinoids bind to certain chemicals used to transmit messages through the nervous system and cause neurons to fire uncontrollably. They are extremely lethal to a wide range of insects.

Mammals and birds don't have the same reaction to neonicotinoids, which is a big reason that the pesticide family rocketed to popularity over the years following their introduction. Other popular pesticides,



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such as organophosphates, can be highly toxic to mammals and birds.

Commercial names for organophosphates include parathion (no longer registered for use in the U.S.), malathion, methyl parathion, chlorpyrifos (no longer registered for home use in the U.S.), diazinon, dichlorvos, phosmet and fenitrothion.

Neonicotinoids had another advantage over other pesticides. They can be absorbed into plants and provide protection against harmful insects for up to 10 weeks. Farmers can plant seeds coated in a neonicotinoid pesticide and not have to spray their crop for pests for more than two months. Because neonicotinoids also happen to be water soluble, farmers can even lace their irrigation water with the chemical and expect their crops to absorb the pesticide as another way to keep harmful insects out of their fields.

The problem is that most of a neonicotinoid seed treatment, from 80% to 98%, doesn't actually get absorbed into the intended plant, Lundgren said. The unabsorbed treatment often gets flushed out of farm fields as runoff after rainfall or can be blown around in dust from dry, freshly planted fields. Often, non-targeted plants absorb neonicotinoids and become deadly to helpful insects such as bees.

The SDSU study also examined spleen samples from more than 360 wild deer killed by cars, poachers or disease in North Dakota, Jenks said. Those samples provided one of the study's biggest surprises and most significant findings. The wild North Dakota deer, on average, showed neonicotinoid concentrations 3.5 times higher in their spleens than even the captive deer to which Jenks, Lundgren and their fellow researchers gave what they believed to be extremely high doses of imidacloprid.

"If you look at the average half life of these chemicals, it's up to about 1,400 days so you're talking about up to three and four years or so, and they're being used, pretty regularly," Jenks said. "So, the fact is they seem to potentially be building up in the environment."

There were indications from the North Dakota deer that the level of neonicotinoid pesticide in wild deer spleens was increasing over time, Jenks said. More research is needed to confirm that finding, he said.

"We're not absolutely positive on that, because our study was not designed to evaluate that. But the indication is that (neonicotinoid pesticide) is building up in spleens through time," Jenks said.

Jenks said the SDSU study's findings highlight the need for more research and monitoring of wild deer populations. In fact, he's helping on a study that will monitor wild white-tailed deer populations in Minnesota for the types of defects the SDSU study found.

Lundgren and Jenks are part of a team of scientists preparing to publish results of a study on ring-necked pheasants that used the same methodology as their deer study. Jenks said he hopes to have the pheasant study submitted for publication in December 2019 or early in 2020.

For Lundgren, the SDSU deer study and its results are further evidence that farming practices need to change. Crop rotations should be more diverse and livestock should be integrated into more farming operations. Such practices would decrease the need for pesticides, make farms more resilient to extreme weather and have been shown to increase profitability, Lundgren said.

"Our farming decisions are having broad scale implications for the environment in ways that we didn't



**Jonathan Jenks, a professor and wildlife ecologist at South Dakota State University who co-authored the recent pesticide study, said he is helping Minnesota wildlife managers on a project that will monitor the neonicotinoid levels in that state's wild deer populations and look for the prevalence of defects associated with the pesticide.** Photo:

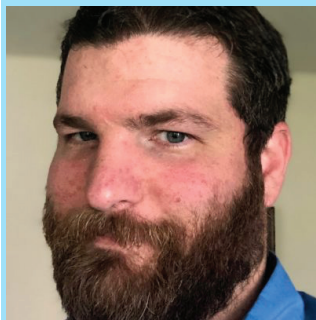
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predict, in ways that we can't predict. And so while I'm not an advocate for banning all pesticides, I do think that we need to use them with a whole lot more respect than we are right now," Lundgren said.

## SDSU STUDY BREAKS GROUND ON EFFECTS OF COMMON PESTICIDE

The study "Effects of Neonicotinoid Insecticides on Physiology and Reproductive Characteristics of Captive Female and Fawn White-tailed Deer" found a strong connection between the neonicotinoid pesticide Imidacloprid and several birth defects in deer. Below is a list of significant findings.

- Significantly high levels of the neonicotinoid pesticide Imidacloprid were found in the spleens of white-tailed deer fawns who died early, indicating that the pesticide can impair spleen function.
- Imidacloprid was found to concentrate more readily in deer spleens rather than in livers
- High concentrations of imidacloprid in deer spleens likely caused lower metabolism and lethargy in the study animals.
- Imidacloprid was not found at dangerous levels in deer brains.
- As levels of imidacloprid increased in deer reproductive tissue, organs such as the spleen, genitals and liver became smaller.
- An analysis of wild deer killed in North Dakota found those deer had an average of 3.5 times more imidacloprid in their spleens than the captive deer used in the SDSU study who were intentionally given the pesticide.



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## Marzahn has double-double in Roncalli match

It was the third time these two teams have met and this time, the venue was in the Milbank Tournament. Aberdeen Roncalli needed three games to shake off Groton Area to win the match, 2-1.

Nicole Marzahn had a double-double in Groton Area's loss to Aberdeen Roncalli. Marzahn had 20 kills, 10 digs and three blocks.

In the first game, Groton Area came firing on all cylinders. The game was tied three times and the lead changed hands three times before the Tigers opened up a six-point lead and went on to win, 25-16. Groton Area had one serving error in the first game. Nicole Marzahn had 10 kills and a block, Eliza Wanner had one kill, Indigo Rogers had two kills, Kaylin Kucker had two kills and Payton Colestock had two ace serves. Mariah Winegar led the Cavaliers with three kills while Madelyn Bragg and Emily Kokales each had two kills.

Then Roncalli came out firing on all cylinders in the second game. After Groton Area had a 1-0 lead, the Cavaliers rallied to score eight straight points to take an 8-1 lead. Roncalli had a 15-7 lead, but Groton Area came back to tie the game at 18, but was unable to recapture the lead and the Cavaliers won the second game, 25-19. Marzahn had five kills, Wanner had a kill and two ace serves, Rogers had a kill, Kucker had a kill and an ace serve and Colestock had an ace serve. Winegar led the Cavaliers with five kills in the second game while Kokales had two ace serves, Jori Ewart had two kills, and McKenna Weekly, Madelyn Bragg and Elissa Hammrich each had an ace serve.

The third game was tied two times at the beginning before the Cavaliers took command, opening up a 10-point lead at one point. Groton Area came back to score five straight, but Aberdeen Roncalli did not give up control of the game and went on to win, 25-17. Marzahn had five kills and a block, Rogers had a kill, Kucker had two ace serves and Tadyn Glover had an ace serve.

Winegar and Weekly each had two kills for Roncalli, Bragg had a kill and a block, Olivia Hanson and Kokales each had two ace serves, and Madelyn Martin and Hannah Kuck each had an ace serve.

- Paul Kosel

<b>Vs Roncalli</b>	<b>Digs</b>	<b>Kills</b>	<b>Aces</b>	<b>Blocks</b>	<b>Assists</b>
Nicole Marzahn	10	20	0	3	0
Eliza Wanner	12	2	2	0	1
Indigo Rogers	5	4	0	1	0
Kaylin Kucker	8	3	2	0	29
Stella Meier	0	0	0	2	0
Madeline Fliehs	1	0	0	1	0
Payton Colestock	14	0	3	0	0
Tadyn Glover	10	0	1	0	0
Grace Wambach	0	0	0	0	0



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## Dwight propels Langford Area over Groton Area

Ady Dwight gave Groton Area everything she had with 13 kills and a block as Langford Area took third place with a 2-0 win over Groton Area.

Groton Area had three serving errors compared to one for Langford Area in the first game as the Lions won that game, 25-23. The game was tied three times at 10, 11 and 23. The Lions scored seven straight points to take a 17-11 lead.

Nicole Marzahn led the Tigers with seven points while Eliza Wanner had three kills and an ace serve, Indigo Rogers had one kill and Payton Colestock had an ace serve.

Dwight led Langford Area with eight kills followed by Chesney Olson with two kills, Olivia Dwight had a kill and Alyssa Keough had one ace serve.

The second game was tied four times early on before the Lions rallied to take a 16-11 lead en route to a 25-17 win. Each team had one serving error. Marzahn had four kills, Rogers had five kills, Wanner and Kenzie McInerney each had one kill and Grace Wambach had one ace serve.

Ady Dwight led the Lions with five kills and a block, Chesney Olson, Mallory Miller and Hanna Miller each had two kills and Olivia Dwight had one kill.

- Paul Kosel

<b>Vs Langford Area</b>	<b>Digs</b>	<b>Kills</b>	<b>Aces</b>	<b>Assists</b>
Nicole Marzahn	4	13	0	0
Eliza Wanner	6	5	0	0
Indigo Rogers	2	5	0	0
Kaylin Kucker	9	1	0	26
Stella Meier	0	0	0	0
Madeline Fliehs	2	1	0	0
Kenzie McInerney	0	1	0	0
Payton Colestock	8	0	1	0
Tadyn Glover	14	0	0	0
Grace Wambach	1	0	1	0

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## **Wolves Football Makes it Count in OT, Remains Undefeated on the Road**

Wayne, Neb. – The Wolves have done it again. The Northern State University football team remains undefeated on the road after a double overtime victory versus South Division foe Wayne State on Saturday afternoon.

### **THE QUICK DETAILS**

Final Score: NSU 29, WSC 26 (2OT)

Records: NSU 4-3, WSC 2-5

Attendance: 1396

### **HOW IT HAPPENED**

- The Wolves took an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter, led off by a 38-yard made field goal by Payton Eue at the 7:45 mark
- A quick defensive series for Northern State put the offense back on the field for Hunter Trautman to connect with Dakota Larson for an 87-yard touchdown at 5:41
- Wayne State cut into the Wolves lead with under 4-minutes remaining in the half with a field goal of their own
- NSU trotted down the field on their following drive, sneaking in their second passing touchdown of the half with just three seconds on the scoreboard; Trautman hit Greg Lux for a 4-yard reception, giving Northern the 17-3 lead
- The Wayne State defense held Northern at bay in the third quarter as the Wolves went scoreless, while the Wildcat offense tacked on a 26-yard touchdown reception and 36-yard field goal
- The Wolves held a 17-13 lead heading into the final quarter and added some insurance on Eue's second field goal of the game and longest of the season, a 41-yard made attempt
- The Wildcats however were not finished, tying the game at 20-all with 3:24 remaining in regulation and holding the NSU offense scoreless on their final two drives of the fourth
- Northern opened the overtime period with the ball and the two teams traded field goals (36-yard by Eue), forcing double overtime
- WSC tallied a 42-yard field goal to take a 26-23 lead
- The Wolves moved the ball to the Wayne State 1-yard line with a fourth and goal opportunity ahead of them
- Trautman completed his third passing touchdown of the contest to tight end, Colten Drageset for the Wolves first overtime win of the year
- Northern combined for 98 yards rushing and 368 yards passing in the win, holding Wayne to 91 yards rushing and 231 yards passing
- The Wolves averaged 15.3 yards per completion with a season high three receiving touchdowns
- NSU converted on 3-of-5 fourth downs and scored on each of their five times in the red-zone

### **NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS**

- Hunter Trautman: 368 yards passing, 3 touchdowns, 87-yard long
- Isaiah Cherrier: 64 yards rushing
- Dakota Larson: 150 yards receiving, 25.0 yards per reception, 1 touchdown
- Greg Lux: 84 yards receiving, 1 touchdown
- Colten Drageset: game winning touchdown (first TD of 2019)
- Chase Teiken: 9 tackles, 1.5 tackles for a loss of 2 yards, 1 pass break-up
- Zach Bohnenkamp: 5 tackles, 1 interception
- Preston Droessler: 5 tackles, 2 pass break-ups
- Hunter Hansen: 4 tackles, 1.0 tackle for a loss of 1 yard, 1 interception
- Payton Eue: 186 yards punting, 38-yard field goal, 41-yard field goal, 36-yard field goal, 262 yards kicking

### **UP NEXT**

The Wolves return to Swisher Field next Saturday for the annual Blackout Cancer game. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m. versus the University of Sioux Falls.



## 101st South Dakota Pheasant Opener Brings Fair Weather and Fair Success

PIERRE, S.D. – In 1919, South Dakota resident hunters got their first crack ever at hunting ringneck pheasants. In 2019, pheasants and friendship are still a long standing tradition.

“The South Dakota pheasant opener is a holiday in its own right,” said South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Secretary Kelly Hepler. “Pheasant hunting means a lot to us here. The traditions, memories and activities in small town South Dakota that surround the opener are important. It’s important to Main Street and it’s important to maintaining our quality of life.”

“Pheasant hunting is family tradition in my house – it’s something that brings us all together,” said Governor Kristi Noem. “It’s important to our state’s economy, too. Overall, outdoor activities support around 18,000 full- and part-time jobs in South Dakota. This fall sport connects our rural communities with visitors from across the country who spend more than \$175 million each year. To all the hunters in the field this weekend – be safe and have fun!”

Reports from the fields across the state indicate the following:

Central Region, Brian Serpan, GFP Regional Game Manager reported about 1/2 - 3/4 of a bird per hunter, with most birds coming from food plots and the edges of standing crop fields. Lyman County saw the most hunters.

Northeast Region, Nick Rossman, GFP Regional Game Manager reported hunters averaging about a bird per hunter, with lots of standing crops in the field and hunters seeing many young birds. McPherson, Edmunds and Marshall counties were the busiest counties.

Southeast Region, Brad Baumgartner, GFP Regional Game Manager reported wet field conditions, but hunters averaging 1/2 of a bird per hunter in the eastern portion of the region and 3/4 of a bird per hunter in the west. Minor, Sandborn, southern Beadle and Aurora counties were the most popular.

Western Region, Kris Cudmore, GFP Regional Game Manager reported Bennett County being the most popular for hunters with groups averaging between 1/4 -1/2 of a bird per hunter.

South Dakota’s traditional statewide pheasant hunting season began today and runs through Jan. 5, 2020. If individuals have yet to purchase their hunting license, they can do so online or at any local licensing agent. For more information, visit [gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license](http://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license).

Hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to take part in the tradition – not just in the field but online – by sharing their photos and videos with GFP by using #SDintheField.



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## Pumpkin Fest held Saturday

The Fourth Pumpkin Fest event was held Saturday. This time, the weather was pleasant and the snow had all melted away from last weekend's snow storm of when the event was originally scheduled.



**The inflatables were up on the north end of the park.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**Peggy Locke and Hope Block were busy painting the faces of the youngsters.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



**The grain bin was retrofitted into a food serving station was brought to the Pumpkin Fest. It was also used at the Groton Fly-In event.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



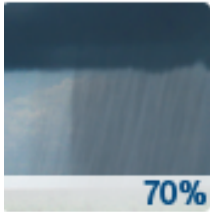
**The kiddie train was hit with the riders.** (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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Today



Showers Likely

High: 54 °F

Tonight



Showers

Low: 41 °F

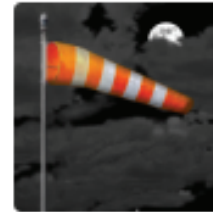
Monday



Showers and Breezy

High: 46 °F

Monday Night



Gradual Clearing and Breezy

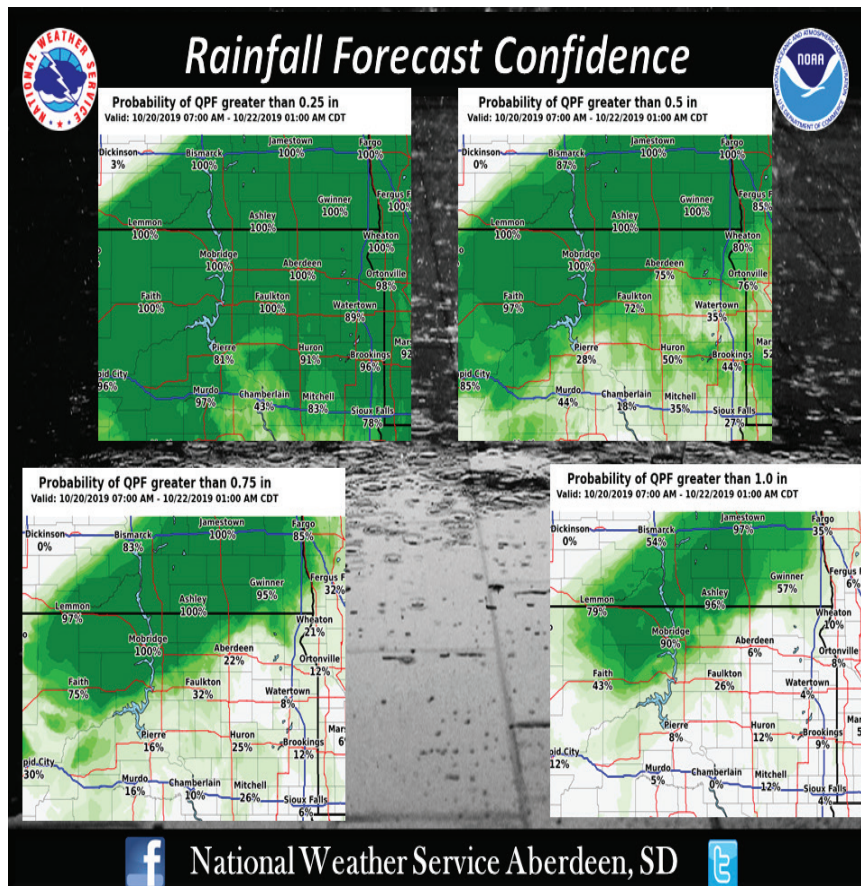
Low: 33 °F

Tuesday



Sunny and Breezy

High: 48 °F



Published on: 10/20/2019 at 1:58AM

Low pressure will begin to move into the region today. Rainfall chances will overspread central and northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota through the morning into the afternoon hours. Total rainfall through late Monday night will be highest across north central South Dakota, where confidence is highest in amounts reaching at least 1 inch or more. Precip chances dwindle by early Tuesday. Cool temperatures will stick around for the better part of the upcoming week.

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## Today in Weather History

October 20, 1936: Heavy snow across the region brought snowfall totals upwards of 5 inches in New-castle and Sundance with 5.5 inches reported in Dupree and 10 inches in Faith. Aberdeen saw 2 inches, while Moberly had three inches from this event.

1770 - An exceedingly great storm struck eastern New England causing extensive coastal damage from Massachusetts to Maine, and the highest tide in 47 years. (David Ludlum)

1956: While not a record, Esperanza Base in Antarctic warmed to 57.2 degrees on this date. The all-time warmest day at this base occurred on March 24, 2015, when the temperature reached 63.5 degrees. As of now, the 63.5 degrees has not been verified to be the warmest temperature recorded on the continent of Antarctica.

1983 - Remnants of Pacific Hurricane Tico caused extensive flooding in central and south central Oklahoma. Oklahoma City set daily rainfall records with 1.45 inch on the 19th, and 6.28 inches on the 20th. (17th-21st) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cold arctic air invaded the Upper Midwest, and squalls in the Lake Superior snowbelt produced heavy snow in eastern Ashland County and northern Iron County of Wisconsin. Totals ranged up to 18 inches at Mellen. In the western U.S., the record high of 69 degrees at Seattle WA was their twenty-fifth of the year, their highest number of record highs for any given year. Bakersfield CA reported a record 146 days in a row with daily highs 80 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably warm weather continued in the western U.S. In California, afternoon highs of 96 degrees at Redding and Red Bluff were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Forty-nine cities reported record low temperatures for the date as readings dipped into the 20s and 30s across much of the south central and southeastern U.S. Lows of 32 degrees at Lake Charles LA and 42 degrees at Lakeland FL were records for October, and Little Rock AR reported their earliest freeze of record. Snow blanketed the higher elevations of Georgia and the Carolinas. Melbourne FL dipped to 47 degrees shortly before midnight to surpass the record low established that morning. Showers and thunderstorms brought heavy rain to parts of the northeastern U.S. Autumn leaves on the ground clogged drains and ditches causing flooding. Up to 4.10 inches of rain soaked southern Vermont in three days. Flood waters washed 600 feet of railroad track, resulting in a train derailment. (The National Weather Summary)(Storm Data)

2004: Typhoon Tokage blasting across Japan triggers flash floods that wash away entire hillsides, killing 55 people and leaving at least 24 people missing.



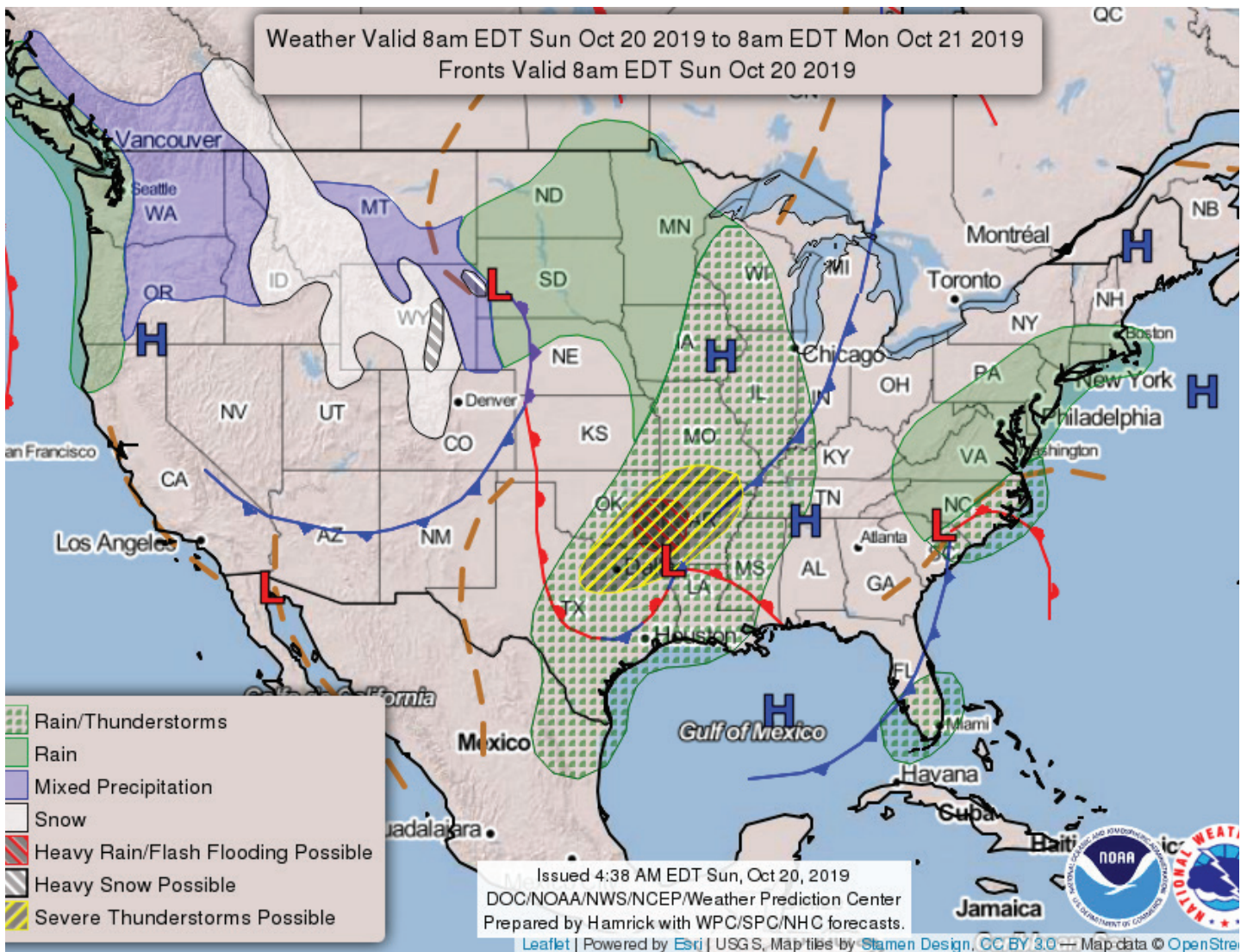
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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

**High Temp:** 62 °F at 4:39 PM  
**Low Temp:** 35 °F at 8:04 AM  
**Wind:** 23 mph at 2:10 PM  
**Day Rain:** 0.00

**Record High:** 87° in 1947  
**Record Low:** 12° in 1930  
**Average High:** 56°F  
**Average Low:** 31°F  
**Average Precip in Oct.:** 1.37  
**Precip to date in Oct.:** 1.27  
**Average Precip to date:** 19.85  
**Precip Year to Date:** 26.29  
**Sunset Tonight:** 6:40 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:58 a.m.



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## SAVED TO SERVE

A six-year-old child was trapped in a bedroom on the second floor of a home that was engulfed in flames. He was frightened and did not know what to do.

He ran to a window and used all of his strength to open it. But he failed. Then he climbed on a dresser, broke the window and shouted for help. Though he could not be heard, his father saw him. There was no way he could get back into the house, climb the steps and rescue him. The flames continued to burn intensely.

When a neighbor saw the dangerous situation, he ran to the home, leaned against the side of it and encouraged an onlooker to climb on his shoulders. Then another climbed on top of his shoulders until there were enough, one standing on the shoulders of another until they reached the window. They were finally able to force open the window and rescue the child. When he reached manhood, he identified himself as a "brand plucked out of a fire." His name? John Wesley. He grew to become one of the most famous preachers of all time and the founder of Methodism.

God spared Wesley's life and then called him into a life of ministry. Few of us will ever go through an experience like his. Yet, all of us are called to serve the same Lord. Each day that our Creator gives us, we are to worship, honor and serve Him in all that we do. We are not called to be famous, but faithful.

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to realize that each day is a God-given day to love, honor and serve You. Help us to understand the importance of being faithful. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Zechariah 3:2 – And the Lord said to Satan, "I, the Lord, reject your accusations, Satan. Yes, the Lord, who has chosen Jerusalem, rebukes you. This man is like a burning stick that has been snatched from the fire."

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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

10-11-12-17-31

(ten, eleven, twelve, seventeen, thirty-one)

Estimated jackpot: \$212,000

Lotto America

03-11-27-31-40, Star Ball: 10, ASB: 3

(three, eleven, twenty-seven, thirty-one, forty; Star Ball: ten; ASB: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$3.87 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$82 million

Powerball

14-27-29-59-65, Powerball: 12, Power Play: 2

(fourteen, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, fifty-nine, sixty-five; Powerball: twelve; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$110 million

## Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Huron def. Rapid City Central, 25-19, 25-18, 25-12

New Underwood def. Jones County, 25-19, 25-23, 25-22

Rapid City Stevens def. Mitchell, 25-18, 25-15, 25-10

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Brookings, 25-15, 25-20, 25-11

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Aberdeen Central, 25-21, 25-16, 25-17

Warner def. North Central, 25-20, 25-14, 25-11

Dakota Valley Conference Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Castlewood def. DeSmet, 25-12, 25-5

Castlewood def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-15, 25-13

DeSmet def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 10-25, 25-22, 25-20

Pool B

Colman-Egan def. Lake Preston, 25-7, 25-11

Colman-Egan def. Deubrook, 25-19, 25-10

Deubrook def. Lake Preston, 25-15, 25-7

Pool C

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 22-25, 25-9, 25-17

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Estelline/Hendricks, 25-11, 25-11

Estelline/Hendricks def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-17, 25-18

Gold Tournament

Castlewood def. Colman-Egan, 17-25, 25-14, 29-27

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Elkton-Lake Benton def. Castlewood, 25-18, 25-19  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Colman-Egan, 25-18, 25-21  
Silver Tournament  
Deubrook def. DeSmet, 25-10, 25-23  
Estelline/Hendricks def. DeSmet, 25-13, 25-8  
Estelline/Hendricks def. Deubrook, 25-19, 26-24  
Bronze Tournament  
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Lake Preston, 25-18, 25-9  
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-18, 25-17  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Lake Preston, 25-15, 25-13

## Dakota XII Tournament

### First Round

Dakota Valley def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-10, 20-25, 25-18  
Dakota Valley def. West Central, 25-13, 25-13  
Dell Rapids def. Canton, 25-21, 25-19  
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Tri-Valley, 25-13, 25-22  
Lennox def. Dell Rapids, 25-20, 25-21  
Lennox def. Vermillion, 25-12, 20-25, 25-20  
Madison def. Lennox, 25-19, 25-16  
Sioux Falls Christian def. Madison, 25-16, 25-16  
Sioux Falls Christian def. Vermillion, 25-20, 25-9  
Tea Area def. Dell Rapids, 25-16, 25-22  
Tea Area def. Canton, 26-24, 25-14  
Tri-Valley def. West Central, 25-23, 25-17  
Vermillion def. Canton, 25-17, 25-21  
West Central def. Tea Area, 25-15, 25-21  
Consolation Bracket  
Seventh Place: Vermillion def. West Central, 22-25, 25-22, 16-15  
Fifth Place: Tri-Valley def. Lennox, 25-21, 25-22  
Third Place: Madison def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-16, 19-25, 25-19  
Championship: Sioux Falls Christian def. Dakota Valley, 25-23, 25-24

## Douglas Tournament

### Pool Play

#### Black Pool

Pine Ridge def. Wall, 25-8, 25-16  
Pine Ridge def. Bison, 25-10, 25-11  
St. Thomas More def. Pine Ridge, 25-20, 25-17  
Red Pool

Lemmon def. Todd County, 25-18, 26-24  
Lemmon def. Red Cloud, 26-28, 25-7, 25-20

#### Blue Pool

Faith def. Philip, 23-25, 25-11, 25-23  
Faith def. Bennett County, 25-11, 25-13  
Faith def. St. Francis Indian, 25-7, 25-13

## Dupree Tournament

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Newell, 25-15, 17-25, 25-23  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Dupree, 25-22, 25-15

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Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Wakpala, 25-19, 25-14  
Dupree def. Wakpala, 25-16, 25-12  
Newell def. Dupree, 25-13, 18-25, 25-23  
Newell def. Wakpala, 25-4, 25-0

## Milbank Invitational

Pool Play

Green Pool

Miller def. Sioux Valley, 25-14, 25-10

Miller def. Sisseton, 25-11, 25-9

Sioux Valley def. Sisseton, 22-25, 25-23, 25-23

Red Pool

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Deuel, 25-6, 25-14

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Beresford, 25-15, 25-15

Beresford def. Deuel, 25-18, 25-17

Yellow Pool

Clark/Willow Lake def. Aberdeen Christian, 24-26, 25-14, 25-22

Groton Area def. Aberdeen Christian, 29-27, 25-11

Groton Area def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-17, 25-8

## Northwestern Tournament

Ethan def. Hill City, 25-23, 25-23

Ethan def. Sully Buttes, 25-16, 26-24

Hill City def. Webster, 22-25, 25-20, 25-16

Hill City def. Sully Buttes, 25-15, 25-18

Northwestern def. Hill City, 25-11, 25-16

Northwestern def. Sully Buttes, 25-8, 25-5

Northwestern def. Ethan, 25-11, 25-19

Northwestern def. Webster, 25-15, 25-10

Webster def. Sully Buttes, 25-17, 25-20

Webster def. Ethan, 25-23, 29-27

## Thunder Nation Tournament

Pool Play

Corsica/Stickney def. Centerville, 25-20, 25-13

Corsica/Stickney def. Menno, 26-24, 25-12

Corsica/Stickney def. Wessington Springs, 25-20, 25-16

Corsica/Stickney def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 16-25, 25-14, 25-23

Semifinal

Bridgewater-Emery def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-21, 25-22

## Big plays lead Northern Iowa past South Dakota 42-27

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Will McElvain threw three touchdown passes to Isaiah Weston, Tyler Hoosman scored two touchdowns, and Northern Iowa defeated South Dakota 42-27 on Saturday.

Austin Evans returned an interception 16 yards for the Panthers' other touchdown.

Northern Iowa, No. 15 in the FCS Coaches Poll, had 417 yards total offense but only 11 first downs. The Panthers were 5 of 13 converting on third down.

South Dakota did not reach the end zone after a first quarter in which Kai Henry ran for a touchdown and Austin Simmons threw two touchdown passes for a 21-14 lead.



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After Northern Iowa (4-3, 2-1 Missouri Valley) trailed 24-21 at halftime, McElvain and Weston connected on scoring passes of 65 and 54 yards in the third quarter. Hoosman's 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter closed out the scoring.

Weston had four catches for 189 yards. Hoosman carried 24 times for 111 yards.

Simmons completed 26 of 43 passes for 299 yards with the two touchdowns and three interceptions for the Coyotes (3-4, 2-1).

## Gibbs leads big 2nd quarter, South Dakota State wins 42-23

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — J'Bore Gibbs fired three touchdown passes in the first half, Pierre Strong Jr. rushed for two scores and South Dakota State clobbered Indiana State 42-17 on Saturday, setting up a first-place Missouri Valley Conference showdown in a week.

South Dakota State (6-1, 3-0), the third-ranked team in the STATS FCS poll, crashes into top-ranked and undefeated North Dakota State (7-0, 3-0) next Saturday. NDSU blanked Missouri State 22-0 Saturday for its 28th-straight win.

Indiana State's Keawvis Cummings intercepted Gibbs, setting up the Sycamores (1-2, 3-4) for a 28-yard TD pass from Kurtis Wilderman to Matae Thomas, forging a 7-7 tie.

That's when the Jackrabbits took off, scoring four touchdowns on their next five possessions before halftime and a 35-10 lead at the break.

South Dakota State's defense had a season-best eight sacks as Wilderman had a net minus 35 yards rushing. Gibbs went 18 of 28 for a season-high 274 yards. The Jackrabbits held a 452-338 yard advantage in total offense.

## Corps: No more Dakota Access Pipeline study needed

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An attorney for the Army Corps of Engineers is asking a judge to sign off on the Corps' conclusion that the Dakota Access oil pipeline doesn't harm American Indian tribes.

The Corps wants U.S. District Judge James Boasberg to rule in favor of its August 2018 finding that no more environmental study is needed on the \$3.8 billion pipeline. The pipeline has been moving North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois for more than two years.

The Standing Rock Sioux want the pipeline shut down and more study done. The tribe fears an oil spill could contaminate the Missouri River.

The Bismarck Tribune reports that a Justice Department attorney argues that the Corps "carefully and reasonably considered the environmental impacts" before it permitted the pipeline.

Pipeline developer Texas-based Energy Transfer says the line is safe.

Information from: Bismarck Tribune, <http://www.bismarcktribune.com>

## Sioux Falls police help 2 escape burning house

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have helped two people escape their burning home.

Firefighters were called to the house around 2 a.m. Saturday. Authorities say the initial report was that members of a family were unable to get out of the house.

Police arrived and heard people still inside the house. Officers helped two people who were trapped get out of the house. Those two plus another person who was inside the home at the time of the fire were treated at the scene for minor injuries.

Firefighters brought the blaze under control within 10 minutes of arriving.

Authorities say the fire had engulfed the garage and spread to the house. The cause remains under investigation.

## UK's Johnson asks for a Brexit delay that he doesn't want

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By **MIKE CORDER** and **GREGORY KATZ** Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson pressed ahead Sunday with plans to try to win parliamentary backing for his new Brexit deal even as the European Union began considering his grudging request to extend the looming Brexit deadline.

Johnson sent an unsigned letter to the EU late Saturday seeking a delay to Britain's impending Oct. 31 departure from the bloc, as required by law. But he followed it with a signed letter indicating that he does not favor another Brexit extension.

"My view, and the government's position, (is) that a further extension would damage the interests of the U.K. and our EU partners, and the relationship between us," Johnson wrote to European Council President Donald Tusk.

Johnson has long declared that he plans to take the U.K. out of the EU on Oct. 31 come what may, and his minister in charge of Brexit again emphasized that stance.

"We are going to leave by Oct. 31st," Michael Gove told Sky News on Sunday. "We have the means and the ability to do so."

The EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said Tusk would consult with other leaders "in the next days."

Barnier met briefly Sunday with EU ambassadors to take stock of the drawn-out Brexit process, but they did not discuss Johnson's request, according to three diplomats who discussed the behind-closed-doors meeting on condition of anonymity.

Germany's Economy Minister Peter Altmaier, a member of Chancellor Angela Merkel's party, told Bild newspaper that, "if an extension by a few weeks is necessary, I wouldn't have a problem with it."

The formal granting or denial of an extension by the bloc may not be made until the Brexit deadline is just days away, but most signs indicate the EU would prefer an extension to an abrupt U.K. departure from the bloc without a deal in place.

British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said he believes Johnson has enough support to get his deal through Parliament, but added the government would keep talking with its Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, to persuade it to back the deal. So far, the party, which holds 10 seats in Parliament, has refused to support Johnson's deal because it treats Northern Ireland differently than other parts of the U.K.

"We'll keep talking to the DUP and see if there's any further reassurances that can be provided," Raab told the BBC's Andrew Marr Show.

Johnson's Conservative party has only 288 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons, so he needs the support of some opposition lawmakers.

Johnson's letters came after another tumultuous day in the House of Commons, which worked in a Saturday session for only the first time since the Falklands War in 1982. For hours, British lawmakers issued both ringing endorsements and scathing condemnations of Johnson's Brexit deal, only to kick any decision on it down the road by passing an amendment withholding approval for the deal until laws enabling it are passed. That could take days, or even weeks.

While Johnson insists on sticking to the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline, lawmakers are trying to avoid a no-deal Brexit, which economists say would wreak damage on the U.K. economy.

Johnson now could face legal challenges from opponents who feel that sending the second letter was done specifically to frustrate the will of Parliament.

The Court of Session in Scotland is already considering the matter, and it may end up being decided in the British Supreme Court, which in September ruled that Johnson had acted unlawfully when he suspended Parliament for five weeks as the Brexit deadline crept closer.

Scottish National Party legislator Joanna Cherry, part of a group that brought the earlier successful case against Johnson, said the legal battle over Brexit resumes Monday.

"We're back in court on Monday morning and it will be possible then to secure the court's assistance if the prime minister has flouted the law and the promises he gave to the court," she said.

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Despite the stinging rebuke in Parliament on Saturday, the prime minister returns there Monday to keep drumming up support for his Brexit proposal, which was approved Thursday by EU leaders. He is still trying to meet the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline but the timing is extremely tight.

In London on Saturday, hundreds of thousands of anti-Brexit demonstrators marched to Parliament Square, demanding a new referendum on whether Britain should leave the EU or remain. Many wore blue berets emblazoned with yellow stars symbolizing the EU flag.

"Another chance for sanity and perhaps rationality to take over, rather than emotion," filmmaker Jove Lorenty said as he stood outside Parliament. "Never give up until the fat lady sings. No one knows what will happen, but we have hope."

Sam Petrequin in Brussels contributed.

This story corrects the number of Conservative seats to 288, not 233.

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## 1 Turkish soldier killed, amid shaky cease-fire in Syria

AKCAKALE (AP) — Turkey's defense ministry says one soldier has been killed amid sporadic clashes with Kurdish fighters in northern Syria, despite a U.S.-brokered cease-fire.

Sunday's ministry statement said that Syrian Kurdish fighters have violated the three-day-old cease-fire some 20 times.

The statement said the soldier was killed during an observation shift earlier in the day, in an attack by anti-tank weapons and small arms fire, bringing Turkey's military death toll up to seven soldiers in its wide-ranging offensive against Syrian Kurdish forces.

The ministry also said it allowed a 39-vehicle humanitarian convoy to enter Ras al-Ayn, a key border town that's seen some of the heaviest fighting. It said the convoy evacuated wounded and others.

Turkey considers the Syrian Kurdish groups terrorists for their links to a decades-long Kurdish insurgency inside Turkey.

## Defense chief: US troops leaving Syria to go to western Iraq

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## Trump drops plan to host G-7 at his Doral golf resort

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **JILL COLVIN** Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to stinging criticism, President Donald Trump has abruptly reversed his plan to hold the next Group of Seven world leaders' meeting at his Doral, Florida, golf resort next year.

Trump announced a rare backtrack Saturday night after facing accusations that he was using the presidency to enrich himself by hosting the international summit at a private resort owned by his family.

"Based on both Media & Democrat Crazed and Irrational Hostility, we will no longer consider Trump National Doral, Miami, as the Host Site for the G-7 in 2020," Trump tweeted. He said his administration "will begin the search for another site, including the possibility of Camp David, immediately."

The striking reversal raises further doubts about the position of the president's acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, who held a press conference Thursday announcing the choice of Doral for the summit. He insisted his staff had concluded it was "far and away the best physical facility." Mulvaney said the White House reached that determination after visiting 10 sites across the country.

In the same press conference, Mulvaney acknowledged a quid pro quo was at work when Trump held up U.S. aid to Ukraine in exchange for Ukraine's investigation of Democrats and the 2016 elections. Mulvaney later claimed his comments had been misconstrued, but not before drawing the ire of the president and frustration from other senior aides.

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Trump had been the first administration official to publicly float the selection of his property to host the summit when in August he mentioned it was on the short-list and praised its facilities and proximity to Miami's international airport. His comments, more than a month before the official announcement, drew instant criticism from good governance groups and Democrats, who said it raised concerns that Trump was using the White House to boost his personal finances.

The vociferous criticism did not die down, even as Trump insisted he would host the summit at cost, though he refused to disclose financial details. The annual heads-of-state gathering would at minimum have provided good-will value to his property.

Noah Bookbinder, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, said Trump's reversal Saturday "is a bow to reality, but does not change how astonishing it was that a president ever thought this was appropriate, or that it was something he could get away with."

An hour before Trump's announcement, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden condemned the selection of Doral for the summit. "Hosting the G7 at Trump's hotel? A president should never be able to use the office for personal gain," the former vice president said.

On Thursday, Mulvaney had discounted Camp David, the government-owned presidential retreat, as the site for the summit, claiming, "I understand the folks who participated in it hated it and thought it was a miserable place to have the G-7." He added that it was too small and remote for the international summit.

Mulvaney said then that unspecified sites in Hawaii and Utah had also been on the short list. It was unclear if they were still under consideration.

## Capital hill: Astros, Nats put World Series eyes on pitching

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

Gerrit Cole, Max Scherzer and a slew of aces get the World Series started in Houston, then the scene shifts to Capitol Hill.

But with Justin Verlander, Stephen Strasburg and all these electric arms, might as well call it capital hill. Because in this Year of the Home Run, the focus of the 2019 Fall Classic is on the mound.

A throw-down for the ages, maybe.

"I know a few guys in their rotation, and I'm personally excited that they're in this position, and I'm just very excited to get in there," Cole said late Saturday night.

The matchup comes with a neat twist, too: The Astros and Washington Nationals share a spring training complex — they met in the exhibition opener in February, and Scherzer gave up a homer to the first batter of the game.

Now, eight months later, they meet for real, beginning Tuesday night at Minute Maid Park. The 107-win Astros trying to take their second crown in three years, the wild-card Nationals making their Series debut.

Houston opened as a 2-1 favorite of the Las Vegas sports books.

Cole is lined up for Game 1, with Verlander and Zack Greinke to follow.

"We got some pretty big boys that can pitch," Astros manager AJ Hinch recently said.

So do the Nationals in their rotation with Scherzer, Strasburg and Patrick Corbin. And even Aníbal Sánchez — all he did lately was take a playoff no-hit bid into the eighth inning.

No slight to the big hitters here: José Altuve, the AL Championship Series MVP after his homer beat the Yankees in Game 6 on Saturday night, MVP candidates Alex Bregman and Anthony Rendon, postseason star George Springer and top shortstops Trea Turner and Carlos Correa.

Not to overlook the young stars on this stage for the first time, rookies like Juan Soto and Yordan Álvarez.

Yet in an era when teams search for new pitching strategies — witness the Astros' parade of relievers in the Game 6 of the ALCS — the two clubs left figure to rely heavily on their rotations.

Fine by Hinch.

"Philosophically, whether it's about the new-age opener or pulling guys third time through, most of the people that support that haven't had Verlander or Cole on their team," he said.

The Astros, who began as the National League expansion Colt .45s in 1962, led the majors in setting a

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franchise record for wins. Their playoff path was more of a struggle, beating wild-card Tampa Bay in the deciding Game 5 of the AL Division Series and then stopping the 103-win Yankees on Altuve's pennant-winning homer off Aroldis Chapman in the ninth inning.

The Nationals, who started out as the Montreal Expos in 1969, took the reverse route.

A season after letting slugger Bryce Harper leave as a free agent, the Nats were just 19-31 in May. The slow start prompted speculation manager Dave Martinez would be fired and management would sell off stars at the trade deadline.

Instead, the Nationals bounced back. They earned a playoff spot, eliminated the favored Los Angeles Dodgers in the NL Division Series and swept the surging St. Louis Cardinals behind NLCS MVP Howie Kendrick.

For Washington, the city gets its first World Series since the Senators played in 1933. For the Nationals, the old October question: rest or rust?

The Nationals will have a full week between games while the Astros, get only two days off. A fact on this: Boston had two more days of rest last year and beat the Dodgers. But before that, the past nine champions were the clubs had fewer rest.

Martinez isn't worried.

"These guys have played unbelievably. I think they needed a break. Some guys really needed a break," he said. "Heal their bodies a little bit."

The teams, incidentally, haven't played in the regular season since 2017 — overall, Washington has 10 of the last 11 meetings dating to 2012.

They do, however, see a lot of each other every spring. They faced off at the Ballpark of the Palm Beaches on Feb. 23 in the exhibition opener, and Jake Marisnick led off the game with a home run against Scherzer.

Washington went 5-1 against the Astros in Florida this year. They start next spring with two exhibitions in Florida.

Before then, though, they'll both make their pitch for baseball's ultimate prize.

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## Altuve's HR in 9th sends Astros to World Series over Yankees

By KRISTIE RIEKEN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Jose Altuve, the 5-foot-6 driving force of Houston, delivered a swing that will play in Astros' highlights forever.

Altuve homered off Aroldis Chapman with two outs in the ninth inning and Houston outlasted the New York Yankees 6-4 Saturday night to advance to the World Series for the second time in three years.

"That's one of the best moments of postseason history," Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow said.

In a bullpen Game 6 with a back-and-forth finish, DJ LeMahieu hit a tying, two-run shot off Astros closer Roberto Osuna in the top of the ninth. Altuve answered with a two-run drive to left-center, setting off a wild celebration at Minute Maid Park and earning himself AL Championship Series MVP.

"Beautiful game," Altuve said.

Astros ace Gerrit Cole was waiting to pitch a potential Game 7 on Sunday. Instead, the postseason star — undefeated since May 22 — can be lined up for Game 1 at home against the NL champion Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run homer in the first inning, and flashy outfield defense helped Houston's relievers defeat the Yankees and their vaunted bullpen.

It almost fell apart in the ninth. Gio Urshela singled off Osuna leading off for his third hit of the game, and LeMahieu put a ball into the first row of seats in right field — inches over the glove of leaping George Springer — to tie it at 4.

Altuve, a sparkplug touted as Houston's heart and soul, didn't let this one get away.



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"I get asked to describe Jose Altuve all the time," manager AJ Hinch said. "I think MVP is what he is." The teams combined to use 14 pitchers in a drawn-out game that lasted 4 hours, 9 minutes.

Houston's Will Harris, who got four outs over the sixth and seventh innings and has yet to allow a run this postseason, was glad Houston's bullpen got to show its stuff.

"We have a lot of guys with a lot of pride that are really good at their jobs," he said. "And I was excited for the opportunity for us to prove that today."

The defense helped. Right fielder Josh Reddick dived for Brett Gardner's liner for the second out of the sixth. An inning later, left fielder Michael Brantley laid out for Aaron Hicks' shallow floater and doubled off Aaron Judge at first.

Gurriel, a holdover from Houston's 2017 championship team, was 1 for 20 to start the ALCS before his drive in the first inning. He jumped all over a high-and-tight fastball from opener Chad Green, and his shot into the Crawford Boxes was his first connection this postseason.

It's the third time Houston has eliminated New York in the past five postseasons. The Astros won the 2015 wild-card game in the Bronx and beat the Yankees in seven games in the 2017 ALCS before winning their first title.

"I feel like we are on equal footing with them," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Unfortunately, sports can be a little bit cruel for the team that goes home."

Washington is seeking its first championship in the 51-season history of the Montreal Expos/Nationals franchise. The original Washington Senators won their only championship for the nation's capital in 1924 and last reached the World Series in 1933 before becoming the Minnesota Twins for the 1961 season.

Gary Sánchez had an RBI single in the second and Urshela homered in the fourth for the Yankees.

Alex Bregman gave the Astros an insurance run with an RBI on a forceout in the sixth inning.

Brantley's double play elicited one of the loudest ovations of the night — before Altuve's blast — from the sellout crowd of 43,357 which included Hall of Famers Nolan Ryan and Craig Biggio and Rockets stars James Harden and Russell Westbrook, who watched from the front row in personalized orange Astros jerseys.

New York was 1 for 6 with runners in scoring position and 3 for 24 over the final five games of the series. The franchise lost its fourth straight ALCS after falling in 2010, 2012 and 2017. The Yankees will go without a World Series appearance in a calendar decade for the first time since the 1910s.

"The work never ends," Boone said. "And we'll continue to try and I guess close that gap."

Altuve doubled off Green with one out in the first inning and Bregman drew a walk with two outs. After a short visit to the mound, Gurriel knocked the next pitch into the seats in left field for a 3-0 lead. The runs were Houston's first with two outs in the series.

Houston had been 4 for 40 with runners in scoring position before that big swing.

Brad Peacock, who threw eight pitches in a scoreless eighth inning Friday night, became the fourth pitcher ever to finish a postseason game and then start the next day, and the first since 1924.

He needed seven pitches to retire the side in the first before running into trouble with two outs in the second. Josh James ended the inning by striking out Gardner.

Ryan Pressly had another gutsy escape, too. He hurt his right knee again fielding a bases-loaded grounder by Didi Gregorius but limped over to tag him for the final out of the third. Pressly, who grimaced as he went toward the dugout after one pitch, had arthroscopic surgery on the same knee on Aug. 22 and returned Sept. 20. Pressly also got two strikeouts with the bases loaded in Game 4.

He said that some scar tissue broke off on the play but that he'll be ready to go this week.

"It's the World Series," Hinch said. "It will be all hands on deck."

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## After delay, New Orleans to demolish cranes at hotel site

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — After two days of delays, New Orleans officials are hoping to use a series of con-

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trolled explosions Sunday to take down two cranes that have been leaning precariously over the remains of a partially collapsed hotel.

Officials had originally planned to topple the cranes Friday, then pushed back the demolition to Saturday and then to Sunday when officials said the cranes were more damaged than previously thought. Workers have been going up in a basket to place explosives on the crane and assess the situation.

"As they got up and got closer they found out some things about it that have changed the way they are going to take it down ... and that's going to take a little longer for them to accomplish," he said. "The cranes are more damaged than they thought."

The demolition will take place no earlier than noon Sunday.

The Hard Rock Hotel under construction at the edge of the historic French Quarter partially collapsed on Oct. 12, killing three workers and sending debris into the street. Clouds of dust billowed up as workers inside ran from the building that day.

While the rest of the building will also have to be dealt with, the cranes — one around 270 feet (82 meters) high, the other about 300 feet (91 meters) — have been the more immediate point of concern. Experts, including engineers who worked on demolitions following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, were called in to try to come up with a plan to clear the site and prevent the cranes falling on their own, at risk of further injury and damage.

On Thursday, officials announced plans to attach explosives to the cranes. If the plans succeed, the towers will drop vertically and spare nearby buildings such as the Saenger Theatre and the New Orleans Athletic Club, both built in the 1920s, and a key gas line that runs under the street.

"We've told you that this is a very dangerous building. The cranes are still in a precarious situation," McConnell said.

McConnell said at least one of the cranes on Saturday was leaning more than the day before.

"It shifted and didn't come back, which tells me it's weakening," he said.

Two bodies remain in the hotel's unstable wreckage and Mayor LaToya Cantrell said recovering the remains would be a priority once the cranes are down.

Officials said Saturday that they would give residents who needed to evacuate four hours' notice ahead of Sunday's planned demolition. They will also have a wider exclusion zone in which people must remain indoors.

Officials have repeatedly stressed that fluidity of the situation and that they are adjusting as necessary, depending on the information they are getting from experts on the scene.

On Saturday, workers suspended in a basket held by a crane could be seen high over the wreckage, working on the cranes. Down below, streets in one of the busiest parts of town were closed off and tents were set up in the center of Canal Street, where the city's famous red streetcars usually roll back and forth.

Tourists, employees and residents milled about taking photos, but officials stressed that they do not want people approaching the site to watch the demolition.

"We prefer people to not be out here when this thing happens," McConnell said. "It's a dangerous operation."

The cause of the collapse remains unknown. Cantrell and McConnell said evidence gathering began soon after the collapse, and lawsuits have already been filed against the project's owners and contractors.

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## **AP FACT CHECK: Trump's Syrian mission-accomplished moment**

**By CALVIN WOODWARD, HOPE YEN, and LOLITA C. BALDOR Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Donald Trump describes it, the U.S. swooped into an intractable situation in the Middle East, achieved an agreement within hours that had eluded the world for years and



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delivered a "great day for civilization."

It was a mission-accomplished moment that other Republican leaders, Democrats and much of the world found unconvincing.

Trump spent much of the past week trying to justify his decision to pull U.S. troops away from America's Kurdish allies in Syria, leaving those Kurdish fighters vulnerable on several fronts and already reeling from attacks by Turkish forces.

In the process, Trump exaggerated the scope of a deal bringing a temporary cease-fire to Turkish-Kurdish hostilities and mischaracterized the history of the conflict and even the geography of it.

A look at his rhetoric on that topic and other subjects over the past week as well as a sampling of statements from the latest Democratic presidential debate:

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TRUMP: "This is a great day for civilization. I am proud of the United States for sticking by me in following a necessary, but somewhat unconventional, path. People have been trying to make this 'Deal' for many years. Millions of lives will be saved. Congratulations to ALL!" — tweet Thursday.

TRUMP: "A lot of things are in that agreement that nobody ever thought possible." — remarks at Dallas rally Thursday.

THE FACTS: The agreement he is hailing is not nearly as consequential to the prospects for peace as he claims. It provides for a five-day cease-fire in the Turks' deadly attacks on Kurdish fighters in northern Syria, which began after Trump announced he would withdraw U.S. troops.

The agreement requires the Kurds to vacate a swath of territory in Syria along the Turkish border in an arrangement that codifies nearly all of Turkey's stated goals in the conflict and relieves it of U.S. sanctions.

It imposes no apparent long-term consequences for Turkey's move against the Kurds, important U.S. partners in the fight against the Islamic State group. Trump calls that fight a mission accomplished despite the U.S. officials' fears of an IS resurgence.

TRUMP, on the Syrian areas of Turkish-Kurdish conflict: "It's a lot of sand. They've got a lot of sand over there. So there's a lot of sand that they can play with." — remarks Wednesday.

THE FACTS: The area of conflict is not known for being particularly sandy. In contrast to Trump's imagery of arid, worthless land that other countries — not the U.S. — should fight over, it's actually the breadbasket of Syria.

The area is part of what was historically known as the Fertile Crescent, where settled farming and early civilizations first began.

TRUMP: "We were supposed to be in Syria for one month. That was 10 years ago." — news conference Wednesday.

THE FACTS: Previous administrations never set a one-month timeline for U.S. involvement in Syria.

The U.S.-led coalition began airstrikes on Islamic State militants in Syria in September 2014. About a year later, the Pentagon said teams of special operations forces began going into Syria to conduct raids and start efforts to partner with the Kurdish forces.

Then-Defense Secretary Ash Carter made it clear to Congress at that time that the Pentagon was ready to expand operations with the Kurds and would continue to do so as needed to battle IS, without setting a specific deadline.

TRUMP: "Our soldiers are mostly gone from the area." — news conference Wednesday.

THE FACTS: They're mostly still there.

Close to 30 U.S. troops moved out of two outposts near the border area where the Turkish attack was initially centered. But the bulk of the roughly 1,000 U.S. troops deployed to Syria are still in the country.

According to officials, most of the U.S. troops have largely been consolidated into a few locations in the north, including an airfield facility in the western part of the country known as the Kobani landing zone.

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**TRUMP:** "It's time to bring our soldiers back home." — news conference Wednesday.

**THE FACTS:** That's not what he's doing.

While the U.S. has begun what the Pentagon calls a deliberate withdrawal of troops from Syria, Trump himself has said that the 200 to 300 U.S. service members deployed to a southern Syria outpost in Al-Tanf will remain there.

And on Saturday, Defense Secretary Mark Esper said the current plan calls for all U.S. troops who are leaving Syria to go to western Iraq. They number more than 700.

**JOE BIDEN:** "I would not have withdrawn the troops, and I would not have withdrawn the additional 1,000 troops that are in Iraq, which are in retreat now, being fired on by Assad's people." — Democratic debate on Tuesday.

**THE FACTS:** The former vice president is wrong. There is no evidence that any of the approximately 1,000 American troops preparing to evacuate from Syria have been fired on by Syrian government forces led by President Bashar Assad. A small group of U.S. troops came under Turkish artillery fire near the town of Kobani last week, without anyone being injured, but there is no indication that Syrian troops have shot at withdrawing Americans.

Also, Biden was addressing the situation in Syria, not Iraq.

## WOMEN IN SPACE

**TRUMP:** "This is the first time for a woman outside of the Space Station. ... They're conducting the first-ever female spacewalk to replace an exterior part of the Space Station." — speaking to flight engineers Jessica Meir and Christina Koch outside the International Space Station in a teleconference Friday.

**THE FACTS:** Meir corrected the record, telling Trump: "First of all, we don't want to take too much credit, because there have been many other female spacewalkers before us. This is just the first time that there have been two women outside at the same time."

## AMMUNITION

**TRUMP:** "When I first got in, a general told me we could have had a conflict with someone. Said, Sir, we don't have ammunition. And I said I never want to hear a president — I just never want to hear somebody have that statement made to them again as president of the United States. We don't have ammunition. Think of how bad. Now we have so much ammunition we don't know what to do with it." — Dallas rally Thursday.

**THE FACTS:** Trump periodically quotes unidentified generals as saying things that he wants to hear and that are hard to imagine them actually having said. This is no exception. The U.S. doesn't go to war without sufficient ammunition.

At most, budget constraints may have restricted ammunition for certain training exercises at times and held back the development of new forms of firepower. It's not unusual for generals to want more people and equipment at their disposal than they have. But they don't run out of bullets.

## ECONOMY and TRADE

**TRUMP:** "Just out: MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS AT THE HIGHEST POINT EVER, EVER, EVER! How about saying it this way, IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY!" — tweet Tuesday.

**THE FACTS:** Another way of saying it is that median household income has been this high before.

Trump also builds his boast on the records of others.

In the Census Bureau's definitive annual report on income and poverty, it found that median household income in 2018 matched the previous peak of \$63,200, in inflation-adjusted dollars, reached in 1999.

While that was a welcome increase after household income fell sharply in the Great Recession, it also

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suggests that the median American household went back to where it was 19 years ago. (The median is the point where half of households earn more and half earn less).

Household income began rising in 2014, after falling in the aftermath of the recession, and jumped 5.1% in 2015, making its most significance gains in President Barack Obama's second term.

It grew just 0.9% in 2018, the slowest in three years. The Census Bureau says its data is difficult to compare with previous years because it changed its methods in 2013.

It released a supplemental report showing that, adjusted for those methodological changes, median incomes in 2018 matched those in 1999. A separate census report, which has fewer details on incomes, said last month that median household income has reached a record high, but those data only go back to 2005.

**TRUMP**, on a World Trade Organization ruling allowing the U.S. to tax impose tariffs on \$7.5 billion worth of European imports annually: "I think the WTO award has been testament to a lot of good work by the Trump administration. We never won with the WTO, or essentially never won. Very seldom did we win. And now we're winning a lot." — remarks Wednesday before meeting with Italy's president.

**TRUMP**: "We didn't win anything for years practically. Now we've won a lot of cases. You know why? Because they know I'll leave if they don't treat us fairly." — Dallas rally Thursday.

**THE FACTS**: He's incorrect to say the U.S. never or rarely got any WTO victories under other presidents.

The U.S. has always had a high success rate when it pursues cases against other countries at the WTO. In 2017, trade analyst Daniel Ikenson of the libertarian Cato Institute found that the U.S. had won 91% of time it brought a complaint that ended up being adjudicated by the Geneva-based trade monitor. True, Ikenson noted, the countries bringing complaints tend to win overwhelmingly. That's because they don't bother going to the WTO in the first place if they don't have a pretty strong case.

The WTO announcement culminated a 15-year fight over EU subsidies for Airbus — a fight that began long before Trump was in office.

**JULIÁN CASTRO**: "Ohio, Michigan, and Pennsylvania actually in the latest jobs data have lost jobs, not gained them." — Democratic debate.

**THE FACTS**: No. Figures from the Labor Department show that the former Housing and Urban Development secretary is wrong.

Ohio added jobs in August. So did Michigan. Same with Pennsylvania.

So Castro's statement is off.

These states do still have economic struggles. Pennsylvania has lost factory jobs since the end of 2018. So has Michigan. And Ohio has shed 100 factory jobs so far this year.

**TRUMP**: "MORE PEOPLE WORKING TODAY IN THE USA THAN AT ANY TIME IN HISTORY!" — tweet Tuesday.

**THE FACTS**: True, but it's due to population growth, not just steady hiring.

A more relevant measure is the proportion of Americans with jobs, and that is still far below record highs.

According to Labor Department data, 61% of people in the United States 16 years and older were working in September. That's below the all-time high of 64.7% in April 2000, though higher than the 59.9% when Trump was inaugurated in January 2017.

## CLIMATE CHANGE

**BERNIE SANDERS**: "We're forgetting about the existential threat of climate change." "Right now the CEOs in the fossil fuel industry know full well that their product is destroying this world and they continue to make huge profits." — Democratic debate.

**THE FACTS**: Earth's existence and life on the planet will not end because of climate change, as the Vermont senator suggests. Fossil fuels do not have Earth on a path of destruction.



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Science says climate change will cause great harm, but it won't wipe out everything and won't end humanity.

"It's an existential threat for many species," said Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer. "It's an existential threat for many ecosystems. I don't think it's an existential threat for humanity."

Life will be dramatically altered if the burning of fossil fuels continues unabated, said Oppenheimer, a co-author of many of the most dire international science reports on climate change.

"Existential" has perhaps lost its literal meaning, as politicians in general and Democrats in particular cast many threats as existential ones even when existence is not on the line. In the debate, for example, New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker described the closing of two Planned Parenthood clinics in Ohio as an existential threat to abortion rights in America.

## GUN CONTROL

PETE BUTTIGIEG: "On guns, we are this close to an assault weapons ban. That would be huge." — Democratic debate.

AMY KLOBUCHAR: "I just keep thinking of how close we are to finally getting something done on this." — Democratic debate.

THE FACTS: No, the U.S. is not close to enacting an assault-weapons ban, as Buttigieg claimed, nor close on any significant gun control, as Klobuchar had it. Congress is not on the verge of such legislation. Prospects for an assault-weapons ban, in particular, are bound to remain slim until the next election at least.

Legislation under discussion in the Senate would expand background checks for gun sales, a politically popular idea even with gun owners. But even that bill has stalled because of opposition from the National Rifle Association and on-again, off-again support from Trump. Democrats and some Republicans in Congress say they will continue to push for the background checks bill, but movement appears unlikely during an impeachment inquiry and general dysfunction in Congress. And Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has made it clear he won't move forward on gun legislation without Trump's strong support.

Buttigieg was citing the chance for an assault-weapons ban as a reason for not supporting the more radical proposal by Democratic presidential rival Beto O'Rourke to force gun owners to give up AR-15s and other assault-style weapons. Klobuchar spoke in a similar context.

## RUSSIA INVESTIGATION

ELIZABETH WARREN: "Mueller had shown to a fare-thee-well that this president obstructed justice." — Democratic debate.

THE FACTS: That's not exactly what special counsel Robert Mueller showed.

It's true that prosecutors examined more than 10 episodes for evidence of obstruction of justice, and that they did illustrate efforts by Trump to stymie the Russia investigation or take control of it.

But ultimately, Mueller did not reach a conclusion as to whether the president obstructed justice or broke any other law. He cited Justice Department policy against the indictment of a sitting president and said that since he could not bring charges against Trump, it was unfair to accuse him of a crime. There was no definitive finding that he obstructed justice.

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**Analysis: Confronted by impeachment, Trump adds to the chaos**  
By JULIE PACE AP Washington Bureau Chief

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The impeachment investigation into President Donald Trump has thrust Washington into a political crisis. And Trump keeps adding to the chaos.

In the four weeks since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., launched the investigation, Trump has taken steps that have drawn more criticism, not less, repeatedly testing the loyalty of his stalwart Republican allies. His actions have both intensified the questions at the center of the inquiry and opened new areas of concern.

Trump angered GOP leaders and U.S. allies by clearing the way for Turkish attacks on Syrian Kurdish fighters, key American partners in the fight against the Islamic State group. He brazenly announced plans to hold next year's Group of Seven summit at one of his own Florida properties, prompting an outcry from ethics experts and members of both parties that led him to reverse course late Saturday. And Trump and his advisers have repeatedly muddied their defense on the Democratic-led impeachment, initially denying some of the central allegations against the president only to acknowledge them, out loud and on camera.

"It is his persona to surround himself with chaos," said Alice Stewart, a Republican strategist who advised Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's 2016 presidential campaign.

Chaos has indeed been a hallmark of Trump's presidency. Each controversy bleeds into the next — often so fast that the public doesn't have time to absorb the details of any one issue. Whether that is a deliberate Trump strategy or simply the consequence of Americans electing a highly unconventional, nonpolitician as commander in chief remains one of the fundamental questions of his presidency.

The most pressing question now is how the cascading controversies will impact Trump at one of his most vulnerable moments since taking office.

Already saddled by low approval ratings, he could face reelection with the dubious distinction of being just the third American president ever impeached. Though conviction and removal from office by the Republican-controlled Senate seems virtually impossible, Trump's handling of the coming weeks could linger with some of the voters he needs to hold in order to win in 2020.

His response thus far has been pulled from the standard Trump playbook : hurling deeply personal, sometimes vulgar, insults at his opponents, questioning the legitimacy of the investigations into his actions and distracting with other jarring decisions.

For example, there was his public call for China to investigate baseless corruption claims against Democrat Joe Biden just days after Democrats launched impeachment proceedings to probe Trump's similar request of Ukraine.

There are some signs that Trump's words and actions are being received differently, both in Washington and across the country, from other points in his presidency.

Polls now show more Americans in favor of opening the impeachment inquiry than those who are opposed, a shift since earlier this year. A recent Pew Research Center poll found that 54% of Americans approved of the House decision to conduct an inquiry, while 44% disapproved. In a Pew poll conducted a few weeks earlier, the public was evenly divided on the question.

A few prominent Republicans have moved in favor of the investigation, which centers in part on whether Trump used his office for personal political gain by asking Ukraine to investigate the unfounded accusations against former Vice President Biden.

John Kasich, the former Republican governor of Ohio, is among the Republicans who now back an impeachment inquiry, though he told The Associated Press in an interview that he isn't ready to call for Trump's removal from office.

"This is an extremely serious matter," Kasich said. "I wrestled with it for a very long time."

Kasich was persuaded by the White House's shifting story on why Trump withheld \$400 million in military aid for Ukraine, one of the issues under investigation by the House.

After insisting there was no quid pro quo at play — and allowing Republicans to use that as a rationale for opposing the impeachment inquiry — acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Thursday that one of the reasons the aid was held up was that Trump wanted Ukrainian officials to investigate a debunked conspiracy involving the Democratic National Committee. Mulvaney later tried to back away from that statement.

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His televised news conference left some Republicans flabbergasted. Many in the party were already reeling from Trump's decision to withdraw American troops from Syria, allowing Turkey to move into the country and attack Kurdish forces aligned with Washington. Reliable Trump allies such as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., panned the president's move as dangerous and deeply flawed.

And Mulvaney opened his news conference by announcing another controversial decision: Trump plans to host world leaders next year at his golf resort near Miami, putting him in position to personally profit from his office. Some Republicans found the move difficult to defend as well.

"I am not surprised at all that the president wanted to hold the G-7 at Doral. Never occurred to me that he would want to do anything different," Stewart said. "I am surprised there's no one in there who would advise him against doing that."

After two days of intense criticism for his choice of Doral, the president tweeted late Saturday that he would begin the search for a new site "based on both Media & Democrat Crazed and Irrational Hostility." In fact, the criticism had been bipartisan.

For now, the Republican frustration with Trump's actions over the past few weeks isn't affecting the party's views on the impeachment investigation, which is opposed by the majority of GOP lawmakers and voters.

"Republicans have already shown that they're compartmentalizing this," said Brendan Buck, an adviser to former House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. "They're able to be very upset about Syria in the morning and rationalize the other issues in the afternoon."

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## Turkey wants Syrian forces to leave border areas, aide says

By **KARL RITTER** and **SARAH EL DEEB** Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan wants Syrian government forces to move out of areas near the Turkish border so he can resettle up to 2 million refugees there, his spokesman told The Associated Press on Saturday. The request will top Erdogan's talks next week with Syria's ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Arrangements along the Syrian-Turkish border were thrown into disarray after the U.S. pulled its troops out of the area, opening the door to Turkey's invasion aiming to drive out Kurdish-led fighters it considers terrorists.

Abandoned by their American allies, the Kurds — with Russia's mediation — invited Damascus to send troops into northeastern Syria as protection from Turkish forces. That has complicated Turkey's plan to create a "safe zone" along the border, where it can resettle Syrian refugees now in Turkey. Most of those refugees fled Syria's government.

Erdogan's spokesman, Ibrahim Kalin said Ankara does not want either Syrian forces nor Kurdish fighters in the border area because refugees would not go back to areas under their control.

Turkey has said it wants to oversee that area.

"This is one of the topics that we will discuss with the Russians, because, again, we are not going to force any refugees to go to anywhere they don't want to go," he said. "We want to create conditions that will be suitable for them to return where they will feel safe."

Turkey has taken in about 3.6 million Syrians fleeing the conflict in their homeland but now wants most of them to return. So far, very few have returned to an enclave Turkey already took over and has controlled since 2017.

Under an agreement made by the U.S. and Turkey Thursday, a five-day cease-fire has been in place. Turkey expects the Kurdish fighters to pull back from a border area.



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A senior Syrian Kurdish official acknowledged for the first time that the Kurdish-led forces agreed to the pull-back, stating that his forces will move 30-kilometer (19 miles) south of the border.

Redur Khalil, a senior Syrian Democratic Forces official, told the AP that the withdrawal will take place once Turkey allows the Kurdish-led force to evacuate its fighters and civilians from Ras al-Ayn, a border town under siege by Turkish-backed forces. He said that Kurdish-led force was preparing plans to conduct that evacuation on Sunday, if there are no further delays.

Khalil said Kurdish-led fighters would pull back from a 120-kilometer (75-mile) stretch along the border from Ras al-Ayn to Tal Abyad, moving past the international highway.

"We are only committed to the U.S. version not the Turkish one," Khalil said.

A previous agreement between the U.S. and Turkey over a "safe zone" along the Syria-Turkish border floundered over the diverging definitions of the area.

Erdogan has said the Kurdish fighters must withdraw from a far larger length of the border from the Euphrates River to the Iraqi border — more than 440 kilometers (260 miles) — or else the Turkish offensive will resume on Tuesday.

But U.S. officials say the agreement pertains to the smaller section between the two towns. Kalin confirmed that is the area affected by the pause in fighting, but said Turkey still wants the larger zone.

Two days into the cease-fire, the border town of Ras al-Ayn has been the sticking point in moving forward.

"We hope that as of tonight or tomorrow, they will stick to this agreement and leave the area," Kalin said.

The Kurdish official meanwhile said his force had negotiated with the Americans the details of its pull-back from the border, starting with the Ras al-Ayn evacuation. But he said the evacuation stalled for 48 hours because Turkish-backed forces continued their siege of the town.

A partial evacuation took place Saturday. Medical convoys were let into part of the town still in Kurdish hands, evacuating 30 wounded and four bodies from a hospital. Khalil said the plan to complete the evacuation from Ras al-Ayn is now set for Sunday.

Turkish officials denied violating the cease-fire or impeding the fighters' withdrawal, blaming the continued violence on the Kurds.

If Kurdish fighters then pull back from the 120-kilometers (75 miles) border area, it is uncertain what the arrangement would be along the rest of the northeastern border, most of which remains solely in the hands of Kurdish-led fighters.

Last week, Syrian forces began deploying into Kurdish areas, moving only into one location directly on the border, the town of Kobani, and a few positions further south.

Khalil said the Syrian government and its ally Russia did not want to deploy more extensively in the area, apparently to avoid frictions with Turkey.

"We noticed there was no desire (from the Russians and Syria) to have the Syrian military on the dividing line between us and the Turks except in Kobani," he said.

The border town of Kobani also stands between Turkish-controlled Syrian territories to the west and Kurdish-held eastern Syria.

Khalil said it was not clear what would happen after his forces' withdrawal and five-day cease-fire ends.

"The deal essentially is handing Syrian land to a foreign country. This is not good. It is bad for us," he said. "We have nothing to win. The only win is the international sympathy."

El Deeb reported from Beirut. Zeynep Bilginsoy in Istanbul contributed.

## Nestor heads into Georgia after tornados damage Florida

By **BRENDAN FARRINGTON** and **TERRY SPENCER** Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Nestor raced across Georgia as a post-tropical cyclone late Saturday, hours after the former tropical storm spawned a tornado that damaged homes and a school in central Florida while sparing areas of the Florida Panhandle devastated one year earlier by Hurricane Michael.

The storm made landfall Saturday on St. Vincent Island, a nature preserve off Florida's northern Gulf

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Coast in a lightly populated area of the state, the National Hurricane Center said.

Nestor was expected to bring 1 to 3 inches of rain to drought-stricken inland areas on its march across a swath of the U.S. Southeast. Forecasters said it also was raising an overnight threat of severe weather in the Carolinas as it continued to speed toward the Atlantic Ocean.

While all tropical storm and surge warnings had been canceled by Saturday afternoon in Florida, the storm escalated weekend threats of possible twisters and severe thunderstorms elsewhere in the South.

The storm spun off at least three tornadoes in Florida as it moved north through the Gulf that caused damage.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office said several homes were damaged and Kathleen Middle School had a large section of its roof torn off when the tornado hit late Friday near Lakeland, about an hour's drive southwest of Orlando.

Photos posted by The Ledger newspaper showed a home with a destroyed roof, downed trees, a large recreational vehicle thrown onto its side and vehicles buried under debris. About 10,000 homes were without power Saturday.

"Thankfully, we have not had any reported serious injuries," Sheriff Grady Judd said in a Saturday statement. "However, there are many people dealing with damage to their homes and property this morning, some of it severe."

Another suspected tornado in southwest Florida damaged at least a dozen homes in Cape Coral, some severely, the police department said in a statement. No injuries were reported. Another tornado was reported in Pinellas County, producing minor damage at a mobile home park.

In Georgia, remnants of the storm spread heavy rains and triggered two National Weather Service warnings of potential twisters in the state's south on Saturday evening. Radar indicated possible tornados separately in areas around Rhine and Vienna, Georgia. But there was no immediate confirmation of any tornadoes and no injuries or damages were reported.

Elsewhere, news outlets reported some downed trees and power lines in metro Atlanta as heavy rains spread across Georgia. Photographs showed downed trees blocking some roadways.

In Mexico Beach, Florida, where a powerful October 2018 storm nearly wiped out that Panhandle town and left thousands homeless, the mayor said Saturday that Nestor brought some needed rain to a portion of the state suffering from drought. But there was no damage there.

"There have been no issues," said Mayor Al Cathey, whose city is still recovering from Michael. "I would call us fortunate."

Spencer reported from Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

## Impeachment inquiry puts spotlight on Perry, who shunned it

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER and MATTHEW DALY Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long after more flamboyant colleagues flamed out of President Donald Trump's favor amid ethics scandals, low-profile and folksy Rick Perry survived in the Cabinet in part by steering clear of controversy.

Until now.

The former Texas governor said Thursday he was quitting as energy secretary by year's end. The announcement came as the House impeachment investigation highlighted his work in Ukraine, where he promoted U.S. natural gas and where Trump hoped to find dirt on Democratic rival Joe Biden.

Trump said that Perry, one of his longest serving Cabinet members, had planned for months to leave. But the timing of the announcement of Perry's departure fits a Trump pattern, said governance expert Kathryn Dunn Tenpas of the Brookings Institution. Her work shows there has been more turnover in Trump's Cabinet than under any president since at least Ronald Reagan.

"The more important the issue is to the president, the more likely you're on the chopping block," Tenpas

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said.

No evidence has emerged that Perry explicitly pressured Ukrainian officials to comply with Trump's push to investigate a Ukraine natural gas company where Biden's son Hunter was a board member. It's a central part of the impeachment investigation.

Perry, an evangelical who takes part in weekly Cabinet Bible studies, told a Christian broadcast news outlet his month that, "God as my witness," he never heard any administration figure specifically mention either Biden in discussions about corruption investigations in Ukraine.

Perry did publicly pressure Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, for unspecified reforms "in the energy sector," however, including in comments at Zelenskyy's May inauguration.

That was one of several Perry trips and meetings putting him in contact with Ukraine and U.S. figures playing pivotal roles in the actions now being studied by the House committees investigating impeachment.

Perry also was present for at least part of a White House meeting in July with then-natural security adviser John Bolton and other U.S. and Ukrainian officials. Perry, at the time, tweeted out a photo of the group lined up in front of the White House and called it a "productive discussion."

Trump is trying to block members of his administration from testifying before lawmakers who are investigating whether Trump used the powers of his office for personal political aims in Ukraine. The Energy Department on Friday refused to comply with a House subpoena for Perry.

A top State Department official, George Kent, has testified that the White House deputized Perry, Ukraine envoy Kurt Volker and Trump's European Union ambassador, Gordon Sondland, to run U.S. policy in Ukraine. "It's outrageous," said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J.

Perry's public mission in Ukraine was in line with U.S. and European policy in place before the Trump administration: "flood" Europe with imported natural gas, as Perry said in a video in 2015, even before Trump won office. The policy is designed to help Ukraine and other Eastern European countries escape the political dominance that Russia's control of the region's energy supply has helped give Moscow.

Perry's Texas roots gave him ties with the oil and gas companies exporting to Europe. But there are no allegations that Perry improperly arranged natural gas deals to benefit oil friends.

Corruption in Ukraine can make doing business there dodgy, and Ukraine lacks the giant natural gas terminals and other facilities to import much natural gas shipments directly, energy experts say. That's made it less of a targeted customer for Western natural gas sales than, for example, Poland.

Poland has done much better economically than Ukraine since the breakup of the Soviet Union, enabling Polish leaders to win favor with Trump by buying U.S. warplanes and natural gas.

Perry has acknowledged that he consulted on Ukraine matters with Trump's personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani. Giuliani served as one of Trump's main, back channel movers in the administration's 2020-related political efforts in Ukraine, in talks bypassing official U.S. government channels.

The U.S. has indicted associates of Giuliani on allegations they illegally tried to funnel cash to Republican politicians, using a natural gas company as a front. It's part of the tangle of business and political administration efforts in Ukraine that impeachment investigators are trying to unravel.

The world Perry moves in as he promotes U.S. natural gas is rife with fringe characters, says Edward Chow, an expert in Eastern European and international energy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a think tank.

"There's always these middlemen. Usually they present themselves as having some kind of political connections. Ninety-nine percent of these middlemen never score a deal," Chow said. "They talk about billion-dollar deals, and it's like, 'Yeah? What's your bank number?'"

Publicly, Perry moved through that world as a champion of U.S. energy and energy policy, advocating for American oil and gas and coal, a Trump priority, but also encouraging countries to build up solar, wind and nuclear power.

James Melville Jr., U.S. ambassador to Estonia until he resigned last year in protest of Trump's treatment of European allies, said he was "positively impressed" by Perry, in some ways, in their one encounter at an event on Baltic states.

Perry "was friendly, he was cordial, he was talkative," and willing to meet Estonian officials that Melville



brought over to introduce.

"He struck me very much as a politician," Melville said. "Broad knowledge but not very deep" when it came to science-heavy matters under Perry's stewardship as energy secretary.

Before now, Perry's defining national moment came as a presidential candidate, when he forgot the name of the Energy Department in a 2011 debate as he was listing Cabinet agencies he wanted to eliminate.

As energy secretary, by most accounts he has been an active and eager leader, visiting the country's research labs and touring power plants. He worked well with lawmakers, in a job that required him to appeal annually to Congress for money for projects despite Trump's own call for cuts.

"The coolest job I've ever had," he said in his departure video Thursday.

Perry stayed low-key with policy aims that ran counter to the president's likes, tamping down public shows of support for the wind turbines he had promoted as Texas governor, for example.

"The secretary knows he works for the president ... and a large part of his job is enhancing and defending his administration's and the president's policy goals. And he has done that," noted Ray Sullivan, Perry's former chief of staff in Texas.

## Trump outstripping Obama on pace of executive orders

By KEVIN FREKING Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It wasn't too long ago that Donald Trump derided presidential executive orders as "power grabs" and a "basic disaster."

He's switched sides in a big way: In each year of his presidency, he has issued more executive orders than did former President Barack Obama during the same time span. He surpassed Obama's third-year total just recently.

Back in 2012, Trump had tweeted: "Why Is @BarackObama constantly issuing executive orders that are major power grabs of authority?"

That criticism continued once he entered the presidential race.

"The country wasn't based on executive orders," Trump said at a South Carolina campaign stop in February 2016. "Right now, Obama goes around signing executive orders. He can't even get along with the Democrats, and he goes around signing all these executive orders. It's a basic disaster. You can't do it."

But Trump appears to have learned what his predecessors discovered as well: It's easier and often more satisfying to get things done through administrative action than to get Congress to go along, said Andrew Rudalevige, a professor at Bowdoin College who studies the history and effectiveness of presidential executive actions.

"Most candidates don't realize the utility of executive actions while campaigning," Rudalevige said. "When they become president, they quickly gain an appreciation of how difficult it is to get things done in government."

The White House declined to comment on Trump's use of executive orders. He surpassed Obama's third-year total when, in the last two weeks, he issued five executive orders relating to Medicare, government transparency, federal spending and imposing sanctions on Turkish officials.

An executive order can have the same effect as a federal law — but its impact can be fleeting. Congress can pass a new law to override an executive order and future presidents can undo them.

Every president since George Washington has used the executive order power, according to the National Constitution Center, and some of those orders played a critical role in American history. President Franklin Roosevelt established internment camps during World War II. President Harry Truman mandated equal treatment of all members of the armed forces through executive orders. And President Dwight Eisenhower used an executive order to enforce school desegregation in Little Rock.

When Obama became frustrated with how difficult it was to push legislation through Congress, he warned Republicans he would take executive action when he considered it necessary.

He famously declared in 2014: "We're not just going to be waiting for legislation in order to make sure that we're providing Americans the kind of help they need. I've got a pen, and I've got a phone."

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Few candidates for office have placed so much emphasis on criticizing a predecessor's executive orders as Trump did. He reasoned that Obama's use of executive orders made him look like a weak negotiator. But Trump himself has had little success with Congress in that regard. His biggest legislative achievement so far, a \$1.5 trillion tax cut, failed to gain one Democratic vote.

Trump has so far issued 130 executive orders. By comparison, Obama issued 108 in his first three years.

Still, Rudalevige says that comparing executive orders from one president to the next can provide a misleading snapshot of a president's propensity for taking executive action. That's because presidents also use memoranda and proclamations to achieve policy goals or to get the message out about their priorities. One president's executive order might be another's memoranda, or phone call even.

Obama relied on memoranda and proclamations for some of his most disputed executive actions, so just counting his executive orders understates his efforts to take action without Congress passing a bill.

For example, protections for young immigrants brought into the country illegally as children came about through a Department of Homeland Security memorandum. That effort allowed eligible individuals to request temporary relief from deportation and apply for authorization to work in the U.S.

Obama took the action after Congress had declined to pass the Dream Act, legislation that would have helped a similar group of migrants. Republicans argued Obama overstepped his constitutional authority. In November, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments over the Trump administration's plan to end the program, which has protected roughly 700,000 young immigrants from deportation. Lower courts have so far blocked the administration from ending the program.

Obama also issued proclamations to declare new national monuments in Utah and Nevada in his final days in office. In all, he issued 34 monument proclamations, including designating 29 new monuments and enlargement of five existing monuments as he brandished his conservation legacy. Some of the largest monument designations were heavily criticized by state and local officials.

Rudalevige said that Trump appears to favor the pomp and ceremony that often comes with an executive order. He routinely makes a speech, administration officials and potentially affected Americans get to thank him for taking action and Trump often signs the order before the cameras, holding it up in the air for photographers to capture the moment.

"I think it fits his personality," Rudalevige said.

## 'I am back,' Bernie Sanders tells supporters at NYC rally

By STEVE PEOPLES AP National Political Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Storming past questions about his health, Bernie Sanders vowed that he's "more ready than ever" to fight for a political revolution — with a little help from new friends — at a rally Saturday that drew thousands to a New York City park. The rally offered a pointed reminder to skeptics in both political parties that the 78-year-old democratic socialist is still very much a force in the 2020 presidential race.

Sanders opened his remarks by apologizing that he secured a permit for only 20,000 people. His campaign, he said, was forced to close the gates on many more people who were trying to enter the Queens park just across the river from Manhattan.

"To put it bluntly, I am back," Sanders declared, sparking chants of, "Bernie is back" from the massive crowd.

"I am happy to report to you that I am more than ready — more ready than ever — to carry on with you on the epic struggle that we face today," he added. "I am more than ready to assume the office of president of the United States."

The event marked Sanders' formal return to the campaign trail less than three weeks after he suffered a heart attack that threatened both his life and political future. Even before that, he was in danger of falling out of the top-tier in the 2020 Democratic primary field. Polls suggest he's lagging behind liberal rival Elizabeth Warren and establishment favorite Joe Biden.

But the fiery Brooklyn native, backed by a slate of new endorsements and two new stents in an artery connected to his heart, appeared to be expanding his coalition on Saturday.

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A security company hired by the campaign reported a crowd estimate of 25,000. Among those speaking, filmmaker and activist Michael Moore told the cheering crowd that he was endorsing Sanders, shortly before Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., praised the Vermont senator on stage.

"Bernie Sanders fought for me," Ocasio-Cortez said as she introduced Sanders.

She heaped praise on the Vermont senator but did not explicitly say that she was endorsing him. The Sanders campaign announced earlier in the week that she had.

Before the rally, Sanders campaign manager Faiz Shakir said endorsements this past week from Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., in particular were proof that the Sanders campaign is growing. He predicted that they would especially help Sanders strengthen his support among young, minority voters.

"Those are two people who I think have immense power to mobilize young people, and I promise you you'll be seeing them in Iowa, but not only in Iowa, but around the country, trying to get people engaged around the issues," Shakir said.

For now, at least, Sanders can use the help.

While he insists he's ready to move forward, he's doing so cautiously. Saturday's rally was his only scheduled appearance before he returns to Iowa late in the coming week.

The week after, he'll join Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., for a tour of her congressional district. Tlaib hasn't announced whether she'll endorse Sanders, but she is part of the same small "squad" of minority women on Capitol Hill who have been a target of President Donald Trump.

Despite the aggressive rhetoric from Sanders himself, senior adviser Jeff Weaver said Sanders would ease himself back onto the campaign trail. But by December, he predicted, Sanders health scare will be forgotten.

Almost all the speakers during Saturday's event, which spanned several hours on a sunny, crisp fall afternoon, played down the health concerns.

"The only heart attack we should be talking about is the one Wall Street is going to have when Bernie Sanders is president," said Moore, the filmmaker.

Nina Turner, one of Sanders' national co-chairs, said it "boggles my mind" that Sanders' critics have embraced "ageism."

"Life happens to us all," she said.

"Memo to the haters: hashtag Bernie Is Back," she added. "We never went anywhere, we just pushed pause for a minute."

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Oct. 20, the 293rd day of 2019. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 2011, Moammar Gadhafi, 69, Libya's dictator for 42 years, was killed as revolutionary fighters overwhelmed his hometown of Sirte (SURT) and captured the last major bastion of resistance two months after his regime fell.

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte (LAY'-tee) in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after saying, "I shall return."

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration in the U.S. motion picture industry.

In 1967, a jury in Meridian, Mississippi, convicted seven men of violating the civil rights of slain civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner; the seven received prison terms ranging from 3 to 10 years.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was



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dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1976, 78 people were killed when the Norwegian tanker Frosta rammed the commuter ferry George Prince on the Mississippi River near New Orleans.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd, including lead singer Ronnie Van Zant, were killed along with three others in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Mississippi.

In 1986, the government of Nicaragua formally charged captured American mercenary Eugene Hasenfus with several crimes, including terrorism. (Although convicted and sentenced to prison, Hasenfus was pardoned and released by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega.)

In 1990, three members of the rap group 2 Live Crew were acquitted by a jury in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of violating obscenity laws with an adults-only concert in nearby Hollywood the previous June.

In 1999, the government laid out new rules to protect children's privacy on the Internet and to shield them from commercial e-mail. Elizabeth Dole abandoned her Republican bid to be America's first woman president.

In 2001, officials announced that anthrax had been discovered in a House postal facility on Capitol Hill.

In 2004, A U.S. Army staff sergeant, Ivan "Chip" Frederick, pleaded guilty to abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison. (Frederick was sentenced to eight years in prison; he was paroled in 2007.)

Ten years ago: Ignoring appeals by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and even rock star Sting, Iran sentenced an Iranian-American academic, Kian Tajbakhsh (KEE'-ahn tahj-BAHKSH'), to 12 years in prison for his alleged role in anti-government protests. Afghanistan's election commission ordered a runoff in the disputed presidential poll. (The runoff was later canceled, and President Hamid Karzai proclaimed the winner.)

Five years ago: The White House said former Nazis should not have been collecting Social Security benefits as they aged overseas; an Associated Press investigation had revealed that millions of dollars had been paid to war-crimes suspects and former SS guards who'd been forced out of the United States. New York's Metropolitan Opera opened "The Death of Klinghoffer" amid protests that the work glorified Palestinian terrorists. Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta, 82, died in Kent, Connecticut.

One year ago: Saudi Arabia announced that journalist Jamal Khashoggi (jah-MAHL' khahr-SHOHK'-jee) had been killed in Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul; there was immediate international skepticism over the Saudi account that Khashoggi had died during a "fistfight." President Donald Trump said the U.S. would pull out of a landmark arms control agreement with the former Soviet Union; he said Russia was violating the pact and that it was keeping the U.S. from developing new weapons. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 5-1 in Game 7 of the National League Championship Series to advance to a World Series matchup against the Boston Red Sox.

Today's Birthdays: Japan's Empress Michiko is 85. Rockabilly singer Wanda Jackson is 82. Former actress Rev. Mother Dolores Hart is 81. Actor William "Rusty" Russ is 69. Actress Melanie Mayron is 67. Retired MLB All-Star Keith Hernandez is 66. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., is 64. Movie director Danny Boyle is 63. Former Labor Secretary Hilda Solis is 62. Actor Viggo Mortensen is 61. Rock musician Jim Sonefeld (Hootie & The Blowfish) is 55. Rock musician David Ryan is 55. Rock musician Doug Eldridge (Oleander) is 52. Journalist Sunny Hostin (TV: "The View") is 51. Political commentator and blogger Michelle Malkin is 49. Actor Kenneth Choi is 48. Rapper Snoop Dogg is 48. Singer Dannii Minogue is 48. Singer Jimi Westbrook (country group Little Big Town) is 48. Country musician Jeff Loberg is 43. Actor/comedian Dan Fogler is 43. Rock musician Jon Natchez (The War on Drugs) is 43. Actor Sam Witwer is 42. Actor John Krasinski is 40. Rock musician Daniel Tichenor (Cage the Elephant) is 40. Actress Katie Featherston is 37. Actress Jennifer Nicole Freeman is 34.

Thought for Today: "Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit." — Conrad Hilton, American hotelier (1887-1979).

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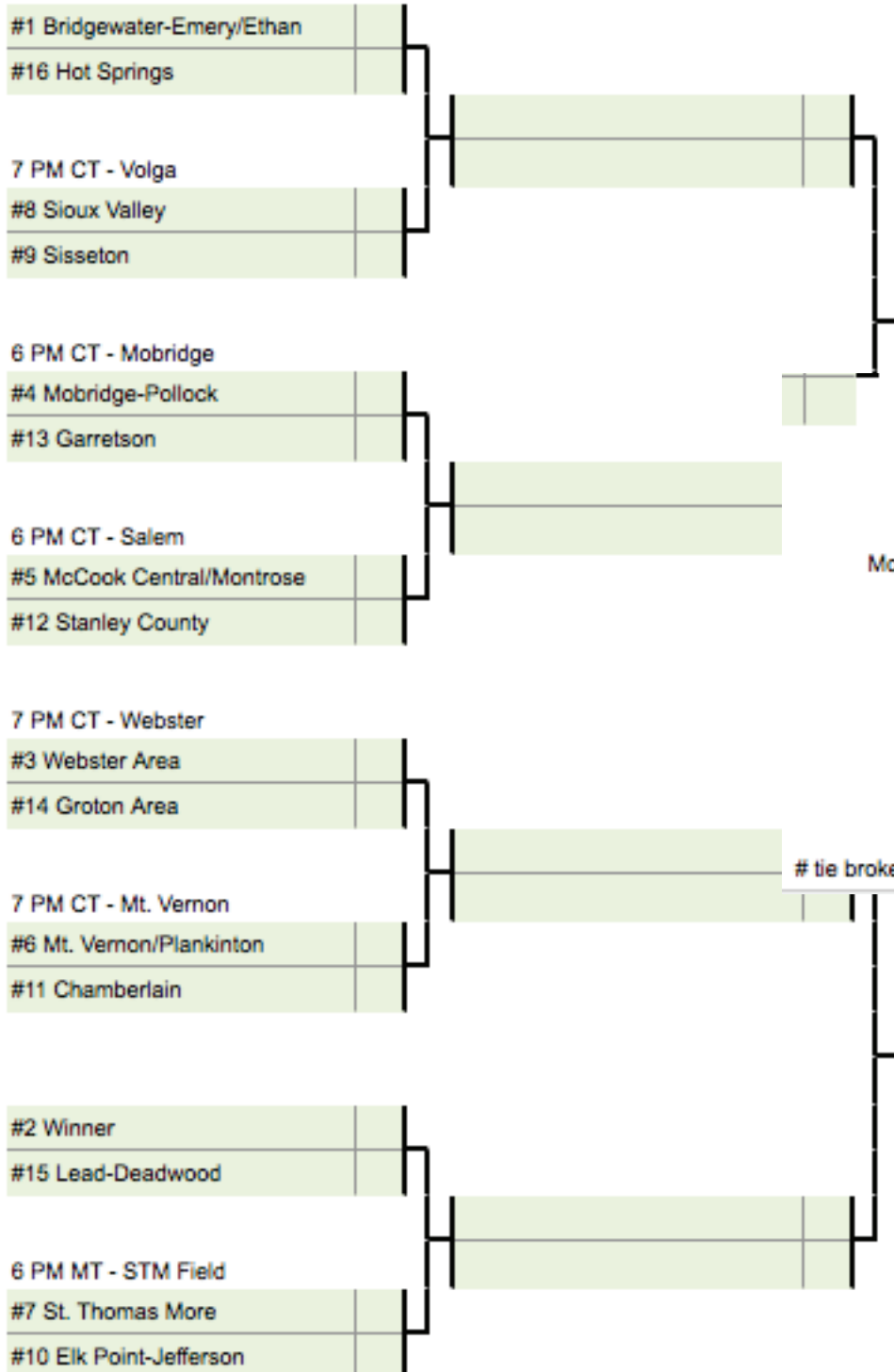
## 1st Round

Thursday, October 24th

## Quarterfinal Round

Thursday, October 31st

## Class 11B Football Pairings



### Qualifying Teams

Team	Record	Points
# Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan	8-0	46.875
Winner	8-0	46.875
Webster Area	8-0	45.750
Mobridge-Pollock	7-1	44.125
McCook Central/Montrose	7-1	43.750
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton	6-2	43.125
St. Thomas More	7-1	43.000
Sioux Valley	5-3	41.750
Sisseton	5-3	41.750
Elk Point-Jefferson	4-4	41.125
Chamberlain	5-3	41.000
Stanley County	3-5	40.125
Garretson	3-5	39.750
Groton Area	4-4	39.625
Lead-Deadwood	3-5	39.375
Hot Springs	4-4	39.250

# tie broken by average of opponents' seed points