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## Groton Community Calendar

### Sunday, Nov. 6

Groton CM&A: Sunday School at 9:15 a.m., Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

St. John's worship, 9 a.m.; Zion Lutheran worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.; Choir, 7 p.m.

UMC: Conde Worship with communion, 8:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 9:30 a.m.; Groton worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School after children's sermon during worship.

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## Aldridge Hits Career Milestone in Regular Season Finale

Bemidji, Minn. – History was made for the Northern State University volleyball program on Saturday, as head coach Brent Aldridge became the all-time wins leader with a 4-set victory over Bemidji State. The win was the Wolves 18th of the season and 224th of Aldridge's career.

### THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 3, BSU 1

Records: NSU 18-10 (13-7 NSIC), BSU 4-24 (3-17 NSIC)

Attendance: 284

### HOW IT HAPPENED

- Northern took the opening set with a score of 25-23, however Bemidji answered back with a 25-22 victory in set two
- The Wolves responded and fast, sitting the Beavers down with set scores of 25-13 and 25-10 to seal the match
- NSU hit .248 in the win and held BSU to a .181 attack percentage
- Northern notched a match high 54 kills, 52 assists, 60 digs and 17 aces (season high)
- Three Wolves recorded double figure digs led by Sally Gaul (16) and Madison Langlie was the leader on defense with 27 digs, as the lone Wolf in double digits

### NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Sally Gaul: 16 kills, 9 digs, 3 aces, 3 blocks
- Taylor Buckley: 11 kills, 6 digs, 2 aces
- Hanna Thompson: 11 kills
- Cara Cyr: 7 kills, .636 attack%, 5 aces, 3 blocks
- Keri Walker: 49 assists, 5 digs, 4 aces, 2 kills
- Madison Langlie: 27 digs, 2 assists, 1 ace

### UP NEXT

Northern State has qualified for the NSIC Tournament next Friday through Sunday (November 11-13) hosted by Concordia-St. Paul. The Wolves opponent and seed information will be released at [northernsun.org](http://northernsun.org) later this evening. Stay tuned to the schedule page on [nsuwolves.com](http://nsuwolves.com) for further game information and how to follow the Wolves.

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## Northern State Drops North Division Contest at Bemidji State

Bemidji, Minn. – The Northern State University offense was unable to find a spark on Saturday afternoon as the Wolves fell to Bemidji State. The defense held BSU, who averaged 41.0 points per contest heading into the match-up, to just 24 points on the day. The Wolves scored all 14 of their points in the fourth quarter and looked to mount a comeback; however, the clock was not on their side.

### THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 14, BSU 24

Records: NSU 6-4, BSU 8-2

Attendance: 957

### HOW IT HAPPENED

- Bemidji State notched a touchdown in the first and field goal in the second, holding a 10-0 lead at the half
- The Beavers extended that lead in the third, scoring 14 more points
- Ben Noland broke through for the Wolves just seconds in to the fourth quarter on a 5-yard pass from Will Madler
- Northern came within ten of Bemidji State at 3:20 in the contest on a 1-yard run by Stanley Haskins Jr. and 2-point conversion rush by Anthony Vespo
- NSU recorded just 11 first downs in the game, rushing for 91 yards and passing for 161
- BSU on the other hand recorded 25 first downs, 182 yards rushing, and 320 yards passing
- The Wolves scored both times they entered the red-zone, however converted just 2-of-10 on third down
- Vespo and Noland set up the Haskins Jr. rushing score with a 90-yard reception late in the fourth, a long in the game for either team
- Brennan Kutterer, Trey King, and Felipe Alvear led the defense with eight tackles apiece, while Luke Chuol notched a team leading 4.0 tackles for a loss
- Alvear and Hunter Hansen each tallied a forced fumble, while Ar'Shon Willis and Logan Grossinger notched fumble recoveries; Willis also led the secondary with two pass break-ups

### NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Stanley Haskins Jr.: 65 yards, 7.2 yards per carry, 1 touchdown
- Ben Noland: 131 yards, 1 touchdown
- Brennan Kutterer: 8 tackles, 2.0 tackles for a loss
- Luke Chuol: 5 tackles, 4.0 tackles for a loss

### UP NEXT

Northern State closes out the regular season next Saturday from Dacotah Bank Stadium. The Wolves welcome Minnesota Duluth for a 1 p.m. kickoff.



## **2023 DOG LICENSES due by Dec. 30, 2022**

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## SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

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### 'No one's going to save us. We have to save ourselves' Petition drive aims to put abortion access on 2024 ballot in South Dakota BY: JOHN HULT - NOVEMBER 5, 2022 11:30 AM

Organizers with Dakotans for Health used a Saturday morning rally at Icon Lounge in Sioux Falls to kick off a petition drive aimed at putting a Constitutional right to abortion on the 2024 ballot.

The event brought together well over 100 volunteers to train them on how to circulate petitions on behalf of the organization, which was co-founded by Sioux Falls business owner and former Democratic Congressional candidate Rick Weiland.

Dakotans for Health supported the push to put Medicaid expansion on the Tuesday ballot, and had previously backed referenda to raise the minimum wage, legalize marijuana and pass ethics rules for lawmakers.

The proposed amendment to the South Dakota Constitution would codify Roe vs. Wade, a U.S. Supreme Court decision

that legalized abortion nationwide until a new high court decision handed down this spring 2022 decision.

South Dakota is among the states that had a "trigger law" on the books to ban abortion in the event of a decision overturning Roe vs. Wade. The 2005 law only allows abortion in cases where the life of the mother is at risk.

"South Dakota has become the most restrictive state in the nation when it comes to reproductive freedom and people are angry," Weiland said. "We have people coming out of the woodwork to put Roe v. Wade on the 2024 ballot and let the people decide."

Saturday was the first day petitioners were legally allowed to begin collecting signatures. Weiland urged the volunteers to look for signatures at a rally for Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jamie Smith later in the day.

He also reminded the crowd that South Dakotans had rejected abortion bans through the referendum process in 2006 and 2008.

The circulators will need signatures amounting to 10% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial



**Rick Weiland, co-founder of Dakotans for Health, speaks to a crowd of volunteers at a kick-off event for a petition drive that aims to put abortion access on the 2024 ballot in South Dakota. The event took place Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at Icon Lounge in Sioux Falls.** (John Hult/South Dakota Searchlight)

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**Dr. Amy Kelley speaks to a crowd of volunteers at a kick-off event for a petition drive that aims to put abortion access on the 2024 ballot in South Dakota.** (John Hult/South Dakota Searchlight)

torial election. The goal is for 60,000 signatures by July 1, 2023.

"We've got to get this thing on the ballot," Dr. Amy Kelley told the crowd on Saturday. "No one's going to save us. We have to save ourselves."

Kelley is an OB/GYN in Sioux Falls. She told the volunteers that her clients and fellow doctors are unsure if it's legal to discuss abortion since South Dakota's trigger law took effect.

Doctors worry that they could face legal repercussions "if they advise patients to go out of state for the care they need."

The rally came shortly after a major victory for South Dakota petitioners. On Wednesday, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld an earlier ruling that blocked a South Dakota law that would have required petition circulators to register with the state and disclose their name and home address.

The decision from the three-judge panel ruled that the 2020 law, passed by the legislature and signed by Gov. Kristi Noem, amounted to a free speech-chilling invasion of privacy.

Weiland lauded the decision, saying that the appeals court recognized the value of the citizen initiative process. South Dakota was the first state in the nation to embrace the practice, which could result in Medicaid expansion this election cycle, and, if Dakotans for Health is successful,

the reinstatement of legal abortion in the state.

"I hope this ruling sends a message to the legislature not to meddle in the initiative process," he said.



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## SOUTH DAKOTA SEARCHLIGHT

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### 'Three strikes' rule for young offenders endorsed by legislative panel Proposal among the recommendations of juvenile justice summer study

BY: JOHN HULT - NOVEMBER 5, 2022 4:20 AM

A legislative panel wants to make it easier for judges to detain juveniles, require school resource officers to report suspected drug use to school officials, fund community response teams to deal with low-level offenders and offer a new path to graduation for troubled youth.

Those were among the proposals that emerged during the final meeting of the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice on Thursday. The group also endorsed broader use of telemedicine for mental health and voiced support for scholarship and loan forgiveness plans for students entering mental health fields.

The group of House and Senate lawmakers met four times from June through early November. Its goal was to address the repeat juvenile offenses that law enforcement and school officials say stem in part



**State Court Administrator Greg Sattizahn addresses the Study Committee on Juvenile Justice on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022 at the South Dakota State Capitol.** (John Hult/South Dakota Searchlight)

from a 2015 juvenile justice reform law that expanded the use of alternatives to detention.

The eight bill proposals and six resolutions folded into the group's final report were built with input gathered from the Unified Judicial System (UJS), law enforcement, mental health providers, parents, Department of Corrections (DOC) officials and others.

School officials testified, for example, of concerns over students who commit multiple offenses or repeatedly violate probation terms returning to classrooms. The 2015 reforms, it was argued, make it too difficult to detain a child.

The exterior of the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center, pictured on Oct. 21, 2022. (John Hult/South Dakota Searchlight)

The exterior of the Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center in Sioux Falls, pictured on Oct. 21, 2022. (John Hult/South Dakota Searchlight)

In response, the lawmakers drafted a bill that would allow judges to commit a child to the DOC following three delinquent or criminal acts after an initial criminal incident.

The measure wouldn't affect many young people, according to Greg Sattizahn, state court administrator for the UJS. Sattizahn spoke in favor of the proposal, but told the committee that just 36 kids over the past year hit the "three strikes" mark.

"That number leads me to believe that this is a fairly small group," Sattizahn said.

Kristi Bunkers of the DOC opposed the expansion of judicial discretion, however. Alternatives already exist, she said, and that secure lockup tends to do more harm than good for nonviolent offenders.

"I think we need to use restraint, and I don't think this three-strikes proposal serves the best interest of

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the child," Bunkers said. "I don't agree with widening the net for commitment to state custody."

Most judges expect a commitment to DOC custody to translate to detention and removal from a community, she said. The DOC has the discretion to use less restrictive options, but Bunkers said that judges already can and do use those options before turning to the DOC.

"From our perspective, (the 2015 law) works. We're receiving youth who are higher risk," Bunkers said.

The proposal also didn't sit right with Rep. Mike Stevens, R-Yankton. The defense attorney worries that judges in smaller communities without access to treatment programs and diversion programs could default to detention, regardless of how severe a youth offense might be.

"If you're in a rural community, they'll want to send you to DOC," said Stevens.

But offering judges an option for repeat offenders is a key outcome, according to Sen. Wayne Steinhauer, R-Hartford. Without that change, the legislature might make more drastic changes to address worries over safety in the classroom.

"This committee is in existence to a great extent because there's been a movement by some legislators to throw out (the 2015 reform package) in its entirety," Steinhauer said.

Committee Chair Rep. Caleb Finck, R-Tripp, noted that lawmakers will be able to adjust the language on the three strikes proposal during the session.

"They've got these kids they're playing catch and release with. We have got to have something in place to make sure that can only go on so long," said Finck. "I think it needs some work, but I think there are some folks around us who are willing to put in the work."

The group also endorsed a measure that, if passed in 2023, would require school resource officers to report suspected drug or alcohol use or intentions to commit a violent act to school officials.

That proposal landed in the group's final report without the support of Sen. David Wheeler, R-Huron, who cautioned that it could set an unrealistic bar for reporting misbehavior. Current law says that officers "may" report their suspicions to school officials, and several committee members mentioned that most school districts already communicate well with law enforcement.

"I can't get behind the idea that every class 2 misdemeanor minor consumption ticket should go to the school, even in the summer," Wheeler said.

The group also discussed the shortage of mental health professionals throughout its meetings. The vast majority of children who come in contact with the juvenile justice system, they learned, struggle with mental illness and the trauma of adverse childhood experiences such as alcoholism or abuse in the home, divorce or incarcerated parents.

Wait times for space in mental health or drug treatment programs can be extensive, however. There aren't enough counselors to keep up with the wide range of needs in school children, which is why they endorsed increased access to telemedicine and proposals that would incentivize students to go into the mental health fields.

"This is one small piece, but it's a vital piece, because we can't fix these other problems if we don't have the workforce," said Rep. Taylor Rehfeldt, R-Sioux Falls.

The lawmakers will need to bring each proposal forward during the next legislative session before any changes can be made.

Access the group's full list of recommendations at [this link. \(https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/238415.pdf\)](https://mylrc.sdlegislature.gov/api/Documents/238415.pdf)



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## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Do not fret because of evildoers,  
nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.  
For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,  
and wither as the green herb.*

 PSALM 37:1,2 

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The use of racial slurs on Twitter exploded by 500 percent  
after right-wing darling Elon Musk took over.



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## BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

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

2. What did the crowds repeat during Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem? *Hallelujah, Hosanna, Amen, Messiah*

3. From Mark 7, what did Jesus put into the deaf man's ear, healing him? *Mud, Straw, Finger, Light*

4. Upon which mountain did Abraham offer to sacrifice his son Isaac? *Moriah, Aravat, Hor, Seir*

5. In Acts 13:8 who/what was Elymas? *River, Fisherman, Sorcerer, Well*

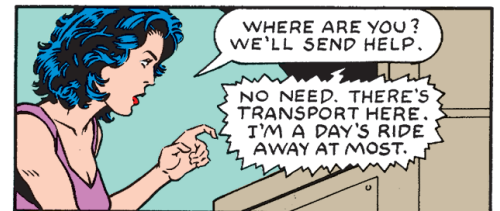
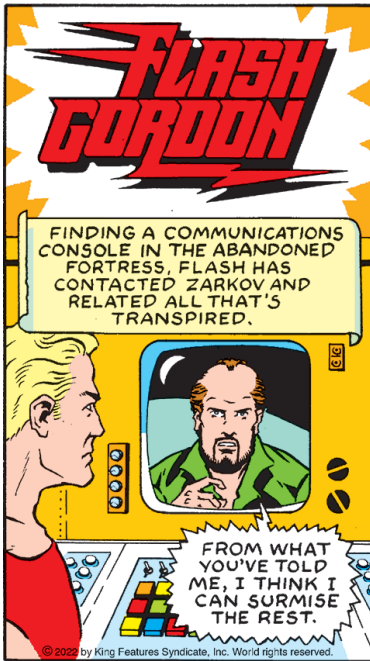
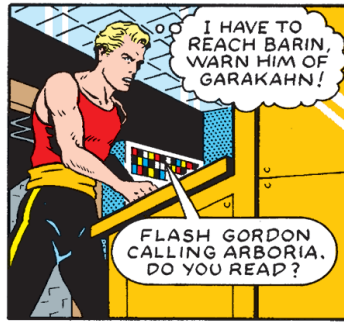
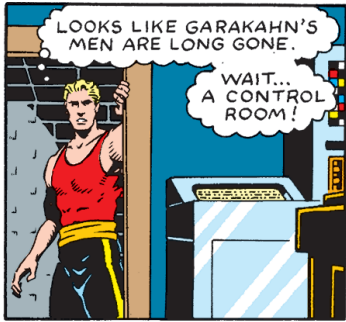
6. From Ruth 4:13, who was her mate? *Samuel, Boaz, Xerxes, Jacob*

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Hosanna, 3) Finger, 4) Moriah, 5) Sorcerer, 6) Boaz

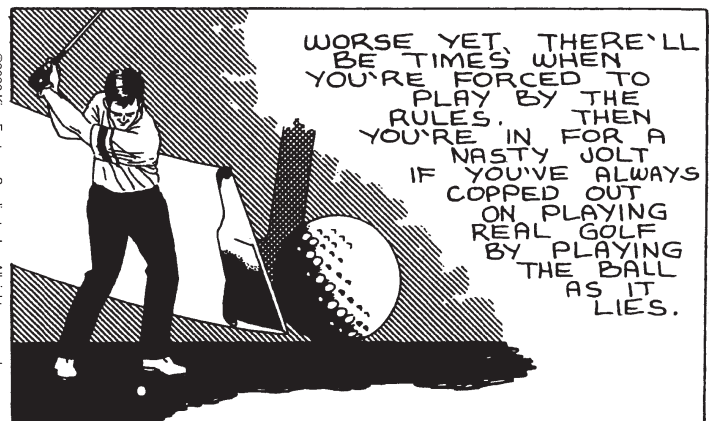
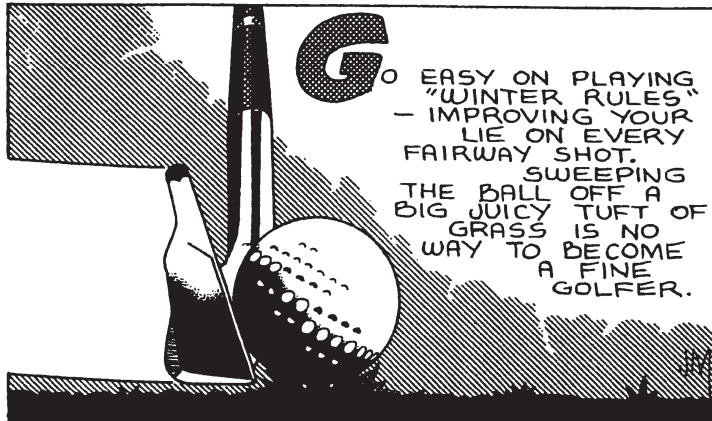
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## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS





## Excess Connective Tissue Leads to Outward Skin Condition

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** In my 40s, I developed lumps in the palm of my hands. I was diagnosed with Dupuytren's contracture and underwent hand surgery to correct the condition. I also noticed similar lumps in the arches of my feet, which don't cause any pain, so I've not sought treatment for my feet. Now in my mid-60s, I have experienced a severe bend in my penis. I assume it's Peyronie's disease. The bend has lessened over several months. What is the cause and connection between these phenomenon? Should I seek treatment? — *B.M.*

**ANSWER:** All three of the conditions you mention are related to excess growth of connective tissue. In the hand, Dupuytren's contracture is caused by excess growth of a connective cell (called a fibroblast) in the superficial palmar fascia (fascia is the thick, tough connective tissue found in many places in the body). A very similar condition in the plantar fascia ("plantar" refers to the sole of the feet) is called plantar fibromatosis (also called Ledderhose disease).

Peyronie's disease is also caused by excess growth of fibroblasts, with deposition of collagen plaques in the penis, causing pain and deformity of the penis. This, in turn, can cause psychological distress and sexual dysfunction. Twenty-one percent of people with Peyronie's also have Dupuytren's contracture. It is thought that repeated trauma, whether to the hand, penis or foot, is a trigger for the abnormal fibroblast activity in people with a genetic predisposition.

Many men do not speak to their phy-

they don't get referred to a urologist, who can discuss the options for treatment. Treatment may include medications, injection and surgery, and referral to an expert is appropriate for all men in whom the condition is suspected.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My wife was diagnosed with liver cancer in January. We do not know how she got it, since she does not smoke, drink or do drugs — and has no family history. She has lost about 50 pounds. She is currently receiving the immunotherapy drugs Tecentriq and Avastin. These drugs worked for a while, but now they do not work as well. My question is, could these drugs have caused this weight loss, since the side effects of both medications say that they might cause weight loss? What else could she take, and what could we do to help her gain weight faster? Her legs are very weak, and she has trouble walking. She has even fallen a few times. Thank you. — *H.R.*

**ANSWER:** I am very sorry for your wife's diagnosis. Many symptoms found in people with cancer can be caused either by the cancer or by its treatment, and it can be very hard to determine which is causing the symptoms. Weight loss is an extremely common symptom in people with liver cancer, so it may not be either of these drugs causing the problem. Even though weight loss can happen with either of the medicines she is taking, 50 pounds makes me suspect the issue is more likely the cancer itself, rather than the drug. But, of course, both might be working together.

A registered dietician can help work with your wife to give her nutrition advice, which normally includes tasty, high-protein, nutrient-rich foods. Her cancer doctors may help with anti-nausea medicines, treating any underlying depression and sometimes prescribing medicines to stimulate appetite.

*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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**Imelda Staunton is Queen Elizabeth II in season five of "The Crown."** Courtesy of Netflix

"The Crown, Season 5" (TV-MA) -- Following the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II, the fifth season of "The Crown" explores quite a tumultuous time for the English Royal Family: the years leading up to Princess Diana's tragic death. The events of the 1990s are put on full display, as the critically acclaimed series concentrates on the tension building between the Queen, Princess Diana and Prince Charles. Elizabeth Debicki ("The Great Gatsby" and "Tenet") takes on the role of the doe-eyed princess, and Imelda Staunton ("Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix") is none other than the queen herself, who was portrayed in previous seasons by Olivia Colman and Claire Foy. This is surely one season you don't want to miss. Out Nov. 9. (Netflix)

"Causeway" (R) -- Academy Award winner Jennifer Lawrence stars in this new psychological drama now released on streaming after holding its world premiere at the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival. Lawrence portrays a soldier named Lynsey, who suffered a brain injury while fighting overseas in Afghanistan and is now adjusting back to life in New Orleans. The film can be described as an introspective look at how to handle trauma, and Lawrence's performance has received great praise so far. Brian Tyree Henry ("Atlanta") and Linda Edmond ("Death of a Salesman") also make up the small cast of this emotive film. (AppleTV+)

"Transformers: EarthSpark" (NR) -- "Transformers" fans can now enjoy a TV series packed with the usual Autobot and Decepticon action, but this time, for the whole family. In the first season of this computer-animated TV series, a new type of Transformers is born, called the Terrans. These Terrans become bonded with two young kids, Robby and Mo Malto, who just moved from Philadelphia to the small town of Witwicky. The kids bring the bots home to their parents, who adopt them as family, while fan-favorite Bumblebee is assigned to train the bots, just in time, of course, for a fight against evil. All 26 episodes of the first season are out Nov. 11. (Paramount+)

"The English" (NR) -- Set in 1890, Englishwoman Cornelia Locke (Emily Blunt) arrives in the Western United States bloodthirsty for revenge after the death of her son. In her quest to find the man responsible, Cornelia doesn't expect to meet Eli Whipp (Chaske Spencer), a member of the Pawnee Nation. As the two realize they have more in common than what meets the eye, Cornelia and Eli agree to join forces to find the culprit and exact their revenge. A Western drama series is an interesting change of pace for award-winning actress Emily Blunt, but with her previous work in gritty films like "A Quiet Place" and "Sicario," she'll most likely captivate audiences. Out on Nov. 11. (Prime Video)

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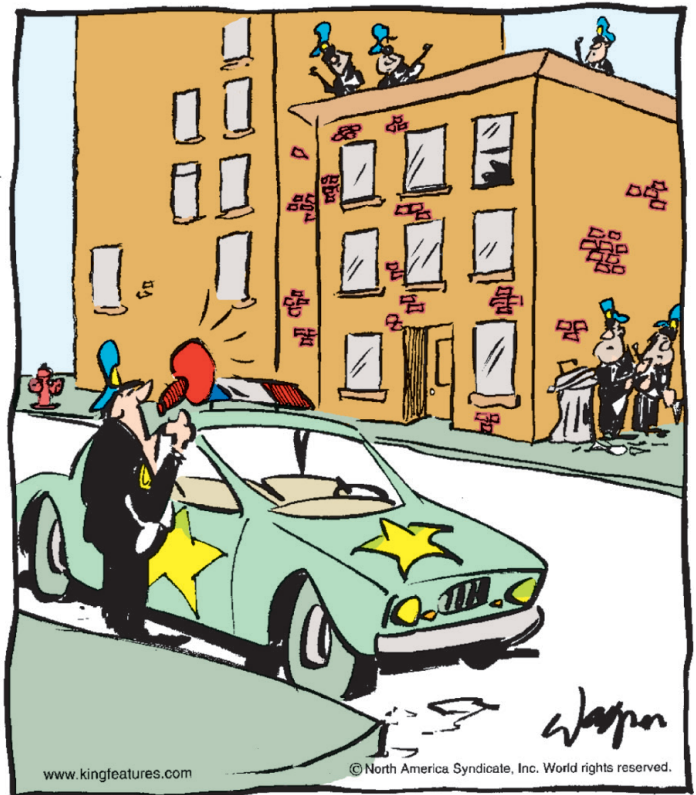
1. Who wrote and released "Runaround Sue" and when?
2. In "Running Scared," what is the singer afraid of?
3. Which singer wrote and released "Attitude Dancing"?
4. Where is Mull of Kintyre?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "I never needed love like I need you, And I never lived for nobody, but I live for you."

## Answers

1. Dion, in 1961. Despite the song's popularity, Dion wasn't inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame for the song until 2002.
2. He's afraid of losing his girlfriend if her former boyfriend comes back. In a rarity, the song was written with no chorus. Because of high sales of both the A and B side songs ("Love Hurts"), the record was considered a double A-side record.
3. Carly Simon, in 1975. It was Simon's first disco release.
4. In Paul McCartney's song of the same name, it's in Scotland where he owns a farm.
5. "When I'm With You," by Sheriff in 1983. The song hit the Top Ten charts in Canada immediately, but it took six years to top the charts in the U.S. -- which was four years after the group disbanded.

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



"Better give up now, while there's no room for you in jail!"

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



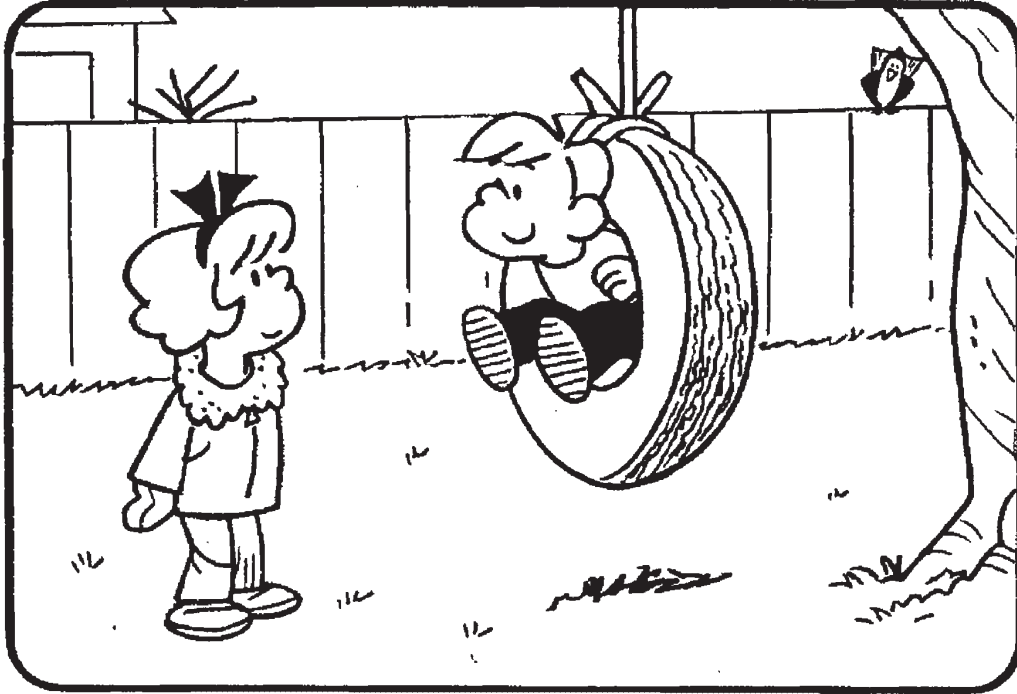


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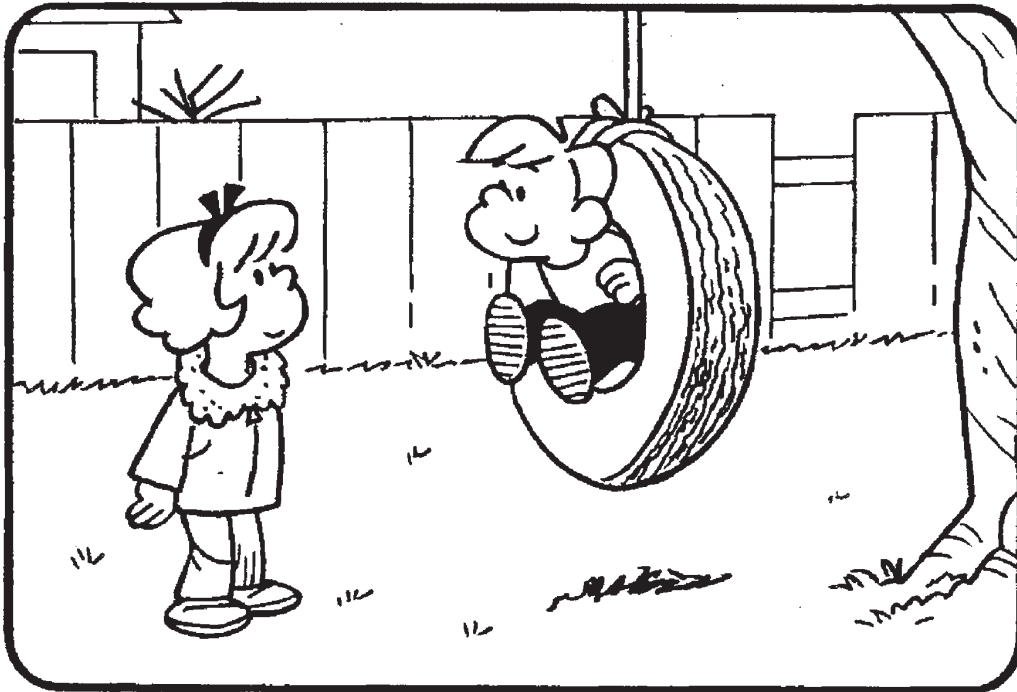
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY  
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Leg is missing. 4. Rope ends are shorter. 5. Board is shorter. 6. Bird is missing.

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\* Got soap scum? Mix dishwashing detergent with baking soda and use it to scrub bathroom walls. It's very effective, and surprisingly gentle, as baking soda is a mild abrasive that works well without scratching.

\* "Unless the label states otherwise, the best rinse temperature for clothing is cold water. It will help the clothing retain its shape and color better, and -- bonus -- it's the least expensive setting." -- I.F. in Texas

\* When whipping egg whites, make sure you bring your eggs to room temperature beforehand. They will yield greater volume.

\* Store asparagus in the fridge only for a few days before serving. Trim the cut end and use wet paper towels to wrap it. Keep it in the crisper drawer.

\* Getting your old deck of cards out to play? If they feel gummy, put them in a plastic baggie, add a little bit of talc, baby powder or cornstarch, seal the bag and shake. Knock the excess off before removing from the bag. Shuffle as usual.

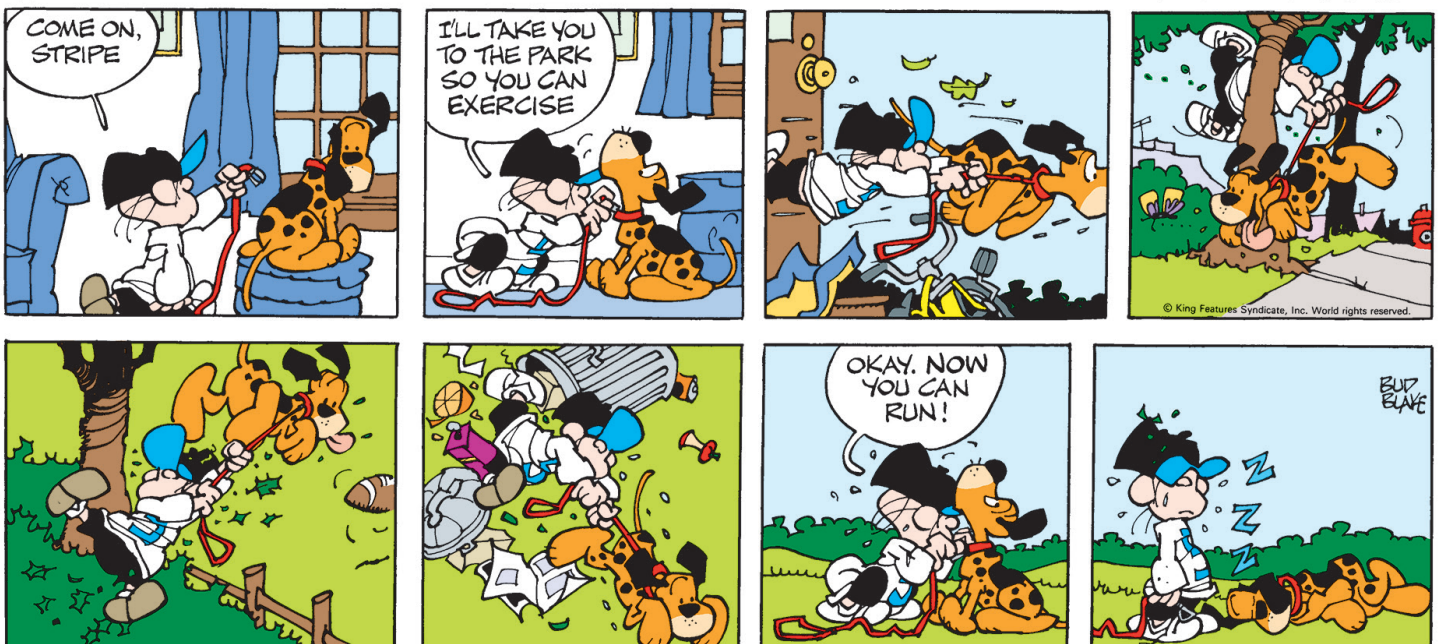
\* "Wanna spot clean your floor? Spray an old pair of socks with floor cleaner, put them on and do the cha-cha-cha." -- V.B. in Iowa

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## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



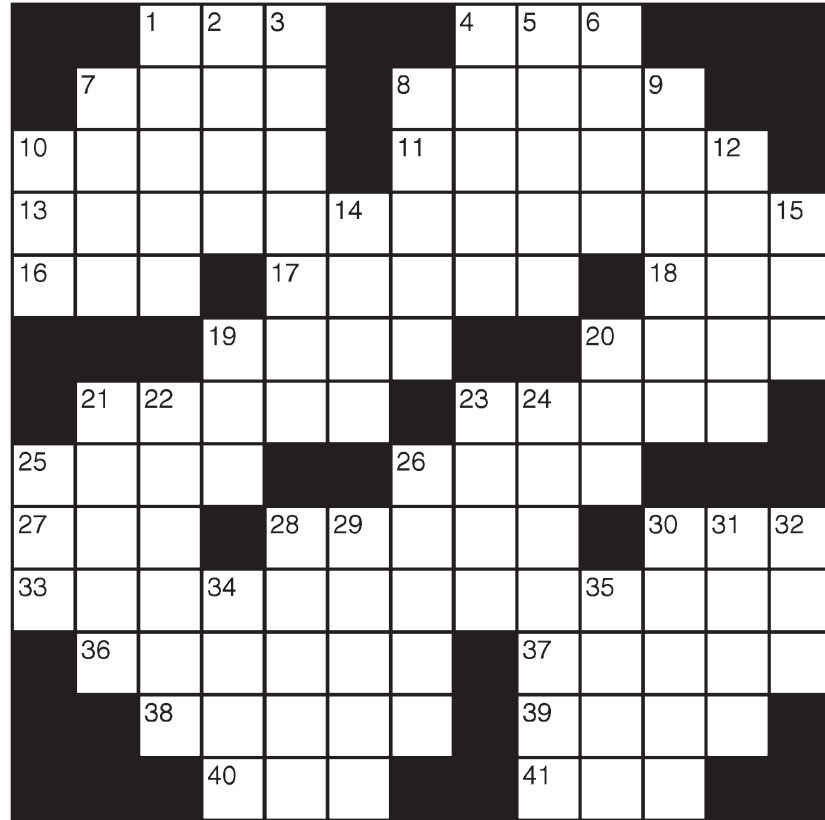
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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Church seat
- 4 Brit. record label
- 7 Singer Guthrie
- 8 Golf clubs
- 10 Vault intersection
- 11 Pig sounds
- 13 Good thing with a downside
- 16 Utter
- 17 Wear down
- 18 Half of CIV
- 19 Vivacity
- 20 Prescriptions, for short
- 21 "— were the days!"
- 23 Expire
- 25 Channel marker
- 26 Animation frames
- 27 Carte lead-in
- 28 Blood line?
- 30 Mimic
- 33 Confusing statements
- 36 Bit of buckshot
- 37 Makes a sweater
- 38 Prolonged attack
- 39 "Downton



- Abbey" role
- 8 Dome home
- "Shall we?"
- 40 Altar constellation
- 9 "Jason Bourne"
- 24 Nome resident
- 41 Eggy quaff
- actress Julia
- 25 "Kapow!"
- 10 Baseball execs
- 26 Largest Greek isle
- 12 Disparaging
- 28 Grace of "Will & Grace"
- 14 Party cheese
- 15 USO audience
- 29 Alpha's opposite
- 19 Lad
- 20 AWOL pursuers
- 30 Getting on
- 31 Anti-fur org.
- 21 Dutch bloom
- 32 Curvy letter
- 22 Deceptions
- 34 Lamb alias
- 23 Reply to
- 35 Part of A.D.

### DOWN

- 1 Stand-in
- 2 Writer Wiesel
- 3 Is curious (about)
- 4 Goofed
- 5 Point-and-click gizmo
- 6 Hostels
- 7 Met solo

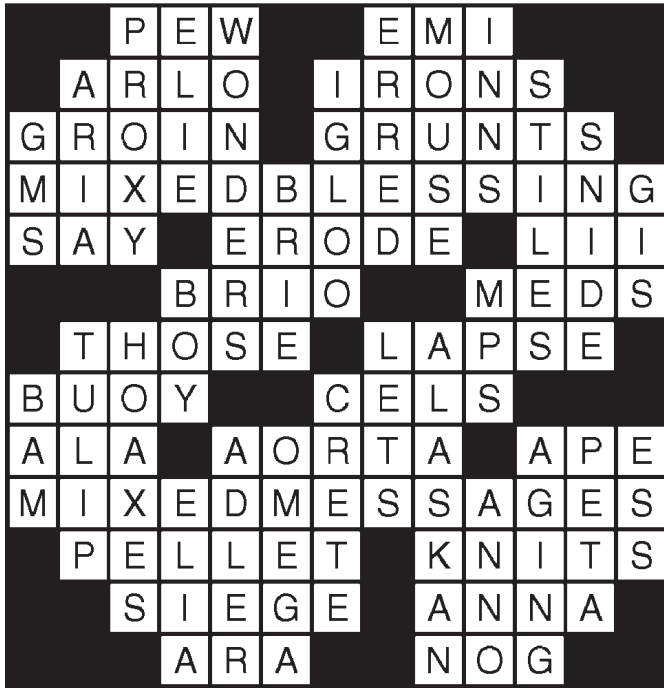
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Answers

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"That reminds me, Mom — have you told Dad about your car yet?"

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

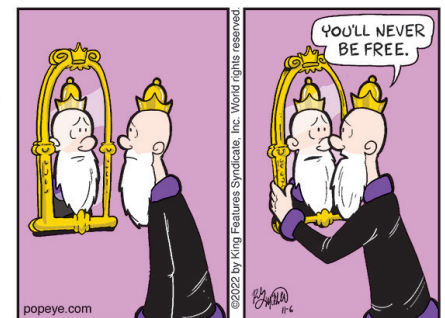
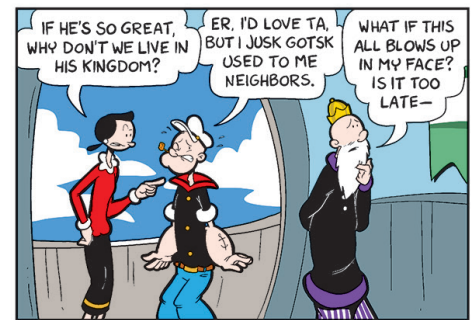
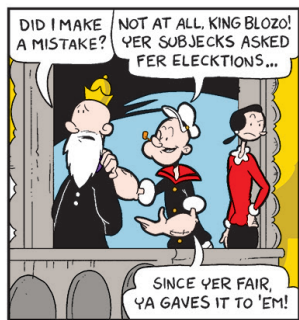
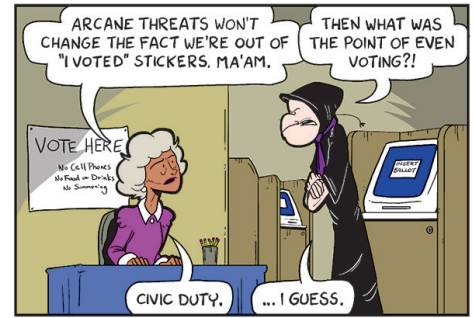


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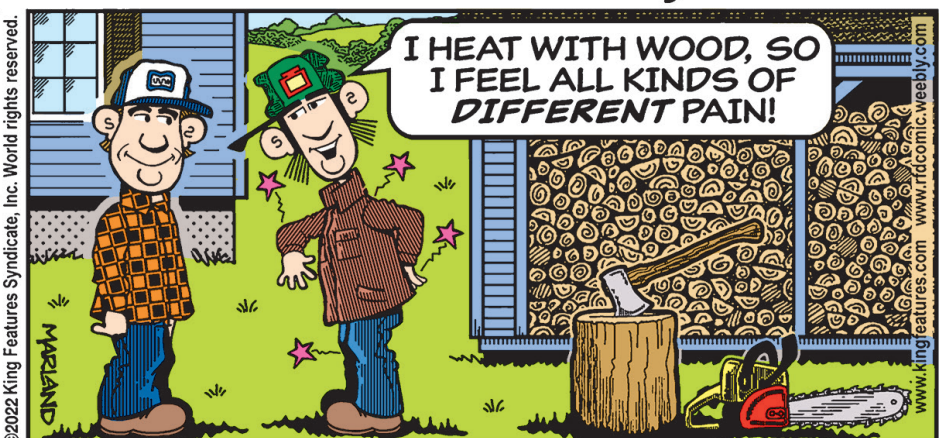
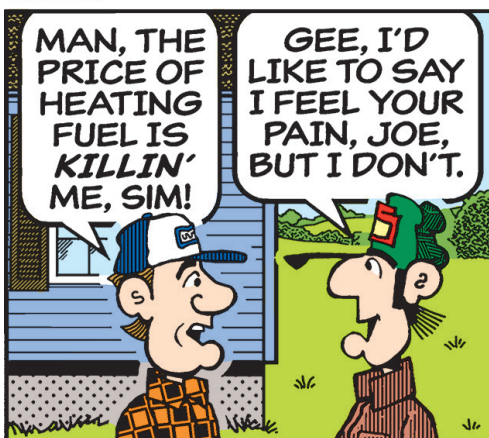
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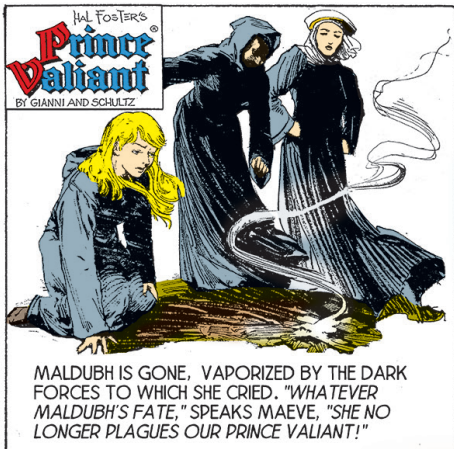
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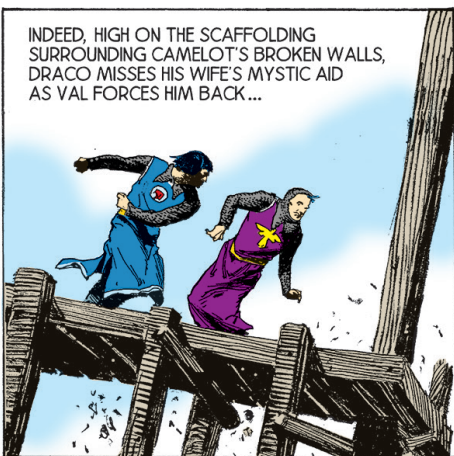


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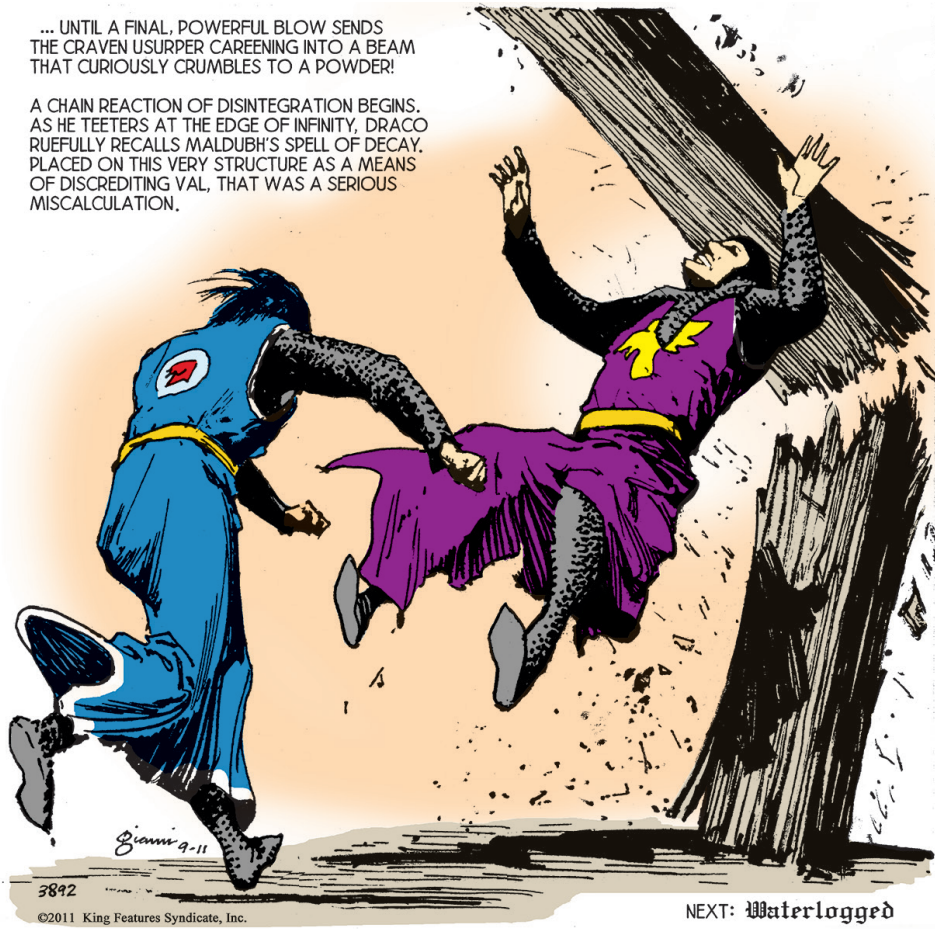
MALDUBH IS GONE, VAPORIZED BY THE DARK FORCES TO WHICH SHE CRIED. "WHATEVER MALDUBH'S FATE," SPEAKS MAEVE, "SHE NO LONGER PLAGUES OUR PRINCE VALIANT!"



INDEED, HIGH ON THE SCAFFOLDING SURROUNDING CAMELOT'S BROKEN WALLS, DRACO MISSES HIS WIFE'S MYSTIC AID AS VAL FORCES HIM BACK...

... UNTIL A FINAL, POWERFUL BLOW SENDS THE CRAVEN USURPER CAREENING INTO A BEAM THAT CURIOUSLY CRUMBLES TO A POWDER!

A CHAIN REACTION OF DISINTEGRATION BEGINS. AS HE TEETERS AT THE EDGE OF INFINITY, DRACO RUEFULLY RECALLS MALDUBH'S SPELL OF DECAY, PLACED ON THIS VERY STRUCTURE AS A MEANS OF DISCREDITING VAL, THAT WAS A SERIOUS MISCALCULATION.



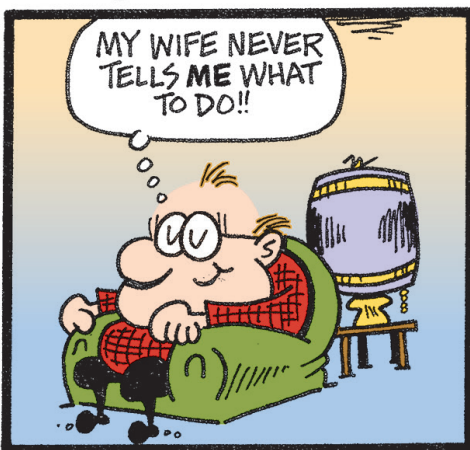
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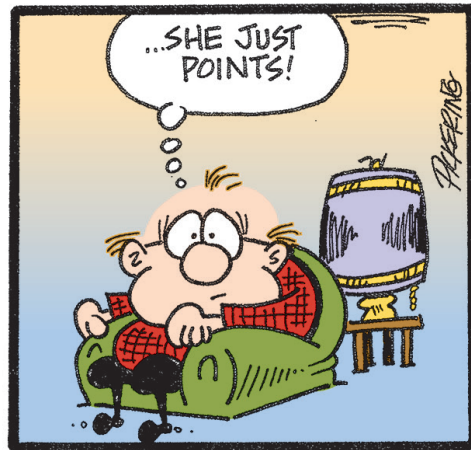
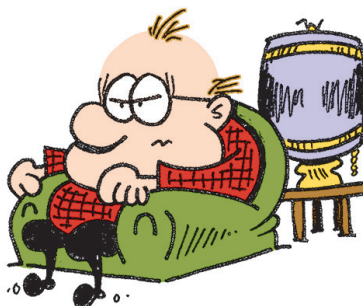
NEXT: Waterlogged

## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Two important product recalls

Several disturbing items have been in the news lately. Have you heard about these product recalls?

**CPAP machines:** Two dozen different CPAP machines have been recalled. The list includes Bilevel PAP, BiPAP or BPAP machines, as well as the CPAP. The reason is a bit frightening. Black foam pieces can come loose and be breathed in or swallowed.

While the recall was issued quite a long time ago, the Food and Drug Administration just updated that information with this alert: If you now have one of the repaired or replaced machines (due to the previous recall), testing is currently being done to ensure that the repair foam used is OK.

The reason for the concern and the current testing: There have been deaths, far too many deaths, from the breakdown of the foam used in the machines.

To learn more about this, go online to: <https://tinyurl.com/hvy73j36>.

You can also call the Philips company at 877-907-7508.

The recall says not to stop using the machine until you talk to your doctor, whether you have an original machine or one that was repaired or is a replacement.

**Bedrails on portable beds:** The Consumer Product Safety Commission (and several companies) issued a warning for thousands of portable bedrails, the ones that attach to the sides of beds to keep someone from falling out. The problems are so serious that deaths were reported when people became wedged between the mattress and the rail.

These bedrails were made under various names. Your best bet is to call the Consumer Product Safety Commission and ask about bedrail recalls to be sure you learn about all possible brands. Contact them at 800-638-2772.

For more information, go to the FDA website ([fda.gov](http://fda.gov)) and put "Safety Concerns about Bed Rails" in the search box.

For overall recall information, keep an eye on this government site: [www.cpsc.gov/recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/recalls).

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1. Baseball Hall of Famer Cy Young retired with the most career losses in Major League Baseball history with how many?

2. What member of the Houston Astros proposed to his girlfriend, 2016 Miss Texas USA Daniella Rodriguez, on national TV after winning the 2017 World Series?

3. Pistol Pete is the official mascot of what Big 12 school's athletic programs?

4. Name the NFL Network sportscaster who runs the 40-yard dash in a suit annually at the NFL Combine.

5. What brand of sports apparel and athletic footwear was founded by Irish immigrant William J. Riley in Boston in 1906?

6. Jim Fassel had a 58-53-1 record as head coach of what NFL team from 1997-2003?

7. What Hockey Hall of Fame goaltender won an NCAA championship, an Olympic gold medal and a Stanley Cup title in his career? (Hint: His nickname was "The Eagle.")



by Ryan A. Berenz

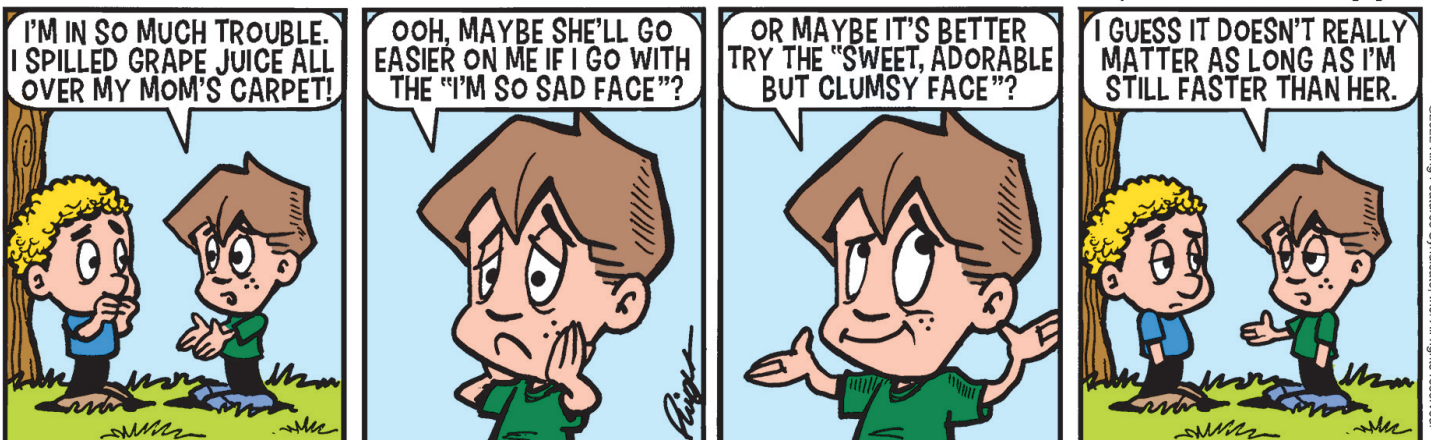
## Answers

1. 316.
2. Carlos Correa.
3. Oklahoma State University.
4. Rich Eisen.
5. New Balance.
6. The New York Giants.
7. Ed Belfour.

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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## Veterinary careers

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I'd love to work with animals as a career. But I'm not sure I want to go through years of college to become a veterinarian, especially with the cost of tuition. I also want to be sure I really do like this career. How can I switch into the veterinary field? -- Janice in San Diego

DEAR JANICE: Working with animals can be rewarding at any level, so kudos for pursuing your dream! Many people in the veterinary field start as veterinary assistants working at veterinary practices, shelters or labs. You'll work directly with animals and learn how to care for them from more experienced assistants, vet techs and veterinarians.

The pay isn't very high -- the median salary is about \$15 an hour, or just under \$30,000 a year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. But the requirements for entry are low. A license isn't needed, nor a formal certification. You learn on the job.

Experience working with animals is a typical requirement in job listings for veterinary assistants. You can gain this by volunteering at shelters, pet sitting for neighbors or any activity where animals need to be fed, watered, brushed and bedded down.

Another great way to learn about the field is to ask someone who works in it. If you have a pet, talk to the people you interact with at the vet's office during the annual checkup. Ask the veterinary assistant and tech how they started their careers, what their job is like, and what pitfalls they've encountered. Chat with the veterinarian about what motivated them to become a vet. You'll gain the most information from people who are actively working in the field -- both the good parts and the bad.

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## Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

\* You've no doubt heard of shattering a glass with your voice, but how about singing at a pitch so low only an elephant can hear it? That feat belongs to Tim Storms, who possesses a 10-octave vocal range and holds the Guinness World Record for lowest note produced by a human and widest vocal range.

\* In some parts of the world, tarantulas have "pet" frogs, which they protect from predators.

\* At the Harvard-Yale annual college football match-up in 2004, Yale students played quite the trick on their opponents by dressing as Harvard pep squad members and handing out crimson and gold placards to the crowd. While told their cards would spell out "Go Harvard" when raised, the actual message read "We Suck."

\* Two of the most common paint colors at Walt Disney World are "Go Away Green" and "Blending Blue." Their curious monikers attest to the fact that Disney Imagineers created them to make your eyes ignore them.

\* The first known dental filling dates to the Neolithic period and was made of beeswax.

\* You don't need a body to play video games -- just a mind! Lab-grown human and mouse brain cells inhabiting a petri dish became sentient enough to learn how to play Pong.

\* Billy Joel's song "Only the Good Die Young" was banned by some radio stations for being "anti-Catholic." Joel hardly minded, however, as the resulting publicity made the tune so popular that he wrote to the president of Seton Hall College in New Jersey (the first entity to forbid it) requesting a ban on his next record as well.

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Thought for the Day: "People who don't take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year. People who do take risks generally make about two big mistakes a year." -- Peter Drucker

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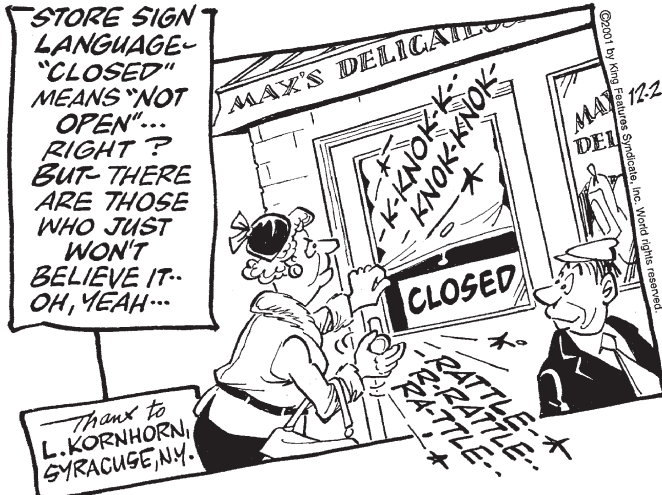


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## THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



STILL ANOTHER REASON WHY PARENTS GO BONKERS- YOU BUY DAUGHTER LUPINA A DESK, STUDENT LAMP, TYPEWRITER STAND, ETC.- SO WHERE DOES SHE DO HER SCHOOL WORK?





**Parsley** is native to Southern Europe. Cultivated for more than 2,000 years, it was used medicinally and also as food. The ancient Greeks held it to be sacred, using it to adorn athletic champions and to decorate the tombs of the dead. Ancient Romans used it in cooking, and gave wreaths of parsley to bridal parties to protect against evil spirits. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: [gardening.about.com](http://gardening.about.com), [ourherbgarden.com](http://ourherbgarden.com)



by Freddy Groves

## A monk walks into a beer garden

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It's always amazing what thieves think they can get away with, especially when the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General starts looking their way. Here are two instances where the thieves really should have known better.

When the Covid pandemic assistance money was handed out to businesses for economic disaster in 2020, two people figured that would be an excellent way to grab funds for their nonprofit religious organizations. One was an Orthodox Christian monk and the other was an attorney. After multiple fraudulent applications, they eventually made off with \$3.5 million. One-third of the money was used for a property they were turning into a monastic complex, complete with chapel, brewery and beer garden, not to mention an audio system and antique furniture.

The monk, who'd taken a vow of poverty, additionally purchased a \$40,000 Swiss watch. Those who reviewed and approved the applications should have been clued in by the name of the monastic property: Shrine of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, Patron of Sailors, Brewers & Repentant Thieves. At this writing, the pair has been released on a comparatively tiny \$10,000 bond after arraignment.

A Texas woman didn't nab as much cash, but the circumstances are still despicable. The woman and her husband claimed VA and SSA disability money because they said that the veteran had an active duty injury that left him paralyzed from the waist down. They'd been given an adapted home by a nonprofit group, a specially equipped vehicle and money. A thumbs-up to the local news, however, for their investigation after being sent a video of the veteran walking around the neighborhood and playing basketball.

The veteran died in federal custody while awaiting trial, but his spouse was found guilty of mail fraud, wire fraud, healthcare fraud, theft of government funds and more. At sentencing she faces 20 years for each wire and mail fraud charge, 10 years on each health care fraud charge and theft of funds and five years for each false statement related to a health care matter.

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## Wishing Well®

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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1. TELEVISION: What was Netflix's first exclusive content series?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Grand Canyon?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the famous Moai statues located?
4. MOVIES: Who directed the chilling 2017 movie "Get Out"?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which country's largest airline is Aeroflot?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was elected to two nonconsecutive terms?
7. ANATOMY: The ossicles are located in what part of the human body?
8. LITERATURE: Which award-winning novel is set in Maycomb, Alabama?
9. MEDICAL: Which international organization declared monkey pox to be a public health emergency?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only natural predator of great white sharks, aside from humans?

### Answers

1. Lillyhammer.
2. Arizona.
3. Easter Island.
4. Jordan Peele.
5. Russia.
6. Grover Cleveland.
7. Middle ear.
8. "To Kill a Mockingbird."
9. WHO (World Health Organization).
10. Orcas or killer whales.

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South Dakota Governor

**Kristi Noem**



**South Dakota:** *Under God, the People Rule*

## **Building the Strongest Economy in America**

If you look across the nation, economic growth has ground to a halt. The price of everyday items – like milk, eggs, and pretty much everything else – has skyrocketed, making it harder for families to make ends meet. 38% of Americans point to “economic problems” as “the most important problem facing the country today.” In this tumultuous sea of negative economic news, South Dakota stands tall as a lighthouse – an example that Freedom and personal responsibility lead to sustained economic growth.

You’ve heard me recite the statistics before. We have the fastest growing incomes of any state in America. Our new housing development is No. 1 in the country. Our new business applications lead the nation, as well. We are outpacing the nation’s population growth tenfold, and we are No. 2 for inbound migration. Behind each of these statistics are countless stories – stories of South Dakota families and small businesses that had the opportunity to grow, thrive, and succeed because we stayed “Open for Business.”

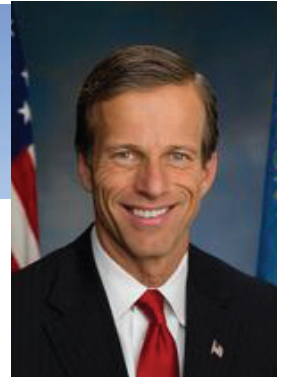
In my State of the State Address earlier this year, I shared one such story. Alyssa Nix is a Sioux Falls native who started working in retail and fashion when she was 16. Four years ago, she took out a loan to purchase a women’s clothing boutique, and then the pandemic came. If Alyssa’s store had been in almost any other state, she would have had to close her doors. Because she lived in South Dakota, she kept the doors open. And today, she is still fulfilling her lifelong dream of helping women feel confident about themselves, no matter their budget and whatever the occasion.

These stories repeat time and time again, from our biggest cities to our smallest towns. It’s the family who moved here to escape tyranny from New York or Michigan or Washington – and then brought the rest of their extended family with them. It’s the law enforcement officers looking to continue their careers in a state where they would be respected. It’s the single mom wanting to live where her kids could learn in the classroom. In these stories and so many more, South Dakota’s Freedom has made a tangible impact in the lives of countless people.

I am proud of what we have done here – and I’m humbled to be part of so many stories. South Dakota is setting our next generation up for success because of the growth that we have achieved, together. Because of the new businesses that have moved into the state, there are more good paying jobs for our kids when they graduate. Because of the thriving industries that we are building – like cyberresearch and biofuels – the exciting jobs of the future can be found right here in South Dakota.

And when our kids start these exciting careers here in our state, they will be able to raise our grandkids here, too. That’s how we build a lasting legacy. That’s how we build off of our current growth to achieve sustained growth. As I’ve said many times, strong families build stronger communities. Together, we are achieving stronger communities and a stronger South Dakota. All it took was a little fresh air, a lot of Freedom, and the kind of hard work that can only be found in the Heartland. I’m honored to be a part of it, and I’m so thankful for every South Dakotan who helped make it possible.

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



## A Salute to Veterans and Military Families

From war zones and disaster areas to cutting-edge research and unparalleled leadership, the men and women of the U.S. military continue to inspire through their selfless service. Throughout our nation's nearly 250-year history, the tasks we ask of our military heroes have changed considerably, but their commitment to defending our country and our national interests remains resolute.

On November 11, we recognize Veterans Day, and we celebrate Veterans and Military Families Month throughout November. I am proud to represent the 65,000 veterans and the thousands of military families who call South Dakota home. The men and women who have served and continue to serve our country are a special breed of patriots, and they and their families have made considerable sacrifices to secure the freedoms we hold dear.

Veterans have a lot to be proud of, but if you ask them about their service, you're much more likely to hear about the men and women they served with rather than their own achievements. I encountered this humility growing up. My dad, Harold Thune, was a Navy pilot who flew Hellcats off of the U.S.S. Intrepid in the Pacific theater during World War II. My dad won the Distinguished Flying Cross, but that's not what he talked about. He did, however, talk about Cecil Harris, among many others. Cecil was one of South Dakota's aces, whose advice for a deft maneuver saved my dad's life during a dogfight. Hearing those stories are among my fondest memories.

Earlier this year, we lost the last surviving World War II Medal of Honor recipient, Hershel W. "Woody" Williams, who said he wore the medal in honor of the men he served with who did not return home. These warriors who helped save the world didn't brag about their achievements. They deflected praise. This same humility was on display in the Webster Area High School gym last month, where I had the privilege of participating in a medal presentation for Vietnam veteran Wayne Wasilk of Grenville, who used the occasion to call attention not to himself, but to the heroic actions of the nurses he served with during the war.

While we can never fully repay the debt we owe our veterans, we have a responsibility to ensure they receive all of the benefits they're owed, which is something I take very seriously as a U.S. senator. I have successfully fought for over a decade to prevent closures or service reductions at VA facilities in South Dakota to ensure veterans can continue receiving the health care they need close to home. Veterans pledged their lives to the service of our country, and they took upon themselves the burden of defending liberty for the rest of us. We must stand behind our promise to care for them when they return home, which includes keeping our state's VA facilities open.

I am also deeply committed to ensuring that our military has everything it needs to deter threats and protect America. And, as always, Ellsworth Air Force Base is at the top of my priority list. I am currently working to continue making the needed investments in the facilities and other infrastructure that Ellsworth will need to host the future B-21 mission, as well as to ensure the influx of military families that will move to the area have adequate school capacity and housing access.

Veterans and military families have made tremendous sacrifices to secure our freedoms. We owe them, and the generations that came before them, our eternal gratitude. This month, let us take the opportunity to salute these great Americans and never forget the tremendous price they pay in their service.

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## Less Talk, More Action

It's easy to focus on what isn't getting done in Washington—don't get me wrong, there is a lot to do—but I was recently reminded of a big win from earlier this year. Once a bill crosses that finish line and is signed into law or implemented, sometimes we forget to highlight the impact it's had on our economy and businesses.

Over the past few months, I have received feedback from industry leaders and government agencies on legislation I led—like the Ocean Shipping Reform Act and Butcher Block Act—and how they have impacted their respective industries. Spoiler alert, it's good news!

The Ocean Shipping Reform Act has paved the way for your packages to be on time this holiday season. In 2020 and 2021, shipping delays were more common than ever before. But this year, cargo for holiday shopping is arriving in time to beat the peak season. Additionally, the average shipping rate has decreased by 60% since OSRA was signed into law. With record-high inflation, this savings is much needed for consumers and manufacturers.

My Butcher Block Act passed the House in June and has been implemented by the USDA through the Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program. A new small beef and pork combination plant in Faulkton was recently awarded a grant through this program. The facility will have the capacity to process more than 100 animals per week. More grants of this kind will increase capacity in the market and provide greater stability in prices and supply for consumers.

Authorizing the year-round use of E15 is another priority I have supported which passed the House in June and has been implemented administratively to allow more fuel to enter the market with the goal of lowering gas prices. This reduces our dependence on Russia, Saudi Arabia, and Venezuela for oil. I'll continue to fight for American energy security and the reimplementing of policies that made our nation more energy secure under the last administration.

Addressing the supply chain crisis is just one area where I have seen many wins. There can be a lot of talk about what needs to be done, but without action, words don't hold much weight. I'm proud to work on behalf of South Dakotans and deliver results that will directly impact them in positive ways. I'm looking forward to more wins in the next Congress with my Republican colleagues and getting our country on the right track.



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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## Who's the Clown Now

As a young person, I was fascinated with clowns. My first encounter was at a circus I attended with my family. The main character in the circus was the clown.

When I first saw those clowns, I was scared almost to death. I've never seen anything as scary as those circus clowns.

That began my adventure with clowns, and every Saturday morning on television, I watched Bozo the Clown. I rarely missed an episode.. But, of course, like most friends, I believed Bozo the Clown and all clowns were real. In fact, on Halloween, I usually dressed up as a clown and went door-to-door collecting "treats."

Imagine when I first realized that Bozo the Clown was not real. That was when I also discovered that Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny were not real. So you can imagine the distress I experienced.

As I got older, I grew out of that fascination with clowns and put it all behind me. That's the real purpose of growing up, to put things behind you that aren't real.

I didn't think of clowns very much until something happened recently in our house.

It was the day after Halloween, and The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage told me she was going to the bathroom and take care of her hair, wash and dye it, and whatever else she did with it.

Looking back over my life, many things have come to me while drinking my coffee. Coffee is a very important aspect of my life, and I'm just now beginning to appreciate it.

As I was drinking my coffee a thought came to me, and I said to myself, "What if..."

I needed to put together a nice little plan.

I got ready for my plan, thought it through very carefully, and believed I had everything down where it needed to be (Or, so I thought).. Then The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage came out of the bathroom and walking down the hallway, I saw her and said, "Oh my, you are wearing the funniest and scariest looking clown costume that I have ever seen." And I laughed a glorious, hahaha.

I continued staring at her with a ridiculous smile on my face. Unfortunately, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage did not return the smile.

Staring at me, she said, "What are you talking about?"

Still laughing, I said, "Don't you know that Halloween is over? You don't need a costume." And then I resumed my hysterical laughter.

I resumed my laughter, and she resumed her scowling.

That's the difference between my wife and me. I see something to laugh at, and she doesn't laugh at it.

When I quieted down a little bit, she cleared her throat and said, "So, you think I'm wearing a clown costume, do you?"

Without thinking, which is my usual MO, I resounded, "Yes, I do." I followed that up with more hilarious laughter.

"Are you sure," she said, "you want to stick with your story?"

How she said it caused me a great deal of pause. I began to think that maybe she did not think my comment was funny. Aren't all clown jokes funny?

My smile began to evaporate from my face, and a lightbulb in my head went on.

Then she said, "Seriously, do you want a clown to fix your supper tonight?"

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Having no understanding of where that came from, I had to stop and try to process that thought. So what was she getting at?

"How about," she continued, "would you like a clown to be in the house while you're asleep tonight?"

Now I was getting nervous. So who's the clown now?

Where this was going to end, I did not know, but I did have a little bit of fear in that direction.

"I was just joking," I explained. "After all, yesterday was Halloween, and I just was joking about it." So I tried flashing a smile at her, but for some reason, it didn't flash.

I was beginning to understand why some people are afraid of clowns. I suddenly had an epiphany about something I had long ago forgotten.. I now have resumed my fear of clowns.

Getting out of this situation is going to take the brainpower of Bozo the Clown.

Knowing The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage as I do, there will be a payback for this clown gaff. It may not be today, tomorrow, next week, or next month, but it will come when I least expect it.

Staring at me, she said, "I do not think clowns are funny."

After being a husband for over 50 years, I know that no payback is the worst payback. Every day I get out of bed, I expect a payback in some form. Whenever I see my wife stare at me with a mischievous smile on her face, I expect a payback. I wish she would get it over and not keep me in suspense.

In the meantime, I happened to run across a passage in the Bible for my personal situation.

James 1:19 - 1:20, "19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."

I must confess that too often I am slow to hear and quick to speak. After this incident, I'm really going to work on reversing my behavior.

## EARTHTALK ™



**Joe Biden hopes to go down as the greenest president in U.S. history, and he may well achieve that distinction if his plans pay off.** Credit: Gage Skidmore, FlickrCC..

Dear EarthTalk: What is the Biden administration doing to fight climate change? -- W., Seattle, WA

Joe Biden hopes to go down as the greenest president in U.S. history, and he may well achieve that distinction if his plans pay off. Within the first week of his inauguration, Biden put his best foot forward in the fight against climate change by rejoining the Paris Agreement that Trump had abandoned, and established two executive orders: "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," and "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad."

Since then, the administration has worked on several specific promises related to climate change. In an extensive overview by the World Resources Institute of the administration's climate action thus far, 10 major promises were chosen for scrutiny, however only five were shown to have the most progress:

Biden promised to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50 percent by 2030. They have also promised to require all new passenger vehicles sold after 2035 produce zero emissions; to deal with super pollutants; and to scale up carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) removal systems.

With regard to greenhouse gas emissions, the Biden administration has committed to a 50 percent reduction with their formalized Nationally Determined Contribution under the Paris Agreement. There have also been recent agreements made upon the Build Back Better bill, a bill that, among other initiatives, may allocate as much as \$369 billion toward energy and climate change programs.

As for the zero-emissions target, President Biden signed an executive order demanding that all agencies achieve a 100-percent electric fleet by 2027. Furthermore, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a final rule to reduce GHG emissions from vehicle models 2023 to 2026.

To combat super-pollutants, the EPA also issued regulations that will phase down the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons, a significant contributor to GHG emissions. Moreover, President Biden assisted in the launching of the Global Methane pledge at the Glasgow Climate Summit, which has committed more than 100 countries to a 30-percent methane emissions reduction by 2030.

Finally, with respect to scaling up their carbon-dioxide removal systems, the Biden administration has included substantial investments in wildfire risk reduction and ecosystem restoration within their Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These investments are intended to promote natural carbon removal.

As exciting as this progress has been, Biden may have faced the greatest threat yet to climate action with the Supreme Court's decision in June 2022 to restrict the EPA's ability to limit CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants. In an article by The New York Times, David G. Victor, an expert in Climate Policy at the University of California, said, "At this point I don't see any way to hit the kind of targets they laid out."

Despite this, Biden's team is hopeful. In a Washington Post article, Biden's National Climate Adviser, Gina McCarthy, stated "There are many ways in which we can achieve the goals that the president has set out." adding further, "No matter what the Supreme Court decides, we're going to have a plan."

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## South Dakota COVID-19 Report

<b>New Cases*</b> <b>832</b> <b>+113</b>	<b>Total Cases*</b> <b>265,019</b>	<b>Currently Hospitalized</b> <b>81</b> <b>+25</b>
<b>New Hospitalizations</b> <b>35</b>	<b>Total Hospitalized</b> <b>11,933</b>	<a href="#">Click to Visit</a> <b>SD COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage</b>
<b>New Deaths</b> <b>6</b>	<b>Total Deaths</b> <b>3,065</b>	<a href="#">Click to Visit</a> <b>COVID-19 Community Levels</b>

## SD 2022/2023 Influenza Weekly Summary Week Ending October 29, 2022 (Week 43)

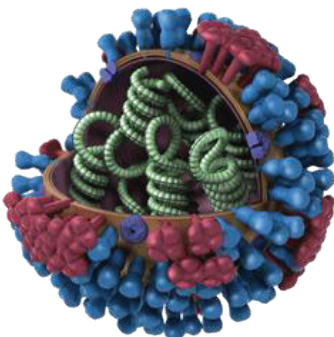
Provisional numbers, \* Lab confirmed: PCR, Culture or DFA. The number of laboratories using rapid confirmatory tests has increased, which may account for some of the increase in confirmed cases observed this influenza season



Lab Confirmed Cases	Oct 23-29	Season to Date
Type A, H1	0	0
Type A, H3	1	4
Type A, Unspecified	37	97
Type B Unspecified	1	4
B Yamagata	0	0
B Victoria	0	0
<b>Total*</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>105</b>

Rapid Antigen Tests (33) sites reporting	Oct 23-29	Season to Date
<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>1,442</b>
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>47</b> (11A/36B)	<b>147</b> (34A/113B)
<b>% Rapid Antigen Tests Positive</b>	<b>13.35%</b>	<b>10.19%</b>

	Oct 23-29	Season to Date
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



3D Influenza Virus

SD Influenza Geographic: Sporadic  
SD Influenza Activity: Minimal

US Influenza Activity: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

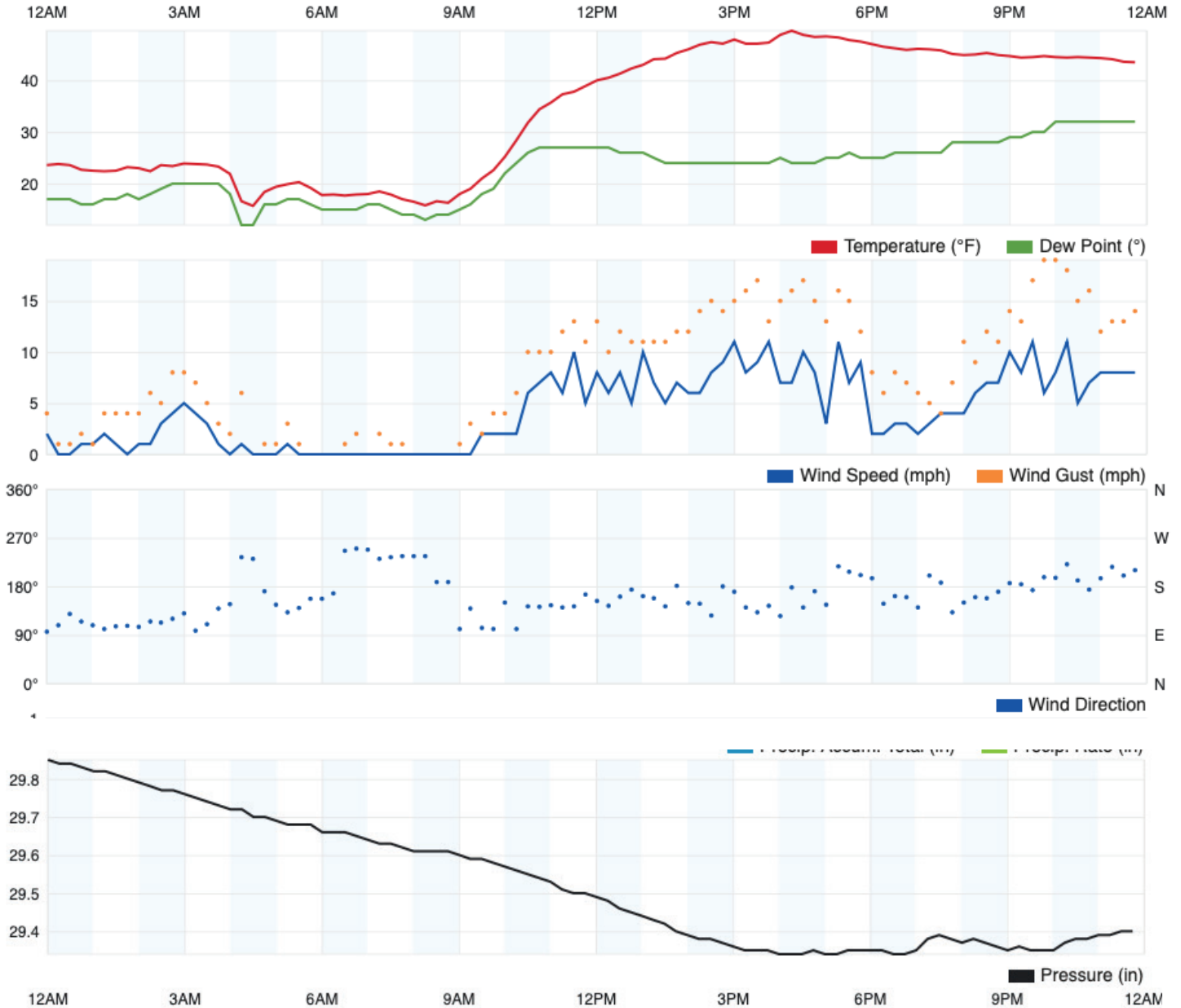
International Flu Activity: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/international/index.htm>

South Dakota Influenza information:  
<http://doh.sd.gov/diseases/infectious/flu/>

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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today



Mostly Sunny

High: 63 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 31 °F

Monday



Sunny

High: 67 °F

Monday Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 35 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 70 °F



## Today: Strong Winds, Critical Fire Conditions Sunday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

West winds of 20 to 35 mph with gusts of 45 to 55 plus mph are anticipated through about 6pm CST. Any fires that ignite would spread easily due to the dry air and fuels also in place. Please exercise caution today!

### Hourly Wind Gusts

	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
Aberdeen	40	40	46	51	51	51	51	49	51	48	44	41	31	25	24	23
Britton	40	41	44	49	51	51	51	53	52	51	46	41	36	29	26	24
Eagle Butte	41	41	43	49	48	46	47	46	44	43	41	36	26	21	20	18
Eureka	45	46	47	49	52	51	53	53	51	49	46	40	32	25	24	23
Gettysburg	41	41	41	48	49	51	51	49	48	45	43	38	28	24	22	21
Kennebec	37	36	35	40	43	45	45	45	43	40	38	32	23	20	20	16
McIntosh	47	52	53	54	54	53	54	53	53	53	48	43	31	25	24	22
Milbank	32	33	36	41	46	46	48	48	46	45	43	40	33	29	25	24
Miller	38	39	41	47	47	49	49	49	46	45	43	37	29	22	21	20
Mobridge	44	44	45	46	48	48	48	48	45	44	41	37	29	24	22	18
Murdo	37	37	39	41	44	44	44	44	43	40	37	30	21	17	17	16
Pierre	35	33	35	41	43	43	43	43	43	39	36	30	22	17	15	12
Redfield	38	39	41	48	49	49	49	49	47	46	44	39	28	23	21	20
Sisseton	38	40	43	49	48	49	49	51	49	48	47	44	38	35	32	31
Watertown	35	37	38	45	47	48	49	49	48	47	43	39	35	28	25	24
Webster	41	43	46	53	54	54	54	55	54	54	49	45	37	33	30	28
Wheaton	30	31	32	40	43	43	44	44	44	43	41	39	33	29	28	28

### Hourly Relative Humidity Values

	6am	7am	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
Aberdeen	50	49	47	45	44	43	39	37	34	31	31	32	32	40	41	45
Britton	38	43	51	47	44	42	38	36	33	31	32	34	36	43	45	51
Eagle Butte	56	55	53	51	44	39	35	33	30	27	28	29	34	42	46	48
Eureka	56	56	56	53	51	47	42	39	34	32	31	34	35	41	49	51
Gettysburg	47	50	53	49	49	43	38	37	33	30	33	35	38	46	48	52
Kennebec	45	43	40	36	35	32	28	27	26	24	26	27	32	41	47	49
McIntosh	58	61	63	60	53	48	41	36	33	30	30	32	34	41	46	53
Milbank	53	50	47	38	35	33	31	29	29	29	29	30	34	34	37	38
Miller	32	35	42	37	33	32	30	27	27	25	25	25	31	39	45	46
Mobridge	43	47	51	49	45	40	34	31	28	25	25	28	32	40	43	47
Murdo	41	43	45	43	37	34	32	29	27	25	25	27	33	41	45	49
Pierre	42	44	45	40	39	36	33	32	28	28	27	30	36	41	46	50
Redfield	48	47	45	40	37	35	32	31	29	28	29	29	33	39	44	49
Sisseton	29	34	44	42	37	37	34	33	33	30	31	31	32	36	43	45
Watertown	50	49	51	45	38	37	36	33	32	30	31	34	35	39	44	43
Webster	44	44	47	41	41	37	35	33	32	29	30	32	33	40	42	42
Wheaton	36	39	49	40	39	36	34	31	33	31	31	34	37	40	40	45

National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 11/6/2022 5:36 AM Central

Dry and mild weather will continue into early next week. #mnwx #sdwx



## Winter Travel Impacts Possible Thursday - Friday

### What is uncertain?

- Track of the storm
- Exact timing
- Exact strength
- Exact amounts and locations of the heaviest snowfall
- Winds and blowing snow impacts

### What can you do?

Start to monitor the forecast, and consider preparing your car, home, and self for the risk of winter weather.



 National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD

  Updated: 11/6/2022 5:49 AM Central

The potential exists for hazardous winter conditions Thursday into early Friday. As this system is still five days out, there is much uncertainty, which is denoted on the image. Please continue to monitor for further updates. There is much higher certainty in below average temperatures by the end of the week.

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## Yesterday's Groton Weather

**High Temp: 49.6 °F at 4:15 PM**

**Low Temp: 15.7 °F at 4:30 AM**

**Wind: 19 mph at 9:45 PM**

**Precip: : 0.00**

Day length: 9 hours, 56 minutes

## Today's Info

Record High: 79 in 1904

Record Low: -8 in 1991

Average High: 47°F

Average Low: 24°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.20

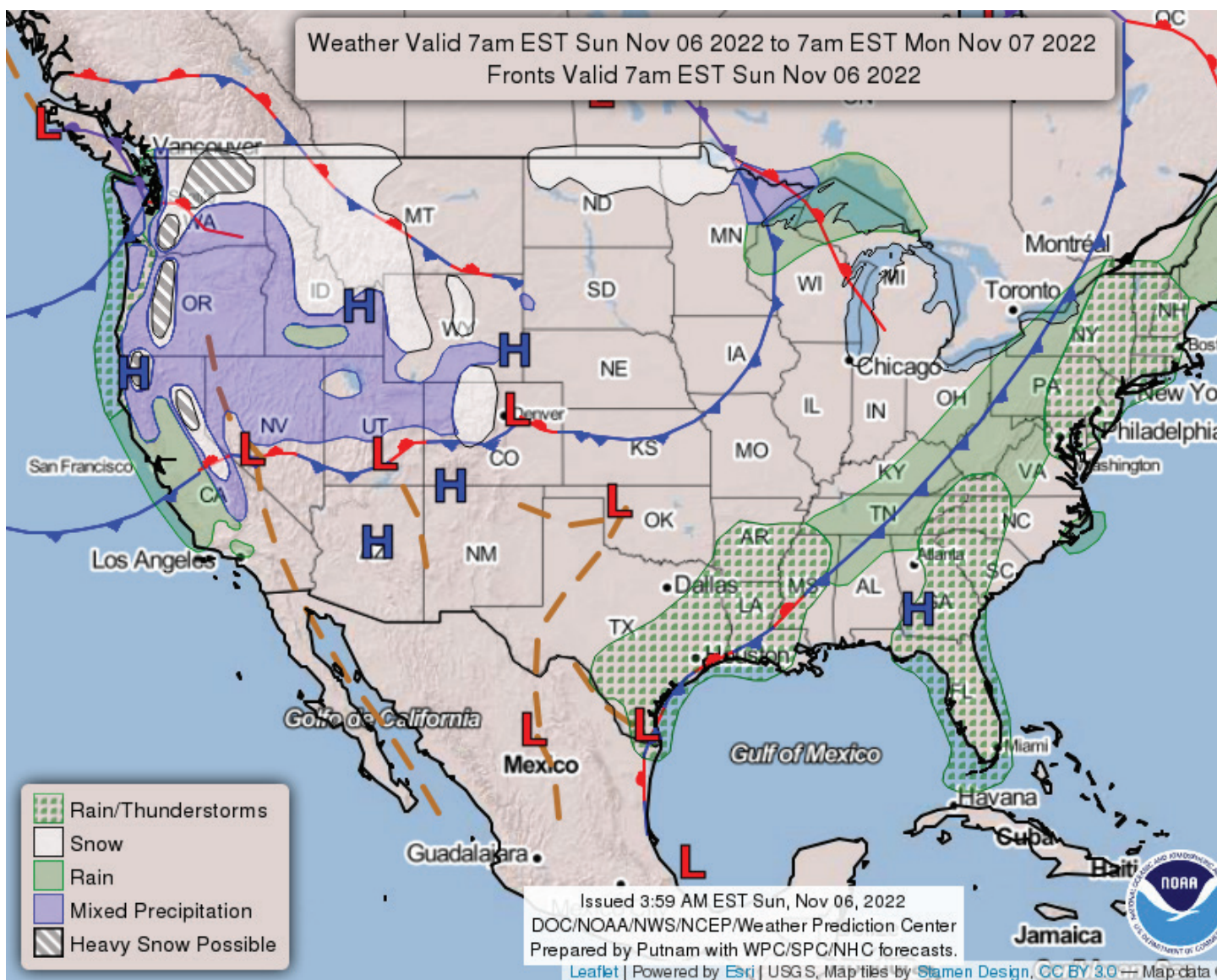
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.67

Precip Year to Date: 16.50

Sunset Tonight: 6:14:29 PM

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:18:58 AM



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## Today in Weather History

November 6th, 1959: A strong cold front that brought near blizzard conditions and freezing temperatures on the 5th continued to bring record or near-record lows during the morning hours on this day. Some low temperatures include; -13 in Murdo; -12 in Eureka; -11 in Britton; -10 in Castlewood; -9 near McIntosh and Redfield; -8 in Andover; -7 in Clear Lake and Kennebec; -6 degrees in Aberdeen; -5 in Watertown; and -4 in Pierre.

November 6th, 2008: An area of low pressure moving across South Dakota and into Minnesota brought widespread rain, freezing rain, and snow to central, north-central, and northeast South Dakota. Much of the freezing fell across central and north-central South Dakota west of the Missouri River. As the freezing rain changed over to snow and the winds increased, the ice and snow buildup on the power lines and poles caused hundreds of power poles to break across Jones, Stanley, Dewey, and Corson counties. East of the Missouri River, the colder air and stronger winds moved in, changing the rain over to snow. High winds of 30 to 45 mph with gusts near 60 mph brought widespread blizzard conditions to all areas.

Ice buildup ranged from a tenth to an inch for counties west of the Missouri River. Snowfall amounts across the entire area ranged from 2 to 8 inches, with a 15-inch amount recorded in southwest Corson County. Other snowfall amounts include 3 inches in Eagle Butte, Blunt, Kennebec, Mission Ridge, and Onida; 4 inches in Pollock, Gettysburg, and Bowdle; 5 inches south of Harrold, Iona, and near McIntosh; 6 inches in Mobridge; 7 inches in Murdo; 8 inches in McLaughlin, and 15 inches southwest of Keldron.

All 4,600 customers of the Moreau-Grand Electric Company lost power due to the storm. The last time this occurred was during the winter of 1967-68. The monetary loss to this cooperative and other electric cooperatives for Jones, Stanley, Corson, and Dewey counties was hundreds of thousands of dollars. Over 100 line workers worked countless hours with crews coming as far away as Nebraska and Iowa to assist in the power recovery. Over 1,000 customers were without power for an extended period.

The blizzard resulted in numerous school, business, and road closures along with flight cancellations. Interstate 90 was shut down from Mitchell, South Dakota, to the Wyoming border from Thursday the 6th until Friday evening of the 7th. In the early afternoon hours of Friday, the 7th, slippery roads, high winds, and low visibilities contributed to the rollover of a passenger van carrying seven students. The passenger van rolled several times, causing severe injuries to three of the students. The Governor declared a state of emergency on the 7th, and President Bush declared South Dakota a disaster area.

1961: Santa Ana winds in southern California downed trees, utility lines and blew 10 to 50 percent of the avocado crop from trees. Dust from the winds lowered the visibility, which led to a 16 car pileup, injuring 23 people. In addition, the winds brought the lowest relative humidity of record to Burbank, 3 percent, and contributed to disastrous fires in the hills of the Los Angeles area.

1977: Several possible causes lead to the collapse of the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia to give way. The failure allowed a 40-acre lake to flood the Toccoa Falls College, killing 39 people and injuring 60 more.

2005: The deadliest tornado to strike Indiana since April 3rd, 1974, occurred around 2 am. A single F3 tornado inflicted 24 fatalities, 238 injuries, and nearly 90 million dollars in damage with a path length of 41 miles. This storm moved in a northeasterly direction from just north of Smith Mills, Kentucky, to Gentryville, Indiana, and crossed the Ohio River three times. Most of the damage occurred as the tornado passed southeast of the city of Evansville, Indiana.

2016: An EF2 tornado hit Cesano, Rome, Italy, along its 25-mile path. Two people were killed.



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Daily Devotionals

## Seeds of Hope

### SING TO THE LORD!

When Herbert Hoover was president, he asked Rudy Vallee to sing at the White House. He was very impressed by the famous "megaphone crooner" and entertainer and at the end of his performance said, "You are great, Mr. Vallee. If you can sing a song that would make people feel good, forget their problems, and relieve their depression, I will give you a medal." However, Vallee did not have a song that he could sing that would bring about those results.

But there is One who can do that. David said, "I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him as I rejoice in the Lord."

The Hebrew word for meditate includes two words from the English language: one is "think," and the other suggests "speech" or "audible thinking," or "thinking out loud." If we put them together, they can bring about significant results!

Imagine how our lives would be different if, when we thought about God's Word, we would begin to "talk" to Him. For example, if 1 John 1:9 came to mind during a time of meditation, we might say something like, "Oh, thank You Lord for Your forgiveness. How grateful I am that if I come to You, confess my sin, ask You for Your forgiveness and repent, You will forgive me. Thank You for the assurance of Your grace and mercy. How much I need it. And please, Lord, fill my life with Your Spirit so that when I am tempted to sin, I can ask You to give me the strength to overcome the temptation!"

Prayer: Father, as I read and focus on You, please fill my mind with Your Word. Let it speak to my heart and then may my heart speak to You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live. May my meditation be pleasing to Him as I rejoice in the Lord. Psalm 104:33-34



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

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## 2022-23 Community Events

- 07/21/2022: Pro Am Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course  
07/22/2022: Ferney Open Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Start  
07/24/2022: Moonlight Swim at the Swimming Pool 9-11pm for 9th grade to age 20  
07/27/2022: Golf Fundraiser Lunch at Olive Grove Golf Course 11a-1pm  
08/05/2022: Wine on Nine at Olive Grove Golf Course 6pm  
08/12/2022: GHS Basketball Golf Tournament  
No Date Set: Groton Firemen Summer Splash Day 4-5pm GHS Parking Lot  
09/10/2022: Lions Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)  
09/11/2022: 6th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 3-5pm  
09/11/2022: Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10 a.m.  
09/02-04: Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport  
10/01/2022: Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm  
10/07/2022: Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am  
10/31/2022: Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm (working day on or closest to Halloween)  
10/31/2022: United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm  
11/13/2022: Snow Queen Contest  
11/19/2022: Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)  
11/24/2022 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm (Thanksgiving)  
12/03/2022 Tour of Homes & Holiday Party at Olive Grove Golf Course  
12/10/2022: Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9am-12pm  
01/29/2023 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed, 10am-1pm, Community Center  
01/29/2023 85th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)  
04/01/2023 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp at the City Park (Saturday a week before Easter)  
04/22/2023 Firemen's Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)  
04/23/2023 Princess Prom 4:30-8pm (Sunday after GHS Prom)  
05/06/2023 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday in May)  
05/29/2023 Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)  
07/04/2023 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Registration, 10am Start (4th of July)  
07/09/2023 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm (Sunday Mid-July)  
09/09/2023 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)  
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News from the  Associated Press

## SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

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

Dakota Cash

02-03-07-17-23

(two, three, seven, seventeen, twenty-three)

Estimated jackpot: \$151,000

Lotto America

05-20-25-40-46, Star Ball: 1, ASB: 4

(five, twenty, twenty-five, forty, forty-six; Star Ball: one; ASB: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$29,800,000

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: 154,000,000

Powerball

28-45-53-56-69, Powerball: 20, Power Play: 3

(twenty-eight, forty-five, fifty-three, fifty-six, sixty-nine; Powerball: twenty; Power Play: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$1,900,000,000

## Davis, Dustman's FG help South Dakota St. beat Northern Iowa

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Isaiah Davis ran for 104 yards and a touchdown and Hunter Dustman kicked a 26-yard field goal on the final play of the game to help South Dakota State beat Northern Iowa 31-28 on Saturday night.

South Dakota State (9-1, 7-0 Missouri Valley Conference), ranked No. 1 in the FCS coaches poll, has won nine consecutive games since a 7-3 loss at Iowa in the season opener.

Amar Johnson capped a 10-play, 75-yard drive that opened the second half with a 16-yard touchdown run to give South Dakota State a 28-14 lead. After a 53-yard gain on a pass from Theo Day to Sergio Morancy, Day threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to Logan Wolf to make it a 7-point game less than three minutes later.

Neither team scored again until Day scored on a 2-yard run with 4:41 to play to make it 28-all. The teams traded punts before Dustman missed a 34-yard field-goal attempt as time expired but a personal foul for leaping over the line moved the ball half the distance to the goal and set up Dustman's short winner.

Day completed 16-of-30 passes for 270 yards and two touchdowns with two interceptions for Northern Iowa (5-5, 4-3), which had its three-game win streak snapped.

## Bouman 2 TD passes lead South Dakota past Missouri St, 20-13

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Aidan Bouman's two touchdown passes staked South Dakota to a 17-point lead to start the fourth quarter and the Coyotes held off a Missouri State rally to take a 20-13 Missouri Valley Conference victory on Saturday.

Bouman's 44-yard touchdown pass to Wesley Eliodor put South Dakota up, 13-7 heading into intermission, and his 23-yard strike to Carter Bell made it a 20-3 lead with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

Jason Shelley led the Bears (3-6, 1-5) on a 13-play, 67 yard drive capped by his short pass to Naveon Mitchell with 11:01 left, but they could only managed a Jose Pizano 37-yard field goal late to cut into the South Dakota lead.

Bouman completed 17 of 25 passes for 235 yards. Eliodor caught six passes for 97 yards for South Dakota (3-6, 2-4).

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Shelley was 23 of 38 passing for 233 yards.

## Saturday's Scores

The Associated Press

PREP VOLLEYBALL=

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-16, 24-26, 25-20, 25-22

Sioux Falls Washington def. Rapid City Central, 25-9, 25-12, 25-11

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

## Duran Duran stumbles, Dolly Parton rolls into Rock Hall

By ANDREW DALTON AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lionel Richie soared. Pat Benatar roared. Duran Duran stumbled but stayed sophisticated. Eminem was Eminem.

The four acts found very different ways to celebrate on Saturday night, but all can now forever say they're Rock & Roll Hall of Famers. So are Carly Simon, Eurythmics, Harry Belafonte, Judas Priest and Dolly Parton, who gave the honor an enthusiastic embrace after temporarily turning it down.

The first act inducted at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles after a memorable speech from a shaven-headed Robert Downey Jr., Duran Duran took the stage and launched into their 1981 breakthrough hit "Girls on Film."

The shrieking crowd was there for it, but the music wasn't. The band was all but inaudible other than singer Simon Le Bon, whose vocals were essentially a cappella.

It was a fun if inauspicious beginning to a mostly slick and often triumphant show.

"The wonderful spontaneous world of rock 'n' roll!" the 64-year-old Le Bon shouted as the band stopped for a do-over.

They kicked back in at full volume, playing a set that included "Hungry Like the Wolf" and "Ordinary World," quickly snapping back into what Downey called their essential quality: "CSF — cool, sophisticated fun."

Lionel Richie brought both chill and warmth to the room hours later, opening his set with a spare rendition of his ballad "Hello" that seemed to make him nearly break down from the weight of the moment.

"His songs are the soundtrack of my life, your life, everyone's life," Lenny Kravitz said in inducting Richie.

After "Hello," Richie breezed into his 1977 hit with the Commodores, "Easy." The vibe went from smooth to triumphant when Foo Fighters front man Dave Grohl made a surprise appearance to play a guitar solo and swap vocals with Richie. That led into a singalong, celebratory rendition of 1983's "All Night Long" that brought the night's biggest reaction.

In his acceptance speech, Richie lashed out at those during his career who accused him of straying too far from his Black roots.

"Rock 'n' roll is not a color," he said. "It is a feeling. It is a vibe. And if we let that vibe come through, this room will grow and grow and grow."

Eurythmics took the stage next with a soulful, danceable rendition of 1986's "Missionary Man."

"Well I was born an original sinner, I was born from original sin," singer Annie Lennox belted, bringing the audience clapping and to its feet four hours into the show. It was followed by a rousing rendition of their best-known hit, "Sweet Dreams."

Moments later her musical partner, Dave Stewart, called Lennox "one of the greatest performers, singers and songwriters of all time."

"Thank you, Dave, for this great adventure," a tearful Lennox said.

As he has been throughout his career, Eminem was the outlier. He was the only hip-hop artist among the inductees, the only one whose heyday came after the 1980s, and he brought an edge to the evening that was otherwise missing outside of the heavy metal stylings of Judas Priest.

He also took the guest star game to another level. After opening briefly with 1999's "My Name Is," he

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brought on Aerosmith's Steven Tyler to sing the chorus of "Dream On" for 2003's "Sing for the Moment," which samples the Aerosmith classic. Then he brought on Ed Sheeran to sing his part on the 2017 Eminem jam "River" as rain fell on the stage.

"I'm probably not supposed to actually be here tonight for a couple of reasons," Eminem, wearing a black hoodie, said as he accepted the honor. "One, I know, is that I'm a rapper and this is the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame."

He's only the 10th hip-hop artist among well over 300 members of the Hall of Fame.

He was inducted by his producer and mentor Dr. Dre, whom he credited with saving his life.

But hitmakers of the 1980s defined the night.

"Pat always reached into the deepest part of herself and came roaring out of the speakers," Sheryl Crow said in her speech inducting Benatar.

Benatar, inducted along with her longtime musical partner and husband Neil Giraldo, took the stage with him and displayed that power moments later.

"We are young!" the 69-year-old sang, her long, gray hair flowing as she soared through a version of 1983's "Love is a Battlefield."

Inductees absent from the ceremony included Duran Duran guitarist Andy Taylor, who is four years into a fight with advanced prostate cancer, the 95-year-old Belafonte and Simon, who lost sisters Joanna Simon and Lucy Simon, both also singers, to cancer on back-to-back days last month.

Carly Simon was a first-time nominee this year more than 25 years after becoming eligible. Olivia Rodrigo, 60 years Simon's junior and by far the youngest performer of the night, took the stage to sing Simon's signature song, "You're So Vain."

Janet Jackson appeared in a black suit with a massive pile of hair atop her head, remaking the cover of her breakthrough album "Control," as she inducted the two men who made that and many other records with her, writer-producers Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis.

When the nominees were announced in May, Parton "respectfully" declined, saying it didn't seem suitable for her to take a spot as a country-to-the-core artist. She was convinced otherwise, and ended up the headliner Saturday night.

"I'm a rock star now!" she shouted as she accepted the honor. "This is a very, very, very special night."

Parton said she would have to retroactively earn her spot.

She disappeared and emerged moments later decked out in black leather with an electric guitar and broke into a song she wrote just for the occasion.

"I've been rockin' rockin' rockin' rockin' since the day I was born," she sang, "and I'll be rockin' to the day I'm gone."

She closed the night leading an all-star jam of her fellow inductees on her country classic "Jolene." Le Bon, Benatar and even Judas Priest singer Rob Halford took a verse.

"We got a star-studded stage up here," Parton said. "I feel like a hillbilly in the city."

## Monitors say 9 killed in Syria shelling of tent settlements

IDLIB, Syria (AP) — Syrian government forces shelled tent settlements housing families displaced by the country's conflict in the rebel-held northwest early Sunday, killing at least nine people and wounding dozens, opposition war monitors and first responders said.

The shelling was the latest violation of a truce reached between Russia and Turkey in March 2020 that ended a Russian-backed government offensive on Idlib province. Idlib is the last major rebel-held stronghold in Syria.

The truce has been repeatedly violated over the past two years killing and wounding scores of people.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition war monitor, reported that government forces fired about 30 rockets toward rebel-held areas Sunday morning. Those areas included the Maram camp just northwest of the provincial capital of Idlib, where nine were killed and 77 wounded. It said the dead included three children and one woman.



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Rebel factions responded by targeting government positions with artillery and missiles in the area of Saraqib, east of Idlib, and the al-Ghab plain, the observatory reported.

The opposition's Syrian Civil Defense, also known as White Helmets, reported that nine people were killed, including two children and a woman, and about 70 injured in shelling targeting at least six camps west of the capital.

The pro-government Sham FM radio station said Syrian government forces shelled positions of the al-Qaida-linked Hayat Tahrir al-Sham group, the most powerful militant group in Idlib. It said Syrian and Russian warplanes also attacked the areas.

Syria's conflict broke out in March 2011 and has since killed hundreds of thousands of people, displaced half the country's pre-war population of 23 million and left large parts of Syria destroyed.

## Tanzania: Small passenger plane crashes into Lake Victoria

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — A small passenger plane crashed Sunday morning into Lake Victoria on approach to an airport in Tanzania, and regional authorities said at least three people died.

Local authorities said 26 of the 43 people on board the Precision Air flight from the coastal city of Dar es Salaam were rescued and taken to a hospital. The plane was headed to Bukoba Airport.

Precision Air is a Tanzanian airline company.

News reports showed photos of the plane mostly submerged in the lake.

"We have managed to save quite a number of people," Kagera province police commander William Mwampaghale told journalists.

"When the aircraft was about 100 meters (328 feet) midair, it encountered problems and bad weather. It was raining and the plane plunged into the water," he said.

Mwampaghale said rescue efforts continued.

## World in crisis a grim backdrop for UN climate talks

By FRANK JORDANS and KELVIN CHAN Associated Press

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Envoys from around the globe gathered Sunday in the Egyptian sea-side resort of Sharm el-Sheikh for talks on tackling climate change amid a multitude of competing crises, including the war in Ukraine, high inflation, food shortages and an energy crunch.

Negotiators spent a frantic two days ahead of the meeting discussing whether to formally consider the issue of loss and damage, or reparations, to vulnerable nations suffering from climate change. The issue, which has weighed on the talks for years, was agreed just hours before the meeting officially opened.

In an opening speech, the head of the U.N.'s panel of climate scientist highlighted the urgency of cutting greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to the effects of global warming.

"This is a once in a generation opportunity to save our planet and our livelihoods," said Hoesung Lee, chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

The outgoing chair of the talks, British official Alok Sharma, said countries had made considerable progress at their last meeting in Glasgow, including on setting more ambitious targets for cutting emissions, finalizing the rules of the 2015 Paris agreement and pledging to begin phasing out the use of coal — the most heavily polluting fossil fuel.

"We kept 1.5 degrees (2.7 Fahrenheit) alive," he said, referring to the most ambitious goal of the Paris pact, to keep temperature increase since pre-industrial times under that threshold.

Yet now those efforts were being "buffeted by global headwinds," he warned.

"(Russian President Vladimir) Putin's brutal and illegal war in Ukraine has precipitated multiple global crisis, energy and food insecurity, inflationary pressures and spiraling debt," said Sharma. "These crises have compounded existing climate vulnerabilities and the scarring effects of the pandemic."

However even the most optimistic scenarios assuming countries do everything they have pledged put the world on course for 1.7 C of warming (3.1 F), he warned.

"As challenging as our current moment is, inaction is myopic and can only defer climate catastrophe,"

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said Sharma. "We must find the ability to focus on more than one thing at once."

"How many more wake up calls does the world to world leaders actually need," he said, citing recent devastating floods in Pakistan and Nigeria, and historic droughts in Europe, the United States and China.

His successor, Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, said his office would "spare no effort" to achieve the goals of the Paris accord.

President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi wrote on Twitter that Egypt, as host country, was seeking to move from the "pledges phase to the implantation phase with concrete measures on the ground."

The U.N.'s top climate official also appealed to countries both to engage constructively in the negotiations and take the necessary action back home.

"Here in Sharm el-Sheikh, we have a duty to speed up our international efforts to turn words into action," he said, adding that "every corner of human activity must align with our Paris commitment and pursue our efforts to limit temperature rise to 1.5 degrees."

More than 40,000 participants have been registered for this year's talks, reflecting the sense of urgency as major weather events around the world impact many people and cost billions of dollars in repairs. Egypt said over 120 world leaders will attend, many of them speaking at a high-level event on Nov. 7-8, while U.S. President Joe Biden was expected to arrive later in the week.

But many top figures including China's President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India were not planning to come, casting doubt on whether the talks in Egypt could result in any major deals to cut emissions without two of the world's biggest polluters.

Rights groups criticized Egypt on Sunday for restricting protests and stepping up surveillance during the summit.

New York-based Human Rights Watch, citing Egyptian media, said authorities had also arrested dozens of people for calling for protests.

"It is becoming clear that Egypt's government has no intention of easing its abusive security measures and allowing for free speech and assembly," Adam Coogle, the group's deputy director for the Middle East and North Africa, said in a statement.

Human Rights Watch said it had had joined about 1,400 groups from around the world urging Egypt to lift the restrictions on civil society groups.

Alaa Abdel-Fattah, a prominent imprisoned pro-democracy activist from Egypt, escalated his hunger strike Sunday in the first day of the COP27, according to his family. Abdel-Fattah's aunt, award-winning novelist Ahdaf Soueif, said he went into a "full hunger strike," and stopped drinking water at 10 a.m. local time. Concerned that he could die without water, she was calling for authorities to release him in response to local and international calls.

## UN weather report: Climate woes bad and getting worse faster

By SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt (AP) — Earth's warming weather and rising seas are getting worse and doing so faster than before, the World Meteorological Organization warned Sunday in a somber note as world leaders started gathering for international climate negotiations.

"The latest State of the Global Climate report is a chronicle of climate chaos," United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said. "We must answer the planet's distress signal with action -- ambitious, credible climate action."

In its annual state of the climate report, the United Nations' weather agency said that sea level rise in the past decade was double what it was in the 1990s and since January 2020 has jumped at a higher rate than that. Since the decade began, seas are rising at 5 millimeters a year (.2 inches) compared to 2.1 millimeters (.08 inches) in the 1990s.

The last eight years have been the warmest on record, the WMO said in a report that didn't break new ground but was a collection of recent weather trends, data and impacts in one central place.

"The melting (of ice) game we have lost and also the sea level rate," WMO chief Petteri Taalas told The

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Associated Press. "There are no positive indicators so far."

The only reason that the globe hasn't broken annual temperature records in the past few years is a rare three-year La Niña weather phenomenon, he said.

The data on sea level and average temperatures are nothing compared to how climate change has hit people in extreme weather. The report highlights the summer's incredible flood in Pakistan that killed more than 1,700 people and displaced 7.9 million, a crippling four-year drought in East Africa that has more than 18 million hungry, the Yangtze River drying to its lowest level in August, and record heat-waves broiling people in Europe and China.

"This latest report from the World Meteorological Organization reads like a lab report for a critically ill patient, but in this case the patient is Earth," said climate scientist Jennifer Francis of the Woodwell Climate Research Center in Cape Cod, who wasn't part of the report.

Levels of heat-trapping carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide all reached record high levels, with potent methane increasing at a record pace, the report said.

That means more than just warming temperatures on land. Ice, both Greenland's ice sheet and the world's glaciers, are shrinking precipitously, the report said. For the 26th year in a row, Greenland lost ice when all types of ice are factored in. The volume of glacier snow in Switzerland dropped by more than one-third from 2001 to 2022, the report said.

But 90% of the heat trapped on Earth goes into the ocean and the upper 2000 meters (6561 feet) of the ocean is getting warmer faster. The rate of warming the last 15 years is 67% faster than since 1971, the report said.

That ocean heat "will continue to warm in the future – a change which is irreversible on centennial to millennial time scales," the report said.

Outside experts weren't surprised by the report and said no one should be.

"What climate scientists have warned about for decades is upon us. And will continue to worsen without action," said University of Georgia meteorology professor Marshall Shepherd. "Two things must go away: Climate delayism and speaking about climate change impacts in the future tense. It's here."

## Philadelphia Home Depot workers vote to reject unionization

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Home Depot workers in Philadelphia rejected the first store-wide labor union at the world's largest home improvement retailer Saturday night, a loss for a fledgling movement to organize at major U.S. companies.

Workers voted 165 to 51 against forming Home Depot Workers United, which would have represented 274 employees at the store, according to the National Labor Relations Board, which oversaw the voting. The company and union organizations have five days to file objections.

The defeat for the organizers could discourage activist workers who have successfully formed the first unions at big chains, including Amazon, Starbucks, Trader Joe's and Apple, but have since suffered setbacks in getting collective bargaining off the ground or organizing more unions.

The Atlanta-based company employs about 500,000 people at its 2,316 stores in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Vincent Quiles, the Home Depot employee leading the unionization effort, told WHYY-FM that the attempt to organize workers had been a "tall order."

"It wouldn't be an easy fight to have," Quiles said. "But you do these things because you believe them to be right."

Quiles previously said discontent with compensation, working conditions, understaffing and lack of training are among the grievances that spurred the effort to organize.

After the failed union vote, Home Depot spokesperson Margaret Smith told WHYY, "We're happy that the associates at this store voted to continue working directly with the company. That connection is important to our culture, and we will continue listening to our associates and making The Home Depot a great place to work and grow."



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Quiles has filed a complaint of unfair labor practices with the NLRB, alleging managers engaged in inappropriate surveillance and interrogation tactics against union supporters. Quiles has said managers followed him around the stores and tried to disrupt any conversations he tried to have with co-workers, even if it wasn't about the union.

Instead, Quiles said he relied on TikTok videos, group text messaging and e-mailing to campaign for the union.

Home Depot has denied the complaint's allegations.

Fierce legal fights have characterized organization efforts at other companies.

Amazon has filed more than two dozen objections in an attempt to undo the Amazon Labor Union's surprise election victory at a Staten Island warehouse last spring, the group's only successful attempt so far to form a union. The ALU, meanwhile, has filed more than two dozen charges with the NLRB accusing Amazon of unfair labor practices.

Starbucks is negotiating contracts at a handful of the more than 250 stores where workers have voted to unionize, but the company has asked the NLRB to temporarily halt other elections because of alleged misconduct.

The labor relations board has filed a complaint against Chipotle alleging the restaurant chain unlawfully closed a store in Augusta, Maine, and fired its workers for union activity.

## Ukraine warns of Russian 'brutality' in eastern region

By SAM MEDNICK Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian forces are stepping up their strikes in a fiercely contested region of eastern Ukraine, worsening the already tough conditions for residents and the defending army following Moscow's illegal annexation and declaration of martial law in Donetsk province, Ukrainian authorities said.

The attacks have almost completely destroyed the power plants that serve the city of Bakhmut and the nearby town of Soledar, Pavlo Kyrylenko, the region's Ukrainian governor, said. Shelling killed one civilians and wounded three, he reported late Saturday.

"The destruction is daily, if not hourly," Kyrylenko said in a state television interview.

Moscow-backed separatists controlled part of Donetsk for nearly eight years before Russia invaded Ukraine in late February. Protecting the separatists' self-proclaimed republic there was one of Russian President Vladimir Putin's justifications for the invasion, and his troops have spent months trying to capture the entire province.

While Russia's "greatest brutality" was focused in the Donetsk region, "constant fighting" continued elsewhere along the front line that stretches more than 1,000 kilometers (620 miles), Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in his nightly video address.

Between Saturday and Sunday, Russia's launched four missiles and 19 airstrikes impacting more than 35 villages in seven regions, from Chernihiv and Kharkiv in the northeast to Kherson and Mykolaiv in the south, according to the president's office.

Russia has focused on striking energy infrastructure over the last month, causing power shortages and rolling outages across the country. The capital, Kyiv, was scheduled to have hourly blackouts rotating Sunday in various parts of the city of some 3 million and the surrounding region,

Rolling blackouts also were planned in the Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Zhytomyr, Sumy, Kharkiv and Poltava regions, Ukraine's state-owned energy operator, Ukrenergo, said in a Telegram post.

More positive news was the re-connection of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant to Ukraine's power grid, local media reported Sunday. Europe's largest nuclear plant needs electricity to maintain vital cooling system, but it had been running on emergency diesel generators since Russian shelling severed its outside connections,

In the Donetsk city of Bakhmut, some 15,000 remaining residents were living under daily shelling and without water or power, according to local media. The city has been under attack for months, but the bombardment picked up after Russian forces experienced setbacks during Ukrainian counteroffensives in

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the Kharkiv and Kherson regions.

In Kharkiv, officials are working to identify bodies found in mass graves after the Russians withdrew, Dmytro Chubenko, a spokesperson for the regional prosecutor's office, said in an interview with local media.

DNA samples have been collected from 450 bodies discovered in a mass grave in the city of Izium, but the samples need to be matched with relatives and so far only 80 people have participated, he said.

## Powerball jackpot up to record \$1.9 billion after no winner

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A record Powerball jackpot grew to an even larger \$1.9 billion after no one won the lottery drawing on Saturday night.

The numbers for the drawing were: white balls 28, 45, 53, 56, 69 and red Powerball 20.

The website of the California Lottery Association said the next chance for someone to get lucky will be Monday.

The new \$1.9 billion jackpot is for a winner who is paid through an annuity over 29 years. Winners of lottery jackpots usually prefer a lump sum of cash, which for Monday's drawing would be \$929.1 million, the California lottery site said.

The Powerball prize keeps getting more massive because of the inability of anyone to overcome the long odds of 1 in 292.2 million and win the jackpot. To take the top prize, players must match all five white balls and one red Powerball.

Since someone won the prize on Aug. 3, there have been 40 drawings without a winner.

Powerball is played in 45 states, as well as Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Alvarez blasts Baker, Astros to World Series title vs Phils

By STEPHEN HAWKINS AP Baseball Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Yordan Alvarez hit a moon shot that sent Space City into a frenzy, and the Houston Astros to their second World Series title.

While the stain on Houston's first championship might never completely fade, Alvarez's majestic three-run homer helped fashion a fresh crown for the Astros -- and the first for Dusty Baker as manager -- in a 4-1 win over the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 6 on Saturday night.

"What happened before, it doesn't ever pass over completely," said Baker, the veteran manager hired by the Astros in the wake of their sign-stealing scandal. "But we have turned the page and hopefully we'll continue this run."

Alvarez blasted a ball over the 40-foot batter's eye in center field during the sixth inning immediately after Phillies starter Zack Wheeler was pulled with a 1-0 lead.

As Alvarez's 450-foot shot sailed, Astros starter Framber Valdez jumped and wildly screamed in the dugout while the crowd of 42,958 went crazy waving orange rally towels.

"When I was rounding second base, I felt the whole stadium moving," Alvarez said through a translator.

The 73-year-old Baker finally got his first title in his 25th season as a manager. He's spent the past three with the Astros after they hired him to help the team regain credibility after their trash can banging scheme cost manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow their jobs, and made Houston the most reviled team in baseball.

"I wasn't here in 2017, but it's definitely a weight off of everybody's shoulders. Ain't nobody can say (anything) now," said closer Ryan Pressly, who finished the Series with another scoreless inning.

Baker, who won a World Series as a player with the Los Angeles Dodgers and had been to the Fall Classic twice before as a skipper, is the oldest championship manager in any of the four major North American sports. The win came 20 years after a near-miss, when he came within five outs of taking the title while guiding the San Francisco Giants.

"What's next? I said if I win one, I want to win two," Baker said afterward.

Houston's coaching and training staffs circled around Baker after Nick Castellanos flied out to end it, jumping up and down, and chanting "Dusty! Dusty! Dusty!" in the dugout before they joined the players

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on the field.

Astros rookie shortstop Jeremy Peña was the World Series MVP after getting another key hit, a single to set up Alvarez's homer.

The 25-year-old star born in the Dominican Republic also won a Gold Glove award and AL Championship Series MVP — Peña is the first hitter to win those three awards in a career, and he did it all in his first season, per OptaSTATS.

Jerseys worn by Peña and Baker during the Series were headed to the Hall of Fame.

A year after watching the Atlanta Braves clinch the World Series title at Minute Maid Park, Justin Verlander and the Astros went 11-2 in the postseason and became the first team to seal the championship at home since the 2013 Boston Red Sox.

Alvarez homered for the first time since going deep in the first two games this postseason. Christian Vázquez added an RBI single later in the inning to make it 4-1.

Valdez earned his second win of this Series. He had been in the dugout only a few minutes after throwing his 93rd and final pitch while striking out nine over six innings.

But the lefty had walked off the mound with the wild-card Phillies up 1-0 on Kyle Schwarber's homer leading off the sixth.

Schwarber, who hit his third homer in the past four games, rounded the bases waving his raised empty hand in the same motion as the fans with their towels.

But by the time Schwarber batted in the eighth, the NL's home run leader was reduced to bunting, trying for a hit to stir a dormant Phillies offense. His bunt went foul with two strikes, resulting in a strikeout.

In the sixth, Houston got two runners on base against Wheeler for the first time in the game, when Martín Maldonado was hit by a pitch, Jose Altuve grounded into a forceout and Peña singled.

Phillies manager Rob Thomson went to left-handed reliever José Alvarado to face the lefty slugger for the fourth time in the series — Alvarez had popped out twice and been hit by a pitch the first three times.

"I thought Wheels still had really good stuff. It wasn't about that. It was just I thought the matchup was better with Alvarado on Alvarez at that time," Thomson said.

And Alvarado had allowed only three homers to lefty hitters in his six big league seasons, until his 2-1 pitch, when Alvarez crushed the 99 mph sinker.

"It's kind of a dirty inning and I thought, I mean, going into the series it was always kind of Alvarado on Alvarez," Thomson said. "It was the sixth inning and I felt like the normal back end of the bullpen guys could get through it."

Alvarez hadn't homered since Game 2 of the AL Division Series against Seattle, when his two-run shot in the sixth inning put them up to stay. That came after his game-ending, three-run shot in Game 1 for an 8-7 win.

Houston won an American League-best 106 games and reached its fourth World Series during a span in which it made it to the AL Championship Series six seasons in a row. The Astros made their only other World Series appearance in 2005, while still in the National League, and were swept in four games by the Chicago White Sox.

This was their third ALCS and second consecutive World Series since former Astros pitcher Mike Fiers revealed after the 2019 season, when he had gone from Houston for two years since being part of their 2017 championship, that the team had used a camera in center field to steal signs and signal hitters on which pitches to expect by banging on a garbage can.

"That will probably never go away but I think this just proves how good this team is and how good it's been for a long time," Astros owner Jim Crane said on the field afterward.

Philadelphia was 22-29 when Joe Girardi was fired in early June and replaced by bench coach Thomson, the 59-year-old baseball lifer getting his first chance a big league manager — he was on the Yankees big league staff for 10 seasons with Girardi, and was part of their last World Series and title in 2009.

The Phillies finished the regular season 65-46 under Thomson, their 87 wins good for the sixth and final spot in the NL playoffs, on the way to their first World Series since 2009.



## UP NEXT

Phillies: In less than five months, the Phillies will be back in Texas to begin their 2023 regular season, about 250 miles away for the opener of an interleague series March 30 against the Texas Rangers.

Astros: Whether or not Baker and/or general manager James Click are back — neither is signed past this season — the World Series champs will play their 2023 season opener at home March 30 against the Chicago White Sox.

## Ahead of COP27, young African climate activists speak out

By WANJOHI KABUKRU Associated Press

WINDHOEK, Namibia (AP) — Young climate activists from African nations have high demands but low expectations for the U.N. climate conference which begins Sunday in the Egyptian coastal resort of Sharm el-Sheikh.

Observers and organizers of the COP27 summit have made much of its location, branding the conference as an “African COP” where the positions of African countries on issues like finance for adapting to climate change or moving to renewable energy sources will be central to the talks.

Activists hope that’s true.

“For COP27 to be the ‘African COP’, the needs, voices, and priorities of the African people need to be reflected in the outcome of the negotiations,” Kenyan climate activist Elizabeth Wathuti told The Associated Press. “COP27 is a chance to bring justice to the most impacted countries through global solidarity and cooperation.”

Analysts point to sticking points between richer and poorer nations, such as questions around whether vulnerable countries should receive compensation for climate-related catastrophes, known as “loss and damage” in climate negotiations, as hindering progress at previous summits.

Some youth activists, like Wathuti, say that the continent should be looking to rich nations for massive emissions cuts and for compensation for loss and damage caused by climate catastrophes. Africa is responsible for only 3% to 4% of global emissions despite having 17% of the world’s population but it is more vulnerable than most places as many people, especially those outside urban centers, are less able to adapt.

“Financial delivery is fundamental to enable the development of Africa,” Wathuti said. “The African population is growing rapidly and securing energy for people will be crucial to combat poverty and create opportunities for a higher quality of life.”

Others say African countries need to look inward as developed nations have failed to keep their promises.

Hounaidat Abdouroihmane, an activist from the Comoros Islands said Africa should stop relying on developed countries for funding.

“Why should we beg the polluters for answers and money when we know so well they will not provide it and if they do, it will be in the form of a loan?” asked Abdouroihmane, adding the continent should “put in adaptation measures that are easy and less costly to implement” such as better management of water resources and reforestation and restoring land.

Developed nations have already failed to fulfill pledges on climate change funding, including a \$100 billion-a-year pledge that is two years past its deadline and hasn’t yet been fulfilled.

Wathuti said that the negotiations should be about “accountability” and hoped the conference will address the “delivery of promises made but not met.”

Ugandan activist Vanessa Nakate agreed that financing from developed countries was central for the continent to achieve its aims.

“The \$100 billion promised is no longer enough. There needs to be additional finance,” Nakate told the AP, adding there needs to be a separate fund for loss and damage.

116 million people in Africa’s coastal states and islands face sea-level risks and by 2050 African nations are projected to spend \$50 billion annually on climate-related impacts, the U.N. weather agency said.

“We know what needs to be done about climate change. But what we lack is political will to actually

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do something," said Nakate, adding that vulnerable communities direly need funds to help prepare for climate-related disasters.

Wathuti, Nakate and Abdouroihamane are part of a growing number of young people in Africa and around the world who have been running grassroots projects in their respective countries and call on national and international governments to do more on climate change and biodiversity loss. Abdouroihamane is actively involved in waste management projects, Nakate spearheads the installation of clean cookstoves and solar panels in schools in her native Uganda, and Wathuti leads a forest restoration project in Kenya.

Although activists have long been part of the conversation, many feel that they are not listened to. Increasingly, climate campaigners particularly in Europe have started taking drastic measures to make their arguments heard, including throwing food at famous paintings or gluing themselves to roads to a mixed reception.

"There are efforts to increase youth participation, but more often than not, young people are put in meetings to fill a seat," Wathuti said. "For youth participation to be truly meaningful, young people need support to navigate the intricate spaces of climate negotiations."

She added: "Young people have not caused the situation we are in, but young people are the solution. That is why participation of youth is key in high level forums like COP27."

## Trump says US 'in decline'; Biden has his own dire warning

By STEVE PEOPLES, AAMER MADHANI and MARC LEVY Associated Press

LATROBE, Pa. (AP) — Former President Donald Trump is predicting America's destruction if his fellow Republicans don't deliver a massive electoral wave on Tuesday. Democrats, led by President Joe Biden and two other former presidents, are warning that abortion rights, Social Security and even democracy itself are at stake.

Three of the six living presidents delivered dire closing messages Saturday in battleground Pennsylvania entering the final weekend of the 2022 midterm elections, but their words echoed across the country as millions of Americans cast ballots to decide the balance of power in Washington and in key state capitals. Polls across America will close on Tuesday, but more than 39 million people have already voted.

On Sunday, Biden was set to campaign in suburban New York, while Trump was headed to Florida.

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But with a bigger and more energetic audience in his home state, Biden's energy seemed lifted.

"We have to reaffirm the values that have long defined us," Biden said of threats to democracy. "We are good people. I know this."

He added: "Get out and vote!"

## Twitter users can soon get blue check for \$7.99 monthly fee

By BARBARA ORTUTAY Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Twitter has announced a subscription service for \$7.99 a month that includes a blue check now given only to verified accounts as new owner Elon Musk works to overhaul the platform's verification system just ahead of U.S. midterm elections.

In an update to Apple iOS devices available in the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the U.K., Twitter said users who "sign up now" for the new "Twitter Blue with verification" can receive the blue check next to their names "just like the celebrities, companies and politicians you already follow."

But Twitter employee Esther Crawford tweeted Saturday that the "new Blue isn't live yet — the sprint to our launch continues but some folks may see us making updates because we are testing and pushing changes in real-time." Verified accounts did not appear to be losing their checks so far.

It was not immediately clear when the subscription would go live. Crawford told The Associated Press in a Twitter message that it is coming "soon but it hasn't launched yet." Twitter did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

Anyone being able to get the blue check could lead to confusion and the rise of disinformation ahead of Tuesday's elections, but Musk tweeted Saturday in response to a question about the risk of impostors impersonating verified profiles — such as politicians and election officials — that "Twitter will suspend the account attempting impersonation and keep the money!"

"So if scammers want to do this a million times, that's just a whole bunch of free money," he said.



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But many fear widespread layoffs that began Friday could gut the guardrails of content moderation and verification on the social platform that public agencies, election boards, police departments and news outlets use to keep people reliably informed.

The change will end Twitter's current verification system, which was launched in 2009 to prevent impersonations of high-profile accounts such as celebrities and politicians. Twitter now has about 423,000 verified accounts, many of them rank-and-file journalists from around the globe that the company verified regardless of how many followers they had.

Experts have raised grave concerns about upending the platform's verification system that, while not perfect, has helped Twitter's 238 million daily users determine whether accounts they get information from are authentic. Current verified accounts include celebrities, athletes and influencers, along with government agencies and politicians worldwide, journalists and news outlets, activists, businesses and brands, and Musk himself.

"He knows the blue check has value, and he's trying to exploit it quickly," said Jennifer Grygiel, a social media expert and associate professor of communications at Syracuse University. "He needs to earn the trust of the people before he can sell them anything. Why would you buy a car from a salesman that you know has essentially proved to be chaotic?"

The update Twitter made to the iOS version of its app does not mention verification as part of the new blue check system. So far, the update is not available on Android devices.

Musk, who had earlier said he wants to "verify all humans" on Twitter, has floated that public figures would be identified in ways other than the blue check. Currently, for instance, government officials are identified with text under names stating they are posting from an official government account.

President Joe Biden's @POTUS account, for example, says in gray letters it belongs to a "United States government official."

Seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton, who has 7.8 million Twitter followers, told the AP, "I could actually just delete my Twitter account, I never use it. I find it really healthy to delete social media from my phone for periods of time."

"But it's also a really powerful tool to connect with people, so I appreciate that and I try to use it as that and not as something that's veering me off course of the journey that I'm on in life," he said.

The announcement comes a day after Twitter began laying off workers to cut costs and as more companies are pausing advertising on the platform as a cautious corporate world waits to see how the platform will operate under its new owner.

About half of the company's staff of 7,500 was let go, tweeted Yoel Roth, Twitter's head of safety and integrity.

He said the company's front-line content moderation staff was the group the least affected by the job cuts and that "efforts on election integrity — including harmful misinformation that can suppress the vote and combatting state-backed information operations — remain a top priority."

Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey took blame for the job losses.

"I own the responsibility for why everyone is in this situation: I grew the company size too quickly," he tweeted Saturday. "I apologize for that."

Musk tweeted late Friday that there was no choice but to cut jobs "when the company is losing over \$4M/day." He did not provide details on the daily losses at Twitter and said employees who lost their jobs were offered three months' pay as severance.

He also said Twitter has already seen "a massive drop in revenue" as advertisers face pressure from activists to get off the platform, which heavily relies on advertising to make money.

United Airlines on Saturday became the latest major brand to pause advertising on Twitter, joining companies including General Motors, REI, General Mills and Audi.

Musk tried to reassure advertisers last week, saying Twitter would not become a "free-for-all hellscape" because of what he calls his commitment to free speech.

But concerns remain about whether a lighter touch on content moderation at Twitter will result in users

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sending out more offensive tweets. That could hurt companies' brands if their advertisements appear next to them.

U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on Saturday urged Musk to "ensure human rights are central to the management of Twitter." In an open letter, Türk said reports that the company's whole human rights team and much of the ethical AI team were laid off was not "an encouraging start."

"Like all companies, Twitter needs to understand the harms associated with its platform and take steps to address them," Türk said. "Respect for our shared human rights should set the guardrails for the platform's use and evolution."

Meanwhile, Twitter cannot simply cut costs to grow profits, and Musk needs to find ways to raise more revenue, said Dan Ives, an analyst with Wedbush. But that may be easier said than done with the new subscription program for blue checks.

"Users have gotten this for free," Ives said. "There may be massive pushback."

He expects 20% to 25% of Twitter's verified users to sign up initially. The stakes are high for Musk and Twitter to get this right early and for signups to work smoothly, he added.

"You don't have a second chance to make a first impression," Ives said. "It's been a train-wreck first week for Musk owning the Twitter platform. Now you've cut 50% (of the workforce). There are questions about just the stability of the platform, and advertisers are watching this with a keen eye."

## Singer-rapper Aaron Carter dies in California at age 34

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and ALICIA RANCILIO Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aaron Carter, the singer-rapper who began performing as a child and had hit albums starting in his teen years, was found dead Saturday at his home in Southern California. He was 34.

Representatives for Carter's family confirmed the singer's death. His fiancée, Melanie Martin, asked for privacy as the family grieves.

"We are still in the process of accepting this unfortunate reality," Martin said in a statement Saturday. "Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated."

Carter, the younger brother of Nick Carter of the Backstreet Boys, performed as an opening act for Britney Spears as well as his brother's boy band, and recorded several hits including "Aaron's Party (Come Get It)" and "I Want Candy."

Deputies responded around 11 a.m. following reports of a medical emergency at the home in Lancaster, a desert city about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north of downtown Los Angeles, said Deputy Alejandra Parra with the LA County Sheriff's Department.

Parra said the deputies found a deceased person at the residence, but she could not immediately confirm it was Carter. Authorities later said a house sitter found a man in the bathtub in the home and resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

Carter opened for the Backstreet Boys tour in 1997 — the same year his gold-selling debut self-titled album released. He reached triple-platinum status with his sophomore album, 2000's "Aaron's Party (Come Get It)," which produced hit singles including the title song and "I Want Candy." His videos received regular airplay on Disney and Nickelodeon.

The singer earned acting credits through his appearance on television shows including "Lizzie McGuire." He starred alongside his brother, Nick, and their siblings B.J., Leslie and Angel Carter on the E! unscripted series "House of Carters" in 2006.

Carter made his Broadway debut in 2001 as JoJo in the musical "Seussical." In 2009, he appeared on the ABC competition show "Dancing with the Stars," finishing in fifth place with partner Karina Smirnoff. He was featured on the Food Network cooking show "Rachel vs. Guy: Celebrity Cook-Off" in 2012.

In 2017, Carter opened up about his substance abuse on an episode of "The Doctors." He was in rehab that same year after he was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence and marijuana charges. He checked himself in for treatment on a few occasions in an effort to regain custody of his son Prince.

Carter's fifth and final studio album, "LOVE," was released in 2018.

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## Obama to Democrats: 'Sulking and moping is not an option'

By MARC LEVY, STEVE PEOPLES and AAMER MADHANI Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Democratic Party's most powerful voices warned Saturday that abortion, Social Security and democracy itself are at risk as they labored to overcome fierce political headwinds — and an ill-timed misstep from President Joe Biden — over the final weekend of the 2022 midterm elections.

"Sulking and moping is not an option," former President Barack Obama told several hundred voters on a blustery day in Pittsburgh. "On Tuesday, let's make sure our country doesn't get set back 50 years."

Later in the day, Biden shared the stage with Obama in Philadelphia, the former running mates campaigning together for the first time since Biden took office. In neighboring New York, even former President Bill Clinton, largely absent from national politics in recent years, was out defending his party.

The trio of Democrats were the first presidents, but not last, to speak out on Saturday as voters across America decide control of Congress and key statehouses. Former President Donald Trump finished the day at a rally in working-class southwestern Pennsylvania, describing the election in apocalyptic terms.

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Biden, Trump, Obama and Clinton — four of the six living presidents — focused on Northeastern battlegrounds on Saturday, but their words echoed across the country as the parties sent out their best to deliver a critical closing argument. Polls across America will close on Tuesday, but more than 36 million people have already voted.

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Clinton addressed increasing fears about rising crime as he stumped for New York Gov. Kathy Hochul, whose election is at risk even in deep-blue New York. He blamed Republicans for focusing on the issue to score political points.

"But what are the Republicans really saying? 'I want you to be scared and I want you to be mad. And the last thing I want you to do is think,'" Clinton said.

Trump campaigned in western Pennsylvania on behalf of Dr. Mehmet Oz, the Senate nominee, and Doug Mastriano, who is running for governor. Oz, who has worked to craft a moderate image throughout the fall after earning Trump's endorsement, briefly joined Trump on stage, but delivered his formal remarks more than an hour earlier.

A double rainbow flashed across the sky shortly before Oz spoke.

"Here's the deal. I'm not a politician, I'm a surgeon," Oz told thousands of Trump loyalists. "And what surgeons do is tackle big problems and we do it successfully, in my case fixing broken hearts, by working



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with everybody.”

The attention on Pennsylvania underscores the stakes in 2022 and beyond for the tightly contested state. The race between Oz and Democrat John Fetterman race could decide the Senate majority — and with it, Biden’s agenda and judicial appointments for the next two years. The governor’s contest will determine the direction of state policy and control of the state’s election infrastructure heading into the 2024 presidential contest.

Josh Shapiro, the state attorney general, leads in polls over Mastriano, a state senator and retired Army colonel who some Republicans believe is too extreme to win a general election in a state Biden narrowly carried two years ago.

Polls show a closer contest to replace retiring Republican Sen. Pat Toomey as Fetterman recovers from a stroke he suffered in May. He jumbled words and struggled to complete sentences in his lone debate against Oz last month, although medical experts say he’s recovering well from the health scare.

Having little trouble speaking on Saturday, Fetterman railed against Oz and castigated the former New Jersey resident as an ultrawealthy carpetbagger who will say or do anything to get elected. Gusty winds knocked several American flags off the stage during his remarks.

“I’ll be the 51st vote to eliminate the filibuster, to raise the minimum wage,” said Fetterman, wearing his trademark black hoodie. “Please send Dr. Oz back to New Jersey.”

Fetterman hugged Obama after they spoke in Pittsburgh. Later in Philadelphia, Fetterman linked hands with Biden, Obama and Shapiro.

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## **No. 1 Georgia shuts down QB Hooker, No. 2 Tennessee, 27-13**

By CHARLES ODUM AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — In the biggest games, Stetson Bennett seems to rise to the occasion and above his often more heralded counterparts.

Bennett threw two touchdown passes and ran for a score as No. 1 Georgia shut down Hendon Hooker and the Vols’ high-powered offense to win a Southeastern Conference showdown of the nation’s top-ranked teams 27-13 Saturday.

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After leading the Bulldogs to a national title last season, Bennett improved to 23-3 as a starter at Georgia. "Competitive excellence, competitive toughness," said Georgia coach Kirby Smart when asked about Bennett's ability to shine on the grandest stages.

"He's a winner. Let's be honest. The guy knows how to win."

Bennett passed for 257 yards, completing 17 of 25 passes. He had a 13-yard scoring run in the matchup against Hooker, regarded as a Heisman Trophy favorite. Maybe Bennett should be now?

Bennett insisted his only motivation was for the team's hopes of returning to the SEC championship game, not for his personal validation "because at the end of the day we're playing for the East and if we lost it's a lower percentage we're playing in Atlanta."

Added Bennett: "I don't really care about quarterback vs. quarterback."

Georgia (9-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) turned the 25th regular-season matchup of the top two teams in the AP poll into a rout that made clear the defending national champions are still the team to beat.

"I kind of feel like it was a statement win," said Georgia wide receiver Ladd McConkey, who had five catches for 94 yards and a touchdown.

In a deafening and soggy Sanford Stadium, Georgia led 27-6 before Tennessee scored its first touchdown with 4:15 remaining.

Hooker, whose Heisman hopes were bolstered by a win over Alabama last month, passed for only 195 yards for Tennessee (8-1, 4-1). Hooker was sacked six times by star defensive tackle Jalen Carter and the Bulldogs.

Tennessee wide receiver Jalin Hyatt said Georgia's defense was "way more physical than Alabama."

Georgia's special teams put more pressure on Tennessee. Punter Brett Thorson nailed a 75-yarder that went out of bounds at the Tennessee 1 in the first quarter. Jack Podlesny kicked two field goals.

Hooker threw an interception, lost a fumble that nearly resulted in a safety for Georgia and didn't throw a touchdown pass.

"They are a great ball team," Hooker said. "They played extremely hard, and they got the win today. We have got to clean some things up. It is a learning process."

The Volunteers came in averaging almost 50 points per game.

The Volunteers rode that Alabama victory to the top spot in the first College Football Playoff ranking. Georgia was No. 3 in last week's CFP ranking.

That will change Tuesday.

The Vols were held to two first-half field goals as Georgia took a 24-6 halftime lead. Rain in the second half made it only more difficult to move against the Bulldogs' defense.

Bennett threw scoring passes of 37 yards to McConkey and 5 yards to Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint in the first half.

There were more big plays in Georgia's passing game. Bennett had completions of 52 yards to Arian Smith and 49 yards to running back Kenny Mcintosh.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Tennessee: The Vols struggled in the big-game atmosphere, especially on offense where crowd noise contributed to a series of false starts and illegal procedure calls.

Tennessee's playoff hopes are far from gone, but the Vols are now going to need some help.

Georgia: Coming into the game, no team in FBS had more plays of at least 30 yards than Tennessee with 36.

Against the Bulldogs, the Vols' longest play was a 28-yard pass to Hyatt.

## KEY INJURIES

After losing outside linebacker Nolan Smith, Georgia's leader with three sacks, to a season-ending injury last week, his replacement, Robert Beal, left game in third quarter with a neck injury. Chaz Chambliss took over for Beal. ... Tennessee RB Jabari Small was taken to the medical tent in the first quarter with a shoulder injury. Wright took over as the lead running back.

## HONORING LEGENDS

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp ordered all flags in the state, including at Sanford Stadium, to be lowered to

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half-staff on Saturday in honor of former longtime Georgia coach and athletic director Vince Dooley, who died at 90 on Oct. 28.

Georgia players wore a patch on their uniforms honoring Dooley, who won 201 games, the 1980 national championship and six SEC titles.

For the second week, Georgia players also wore a helmet decal honoring Bulldogs legend Charley Trippi, a Pro and College Football Hall of Famer who died on Oct. 19. There was a moment of silence for Dooley and Trippi before the game.

UP NEXT

Tennessee returns home to play Missouri on Saturday. The Vols have won the last three games in the series, including a 62-24 win at Missouri in 2021.

Georgia begins a stretch of back-to-back SEC road games when it plays at Mississippi State on Saturday night. Georgia has won the last three games in the series.

## Record \$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot fans ticket sales

By HARM VENHUIZEN Associated Press/Report for America

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — The Powerball jackpot has reached a record estimated high of \$1.6 billion, leading longtime players and first-timers alike to flock to buy tickets ahead of Saturday night's drawing.

At Woodman's Markets in Madison, Wisconsin, sisters Christy Bemis and Cherrie Spencer were among the dozens of weekend shoppers who paid for their groceries and loaded up carts before joining the line at the lottery counter to purchase their shot at the prize.

They said they almost never buy lottery tickets, but they were lured in by the size of the jackpot.

"My \$2 has just as good a chance of winning as anyone else's \$2," said Spencer.

The counter was one of the busiest areas of the supermarket — so busy that employees set up stanchions to guide the queue. Like most of the players in line, Jim Olson, 78, was buying Quick Picks, randomly generated Powerball numbers, but he doesn't always.

Olson said he has typically bought a Powerball ticket once every drawing "virtually since they started." When he picks his own numbers, there's no rhyme or reason to how he does it: "They just come to you. I can't explain it."

Olson's biggest win to date? \$300 about 20 years ago, he said.

It speaks to the extremely long odds of winning the jackpot — about 1 in 292.2 million.

Still, the chance of pocketing \$782.4 million (the value of the cash option before taxes) has been enough to bring people flooding across state lines for a chance to play. Winners of massive jackpots almost always opt for cash, but some financial experts say the annuity option, which is paid out over a 30-year term, might be a safer bet.

Many players do whatever they can to try to tip the odds in their favor. Unlike the weekend shoppers in Madison, not everyone buys their tickets at the most convenient location.

In Los Angeles, a liquor store known for producing several winning tickets over the years gives superstitious players hope that they could be the next to strike it rich.

Hector Solis, 35, has been coming to Bluebird Liquor to buy lottery tickets ever since he was a kid tagging along with his parents. "Bluebird's, you know, pretty much a hotspot that we know of," he said.

On Saturday, Solis purchased \$140 worth of tickets on behalf of a group of 27 coworkers. He said he uses specific numbers, like the birthdays of family members he considers to have particularly good luck.

Al Adams was also at the liquor store to buy his tickets. An experienced drug and alcohol counselor, Adams said he believes in giving back. If he were to win, he said he would give some of the money to his favorite charity for homeless and incarcerated people. "I'd use the rest to disappear somewhere," Adams said. He also cautioned players to "play responsibly."

Kianah Bowman had a different message for lottery players. The 24-year-old organizer used Bluebird Liquor's long lines as a platform for petitioning against high oil and gas prices — an issue she hopes to see on a ballot referendum in California. She was outside the liquor store for several days, gathering sig-

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natures from hundreds of players.

Bowman also said she plans to buy a few tickets for herself.

Back in Madison, Djuan Davis was manning the lottery counter at Pick 'n Save on Saturday morning, taking cash and handing out tickets to more weekend shoppers. "Typically there's a lot of sales on Saturdays," he said.

With a record-breaking jackpot, business has picked up. Davis said he's also seen a recent increase in players purchasing tickets online.

As customers arrived at the counter, Davis would ask how he could help them. Almost every one answered the same: Powerball tickets.

"Every time, it's always that one," Davis said.

It was Arpad Jakab's first time buying Powerball tickets. As Davis sold him four Quick Pick tickets, Jakab, a retired utility worker, said he probably wouldn't buy them again unless there was another record jackpot.

"It was just really high," said Jakab. "Might as well join the insanity."

## Deadly tornadoes hit Texas and Oklahoma, flatten buildings

By JAKE BLEIBERG and KEN MILLER Associated Press

IDABEL, Okla. (AP) — Residents in southeastern Oklahoma and northeastern Texas began assessing weather damage Saturday, working to recover and thankful to have survived after a storm stretching from Dallas to northwest Arkansas spawned tornadoes and produced flash flooding, killing at least two people, injuring others and leaving homes and buildings in ruins.

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt went to the town of Idabel to see the damage. He said on social media that all the homes had been searched and a 90-year-old man was killed. Keli Cain, spokesperson for the state's Department of Emergency Management, said the man's body was found at his home in the Pickens area of McCurtain County, about 36 miles (58 kilometers) north of Idabel.

Morris County, Texas, Judge Doug Reeder said in a social media post that one person died as a result of a tornado in the far northeastern Texas County, offering no other details.

Reeder and other county officials did not immediately return phone calls for additional comment.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol also reported a 6-year-old girl drowned and a 43-year-old man was missing after their vehicle was swept by water off a bridge near Stilwell, about 135 miles (217 kilometers) north of Idabel. The drowning has not been officially attributed to the storm and will be investigated by the medical examiner, Cain said.

Saturday afternoon Stitt declared a state of emergency for McCurtain County, where Idabel is located, and neighboring Bryan, Choctaw and LeFlore counties.

The declaration is a step in qualifying for federal assistance and funding and clears the way for state agencies to make disaster-recovery related purchases without limits on bidding requirements.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said damage assessments and recovery efforts are under way in northeast Texas and encouraged residents to report damage to the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

"I have deployed all available resources to help respond and recover," Abbott said in a statement. "I thank all of our hardworking state and local emergency management personnel for their swift response."

National Weather Service meteorologist Robert Darby in Tulsa said the far-reaching storm produced heavy rain in the Stilwell area at the time, around 4 inches (10.16 centimeters).

Idabel, a rural town of about 7,000 at the foothills of the Ouachita Mountains, saw extensive damage, Cain said. "There are well over 100 homes and businesses damaged from minor damage to totally destroyed," Cain said.

Trinity Baptist Church in Idabel was preparing to complete a new building when the storm ripped apart their sanctuary and flattened the shell of the new structure next door, according to Pastor Don Myer.

The 250-member congregation was to vote after the Sunday service on whether to move ahead with the final work to complete the building, Myer told The Associated Press.

"But we didn't get to that. Every vote counts and we had one vote trump us all," Myer, 67, said. "We



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were right on the verge of that. That's how close we were."

Myer said the congregation is going to pray on what happened, see how much their insurance covers and work to rebuild. On Saturday morning, a few members of the church took an American flag that had been blown over in the storm and stood it upright amid the wreckage of the original church building.

Shelbie Villalpando, 27, of Powderly, Texas, said she was eating dinner with her family Friday when tornado sirens prompted them to congregate first in their rented home's hallways, then with her children, aged 5, 10 and 14, in the bathtub.

"Within two minutes of getting them in the bathtub, we had to lay over the kids because everything started going crazy," Villalpando said.

"I've never been so terrified," she said. "I could hear glass breaking and things shattering around, but whenever I got out of the bathroom, my heart and my stomach sank because I have kids and it could have been much worse. ... What if our bathroom had caved in just like everything else? We wouldn't be here."

Terimaine Davis and his son were huddled in the bathtub until just before the tornado barreled through Friday, reducing their home in Powderly to a roofless, sagging heap.

"We left like five minutes before the tornado actually hit," Davis, 33, told The Associated Press. "Me and my son were in the house in the tub and that was about the only thing left standing."

In their driveway Saturday morning, a child's car seat leaned against a dented, grey Chevrolet sedan with several windows blown out. Around back, his wife, Lori Davis, handed Terimaine a basket of toiletries from inside the wreckage of their house.

The couple and the three kids who live with them did not have renter's insurance, Lori Davis said, and none of their furniture survived. "We're going to have to start from scratch," she said.

They hope to stay with family until they can find a place to live.

"The next few days look like rough times," Terimaine Davis said.

Judge Brandon Bell, the highest elected official in Lamar County where Powderly is located, declared a disaster in that area. Bell's declaration said at least two dozen people were injured across the county.

Powderly is about 45 miles (72 kilometers) west of Idabel and about 120 miles (193 kilometers) northeast of Dallas and both are near the Texas-Oklahoma border.

The National Weather Service in Fort Worth confirmed three tornadoes - in Lamar, Henderson and Hopkins counties - Friday night as a line of storms dropped rain and sporadic hail on the Dallas-Fort Worth area and continued to push eastward.

The weather service's office in Shreveport, Louisiana, said it was assessing the damage in Oklahoma.

Weather service meteorologist Bianca Garcia in Fort Worth said while peak severe weather season typically is in the spring, tornados occasionally develop in October, November, December and even January.

"It's not very common," Garcia said, "but it does happen across our region."

## **GOP's Cheney endorses Virginia Democrat Abigail Spanberger**

By SARAH RANKIN Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Republican Rep. Liz Cheney crossed the political aisle again this election year and endorsed a Democratic colleague in a competitive House race, backing former CIA officer Abigail Spanberger on Saturday as she seeks a third term in a newly redrawn district in northern Virginia.

Cheney, vice chair of the House committee investigating the Capitol riot and an unsparing critic of former President Donald Trump who lost to a Trump-backed challenger in her Wyoming primary in August, said in a statement that Spanberger was focused on finding solutions and "dedicated to serving this country and her constituents and defending our Constitution."

The GOP nominee in Virginia's 7th Congressional District, which is centered around the Interstate 95 corridor in exurban Washington and rural communities to the east and west, is Yesli Vega, a county official and former police officer recently endorsed by Trump.

In the statement provided by Spanberger's campaign, Cheney said Vega "is promoting conspiracy theories, denying election outcomes she disagrees with, and defending the indefensible." Cheney added:

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"We need our elected leaders to be honest, serious, and responsible, which is why I would urge voters in Virginia's 7th District to support Abigail Spanberger."

During her primary campaign, Vega said she believed there was evidence that "indicates that the election of 2020 was interfered with." But she said she did not believe the election was stolen. Vega has also faced persistent criticism from Spanberger and other Democrats over remarks — not specifically mentioned in Cheney's endorsement — in which Vega indulged the notion that pregnancy could be less likely in cases of rape.

Spanberger, a centrist, said that Cheney "understands that my work for Virginia is grounded in the principle of putting our country first — over party — always."

Vega's campaign responded by saying that Virginians do not trust the "lies" from Cheney or Spanberger and "know Yesli is going to Washington to fight for them, not a political party."

In October, Cheney endorsed Rep. Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, the first time that Cheney had formally supported a Democrat. She also recently visited Michigan to campaign with Slotkin.

On Saturday, Cheney notably did not endorse Virginia Rep. Elaine Luria, a fellow Jan. 6 committee member and another centrist Democrat in a tough race. Luria faces state Sen. Jen Kiggans in Virginia's coastal 2nd Congressional District.

A spokesman for Luria, Jayce Genco, would say only that there are no current plans for Cheney to get involved in the race. A spokesman for Cheney, Jeremy Adler, declined comment beyond the written statement.

Cheney has previously said she is considering a 2024 presidential campaign, which the former president is also expected to wage.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud, cheating or manipulation of voting machines in the 2020 election. Exhaustive reviews in the states disputed by Trump upheld Democrat Joe Biden's win, and legal challenges pursued by the former president and his allies were rejected by numerous judges, including ones appointed by Republicans.

Cheney's endorsement of Spanberger was first reported by The Washington Post.

## Power blackouts hit Ukraine amid heavy Russian shelling

By ANDREW MELDRUM Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's state electricity operator on Saturday announced blackouts in Kyiv and seven other regions of the country in the aftermath of Russia's devastating strikes on energy infrastructure.

The move comes as Russian forces continue to pound Ukrainian cities and villages with missiles and drones, inflicting damage on power plants, water supplies and other civilian targets, in a grinding war that is nearing its nine-month mark.

Russia has denied that the drones it has used in Ukraine came from Iran, but the Islamic Republic's foreign minister on Saturday for the first time acknowledged supplying Moscow with "a limited number" of drones before the invasion. Hossein Amirabdollahian claimed, however, that Tehran didn't know if its drones were used against Ukraine and stated Iran's commitment to stopping the conflict.

Ukrenergo, the sole operator of Ukraine's high-voltage transmission lines, initially said in an online statement Saturday that scheduled blackouts will take place in the capital and the greater Kyiv region, as well as several regions around it — Chernihiv, Cherkasy, Zhytomyr, Sumy, Poltava and Kharkiv.

Later in the day, however, the company released an update saying that scheduled outages for a specific number of hours aren't enough and instead there will be emergency outages, which could last an indefinite amount of time.

Ukraine has been grappling with power outages and the disruption of water supplies since Russia started unleashing massive barrages of missile and drone strikes on the country's energy infrastructure last month.

Moscow has said those came in response to what it alleged were Ukrainian attacks on Crimea, the region that Russia illegally annexed in 2014. Ukraine has denied those allegations.

According to Ukraine's presidential office, at least three civilians were killed and eight others were

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wounded over the past 24 hours by Russian shelling of nine Ukrainian regions, where drones, missiles and heavy artillery were used.

In the Russian-occupied Kherson region, where a Ukrainian counteroffensive is underway, the Russian military continue to abduct local residents, the presidential office said.

About 40 shells were fired overnight at the city of Nikopol, Dnipropetrovsk Gov. Valentyn Reznichenko said on Telegram. The Russian forces targeted the city and the areas around it with heavy artillery, as they have done repeatedly since July. Two fires broke out, and more than a dozen residential and utility buildings, as well as a gas pipeline, were damaged, he said.

Elsewhere in the region, Ukrainian forces shot down a drone and another projectile, according to Reznichenko.

In the southern Mykolaiv region, the overnight shelling of rural areas damaged several houses but didn't cause any casualties, Mykolaiv Gov. Vitali Kim said on Telegram.

Russian forces also fired missiles at the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region, which has been illegally annexed by Moscow and large parts of it remain occupied. According to regional Gov. Oleksandr Starukh, the attack took place shortly after midnight and damaged three businesses, as well as a number of cars.

In the eastern Donetsk region, also annexed and partially occupied by Russia, eight Ukrainian cities and villages were shelled, including Bakhmut, Avdiivka and Porkovsk.

Russian-installed authorities in Donetsk reported an attempt on the life of a Moscow-appointed judge of the region's Supreme Court. Alexander Nikulin, who was on a judicial panel that in June sentenced to death two Britons and a Moroccan fighting for Ukraine, has been hospitalized with gunshot wounds and is in grave condition, Kremlin-backed officials said.

## US supports calls for external ethics probe into OAS chief

By JOSHUA GOODMAN undefined

MIAMI (AP) — The head of the Organization of American States is facing growing calls, including from the Biden administration, for an external probe into possible misconduct tied to his intimate relationship with a subordinate.

The Washington-based group's own inspector general in a memo this week said it is in the organization's "best interest" to hire an outside firm to investigate allegations that Secretary General Luis Almagro may have violated the ethics code.

The inspector general's recommendation was based on a report by The Associated Press finding that Almagro carried on a relationship with a Mexican-born staffer described online, including on the organization's own website, as "head adviser" to the secretary general.

The inspector general said the AP report followed a loosely detailed, anonymous whistleblower complaint forwarded to his office by Almagro himself on June 3.

The peace and democracy-building organization's ethics code prohibits managers from supervising or participating in decisions that benefit individuals with whom they are romantically involved.

The proposal to hire an outside firm to look into Almagro's behavior is scheduled to be discussed Wednesday at the next meeting of the 34-member organization's permanent council.

The U.S. — which has contributed about half of the organization's \$100 million in funding this year — has already expressed support for an external probe ahead of the meeting.

"We take these allegations seriously," a State Department spokesperson told the AP in an email, adding that any ethics violation "should be investigated in a fair and impartial manner by an appropriate external investigative entity."

But at least four members — Almagro's native Uruguay, Antigua and Barbuda, Belize and St. Lucia — have publicly backed draft resolutions that raise concerns about the cost of an external investigation at a time when the 600-employee hemispheric body is under pressure to cut spending.

Their benchmark is a recent investigation into similar misconduct allegations against the president of the Inter-American Development Bank, Mauricio Claver-Carone, who was accused of having a long-running

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relationship with his chief of staff. The months-long probe by American law firm Davis Polk paved the way for the president's removal.

Repeated requests for Almagro's comment on the possibility of an external probe sent to the secretary general's press office went unanswered.

But unlike Claver-Carone, who went down denying he ever had a relationship with his aide, Almagro has said only that he never supervised the staffer or participated in any employment-related decisions like authorizing a pay increase. He previously has vowed to cooperate fully with any investigation by the organization's top oversight authority.

Almagro faces criticism on other administrative matters as well.

Mexico this week slammed Almagro for allegedly betraying members' wishes by renewing a contract for the OAS' ombudswoman, Neida Perez, days before a long-discussed plan to implement an open and competitive process for the leadership post was approved at the organization's annual meeting.

Almagro in September unilaterally extended Perez's contract by four years and Mexico complained it was an attempt to preempt those new procedures.

"Unfortunately this isn't an isolated act," Mexico's delegation said in a written statement at a Nov. 1 meeting on administrative matters. "It fits into a pattern of conduct in which the will of the states is disregarded and the OAS' institutions are violated."

Perez — whose contract was set to expire Oct. 21, two weeks after the new procedures were adopted — was recently reprimanded by the OAS' top review panel for neglecting her duty to serve as an impartial arbiter of workplace disputes.

That rebuke was in response to Perez's role facilitating Almagro's 2020 removal of the head of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights — an independently run body. The commission's executive secretary was himself facing workplace complaints but nonetheless enjoyed the unanimous support of the watchdog's seven commissioners.

Almagro, 59, was elected as head of the OAS in 2015 with near unanimous support after having served as foreign minister in Uruguay's leftist government.

But once installed in Washington, he made common cause with the U.S. in opposing leftist leaders in Cuba and Venezuela, once even echoing President Donald J. Trump's line that he wouldn't rule out using military force to remove Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro.

He was reelected in 2020 with the support of 23 of 34 member states. More recently, as the left has regained power across Latin America, calls for his removal have been growing louder.

Last month, members of the Puebla Group — an organization of former presidents and political leaders from 16 countries — issued a statement calling for Almagro's removal, criticizing his "amoral" firing of the rights watchdog and his intervention following messy elections in Bolivia that led to President Evo Morales' resignation and replacement by a U.S.-backed conservative government.

## **Manchin: Biden's coal comments are 'divorced from reality'**

By AAMER MADHANI and MATTHEW DALY Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — President Joe Biden on Saturday was criticized by West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, a Democratic antagonist and ally, for being "cavalier" and "divorced from reality" after vowing to shutter coal-fired power plants and rely more heavily on wind and solar energy in the future.

The powerful coal-state lawmaker said Biden's words "ignore the severe economic pain" for people from higher energy prices and are why Americans "are losing trust" in Biden. Manchin's stinging rebuke of his party's leader comes at precarious time for Democrats on the final weekend of campaigning before Tuesday's elections that could put Republicans back in power in Congress.

Manchin called for a public apology, and the White House later released a statement saying Biden's words had been "twisted to suggest a meaning that was not intended" and that the president "regrets it if anyone hearing these remarks took offense."

Biden raised Manchin's ire with his reference to coal power during a speech Friday in Carlsbad, California,



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to spotlight his \$280 billion plan to boost the semiconductor industry and scientific research.

"I was in Massachusetts about a month ago on the site of the largest old coal plant in America. Guess what? It cost them too much money," Biden said. "No one is building new coal plants because they can't rely on it, even if they have all the coal guaranteed for the rest of their existence of the plant. So it's going to become a wind generation," Biden added. "We're going to be shutting these plants down all across America and having wind and solar."

Biden had visited a former coal-fired power plant in Massachusetts in July. The former Brayton Point power plant in Somerset is shifting to offshore wind power manufacturing, and Biden chose it as the embodiment of the transition to clean energy that he is seeking, including in the sweeping climate-and-health law he passed with Manchin's help in August.

Former President Donald Trump promised to revive coal and restore mining jobs, but the industry's decadelong decline continued as utilities increasingly turn to cheaper natural gas — and now renewable energy such as wind and solar power — to generate electricity. The Energy Information Administration, a government agency, reports a yearly average of 39,518 employees at U.S. coal mines in 2021, compared with 91,611 in 2011, 51,795 in 2016 and 42,159 in 2020. Wyoming is the leader in coal production.

Manchin, chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, said in a statement that Biden's remarks were "not only outrageous and divorced from reality, they ignore the severe economic pain the American people are feeling because of rising energy costs."

Such remarks, Manchin said, "are the reason the American people are losing trust in President Biden. ... It seems his positions change daily depending on the audience and politics of the day."

Manchin, whose support was crucial to Biden winning passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, which included the biggest investment in climate programs in U.S. history, slammed Biden for "offensive and disgusting" words and said the president owed West Virginia coal workers "an immediate and public apology."

"Let me be clear, this is something the president has never said to me. Being cavalier about the coal jobs for men and women in West Virginia and across the country who literally put their lives on the line to help build and power this country is offensive and disgusting," Manchin. He added that "it is time he learn a lesson that his words matter and have consequences."

The White House said Biden was "commenting on a fact of economics and technology" at a time when the country is undertaking an "energy transition" that he is working to ensure means "more jobs and better opportunities. ... No one will be left behind."

The EIA projects that coal generation is expected to decline from 22.5% of U.S. electricity in 2021 to 21.1% in 2022, before falling to 19.9% in 2023 — the same coal generation share as 2020 when production hit its lowest level in decades, in part because of COVID-19. Natural gas is expected to make up for some of coal's declining share in 2022 and beyond. Coal produced more than 40% of U.S. electricity though 2011 before a steep decline caused by the fracking boom.

In late 2021, Manchin torpedoed Biden's big domestic policy bill, leading to a hardball response from the White House to a lawmaker whose vote is crucial in the 50-50 Senate. Biden's press secretary called Manchin's opposition, first announced on a Sunday news show, as "a sudden and inexplicable reversal in his position" and "a breach of his commitments" to Biden and congressional Democrats.

Then, this past summer, Manchin suddenly reversed course and backed a revised bill that became law with only Democratic votes.

## Nike splits with Kyrie Irving amid antisemitism fallout

By TIM REYNOLDS AP Basketball Writer

Nike has suspended its relationship with Kyrie Irving and canceled its plans to release his next signature shoe, the latest chapter in the ongoing fallout since the Brooklyn Nets guard tweeted a link to a film containing antisemitic material.

The shoe giant announced Friday night that it will halt its relationship with Irving, who has been suspended by the Nets for what the team called a repeated failure to "unequivocally say he has no antisemitic beliefs."

The Nets made that move Thursday, banning Irving without pay for at least five games, and a day later,

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Nike made its decision. Those actions followed widespread criticism — from, among many others, the Anti-Defamation League and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

“At Nike, we believe there is no place for hate speech and we condemn any form of antisemitism,” the Beaverton, Oregon-based company said. “To that end, we’ve made the decision to suspend our relationship with Kyrie Irving effective immediately and will no longer launch the Kyrie 8.”

Irving has had a signature line with Nike since 2014.

“We are deeply saddened and disappointed by the situation and its impact on everyone,” Nike said.

Irving signed with Nike in 2011, shortly after becoming the No. 1 pick in that year’s NBA draft. Irving’s first signature shoe was released three years later, and the popularity of the Kyrie line led to him making a reported \$11 million annually just from the Nike endorsement.

The Kyrie 8 was expected to be released in the next week. Previous models of his shoes were still for sale on the Nike website Friday night.

LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers, who won a title alongside Irving when they were Cleveland teammates in 2016, said his position is simple: Hate speech, in any form, can’t be tolerated.

“There’s no place in this world for it,” James said. “Nobody can benefit from that and I believe what Kyrie did caused some harm to a lot of people.”

James, who has been with Nike for the entirety of his 20-season NBA career, said he still has great fondness for Irving.

“We as humans, none of us are perfect,” James said. “But I hope he understands how what he did and the actions that he took were just harmful to a lot of people.”

Irving posted a tweet — which has since been deleted — last week with a link to the documentary “Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America,” which includes Holocaust denial and conspiracy theories about Jews. In a contentious postgame interview session last Saturday, Irving defended his right to post what he wants.

The fallout only continued from there. The NBA put out a statement over the weekend that didn’t name Irving but denounced all forms of hate speech. Fans wearing “Fight Antisemitism” shirts occupied some courtside seats at the Brooklyn-Indiana game on Monday night, a day after he took down the tweet. The Nets and coach Steve Nash parted ways Tuesday, a development that has been overshadowed by the Irving saga.

On Wednesday, Irving said he opposes all forms of hate, and he and the Nets each announced that they would each donate \$500,000 toward groups that work to eradicate it. Silver then issued a new statement calling on Irving by name to apologize, and Irving refused to give a direct answer when asked Thursday if he has antisemitic beliefs.

That, evidently, was the last straw for the Nets, who suspended him. Hours later, Irving posted an apology on Instagram for not explaining the specific beliefs he agreed and disagreed with when he posted the documentary.

“To All Jewish families and Communities that are hurt and affected from my post, I am deeply sorry to have caused you pain, and I apologize,” Irving wrote. “I initially reacted out of emotion to being unjustly labeled Anti-Semitic, instead of focusing on the healing process of my Jewish Brothers and Sisters that were hurt from the hateful remarks made in the Documentary.”

A day later, Nike — which had also been criticized for not moving more swiftly — took action.

Irving becomes the second celebrity in less than two weeks to lose a major shoe deal over antisemitism. Adidas parted ways with Ye — the artist formerly known as Kanye West — late last month, a move the German company said would result in about \$250 million in losses this year after stopping production of its line of Yeezy products as well as halting payments to Ye and his companies.

For weeks, Ye made antisemitic comments in interviews and on social media, including a Twitter post that he would soon go “death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE,” an apparent reference to the U.S. defense readiness condition scale known as DEFCON.

Irving has expressed no shortage of controversial opinions during his career. He repeatedly questioned whether the Earth was round before eventually apologizing to science teachers. Last year, his refusal to

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get a COVID-19 vaccine led to him being banned from playing in most of the Nets' home games.

The Nets played at Washington on Friday, winning 128-86 without Irving. The 42-point win matched the fourth-largest in Nets franchise history.

Brooklyn general manager Sean Marks said earlier Friday that Irving's apology was a step forward, but many other steps will be required before he can resume playing.

"There is going to be some remedial steps and measures that have been put in place for him to obviously seek some counseling ... from dealing with some anti-hate and some Jewish leaders within our community," Marks said. "He's going to have to sit down with them, he's going to have to sit down with the organization after this, and we'll evaluate and see if this is the right opportunity to bring him back."

## Today in History: November 6, Reagan wins reelection

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2022. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1984, President Ronald Reagan won reelection by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger.

On this date:

In 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected President of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.

In 1861, James Naismith, the inventor of the sport of basketball, was born in Almonte, Ontario, Canada.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Republican Herbert Hoover's presidential election victory over Democrat Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric wraparound sign on the New York Times building.

In 1947, "Meet the Press" made its debut on NBC; the first guest was James A. Farley, former postmaster general and former Democratic National Committee Chair; the host was the show's co-creator, Martha Rountree.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College.

In 1990, about one-fifth of the Universal Studios backlot in southern California was destroyed in an arson fire.

In 2001, billionaire Republican Michael Bloomberg won New York City's mayoral race, defeating Democrat Mark Green.

In 2014, the march toward same-sex marriage across the U.S. hit a roadblock when a federal appeals court upheld laws against the practice in four states: Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. (A divided U.S. Supreme Court overturned the laws in June 2015.)

In 2015, President Barack Obama rejected the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, declaring it would undercut U.S. efforts to clinch a global climate change deal at the center of his environmental legacy. (President Donald Trump would reverse the Obama decision, but President Joe Biden canceled the permit for the pipeline on the day he took office.)

In 2016, FBI Director James Comey abruptly announced that Hillary Clinton should not face criminal charges related to newly discovered emails from her tenure at the State Department.

In 2019, Democrats announced that they would launch public impeachment hearings against President Donald Trump the following week; first to testify would be William Taylor, the top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine.

In 2020, the federal agency that oversees U.S. election security pushed back at unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud, saying that local election offices had detection measures that "make it highly difficult to commit fraud through counterfeit ballots." Sen. Mitt Romney, the 2012 Republican presidential nominee, said President Donald Trump was "damaging the cause of freedom" and inflaming "destructive and dangerous passions" by claiming, without foundation, that the election was rigged and stolen from him.

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama rolled to reelection, vanquishing Republican Mitt Romney as

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he picked up 332 electoral votes compared to 206 for the former Massachusetts governor; Obama also received 51 percent of the popular vote as opposed to 47 percent for Romney.

Five years ago: President Donald Trump told reporters in Tokyo that North Korea was "a threat to the civilized world." The Television Academy became the latest movie or TV organization to expel Harvey Weinstein. Former Democratic congressman Anthony Weiner reported to prison in Massachusetts to begin a 21-month sentence for sexting with a 15-year-old girl.

One year ago: A federal appeals court temporarily halted the Biden administration's vaccine requirement for workers at businesses with 100 or more workers. (The Supreme Court would reject the requirement in January 2022.) Tens of thousands of climate activists marched through Glasgow, the Scottish city hosting the U.N. climate summit. Knicks Go set the early pace and kicked away to a 2 3/4-length victory in the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar in California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor June Squibb is 93. Singer P.J. Proby is 84. Actor Sally Field is 76. Singer Rory Block is 73. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 73. TV host Catherine Crier is 68. News correspondent and former California first lady Maria Shriver is 67. Actor Lori Singer is 65. Actor Lance Kerwin is 62. Former Education Secretary Arne Duncan is 58. Rock singer Corey Glover is 58. Actor Brad Grunberg is 58. Actor Peter DeLuise is 56. Actor Kelly Rutherford is 54. Author Colson Whitehead is 53. Actor Ethan Hawke is 52. Chef/TV judge Marcus Samuelsson is 52. Actor Thandiwe (tan-DEE'-way) Newton (formerly Thandie (TAN'-dee)) is 50. Model-actor Rebecca Romijn (roh-MAYN') is 50. Actor Zoe McLellan is 48. Actor Nicole Dubuc is 44. Actor Taryn Manning is 44. Retired NBA star Lamar Odom is 43. Actor Patina Miller is 38. Actor Katie Leclerc (LEH'-klehr) is 36. Singer-songwriter Ben Rector is 36. Singer-songwriter Robert Ellis is 34. Actor Emma Stone is 34. U.S. Olympic swimming gold medalist Bobby Finke is 23.