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Local law enforcement agencies rely on police negotiators in violent mental health crises

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Martinez

Mapleton, N.D., earlier this month. Law enforcement also received reports of a man experiencing a mental health crisis.

By April Baumgarten
The Forum

FARGO — When responding to a mental health crisis that involves violence, local law enforcement agencies rely on their own negotiation teams instead of reaching out to social workers or outside mental health experts.

That's because officers want to involve as few people as possible in an effort to keep others safe, Cass County Sheriff Jesse Jahner said.

"We wouldn't want to put anyone in that dangerous of a situation," he said.

That's what happened when officers responded to reports of shots

During the hours-long standoff, officers commanded the man, later identified as 35-year-old Andrew James Martinez, of Mapleton, to come out unarmed. Martinez said he would come out with his gun, according to Jahner.

Fargo police, who were called to the scene to assist the Sheriff's Office, fatally shot Martinez after he exited a house with a gun, law enforcement said.

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Dignitaries perform a ceremonial groundbreaking for the 30-mile diversion channel Tuesday in rural Argusville.

BIG DIG BEGINS

Ceremony marks start of excavating F-M Flood Diversion channel

By Patrick Springer
The Forum

Argusville, N.D. journey of 30 miles began with a few spadefuls of dirt and a cascade of oratorical flourishes as officials gathered to break ground on the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Diversion channel.

The ceremony Tuesday, Aug. 9, marked the official start of construction of the 30-mile diversion channel, an integral

part of the \$3.2-billion metro flood-control project slated for completion by 2027.

Federal, state and local officials gathered under a hot sun for the groundbreaking, with a stage for speakers flanked by heavy earth-moving equipment and more machines staged nearby, ready for the big dig.

The site a few miles north of Argusville, about 15 miles north of Fargo, will be near

the channel's outlet emptying into the Red River downstream from the metro area.

Speaker after speaker recounted the obstacles overcome along the way — a collaborative journey some traced back to the 1997 flood and others to the record 2009 flood, both of which threatened devastation and exposed the metro's vulnerability to catastrophic flooding.

Gov. Doug Burgum

noted the devastation of Grand Forks-East Grand Forks in the 1997 flood, which forced what was then the nation's largest evacuation and set the city back decades.

"I think we know what can happen to a community," he said. "It's not just the statistics," he added, noting the losses and disruptions to thousands of lives.

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David Samson / The Forum

Law enforcement personnel gather at the scene of a shooting involving a suicidal individual in the area of Fifth Street and Fifth Avenue North in Mapleton on Aug. 1.

Bala had legal hold on Stenehjem's emails

Owner of Racing Services Inc. has been engaged in protracted battle with state

By Jeremy Turley
The Forum

BISMARCK — Prior to the deletion of former Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem's email account, lawyers for the owner of a Fargo horse-betting business placed a legal hold on Stenehjem's records. The revelation adds another layer of complexity to a controversy over the erased emails.

Susan Bala, owner of Racing Services Inc., has been ensnared



Bala

in a protracted legal battle with the state stemming from her 2005 conviction on illegal gambling charges, which was later overturned. Bala, who spent 17 months in prison, has long sought to recover funds forfeited or lost by her business in the case's aftermath.

Over the last several years, the state and Bala have locked horns in federal bankruptcy court over money North Dakota collected in taxes from Bala's business.

In July 2021, Bala said her lawyers sent Stenehjem, the state's legal representative, a "very comprehensive" litigation hold letter meant to require the preservation of all documents pertaining to her case, including emails.

Stenehjem's entire email account was deleted at the direction of longtime staffer Liz Brocker on Jan. 31 of this year, three days after Stenehjem's death. Bala said her legal hold was in effect at the time Stenehjem's emails were wiped. Brocker has since resigned.

Bala, who said she was "quite surprised" to hear Steneh-

jem's emails were deleted, told Forum News Service her attorneys have not yet decided how to proceed on the matter.

She won the bankruptcy case earlier this year after an appellate court upheld a ruling that the state had to pay \$15.8 million to Bala and her business.

Attorney General Drew Wrigley, who took office about a week after Stenehjem's emails were deleted, said he recently learned of the legal hold letter. Wrigley confirmed that Bala's case concluded during his tenure, which would have marked an end to the legal hold.

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Facing labor shortages, North Dakota businesses weigh immigrant options

By Michael Standaert
North Dakota
News Cooperative

BISMARCK — Businesses across North Dakota are increasingly looking to attract new American immigrants and foreign workers due to challenges filling a wide spectrum of open positions in health care, services, manufacturing, agricultural production and child care fields.

A question looming in the minds of those coming to North Dakota, however, is whether they are wanted or not. In the

case of refugees, most do not have a choice in where they end up.

After years of steady arrivals of legal immigrants, resettled refugees and temporary workers to North Dakota, numbers dramatically declined under recent federal immigration tightening, pandemic travel restrictions, and the closing of Lutheran Social Services — a non-profit group that had long facilitated refugee resettlement for the state.

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NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN

Staffing shortages delaying mail delivery in Minnesota

By Tim Nelson
MPR News

That old United States Postal Service motto — “We Deliver for You” — is coming with a caveat more and more these days, in Minnesota and around the nation. They deliver — mostly.

Amy Oxentenko, a doctor in Rochester, noticed it after she put her mail on hold for a family vacation earlier this summer.

“We had, that first week we were back, some fits and stops of several days without mail,” she recalled. “And then we started in this spread of almost two weeks, with only getting mail one day out of those two weeks.”

It was a mystery until a neighbor told her: Their carrier was out, and there wasn’t a replacement. The neighbor went to the post office to try and get the missing mail — no luck there, either.

“There was thousands of thousands of pieces of mail yet to be sorted,” Oxentenko said.

A short distance away, Lori Mickelson said she waited two weeks for loan paperwork from a customer in Cannon Falls to make its way through the mail to her equipment dealership outside Rochester.

About the same time in June, she put an outgoing letter in the mailbox on the street outside her



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A banner outside a post office in South St. Paul, Minnesota, advertises open positions with the United States Postal Service on Monday.

Rochester home.

“I put it in on a Wednesday (and) it wasn’t picked up Thursday, Friday or Saturday, with the flag up.”

Mickelson said she finally drove it to the post office herself the next week.

It’s a story that’s been happening from Rochester to Red Wing, Vermont to California, even after a major financial overhaul of the Postal Service approved by Congress earlier this year, lifting an expensive

mandate that the service prepays retiree health benefits.

The trouble now: the COVID pandemic, longstanding complaints about low pay, and a booming job market have left the Postal Service critically short of workers.

Postal officials in Rochester alone have just posted nine job openings for city carriers, as well as some rural carrier positions, with pay starting at \$19 an hour. A spokesperson said the Postal Service

was shifting staff from elsewhere in the state to fill in the gaps in southeast Minnesota, and even held a hiring fair at the Olmsted County Fair in late July.

Banners outside post offices in the Twin Cities advertise open positions in the metro area, too.

But the Postal Service also said that service interruptions may continue.

And U.S. Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota says the situation has to improve.

“It’s just not

acceptable that people should have such inconsistent mail service,” she said. “People rely on the mail for their medicine, and their package deliveries and to get their bills paid. So this is completely unacceptable.”

Smith noted that Congress had already offered the Postal Service a major financial lifeline, and that it was disappointing that problems seem to be growing.

“We shouldn’t have to legislate good service,” Smith said. “Good service is in the DNA of letter carriers, and it should be in the DNA of the postal service.”

She has sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, including a reminder that federal law requires a six-day-a-week mail service. She’s also asking for an accounting of what zip codes have been affected by service disruptions, how long they’ve been going on and when the Postal Service expects normal service to return.

Her counterpart, Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, also sent a letter to the postmaster general last week, noting that in an election year, delays could have a critical impact on voting as people rely on the mail to get ballots and voter information.

Post office observers say customers

nationwide are reporting similar experiences as the Postal Service — the focus of unusual controversy during the Trump administration — has taken unprecedented steps to right its financial ship. The agency managed to halve its losses in 2021, down from nearly \$9.2 billion in 2020. And it says it’s doing everything it can to provide good service.

But critics say DeJoy’s 10-year plan to prioritize package delivery, raise prices, consolidate facilities and make other changes is backfiring.

Annie Norman, with the nationwide Save the Post Office campaign, a coalition of postal unions, and financial reform and advocacy nonprofits, said authorization to provide basic financial products like savings accounts and check cashing, and other services, could bolster the Postal Service’s bottom line.

“Like bus passes, subway passes, WiFi access, hunting licenses. There’s all kinds of opportunities to innovate and find new sources of revenue for the next century, to build the people’s post office of the future,” Norman said.

But whatever the solution, it’s likely to be — like some of the mail in southeastern Minnesota — a slow process.

Spirit Lake woman sentenced for death of foster child, abuse of others

By April Baumgarten
The Forum

FARGO — A Spirit Lake woman has been sent to prison for the rest of her life after she and her husband killed a young foster child.

North Dakota U.S. District Judge Peter Welte sentenced 47-year-old Tammy Jean Longie, 47, on Monday, Aug. 8, after she pleaded guilty in January to second-degree murder, child abuse and child neglect. The charges came after 5-year-old Raven Thompson was found dead on May 6, 2020, in the basement of Longie’s home in Tokio, North Dakota.

Longie and her husband, 44-year-old Erich Longie Jr., were arrested for Raven’s death, as well as for abusing her 7-year-old brother, Zane, and two of their biological children. At the time, 13 people, including eight children, were living in the three-bedroom home, according to a brief filed by Tammy Longie’s attorney, Erin Bolinger.

The Longies had fostered Zane and Raven since July 2019 after their father spent time behind bars.

In initially denying the abuse, Tammy Longie told investigators she found Raven dead in the basement before calling 911, according to court documents. Children in the house said the Longies hit the children, and medical providers noted their injuries were caused by physical abuse, a criminal complaint alleged.

Authorities found

Zane in the back of an SUV at the Longies’ home, according to a news release from the U.S. Attorney’s Office in North Dakota. He was taken to a hospital in Fargo and treated for over a month.

An autopsy report declared Raven’s death was a homicide, with injuries consistent with “multiple episodes of inflicted trauma,” according to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Tammy Longie’s sentencing departed from federal guidelines that suggested she should serve between 210 and 262 months. Prosecutors argued for 360 months to life in prison since the defendant’s conduct was extreme. The U.S. Attorney’s Office also noted guidelines did not account for the physical and psychological injuries to the children.

Bolinger argued Tammy Longie should receive 240 months in

prison. Erich Longie had control over the house and was the only adult who had a room to himself, Bolinger wrote in her brief.

Meanwhile, Tammy Longie slept in the living room and cared for the children, Bolinger said in suggesting the her client did everything in the house. She was exhausted and stressed from the situation, according to the brief.

When Raven was sick and started moaning on May 5, 2020, Erich Longie told his wife to “shut the girl up,” Bolinger wrote.

“In the midst of the chaos and panic, Tammy didn’t have the strength to stand up to Erich and choose a different way of handling the situation,” the attorney wrote.

Tammy Longie has expressed remorse for her crimes, Bolinger noted. The Longies need to be held accountable, but the Spirit Lake

Nation also failed Raven, the attorney claimed. The girl and her brother should not have been placed with the Longies due to age preferences and suggestions by Tammy Longie and a social worker to have at most three children.

“To approve foster placement when the house was already at capacity is not setting up either the foster family or the foster children for success,” Bolinger said in her brief.

Attempts to reach Spirit Lake Social Services were unsuccessful.

Acting U.S. Attorney Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl called the case tragic and horrifying, noting that the abuse to Raven and Zane “represented some of the worst of humanity.”

“The children endured prolonged physical and emotional abuse by (Tammy) Longie, who was responsible for caring and protecting

them,” Puhl said Monday in a statement. “Today’s sentence ensures that she will be removed from her community forever.”

Tammy Longie may appeal her sentence, which is the maximum in the case, since it was above the guidelines. The federal public defender’s office in South Dakota, which oversees Bolinger, declined to comment on Tammy Longie’s punishment.

Erich Longie, 44, was sentenced in June to life in prison after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, child abuse and child neglect. He attempted to withdraw the pleas, saying he thought the murder charge would be dismissed when he signed his plea agreement.

He has filed a notice to appeal his sentence.

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Fargo receives \$1.5M grant to replace 12th Avenue bridge

Forum staff report

FARGO — The U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded \$1.5 million to the city of Fargo to help replace the 12th Avenue North bridge. Announced in a press release on Tuesday, Aug. 9, by Sens. John Hoeven and Kevin Cramer, along with Rep. Kelly Armstrong, all Republicans who represent North Dakota, the funding was made available through the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program. The 12th Avenue North Bridge closes frequently due to high waters from the Red River during spring flooding, limiting crossing options for those who commute between Fargo and Moorhead. The bridge is also a traffic corridor for North Dakota, western Minnesota and north-east South Dakota, according to an April 5 letter written by Hoeven, Cramer and Armstrong and sent to Secretary of

Transportation Pete Buttigieg. “The \$1.5 million RAISE Award for Fargo’s 12th Avenue North Bridge is a fantastic development for the entire Fargo-Moorhead metro area,” Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney said in a press release. “In addition to helping to ensure the bridge will be designed to work in concert with the under-construction FM Diversion Project, it will allow the bridge to stay open during 37-foot flooding events,” he said. Once finished, the bridge will allow more efficient direct access to the Fargo Veterans Affairs Medical Center and “many other mission-critical amenities,” Mahoney said. The letter to Buttigieg also highlighted the bridge as an important traffic avenue for places like Sanford Health’s Broadway Medical Center, North Dakota State University, Hector International Airport and to the Fargo Industrial Park.



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Curious onlookers check out the flooded 12th Avenue bridge in north Fargo on April 23.

Devils Lake board to send \$31.8M referendum to voters

By Ingrid Harbo
Grand Forks Herald

DEVILS LAKE — The Devils Lake School Board has set the date for a referendum that will let the city’s voters decide the future of a new middle school building and an addition to Prairie View Elementary School. The \$31.8 million referendum is scheduled for Oct. 11.

The current middle school building, Central Middle School, was completed in 1937 and was identified as a priority for future facilities improvements by a long-range facilities committee made up of community members and district administrators.

The district started considering the future of CMS and other facilities in the school district in April 2021 after looking into repairing the boiler at the middle school. Superintendent Matt Bakke says the boiler in the school was found to be nearing the end of its life; replacing it will cost approximately \$1 million.

“So we, at the time, kind of looked at the question of whether continuing to invest in CMS, a building from 1937, was continuing to be the best use of taxpayer dollars moving forward,” said Bakke.

The district hired ICON Architectural Group to conduct a study of all of the district’s current facilities, and the resulting report showed Central Middle School has approximately \$17.2 million worth of maintenance needed in the next five to 10 years to continue operating.

In February 2021, the district launched a



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Central Middle School in Devils Lake, which currently houses grades 5-8, was built in 1937.

community survey that targeted the needs for the middle school and gauged support for a referendum to fund a new building. From a pool of 996 community members, 73% said they would be likely or somewhat likely to support a referendum to build a new middle school.

The facilities committee used the results of ICON’s report and the community survey to recommend the School Board look into constructing a new middle school.

If approved, the new school will cost an average of \$211.48 per year per \$100,000 of residential property, said Bakke.

The main priorities for the referendum are a new middle school building and an addition to Prairie View Middle school, but the wording of the ballot measure allows for other improvements to district facilities if the cost of construction allows. Depending on how high bids are for construction, the \$31.8 million could also be used toward installing air conditioning at the

district’s elementary schools and the construction of a fine arts center.

“Right now, it’s looking like we could do Prairie View and the middle school, but if bids come back really positively, we potentially could do others,” Bakke told the board. “But at this point, it’s not looking like that.”

With the board planning to pursue a new building, the future of the current middle school building also is up for discussion. If the referendum does not pass in October, CMS will continue to be the district’s middle school. If it does pass, the district will continue to use CMS while the new school is under construction, but will have no need for the building once a new school is completed.

“If the school system gets a new building, we would not be able to take on the current building as well, and so we would then be looking at either working with the city or working with a private investor to turn that building into something else,” said Bakke.

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, the district will host a community meeting to discuss the future of the CMS building. The district is partnering with the city of Devils Lake and Mayor Jim Moe for the community discussion.

“That building has a lot of history and tradition within Devils Lake and we want to make sure that we set it up and make sure that it’s being well taken care of,” said Bakke.

BRIEF

Casselton man charged with insurance fraud

FARGO — A Casselton man is charged in Cass County District Court with insurance fraud.

The Class B felony charge that was filed last week alleged 58-year-old Paul Joseph Baumler filed 39 insurance claims that represented more than \$34,000 in payouts through multiple insurance carriers for ATV crashes, according to a North Dakota Insurance Department news release sent to media on Tuesday, Aug. 9.

Court documents detailing the allegations were not public Tuesday since Baumler has not appeared in court, but investigators alleged 14 of the 39 claims he filed showed evidence of “material misrepresentation.”

The charge carries a maximum punishment of up to 10 years in prison.

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The First Amendment doesn't give you carte blanche

I wonder what kind of drooling, knuckle-dragging, meth-snorting, butt-sniffing, antler-wearing, three-tooth Troglodyte listens to, let alone acts, on anything Alex Jones says. Then, I remember Jan. 6. And Charlottesville.

For those of you who'll predictably whine that you've somehow just been defamed, please consider your tacit admission. Then, go brush your tooth.

Many of Jones' followers did listen and act, tormenting the parents of Sandy Hook students. Some of them are very dead students. So, a Texas jury ordered Jones to pay \$49.3 million for pain, suffering, and punitive damages for relentlessly smearing grieving families as hoaxers.

Wait, Texas?! What, were jurors sequestered on Willie Nelson's tour bus?

And what's next? Are they gonna go full-on Jayhawker, guarantee reproductive choice, give free ponies to kids, and constitutionally enshrine the Dallas Cowboys' right to win a playoff game?

Stranger things have happened, and will again tomorrow on Jones' Infowars propaganda network which, until last week, had waged unfettered war on actual information. It ended with Jones' simpering admission that indeed the massacre was real.

Don't get confused. This case isn't an attack on free speech. The next guy who insists Queen Elizabeth is one of the lizard people, the moon landing was faked, and that birds are Deep State spies, won't be jailed. Institutionalization or a place on the 2024 GOP ticket, however, remain distinct possibilities.

This wasn't about One Lie. It was about monetizing and orchestrating Big Lies. The First Amendment doesn't offer carte blanche to intentionally and relentlessly defame grieving parents or mislead into violence mouth-breathers who believe a billionaire flim flam man cares about them and their pet chicken, Bruce.

Storm the henhouse, Bruce. Media sometimes makes mistakes. Reputable media corrects them. When it comes to defamation law, though, it's about malice. Jones maliciously inflicted harm. Now, he's been corrected.

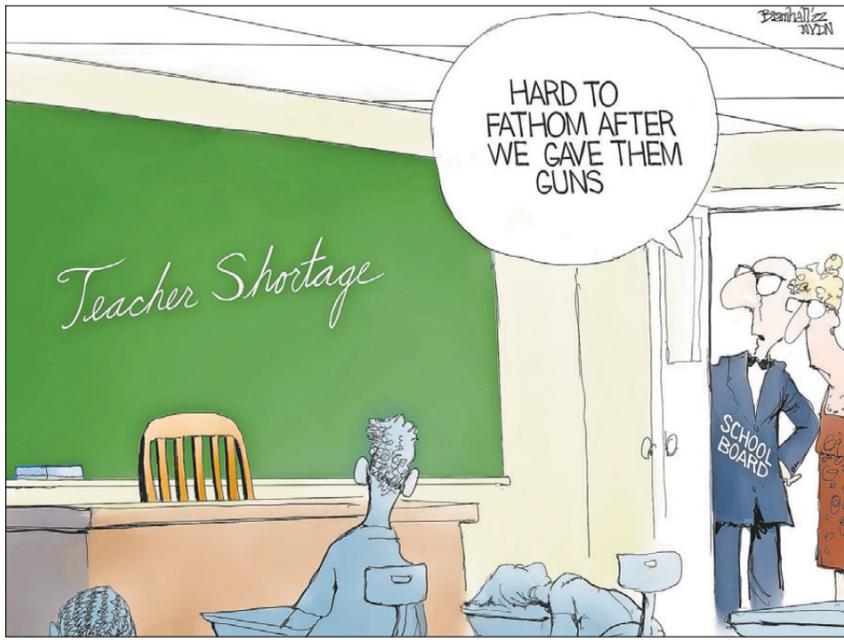
For Jones, it was an lucrative lark. He egged on oozing primordial dullards — very presidential. Hey, if parents aren't willing to abort first-graders on the Altar of Ammunition, they must be liberal intellectuals, and the last thing we need in 'Murica is compassion and cognitive thinking. Not if patriotic authoritarians are to rule. Jackboot stock is on fire, baby, burning hotter than the Reichstag.

In 2012, Sandy Hook families buried 20 children. They'd be choosing colleges today. Then came the onslaught from Jones' minions — gunshots fired at a home, internet and phone threats, and public harassment by Infowars cultists. What kind of soulless cretin instigates that kind of trauma on already traumatized people? Well, Charles Manson didn't personally harm anyone, but he unleashed terror. That's what Jones (and Trump) did. You can't yell "Fire" in a crowded theater — even if it's simply an order to your trench coat-wearing buddy with his legally purchased Bushmaster to commence shooting.

Hey, freedom isn't free, so I don't resent the constitutionally guaranteed threat of being gunned down during "Top Gun" or a Leni Riefenstahl double feature, but I do resent the loan officers stationed at the concession counter.

Fret not. Jones can still afford Milk Duds. He sells an estimated \$300 million in vitamin supplements annually that'll cure toenail fungus, liberalism and make your teeth grow back. Cash registers are ringing out as people tune in to hear Jones bull-shirt the facts away. There's a sucker born every minute. Necessary reinforcements, cuz they're still dropping like flies in American classrooms.

Tony Bender writes an exclusive weekly column for Forum News Service.



A message for Jan. 6th deniers

Most men would rather deny a hard truth than face it." George R.R. Martin.

The January 6th Committee hearings have revealed undeniable truths about the events leading up to, during and after the attack on the United States Capitol.

Truths were revealed under oath by then President Trump's most trusted and valued members of his inner circle. Bill Barr, Mark Meadows and daughter Ivanka Trump have testified that there was no evidence of the presidential election being "stolen." Joe Biden won the

election fair and square without the slightest evidence of voter fraud, voting machine hi-jinx, voting data manipulation.

Yet those sycophantic Republican senators and House representatives not only continue to endorse "the lie," they refuse to watch or even consider the facts exposed by the Committee hearings. So, I'll save them some of their precious time by offering the following brief, essential facts:

Fraud Denial Truths: Evidence presented during the January 6th hearing showed that Trump was repeatedly told he had lost the election, that there was no voter fraud. Former Attorney General Bill Barr told Trump on several occasions that his stolen election claims were "bull—" and wanted no part of it. That's when your esteemed idol threw his dinner plate against the wall of his dining room.

Further, daughter Ivanka Trump told the January 6th Committee that she accepted Barr's statement saying there was no fraud sufficient to overturn the election.

Finally, Chief of Staff Mark Meadows was told by his campaign lawyer Alex Cannon that there wasn't enough evidence of fraud to affect the election results. Trump's campaign manager Jason Miller told Trump "...in pretty blunt terms that their own internal data expert said Trump was going to lose." Meadows directly was told there was no evidence of fraud.

During the Attack: Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., managed to get Trump on the phone and told him to call off his supporters. The president refused. Trump's reliable comrades at FOX News, including Laura Ingraham, sent Meadows pleading texts: "Mark, please tell the President he needs to tell his people to go home. This is hurting all of us." Sean Hannity also stated on air: "Can't he make a statement? Ask the people to leave the Capitol?"

Vice President Pence: The mob was 40 feet from Pence at one point during the attack. Rep. Pete Aguilar, R-Calif., told the committee "Make no mistake about the fact that the vice president's life was in danger."

As the mob was cheering "Hang Mike Pence," Meadows told some colleagues that Trump was complaining that Pence was being whisked away to safety. Trump's response? "Maybe Pence should be hanged." Moments later, Ivanka Trump testified that she heard the president call Pence a derogatory term.

Later revealed during the attack, Trump watched FOX News for four hours, refusing all phone calls, just watching the circus. He later demanded to be driven to the Capitol. So intent on getting there, he forcefully lunged and grabbed the steering wheel of his secure "SUV Beast." Head of presidential security agent Bobby Engel stated that Trump said: "I'm the president, take me to the Capitol now!"

After the Attack: The White House records show a 7-hour and 37 minute blank gap in the record of Trump's phone calls. Committee members learned that Trump had been speaking to McCarthy and Senate allies using "burner phones..."

And in true Trump style, defying witness tampering law, attempted to contact "...a witness yet to appear in the investigation..." The witness denied the call and the matter now sits with the Department of Justice. So, to you abject deniers, I'll end with a quote by Jim Butcher: "Everything is perfectly healthy and normal, here in Denial Land."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's not make the same mistakes when the next flu hits

By Mark R. Jacobson
Richville, Minn.

In response to the COVID pandemic, our leaders in local, state and federal governments closed down much of our economy and thereby displaced billions of dollars of working capital from functioning, productive enterprises to inefficient, wasteful, tentative operations where the right and left crash on many levels. (Many mountains of trash were generated, billions of dollars and electricity wasted, and many hours were spent complying with regulations that were ineffective and based upon misinformation.)

Can we all agree not to close schools and business enterprises when

the next flu hits? Let people make these decisions for themselves and the people who have higher risks (healthwise) can protect themselves with every available measure and treatment.

They also flooded the economy with many billions of dollars of easy money programs that made the rich, richer and the poor, poorer. (Gas prices soared in 2021, and big oil CEOs got a nearly \$45 million raise.)

Now it appears that our economy is in a recession. After moving all the water to one end of the tub in order to minimize the economic pain of the pandemic, now water (dollars) will necessarily level out, and there is nothing for the gov-

ernment to do except to cut spending drastically to lessen the competition for all goods and services. But they won't do this and presently they are working out ways to increase spending and borrowing for favorite programs, until the dollar is worthless.

There are massive redundancies in the defense budget and this is where the cutting should begin. Many of our foreign military bases are serving no real purpose, and we can do without most of them.

I would rather the U.S. be a leader in protecting the environment and public health with facts and corporate tax dollars instead of misinformation and public debt.

Back to school 2022

As parents prepare to send their children back to school, many will have made decisions about their child's education that will not only put them on a different trajectory,

but also impact the public education system, which is being used in too many districts to indoctrinate more than educate.

Stories about drag queens in kindergarten, forcing students to use preferred pronouns, biological boys who

say they are transgender using locker rooms and showers once reserved for girls, along with the pandemic which convinced growing numbers of parents that home schooling worked better — all of these are prompting an exodus of parents and now teachers from public schools.

The New York Times recently chronicled the trend: "In New York City, the nation's largest school district has lost some 50,000 students over the past two years. In Michigan, enrollment remains more than 50,000 below pre-pandemic levels from big cities to the rural Upper Peninsula."

Not only kids are abandoning public schools. Many teachers have also checked out. The Washington Post reports: "The teacher shortage in America has hit crisis levels — and school officials everywhere are scrambling to ensure that, as students return to classrooms, someone will be there to educate them."

Speaking about the shortage of teachers, Dan Domenech, executive director of the School Superintendent Association, told the Post: "I have never seen it this bad."

The question is: what kind of classroom will public school kids return to? Will it be like classrooms in Portland, Oregon, where children as young as five will be taught transgender ideology, sexual orientation and, reports The Washington Times, "the role of 'white colonizers' in marginalizing LGBTQ people"?

Darla Romfo, president of The Children's Scholarship Fund which offers scholarships to students in poorly performing inner-city schools, responds to this sweeping woke-ism in an email: "When more than half of students can't even read proficiently and the pandemic only exacerbated this learning loss, especially for our most vulnerable students, why do schools insist on diverting time and resources into non-academic, controversial subjects that are confusing at best and don't align with many families values? Parents are tired of it and rightly so. And my advice is if your school doesn't respond to your concerns, find another school that will. There are no do-overs when it comes to your child's education."

U.S. students continue to lag behind other countries in reading, math and science. We appear to be number one in costs, though, averaging \$16,268 per student annually, well above the global average of \$10,759.

Parents have a right to ask if the cost equals the benefit, since it's their tax dollars.

The public school system, increasingly dominated by left-wing political and social ideology, has long been in need of reform, or burial. The trend seems to be headed in the burial direction, like previous aging monopolies.

President Biden has declared a "public health emergency" because of monkeypox. There is a vaccine to protect against monkeypox. The only protection from the public school intellectual and moral "infection" of children is to remove them.

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BRIEF

Missing Pequot Lakes man found dead

PEQUOT LAKES, Minnesota — The body of a Pequot Lakes man was found Sunday after the man was reported missing. The Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office reported deputies responded to a report of a missing person at 12:41 p.m. Sunday on the 34,000 block of Gasink Road near Pequot Lakes. The missing man was reported to have walked away from a relative's home.

The man, later identified as 22-year-old Trenton Riley Robertson, was found dead in Bass Lake.

The Breezy Point Police Department, Crosslake Police Department, and Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office Boat and Water Division and Dive team responded to the incident along with deputies.

The incident is currently under investigation by the sheriff's office and the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office.

Forum News Service

Director of UND's Indians into Medicine headed to Johns Hopkins

By Sydney Mook
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — Noted Indigenous health researcher and director of UND's Indians Into Medicine program, Dr. Donald Warne, is heading east to Johns Hopkins University.

Warne will move to the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Hopkins as of Sept. 1. He will be a tenured full professor at Hopkins, located in Baltimore, and will be the Provost Fellow for Indigenous Policy and co-direct the university's Center for American Indian Health.

Warne, who is an enrolled member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe in Pine Ridge, S.D., will be the first enrolled member of an American Indian tribe in history to serve as a full professor at Johns Hopkins University.

During his time at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the school has seen growth in its public and Indig-

enous health programming. The school has also launched the world's first doctoral program for Indigenous health, a program that has enrolled about 50 students in its first three years.

"I feel a lot of gratitude toward UND," Warne said. "It's been a blessing to work here."

He said he is proud of the work the department has done and to be a part of the line of leadership at the INMED program.

Warne has overseen many parts of the medical school. In addition to being the director of the INMED program since 2018, Warne has also served as the medical school's associate dean for diversity, equity and inclusion, chairman of the Indigenous Health department and was the principal investigator of a large National Institutes of Health grant looking at the impact and response to historical trauma.

He will remain on at UND with a 20% consulting role with the medical school, Dr. Joshua Wynne, dean of the

UND medical school, said in a recent newsletter. Wynne said the medical school plans to split up Warne's other various roles. Dr. Daniel Henry, co-director of INMED, will also be a key person in the leadership transition.

Wynne added that while it's bittersweet to see Warne leave UND, his departure to a large school on the East Coast is also a reflection of the work being done in Grand Forks and North Dakota.

"That's a pretty good reflection on UND, obviously. Most of all, it's a reflection of Don and the work he's done," Wynne said. "But it's also a reflection of what he was able to do here at UND. So we are sad, but also proud and happy."

UND has been on the "leading edge" in the academic world in addressing Indigenous health, including nearly 50 years of the INMED program, and establishing a department in the area. In addition to being the first full professor to be an enrolled member of an American Indian tribe, Warne has been one

of just three American Indian associate deans in the country and will be the first Indigenous person to serve in a leadership capacity at the Center for American Indian Health, he said. He added the name of the center will be changing to the Center for Indigenous Health next month.

"I think one of the reasons I'm passionate about this work is that I'd like to get to the point in the relatively near future, when we can no longer say that we are the first in anything," he said. "We should have Indigenous peoples in these roles in a much more pervasive manner . . . I'd like to get to the point where it's just the norm and not an exception."

Warne hopes the programs being developed at Johns Hopkins will create opportunities for collaborative research and additional education for UND, as well, including postdoctoral training programs.

"The connectivities will be very strong, and it'll create additional opportunities that do not yet exist," he said.

DIVERSION

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But a Burgum speech wouldn't be complete without statistics, and the governor cited figures demonstrating the importance of the diversion project, which will protect 235,000 residents and property valued at \$25 billion.

"We're protecting an economic engine," the governor said, noting the project will protect a third of North Dakota's K-12 student population and almost 70 school buildings.

"Those are all at risk," he said. North Dakota, which contributed \$850 million to the project, protects \$14 of property for every \$1 invested, making it the state's most economical flood project, Burgum said.

Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., said the project, which involves a novel public-private partnership, is establishing a model for other multibillion-dollar, multistate public works projects.

"This really is a paradigm for the future," Hoeven said, a project entailing "partnership after partnership," involving governments at all levels and a consortium of international companies joining together as the Red River Valley Alliance to design and build the diversion channel, then maintain and operate the project.

"Think of the damage, the cost, the human suffering" that will be spared once the project is complete, enabled by passage of 16 federal pieces of legislation to authorize and fund it, Hoeven said.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., Hoeven's legislative partner on the project from across the Red River and the political aisle, stressed the bipartisanship that made the project possible, with support from several administrations of both parties.

"We were able to stay united to get them united on this," she said, referring to colleagues in Congress and a succession of administrations.

"It's up to us in government to have people's back," Klobuchar said.

Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney recalled the determination of his late predecessor, Dennis Walaker, in refusing to evacuate the city in spite of the uncertainty that the levees would hold during the 2009 flood.

"Evacuation is not an option," Mahoney said, echoing Walaker's words. "We won that flood fight, but it made us work even harder to get this diversion."

Joel Paulsen, executive



North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum speaks at a ceremonial groundbreaking for the diversion channel Tuesday in rural Argusville.



Cameras document a ceremonial groundbreaking for the diversion channel Tuesday in rural Argusville.

director of the Metro Flood Diversion Authority, also invoked Walaker's memory. "I know he's looking down on us today with a smile on his face," Paulsen said.

Esther Madrigal Diez, chief executive officer of the Red River Valley Alliance, acknowledged the effort expended by many to get to the groundbreaking.

"It has been a long road to get here," she said. Her own road took her from Madrid, Spain, where Acciona, one of the consortium's partners, is based. The Red River Valley Alliance and its construction arm, ASN Constructors, has more than 20 nationalities working on the project, which has international financing.

"This community has really been open, warm and welcoming," she said. "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Moorhead Mayor

Shelly Carlson said the diversion project succeeded in proving the skeptics wrong.

"Nobody gave us credit," she said. "You might want to underestimate us, but it won't happen."

The diversion partnership also involves the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which designed and is overseeing construction on a 20-mile earthen embankment to temporarily hold back floodwaters, enabling a controlled release of water into the diversion by three gated control structures.

Col. Eric Swenson, commander of the Corps' St. Paul District, pledged the Corps' continuing support for the project, a national priority.

"Today, we are taking a small step or scoop of dirt," he said. "We are all in this together."

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LABOR

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The perception is the state may not be as welcoming as it once was.

That rapid decline has left businesses in a lurch during a time of historically low unemployment and intense competition for labor both locally and nationally.

Employers in Burleigh County, for example, now have nearly 3,400 open positions to fill, according to Brian Ritter, president and CEO of the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber, up by around 400 from the year before, and are looking at all options.

"Utilizing legal immigrant labor is not necessarily a new phenomenon," Ritter said at an interview in his Bismarck offices. "I think now what you're seeing simply is the broader business community having to consider utilizing this labor for the first time."

For Ritter, that has included inquiries from smaller contractors, service companies and health care providers that may have never used visa or immigration programs to ask how they can work with the federal government to fill workforce needs.

"I think more employers are opening their eyes and considering that, some for the first time," he said.

Numbers drop

Between 2007 and 2021, official refugee resettlement numbers in North Dakota went from a high of 563 in 2014 to a low of 19 in 2021, according to data provided by the North Dakota Department of Human Services following an information request.

The most recent settlement has been confined to the Fargo area. Under that program, in 2021 no refugees were resettled in the Bismarck area, and just one settled in Grand Forks.

Due to the closing of Lutheran Social Services' North Dakota offices, no other official refugee resettlement program existed outside of Fargo since last year, where Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service — LIRS — was able to step in to facilitate there.

"I tell people that no one enters the United States with more vetting than a refugee," said Daniel Hannaher, Field Office director for LIRS.

"When it was first publicized that we were going to be receiving 49 Afghans, I had a call from one of our good employers who said 'I'll take them all,'" Hannaher said. "He virtually didn't take them all, but he sure took a lot of them. We get calls on a weekly basis from employers looking for help."

With Grand Forks County's current unemployment rate hovering around 1.8%, similar needs are there. Had refugee resettlement continued at the rate before 2017, estimates are that around 500 more people would have been added to the community, according to the data showing an average of 100 resettlements per year before 2017.

"That would have been a 1% population growth for the city of Grand Forks," said Becca Cruger, director of Workforce Development at the Grand Forks Economic Development Corp. "[That's] a growth of people who pay taxes, buy houses, keep companies running, and fill our schools."

Closing and opening doors

In 2019, Burleigh County nearly became the first locality in the country to block refugees under a Trump administration executive order that required states and local governments to give written consent for resettlement.



Fifteen new U.S. citizens say the Pledge of Allegiance after taking the Oath of Allegiance ahead of the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks game on Aug. 2 at Newman Outdoor Field in Fargo.



High school students from Grand Forks Public Schools perform a play for World Refugee Day on June 18 at the Town Square Farmer's Market, marking the theme "Whoever. Wherever. Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety."

Contributed / Mark Broden / Global Friends Coalition

While the 3-2 vote in December that year ended up in favor of keeping resettlement, the debate still leaves a chilly memory for some.

Ranju Dhunghana, a Bhutanese who spent most of the first 11 years of her life in a refugee camp in Nepal before being relocated to Grand Forks in 2009, hardly felt any anti-immigrant sentiment until that time.

"That's when I learned there were so many negative comments about refugees," she said. "I still feel like there's negativity toward refugees. Sometimes when I look at Facebook, anytime a person of color does anything wrong you can see hundreds of negative comments, like send them back to their country or stuff like that."

Now a University of North Dakota graduate working in the health care system as an interpreter and nursing assistant, Dhunghana recently took her medical school entrance test in hopes of further advancing her medical career.

Instead of hearing individual stories of success like Dhunghana's, many see nameless, faceless numbers and misconceptions about what assistance refugees and other immigrants get once they're here.

Cynthia Shabb, executive director of Global Friends Coalition, which provides services to refugees and immigrants in Grand Forks, said the lack of acceptance stems from a variety of misperceptions.

"I think the [Mexico] border situation has exacerbated the problem," Shabb said. "People have this perception that people are flooding in. [For example,] we are working with a family who's filing asylum and when you file asylum, you have no benefits given to you at all. And that is really difficult."

Need for advocates

Educating the wider public about the experiences of refugees and immigrants who have come to North Dakota could help change some perceptions, said Ivona Todorovic.

That's from someone who has gone from being a refugee from the war in Bosnia,

to settling in Grand Forks in 1995, to recently being named one of four finalists for the 2023 North Dakota Teacher of the Year Award.

To help relay the personal experiences of her students to the rest of the student body, Todorovic, who teaches in the English Language Learner program at Red River High School, develops projects such as assigning seniors to interview those in her program, turning their scattered experiences into stories with common threads.

"To be honest with you, I embrace Grand Forks, it's my home and I lived here longer than I lived in Bosnia," she said. "But I never planned to come here, we just lost everything, you know, we had, so that's the thing. The war happened. And I'd say, for about 75% of my kids [in the language program], it's the same or a similar thing that happened."

For Wendy Sander-son, director of the English learners program at Bismarck Public Schools where 85 languages are spoken by families within the district, the debate over refugees a few short years ago was a tough pill to swallow from her vantage point of watching families integrate into the community.

"It was really hard for me, because I didn't realize Bismarck was like that," she said in an interview at her office. "I grew up here, and I didn't really see that those kinds of attitudes were here."

Among the biggest needs for new immigrants, she said, is having someone that can advocate for them and make them feel welcome.

"Are we reaching out and loving up these families, and doing whatever we can to make their time in Bismarck — whether they want to stay here or whether they don't — to make it something that is good for them, not only academically, but emotionally, and socially? I think these are the things that have been my focus while I've been here in Bismarck schools, trying to figure it out."

Rebounds expected

While full data isn't yet available for 2022, Uniting for Ukraine, a separate

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Before the shooting, Martinez remained in a house surrounded by officers for roughly four hours as a Red River SWAT negotiator spoke with him, Jahner said. The negotiator has additional training in crisis intervention, which is done in collaboration with mental health professionals, social workers and law enforcement in Fargo, West Fargo and Cass County, he said.

Those mental health professionals and social workers practice different situations with officers so law enforcement can work on de-escalation techniques, the sheriff said.

Determining how to respond to a mental health crisis depends on the situation, Fargo Police Lt. Bill Ahlfeldt said. Fargo police also have extensive training in crisis intervention, he said.

"Every incident is specific, so there's any number of responses that we could have," he said.

For situations in which a person is suffering a crisis without posing a threat to the community, law enforcement will call mental health experts or services, Jahner and Ahlfeldt said.

Officers will respond to the area if they may need to intervene, but they try to stay out of view if their presence could upset a person in crisis, Jahner said. They may try to speak with the person if the person is willing, he said. Responding agencies also will try to get the person services.

Officers would respond to a person who is having a crisis and is exhibiting violent behavior like they would any barricade incident or critical situation, Ahlfeldt said. They would bring negotiators in and try to bring the situation to a peaceful conclusion while trying to keep the community safe, he said.

In the situation in Mapleton, Martinez was suspected of firing multiple shots and being involved in criminal activity, Jahner said. Law enforcement would not call outside help for a person engaging in violent behavior, the sheriff said.

The goal was to ensure everyone in the immediate area was safe, he said. Law enforcement ordered a shelter-in-place for the city. They then set up a perimeter to prevent others from going into the home and to keep Martinez contained, Jahner said.

The sheriff described talks as up and down. Martinez would get upset, then he would speak with officers, Jahner said.

"They weren't necessarily upset that we were talking to them," he said. "They were upset at the situation and some of the things that had happened prior to us arriving."

Sometimes, agencies will call families to the scene if the person having a nonviolent mental health crisis requests to speak with family members, Jahner said. Often, family will already be on scene, Ahlfeldt said.

Officers may be able to get helpful information from family if they are at the scene, Ahlfeldt said. Family members also may help resolve the situation, Jahner noted.

"Typically, we don't try to get a bunch of family members coming in because we don't want anyone else to get hurt," he said.

In Martinez's case, his father and brother showed up to the scene, Jahner said. The Sheriff's Office did not ask them to come, he added.

Jahner said his department has done a preliminary debriefing on the Mapleton incident and will do a more expansive one later. He said he feels the negotiator in Martinez's case did everything he could to get Martinez to come out safely.

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OBITUARIES

Daniel Hagemeister

Daniel Hagemeister of Bismarck passed away at his home, with his family by his side, on August 6, 2022 at the age of 73.

A funeral service will be held 11:00 AM, Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Pkwy, Bismarck.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Parkway Funeral Service, where a prayer service will begin at 7:00 PM.

Go to www.parkwayfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook, read the full obituary and view a livestream of the service.

Hugh Stan Mickelson

Hugh Stan Mickelson, age 67, passed away on July 23, 2022 at Methodist Medical Center, Richardson, Texas.

Hugh was born to Adolph and Maxine Mickelson in Fargo, North Dakota on August 18, 1954.

He graduated from Fargo South High in 1972 and graduated with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1975 in the Dallas, Texas area. He worked at many restaurant jobs over the years and was the food and beverage manager for the Omni Hotels out of Dallas, Texas for many years.

Hugh was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine Mickelson and his stepmother, Gladys Mickelson and his sister Kathy Mickelson along with his grandparents and many aunts and uncles and cousins.

Hugh is survived by his close friend Kelly Nesmith, Dallas, TX, father Adolph Mickelson, Fargo ND, sisters Vicki (Ron) Beaton, Rochert, MN, Patricia (Robert) Rheault, Detroit Lakes, MN and his brother Kim (Linda) Mickelson, Savage, MN and many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for 1:30pm on Friday, August 12, 2022 at Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo, ND with a visitation from 1:00pm to 1:30pm.

Burial: Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo, ND

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.hansonrunsvold.com

Arrangements entrusted to Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, ND

Annah Chapman

Annah Chapman, 20, passed away on August 6, 2022, in Fargo, ND.

Annah Surae Chapman was born on July 10, 2002 in Fargo, ND, to James Chapman and Bethany (Nelson) Chapman.

Annah graduated from DGF High School in 2020. She started working for Eventide as a Culinary Assistant for a year & a half while still in High School and then she was a Nanny for a private family for almost a year. She moved on to being a Nursing Assistant for Sanford Health in Feb 2022, where she worked until she moved to Colorado last month to start her career as an Aircraft Paint Technician at Pilatus Aircraft where she got to work with her dad.

Anna's infectious smile would make the darkest room light up with a brilliance that words cannot describe. Her beautiful eyes would tell anyone that she was a kind and caring soul, and was always thinking of the needs of others before her own. Annah loved to travel. From Alaska to Mexico and everywhere in between, she was proud of how many places she had visited. Her love of animals was evident in the way she cared for them. Annah was just discovering that adventure was her cup of tea. On her 20th birthday she took to the skies and jumped from an airplane. After climbing a 14,000-foot mountain peak in a jeep she purchased a jeep of her own. Annah's love and generosity for her family and friends will forever leave a hole in our hearts.

Annah is survived by her father, James Chapman of Dilworth, MN; her mother, Bethany Chapman of Fargo, ND; grandmothers, Sharon Chapman of Dilworth, MN, Diane Nelson of Fargo, ND & Dawn Lexvold of Fargo, ND; sisters, Autumn and Libby Blake of Dilworth, MN; brother, Shane Blake, of Dilworth, MN; sisters by choice, Meadow Wilkie and Andra Brodersen; her Aunts, Amy (Jesse) Lindemann of Fargo, ND & Chelsey (Chris) Nelson of Grand Forks, ND; her Uncle "Matty" (Karen) Nelson of Portland, OR; and numerous cousins and other relatives.

Annah is preceded in death by her Grandfathers, Steven Chapman & Len Nelson;

Memorial Service: 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at Boulger Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center, Fargo with visitation starting at 1:00 P.M.

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Boulger Funeral Home & Celebration of Life Center, Fargo. Online guestbook at www.boulgerfuneralhome.com.

Aaron K. Lowe

Aaron Kenley Lowe, 39, of Fargo, ND, passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

Aaron, son of Thomas Lowe and Gale Hanzel, was born on July 14, 1983, in Fargo, ND, along with his twin sister, Melissa. Aaron grew up in north Fargo and graduated from Fargo North High School in 2002. After working at several jobs, he began his college education at North Dakota State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Development. Aaron was employed by the Fargo Public School District as a paraprofessional and loved and excelled at working with young children. To say that Aaron was an avid sports fan would be an understatement as he was an encyclopedia of sports trivia. He was particularly passionate about NFL Football (especially his beloved Miami Dolphins), NBA and college basketball, and golf, and was known to schedule his vacation times around March Madness and major golf tournaments. Aaron was also a lover of all kinds of music and movies.

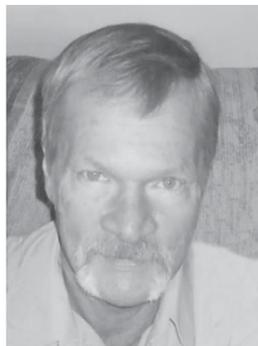
Left to cherish his memory are his mother, Gale (James) Hanzel of Sioux Falls, SD; father, Thomas Lowe of Jarrell, TX; sister, Melissa Lowe of Fargo, ND; uncles, Alan (Mary) Franson, Chris Emerson, and special uncle and friend, Keith Prosjie; and other cherished family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his beloved grandparents, Albert Prosjie and Yvonne Bergeson.

No services are planned at this time.

Memories and online condolences may be shared by visiting www.hansonrunsvold.com

Arrangements entrusted to Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home-Fargo, ND

Gary Hubrig

Gary Hubrig, 69, Hankinson, died in his home surrounded by his family on August 5 after a month-long battle with pancreatic cancer. Gary was born March 25, 1953, in Hankinson, ND, to Melvin and Doris (Cossette) Hubrig. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Great Bend.

Gary was a very mischievous child and had many adventures with his siblings while growing up on the farm. He attended Waldo No. 2 grade school and graduated from Hankinson High School in 1971. He graduated from NDSCS in 1972 with a degree in Environmental Systems and became a jack-of-all-trades and everyone's go-to guy. Gary loved to work. He shared his many talents by working at many places including Minn-Dak, driving the maintainer for Waldo Township, digging graves, and finally as Director of Maintenance at St. Gerard's Nursing Home. He was also a general contractor and built many hotels across the Midwest and farmed in his spare time. He served on the Board of Education and taught Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church in Great Bend, served on the Board of Trustees at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hankinson.

He married Deborah Hentges in 1972 and they had 3 children – Jennifer, Travis, and Kyle. They later divorced and in 1986, Gary met his forever love, Kari Buck, while practicing for the Hankinson Centennial Pageant. They married in 1988 and they had 2 children – Adam and Alyson.

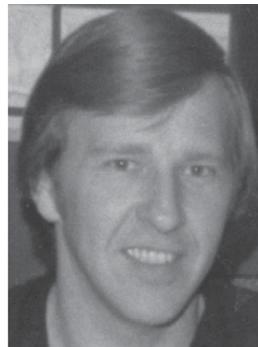
When Gary wasn't at work, he could be found in his garden or shop with his flannel shirt and blue cup. He was incredibly proud of his huge gardens and homemade sausage and loved sending all who visited home with a bag of goodies. He enjoyed cooking and was often asked to make his delicious potato salad for events. Gary loved to dance, and his dance card was always full, but he always saved the last dance for Kari.

Gary is survived by his wife, Kari; his children: Jennifer (Daryl) Hubrig, Travis (Joni) Hubrig, Kyle Hubrig, Adam (Tiffany) Hubrig, and Alyson (Scott) Jezusko; his grandchildren: Lucas (Courtney), Shelby, Kaleb, Grace, Kennedy, Norah, and Natalie; 3 great-grandchildren: Alexa, Zander, and Reed; his mother, Doris Hubrig; his mother-in-law, Marcy Buck; his siblings: Ron (Gloria) Hubrig, Doreen (Leon) Bladow, Dianne (Jim) Sedler, Cheryl (Al) Held, Steve (Lori) Hubrig, Brenda (Scott) Radloff, Renae (Mark) Bassingthwaite, Deb (Kevin) Mauch; his siblings-in-law: Cheryl Hubrig, Karla (Rick) Ogilvie, Todd (Mariah) Buck, and Kara (Jamie) Bernard; as well as many other friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Melvin Hubrig, brother, Glenn Hubrig, infant sister, Stacey Hubrig, and father-in-law, Mervin Buck.

Visitation will be Monday, August 8, 2022 from 5-7 p.m. followed by a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hankinson. Visitation will continue on Tuesday, August 9 from 9-10 am followed by the funeral service at 10 am all at the church. Burial will be at Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, rural Hankinson.

Online guestbook: www.frankfamilyfuneralhome.com

Gary Cardiff

Gary was born March 11, 1947 in Mayville, ND to Maxine and Gerald Cardiff. At age 4 he moved to Chula Vista, California and then moved to San Diego where he spent 10 years before moving to Rapid City, South Dakota. The Cardiff family moved to Fargo in 1961, and Gary graduated from Fargo Central High School in 1965. He graduated from NDSU with a Bachelor of Arts and a MBA. Gary was a very caring person, and a good friend and brother.

Gary is survived by brother, Rick (Beth); daughter, Kristen; son, Chad; and grandchildren, Carlyne, Josh, and Gabe.

Private interment at Vergas Cemetery, Vergas, MN.

Dr. Jack Lind

Jackson William Lind passed away quietly in his sleep on Saturday, August 6th in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Jack was born on April 29th, 1936 to Vivian Henry "Jack" and Vera Lind in Bertha, MN. He grew up in Aneta, ND where he attended high school with his two sisters (Pat and Marilyn). Jack was a talented athlete who participated in every sport and developed a love for running that stayed with him his entire life. He was very fond of his hometown and enjoyed going back to spend time hunting in the countryside and always looked forward to attending the annual Aneta Turkey BBQ, a tradition that began when his father first helped organize the event in 1961.

After high school, Jack went on to graduate from the University of North Dakota Medical School and Wake Forest University, Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston, NC. He completed his residency at Charles T. Miller Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Jack spent 25 years as a family practice physician. He served as the Chemical Dependency Director at St. John's Hospital in Fargo and was the Advisor to the Board for The Centre Rehab facility for 20 years.

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Jack decided to return to college at the University of North Dakota in 1989 to pursue his passion for psychiatry, earning his degree in 1992. As a licensed psychiatrist, he opened EcuNet Mental Health Services. He was one of the founding partners of Psychiatric Medicine Associates and a board member of Prairie Psychiatric Center. Throughout his career as a psychiatrist, Jack served as a consultant to a number of treatment centers in Fargo and was a Clinical Assistant Professor for the University of North Dakota School of Medicine, Department of Neurosciences. After a 52-year career in the medical field, Jack finally determined it was time to retire. He cared deeply for his patients and enjoyed the fulfillment he received from helping others.

Jack's love for adventure stemmed from a young age when he and three friends from high school decided to buy an airplane and learn how to fly. He often reminisced about his many hunting trips with friends and rides on his Harley Davidson to Sturgis. Many memories also included the good times he shared when visiting his sister Pat Solberg's family's mountain retreat in Cook City, MT.

Jack and his wife Bonnie always enjoyed exploring new destinations with their close group of neighbors from South Fargo. When they moved to the lake, they took up golfing, water skiing, and spent many evenings on boat rides or around the bon fire with family and close friends from Big McDonald. One of Jack's favorite pastimes was watching his grandchildren play on the beach and try new water activities on the lake.

Jack leaves behind Bonnie, his wife of 41 years and their three children, son Christopher (Crystal) Lind of Lisbon, ND; daughter, Stephanie (Brent) Hodgson of Argusville, ND; son, Jacob (Megan) Lind of Fargo; and three children by previous marriage, daughter, Stephanie (Dan) Zinck of Fargo; son, Jack (Karen) Lind of Fargo; and son, Leif Lind of Fargo; son-in-law, Bob Bliss of Minneapolis, MN; sisters, Pat Solberg of Fargo and Marilyn Short of Aneta, ND; sisters-in-law, Connie Drescher of Conger, MN and Alane Selland of Bismarck, ND. He also leaves behind many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Vera Lind; daughter, Valerie Bliss; great-granddaughter, Taylor Bliss; niece, Dawn Short; nephew, Bradley Brosseau; grandnephew, Peter Griffin; brothers-in-law, Wayne Solberg, Wayne Short, Ron Drescher, and Rick Arenstein; and sister-in-law Carol Arenstein.

Memorial Service: 11:00am, Thursday, August 11, 2022 at First Lutheran Church, Fargo, ND, with a visitation one hour prior to the service. The service will be livestreamed on the funeral home website.

Burial: Riverside Cemetery, Fargo, ND
Condolences and memories may be shared at www.hansonrunsvold.com

Arrangements entrusted to Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home - Fargo, ND

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UND professor updates book on teaching Braille

By Ingrid Harbo
Grand Forks Herald

Assistant professor Renae Bjorg is carrying on a UND legacy in the field of visual impairments and blindness.



Bjorg

With her new book "Guidelines and Games for Teaching Efficient Braille Reading (Second Edition)," she continues the work of a longtime UND professor and her former mentor, Myrna Olson.

The first edition of "Guidelines and Games" was published in 1981, and was written in part by Olson, a UND professor of almost 50 years, and Sally Mangold, professor at San Francisco State. Since it was published 40 years ago, the book has remained one of the most popular resources for teachers learning how to teach students Braille.

Bjorg said she was approached by American Printing House Press to write the book for the 40th anniversary of the first edition.

The updated edition, says Bjorg, includes new information about technological advances from the last 40 years, as well as updated terminology and research. The new edition also has more of a focus on bridging the gap between students who can see and students who are visually impaired or blind when learning to read.

"We're still teaching reading and writing," said Bjorg. "It's still English language arts, it's just a different modality now - Braille instead of print, but it's still the same."

And like learning to read can be made fun for

seeing students, learning to read can be fun for visually impaired or blind students as well. Board games and word games can be used to teach seeing students to read and write, so the book outlines similar games for those that cannot see.

"When we can learn to make it fun and incorporate ergonomics and posture, then students, children and teachers can enjoy the process and enjoy the full learning and apply it in a natural way," said Bjorg.

Many of Bjorg's collaborators for "Guidelines and Games" were her advisees at UND that have gone on to work in the field of education and visual impairment and blindness, like Sara Careless, Sandra Kenrick, Danielle Moelter-Swangstue and Amy Neils.

"We all have strengths and abilities, and part of my job as an adviser and a professor is to look at my students and pull these things out of them," she said. "These students that I invited are beautiful writers and researchers, and highly qualified teachers in our field."

Others, like Laura Roy, Coordinator of the Blind and Visually Impaired Services Unit in Manitoba; Dave Beckett, consultant for the blind and visually impaired in Manitoba, and Brittany Hagan, associate professor at Mayville State University, have been impacted by Olson and wanted to give back to her.

Austin Winger, one of Olson's sons, also helped with the book.

Bjorg recently signed books at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference in St. Louis.

DEATHS

Marilyn Joyce Moen Parker

Jan. 1, 1934 - Aug. 5, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Marilyn Joyce Moen Parker, 88, Fargo, N.D., died Friday, Aug. 5, in Eventide Fargo.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 15, at First Lutheran Church in Fargo.

Arrangements by Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home.

Shelley Vigesaa

Dec. 7, 1968 - Aug. 5, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Shelley Vigesaa, 53, Glyndon, Minn., died Friday, Aug. 5, in Essentia Health.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a celebration of life at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Triumph Lutheran Brethren Church in Moorhead, Minn.

Arrangements by Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service in Moorhead.

Joan Syverson

May 31, 1944 - Aug. 7, 2022
MOORHEAD, Minn. - Joan Syverson, 78, Moorhead, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Eventide on Eighth.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Moorhead. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Arrangements by Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service.

Patricia Magnusson

Oct. 21, 1937 - Aug. 7, 2022
DETROIT LAKES, Minn. - Patricia Magnusson, 84, Detroit Lakes, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Diamond Willow Assisted Living.

Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes.

Arrangements by The David-Donahower Funeral Home.

Patricia "Patty" Peterson

Dec. 16, 1960 - Aug. 7, 2022
LISBON, N.D. - Patricia "Patty" Peterson, 61, Lisbon, N.D., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Parkside Lutheran Home.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a funeral at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 11, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Lisbon. The funeral will be livestreamed on Dahlstrom Funeral Home's website. Burial will be 4 p.m. Thursday in Our Lady of Sorrow Cemetery near Verona, N.D.

Arrangements by Dahlstrom Funeral Home.

Larry Schultz

Aug. 12, 1953 - Aug. 7, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Larry Schultz, 68, Lisbon, N.D., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Sanford Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Lisbon. The service will be livestreamed on Dahlstrom Funeral Home's website. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Mass of Christian Burial will be livestreamed at 2 p.m. on Dahlstrom Funeral Home's website.

Arrangements by Dahlstrom Funeral Home in Oakes, N.D.

James Kappel

James Gerard Kappel passed away peacefully at Sanford Hospital Monday, August 8th in the afternoon. James was surrounded by his loved ones.

A Celebration of Life Prayer Service will take place Saturday at 10 AM, August 13th at Boulger Funeral Home with a visitation one hour prior.

A full obituary and online guestbook can be found at www.boulgerfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to the care of Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center.

DEATHS

Sue E. Cook

Aug. 22, 1956 - Aug. 6, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Sue E. Cook, 65, Fargo, N.D., died Saturday, Aug. 6, in Essentia Health.

Arrangements by Boulger Funeral Home.

Roger Grefstad Stone

Jan. 5, 1944 - Aug. 7, 2022
MOORHEAD, Minn. - Roger Grefstad Stone, 78, Moorhead, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in his home.

Arrangements by Wright Funeral Home.

Mary Smith

July 24, 1947 - Aug. 3, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Mary Smith, 75, Jamestown, N.D., died Wednesday, Aug. 3, in Sanford Medical Center.

A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at Haut Funeral Chapel in Jamestown.

Arrangements by Haut Funeral Home in Jamestown.

Theodore Thompson

May 24, 1923 - Aug. 4, 2022
HATTON, N.D. - Theodore Thompson, 99, Hatton, N.D., died Thursday, Aug. 4, in Hatton Prairie Village.

Services were previously held. Burial will be in Goose River Cemetery in Hatton.

Arrangements by Baker Funeral Home.

Barbara Farrar

Aug. 19, 1941 - Aug. 8, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Barbara Farrar, 80, Fargo, N.D., died Monday, Aug. 8, in her home.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., followed by a funeral at 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at Gethsemane Episcopal Cathedral in Fargo.

Arrangements by Boulger Funeral Home and Celebration of Life Center.

John Gehrke

April 9, 1960 - Jan. 20, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - John Gehrke, 61, Casselton, N.D., died Thursday, Jan. 20, in Sanford Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m., followed by a funeral at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at West Funeral Home in West Fargo. Interment will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery North in Fargo.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center.

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OBITUARIES

Andrea Stolba-Ritzke



Andrea Stolba-Ritzke, 58, Moorhead, MN, passed away on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at her family's home in Minot, ND.

Andrea was born July 8, 1964 in Minot, the daughter of F. Michael and Sue (Effertz) Stolba. She was raised and educated in Minot. Andrea twirled baton, danced, played volleyball and loved to sing with her grandfather Stanley Effertz.

Andrea married twice, first to Tony Daigneault, having 2 children; then to Bryan Ritzke on Oct 23, 1993, in Minot. They welcomed 3 children into their family via adoption. Moving to Cedar Rapids, IA, Andrea ran an in-home daycare, and later homeschooled the 4 children for over 15 years. Andrea and Bryan converted to Reform Judaism, and became involved at temple activities as teachers, choir singers and board members. In 2012, Andrea and Bryan relocated to Fargo, ND, where Andrea pursued her degree in psychology.

Andrea had a lifelong thirst for knowledge. A consummate researcher, she saw the early rise of the internet, and used it to the fullest! She was an artist, a creative personality that flowed over all mediums. Andrea always reached out to help people, as a confidante, a mentor and a sympathetic ear. She bravely fought metastatic renal cancer for several years before succumbing while surrounded by her loving family.

Andrea is survived by: Husband Bryan Ritzke, parents F. Michael and Sue Stolba, children Jason Ritzke, Zacheriah Ritzke, Elizabeth Barrett, Kayla Ritzke, and Kaleasha Ritzke; and grandchildren Daniel Barrett, Kaden Ritzke and Joy Ritzke, and numerous Aunts, Uncles and Cousins.

Andrea was preceded in death by: Helene and Frederick Stolba, Elyssa Stolba-Daigneault, Stanley and Lois Effertz.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Thompson-Larson Funeral Home in Minot. The service will be livestreamed for the public to view and can be accessed by going to <https://bit.ly/3qXP5Jo>. Interment will follow the service at Rosehill Memorial Park in Minot. Those wishing to sign the online register and share memories may access the online obituaries section at (www.thompsonlarson.com).

DEATHS

Byron G. "Bud" Standfield

Feb. 25, 1932 - Aug. 7, 2022
DILWORTH, Minn. - Byron G. "Bud" Standfield, 90, Dilworth, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in his home.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Wright Funeral Home in Moorhead, Minn. The service will be livestreamed on the funeral home's website. Burial will be in Fargo National Cemetery.

Arrangements by Wright Funeral Home.

Matthew S. Ward

March 6, 1996 - July 29, 2022
BISMARCK, N.D. - Matthew S. Ward, 26, Bismarck, N.D., died Friday, July 29, in Sanford Medical Center.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at Korsmo Funeral Home in Moorhead, Minn. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in Fargo, N.D.

Arrangements by Korsmo Funeral and Cremation Service.

Arlene M. Moen

April 15, 1951 - Aug. 2, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Arlene M. Moen, 71, Fargo, N.D., died Tuesday, Aug. 2, in Bethany Retirement Living.

Arlene Margaret Moen, 71, of Fargo, ND, passed away Tuesday morning, August 2, 2022, at Cottonwood Court-Bethany Retirement Living, where she had been a resident since April of 2020. Arlene was a Crookston, MN native and former longtime Burnsville, MN resident. A Memorial Service celebrating Arlene's life will be held at 7:00pm, Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home in Crookston with Bill Humiston, Spiritual Care Coordinator of Benedictine Living Community Crookston, officiating. Visitation with the family will be for one hour prior to the service. Livestreaming will be available by going to Arlene's page at www.stenshoelhousjke.com and clicking on the prompt to view.

Arrangements by Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home.

BIRTHS

Sanford Medical Center, Fargo

Jennifer Red Shirt and Cory Hiebert, Twin Valley, Minnesota, boy, born July 30.

Olivia Jones and Tyler Pedersen, Fargo, boy, born July 31.

Kari and Douglas Uzzle, Glyndon, boy, born Aug. 1. Zach Oslund and Josh Meyer, Moorhead, girl, born Aug. 2.

Kelly and Kody Syverson, West Fargo, born Aug. 7.

Email birth announcements to births@forumcomm.com.

DEATHS

Joan Vertin

Feb. 1, 1950 - Aug. 7, 2022
MOORHEAD, Minn. - Joan Vertin, 72, Breckenridge, Minn., died Sunday, Aug. 7, in Lilac Homes.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home in Breckenridge. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at Breckenridge Lutheran Church. Rene Hasbargen will officiate. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Breckenridge.

Arrangements by Joseph Vertin and Sons Funeral Home.

Bonita "Bonnie" Byberg

April 18, 1945 - Aug. 6, 2022
NEW ROCKFORD, N.D. - Bonita "Bonnie" Byberg, 77, New Rockford, N.D., died Saturday, Aug. 6, in Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd.

Visitation will be from 2-6:30 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Evans Funeral Home in New Rockford. A funeral will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at First Lutheran Church in New Rockford. Burial will be noon Friday, Aug. 12, in Hillside Cemetery in Valley City, N.D.

Arrangements by Evans Funeral Home.

Rev. Theodore Dockter

June 26, 1932 - Aug. 4, 2022
FARGO, N.D. - Rev. Theodore Dockter, 90, Fargo, N.D., died Thursday, Aug. 4, in Edgewood Vista.

Visitation will be from 5-7:30 p.m., followed by a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, at West Funeral Home in West Fargo, N.D. A funeral will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Fargo. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Garden in Fargo.

Arrangements by West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center.

Berdella Sogn

Dec. 11, 1923 - Aug. 5, 2022
FERGUS FALLS, Minn. - Berdella Sogn, 98, Barnesville, Minn., died Friday, Aug. 5, in Woodland Lodge Assisted Living.

Visitation will be 5-7 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, at Dobmeier Funeral Home in Barnesville. Visitation will continue from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 13, at the funeral home. The Rev. Caleb Larson will officiate. Interment will be in Little Bethany Cemetery near Barnesville.

Arrangements by Dobmeier Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

St. Luke's nurses vote 'no confidence' toward CEOs

By Laura Butterbrodt
Duluth News Tribune

DULUTH — Twin Ports nurses with the Minnesota Nurses Association have taken a vote of “no confidence” in St. Luke’s co-presidents and CEOs Eric Lohn and Nick Van Deelen, the nurses announced at an MNA rally Tuesday afternoon at the St. Luke’s campus.

The vote was reached by “well over a supermajority” of MNA nurses at St. Luke’s, said Larissa Hubbertt, a registered nurse at St. Luke’s. The vote was taken as nurses expressed their frustrations with the health care system for not fixing understaffing and employee retention issues, and as St. Luke’s and Essentia nurses negotiate for new contracts.

According to Hubbertt, 650 nurses were at St. Luke’s in 2019, and the most recent roster has 510 nurses. She said about half of the nurses in the emergency department have left, and a third of the intensive care unit’s nurses left in 2021.

“That’s centuries of nursing experience we have lost,” Hubbertt said.

When Hubbertt and registered nurse Lorie Olesiak spoke with Lohn and Van Deelen last year, they offered suggestions for ways to improve nurse morale to prevent burnout and nurses leaving. Suggestions included more flexible scheduling and higher wages. Hubbertt said she was told by St. Luke’s management that a plan was being developed to address the staffing shortages, but she and other MNA nurses have not seen any changes.

In a statement, Lohn and Van Deelen said St. Luke’s has offered a 10% raise for nurses over three years in its most recent negotiating session, while MNA is asking for a 36.5% increase over that time.

“Raises of this magnitude would severely increase the cost of health care for our patients, decrease the number of community members who can afford health care, and decrease our ability to pay competitive wages to our other valued employees.” Lohn and Van Deelen said in the joint statement. “While MNA has repeatedly declined the use of a mediator, we will continue to advocate

for one, to help us reach a responsible, fair and equitable contract.”

Essentia Health nurses expressed similar frustration, with Essentia registered nurse and MNA First Vice President Chris Rubesch stating Essentia nurses are writing an open letter to ask the Benedictine Sisters on the Board of Directors to stand with nurses and use their influence to create change that will better reflect the health care system’s Benedictine heritage.

“We are troubled by (Essentia Health management’s) priorities as we sit here in the shadow of a giant new hospital, but inside we see a lack of focus on patient care and bedside staffing,” Rubesch said.

He said Essentia’s \$430 million in profits in 2021 are concerning, as charity care reached a five-year low at \$10 million and CEO David Herman received large pay raises during the coronavirus pandemic. Herman’s salary is over \$2.7 million.

Keandra Schumacher started working as a nurse at Essentia in 2020, and was told the staffing shortages were temporary and was promised things would get better. She said she frequently was in charge of up to eight patients at one time, despite Essentia claiming the nurse-to-patient ratio is 1:4.

Inadequate nurse to patient ratios significantly increase patient mortality risk, according to numerous studies. The Journal for the American Medical Association stated the odds of patient mortality increased by 7% for every additional patient in the average nurse’s workload in the hospital, while an American Heart Association study found patients in hospitals with poor nursing work environments had a 16% lower likelihood of survival. The AHA study stated those odds became 5% lower with each additional patient per nurse in medical-surge units.

“I’ve been pushed past my breaking point,” Schumacher said. “For the past 2.5 years I’ve picked up extra hours in the hopes that my coworkers and my patients will not have to suffer from the understaffing. ... But it is now my understanding that it is not my problem to solve.”

Schumacher said despite her frustration, she is driven to continue working as a nurse because she feels caring for patients at the bedside is her calling in life. She said she’s heard “it will get better” since she started in the profession, and she hopes someday she will see that become the reality.

When asked about the possibility of a strike, Rubesch said it’s “not a word we’re afraid to say” if management maintains its refusal to engage in negotiations for new contracts.

Essentia Health said in a statement that pay and benefits it offers are competitive in the communities the health care system serves.

“We are continuously exploring innovative ways to enhance the recruitment and professional development of our nurses,” Essentia said in the statement. “We have a long history of reaching mutually beneficial agreements with the MNA and we are confident we can do so again.”

Rubesch said management has acted as if the staffing shortage was created by the pandemic, despite nurses’ insistence that the problem existed long before and continues to worsen.

“Currently, our staffing is the worst I have ever seen,” Olesiak said. “Our patients deserve better than this. I feel we have an outstanding group of nurses at St. Luke’s. These Nurses put the patient above all else, and we need our CEOs to do the same.”

Olesiak and Hubbertt said they hope the vote of no confidence will make Lohn and Van Deelen take action to solve these problems by listening to nurses. The next negotiations meeting is set to take place Aug. 10, and plans for possible further action will be decided after that. Olesiak said no strike is planned yet, but “it is a tool in our toolbox.”

Earlier Tuesday, nurses in the Twin Cities announced “no confidence” votes for CEO James Hereford and the board of directors at HealthEast, M Health Fairview Riverside and Southdale; CEO Mark Gorelick at Children’s Minneapolis and St. Paul hospitals; and CEO J. Kevin Croston at North Memorial Hospital.



Steve Kuchera / Duluth News Tribune

St. Luke’s nurse Larissa Hubbertt speaks at a Minnesota Nurses Association news conference outside the medical center Tuesday near other MNA members holding a banner stating a lack of confidence in CEOs Eric Lohn and Nick Van Deelen. The MNA announced Tuesday that nurses at seven hospitals in the Twin Cities and Twin Ports passed “no confidence” votes on their CEOs and other top executives.

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INTEREST RATES					
RATE	THIS WK	1MO AGO	1YR AGO		
Prime Rate					
Fed Fund Rate					
TREASURIES	YEST	CHG%	WK%	MO%	TR%
3 months T-bill	2.6383	-0.59	4.16	37.23	4611.25
6 months T-bill	3.1486	+0.34	5.62	18.60	5522.50
52-week T-bill	3.3008	+0.82	6.44	12.93	4243.16
2-year T-note	3.2696	+1.67	6.75	4.68	1271.48
5-year T-note	2.9625	+1.77	3.65	-5.77	257.27
10-year T-note	2.785	+0.78	1.34	-10.08	105.67
30-year T-bond	3.000	+0.07	-0.32	-8.05	49.89

METALS				FUELS			
	LAST	1DAY	VOLUME		LAST	1DAY	VOLUME
Gold (oz)	1,794.0	+7.20	242	Crude Oil	90.50	-0.26	325,578
Silver (oz)	20.46	-0.13	27	Ethanol	2.16	unch.	0
Platinum (oz)	933.00	-5.40	9,843	Heating	3.33	+0.15	44,310
Copper (lb)	3.59	+0.01	123	Natural Gas	7.83	+0.24	87,916
Palladium (oz)	2,218.8	-22.70	1,754	Unleaded Gas	2.96	+0.07	44,925

Commodity Futures					
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
CORN 5,000bu minimum - cent/bushel					
Sep	614½	626	613½	615½	7.00
Dec	613	624½	612¼	614	6.75
Mar	620	632	620	621½	6.25
May	622	636	622	625¼	5.50
Jul	626½	636½	625¼	626	5.25
Sep	595½	603½	593¼	594	3.25
Yest. sales: 108,047; Open interest: 252,690					
SOYBEANS 5,000bu min - cent/bushel					
Aug	1632	1694¼	1632	1693¼	73.75
Sep	1477¼	1520¼	1477¼	1512¼	48.25
Nov	1410	1438½	1408¾	1428¾	28.75
Jan	1416¼	1445	1416¼	1434¼	26.75
Mar	1417½	1443½	1417	1433¼	25.25
May	1424¼	1442¼	1418¼	1434	24.00
Yest. sales: 318; Open interest: 307					
WHEAT 5,000bu min - cent/bushel					
Sep	785¼	801¼	772¼	781½	1.75
Dec	806¼	821¼	792¼	799¼	0.00
Mar	822	838	810½	816½	-0.75
May	831½	849¼	821¼	827½	-1.50
Jul	836¼	849½	821¼	828	-2.00
Sep	845	853	824¼	831½	-3.00
Yest. sales: 50,954; Open interest: 108,873					
OATS 5,000 bu min - cent/bushel					
Sep	453½	474¼	438	440	-21.00
Dec	417	429¼	414¼	416¼	-8.25
Mar	417	424	417	418¼	-7.00
Jul	—	—	—	415	-4.25
Sep	—	—	—	382½	-4.25
Dec	—	—	—	382½	-4.25
Yest. sales: 160; Open interest: 442					
MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN 5,000 bu. - e/bushel					
Sep	889¼	903	881¼	892¼	12.00
Dec	901½	916¼	894¼	906½	11.75
Mar	917½	927½	906¼	918¼	11.00
May	925¼	935	914¼	926¼	10.25
Jul	930	937	919	929¼	8.00
Sep	910	912¼	899¼	911	9.25
Yest. sales: 2,170; Open interest: 0					
Minneapolis Hard Red Spring Wheat					

SOYBEAN MEAL					
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
Sep	528½	565	528.40	552.80	33.50
Nov	540	570.70	540	554	24.00
Jan	600.30	600.30	587.60	587.60	26.60
Mar	—	—	—	600.80	26.60
Yest. sales: 376; Open interest: 1,946					
LUMBER \$/1000 BF					
Sep	528½	565	528.40	552.80	33.50
Nov	540	570.70	540	554	24.00
Jan	600.30	600.30	587.60	587.60	26.60
Mar	—	—	—	600.80	26.60
Yest. sales: 376; Open interest: 1,946					

FEEDER CATTLE					
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
Aug	180.30	180.35	178½	178.80	-2.48
Sep	184.65	184.85	182.40	182½	-3.15
Oct	186.80	186.95	185¼	185.58	-2.13
Nov	188	188.30	187.13	187.48	-1.60
Jan	188.65	188.65	187.68	188.18	-1.27
Mar	189.40	189.78	188.98	189.35	-1.23
Yest. sales: 1,812; Open interest: 5,483					
LIVE CATTLE 40,000 lbs. - cent/lb.					
Aug	138.30	138.30	137.90	137.98	-0.38
Oct	144	144.10	143.10	143.18	-1.05
Dec	150.28	150.35	149.57	149.65	-0.80
Feb	154.80	154.93	154.45	154.53	-0.50
Apr	157.63	157.90	157.48	157.60	-0.35
Jun	152.40	152.53	152.03	152.32	-0.25
Yest. sales: 2,702; Open interest: 12,465					

HOGS					
	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
Aug	121.68	122.30	121¼	122.20	0.40
Oct	99.80	99.93	98.43	99.60	-0.70
Dec	89.53	89.80	88.83	89.60	-0.13
Feb	91.70	91.90	91.18	91¼	-0.10
Apr	94.20	94.40	93.70	94.33	0.03
May	97.83	97.83	97½	97.80	0.00
Yest. sales: 4,329; Open interest: 13,235					

US STOCKS					
MOST ACTIVE					
	CLOSE	CHG%	VOL(M)		
Advanced Mic (AMD)	95.54	-4.53	88.5	Nielsen Hold (NLSN)	27.52 +21.18 33.0
NVIDIA Corp (NVDA)	170.86	-3.97	66.6	ShockWave Me (SWAV)	259.61 +17.06 2.0
Ford Motor C (F)	15.19	-3.74	66.8	XPPL, Inc. (XPPL)	75.34 +15.46 533,204
AMC Entertai (AMC)	22.45	-6.30	61.9	American Equi (AEI)	40.93 +12.94 1.2
Palantir Tec (PLTR)	9.25	-5.80	58.4	Sterling Chr (STER)	22.32 +12.22 364,306
Itaú Unibanc (ITUB)	5.0000	+2.25	55.8	Qualys, Inc. (QLYS)	142.70 +11.98 974,322
Apple Inc. (AAPL)	164.92	+0.03	60.9	PowerSchool (PSWS)	16.89 +9.25 769,605
SoFi Technol (SOFI)	7.39	-7.39	49.7	Cerevel Ther (CERE)	39.77 +8.10 992,729
Carnival Cor (CCL)	9.47	-5.39	51.4	Nutex Health (NUTX)	3.9000 +7.97 574,344
Intel Corpor (INTC)	34.52	-2.43	48.1		
ironSource L (IS)	4.2000	-11.21	45.6		
Warner Bros. (WBD)	13.10	-6.56	39.6		
NIO Inc. (NIO)	19.17	-4.96	37.6		
NU Holdings (NU)	4.2500	-10.53	35.0		
Norwegian Cr (NCLH)	12.10	-10.57	35.0		
Shopify Inc. (SHOP)	36.75	-7.59	34.5		
Amazon.com. (AMZN)	137.83	-1.13	37.2		
Petróleo Bra (PBR)	15.44	+0.65	33.6		
Nielsen Hold (NLSN)	27.52	+21.18	33.0		
Tilray Brand (TLRY)	3.8400	-10.70	31.7		

GAINERS					
	CLOSE	CHG%	VOL(M)		
AMTD Digital (AMTD)	212.00	-47.65	89,829		
Novavax, Inc (NVAX)	40.28	-29.64	21.2		
CarGurus, Inc (CARG)	19.16	-25.51	4.6		
Nuvei Corp (NUVEI)	33.03	-21.47	2.0		
Nel ASA (NLSA)	1.3600	-20.00	41,829		
Wayfair Inc. (WF)	59.61	-17.04	5.5		
Freshpet, In (FRPT)	47.84	-15.13	3.5		
Tru Company (TRUK)	54.28	-14.96	5.9		
PT Hanjaya M (PHJMFI)	0.0600	-14.29	134,486		

LOCAL STOCKS							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG%	VOL	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG%	VOL
3M Company (MMM)	147.84	-0.43	3,019M	Kohl's Corp (KSS)	29.68	-5.66	3,607M
Adobe Inc. (ADBE)	426.57	-1.79	1,851M	Lowe's Compa (LOW)	195.20	-3.29	3,806M
Agilent Tech (A)	128.88	-2.75	894,672	ManpowerGrou (MAN)	77.42	-0.21	330,968
Alerus Finan (ALRS)	24.40	-0.37	12,093	Marsh & McLee (MMC)	167.06	+0.05	1,549M
Alphabet Inc (GOOG)	117.50	-0.54	15,395M	MasTec, Inc. (IMTZ)	79.62	-1.52	603,982
Amazon.com. (AMZN)	137.83	-1.13	37,223M	Mastercard (MA)	346.54	-1.60	2,402M
American Exp (AXP)	158.80	+0.97	2,997M	McDonald's C (MCD)	260.06	-0.17	2,065M
Ameriprise F (AMP)	271.37	+0.44	409,046	MDU Resource (MDU)	29.56	+1.69	1,515M
Apple Inc. (AAPL)	164.92	+0.03	60,936M	Medtronic pl (MDT)	93.10	-0.51	2,78M
Archer-Danie (ADM)	82.86	+0.45	1,695M	Merck & Co. (MRK)	89.52	+1.16	12,808M
AT&T Inc. (T)	18.10	+0.56	32,029M	Mercy Gene (MCY)	31.96	-4.63	645,336
Autodesk, In (ADSK)	218.14	-1.16	970,007	Meta Platfor (META)	168.53	-1.01	17,528M
AutoZone, In (AZO)	2,222.51	+0.17	111,185	Microsoft Co (MSFT)	282.30	-0.71	23,125M
Best Buy Co. (BBY)	76.34	-2.80	2,145M	Netflix, Inc (NFLX)	229.94	-1.52	6,168M
Beyond Meat, (BYND)	37.05	-5.75	2,888M	NI Holdings, (NOOK)	13.85	-3.48	8,332
Black Hills (BKHI)	76.18	+2.04	263,270	Nokia Oyj (NOK)	5.08	-2.31	25,007M
BP n.l.c. (BP)	30.57	+1.36	9,596M	Norwegian Cr (NCLH)	12.10	-10.57	35.0
BP Prudhoe B (BPT)	15.74	+4.24	432,930	Owens & Mino (OMI)	33.27	-2.69	762,092
Canadian Pac (CP)	79.29	-0.38	2,959M	PepsiCo, Inc (PEP)	174.50	+0.37	3,229M
Casys's Gene (CASY)	206.89	-0.46	168,586	Pizer Inc. (PFE)	49.78	+0.42	11,717M
Caterpillar (CAT)	186.03	+0.12	2,147M	Plains All A (PAA)	11.24	+1.26	3,801M
Cedar Fair, (FUN)	42.80	+0.80	349,587	Polaris Inc. (PVI)	116.63	-1.04	556,140
Chevron Corp (CVX)	155.41	+1.30	5,191M	Quanta Servi (PWR)	135.84	-0.33	649,492
Chipotle Mex (CMO)	1,639.09	+1.07	265,880	Roku, Inc. (ROKU)	78.10	-6.59	9,779M
Cisco System (CSCO)	44.92	-0.22	12,826M	Shopify Inc. (SHOP)	36.75	-7.58	34,551M
Citigroup In (C)	52.09	+1.20	8,39M	Silergate C (SI)	100.25	-4.18	549,142
CNH Industr (CNHI)	12.47	-1.34	1,324M	Sirius XM Ho (SIRI)	5.71	+0.90	12,407M
Conagra Bran (CAG)	34.31	+0.12	2,086M	Snap-on Inco (SNAP)	221.47	-1.31	152,924
CVS Health C (CVS)	103.69	+1.66	4,109M	Starbucks Co (SBUX)	84.84	-1.03	2,497M
Daktronics, (DAKT)	3,850.00	-0.26	245,798	Sun Life Fin (SLF)	46.62	-0.83	488,959
Deere & Comp (DE)	343.68	-0.01	1,137M	Sysco Corp (SYT)	82.34	-5.07	3,563M
Diebold Nixd (DBD)	4,180.00	-10.49	1,326M	Target Corp (TGT)	165.12	-1.11	2,456M
Dine Brands (DIN)	71.56	-1.13	293,637	Tesla, Inc. (TSLA)	850.00	-2.44	28,367M
Donaldson Co (DCI)	54.06	-1.21	273,607	The Procter (PG)	144.93	-0.23	

Jury finds man guilty of 4 felonies

By Jason R. O'Day
The Dickinson Press

DICKINSON, N.D. — A Southwest Judicial District jury convicted a 28-year-old of four felonies for his involvement in a New Year's Eve shootout at the Paragon Bowl in Dickinson.

Demetris Shaquille Haney, of Dickinson, was convicted Friday on charges of reckless endangerment, terrorizing and two counts of aggravated assault. All four convictions are class C felonies.

Stark County State's Attorney Amanda Engelstad, who was the lead prosecutor in the case, detailed why Haney was not convicted of the fifth felony charge — attempted murder.

"Essentially what that means is, you wouldn't be able to commit the greater offense without also committing the lesser included offenses. So instead of finding him guilty on (two counts of) attempted murder, they found him guilty on the lesser included offenses," she explained. "In North Dakota, one of the ways that an aggravated assault can be committed is if you fire a firearm or hurl a destructive device at another human being."

Because Haney used a firearm in the commission of the convicted crimes, he has been classified as a dangerous special offender, according to Engelstad. As the trial moves into the sentencing phase of the case, dangerous special offenders can face a sentence that includes double the maximum allowable sentence of five years. As such Haney could face up to 10 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of two years under North Dakota law.

The trial stems from an incident on Jan. 1 outside the Paragon Bowling Alley. According to responding Dickinson Police officers, a call for service regarding reports of several gunshots around 12:29 a.m. in the 1100 block of West Villard Street initiated the response. Upon arrival, officers dis-

covered expended shell casings at the scene and noted that one area business sustained damage from a bullet.

As the investigation spanned into the weekend, Dickinson Police investigators were able to identify the individuals involved in the shootout and secure a search warrant from the Southwest Judicial District. The Southwest Tactical Team deployed to a residence in the 200 block of G Street at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Jan. 2.

Haney was arrested without further incident and booked at the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center pending trial.

Engelstad said she was content with the outcome and believes the closure the case brings the community of Dickinson was always a key consideration.

"The verdicts were appropriate and I hope this sends a message that this kind of behavior is not going to be tolerated in Stark County," she said.

Addressing the other alleged involved persons, Engelstad noted that Jamal Brown fled the jurisdiction and has continued to remain a fugitive at large.

Dontaye Lamar Dee Mayfield, 42, was apprehended for his involvement in the incident and pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment. The charge of terrorizing was dismissed, and Mayfield was sentenced to three years of supervised probation.

Alexander Aseph, 33, has also apprehended and has been charged with terrorizing and reckless endangerment. Aseph remains in custody at the Southwest Multi-County Correctional Center awaiting trial.

Persons with information on the whereabouts of Brown, who is considered dangerous, should call the Dickinson Police Department at 701-456-7754, or leave a Badlands Crimestoppers tip at dickinsonpd.com/crimestoppers. All tips may remain anonymous.

Jason O'Day is the news editor for The Dickinson Press.



Haney



Brown

North Dakota Guard names new state command sergeant major

By James B. Miller, Jr.
The Dickinson Press

BISMARCK — Maj. Gen. Al Dohrmann, of the North Dakota Army National Guard, announced Monday that Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Binstock, of Regent, N.D., will be the next North Dakota state command sergeant major — the highest enlisted position in the state.

Binstock succeeds Command Sgt. Maj. Derek Heck, who had served in the position since December 2019. Binstock will formally assume his new duties following a change of responsibility ceremony planned for November.

After enlisting in the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1991, Binstock was assigned to the 816th Engineer Support Company in Mott, N.D. after graduating from military occupational specialty heavy wheel vehicle mechanic school. By 1993, he became qualified as a combat engineer and was assigned to Charlie Company 141 Engineer Combat Battalion.

Binstock is currently assigned as the North Dakota National Guard's



Binstock

senior enlisted leader, who along with the adjutant general, serve as the command team for the joint North Dakota Army and Air National Guard headquarters. The position serves as the principal policy adviser for all joint-enlisted matters.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Binstock has been a key asset to the North Dakota National Guard as our senior enlisted leader," Dohrmann said. "A proven leader with more than three decades of military service and experience. He has been an invaluable teammate the past three years and I look forward to working with him as our state command sergeant major."

The new position will see Binstock act as the primary senior adviser to the adjutant general and North Dakota Army National Guard commander regarding all Army National Guard enlisted matters, in addition to playing a critical part of the Army National Guard command team with Brig.

Gen. Jon Erickson.

Binstock will be responsible for enforcing policies and standards of performance, training, appearance and conduct of enlisted soldiers. He also will advise senior leadership on a variety of topics, including recruiting, retention, training, resiliency, family support, community events, education and employment for the state's Army Guardsmen.

In his service, Binstock has served in leadership positions including first sergeant, as well as brigade and battalion-level command sergeant major. In 2003, he deployed overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and in 2011 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I'm eager to take on the responsibilities of the state command sergeant major," Binstock said. "I want to thank Maj. Gen. Dohrmann, Brig. Gen. Erickson and the entire North Dakota National Guard team for this amazing opportunity. I can't wait to lead the enlisted soldiers, advise the officers, support our families and make a positive impact on our organization."

EMAILS

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Wrigley said Bala's legal team never requested any of Stenehjem's documents.



Stenehjem

Wrigley added that he has no way of knowing whether any of the deleted emails pertained to Bala's case, meaning it's unclear whether there were records in Stenehjem's inbox that were subject to the legal hold.

Bala said she assumes there was information pertaining to her case in Stenehjem's emails. She added it would be helpful for her lawyers to know whether the emails were "preserved in another fashion."

"I think it's import-

ant to have answers," Bala said.

Wrigley said his office consulted with tech experts about recovering the emails to no avail so far. The Republican officeholder said he's irritated his predecessor's emails are gone, adding he "wouldn't be happy" if anything subject to Bala's legal hold had been wiped.

In other cases, judges have imposed sanctions on parties to a lawsuit that failed to implement a legal hold, according to an article by the American Bar Association. Legal sanctions can include fines.

News of Bala's litigation hold was first reported by KFGO.

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Jim Schultz wins GOP attorney general primary

By Alex Derosier
The Forum

ST. PAUL — Political newcomer Jim Schultz won the Republican primary for attorney general.

The Associated Press called the race for Schultz at around 10:35 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9. With 73% of precincts reporting, Schultz had 54% of the vote, with candidate Doug Wardlow at 35%. Perennial candidate Sharon Anderson had around 12% of the vote.

Spirits were high at Schultz's election night party at a bar just west of downtown St. Paul Tuesday night as Schultz drew closer to statistical certainty he'd clinch the GOP nomination. He credited his success to a focus on a rise in violent crime over issues like abortion, which he said is best left to legislators.

"We're going to continue working hard because we're on a mission to restore public safety to our state, and I think people are responding to that," the first-time candidate said in an interview with Forum News Service at his campaign party. "We focused ... the vast majority of our time on articulating the case that we need to focus on public safety in this race."

Schultz and fellow Republican Wardlow



Minnesota Republican attorney general candidate Jim Schultz at his primary election night party Tuesday at Burger Moe's on West Seventh Street near downtown St. Paul.

style themselves as "law and order" candidates, but Schultz, despite being an abortion opponent, has avoided campaigning on the issue.

"I'm focused like a laser beam on ensuring we defeat Keith Ellison, and I'm really focused on the crime message," Schultz said in an interview at his campaign party Tuesday night in St. Paul. "I think people responded to that."

Schultz will run in the general election for an office that has been held by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

since 1971. No Republican has won statewide office since 2006.

The Associated Press on Tuesday night called the DFL primary for incumbent Keith Ellison. At 10:30 p.m., with 60% of precincts reporting, Ellison held a commanding lead over DFL candidate Bill Dahn, with 89% of the vote to Dahn's 11%.

Schultz in May won his party's endorsement, which Wardlow had initially pledged to honor. A few days after the convention, Wardlow announced he would run in the pri-

mary against Schultz, claiming he had been denied the nomination by political insiders and "Republicans in name only." Minnesota Republicans typically honor the party endorsement at their state convention.

As Minnesota's top legal officer, the attorney general represents the state and its agencies in lawsuits, enforces consumer protection and antitrust laws and regulates charities. The office takes consumer complaints and can use its power to prosecute businesses that violate

the law. It also assists smaller jurisdictions with fewer resources in prosecuting serious crimes.

Ellison faced criticism from both Republicans who say he has not done enough to tackle a rise in violent crime. Both Schultz and Wardlow hail from Twin Cities metro-area suburbs and styled themselves as "law-and-order" candidates.

Abortion is also an issue following the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade in June, which ended nearly 50 years of feder-

al abortion protections. The right to an abortion remains constitutionally protected in Minnesota under the 1995 state Supreme Court decision Doe v. Gomez, rendering the state a virtual island in the Upper Midwest for legal abortion.

In July, a Ramsey County District Court judge further expanded abortion rights in Minnesota by blocking existing laws, including a 24-hour wait period and requirement for minors to disclose and obtain consent from both parents in order to get an abortion. The state had 60 days to file an appeal in the ruling, which Ellison declined to do.

Ellison has vowed to protect abortion rights in Minnesota. Ahead of the Supreme Court's June decision on Roe, Ellison said he would protect women seeking abortions in Minnesota from prosecution and lawsuits from states where abortion is illegal.

He has also described himself as a leader for criminal justice reform. Ellison's office successfully prosecuted former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd as well as Brooklyn Center officer Kim Potter in the fatal shooting of Daunte Wright.

Election Day is Nov. 8. Follow Alex Derosier on Twitter @xanderosier or email aderosier@forumcomm.com.



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Gov. Tim Walz, left, and Republican candidate Scott Jensen, right, debated on Aug. 3 at Farmfest in Redwood County, Minnesota.

Walz, Jensen match-up set for November governor's race

By Dana Ferguson
The Forum

ST. PAUL — Gov. Tim Walz and Republican challenger Scott Jensen on Tuesday, Aug. 9, cleared partisan primary contests, solidifying their match-up in November.

Each candidate faced lesser-known challengers in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Republican Party primaries. And their victories mean that they'll move forward to the general election.

The Associated Press called the races for Walz and Jensen at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Walz and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan fended off a challenge from fellow Democrat Ole Savior. They picked up 96.6% of the vote with about 77% of precincts reporting compared to Savior's 3.4%. Meanwhile, Jensen and running mate Matt Birk came out ahead of Joyce Lynne Lacey and Bob "Again" Carney Jr. with 89.53% of the vote compared to 6.4% for Lacey and 4% for Carney Jr.

Grassroots Legalize Cannabis Party candidate Steve Patterson held a lead in that primary, ahead of Darrell Paulsen. And Legal Marijuana Now Party candidate James McCaskel held a narrow lead over

Chris Wright with 52% of precincts reporting.

Walz and Jensen's campaigns on Tuesday night cheered the news of their respective wins and said they would take the momentum into their campaigns this fall.

"Minnesota has rallied to overcome historic challenges, and together we're making progress," Walz said. "I'm running for a second term so that we can continue to lower costs, fully fund education, improve public safety, and protect a woman's right to choose. Together, we can and will move Minnesota forward."

Minnesota Republican Party leaders applauded Jensen's win and said it foreshadowed victories for him and other Republican candidates in November.

"With the Jensen-Birk ticket's plan to heal Minnesota, Republicans in Minnesota are poised to win statewide, up and down the ballot," Minnesota GOP Chairman David Hann said. "Dr. Jensen and Matt Birk will provide real solutions like putting more cops on the street, reducing taxes and regulations, and strengthening families' voices in our schools."

Jensen and Walz had already set their sights

on one another before the primary elections, holding news conferences to challenge one another on policy positions and facing off in a debate last week at the agriculture expo Farmfest.

Jensen has taken aim at the governor for his administration's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which he has said was overly restrictive, as well as for the response to rioting in the Twin Cities following the police killing of George Floyd.

Walz, meanwhile, has said Jensen has shared misinformation about COVID-19 and the security of elections in Minnesota. The governor has also challenged Jensen and Birk for saying this spring that they opposed abortion, even in cases of rape or incest.

Voters on Nov. 8 will decide whether to place Walz, Jensen, primary winners from each of the marijuana parties, Independence Party of Minnesota candidate Hugh McTavish or Socialist Workers Party candidate Gabrielle Prosser in the governor's office for the term beginning in 2023.

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Simon, Crockett get greenlight from voters in secretary of state primary

Forum News Service

ST. PAUL — Secretary of State Steve Simon will face off against challenger Kim Crockett in the general election in November.

Simon easily turned back a primary challenge from DFL candidate Steve Carlson during the Tuesday, Aug. 9, primary election. The Associated Press called the race for Simon, who had 75% of the vote to Carlson's 25%, with 56% of precincts reporting at 10 p.m. Tuesday.

Crockett, the Republican-endorsed candidate for secretary of state, beat Erik Van Mechelen in the GOP primary. At 10 p.m., with 56% of precincts reporting, Crockett led Van Mechelen 64% to 36%, respectively.

Crockett, a former vice president and gen-



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Secretary of State Steve Simon, left, and Kim Crockett are seen in this composite photo.

eral counsel for the Center of the American Experiment, a conservative think tank, has been critical of Simon for his expansion of absentee and mail-in ballot access in the 2020 election.

Simon says he hopes to expand Minnesota's nation-leading voter turnout through efforts to encourage greater trust in the election system.

The general election is Nov. 8.

BRIEFS

Police arrest suspect in south Fargo shooting

DILWORTH — A man suspected of attempted murder in a Saturday, Aug. 6, shooting was arrested Tuesday in Dilworth, according to a release from the Fargo Police Department.

Braden Poirtra, 21, was arrested without incident at 12:55 p.m. Tuesday on an unrelated felony warrant out of Minnesota, the release said.

He is being held in Clay County Jail on the charge of attempted murder for his alleged role in a shooting in the 3300 block of 35th Avenue South in Fargo shortly after midnight Saturday, according to the release.

A 39-year-old man arrived at a local hospital with a gunshot wound to the arm after that shooting was reported, police said Saturday.

Lane closures on 10th Street North, First Avenue North begin today

FARGO — Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 10, 10th Street North will be reduced to two lanes

between First Avenue South and First Avenue North in Fargo.

Eastbound traffic on First Avenue North will be shifted into the left turn lane at 10th Street North to allow crews to work on the street boulevards.

The closures are expected to last up to three days.

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1 killed in officer-involved shooting in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — One person is dead after police returned fire at a suspect during a Tuesday evening traffic stop in Sioux Falls.

Shortly after 5:30 p.m., officers with the Sioux Falls Police Department and at least one deputy with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop near the intersection of West 12th Street and South Williams Avenue.

During the course of the traffic stop, at least one subject "engaged" law enforcement with a firearm, according to Nick Cook, assistant chief of police in Sioux Falls. In response, law

enforcement returned fire.

In a press release issued by the Sioux Falls Police Department, authorities acknowledged that one "subject" was pronounced dead at the scene. The press release did not specify whether the individual killed was a suspect, officer or bystander.

As is standard practice in officer-involved shootings, the investigation has been turned over to the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation.

Cook said more information will become available at the Sioux Falls Police Department's daily briefing on Wednesday morning.

The officer-involved shooting is the fifth involving officers with the Sioux Falls Police Department this year.

Of those, only one DCI investigation has been completed, in which the unnamed officer was ruled as justified in shooting the suspect.

Another investigation involving a shooting in Madison is also still pending results.

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North Dakota State's Syra Tanchin rises for a spike against the University of North Dakota during their volleyball game Oct. 16, 2021, at Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse.

EXPERIENCED SQUAD

Bison volleyball counting on veterans to make a run at Summit success

By Jeff Kolpack
The Forum

Fargo

North Dakota State head volleyball coach Jennifer Lopez said there was a "calmness" on the first day of practice with her team, the result of dependable veteran players and a team that had a good offseason. Not even a fire drill in the middle of workouts at Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse interrupted that.

For starters, the Bison return their top two hitters from a year ago in senior Syra Tanchin and junior Ali

"It was like a whole different team from last fall. We worked really hard, so I think all of us just want to have that season where it finally all clicks and it all comes together."

SYRA TANCHIN

Hinze, both of whom had 370 kills. In all, nine players who started at one time are back.

"I know for us this spring was a really good improvement from even our fall," Tanchin said. "It was like a whole different team from last fall. We worked

really hard, so I think all of us just want to have that season where it finally all clicks and it all comes together."

It's been awhile since the Bison had that season. The last winning record in a non-pandemic-shortened season was 19-9 in 2017. NDSU went 10-8 in 2020.

They were 12-18 a year ago, finishing seventh in the Summit League. In all, six players who played at least 80 sets are back including libero Taylor Quan, who led the team with 311 digs and senior Michelle Glover, who paced

the team in blocks with 98.

The Bison have four seniors and four juniors.

"The biggest reason is overall experience," Lopez said of the prospects for taking a run at a Summit title. "We have a lot of kids back who have played and then also our team culture. They've put in a ton of time on making sure they can handle situations, they know what they need to do to handle challenges that are going to get thrown their way. That is half the sport of volleyball when you have ups and downs and it comes

down to a game of mistakes. How do we handle those mistakes?"

Statistically in the Summit last year, the Bison generally were where they finished in the standings in most of the major categories. They were seventh in hitting with a .198 average, seventh in kills, sixth in assists and ninth in blocks.

Moreover, the Bison were last in giving up blocks with 242.

Those figures were long behind them on Tuesday, however.

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Bison may be Nashville-bound

NDSU in talks to play Tennessee State in home-and-home series for 2024 and 2025 seasons

By Dom Izzo
WDAY

FARGO — North Dakota State may be heading to the Volunteer State.

NDSU deputy athletic director Todd Phelps said the Bison are in talks to play Tennessee State in a home-and-home series for the 2024 and 2025 seasons.

"I'm hoping to solidify this week a home-and-home with Tennessee State and head coach Eddie George," Phelps said on Hot Mic on WDAY Xtra. "I've had conversations with them, it could fall through, they've got some logistic things on their end, I'm hoping we can get that worked out and announce that soon."

The Bison would host the Tigers at Gate City Bank Field at the Fargodome in the 2024 season, then would play Ten-



David Samson / The Forum

North Dakota State and Butler team captains meet at midfield for the coin toss Aug. 31, 2019, at Target Field in Minneapolis.

nessee State at Nissan Stadium in Nashville, the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans. Former NDSU All-America left tackle Dillon Radunz is in his second year with the Titans, who drafted him in the second round in 2021.

"We're hoping they would come here and that would complete the 2024 schedule and then we would go there in 2025," Phelps said.

Tennessee State, located in Nashville, is a member of

the Ohio Valley Conference. The Tigers are coached by 1995 Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George, who took over before the 2021 season.

Phelps added that he reached out to Power Five schools Utah and South Carolina for potential games in the 2025 season, but was denied each time. "I called Utah two weeks ago and haven't heard anything. South Carolina was an outright no," he said.

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Top billing: NDSU ranked No. 1 in preseason FCS poll

Forum staff reports

FARGO — As expected, North Dakota State was ranked No. 1 in the Stats Perform FCS Preseason Top 25 poll, released Monday. The Bison received 52 of 54 first-place votes from national media.

Coming off a 14-1 national championship season, NDSU's ninth in the last 11 years, the Bison's top billing is not a surprise. NDSU returns 13 full-time starters from the team that whipped Montana State 38-10 in the Football Championship Subdivision title game last January.

It's the seventh time NDSU has received the preseason No. 1 ranking.

South Dakota State received the other two first-place votes and was ranked second.

NDSU and SDSU were among the five Missouri Valley Football Conference teams ranked in the top 25. Missouri State clocked in at No. 5, Southern Illinois at No. 9 and Northern Iowa at No. 21.

South Dakota was among the other schools receiving votes.

The Bison open the season Sept. 3 against Drake at the Fargodome.

The Big Sky Conference had the most teams in the top 25 with six. Montana was ranked No. 3 and Montana State No. 4.

Ten different conferences were represented in the rankings.

A national media panel selects the Stats Perform FCS Top 25. A first-place vote is worth 25 points, a second-place vote 24 points, all the way down to one point for a 25th-place vote.

Stats Perform FCS Preseason Top 25

1. North Dakota State (14-1, 7-1 Missouri Valley), 1,348 points (52 first-place votes)

Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Drake

2. South Dakota State (11-4, 5-3 Missouri Valley), 1,285 (2)

Season Opener: Sept. 3 at Iowa

3. Montana (10-3, 6-2 Big Sky), 1,218

Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Northwestern State

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BRIEFS

Fargo falls to New Canaan in 10U World Series

VINCENNES, Ind. — New Canaan (Conn.) bested Fargo 7-6 on a walk-off hit Tuesday in the Cal Ripken 10U World Series.

Fargo trailed 6-1 entering the sixth inning, but surged for five runs in the top of the sixth to tie it.

Hudson Yaeger went 1-for-2 with two RBIs for Fargo. Ryker Hass tossed four innings and struck out two.

Fargo is slated to play Crown Point (Ind.) at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday to conclude pool play.

Wigginton's strong pitching performance leads RedHawks past Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb. — Peyton Wigginton tossed eight strong innings to lead the RedHawks to a 1-0 victory over Lincoln on Tuesday in American Association baseball at Haymarket Park.

The 29-year-old American star has not played since revealing at the U.S. Women's Open in early June that she had a tumor on her spine. She endured back pain for several months before receiving the diagnosis.

"I know you missed us ... See you at the @cpwomensopen in two weeks," Kang posted Tuesday on Instagram.

The CP Women's Open begins Aug. 25 at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club.

Kang made the cut at the U.S. Women's Open and tied for 63rd place. She returned home to Nevada afterward for further testing.

She is a six-time winner on the LPGA Tour, including her only major at the 2017 Women's PGA Championship, and most recently won the Tournament of Champions at Orlando, Fla., in January.

Bengals' Paul Brown Stadium renamed to Paycor Stadium

Cincinnati's Paul Brown Stadium is now Paycor Stadium. The team signed a naming-rights deal with Cincinnati-based Paycor, a human resources company, on Tuesday.

Financial terms were not disclosed for the 16-year agreement. The 65,515-seat stadium opened in 2020 and was originally named after franchise founder Paul Brown.

"This is a move that I think my father would have agreed to. He was always for what is best for the football team," Bengals president Mike Brown said in a statement.

"This partnership allows the Bengals to continue to compete at the highest level in the NFL and exemplifies our long-term commitment to the community."

The defending AFC champion Bengals open the preseason Friday at Paycor Stadium against the Arizona Cardinals.

Cincinnati's regular season home opener is Sept. 11 against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The head coach of the national speed skating team, Kim Jin-su, was suspended for a year for failing to oversee the athletes in his charge properly.

Chung Jae-wong received a one-year ban for having driven the car earlier while under the influence of alcohol, but his brother Chung Jae-won, who won the team pursuit silver with Kim in Pyeongchang, was suspended for only two months.

"He didn't remember which car he rode back to the dorm in," Kim Seong-cheol added. The car was driven inside the training center and none of the four faces criminal charges.

Danielle Kang returning from tumor at CP Women's Open

Danielle Kang will make her return to the LPGA Tour later this month at the CP Women's Open in Ottawa, Canada.

American Legion Central Plains Regional Tournament at Fitzgerald Stadium, Rapid City, S.D.

Wednesday, Aug. 3 First round Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 12, Moville Post 303 (Iowa) 2 Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 6, Mankato Post 11 (Minn.) 5 West Fargo Patriots 10, Sioux Falls Post 15 East 8 St. Michael Post 567 (Minn.) 11, Rapid City Post 22 (S.D.) 1 Thursday, Aug. 4 Elimination games Sioux Falls Post 15 East (S.D.) 12, Moville Post 303 (Iowa) 0 Mankato Post 11 (Minn.) 7, Rapid City Post 22 (S.D.) 2 Second round Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 11, West Fargo Patriots 3 Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 12, St. Michael Post 567 (Minn.) 2 Friday, Aug. 5 Elimination games Mankato Post 11 (Minn.) 8, West Fargo Patriots 5 St. Michael Post 567 (Minn.) 5, Sioux Falls Post 15 East 3 Quarterfinals Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 6, Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 5 Saturday, Aug. 6 Semifinals Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 7, St. Michael Post 567 (Minn.) 6 (F10 inn.) Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 1, Mankato Post 11 (Minn.) 0 Sunday, Aug. 7 Championship Game 1: Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 9, Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 3 Game 2: Omaha Post 1 (Neb.) 7, Millard South Post 374 (Neb.) 4

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Rocco Baldelli has 'good conversations' with MLB officials

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

In the days following a controversial play at the plate that led to an ejection for Rocco Baldelli and critical comments from the Twins manager, Baldelli said he had two "very good conversations," with Major League Baseball officials.

Baldelli was fined an undisclosed amount, but not suspended, for his actions on the field Sunday — he threw his hat and then kicked some dirt over home plate — and his comments, in which he ripped the call, which was overturned by a supervisor in New York, calling it "one of the worst moments I think we've seen of umpiring in any game I've ever been a part of in baseball."

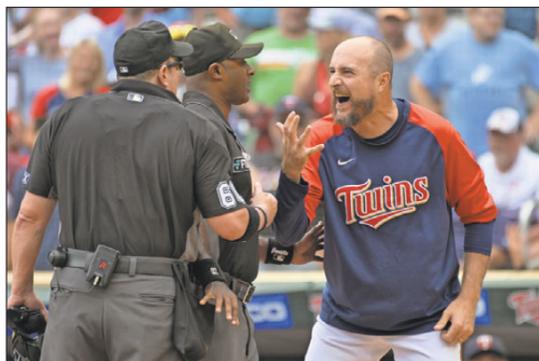
Locked in a tied 2-2 game with the Blue Jays in the 10th inning, Whit Merrifield tagged up and raced home toward catcher Gary Sánchez at the plate after Cavan

Biggio had lifted a fly ball to left field. As Tim Beckham's throw came in from left, Merrifield collided with Sánchez, who the supervisor ruled was illegally blocking the plate. Merrifield had been called out by the umpire on the field.

Baldelli said he spoke with Mike Hill, MLB's senior vice president of on-field operations, and Matt McKendry, MLB's senior director of umpire operations, about the play, spending "as much time as both sides of the conversation felt like we needed to have to talk through all aspects."

"They walked me and some of our group through the rule itself," Baldelli said. "They discussed why they believed and would state that the ruling was applied correctly, which I disagreed with."

Baldelli said he still did not believe Sánchez had made a misplay and believed the rule had been applied inconsistently as recently as



Jeffrey Becker / USA Today Sports
Minnesota Twins manager Rocco Baldelli reacts to an overturned call during the tenth inning with umpires Marty Foster and Alan Porter on Sunday at Target Field.

this month. He said he expressed as much in his conversations.

"I don't know if on every point of this, we're going to all get together and come into accord and have some sort of agreement on every aspect of it," he said. "Sometimes, you just have to talk through things and understand to the best extent we can, what's going to be expected going forward, and then play from there."

Kirilloff undergoes surgery

Twins outfielder Alex Kirilloff's season-ending surgery on Tuesday performed by Dr. Steven

Shin in Los Angeles to shorten his ulna, went well, his agent, Scott Boras, said.

Kirilloff had a different surgery on his wrist last July, which ended his 2021 season prematurely in hopes that he would be healthy for the 2022 season. But the wrist pain wound up plaguing him for most of this year, disrupting a second straight season.

Kirilloff has twice been on the injured list for it in 2022, landing on the IL early this month after a cortisone shot he received during the all-star break did not produce the desired result and his pain while swinging progressively worsened.

"We were told by the surgeon that he got a very good result," Boras said. "I just think it was the best step for him to be the Alex Kirilloff that the Minnesota Twins signed and we all expect him to be."

Briefly

Starting pitcher Bailey Ober threw a 20-pitch bullpen on Tuesday in Fort Myers, Fla., with no issues. Ober has been on the injured list with a groin strain since June 6.

Reliever Tyler Duffey, whom the Twins designated for assignment last week, cleared waivers and was released.



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Minnesota Twins left fielder Alex Kirilloff celebrates with teammates July 23 after the game against the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park in Detroit.

FOOTBALL

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NDSU will play its second "destination game" in 2023 when the Bison will travel to U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis to take on Eastern Washington on Sept. 2.

Over 35,000 fans filled Target Field in 2019 when the Bison beat Butler 57-10.

The home game with TSU would complete the 2024 schedule, which already includes an FBS game at Colorado, a road game at East Tennessee State and home game with Towson.

The 2025 schedule has a nonconference game with St. Thomas slated for November.

Both the 2024 and 2025 schedules are 12-game seasons, allowing NDSU and other FCS schools to schedule one extra game than the usual 11.

Phelps added that NDSU is not done with future destination games.

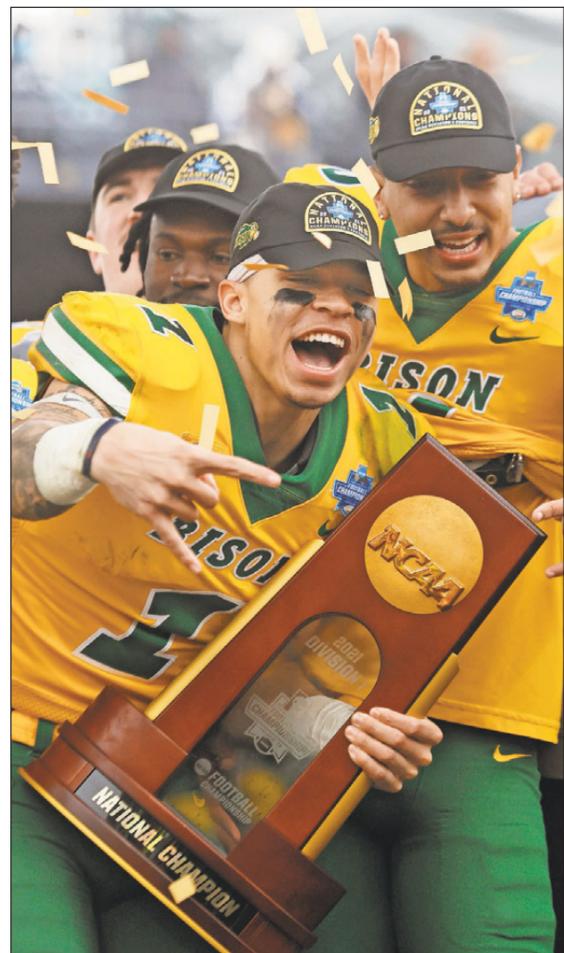
"We are looking at trying to do something in 2027 with another FCS opponent," Phelps said. "Vegas is still on the docket and a possibility we're having conversations with. The possibility of Nashville and Las Vegas could be a huge deal for Bison fans."



David Samson / The Forum
North Dakota State enters the stadium before kickoff against Butler on Aug. 31, 2019, at Target Field in Minneapolis.



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U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis is home to the Vikings.



David Samson / The Forum
North Dakota State's Christian Watson holds the title trophy after the win over Montana State in the FCS championship game Jan. 8 at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas.

POLL

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4. Montana State (12-3, 7-1 Big Sky), 1,203
Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. McNeese

5. Missouri State (8-4, 6-2 Missouri Valley), 1066
Season Opener: Sept. 1 at Central Arkansas

6. Villanova (10-3, 7-1 CAA), 997
Season Opener: Sept. 2 vs. Lehigh

7. Sacramento State (9-3, 8-0 Big Sky), 991
Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Utah Tech

8. Kennesaw State (11-2, 6-0 Big South), 959
Season Opener: Sept. 1 at Samford

9. Southern Illinois (8-5, 5-3 Missouri Valley), 915
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at UIW

10. Stephen F. Austin (8-4, 4-2 ASUN-WAC), 813
Season Opener: Aug. 27 vs. Jacksonville State (in Montgomery, Alabama)

11. ETSU (11-2, 7-1 Southern), 750
Season Opener: Sept. 1 vs. Mars Hill

12. Chattanooga (6-5, 5-3 Southern), 562
Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Wofford

13. Eastern Washington (10-3, 6-2 Big Sky), 538
Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Tennessee State

14. UIW (10-3, 7-1 Southland), 533
Season Opener: Sept. 3 vs. Southern Illinois

15. Jackson State (11-2, 8-0 SWAC), 515
Season Opener: Sept. 4 vs. Florida A&M (in Miami Gardens, Florida)

16. Holy Cross (10-3, 6-0 Patriot), 503
Season Opener: Sept.

2 at Merrimack
17. Southeastern Louisiana (9-4, 6-2 Southland), 440
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at Louisiana

18. UT Martin (10-3, 5-1 Ohio Valley), 404
Season Opener: Sept. 1 vs. Western Illinois

19. Delaware (5-6, 3-5 CAA), 401
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at Navy

20. Weber State (6-5, 5-3 Big Sky), 391
Season Opener: Sept. 1 vs. Western Oregon

21. Northern Iowa (6-6, 4-4 Missouri Valley), 289
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at Air Force

22. Rhode Island (7-4, 4-4 CAA), 242
Season Opener: Sept. 1 at Stony Brook

23. Mercer (7-3, 6-2 Southern), 215
Season Opener: Aug. 27 vs. Morehead State

24. Richmond (6-5, 4-4 CAA), 166
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at Virginia

25. UC Davis (8-4, 5-3 Big Sky), 153
Season Opener: Sept. 3 at California

Others Receiving Votes (schools listed on two or more ballots):
South Dakota (7-5, 5-3 Missouri Valley) 151, Eastern Kentucky (7-4, 4-2 ASUN-WAC) 129, Florida A&M (9-3, 7-1 SWAC) 78, William & Mary (6-5, 4-4 CAA) 66, Dartmouth (9-1, 6-1 Ivy) 59, Monmouth (7-4, 6-1 Big South) 23, Harvard (8-2, 5-2 Ivy) 19, Princeton (9-1, 6-1 Ivy) 18, Central Arkansas (5-6, 3-3 ASUN-WAC) 14, Furman (6-5, 4-4 Southern) 14, South Carolina State (7-5, 5-0 MEAC) 13, Sacred Heart (8-4, 6-1 Northeast) 12, Elon (6-5, 5-3 CAA) 8, North Carolina A&T (5-6, 3-4 Big South) 4

VOLLEYBALL

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"I don't think our locker room has ever been more happy," Hinze said, "so it's easy to get back into it."

The Bison open with an exhibition against Minnesota State Moorhead on Aug. 19. They travel to tournaments at Southeast Missouri State and Louisiana Lafayette before hosting its own tournament Sept. 9-10 with Chicago State, Central Michigan and Northern Arizona.

It may not be easy navigating the Summit. Last year, four teams

had at least 20 wins. But the slate was wiped clean this week with the players returning to practice.

"The energy in the gym was honestly some of the best I've ever seen," Lopez said. "They started that off this spring. The energy and excitement to be

back makes my job that much more fun because then I get to teach and share and get them to continue to be better. They've truly taken it upon themselves to elevate their style of play."

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ND study aims to shed light on long-billed curlew

West Fargo
Like most of you, I've long appreciated the grit of North Dakota's native species. We tend to think more about the toughness



DOUG LEIER
ND Game and Fish

of sharp-tailed grouse, northern pike and pronghorn that, like our ancestors, have managed to survive on the prairies, as opposed to the more beautiful, but fragile nonnative pheasant. In the same vein, let's not overlook some of the nongame species. Maybe we can appreciate those even more. Have you ever given a second thought to the long-billed curlew?

Color me guilty, as well, until a recent column in North Dakota OUTDOORS magazine.

Most wouldn't give a second thought, but when a species is referenced in Theodore Roosevelt's journal and still found here today, it's place in history is well deserved.

"It's a bird he observed when he was here in North Dakota, when he spent time on the Elkhorn Ranch; he called it one of the most conspicuous birds. It was a bird he really enjoyed. And it's a bird that you probably can't find in that Elkhorn Ranch area anymore," said Sandra Johnson, Game and Fish Department conservation biologist. "We still have a good curlew population in North Dakota, but there



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As part of the study of long-billed curlews in North Dakota, researchers are attaching solar-powered tracking devices to learn more about the habitats and regions that are important to the shorebird species.

are places where we're just not finding them. So, that's where a study will really help figure out what's going on with our curlews. The hope is that the study will reveal a full life-cycle perspective on these interesting birds.

"Long-billed curlews are only in North Dakota for a couple of months during the breeding season and then they migrate to the Texas coast or elsewhere for seven, eight, nine months," Johnson added. "So, it's really important to learn more about whether we are all doing our part to make sure

that this bird has safe places all along the way."

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department has teamed with two leading conservation organizations to study the movements of a conspicuous shorebird to better recognize the bird's habitat use in southwestern North Dakota and elsewhere. In the department-funded study, managed by Boise State University's Intermountain Bird Observatory and Northern Great Plains Program of American Bird Conservancy, researchers planned to fit long-billed curlews that

migrated in spring to North Dakota to breed, with solar-powered tracking devices.

"We're hoping to be able to find some curlew nests and then be able to trap adult birds and outfit them with satellite or cellular transmitters that can give us data remotely," said Jay Carlisle, research director for Intermountain Bird Observatory. "Then we can just be armchair biologists and collect data on their movement throughout the year. The main goal is to get information on habitats and regions that are important to curlews, not just while

they're here in North Dakota, but during migration, during the long non-breeding season and then spring migration again."

So, why study long-billed curlews, as many other species – ones that researchers know by song or simply by glancing at as they wing speedily by – share much of the same landscape?

"Long-billed curlews are a species of concern because of population declines, and they're also seen as an indicator species for the health of grasslands, even agricultural lands," Carlisle said. "Mainly it's because of this population decline that has happened disproportionately in different areas, that there's been interest in understanding more about the full annual cycle of long-billed curlews and ideally stitching together what are some limiting factors, what are some threats that affect populations and are they affecting different populations differently? We already know this is the case, but we're still learning more and more about different populations."

"These birds are great indicators of ecological health. Their position in food chains and their lifespan is pretty short, so they can help us see how healthy our environment is," he added. "These are working lands here in North Dakota and we're just looking at how we can have all the pieces work together."

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Twins' Buxton dives into learning Spanish

Outfielder uses app to communicate better with teammates

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — In the few moments of quiet before his wife, Lindsey, and their young sons, Brixton and Blaze, wake, before family time and baseball obligations take over, Byron Buxton has developed a new routine. The Minnesota Twins' center fielder makes himself a cup of coffee, sits down and pulls out his phone, tapping the bright green app with the owl icon.

That app, Duolingo, is designed to help its users learn a new language. And in the midst of the lockout, Buxton decided, after years of wanting to do it, to finally commit to learning Spanish. He was bored and had free time. Initially, he said, he picked it up to be able to communicate better with his teammates, but as he got deeper into his lessons, he got more interested and invested in learning.

"When they come over here, we kind of expect them to understand English," he said of his Spanish-speaking teammates. "But I feel like it'd be easier on them as well if you could try to speak their language. ... It's kind of more that communication factor."

It's been more than 200 days since he started in early January, and Buxton has completed at least one lesson each day on the app, putting together an impressive streak. Typically, he said, he dedicates about 15 minutes a day to learning Spanish.

Getting his streak to this point hasn't been easy. He almost lost it "plenty of times." The closest call

came just recently, when the Twins flew home from San Diego on July 31. Because of the time change when the team traveled east, Buxton lost two hours of his day and was just minutes away from ending his streak when his phone buzzed. It was 11:55 p.m. and it was a notification from Duolingo, reminding him to get in a quick lesson.

When Buxton dove into learning Spanish this off-season, he had some background in the language, having taken it as a high school student in Georgia and spending a decade in clubhouses with Spanish-speaking teammates. He got to Checkpoint 1 on Duolingo within two or three days of starting, breezing through lessons on topics like travel, family and shopping.

Then, it got more difficult. "(I) got to Checkpoint 2 and was like, 'Alright, it ain't basic anymore,'" Buxton said. "It was kind of one of those where now the more I do it, which is every day, it kind of sticks to me. Kind of makes me do it every day."

The challenges within the app serve as a motivating factor, and just a few days into August, he proudly announced that he was nearly halfway done with the quest for the month.

He recently completed a lesson on greetings, where he learned phrases like "How are you doing this morning?" "I'm in actually a little bit more of a tougher stage than normal," he said. "I'm at parts where I didn't learn in school, so I really have to put a little bit more thought into it now."

It helps that he is constantly surrounded by the language and has plenty of people he can practice with, if he chooses.

Within the Twins clubhouse, Buxton typically tests out his new skills with infielder Luis Arraez, who encourages and helps facilitate his learning by slowing

down his speech when he is talking to him in Spanish and by teaching him some new vocabulary words. Buxton's improvement, Arraez said, has been noticeable.

"A lot of Latin people come to the big leagues and they're scared to speak English because English is not easy," Arraez said. "Like me, I was scared to speak English when I signed, when I got to Fort Myers my first year in the United States. I felt scared like if you do something bad, if you say something bad. It's hard but he's doing a really good job with Spanish. I like when those guys want to learn Spanish."

The effort isn't lost on his teammates. Arraez said it meant a lot to him to see Buxton put in the work, and while Buxton hasn't spoken much Spanish around shortstop Carlos Correa yet, Correa said Buxton's desire to learn Spanish "speaks volumes about his leadership."

"He wants to be a true leader of this team, and you've got to communicate with both, Americans and Latin Americans. I think that's great," Correa said. "... He's a special player, but a special person. It takes a great human being to do that. He doesn't have to do that. He's going out of his way to do that."

At this point, Buxton said, his Spanish as "doable." The outfielder said he can speak the language "a little bit better," and he's seen an even greater jump in his comprehension, which he said is much better than it had been previously, an assessment that Arraez agreed with.

It'll only get better from here, as he has no plans of stopping.

"To be able to communicate with my teammates was the goal, but the more I do it, it's kind of more to be fluent," Buxton said. "It's one of those (things) where to know a second language, it'd be cool."

UND running back competition still wide open

By Tom Miller
Grand Forks Herald

GRAND FORKS — The competition to replace former UND All-American Otis Weah's running back workload is wide open.

UND backs Isaiah Smith, Luke Skokna, Tyler Hoosman and Gaven Ziebarth are all vying for the starting spot, although coaches say it's likely going to be by-committee until someone's play demands more carries.

Through five practices of fall camp, UND has practiced in full pads twice, so much of the evaluation period for the running backs lies ahead.

Smith, a sophomore from Minneapolis, likely has a leg up on the rest of the group as he was a Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer last year.

He appeared in eight games with one start, finishing with 356 yards on 52 carries.

Smith had 125 rushing yards on 12 carries against Drake, then impressed with 17 carries for 111 yards and a touchdown at Southern Illinois as Weah missed the SIU game.

Skokna, a 5-9, 175-pound senior, has the most experience in the group but is utilized in different ways than the others. He caught 27 passes for 183 yards last year to go along with 221 rushing yards on 35 attempts. He's also one of UND's top kick return options.

Although new to Grand Forks, Hoosman has four seasons of Division I football under his belt at Northern Iowa. He saw limited action for UNI last season but during the pandemic-shortened 2021 spring, Hoosman played in six games and led the Panthers with 373 yards and a team-high six rushing touchdowns. Ziebarth maintained his freshman redshirt in 2021 by playing in just three games, but he was able to flash some of his promise in that limited action.

Ziebarth had 116 rushing yards on 16 carries. He ran for more than 100 against Western Illinois. Ziebarth scored

the game-winning touchdown against Illinois State, too, with a 3-yard touchdown catch in the 14-7 win.

Day 5 notes

The scene: UND practiced indoors at the Pollard Center for the first time this fall. They went from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Play of the day: Wide receiver Elijah Klein dominated the end-of-practice 11-on-11 with two back-shoulder type catches on well-placed lobs from Tommy Schuster.

Looking good: Schuster was efficient in his Monday reps. He connected with Elijah Klein and Bo Belquist during 11-on-11 work which simulated a late-game drive and ended with a Brady Stevens 35-yard field goal between the uprights.

Other notes

► Schuster also showed off some running ability, which coaches have hoped he utilizes a little more. On a C.J. Siegel corner blitz during 11-on-11 work, Schuster scrambled for about a 10-yard pickup.

► Richard Agyekum had a pair of tough pass breakups, including a Simon Romfo pass intended for the much taller Elijah Klein and a Quincy Vaughn ball intended for fellow Canadian Nate Demonagnac.

► Wyatt Pedigo, Luke Lennon and Paine Parks were disruptive during work on inside runs/play-action.

► Garrett Maag had a nice practice, grabbing one deep ball on his finger tips from Schuster and catching two more from Quincy Vaughn.

► Caden Dennis built off an impressive Saturday practice when the true freshman wide receiver caught a slant in traffic from Tommy Schuster.

► Simon Romfo's drive late in practice started strong with a completion to Nick Kupper, followed by a long Romfo keeper. His final play was a deep bomb to Marcus Preston, who drew what would have been defensive pass interference on Richard Agyekum.



Jason O'Brien / Reuters

Serena Williams serves during her first round match at the Australian Open on Jan. 18, 2016.

'WE'LL COME BACK TO SERENA'

Williams' impact to be felt long after pending retirement

By Frank Pingue
Reuters

Serena Williams announced her forthcoming retirement on Tuesday, but even when her illustrious tennis career comes to a close her impact on the game — which she dominated for more than two decades — will be felt for generations to come.

Williams, who made her professional debut in 1995 — a year after her older sister Venus — has been one of the game's most marketable stars. She has a slew of corporate partners and, in 2019, became the first athlete to land on Forbes' list of America's richest self-made women.

The 40-year-old Williams, who is playing a U.S. Open tune-up event this week in Toronto, said in a Vogue article that she is "evolving away from tennis" and added in an Instagram post that "the countdown has begun."

Comparing players from different generations is somewhat of a lost cause given the countless ways to appraise achievements and analyze data. But Williams is considered by many fans and pundits as the "GOAT" — a label that refers to the "Greatest Of All Time."

Williams revolutionized women's tennis with a lethal mix of powerful serves, groundstrokes and superb athleticism. She also became the most successful player in the Open Era by collecting 23 Grand Slam titles, the most recent coming in 2017.

That success also inspired a generation of tennis players, including Naomi Osaka — who beat



Kai Pfaffenbach / Reuters

Serena Williams in action during the first round of the Australian Open on Jan. 20, 2020.

Williams in the 2018 U.S. Open final to claim the first of her four majors — who remembers watching her childhood idol.

"When I was younger, the family event would be watching Serena and Venus," Osaka, who has Japanese and Haitian parents, said last week at a tournament in San Jose. "So when I was watching that, that pushed me a lot. I never got to watch them play live, in a match, but I've gotten to watch their practices. Seeing that, seeing people that look like me, it's definitely inspiring."

Women's rights

Throughout her career, Williams has been outspoken about the

culture of racism that she and her family, including Venus, were subjected to within a predominantly white sport.

At the peak of her career, Williams began what amounted to a 14-year boycott of a marquee tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, after suffering racist jeers there in 2001. It was an incident she said left her crying in the locker room for hours.

In 2018, she accused officials of allowing a culture of sexism to run rampant in the sport, with women players being penalized for things that her male counterparts would never be punished for.

After being handed a series of code violations

during the U.S. Open final defeat by Osaka, Williams was particularly upset when she was docked a game for verbal abuse after telling the umpire he was "a thief" for stealing a point off her for a previous infringement.

"I'm here fighting for women's rights and for women's equality.... he's never taken a game from a man because they said 'thief,'" Williams said at the time.

Tennis pioneer Billie Jean King was among many who praised her for exposing the "double standard" that exists towards female players.

"In this society, women are not taught or expected to be that future leader or future CEO," Williams told

British Vogue in 2020. "The narrative has to change. And maybe it doesn't get better in time for me, but someone in my position can show women and people of color that we have a voice because lord knows I use mine... I love sticking up for people and supporting women. Being the voice that millions of people don't have."

Williams also pushed the boundaries of fashion on the tennis court, perhaps most notably at the 2018 French Open when she took the court wearing a skin-tight black catsuit with a red waistband — which she said helped her to cope with blood clots that threatened her life when she gave birth to her daughter months earlier.

The thought of women players turning up in such unconventional tennis attire, however, ruffled the Roland Garros establishment who then banned such outfits from the Paris major.

Author Howard Bryant, who wrote "The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America, and the Politics of Patriotism," said in a report that Williams' career will be seen as a dividing line when it comes to how women and Black athletes are talked about.

"With her standing, and her empire, she's created a counter-voice and a new perspective," Bryant said in the report. "It's changed how we scrutinize behavior. You can't just gang up on her or make off-handed comments about her body. She has the stature of any great male athlete."

"In 100 years, if we ask, when did that shift happen, we'll come back to Serena."

LIV golfers aiming to play FedEx Cup Playoffs lose court case

Field Level Media

LIV Golf members Talor Gooch, Hudson Swafford and Matt Jones will not be allowed to play in this week's FedEx St. Jude Championship after losing their case for a temporary restraining order (TRO) in court Tuesday in San Jose, Calif.

U.S. District Judge Beth Labson Freeman heard the case and ruled in favor of the PGA Tour, which had filed motion in federal court to keep the three suspended players from competing in the FedEx Cup Playoffs.

Gooch, Swafford and Jones sought a TRO from

the court, with the first leg of the playoffs scheduled for Thursday in Memphis, Tenn. The trio argued the PGA Tour's suspension was causing them "irreparable" harm.

The judge sided with the PGA Tour, which argued that the players were trying "to have

their cake and eat it too," according to the tour's motion.

"LIV contracts are based upon players' calculation of what they were leaving behind," Freeman said as part of her ruling.

Gooch, Swafford and Jones would have qual-

ified for the FedEx Cup Playoffs based on their position in the points standings had they not been suspended for playing LIV events without the PGA Tour's consent.

It is the first significant court decision amid the yearlong dustup between the PGA Tour and the

upstart, Saudi-financed LIV series.

Gooch, Swafford and Jones are among a group of 10 LIV players suing the PGA Tour. The group originally included 11 golfers before Carlos Ortiz of Mexico reportedly withdrew from the suit Tuesday.



Photos by Sarah Nasello / The Forum
Above: Sarah's All-Butter Pie Crust is made with 5 simple ingredients, plus a variety of fresh herbs for a savory option (from left): all-purpose flour, basil, sugar, thyme, salt, ice water, very cold butter and parsley. **Left:** Pie season is in full swing, and this week Sarah shares a sweet and savory version of one of her top specialties: an ultra-flaky, All-Butter Pie Crust.

Sarah's (Sweet or Savory) All-Butter Pie Crust

Versatile recipe requires only 5 simple ingredients

Fargo
 I was sharing my upcoming recipes with friends a couple of weeks ago, and they were shocked that I would part with one of my signature baking specialties — my All-Butter Pie Crust. All three are marvelous home cooks, and not one had made a pie crust from scratch. I knew then that it was time to share my secrets.

Over the next two weeks, I will feature a recipe for a savory galette followed by a fresh fruit pie, using the pie crust recipe I am sharing today, and I recommend making your dough in advance and freezing it, so you have it ready to go once the recipes are published. My recipe yields two



Sarah uses a food processor to blend the dry ingredients with the fresh herbs to ensure the dough is handled as little as possible.

individual crusts, and the dough freezes beautifully, wrapped in plastic and stored in a plastic zip bag. Food is one of my love languages, especially when a recipe is relatively easy to master and requires only a handful of pantry staples. My All-Butter Pie Crust calls for just five basic ingredients — all-purpose flour, sugar, salt, very cold butter and ice-cold water — and I use this recipe for nearly all my fruit pies,

galettes and even quiches. For savory recipes, like next week's Tomato Galette, I may include the addition of herbs for added flavor, like fresh basil, thyme and parsley from my garden. You can use any herbs you wish, and if you do not have fresh herbs on hand, you can use a couple of teaspoons of mixed dried herbs, Italian herb seasoning or herbes de Provence.

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SARAH'S (PLAIN OR SAVORY) ALL-BUTTER PIE CRUST

Makes: 2 pie crusts

- Ingredients:**
 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch cubes and chilled until very cold
 1/3 to ½ cup ice water

For a savory option:
 ¼ cup fresh herbs, any blend of 2 to 3 herbs, or 2 teaspoons dried herbs, any blend

Directions:
 In a food processor, mix the flour, sugar and salt together until combined, about 15 seconds. Add the herbs and pulse again 5 times to combine. Add the very cold butter and pulse 8 to 10 times, until the mixture appears coarsely ground with large pats of butter still visible.

Turn the processor on and add the water slowly through the feed tube, starting with 1/3 cup and adding more as needed, until the dough begins to form clumps — the sound of the processor will also change once the dough is mixed.

Turn the dough out onto a clean work surface and form into a ball. Divide the ball in half and form each half into a disk. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate for 1 hour, or up to 2 days, before using. The dough disks can also be frozen in a plastic freezer bag for several months.

Sarah's tips:

- ▶ To achieve the best crust, use very cold butter and water and avoid mixing or handling the dough too much.
- ▶ Small bags of pre-measured butter cubes will keep in the freezer for months, so you have them available when needed.
- ▶ Use fresh or dried herbs when making savory pies like galettes and quiches.

These news stories had Forum readers 'glued to the TV set' as kids

Fargo
 I love what happens the day after I write a column asking for your input. My inbox gets full of stories I never could have imagined. That's what happened a couple of weeks ago when

I asked you to share the first major news story you remember. A few of us from The Forum chimed in and noted that many of our first memories were from around the time we were 7 years old. Some of you were also around that age when you remember your first



Fargo's 1957 tornado.

news stories, but the stories themselves were different than ours. Here are just a few of them:

'You folks from Fargo?'

My first memory of a news event was when I was 6. We lived on 4th Ave south in Fargo. We

were on vacation on our way back from Seattle after visiting relatives. We stopped at a motel for the night. The kind that had the individual cabins. The next morning the owner came to the cabin and said "You folks from Fargo? I see North Dakota



Forum archives
 Franklin Delano Roosevelt's death in 1945 truly was the end of an era. He was president for 12 years.

plates on your car." My Dad said we were. He informed us a tornado had gone through the day before and wiped out Fourth Avenue South. I had 2 brothers at home

at the time. Lines were down so they couldn't be reached. Turned out they were fine and the tornado was on the north side of town. We got back to see a lot of

the aftermath. So sad - Judy Smith, Dent, Minn.

Speaking of the Fargo Tornado

Does a weather news memory count? The tornado of 1957 is my very vivid memory. I was 7 years old when Dewey Bergquist had a very crude (by today's standards) graphic of a black tornado on TV. We were outside playing, and did not want to come in. My mother showed us the breaking news on TV and as we rushed to the basement we could see the real funnel out the window. Perhaps I can still see that graphic in my mind as our house was leveled, and we had to be helped

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Devoted mom feeling forgotten

Dear Annie: I am a widow who lives alone. I have three children, a son and two daughters. They are grown, married and have their own children. I am seeking your opinion and advice.

My children and I have always been close. My youngest daughter has four children — one still at home. She is divorced due to her ex-husband's infidelity. She lives two and a half hours away from me. In the past, she would come often. She is seeing someone, a divorced man. I have met him, and he appears to be a very nice person.

We dealt with COVID and were pretty much confined. Last year, I had hip replacement surgery. My two oldest children were present for my surgery. My youngest daughter had started work at a new job and could not be there. Last year, I saw her once for a

two-hour visit. It was stressful. I saw her today for a two-hour visit. We had lunch, and they left shortly thereafter.

I talked to her today. I asked if I had offended her in any way. She said no; she was just so busy. She's a business manager at a college. She spends her weekends doing household chores and going places with her friend. I am hurt that I am not seeing her very much. I normally would have not been so verbal, but I did tell her that I truly missed seeing her. I told her I was really disappointed in that she was choosing to see her friend rather than me.

In the past, I could drive to visit her, but now I don't feel it is safe for me to make the trip by myself. I am having mobility issues and have to use a walker.

At the risk of sounding mercenary, I have been very generous with her, buying furniture and appliances when she was divorced. In fact, I paid for her divorce and am glad I could do so. But now I feel very cast aside and not appreciated.

If she has a need that is not something she can afford, such as having a crown on a tooth, I have paid for it. I did tell her I was very hurt by her not coming to see me. A weekend would be nice.

I am 82 years old. My son is very good and calls me every day. He will drop by and pick up something for us to eat occasionally. He was the person I called on when I had surgery. How can I handle this? — **Wanting More**

Dear Wanting More: The best way to handle this is to accept your daughter for who she is and what her capacity is to give, and to love, you. It sounds like she is juggling a lot, and my guess is that she is doing the best she can. Appreciate the time that you do get to spend with her, and don't try to ask for more. It will only lead to disappointment. How great that your son is so attentive. Many people would give anything to have that.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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out of the basement. Thank you, Dewey Bergquist, breaking weather news - Laura Carley, Fargo.

The end of an era

I was born way before TV, in 1938. The first news I recall was April 13, 1945, the day after President Roosevelt died. We lived on a farm without electricity. My aunt and uncle came over to tell us. They were fortunate enough to have a battery radio. I was 6 years old at the time - Duane Lund, Moorhead.

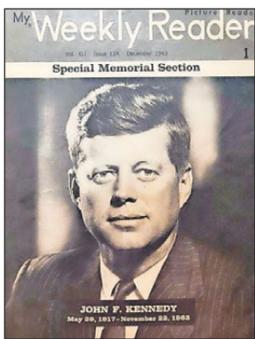
'I'll never forget seeing the white smoke and the explosion.'

The one I remember is when I was in 4th grade, so I would have been 8 or 9. We were sitting in class learning math, I think, and another teacher came in to our room with a TV on a rolling cart (yes, I'm that old), and said that the Challenger Shuttle had just exploded. We were all glued to that TV and the news reports all afternoon. I just remember thinking how terrible it is for the families of these astronauts to have to deal with their deaths. I'll never forget seeing the white smoke and the explosion - Jenny Smith, Fargo.

The good old Weekly Reader

I must have been 8 when we read in the Weekly Reader that Dwight Eisenhower became president. I went to West Fargo South School - Faye Reid, Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Sure, the volcano erupted, but



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what about those Dragons?

My first legitimate A section news memory was also at age 7. It was May 18, 1980, when Mount St. Helens erupted in southwestern Washington sending a mushroom cloud 12 miles high and killing 57 people, approximately 10 million trees and devastating 210 square miles of wilderness.

I say "legitimate A section news story" because with my Dad coaching on Ross Fortier's football staff at Moorhead State, the 1979 Dragon 13-10 upset of top ranked Concordia was the far bigger news story to me - Matt Entz, West Fargo.

Glued to news of Baby Jessica

The first one I remember was when baby Jessica fell down the well in Texas in 1987. I was 6 1/2 years old and was glued to our television to see if they were going to be able to rescue her. I had to head up to bed at a certain point, but couldn't stop thinking about her and wandered back downstairs, begging my parents to let me continue watching the coverage just a bit longer - Tara Froemming, Fargo.

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CRUST

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But, for fruit pies, I keep my recipe sweet and simple. It is hard to beat the flavor of an all-butter crust, and I have a few tips to ensure that your crust is as flaky and delicious as mine.

First, it is important to remember that cold is king when it comes to creating flaky pastry, and I use freezer-cold cubes of butter and ice water to mix my dough.

Next, handle the dough as little as possible, to keep the pats of butter from melting as the dough is formed. I use my food processor to make my pie dough, as it requires the least amount of handling and makes the process quick and easy.

RECIPE TIME CAPSULE:

This week in ...

- ▶ **2021:** Sarah's Savory Salmon Cakes
- ▶ **2020:** Traditional Gazpacho Soup and Simple Eggplant Parmesan
- ▶ **2019:** Sicilian Grilled Peaches
- ▶ **2018:** Chef Ben's Quick Pickle Plate
- ▶ **2017:** Red Potato, Green Bean and Bacon Salad
- ▶ **2016:** Insalata Panzanella
- ▶ **2015:** Bacon and Chive Potato Croquettes
- ▶ **2014:** Sarah's North Dakota Sun Brittle
- ▶ **2013:** Insalata Caprese

Recipes can be found with the article at [InForum.com](https://www.inforum.com).

I have tried a variety of methods to make my pie crust — I have used a pastry cutter, two forks and even my fingertips to cut the butter into the flour mixture — and every single time I wish I had used my food processor. When I do, my crust seems just a little bit flakier, a little bit lighter, a little bit more delicious.

Finally, chilling the dough for at least an hour, or longer, before rolling it out allows the gluten to relax so that the dough is supple and elastic once the rolling pin hits it. After the dough is mixed, I quickly form the shaggy mixture into a ball, divide that into two halves and then form rough disks out of each half. I wrap each disk in

plastic and place them in the refrigerator to chill, or the freezer so that the dough is ready whenever I need it.

So, make a batch, or several, of my plain or savory All-Butter Pie Crust this week, and have it ready to go for next week's Tomato Galette or the Fresh Peach Pie the week thereafter, or any pie you choose. And feel free to reach out with any questions!

FYI: There is still time to place your order for the amazing Colorado peaches of the annual Fargo West Rotary sale, at <https://fargo-west-rotary.square.site/>.

"Home with the Lost Italian" is a weekly column written by Sarah Nasello featuring recipes by her husband, Tony Nasello. The couple owned Sarello's in Moorhead and lives in Fargo with their son, Giovanni. Readers can reach them at sarahnasello@gmail.com.

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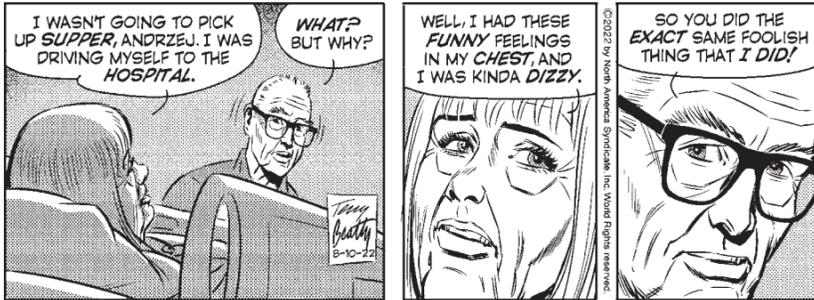
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JUMBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers tomorrow

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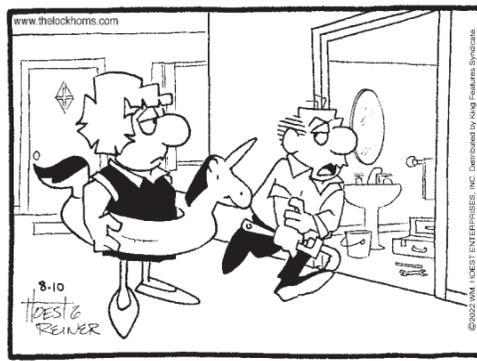
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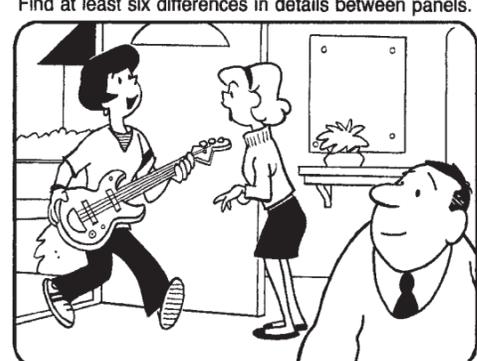
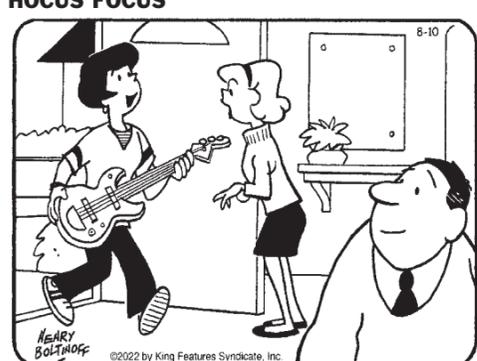
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Yesterday's Answer: The Jumble creators enjoy making puzzles that are - "PUN" TO SOLVE

THE LOCKHORNS



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Cryptoquip

Each letter stands for another. If you think X=O, for example, it would equal O throughout the puzzle.

Today's clue: R = G

Yesterday's answer: Very harsh substance produced by the powerful force of gravity between stars: galactic acid.

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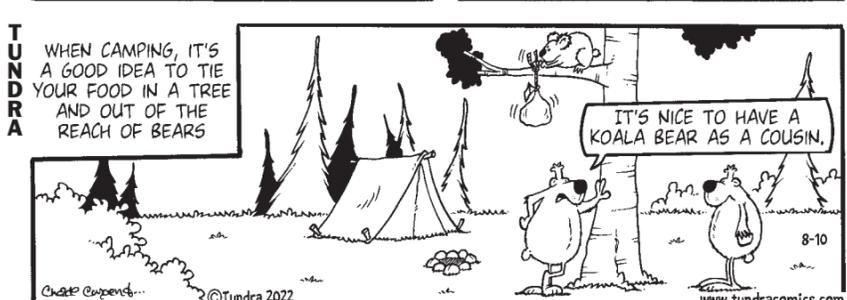
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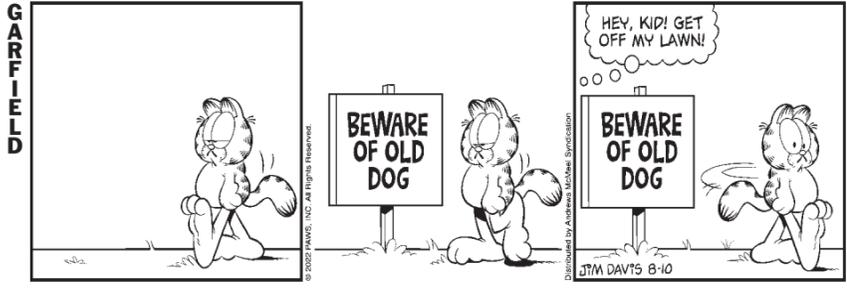
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 6 Airplane assignments
- 11 Short lines at the register?
- 14 Chocolate source
- 15 "I've ___ up to here!"
- 16 Swelter
- 17 "When 'you can see forever,' per the classic song
- 19 Watch chain
- 20 Top ___
- 21 Requests
- 22 DVR pioneer
- 23 Rich cake
- 25 Air purifying gadget
- 28 Skateboarding star Tony
- 30 "Genetic lab project
- 32 Qatari bigwigs
- 34 "___ I say more?"
- 35 "Almost got the gold
- 42 Word on Irish euros
- 43 Finnish hot spot
- 44 "Long, curved barrette
- 50 Academic acronym
- 51 Glasses for bookworms
- 52 Court attire
- 54 Itch
- 55 Han who said, "It's not wise to upset a Wookiee"
- 56 [shrug]
- 59 ___ sale
- 60 Quantity applied to dubious advice, and what's found in the answer to each starred clue
- 64 Put away
- 65 Very serious
- 66 Leading
- 67 ___ light bulb
- 68 Cookie source
- 69 Ready to flow
- DOWN
- 1 Person in Paisley
- 2 Diminish
- 3 "Gosh, no one is happy with me!"
- 4 PC alternative
- 5 ___ power
- 6 Like some martinis
- 7 AirPods holders
- 8 Total
- 9 Hermana de la madre
- 10 Farm pen
- 11 Florence gallery with Botticelli's "Birth of Venus"
- 12 Tied and true
- 13 Seven of Nine of "Star Trek," for one
- 18 Founded, for short
- 22 Pewter component
- 24 Gumbo vegetable
- 25 Cold, slushy treat
- 26 World Cup chants
- 27 Network connections
- 28 She/___ pronouns
- 29 "No question is too personal" session, for short
- 31 "Yosemite Valley Winter" photographer Adams
- 33 Part of an act
- 36 Storyteller
- 37 Tolkien creatures
- 38 Wholesale quantity
- 39 Get the better of
- 40 U-turn from SSW
- 41 Hydroelectric power source
- 44 Merciless
- 45 Gas up?
- 46 Hounded
- 47 Stand buy
- 48 Wrinkle remover
- 49 Casual top
- 53 Awesome, in showbiz
- 55 Etsy, e.g.
- 57 "Frozen" sister
- 58 Start of an address
- 60 Shoot the breeze
- 61 Color TV pioneer
- 62 North Sea diving bird
- 63 Transgression

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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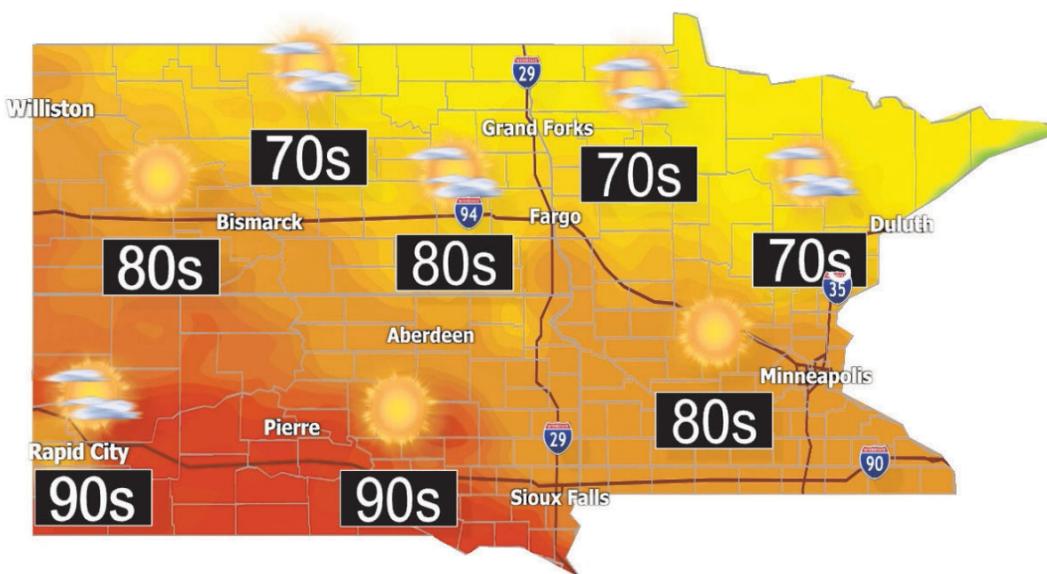


Dillon Robert Vogt, Jesse Poynter, John Wheeler, Lydia Blume, Jared Piepenburg, Tim Albertson

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*Average wind speed for each day



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Jamestown	80	56	78	64	Duluth	79	57	70	54
Medora	89	65	90	62	International Falls	73	48	73	50
Minot	78	58	78	60	Minneapolis	87	63	82	63
Williston	87	64	83	63	Rochester	85	62	77	59

The school year keeps starting earlier

By John Wheeler
FARGO — For most Americans growing up in the 20th century, “back to school” was something that happened at the end of summer. It was as much a harbinger of the approaching autumn as the sight of the first robin was to spring.

This is changing now as public schools around the country are starting school earlier and earlier for a number of reasons. Some of this has to do with an increase in teacher vacation and in-service days and also possibly an opportunity to give students more time to learn

WEATHER TALK

before spring standardized testing dates. Some states are now starting school at the beginning of August so as to finish the fall semester before the Christmas break.

It all probably matters less these days than it did a few years ago when many classrooms were not air-conditioned. This old meteorologist went to elementary school in Alabama in classrooms without air-conditioning and cannot imagine doing so during Alabama August heat.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television

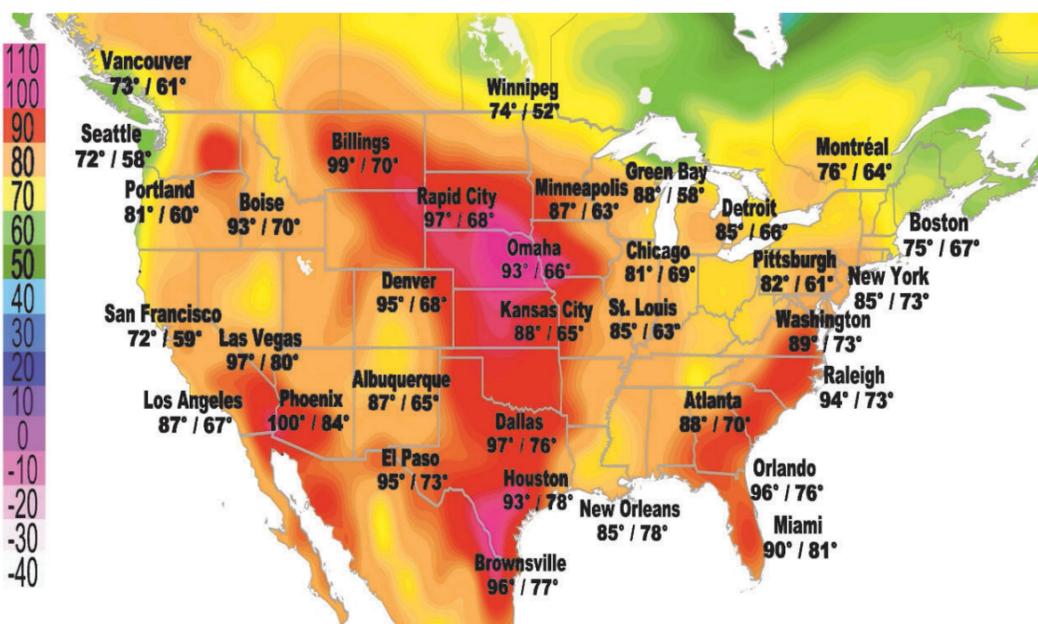
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Almanac Through 6 pm Tuesday		
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Normal	82°	58°
Record	101° in 1958	40° in 1888
Precipitation	In Inches	
Tuesday	0	
Month To Date	.23"	
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Year To Date	15.84"	
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HIST 274	(46)	(46)	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)	(05) Forged in Fire	(05) Forged in Fire "Blackout"	(05) Forged in Fire	(05) Forged in Fire	(05) Forged in Fire	(05) Forged in Fire	(05) Forged in Fire	
LIF 100	(31)	(31)	Castle "Secret Santa"		Married at First Sight "Saved By The Mariachis!" (N)	(05) 5 Guys "Sydney" (N)	(05) Married at First Sight (N)	(05) Married at First Sight (N)	Married/ First Sight "Saved By The Mariachis!"						
NICK 37	(37)	(37)	Loud House	Loud House	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT 60	(60)	(60)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	★★★ Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol ('11, Action) Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg, Tom Cruise.		★★★ Air Force One (1997, Action) Gary Oldman, Glenn Close, Harrison Ford.								
SYFY 189	(45)	(45)	(15) ★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017, Action) Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista, Chris Pratt.		Resident Alien "Autopsy" (N)		La Brea "Pilot"		La Brea "Day Two"		The Book of Eli				
SHO 520	(435)	(435)	(15) ★★ Scream ('96, Hor) Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell.	(15) ★★ Scream 2 ('97, Hor) Courteney Cox, Neve Campbell.	(15) ★★ Scream 3 ('00, Hor) David Arquette, Neve Campbell.	(15) Immortals									
TBS 191	(5)	(5)	The Big Bang	The Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N)		BattleBots "CHAMPIONS: Let the Slugfest Begin"		Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon				
TCM 360	(53)	(53)	(5:15) ★★ Two Faced Woman		★★ Love ('27, Rom) John Gilbert, Greta Garbo.	★★ The Mysterious Lady ('28, Spy) Greta Garbo.	(15) ★★ Anna Christie ('30, Rom) Marie Dressler, Greta Garbo.		Movie						
TLC 215	(44)	(44)	Dr. Pimple "Alligator Arms"		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Dr. Pimple "Mötley Cyst" (N)	My Feet Are Killing Me	My Feet Are Killing Me	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple					
TNT 185	(59)	(59)	Lucifer "Once Upon a Time"		★★ Central Intelligence ('16, Com) Kevin Hart, Dwayne Johnson.	★★ Step Brothers ('08, Com) John C. Reilly, Will Ferrell.	★★ Central Intelligence Dwayne Johnson.								
TOON 317	(38)	(38)	Titans! Titans!	Titans! Titans!	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	American Dad!	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	The Boondocks	Robot/(45) Robot	Venture Bros.
USA 187	(58)	(58)	SVU "Nationwide Manhunt"		SVU "Star-Struck Victims"		SVU "Fashionable Crimes"	Resident Alien "Autopsy" (N)	Snake in the Grass		SVU "Assaulting Reality"		Law&O: SVU		

BRIDGE

Defenders' bonus?
Today's West doubled South's one spade, planning to bid diamonds if East responded in clubs. West never got that chance since North leaped to four spades; East-West were shut out though they could almost make five clubs.
West led the king of diamonds. South surveyed dummy and saw that he could fail only if West happened to have six diamonds, and East got in and led a heart. So declarer played low(!) from dummy – and the king won.
DISCARDS
East ruffed the next diamond, but South overruffed and took the A-K of clubs to discard dummy's hearts. He lost only a trump to West's ace.
"Ruff my king of diamonds and lead a heart," West told his partner.
"As far as I know," East growled, "defenders don't get a bonus if they both

win the same trick."
East might have been alert. South would have no reason to duck the first trick with two or three low diamonds. East should have been eager to get in to lead a heart through South to West's presumed strength in the unbid major.
DAILY QUESTION
You hold: ♠ K Q 10 6 4 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ 6 ♣ A K 6 4. The dealer, at your right, opens one diamond. You overcall one spade, the next player bids two diamonds and two passes follow. What do you say?
ANSWER: Fight for the partscore! Since the opponents have stopped low, your partner has a few points, and your side likely has a trump fit somewhere. Double (for takeout since he has not bid). He will bid hearts or clubs or support your spades. Rarely, partner will pass for penalty.
South dealer
E-W vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 9 8 7 2
♥ 10 7
♦ A J 8 7 4 2
♣ None

WEST
♠ A
♥ A J 8 4
♦ K Q 10 9 5 3
♣ Q 9

EAST
♠ 5 3
♥ Q 6 3 2
♦ None
♣ J 10 8 7 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 6 4
♥ K 9 5
♦ 6
♣ A K 6 4

South 1 ♠ West Dbl North 4 ♠ East All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ K

SUDOKU

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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.