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Jack Sand, former WDAY weatherman, dies at age 82

By April Baumgarten
The Forum

MOORHEAD — Jack Sand's purpose in life was to make people laugh and bring them joy, his family and friends said.

So it's no wonder why he became so beloved as a magician, entertainer and television weatherman.

"He just loved putting smiles on everyone's face," said Austen Schauer, a former local news anchor and current North Dakota lawmaker from West Fargo who worked alongside Sand at WDAY-

TV.

Sand died Friday, Jan. 14, from Alzheimer's disease at age 82.

Born in 1939 in Grand Forks, Sand started his career as an announcer for KFNW, a Christian radio station in Fargo before he joined WDAY in 1966 as a salesman.

Sand was a writer, and managers saw potential in him, said his wife Rochelle Sand. WDAY asked him to become a weather reporter in 1967, and he accepted. Sand soon did the weather segments on weekends.

Schauer said broadcasters of the 1960s into the 1980s had huge personalities.

"They were almost bigger-than-life personalities, and Jack was a great entertainer," Schauer said.

And Sand wasn't alone. He had a magical partner on WDAY: Gwendolyn the weather duck.

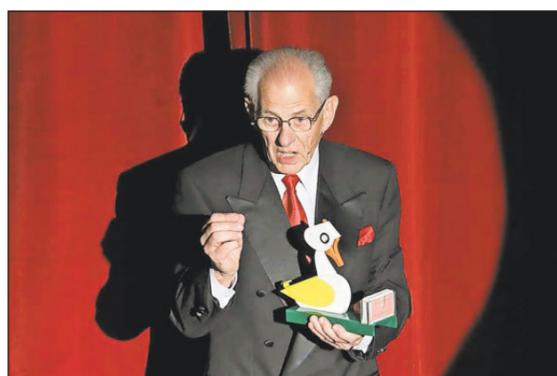
The white wooden duck would pull cards from a deck to "grade the weather" when Sand was on air. For example, a card that had the letter A meant it would be a Grade

A Day, Schauer said.

"That was a huge part of Jack," said Kathie Brekke, Jack Sand's friend and the director for Jasper's Jubilee Theater in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Sand also hosted a number of television shows, including "Santa's Toyland." Previously called "Tempo Toyland," "Santa's Toyland" ran from the late 1960s into the 1980s. Sand spoke with dozens of children, preparing them to meet Santa live on television.

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Contributed / Kathie Brekke
Jack Sand performs at the Jasper's Jubilee Theater with Gwendolyn the weather duck in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Fargo native nominated for school presidency

Elizabeth Magill also graduated from Yale and UVA Law

By David Olson
The Forum

PHILADELPHIA — Fargo native M. Elizabeth Magill has been nominated to serve as the ninth president of the University of Pennsylvania.

Magill is currently executive vice president and provost of the University of Virginia, having served in that position since 2019.

She was the first woman to hold that job.

The executive committee of the University of Pennsylvania's Board of Trustees voted to nominate Magill as president of the university, and the full board will vote on her nomination in March.

If her nomination is approved, Magill will assume the job of president on July 1.

She would succeed Dr. Amy Gutmann, who announced last year that she would conclude her tenure as the president of the University of Pennsylvania after serving in that role since 2004.

Magill, who was raised in Fargo, attended

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Michael Vosburg / The Forum
A kindergarten student takes a carton of milk from the cooler during lunch on Thursday at Lewis and Clark Elementary in Fargo.

GOT MILK?

Region schools struggle with lunchroom supply-chain disruptions

By Ingrid Harbo
Grand Forks Herald

National supply chain disruptions are forcing schools across the region to change menus, create contingency plans and make do with available resources.

And for some

students, that means their favorite foods — including popular entrees like Crisпитos and pizza — aren't on the menu as much this school year.

It's been an ongoing problem, says Wendy Mankie, director of child nutrition at Grand Forks Public Schools, but the

problem has worsened in recent months.

"More recently, November and December, is when we started feeling more effects of it," she said.

On Jan. 6, Grand Forks Public Schools issued a message on Facebook warning families of supply chain-prompted

menu changes.

The message read: "We work hard to plan our menus, but due to national supply chain issues, we're having difficulty getting all of the food we ordered delivered to us. While this challenge is not in our control, our team is doing our best to create

backup plans."

Mankie said as substitutions in meals have become more common, she felt families should know about the supply chain issues.

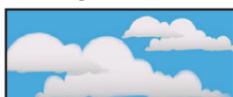
"I have not gotten any complaints from parents

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Remains of veterans to be identified from fire

Fargo

Family members of veterans killed in a Japanese military prison fire during World War II, including one from North Dakota, have received the news they've been longing to hear.

Wheels are in motion to identify the veterans' remains after approval was granted for disinterment from a U.S. military cemetery in Manila, the Philippines, family members said.

The remains of U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Irvin C. Ellingson of

Robin Huebner reports



Dahlen, North Dakota, could be among them.

Lon Enerson, a nephew of Ellingson who's been pushing for disinterment through military channels, as well as North Dakota and Minnesota congressional delegations, is thrilled.

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CLEARING A PATH



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Brittany Hoffman clears plowed snow from the end of her driveway on returning home from the veterinarian on Friday in Fargo.

Moorhead judge sets bail for fugitive arrested in Mexico

Brovold spent 21 years eluding authorities

By David Olson
The Forum

MOORHEAD — Curtis Lee Brovold, who was wanted on child sex charges in Moorhead for more than two decades, made an appearance in Clay County District Court on Friday, Jan. 14.

Judge Galen Vaa set Brovold's bail at \$400,000 without conditions of release and \$250,000 with conditions of release. The 68-year-old was arrested Wednesday outside his home in Cancun, Mexico, according to the FBI.

If Brovold posts bail, he will have to surrender his passport to the Clay County sheriff, the judge ordered. Public defender Mara Katrina Rausch was appointed to represent Brovold.

As of late Friday, Brovold remained in the Clay County Jail. His next appearance in Clay County District Court is set for Feb. 17.

Brovold disappeared in the summer of 2000 after posting \$40,000 bail in a case involving charges of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and using a minor in a por-

nographic work.

According to court documents filed in Clay County in 2000, the former computer technician had sexual contact with a 14-year-old girl in a Moorhead motel after the two met online.

Brovold was arrested after police, acting on a tip from the girl's mother, found Brovold in a motel room with the girl, court records say.

This week, Brovold was flown to Minneapolis accompanied by FBI agents Thursday night and transferred to the custody of Clay County authorities, FBI spokesman Michael Kulstad said.

Moorhead Police Capt. Deric Swenson said it is his understanding that a photograph of Brovold recently surfaced, which led to FBI surveillance of him in Cancun.

While federal authorities watched Brovold, they also worked on the extradition process so he could be arrested and returned to the U.S., which the FBI did on Thursday, Swenson said, adding that Moorhead police long suspected that Brovold fled to Mexico.

Around the time Brovold was charged in Clay County in 2000, he was also charged in U.S. District Court with a fleeing charge.

On Thursday, federal prosecutors filed a motion to dismiss that federal charge, but

beyond that no details were available regarding any pending or new federal charges.

According to court records and Forum archives:

The girl involved told police she met Brovold, of Granite Falls, Minnesota, in an internet chat room and that they communicated by email and telephone.

The girl told authorities Brovold sent her a digital camera and she sent him nude images of herself, court records said.

Brovold flew from an unknown location to Minneapolis and rented a pickup truck to drive to Moorhead, where he met the girl, who rode her bicycle to a prearranged site.

Brovold then took her to his motel room, putting her bike in the pickup.

Later, the girl visited Brovold in his motel room a second time, during which they had sex and took a hot tub bath together, court records alleged.

The girl's mother, who had been concerned for some time about her daughter's connection to an unknown friend, phoned police after finding naked pictures of her daughter on a computer disc.

The girl's mother later found a motel phone number among her daughter's possessions and phoned police again.

Police arrived at the motel

but initially could not enter the room where Brovold and the girl were because the door's deadbolt was locked, The Forum reported.

Authorities tried to break down the door but could not gain entry until Brovold eventually opened it.

The girl told police that during the time officers were trying to break down the door Brovold got dressed and retrieved a computer from a case, according to court records.

She said Brovold typed for a while on the computer before putting it back in the case and opening the motel door for police.

Police seized the computer from the motel room as well as computer equipment from Brovold's home in Granite Falls, a town about 125 miles west of Minneapolis.

He later failed to appear for a court hearing in September 2000. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

Authorities traced Brovold to Mexico City but then lost track of him, according to news archives. The Moorhead Police Department and FBI agents developed information that led investigators to believe he was living in Cancun, according to a FBI news release.

Forum reporter Barry Amundson contributed to this report.

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BRIEF

COVID-19 spread detected among Cass County Jail inmates.

FARGO — The Cass County Sheriff's Office announced Friday, Jan. 14, that the coronavirus has spread into one of the housing units at the county jail.

The number of inmates infected is unknown, and jail nursing staff are working to test inmates for COVID-19, cases of which are surging around the region and nation.

"At this time, no one is experiencing any medical difficulties," the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Before the spread of COVID-19 was detected, the jail was using isolation procedures with the goal of preventing infections.

Since the spread of the virus was discovered, "A modified jail lockdown has been put into place for everyone's safety," the sheriff's office said. "In addition, a modified intake of individuals into the jail has been put into place to utilize space for additional intakes. The Cass County Jail will still accept those individuals who pose a safety concern or risk to our community."

The modified lockdown and intake procedures will continue until the virus spread is contained, the sheriff's office said.

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Hospitals, schools scramble to solve pandemic-driven nursing crisis

By **Jeremy Fugleberg**
Forum News Service

Sioux Falls, S.D.

The pandemic has beaten and battered many nurses into numbness.

Numb to the numbers. Numb to people. Numb to deaths.

That's how Jodi Doering describes the scars of being a nurse during the COVID-19 pandemic, facing surge after surge of patients, including many who won't leave the hospital alive.

Doering is a veteran nurse who is working as a travel nurse at hospitals in South Dakota. She'll be a nurse until she dies, she said, invoking an old nursing joke. But the seemingly endless pandemic is making nurses ask the question: Do I even want to do this job?

"That's a conversation that happens literally every shift amongst people, whether they've been there for six months or 30 years," she said. "There's a group of people who will do it till they die, because that's what they're meant to do, and there's a group of people who maybe were going to do that until they die, and now it's like, 'I can't do it anymore, I absolutely cannot watch these people suffer anymore.'"

The pandemic has changed nursing, raising questions about the future of nursing and most immediately, who wants to even be a nurse. This crisis in nursing is causing nursing educators to quickly rethink how they train their students and making health systems rethink how they recruit and retain nurses.

The upheaval in nursing was topic No. 1 during a December meeting of nursing education leaders in Minnesota, said Carol Roth, associate professor and co-chair of Minnesota State University's School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership, in Moorhead, Minnesota.

"What we ended up talking about was how this is just a massive crisis of our workforce," she said. "It's more than just a shortage. It's also nurses who are choosing to leave the profession."

Many nurses — both young and old — are

burned out and quitting, or considering it. They've borne the brunt of equipment shortages, missing coworkers, overflowing COVID wards, angry and difficult patients, and death after death after death.

A spring 2021 nationwide survey of nurses by Vivian Health, a health care career company, said 43% of respondents were considering leaving health care, and two out of three nurses said they felt more stressed about their jobs than a year previously, soon after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. And that survey was conducted before the deadly surges from the delta variant and now the omicron variant.

"This survey confirms what has become plain in the past year: The health care workforce is in an upheaval," Vivian concluded from its survey.

Other nurses are seeking a change of scenery, taking easier jobs or eyeing much-needed, and therefore lucrative, temporary nursing gigs around the country — what's known as travel nursing. But those jobs aren't any easier, and usually are most urgently needed at COVID hotspots.

Jessica Meyers, a travel nurse recruiter based in South Dakota, said she's made it a priority to check in on her nurses, making sure they're taking care of their mental health, or even talking through if doing the job is the right thing for them anymore.

"We're starting to see the strain in the people that have been saving us and been doing everything that they can to keep the public healthy, and I don't blame them one bit," Meyers said.

This isn't the Great Resignation. It's more of an industry wide sigh of exhaustion and a cry for help.

While the pandemic spurred the nursing crisis, concerns about nurse staffing aren't new or unrecognized. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing identifies a number of pre-pandemic causes of a nurse shortage, including an aging population requiring more health care, already



Submitted / Dave Arntson / MSU Moorhead

Associate Professor Erica Evans, left, demonstrates patient care techniques for nursing student Emma Purrer, in the School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership at Minnesota State University Moorhead, in Moorhead, Minnesota, Oct. 5, 2020.



Left: Nursing students Titilola Kolawole, left, and Chantell Mindt rehearse patient care on Apollo, a realistic patient simulator faculty can program to respond to students like a human patient, at the School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership at Minnesota State University Moorhead, in Moorhead, Minnesota, March 1, 2021.



Right: Nursing student Jamie Erno uses a virtual reality headset to simulate various health care scenarios including patient care and communication with family members, at the School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership at Minnesota State University Moorhead, in Moorhead, Minnesota, March 1, 2021.

insufficient staffing, and nurse retirements with too few nursing school enrollments to cover the gap.

"I think when you look at the whole scheme of things, the nursing shortage has been coming," said Erica DeBoer, chief nursing officer at Sanford Health, a Sioux Falls, South Dakota-based health system with clinics and hospitals in the Dakotas and Minnesota. "It has been something that has been on the forefront for, really, more than 25 years. And so, when you think about what the pandemic has done, it's accelerated some of that."

Sanford Health is seeking to cover the gap by, among other strategies, working with nursing schools, recruiting international nurses and getting

creative with its own "enterprise" float pool of nurses, who can move as needed between Sanford facilities, she said.

At Essentia Health, a Duluth, Minnesota-based health system whose footprint spreads from North Dakota across Minnesota and Wisconsin, it's become abundantly clear a nursing shortage is a short-term issue, said Chief Nursing Officer Rhonda Kazik.

"Now we're saying, let's assume this is going to be our new normal," she said. "How do we reset everything to actually meet this new need, demand and expectation, not only of our workforce but of our patient population? So we're shifting — we're shifting the tactics to get to a sustainable workforce."

One crucial component, she said, is to "deepen the reach of our pipeline" to potential future nurses, working with high schools and even grade schools to get students thinking about a potential future nursing career.

Essentia also deepened its relationships with nursing schools, most notably in a partnership with Minnesota State University Moorhead's School of Nursing & Healthcare Leadership, creating the Essentia Health Center for Nursing on the university's campus.

Its leaders say the partnership has paid dividends in the MSUM's new bachelor of science in nursing program, which will graduate its first official class this summer, with Essentia providing equipment and offering crucial on-site

clinical experiences for students, among other contributions.

MSUM's Roth and Alicia Swanson, associate professor and bachelor of science in nursing program coordinator, said their program provides a deep and sustained education for prospective nurses in developing and practicing self-care and resilience strategies — strategies that the pandemic has shown are must-haves, both now and in the future of nursing.

"This COVID pandemic has only exacerbated something that has been existing for years, about burnout," Swanson said. "I think this is an opportunity to be, and do, better."

Fugleberg is a NewsMD health correspondent for Forum News Service. He can be reached at jfugleberg@forumcomm.com and on Twitter: @jayfug.

Elementary students benefiting from social emotional learning

By **Rebecca Mitchell**
Wadena Pioneer Journal

Wadena, Minn.

Wadena-Deer Creek elementary students are learning more about understanding their emotions with classroom discussions, videos, lessons and calming items.

While social and emotional impacts on students have been a concern throughout the pandemic, staff at the elementary school have worked on mental health and trauma-informed school training for about four years. The elementary school added Mary Ellenson as student success coordinator at the start of this school year, along with morning meetings and additional curriculum to create common vocabulary, unity and encourage discussion about emotions.

"We cannot learn our ABCs and 123s if our students are not feeling safe, loved, heard, helped, communicated with and overall feeling like a part of our community," Sara Lenz wrote in an email shared with school board members on Dec. 20. She is a specialist and



Michael Johnson / Pioneer Journal

Wadena-Deer Creek kindergartners started the day off with breakfast in the classroom then a message from principal Louis Rutten by Zoom.

Emotional Behavioral Disorder teacher. "WDC realized this and I see the changes daily as my crisis calls have dramatically decreased, students have coping tools they are using on their own and students are asking for the help they need!"

What is social emotional learning?

The Committee for Children defines social emotional learning (SEL) as "the process of developing the self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are vital for school, work, and life success." The core of SEL is

listening to students and helping them understand their emotions to become better students.

At Wadena-Deer Creek, elementary students have a morning meeting in their classrooms with elementary principal Louis Rutten and the entire school on Zoom for about 5 minutes. Teachers then go through a presentation with quotes, videos and questions made by Ellenson.

"By taking that 30 minutes every morning to have a morning meeting has really united the classrooms and the school with that common language,"

Ellenson said. She said students celebrating birthdays come close to the camera as the whole school wishes them happy birthday.

With morning meetings, lessons and PAWS boxes, teachers and paraprofessionals have been able to move from training to doing, according to Rutten. The PAWS box includes items to help students release stress and calm down. Students have learned when your "brain pops" then you react in a fight, flight or freeze mode. For example, a student who used to leave the room (flight) now heads to the PAWS box area as a safe space.

What are students learning in the morning meetings?

Ellenson said teachers are seeing the value of the lessons for students.

Lenz has the morning meeting with a group of K-fourth-grade students. She said students are focused and engaged during the meetings. Second-grade teacher Lindy Thompson noted the morning meetings in her classroom are about

15 minutes, and "I 100% believe it is worth it."

"The content is connected to what they are experiencing in their lives," Lenz wrote. "I especially enjoy hearing the interactions between the older and younger students. The advice the kids have for each other and the ways they can help each other solve problems is the ultimate teachable moment to facilitate and it happens daily thanks to this new program."

The discussions help recognize the many factors in a student's life as they are trying to learn.

How will social emotional learning continue?

Besides the morning meetings, the Second Step curriculum is a once a week lesson for about 30-45 minutes along with short optional activities during the week. The curriculum includes a script teachers can use based on their grade level.

"The Second Step lessons each week allow us to have deeper conversations about

emotions/emotion management. It is nice that there are some similarities between grades so that we all have common language," Thompson wrote.

Board members noted their interest in using the lessons for fifth-grade students in the future as they transition to the middle/high school. The Second Step curriculum is available for kindergarten to fifth grade. Fifth- and sixth-grade students also have homeroom.

"I believe our equity work is tied very closely to becoming a trauma-informed school and I am looking forward to continuing these conversations as well," Thompson wrote. "We had some questions arise about homework policies, attendance awards, fundraising, and other equity issues. I believe as a district we have made great strides with adding our morning meeting and Second Step curriculum, but would also like to see some actions taken with these other conversations."

SAND

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Special to The Forum Jack Sand does one of his favorite tricks, "a rabbit pulling a man out of a hat."

been able to do shows the last couple of years, but when he was there he drew busloads of people, she said.

"He was there from the beginning, helping us to kind of figure out what we were going to be," Brekke said. "He brought such class and dignity and incredible performance to our stage, and people loved him."

Standing in his tuxedo, Sand would welcome audience members to the theater, Brekke said. As a Christian man, he would incorporate Gospel stories into his magic acts, she said.

"If there was one thing he would want to be known for, it is that his faith mattered, and he lived out his faith with everybody he met," she said.

Sand brought joy and



Contributed / Kathie Brekke

Jack Sand performs for the Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids, Minnesota to a full house.

laughter to the show, Brekke said. He loved to have fun, and he was always optimistic, she said. She called him as a mentor and a class act who was always kind and gracious.

"He had a way of mak-

ing everybody around him feel like they were so important and so valued and so loved," Brekke said.

Sand loved to talk about magic, with a purpose in life to make people laugh, said wife



Contributed / Melissa Fabian / Special to The Forum

Jack Sand warms up the crowd for a visit from Santa Claus on "Tempo Toyland."

Rochelle. He was a special person to a lot of people, she added.

"The joy that he had was from his heart," she said.

A funeral is planned for Jan. 31.

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Jack Sand retired as a weatherman in 2003, but he didn't stop entertaining. He brought his magic to Jasper's Theater, which presents family friendly variety shows that include magic, comedy and music.

Brekke recalled Sand asking to be a part of the show in 2006. He hasn't



Contributed / Kathie Brekke

Jack Sand in his tuxedo would welcome audience members to the Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids, Minnesota.

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Bison move to the FBS easier said than done

By Clarence F. "Rick" Olson
This month's convincing victory over the Montana State University Bobcats earned the North Dakota State University Bison their ninth NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision national championship in 11 years. The win will no doubt cause some interesting rhetoric concerning a potential departure of the Bison football program from the FCS ranks to ramp up in earnest.

Four words can best describe a move of NDSU to the Football Bowl Subdivision – or FBS ranks. Such a move would definitely be *easier said than done*. If NDSU one day would happen to make the jump to the NCAA's football big time of the FBS, I would believe the Bison would eventually be considered a mid-major program – probably.

In order for such a move to happen, I believe the following would have to have either taken place, or be well on their way to taking place:

1. An FBS conference would be needed. In order for NDSU to make the jump, they will have to be invited for membership by one of the NCAA's FBS conferences.

2. NDSU would need FBS caliber support facilities. I realize that plans for an indoor practice facility for the Bison are nearing fruition.

3. NDSU's current student population and academics might not meet an FBS conference's standards.

4. Possibly a new stadium.
► It is my opinion that a new stadium would probably need to have a capacity of some 30,000 to 50,000 in order to generate the needed revenue for an FBS program.

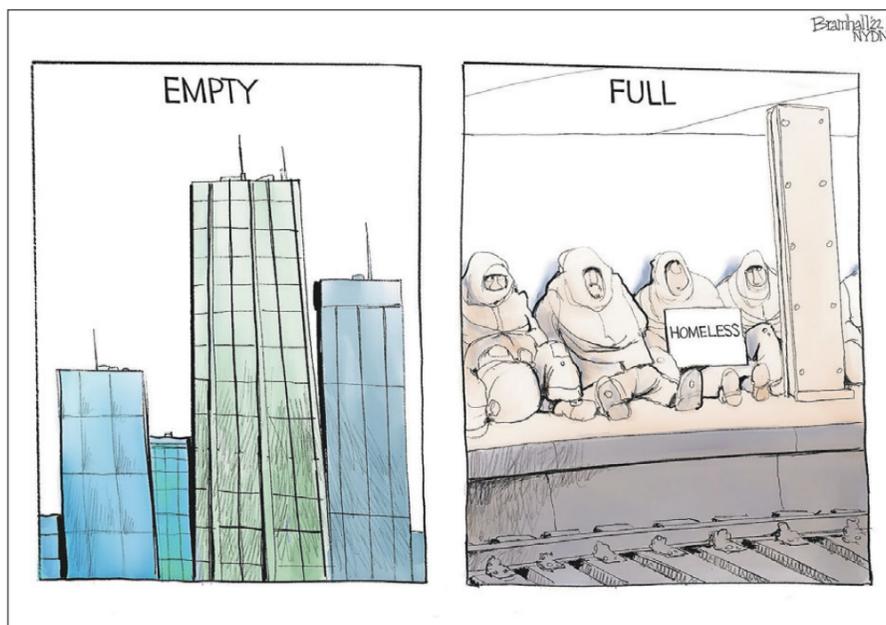
► Would we be talking about a new on-campus football stadium, or a replacement for the Fargodome?

► Given today's economic and political climates, getting a new stadium would definitely be a tall order. Obtaining any funding from Bismarck would be a non-starter, dead on arrival proposal at the North Dakota Legislature. I would anticipate that the Grand Forks legislative delegation would likely lead the opposition to a new NDSU football venue. Followed closely by many of the outstate legislators.

5. The North Dakota Board of Higher Education would have to approve not only the move of NDSU to the FBS for the Bison football program; but eventually, they would have to approve any plan for a new stadium.

To note, I personally do not favor a move to the FBS ranks for the Bison. I think the biggest bone of contention is does NDSU want to trade the opportunity to compete for a true national championship each year by staying in the FCS ranks? Or, does NDSU want to trade all of this for maybe an appearance at some insignificant weekday afternoon December bowl game that nobody cares about?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realities of a discriminatory electric vehicle mandate in Minnesota

By Deb Whalen

As of this past summer, Minnesota is now officially the first Midwestern state to adopt California's Zero-Emission Vehicle Program, a mandate spearheaded by Gov. Tim Walz. The intended goal of this program is to increase the sale and consumption of electric vehicles in Minnesota to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This government-directed mandate will put a requirement on the amount of electric vehicles bought and sold on Minnesota car lots. Unfortunately, a little known consequence of this mandate will be the discrimination, and ultimately, elimination of ethanol and biofuel-based vehicles in Minnesota. The effects will be economically disastrous for our state's soybean and corn farmers.

First, there are financial and practical challenges with the new electric vehicle mandate. Some officials in Minnesota, including Walz, are claiming electric vehicles will save consumers money. Unfortunately, the opposite will happen. EVs are estimated to cost up to \$16,000 more compared to the typical internal combustion engine-powered vehicle. However, it isn't just the vehicles themselves that will cost more. With the influx of electric vehicles comes the increased need for electricity infrastructure. To generate the electricity needed to charge all of these new cars, countless charging stations will have to be built and placed throughout the state. Minnesota's leadership is claiming consumers won't have to pay for this infrastructure, but that is not the case. The costs associated with new EV infrastructure will inevitably hit consumers, as taxpayer money will be needed for new charging stations.

Closer to home for me personally, Minnesota's farming community will

be adversely affected by the new mandate. Minnesota is a leader in both soybean and corn farming. In order to keep our farms running, we need ample access to vehicles that can carry our crops from point A to point B, under any condition. If Minnesotans now have to increase the use of electric vehicles, our crop production could end up decreasing. To maintain productivity, we won't have time to stop and charge a vehicle instead of quickly fueling up as usual. While this might work for the people of California, who do not rely on farming like we do, it will not work in a state like Minnesota.

The electric grid that will power these new electric vehicles is not as clean as you would think. The Atlantic Council's Dr. Ellen Wald pointed out that "according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's Hourly Electric Grid Monitor, electricity generation in Minnesota can actually result in significant air pollution. Take one recent day for example: Feb. 21, 2021. On that day, 50% of all Minnesota electricity needs were met by burning coal. A Minnesota resident might thus be powering her electric vehicle largely on coal, a much dirtier fuel than gasoline." Having to revert to using coal for recharging batteries is directly counterproductive to the point of switching to electric vehicles in the first place.

Fortunately for Minnesotans, we have a natural resource at our disposal that can help meet energy, electricity, and fuel demands. That resource is soybeans. Soybeans are one of the main crops in Minnesota, and can be harvested to produce biodiesel fuel. Biodiesel is proven to be an environmentally favorable form of fuel. The Environmental Protection Agency has found that biodiesel is the only biofuel that has the ability to reduce green-

house gas emissions by more than 50%. A large portion of the biodiesel used in Minnesota is grown from Minnesota's own soybeans, and the biodiesel plants in the state produce around 85 million gallons of biodiesel every year.

Minnesota's soybean sector is a booming industry that needs to be supported. Once the EV mandate comes into effect, it will diminish the need for the soybean-based biodiesel industry. To make matters worse, leading government officials in our state are pushing for the electric vehicle mandate, although some of their past stances on biofuels are contradicting their current actions.

The governor claims that he is supportive of our ethanol and biofuel industry. He even went so far as to write a recent letter to President Biden on behalf of the Governors' Biofuels Coalition expressing his support. In the letter, Walz asks Biden to make "biofuels a key component of addressing transportation sector emissions," further stating they are necessary for a transition into carbon-neutral vehicles, as well as provide economic benefits across America. Why then, is he pushing this electric vehicle mandate that would undercut the deployment of biofuels and ethanol for transportation? With his advocacy for a transition to 100% electric vehicles to be sold by Minnesota's auto dealers, our state's biofuel industry will ultimately be eliminated. A countless number of jobs will be lost and the revenue that it brings in will drastically decrease.

Walz needs to be more in touch with the realities and needs of our state and agricultural community before inflicting further harm on Minnesota's soybean growers.

Whalen is the past president of Minnesota Agri-Women.

Why not just call it Trump, Inc.?

By Gary Larson
Fargo

Is it time for Republicans to change their party name to Trump Inc? The world is watching in disbelief as supposedly sane party leaders are still bowing to this terribly unqualified and dangerous person. He goes off the deep end when anyone

running in coming elections doesn't bow totally to him.

Sen. Mike Rounds, R-S.D., recently stated his belief that the 2020 election was fair and proven accurate beyond a doubt. Trump then accused him of being crazy or just stupid.

Trump needs to be

kicked off our national political stage. Our coming elections need more Senator Rounds. And we need more Republican congressmen and women in the mold of Bob Dole and John McCain. Otherwise, as it's been increasing heard "it's been a good run."

Gary Larson lives in Fargo.

Democrats don't like elections

The recent push by the Democratic Party to enact a new voting rights bill has been downright frustrating to watch. If we actually had a mainstream media, who was interested in reporting the truth, they would be pushing back against the distortions that Democrats are using to support passage of this bill. After President Biden's shocking speech Tuesday in Georgia, describing anyone



MIKE RACHOW
Fargo

who disagrees with passage of the bill as racists, will the national press corps hold Biden to the same standards of decorum that they did with Donald Trump during his tenure? It would seem unlikely. Worse yet, does anyone even know about these events?

That is why you should not take the word of a liberal columnist, like Jim Shaw or Jack Zaleski, when they try to tell you that Fox News is the biggest problem with news reporting these days. Fox News, and other conservative media outlets, provide the needed context on a particular issue that the national mainstream media does not. The Fox News motto is: "We report. You decide." By contrast, the mainstream media's motto seems to be: "We decide what to report." But, you ask, what's the big deal about this bill?

The primary goal for Democrats is to eliminate their Republican competition in future elections. Through what tactics? Allowing nationwide ballot harvesting, expanding vote-by-mail, and broadening same-day registration, to name a few. In other words, they want more opportunities to cheat. Let that thought sink in for a moment. How would they accomplish this? They seek to impose a nationwide voting system that would supersede any state election laws they don't agree with.

So, why the big push now? Democrats are not liking the current trend among states in this country to strengthen their voter identification laws, like a picture ID requirement, in the quest to prevent voter fraud. Of course, Democrats just can't abide that prospect. The plain truth is that Democratic politicians don't really like elections, because they don't want to be held accountable to you, the voter, for their actions. It is much easier to govern within a one party, authoritarian system, with no checks and balances, and this bill hopes to accomplish that goal.

Now, if this is the first you're hearing about this interpretation of the voting rights bill Democrats are pushing, then you need to look into alternative news sources. Republicans have been beating the drum on this issue for over a year. The Forum's Rob Port even had an article about this recently. Are there still some of you out there who have not heard about this viewpoint? If you haven't, shame on you. Part of being a good citizen is the responsibility that you become a well informed voter.

If you have heard about this interpretation, but are OK with the bill because it would benefit Democrats, then you are to be despised. You are saying that you would prefer a dictatorship rather than living in a free society. And to that, I say: Be careful what you wish for. You just might get it.

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OBITUARY

Donna Jean Fraase

Donna Fraase, 63, of Fargo, North Dakota passed away Sunday, January 9, 2022 at Bethany on 42nd under the care of CHI Health at Home and Hospice, Fargo winning her 39-year journey with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

Donna Jean Fraase was born September 29, 1958 to Earl and Elsie (Zick) Fraase in Fargo. Donna was baptized and confirmed at Buffalo Lutheran Church. Her Lutheran faith was always a constant leading her throughout her life. She grew up and attended school in Buffalo, North Dakota graduating from Maple Valley in 1976. Donna then attended Moorhead State University for one year and was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority before transferring to Valley City State University obtaining a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

In 1979, Donna married John Kohler. Their daughter Brooke Fraase Kohler was born in 1982. Donna worked as a program director for people with disabilities from the mid-1980s until 2008 in Valley City, Fargo, and Alexandria, Minnesota. She also worked for a brief time at Job Service North Dakota – Fargo. The High Soaring Eagle Ranch in Valley City always held a special place in her heart as Donna worked there for nearly ten years. In 2008, MS took over Donna's physical ability to work, but she remained determined and worked for IC Systems in Fargo before retiring.

In 2014 and 2016, she was given the title "Oma," meaning grandma. Anyone who knew Donna knew that her grandchildren brought her great joy, as did her beloved Caribou Coffee white turtle mochas.

She remained "independent" throughout her 39-year journey with MS. She taught her caregivers that being "independent" does not mean necessarily having the physical ability to do something but having your mind and directing your care in the way you choose. Which she did until the time of her death.

Donna is survived by her daughter, Brooke (Brian) Gubrud of Valley City; grandchildren, Holt Gubrud and Ree Gubrud, Valley City; sisters, Diane Smith of W. Des Moines, IA, Linda Steidl of Fargo and Cheryl (Norm) Diehl of Springfield, IL; her goddaughter Karin Vomacka of W. Des Moines, IA and her nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law Jim Smith. Per Donna's request a private family graveside service with inurnment will be held in the spring of 2022 in Buffalo Cemetery. Please no flowers. Memorials may be directed to the High Soaring Eagle Ranch, Valley City.

Thank you to all mom's caregivers over the years, especially Sasha, Tasha, Jackie, Noreen and all her favorites at Bethany on 42nd. You are loved.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. An online guestbook is available at olivenathanchapel.com



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FIRE

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years ... we're just ecstatic," said Enerson, who grew up near his uncle and now lives in St. Cloud.

Ellingson was among 62 American service members held captive at the prison that caught fire in May of 1945 as a result of an American B-29 bombing raid.

None of them survived.

Of the remains recovered from the site after the war, more than two dozen were identified as American service members.

But the remains of 37 other Americans, which might include Ellingson, were buried as "unknowns" and commingled at the Manila American Cemetery.

The Department of Defense requires at least 60% of veterans' families in these situations to provide DNA samples or similar identification as a condition for disinterment.

As documented in an October 2021 story in The Forum, that figure stood for some time at 59.68% for the Tokyo prison fire families.

With a push over the last few months by Enerson and other affected families, "all of sudden we were at 64%," Enerson said. In a memo, Gilbert



Contributed

Lon Enerson holds a photo of his uncle, Irvin Ellingson, of Dahlen, North Dakota, who died in World War II. He and other family members are trying to get Ellingson's remains identified and returned home.

Ray Cisneros Jr., the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, granted approval for the disinterment and extended the timeframe to make identification from 48 months to 72 months.

"Due to extensive commingling of the remains and the likely chemical treatment prior to their interment, advanced analytic procedures such as Next Generation Sequencing for deoxyribonucleic acid samples will be required.

"It will likely take several years to identify as many of the unknowns as possible, with no assurances as to exactly how many," Cisneros wrote.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency will coordinate with the American Battle Monuments Commission on the removal of remains and

identification.

Enerson and his wife hoped to be present in Manila but have been told disinterment is conducted after hours and is closed to the public.

Families haven't been given a date when it will occur but were told once approved, "things happen quickly."

Enerson hopes that's the case, because disinterment is not done during the rainy season in Manila, which runs from May through November.

Enerson said remains will either be brought to a new forensic lab in Hawaii or to Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska, for the long process of identification.

"All it takes is a little bone fragment, and we'll have closure," he said.

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PRESIDENT

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Nativity Elementary School prior to attending Shanley High School.

She graduated from Shanley in 1984.

"I had a magical childhood; I loved growing up in Fargo," Magill said.

Following high school, Magill earned a degree in

history from Yale University, after which she served as a senior legislative assistant for energy and natural resources for U.S. Sen. Kent Conrad, a position she held for four years.

She left that position to attend the University of Virginia School of Law, where she earned a law degree.

After graduating from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1995, Magill clerked

for Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and then for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who Magill credits as having had a profound impact on shaping her career.

Prior to becoming executive vice president and provost of the University of Virginia, Magill served for seven years as the Richard E. Lang Professor of Law and Dean of the

Stanford Law School.

Before joining Stanford, she was on the faculty at the University of Virginia School of Law for 15 years, serving as vice dean, the Joseph Weintraub-Bank of America Distinguished Professor of Law, and Elizabeth D. and Richard A. Merrill Professor.

"I am humbled and honored by the opportunity to lead the remarkable institution that is the University of Pennsyl-

vania — and to succeed Dr. Amy Gutmann, who has been a visionary and innovative leader," Magill said, adding: "From its founding, Penn set its sights on making a difference and 282 years later the Penn community continues to change the world every day through world-class research, teaching, patient care, and service."

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MILK

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or children, really, but I just thought that it needed to be communicated," Mankie said.

Other schools in the region are facing similar problems.

Fan favorites

Some nutrition directors and cooks in the region report that some of the most popular items among students are the hardest to obtain.

"A lot of the breakfast pizzas and stuff like that are really hard to get a hold of right now," said Kim Johnson, head cook at Northwood Public Schools. "Even the regular pizza for lunch is really hard to get."

Fargo and Grand Forks public schools contract with Sysco for food deliveries, and have had issues with chicken products and pizza. The district in Grafton contracts with U.S. Foods and Cash-Wa, and has had issues with cereal and Crispitos, a Tyson taco roll-up that is especially popular with students.

"That's probably their most favorite meal in the high school and we have not been able to get those all year from any of our suppliers," said Sandy Sackett, food service director at



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Phyllis Curden, a cook at South Middle School, prepares vegetable cups in the kitchen on January 14 in Grand Forks.

Grafton Public Schools.

Students in Northwood miss Crispitos as well, Johnson says.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees the National School Lunch Program, has specific nutritional requirements for food served in schools. For example, half of the grains served need to be whole grain-rich, and fruits and vegetables need to be served with every meal. The USDA has also set goals for sodium reduction in schools.

Because of these requirements, nutrition directors rely on items made to serve in schools. Cindy Hogenson, nutrition services director for Fargo Public Schools, gave the examples of pizza with a whole grain crust or low-sodium chicken nuggets.

"The manufacturers going into the school year didn't have the staff and resources to ramp up their normal production for school food, so those manufacturers cut their variety and just focused the resources they did have on a few items to manufacture," Hogenson said.

Whole lines of food for schools have not been available all year, or are becoming unavailable. Hogenson said chicken has been hard to come by, and she just received word that the beef supplier for Fargo Public Schools will be ceasing production. She says when chicken is available, it's increasingly expensive.

"Prices have really exploded since the beginning of the year," Hogenson said. Food distribution

companies play a role in some shortages. Manvel Public Schools contracts with U.S. Foods. Superintendent Dave Wheeler said the district had issues at the beginning of the school year, but things have improved in recent months.

"It's better for us than it's been probably all year," he said.

Milk cartons hard to find

Milk is one of the most recent, and most local, lunch essentials to be affected by supply chain issues in the region.

Many districts in the area source their milk from Fargo's Cass-Clay Creamery, or a dairy that distributes Cass-Clay products. In December, Cass-Clay notified clients that there could potentially be a shortage of milk in half-pint containers, which are used by K-12 schools. The problem was not with the milk, but instead with the container.

"They told us there are just three manufacturers of that shape of carton across the country, and I'm sure due to supply and labor shortages, they fell behind in production," Hogenson said. "A lot of districts, including us, had to come up with contingency plans in case we started getting milk

in bulk."

Mankie reported that Grand Forks Public Schools received the same notice from Cass-Clay, and planned to pour servings of milk for students if the half-pint packages did not arrive.

"It would have been a little more work, but they would still be able to accept milk if they want," Mankie said.

Hogenson says Fargo schools received all the half-pint cartons they ordered, and received word from Cass-Clay that the carton manufacturers should be able to keep up with orders moving forward.

"But, of course, we are still monitoring the situation and making sure that we're ready to adapt if we need to," Hogenson said.

Manville Public Schools serves Cass-Clay milk sourced from a dairy in Devils Lake, and Wheeler says his district is still having some issues. Usually, the district orders three varieties of milk — skim, 2% and chocolate — and kids can choose the kind they want.

"Right now we're probably getting one of those three options. He's giving us all chocolate one time or all 2% at one time, just to try to fill in the order," Wheeler said.

Little can be done

With many supply

chain issues rooted in labor shortages at a manufacturing level, school administrators can do little to solve the food issues in their districts. But, when the lunch bell rings, students need to be fed.

Most of the pressure falls on lunchroom employees and planners. When typical items go out of stock, they need to find alternatives to order. If a truck comes without an entree, it's the cooks' and nutrition directors' job to figure out what to substitute on the menu.

Mankie, who has a background as a dietitian, does the best she can to continue to serve students within federal nutrition guidelines. She said the USDA has been more flexible with nutrition requirements during the supply chain challenges.

When a manufacturer or food distributor cannot provide a product that adheres to the nutrition requirements, schools can ask for a waiver from the USDA for that product. The added flexibility takes some pressure off nutrition directors so they can focus on the task at hand — feeding students.

"My goal, and my whole staff's goal really, is to continue to feed them still, as healthy of meals as we can get them," Mankie said.



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'SERIAL RETURNERS'

How COVID and free shipping made over-buying the new norm

By Paul Roberts
The Seattle Times

On Monday, Jan. 3, customers at the UPS Store in Seattle's Interbay neighborhood got a pretty good demonstration of what the global supply chain looks like when you try to run it backward.

The first Monday of the year marks the traditional start of the holiday return season, which this year is expected to break records for returned purchases — and by late afternoon, the line of box-bearing UPS customers snaked nearly out the door.

"Oh my goodness — wow," said Erin Metzger, half a dozen returns in hand, as she surveyed the crowd and the Jenga-like towers of outbound packages behind the counter. "I did not expect this at all."

"It comes in waves," employee Rebecca Yazzie said. "It'll be quiet for a little bit and then we'll get a ton of people all at once."

Those waves were also being felt across town at Sip and Ship, a coffee-shop-and-mailbox-services combo in Greenwood, where holiday returns are already 20%-25% ahead of last year. That's just "so far," cautioned owner Diana Naramore as she stood next to an 8-foot stack of U.S. Postal Service returns. "I mean, we're just starting."

While January has always been send-it-back season, COVID-19 has supersized the trend. Of the record \$222 billion Americans spent on online holiday purchases this season, 30%, or nearly \$67 billion, will be sent back, according to CBRE, a commercial real estate firm that also focuses on retail logistics. That's a 13% increase versus 2020 and 40% versus 2019.

That extra load is causing friction for

shippers, many of which were already struggling with staffing shortages amid the pandemic.

It's also pressuring retailers, especially smaller brick-and-mortar shops that went online to survive COVID but often can't afford the generous return policies popularized by mega-players like Amazon and Walmart.

"If we paid all the shipping costs and then we have to pay to have that item returned and then we have to pay additionally to send a new item ... it's not sustainable," says Brittney Geleynse of Clover Toys in Ballard, which, like many smaller retailers, has had to scrutinize its return policy as its internet sales have bloomed.

In some ways, this year's return surge is a story about the ill-timed arrival of omicron, which pushed many holiday shoppers away from brick-and-mortar retail and toward e-commerce, experts say.

But it's also a story about the way consumers now use e-commerce to hedge their bets.

Many holiday shoppers, fearful of supply chain shortages, intentionally overbought rather than risk not having gifts in time, according to an Oracle Retail survey. That has all but locked in higher returns this season. "Everyone that bought online this year expects to return at least three things," said Chris McDonald, UPS' Seattle-area business development manager, citing industry data.

But even before the holidays, consumers were sending back e-commerce purchases two to three times as often as in-person purchases, industry data shows. That's partly because online purchases are more likely to not fit or otherwise satisfy shoppers.



Daniel Kim / Seattle Times / TNS

Managing a huge amount of packages, owner of Sip and Ship Diana Naramore ties a stack of boxes in the back on Tuesday, Jan. 4. With the recent holiday there has been a surge in holiday gift returns.

But it's also because some retailers have made online returns so painless that consumers see overbuying as a perfectly acceptable way of sampling products.

On top of free or nearly free shipping, many bigger retailers have contracts with UPS and FedEx and others to repackage customers' returns.

Roger Low, who owns the Interbay UPS Store, says many customers arrive with returns in plastic bags or nothing; last week someone dropped off a shirt, which a staffer dutifully folded, packaged and placed in a bin.

Incentives like these have led to certain excesses. After last summer's heat wave, Seattle-area shoppers returned "close to 30" air conditioners to the Interbay store alone, Low says. Shoppers have also tried to send back fully assembled e-bikes, sales of which soared in the pandemic. "The driver will show up and there's just, like, 'Here's a bike, you need to take this bike,'" UPS' McDonald said.

But mainly, easy returns have encouraged what retail analysts call "bracketing" — that is, buying multiples of an item in different sizes or styles and returning what doesn't work.

Bracketing was a thing well before COVID, but it seems to have jumped during the pandemic, as shoppers avoid the risk of in-person shopping. Low routinely sees customers sending back multiples of the same bathing suits, for example, or "six pairs of baby shoes in different colors or sizes."

Whether supercharged returns outlast the pandemic isn't clear. If shoppers love the convenience, those convenience providers have mixed feelings.

Drop-off locations earn a small handling fee from shippers — Sip and Ship, for example, gets 50 cents for each UPS and FedEx return, but nothing for USPS. Yet, while that rarely covers the extra labor or insurance, many are loathe to charge extra for a service many consumers now seem to regard as a constitutional right.

"Most people have gotten used to it, but it's incredible how many people get very, very mad about the dollar," Sabrina Rinderle, proprietor of Queen Anne Dispatch, said about a fee the mail services/gift shop started charging for USPS packages.

The biggest pushback,

paradoxically, may come from retailers. Returns are expensive: for example, the cost of sending back a \$50 item this year could average \$33, up 11.9% versus 2020, according to an estimate by Oporto, an expert in so-called reverse logistics.

That's partly because many returns are marked down and sold on secondary markets; but it also reflects the inefficiencies of trying to push products back up the supply chain: E-commerce returns typically take more labor and space than do the original e-commerce shipments, according to CBRE.

"The supply chain, in general, wasn't built to go backwards," says John Morris, who runs CBRE's logistics service line. That's one reason some retailers simply write off lower-value returns. "This year, for the first time ... I called for the return label and they said, 'Keep it,'" said Amy Doerzbacher, who was dropping off a return at Sip and Ship.

Other returns are simply thrown out: roughly 2.9 million tons of returns went into landfills in 2020, according to Oporto, and that number is expected to grow this year, adds CRBE's Morris.

Some industry experts

think retailers will have little choice but to try to tamp down the send-it-back business model — for example, by encouraging customers to bring e-commerce returns to retailers' brick-and-mortar locations. Some UPS Store officials say some big retailers are already selectively raising return fees for "serial returners."

Some smaller retailers, meanwhile, are taking a more proactive approach — by trying to sell things customers won't want to send back in the first place, but also by carefully setting expectations about returns.

If a product doesn't fit, "we'll work with you," said Devynn Patterson at Marakesh Leather, a Seattle company whose online sales jumped from 5% to around 35% of its total during the pandemic. "But we're not in a position where we can just allow people to wear merch and decide they don't like it and return it."

"We do as much as we can to stay competitive," Patterson added. But "we try to make it clear that, 'Hey, we're a small family business.'"

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NPN is 'shovel ready' but awaits financing, COO says

By Korrie Wenzel
Grand Forks Herald

A representative of Northern Plains Nitrogen says he believes construction on a proposed plant in Grand Forks could begin as early as this year, provided the necessary financing is secured first.

Larry Mackie, NPN's chief operating officer, told the Herald on Monday evening, Jan. 11, that as fundraising continues, the company has stayed on top of other planning and organizational aspects — including engineering — in the interim.

Asked if he could give a ballpark estimate on when the first work might begin on the proposed Grand Forks fertilizer plant, Mackie answered "this year."

"We're shovel-ready right now. If we had the financing, we'd be moving dirt tomorrow," he said. "We have done a tremendous amount of engineering and other

permitting work on this project. We're ready to go. We just need the money."

He said NPN is "absolutely" coming to Grand Forks and "this project will get funded."

"I have no doubt in my mind," Mackie said.

More than \$2 billion in investment first will be required, he said.

The NPN proposal to build a large-scale plant in Grand Forks was a talkabout project in the years immediately following 2013, when the idea first became public. Mackie said as many as 3,000 construction workers would be needed during construction phases over three years, with about 200 full-time employees to operate and maintain the plant after that. The focus of the plant is to produce and sell nitrogen-based fertilizer products, including ammonia, urea and UAN — urea ammonium nitrate — for industrial markets.

NPN owns land just northwest of Grand Forks and, according to the Monday press

release sent by Summit Carbon Solutions, "necessary permits have been received to begin site work."

The press release — and its positive-sounding wording about the plant's future in Grand Forks — came as a bit of a surprise Monday, as local government and business leaders hadn't heard much lately from NPN.

"We haven't heard any updates, at least in the last six months," Mayor Brandon Bochenki said. "We think there is positive momentum with the natural gas pipeline coming. But beyond that, we have had no communication (with NPN)."

Keith Lund, CEO of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corp., also received the Monday press release and told the Herald later that it "indicates to me that they have made progress and are developing additional elements that would add

value and make it more attractive to an investor base."

Mackie said there has been a quiet period due to a nondisclosure agreement NPN signed with Summit. He said "the probability of a secret getting out is directly proportional to the square number of people that know, so we kept it quiet."

The market is growing, Mackie said, since more nitrogen-based fertilizer is needed to grow crops for an increasing world population, and ammonia is increasingly being used as a fuel source.

"The ammonia market is going to grow phenomenally," he said, adding that Grand Forks is an ideal location for a plant because of its proximity to a prime market area in the U.S. and Canada.

In its press release sent Monday, Summit Carbon Solutions noted that the company recently announced "significant

milestones in development of its carbon storage facilities in North Dakota, having received state and local permits to collect 3D seismic data and begin drilling stratigraphic test wells, activities which are now underway."

And Agweek, a Forum Communications-owned weekly newspaper that reports on agriculture happenings, reported last month that "Summit Carbon Solutions, an offshoot of Summit Agriculture Group, is behind the \$4.5 billion Midwest Carbon Express project, with the goal of sending 12 millions tons of CO2 annually to western North Dakota, where it can be stored underground. It would be the largest carbon capture project in the world."

The proposal looks to gather and store carbon dioxide from 31 ethanol plants in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Judge denies ND bid to force oil lease sales

By Adam Willis
The Forum

BISMARCK — A judge has denied an attempt by North Dakota to force the U.S. government to hold sales for oil leases on federal lands, a lawsuit that the state pursued after President Joe Biden imposed a moratorium on such activity to address climate and environmental concerns.

The order, issued Friday, Jan. 14, by U.S. District Judge Daniel Traynor, noted that the U.S. Department of the Interior is already planning

to reopen leases for oil development on federal lands in North Dakota, effectively granting the relief that the state is seeking in its legal challenge.

The ruling comes two days after Traynor, who was nominated to his post by former President Donald Trump, questioned lawyers from the North Dakota Attorney General's Office on the basis for their request in light of the plans for federal leasing to resume.

North Dakota alleged that the Department of

the Interior violated its legal duties and the order of the Louisiana court by not holding sales on eligible lands last year, while federal attorneys argued that leasing was paused for a review of its compliance with a key environmental law — a disagreement that Traynor said he could not resolve without a more complete factual record.

Readers can reach Forum reporter Adam Willis, a Report for America corps member, at awillis@forumcomm.com.

BRIEFS

Lawsuit challenging reservation voting requirement loses appeal

ST. PAUL — Federal appeals judges have rejected arguments that a requirement that non-resident members of the Three Affiliated Tribes must return to the reservation to vote in tribal elections violated federal laws.

In a decision filed Friday, Jan. 14, a three-judge panel of the Eighth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal of a federal lawsuit by Raymond Cross and Marilyn Hudson, who later died.

The lawsuit, filed in 2018 in tribal court in New Town, N.D., argued that the return-to-the-reservation requirement violated the Voting Rights Act and Indian Civil Rights Act. It also argued that the requirement ignored nonresident members' life circumstances, advanced age, physical disabilities, military service obligations, college commitments or family responsibilities.

The tribal court for the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation, the Three Affiliated Tribes, rejected the case. Cross and Hudson filed a legal challenge in U.S. District Court in Bismarck in 2020. U.S. District Judge Daniel Traynor rejected the arguments, saying the federal court lacked jurisdiction.

Man dies in crash near ND-Montana border

CARTWRIGHT, N.D. — A 60-year-old Montana man died Friday, Jan. 14, about noon in a crash with an oil country tank-

er loaded with salt water near the state line.

The Fairview man, who wasn't identified, was driving a Volvo truck towing a trailer when he failed to stop for a stop sign and struck the side of a tanker loaded with 165 barrels of salt water driven by a 50-year-old Washington, Kansas, man, said the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

The victim died at the Sidney, Montana, hospital about 17 miles away. The other truck driver wasn't injured.

No hazardous material was released from the original containment of the salt water.

The incident occurred at the intersection of McKenzie County Road 16 and 154th Avenue Northwest, which is about 35 miles west of Watford City.

Roads were said to be in good condition at the time of the crash with calm winds and overcast skies.

2 escape injury after semi rear-ends North Dakota snowplow near Jamestown, state troopers say

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — Two men escaped injury after a semi rear-ended a North Dakota snowplow Saturday, Jan. 15, near Jamestown on Interstate 94.

An unidentified 53-year-old from Jamestown was driving a Department of Transportation snowplow east about 5 miles east of Jamestown when a 1999 Freightliner semi, driven by a 32-year-old from Hawley, Minnesota, struck the snowplow, according to a news

release from the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

The Jamestown man was blading snow in the right-hand lane and partially on the south shoulder, the release said. Weather conditions caused blowing snow that resulted in drifts, according to state troopers.

The semi went into the south ditch and overturned, but neither driver was injured. Both were wearing seatbelts, the release said.

The Hawley man was cited for careless driving, the Highway Patrol said. The crash remains under investigation.

1 injured in Becker County snowmobile crash

ELBOW LAKE, Minnesota. — A Moorhead man is in the hospital after crashing a snowmobile Saturday, Jan. 15, into a tree in north Becker County, according to a news release.

Morgan Allan Leiseth, 45, was transported to Sanford Hospital in Fargo after the crash that happened around 11 a.m. Saturday on South Tulaby Lake Lane, or about 1 1/2 miles south of Tulaby Lake Drive. Leiseth was driving on a designated snowmobile trail when he left the trail and struck a tree, the Becker County Sheriff's Office said.

The release said officials didn't know the extent of Leiseth's injuries. He was wearing a helmet.

The crash remains under investigation.

Tulaby Lake Drive runs along the south edge of Tulaby Lake in north Becker County.

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Moving on from Kirk?

With Cousins' future uncertain, Vikings might use No. 12 pick in draft on QB

By Chris Tomasson
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — The Minnesota Vikings just might try a quarterback do-over with the No. 12 pick in this year's NFL draft.

In 2011, the Vikings were desperate for a quarterback when they surprised many by selecting Florida State's Christian Ponder at No. 12 in the draft. Rick Spielman was running that draft as vice president of player personnel, but would be promoted to general manager in January 2012.

Ponder never panned out, and that didn't help Spielman's early years in his new job. But Spielman did manage to last a decade until being fired last Monday along with head coach Mike Zimmer after the Vikings had losing records in each of the past two seasons.

Soon, the Vikings will have a new general manager, and once again they will be pick No. 12 in the draft. And once again they might take a quarterback.

Kirk Cousins has one year left on his contract for a guaranteed \$35 million with a whopping salary-cap number of \$45 million, and it's uncertain if he will be back in 2022. But even if Cousins does return, and barring him signing an extension, the Vikings still might want to look for a quarterback early in the April 28-30 draft in Las Vegas.

"It's hard to see a new general manager tying his early regime to Kirk Cousins, especially with him having that \$45 million cap number next year," ESPN draft analyst Jordan Reid said. "Kirk is good but he hasn't proved to be worth that type of price tag. ... We don't know who the next GM and head coach are going to be but (addressing the quarterback situation) will be one of the big decisions they will have to make early on."

The Vikings might need to pay part of Cousins' salary in a possible trade, and they might want to get a veteran quarterback back in return. But they might not be able to land a quarterback good enough to bypass putting a priority on taking one in the draft.

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Cousins



Photos by Michael Vosburg / The Forum

Moorhead celebrates a goal by Harper Bentz, right, against Sartell-St. Stephen during their Section 8AA boys hockey game on Saturday in Moorhead.

SCORCHING SPUDS

Bentz, Moorhead too much for Sartell-St. Stephen

By Carissa Wigginton
The Forum

Moorhead

It was senior night for the Moorhead boys hockey team on Saturday, but it was two juniors who provided all three goals for the Spuds in their 3-1 rout of Sartell-St. Stephen.

Junior winger Harper Bentz buried two goals and Joe Kortan netted one as Moorhead (12-5) picked up its eighth straight win.

"It feels good," Bentz said. "I feel like we've been playing well lately and kept the win streak going tonight. It's a big deal on senior night for all the seniors. It's a cool thing for us to go out there and get the win for them."

Bentz extended another streak Saturday, now having scored a goal in each of the last eight games.

"I feel like I have two good linemates that can find me and, I don't know, I'm just shooting the puck," said Bentz, who has 37 points this season.

Bentz's linemate, senior Gavin Lindberg, picked up assists on both of the junior forward's goals.

The Spuds got it done on both ends and showed no signs of slowing down. Moorhead set the tone from the opening faceoff with its speed and physicality.

The Spuds dominated in the offensive zone and got on the board less than two minutes in. Aaron Reiersen passed from behind the goal line to



Moorhead's Joe Kortan scores against Sartell-St. Stephen during their Section 8AA boys hockey game Saturday in Moorhead.

Kortan, who skated in from the bottom of the right circle and put the puck past Sabres goalie Noah Hacker.

The Spuds used an aggressive forecheck that consistently generated chances. On the other side, shots were at a premium for Sartell, which was outshot 13-3 in the first period.

"I thought we did a good job of creating opportunities," Moorhead head coach Jon Ammerman said. "But they did a great job of stopping second and third opportunities. It was kind of

one-and-done for the most part, especially early on."

Hacker turned away shot after shot from the Spuds, including back-to-back saves that kept Moorhead's top line off the board in the final seconds of the first period. Hacker saved a slick backhand move by Carson Triggs off a 3-on-1 and stopped Bentz's ensuing wraparound attempt.

"It was a good game," Ammerman said. "We found a way to win when maybe the bounces weren't going our way, which, that's a skill as well."

The Sabres came out strong in the second period, with three of their four second-period shots coming in the first half of the frame. But the Spuds dominated play and eventually wore down the Sabres.

After seeing a couple shots hit the crossbar, Moorhead got one past Hacker, who finished with 29 saves. Bentz tucked in a backhand wraparound to put the Spuds up 2-0 with just over four minutes left in the period.

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Eagles girls soar by Grand Forks Red River

Postponed game didn't faze Davies in state semifinals rematch



Photos by Michael Vosburg / The Forum

Fargo Davies' Ava Wild struggles for the ball with Grand Forks Red River's Rylie McQuillan during their girls basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.

By Ryan Spitz
The Forum

FARGO — The game was postponed by a day due to Friday's weather system that shuttered metro area schools, but the Fargo Davies High School girls basketball team wasn't fazed a bit, neither by the delay nor by the stakes of its contest with Grand Forks Red River.

What stakes might come with a game in the middle of the regular season? The Eagles entered Saturday with a 5-1 record, while Class A's No. 3-ranked Roughriders were an undefeated 6-0 and looking to avenge their 65-58 loss to Davies in last season's state tournament semifinals.

While the score remained close for much of the first half, the Eagles used a 22-6 run in the waning minutes to pull ahead 50-27 at halftime, carrying that momentum into the second half en route to an 87-52 Eastern Dakota Conference victory.

Davies found itself up just 27-21 at the beginning of the scoring run. It was senior guard Marissa Burian who took control at that point, notching 16 of those Eagles points down the stretch, including a buzzer-beating triple.

Burian finished with 22 points off the bench to lead the Davies scoring attack.

"(Marissa) did a nice job of hitting shots, and I thought our girls did a nice job of find-

ing her when she was hot," said Davies head coach Tonah Safranski. "That run towards the end of the first half was huge, especially right at the buzzer there when she hit that one to end the first half."

Safranski was also concerned about the Saturday afternoon start after being pushed from Friday, but any nerves quickly faded away.

"We had a storm day (Friday), so I was a little concerned with, if we're not practicing the day before a game or whatever," Safranski said, "but I thought the girls really came in focused and remembered what we talked about as far as game plan, and really

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SCOREBOARD

Otterdahl wins two men's events, Anderson and Graham earn women's victories at Bison Team Cup track meet

FARGO — North Dakota State's Trevor Otterdahl became just the third thrower in program history to surpass 70 feet in the weight throw with his victory at the Bison Team Cup on Saturday. Otterdahl won with a throw of 71 feet, 6 inches, and he also won the shot put with an indoor personal best 60-1.75.

In the women's meet, Kelby Graham won the mile in 4 minutes, 56.95 seconds, the 41st best NCAA time this season.

Nell Graham cracked the NCAA national list with a win in 56.77 in the 400 meters. Graham's time ranks 40th nationally.

Other Bison men's winners were Jacob Rodin in the 400 (48.71), Trent Davis in the 60 hurdles (8.03), Dante White in the 60 dash (6.87), Hunter Merkley in the long jump (22-9.25), Braden Brown in the high jump (6-8.25) and Jackson Tracy in the 800 (1:57.03).

Other NDSU women's winners were Amy Herrington in the weight throw (65-1.50), Amanda Anderson in the shot (48-11.50), Bonet Henderson in the 60 dash (7.79), Christina Collins in the 200 (25.10), Grace Emineth in the long jump (18-6), Alissa Melvin in the triple jump (37-6.75) and Daejha Moss in the high jump (5-6).

MSUM women's swim team places 3rd at Dragon Invite

WEST FARGO — The Minnesota State Moorhead women's swimming and diving team finished third at the Dragon Invite at Hulbert Aquatic Center.

Northern State won the meet with 992 points and MSUM tallied 665.

Dragons Freshman Vasilina Shipilova clinched three wins on the weekend and was part of two winning relays. On Saturday, she won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 10.14 seconds and took the victory in the 200 individual medley in 2:13.75. She claimed the runner-up spot in the 50 breaststroke in 32.56.

The Dragons' 400 freestyle "A" relay of Lexie Bray, Demi-Lee Carlisle, Shipilova won in 3:46.59. Bray claimed second in the 100 backstroke in 1:01.26 and Carlisle was third with a time of 1:01.63. Carlisle fin-

ished as the runner-up in the 50 backstroke with a personal-best 29.03. MSUM's 400 medley "A" relay was second in 4:13.55 and the 800 free "A" relay finished second in 8:27.70.

Wisconsin-Eau Claire shuts out Cobbers men's hockey to sweep weekend series

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Ryan Green had a goal and two assists as Wisconsin-Eau Claire downed Concordia 4-0 on Saturday at Hobbs Municipal Ice Center.

The Blugolds took a pair of weekend games from the Cobbers, who have lost three of four in the new year and suffered two of the losses by shut out.

Eau Claire's Sammy Martel had a goal and an assist and Connor Koviak and Jordan Randall had the Blugolds' other goals.

Eau Claire goalie Ryan Ouellette stopped 22 shots for his fifth win of the season.

The Cobbers fell to 6-7-2 overall and play at Gustavus at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 and at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 in St. Peter, Minn.

Forum staff reports

Australian court to decide if Djokovic plays

MELBOURNE — Tennis star Novak Djokovic faces an 11th-hour court hearing on Sunday that will decide if he can defend his Australian Open title or must leave the country — the climax to days of drama over COVID-19 entry requirements and his unvaccinated status.

The build-up to the tournament, which starts on Monday and which Djokovic has won nine times previously, has been virtually eclipsed by the roller-coaster controversy over Djokovic's visa, his treatment by immigration officials, and the government's handling of the case.

Justice David O'Callaghan set a Federal Court hearing for 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Three judges will hear the appeal and their decision will be final, the court said.

Djokovic is the men's top ranked player and is chasing a record 21st Grand Slam win.

Djokovic has declined to be vaccinated against coronavirus and had sought to enter the country with a medical exemption from rules mandating all visitors to be vaccinated.

Immigration Minister Alex Hawke canceled Djokovic's visa again on Friday night, prompting the appeal by his lawyers that will be heard Sunday.

— Reuters

BASKETBALL

College men Results/schedule

Saturday, Jan. 15 Summit League
Western Illinois 90, North Dakota State 79 (OT)
St. Thomas at North Dakota, postponed
South Dakota State 80, Denver 62
South Dakota 105, Omaha 70
Oral Roberts 84, Kansas City 72
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Upper Iowa 94, Minnesota Duluth 85
Concordia-St. Paul 98, Bemidji State 90
Augustana 80, UMary 59
Minnesota Crookston at Minnesota State, canceled
Northern State 79, Sioux Falls 72
Wayne State at Minot State, canceled
Winona State 94, St. Cloud State 72
Southwest Minnesota State at Minnesota State Moorhead, canceled
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Carleton 71, St. Olaf 65
Concordia 73, St. Mary's 67
Macalester 72, Bethel 63
Gustavus 83, St. Scholastica 74
Augustburg 67, St. John's 66
Monday, Jan. 17 Summit League
Denver at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

College women Results/schedule

Friday, Jan. 14 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Augustana 73, Minot State 71
Minnesota Crookston at Concordia-St. Paul, canceled
Sioux Falls at Minnesota State Moorhead, canceled
Minnesota Duluth 61, Winona State 47
Upper Iowa 67, St. Cloud State 54
Minnesota State Mankato 72, Bemidji State 68
Northern State 74, Southwest Minnesota State 64
UMary 72, Wayne State 60
Saturday, Jan. 15 Summit League
North Dakota 66, St. Thomas 55
South Dakota 68, Omaha 45
Oral Roberts 77, Kansas City 66
North Dakota State 63, Western Illinois 55
South Dakota State 87, Denver 53
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference
Minnesota Duluth 55, Upper Iowa 42
St. Cloud State 69, Winona State 60
Southwest Minnesota State at Minnesota State Moorhead, canceled
Bemidji State 82, Concordia-St. Paul 71
Minot State 71, Wayne State 70
Augustana 83, UMary 75
Minnesota Crookston at Minnesota State Mankato, canceled
Northern State 60, Sioux Falls 59
Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference
Carleton 65, St. Olaf 52
Concordia 62, St. Mary's 41
Augustburg 64, St. Benedict 63
Gustavus 77, St. Scholastica 53
Hamline 74, St. Catherine 64
Bethel 73, Macalester 48

High school boys Polls

NDAPSSA Class A
1. Bismarck Century (7) 8-1 53
2. Minot (3) 8-1 46
3. Fargo Davies (2) 6-1 40
4. Bismarck (1) 6-1 39
5. WF Sheyenne 8-1 15

Others receiving votes: West Fargo (7-2)

NDAPSSA Class B
1. Four Winds-Mn (16) 5-0 160
2. Kindred 6-1 134
3. North Border 6-0 123
4. Enderlin 5-2 104
5. Flasher 9-0 85
6. Ellendale 6-0 74
7. Hillsboro/CV 3-2 60
8. Central Cass 7-0 42
9. Powers Lake 5-0 31
10. Dunseith 5-2 24

Others receiving votes: Thompson (2-2); Hazen (6-2); LaMoire-Litchville-Marion (3-0); Beulah (3-3); Bowman County (5-1); North Star (7-0)

Results/schedule

North Dakota Friday, Jan. 14
Fargo Davies at Grand Forks Red River, postponed
Fargo North at Grand Forks Central, postponed
Fargo Shanley at Devils Lake, postponed
West Fargo Sheyenne at Valley City, postponed
Enderlin vs. Dunseith, postponed
Oakes at Richland, postponed
Hankinson at Sisseton, postponed
Maple River vs. LaMoire/Litchville-Marion, postponed
Hatton/Northwood 80, Larimore 35
Four Winds/Minnewaukan 81, Hillsboro/Central Valley 50
Park River/Fordville-Lankin 39, Midway/Minto 32
Griggs-Midkota at Ellendale, postponed
Thompson 62, May-Port-CG 37
Saturday, Jan. 15
Fargo Davies 81, Grand Forks Red River 70
West Fargo 73, Wahpeton 57
Fargo North 84, Grand Forks Central 57
Fargo South 83, Devils Lake 71
Pelican Rapids 74, Fargo Oak Grove 62
Lisbon 48, South Border 37
Morris/Chokio-Alberta vs. Kindred, 7:45 p.m.
Warwick at North Border, 7 p.m.
Ellendale 67, Medina-Pingree/Buchanan 52
Class B Day tournament
Rolleit 59, Midway/Minto 39
St. John 62, Sargent County 49
Rolla 62, Park River/Fordville-Lankin 45
May-Port CG 68, Benson County 38

Ellendale 67, Medina-Pingree/Buchanan 52

E: Thorpe 13; Saylor 10; Reis 2; Geller 5; Molan 3; Boomerspach 12; S. Wagner 22
MPB: Magstad 6; Wanzeck 10, Thomas 3; Moser 1; Wick 15; McClellan 4; Mitchell 3

Monday, Jan. 17

North Star at Park River/Fordville-Lankin, 7:30 p.m.
Stephen-Argyle at Grafton, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota Friday, Jan. 14

Moorhead at Edina, postponed
Park Rapids at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, postponed
Fertile-Beltrami 73, Crookston 39
New York Mills 74, Verdale 57
Wadena-Deer Creek 62, Sebeka 22
Ashby at Battle Lake, postponed
Menahga 63, Pillager 52
Pequot Lakes 50, Thief River Falls 40

Fertile-Beltrami 73, Crookston 39

C: Winjum 2; Hesby 6; Michaelson 5; Garmen 16; Thomforde 10
FB: Petry 18; Balstad 14; Nowacki 2; Olson 3; Solie 3; Swenby 12; Bjerk 2; Sorenson 6; VanDenEinde 4; Opdahl 4; Stuhau 5

Saturday, Jan. 15

Edina 68, Moorhead 59
Pelican Rapids 74, Fargo Oak Grove 62
Warroad 89, Bagley 45
Hillcrest 70, Park Christian 56
Hancock 70, Wadena-Deer Creek 59
Henning 67, Hawley 59
Fergus Falls 56, Perham 50
Sartell 84, Detroit Lakes 68

Henning 67, Hawley 59

Haw: M Graton 6; Grani 3; B. Graton 7; Stoa 21; Brew 3; Senksle 17; Carlisle 2
Hen: Arndt 26; Misegades 13; C. Dilly 2; Misegades 7; L. Dilly 2; Hammer 3; Stueve 14

Fergus Falls 56, Perham 50

FF: Sternberg 2; Conklin 9; Bethel 16; Mantaufler 3; Knick 1; Newman 20; Hanson 1; Jensen 4
P: Thompson 20; Melvin 3; Anderson 6; Belka 11; Peterson 5; Daniels 5

Monday, Jan. 17

Fertile-Beltrami at NCE/UH, 7:30 p.m.
Battle Lake at New York Mills, 7:30 p.m.
Crookston at Badger-Greenbush-Middle River, 7:30 p.m.
East Grand Forks at Minneapolis North, 3 p.m.
Gill St. Bernards (N.J.) vs. Westtown (Pa.), 6 p.m., ESPN2
La Lumiere (Ind.) vs. Compass Prep (Ariz.), 8 p.m., ESPN2

Gymnastics

College women: Alabama at Florida, 2 p.m., ABC

Soccer

Premier League: Liverpool vs. Brentford, 8 a.m., USA

Tennis

Australian Open first round, 6 p.m., ESPN

Others receiving votes: Fargo Davies (5-1)

NDAPSSA Class B

1. Kindred (15) 11-0 159
2. Four Winds-Mn (1) 10-0 145
3. Central Cass 7-1 106
4. Rugby 10-0 105
5. Grafton 6-2 99
6. Linton-HMB 9-1 90
7. Garrison 9-0 57
8. E-K-M 10-0 48
9. Thompson 7-2 41
10. Shiloh 8-3 23

Others receiving votes: LaMoire-Litchville-Marion (7-1); Bowman County (7-1)

Results/schedule

North Dakota Friday, Jan. 14
Grand Forks Central at Fargo North, postponed
Wahpeton at West Fargo, postponed
Fargo Shanley at Devils Lake, postponed
Grand Forks Red River at Fargo Davies, postponed
Valley City at West Fargo Sheyenne, postponed
Enderlin at Kidder County, postponed
Sisseton at Lisbon, postponed
Hatton/Northwood 57, Larimore 37
Park River/Fordville-Lankin 52, North Border 51
Saturday, Jan. 15
Fargo Davies 87, Grand Forks Red River 52
Fargo North 73, Grand Forks Central 62
West Fargo 84, Wahpeton 77
Tri-State 66, Maple River 56
Lisbon 46, South Border 43
Northern Cass 65, Hillsboro/Central Valley 21
Central Cass 82, Oakes 39
LaMoire-Litchville-Marion 62, Enderlin 31
Grafton 60, Shiloh Christian 47
Bishop Ryan 39, Bottineau 37
Medina-Pingree-Buchanan 70, Ellendale 24
Class B Day tournament
New Rockford-Sheyenne 69, Midway/Minto 33
Sargent County 50, St. John 35
Benson County 73, Richland 55
Dunseith 61, May-Port CG 52
Rolla 60, Devils Lake JV 54

Medina-Pingree-Buchanan 70, Ellendale 24

E: Hagen 3; Norton 9; Bollinger 3; Walker 4; Thorpe 5
MBP: Thomas 20; Reich 2; Schmidt 6; Buhl 17; Martin 13; Gefroh 2; Kinzell 8; Reister 2

LaMoire-Litchville-Marion 62, Enderlin 31

LLM: Wendel 2; Kelley 6; Steffes 1; Haberman 5; Rasmusson; Miller 1; Robbins 16; Musland 10; DelaBarre 10; Lettenmaier 2
E: Billing 3; Gruba 14; Bergstedt 4; Schleicht 6; Wall 2; Spain 2

Monday, Jan. 17

Enderlin at Northern Cass, 7 p.m.
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley at Tri-State, 7:30 p.m.
Fargo Oak Grove at Norman County East, 7:30 p.m.

Larimore at Drayton/Valley-Edinburg, 6 p.m.
North Border at Midway/Minto, 6 p.m.
New Rockford-Sheyenne at Cavalier, 6 p.m.
Thompson at Grafton, 7:30 p.m.
Park River/Fordville-Lankin at May-Port CG, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota Friday, Jan. 14

Stillwater Area 79, Moorhead 32
Crookston 65, Virginia 56
Alexandria 56, Bemidji 36
Ashby at Brandon-Evansville, postponed
Pequot Lakes 78, Detroit Lakes 47
Parkers Prairie at Rothsay, postponed
Battle Lake at Fergus Falls Hillcrest, postponed
Brainerd 52, St. Cloud 47
Mahnommen-Waubun 59, Fertile-Beltrami 55
Win-E-Mac 50, Sacred Heart 43
Wadena-Deer Creek at Frazee, 7:30 p.m.
Perham at Hawley, postponed
Fosston 64, Norman County East-UH 50
Kitson County Central 49, Goodridge/Grygla 46
Hancock at Underwood, 7:30 p.m.
Thief River Falls 49, Bagley 32

Saturday, Jan. 15

Moorhead at Tartan, canceled
Fergus Falls Hillcrest 50, Moorhead Park Christian 38
Stephen-Argyle 40, Ada-Borup-West 36
Detroit Lakes 68, Sartell-St. Stephen 68
Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke 48, Northern Freeze 39
East Grand Forks 55, Warroad 26
Brainerd 56, Willmar 49
Hawley at Henning, 3:45 p.m.
Fergus Falls 70, Perham 53

Stephen-Argyle 40, Ada-Borup-West 36

SA: Rivard 6; Weberg 4; Elta 6; Kazmierczak 4; Mooney 14; Carlson 6
ABW: Krosch 5; Prodzinski 4; Tinjum 9; Lee 13; Miller 2; Smart 3

Monday, Jan. 17

Nevis at Browerville/Eagle Valley, 7:15 p.m.
Horsely-Ironton at Pierz, 7:15 p.m.
Hillcrest at Mahnommen-Waubun, 7:15 p.m.
Stephen-Argyle at Sacred Heart, 7:30 p.m.
Northern Freeze at Kitson County Central, 7:30 p.m.
Blackduck at Climax/Fisher, 7:30 p.m.
Fargo Oak Grove at NCE/UH, 7:30 p.m.
Park Rapids at Bagley, 7:30 p.m.
Crookston at Thief River Falls, 7:30 p.m.
Sebeka at Pelican Rapids, 7:30 p.m.
Red Lake Falls at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

College men Results/schedule

Friday, Jan. 14 Big Ten
Notre Dame 3, Ohio State 2 (OT)
Michigan 3, Penn State 2
Wisconsin 5, Michigan State 2
Minnesota 4, Alaska 1
NCHC
Western Michigan at Colorado College, postponed
St. Cloud State at Denver, postponed
Minnesota Duluth 4, Miami 1
Nebraska-Omaha at North Dakota, postponed
CCHA
Bemidji State 5, Bowling Green 3
Ferris State 3, St. Thomas 1
Michigan Tech 3, Lake Superior 0
Northern Michigan 4, Minnesota State 2
MIAC
Augsburg 8, Bethel 2
St. John's at Hamline, canceled
Gustavus 2, Northland 2 (OT)
Wis.-Eau Claire 3, Concordia 2
St. Olaf 4, Wis.-River Falls 1
Wis.-Stout 6, St. Mary's 3
St. Scholastica at Wis.-Superior, postponed

Saturday, Jan. 15

Big Ten
Ohio State 4, Notre Dame 1
Michigan 4, Penn State 3
Wisconsin 3, Michigan State 2
Alaska 3, Minnesota 2
NCHC
Western Michigan at Colorado College, postponed
St. Cloud State at Denver, postponed
Miami 2, Minnesota Duluth 2 (2OT)
Nebraska-Omaha at North Dakota, postponed
CCHA
Bowling Green 3, Bemidji State 2
St. Thomas 4, Ferris State 3
Michigan Tech 3, Lake Superior 0
Minnesota State 4, Northern Michigan 1
MIAC
Augsburg 3, Hamline 2
Hamline at St. John's, canceled
St. Scholastica at Northland, postponed
Wis.-Eau Claire 4, Concordia 0
St. Mary's 3, Wis.-River Falls 1
St. Olaf 3, Wis.-Stout 3
Wis.-Superior 3, Gustavus 1

College women Results/schedule

Friday, Jan. 14 WCHA
Minnesota 7, Minnesota State Mankato 2
Ohio State at St. Cloud State, postponed
Minnesota Duluth 8, Bemidji State 2
MIAC
Augsburg at Bethel, canceled
St. Catherine at Concordia, canceled
Hamline at St. Benedict, canceled
Gustavus 7, St. Olaf 0
Wis.-Superior at St. Scholastica, canceled
St. Benedict 4, St. Catherine 3 (OT)
Saturday, Jan. 15 WCHA
Minnesota State Mankato 5, Minnesota 4 (OT)
Ohio State at St. Cloud State, postponed
Minnesota Duluth 3, Bemidji State 0
St. Thomas at Wisconsin, postponed
MIAC
Bethel at Augsburg, canceled

SCOREBOARD

St. Catherine at Concordia, canceled
Gustavus 4, St. Olaf 0
St. Benedict at Hamline, canceled
Wis.-Superior at St. Scholastica, canceled
Sunday, Jan. 16 WCHA
St. Thomas at Wisconsin, 2 p.m.

Juniors Standings

United States Hockey League Eastern Conference
Chicago 20-6-6 46
Muskegon 19-10-3 41
Dubuque 17-9-4 38
Madison 16-15-2 34
Youngstown 13-11-5 31
Green Bay 14-13-2 30
Cedar Rapids 12-16-1 25
Team USA 8-15-3 19

Western Conference

Tri-City 23-5-1 47
Omaha 17-8-4 38
Sioux City 16-10-4 36
Lincoln 16-11-2 34
Waterloo 15-14-2 32
Fargo Force 12-14-4 28
Sioux Falls 11-18-2 24
Des Moines 10-16-3 23

Results/schedule

Thursday, Jan. 13
Fargo Davies 41, West Fargo 33
Breckenridge-Wahpeton 51, Fargo North 29
West Fargo Sheyenne 69, Devils Lake 9
Bismarck Century 44, Bismarck St. Mary's 24
South Border 54, Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm 18

Minnesota Thursday, Jan. 13

Thief River Falls at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, 6 p.m.
West Central-Ashby-Brandon/Evansville 33, Minnetonka 31
New York Mills 39, Barnesville 33

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FOOTBALL

Professional NFL Playoffs

Wildcard Saturday, January 15

Cincinnati 26, Las Vegas 19
Buffalo 47, New England 17

Sunday, January 16

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, Noon
San Francisco at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
Monday, January 17
Arizona at Los Angeles Rams, 7:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Professional NBA

Eastern Conference Atlantic

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	27	15	.643	—
Philadelphia	25	17	.595	2.0
Toronto	21	19	.525	5.0
New York	22	21	.512	5.5
Boston	22	22	.500	6.0

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	27	14	.659	—
Milwaukee	27	18	.600	2.0
Cleveland	26	18	.591	2.5
Indiana	15	28	.349	13.0
Detroit	10	31	.244	17.0

Southeast

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	16	.628	—
Charlotte	22	19	.535	4.0
Washington	22	21	.512	5.0
Atlanta	17	25	.405	9.5
Orlando	8	36	.182	19.5

Western Conference Northwest

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	28	14	.667	—
Denver	22	19	.537	5.5
Minnesota	20	22	.476	6.0
Portland	17	25	.405	11.0
Oklahoma City	14	28	.333	14.0

Pacific

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	32	9	.780	—

SATURDAY'S METRO COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

MEN'S

Western Illinois 90, NDSU 79

FARGO — North Dakota State rallied to close an 18-point deficit in the second half, but Western Illinois prevailed in overtime in Summit League

action at the Scheels Center at Sanford Health Athletic Conference.

Rocky Kreuser paced the Bison with 19 points. Tyree Eady and Jarius Cook each followed with 15 points, and Sam Griesel poured in 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

Trenton Massner

dropped a game-high 31 points to lead Western Illinois (12-6, 3-3 Summit). Luka Barisic added 28 points.

NDSU never led, but pulled even at 75-75 on an Eady bucket with just over a minute remaining. A Massner layup with 17 seconds left put

the Leathernecks ahead. Kreuser drew a foul and knocked down two clutch free throws to force OT.

Western Illinois opened overtime with a 13-0 run to seal the win.

The Bison (11-6, 3-2 Summit) are scheduled to play at Kansas City on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Concordia 73, St. Mary's 67

MOORHEAD — The Cobbers took down St. Mary's in Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play at Memorial Auditorium.

Braeton Motschenbacher scored a game-high 22 points to pace Concordia. Rowan Nelson followed with 19 points and Dylan Inniger poured

in 12 points. Talon Hofer grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

St. Mary's drained five more 3-pointers than the Cobbers, but Concordia had the edge at the foul stripe, knocking down 17 of 19 free throws compared to St. Mary's 4 of 4. Caden Freetly led St. Mary's (5-9, 3-7 MIAC) with 17 points.

The Cobbers (5-7, 4-5 MIAC) have won three of their last four. Concordia is slated to play Carleton on Sunday, Jan. 23.

WOMEN'S

NDSU 63, Western Illinois 55

MACOMB, Ill. — Heav- en Hamling had a near double-double to lead

North Dakota State past Western Illinois in Summit League action at LeRoy A. Ufkes Court at Western Hall.

Hamling tallied 25 points and nine rebounds with five assists. She shot 9 of 16 from the field and 5 of 10 from 3-point range. Olivia Skibiell scored 16 points and brought down eight rebounds. Sophie Olson added eight points.

The Bison stifled Western Illinois, holding the Leathernecks to just under 30% from the floor (16 of 55) and under 20% from 3-point range (6 of 31).

Danni Nichols led Western Illinois (11-5, 2-3 Summit) with 14 points.

NDSU (7-10, 3-4 Summit) is slated to host Kansas City on Thursday.

Concordia 62, St. Mary's 41

MOORHEAD — Concordia pulled away in the second half to cruise to a MIAC victory over St. Mary's at Memorial Auditorium.

The Cobbers outscored St. Mary's 36-23 in the second half.

Jordyn Kahler scored 11 points off the bench to lead the Cobbers. Maddie Guler scored 10 points on 3-of-4 shooting, including 2 of 3 from beyond the arc. Emily Beseman poured in nine points with six rebounds and three steals. Symone Beld had a near double-double with eight points and nine boards. Mary Sem dished out a team-high five assists.

Brooklyn Paulson had a game-high 20 points to pace St. Mary's (4-10, 3-8 MIAC).

The Cobbers (4-8, 4-6 MIAC) are scheduled to play at St. Catherine at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

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North Dakota State's Rocky Kreuser shoots against Western Illinois during their basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.



North Dakota State's Jarius Cook goes up for two against Western Illinois during their basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.



North Dakota State's Sam Griesel is fouled by Western Illinois' Jadrian Flores during their basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.



North Dakota State's Maleeck Harden-Hayes reaches for a rebound captured by Western Illinois' Trenton Massner during their basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.

SATURDAY'S METRO HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

BOYS

Fargo Davies 81, Red River 70

GRAND FORKS — Davies built an 11-point halftime lead en route to an Eastern Dakota Conference win over Grand Forks Red River on Saturday.

The Eagles shot 56% (36 of 64) from the field, while holding Red River to 23 of 62 (37%).

Ian Motschenbacher led a balanced Davies scoring attack with 18 points, adding eight rebounds and three assists. Mason Klabo finished with 16 points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Raymond Brown also contributed across the board, recording 13 points, six rebounds, nine assists and six steals. Max Frosliel poured in 12 points and grabbed five boards.

Zac Kraft paced Red River with 20 points. Paine Parks added 16 points with eight rebounds.

Davies improved to 7-1 both overall and in the EDC. Red River fell to 4-3 both overall and in the conference.

West Fargo 73, Wahpeton 57

WAHPETON, N.D. — A strong first half sparked West Fargo to victory over Wahpeton in EDC play.

The Packers (8-2, 7-2 EDC) led 44-19 at halftime. Carson Hegerle paced West Fargo with an 18-point, 10-rebound double-double, surpassing 1,000 career points in the process. He tacked on four assists and three steals. Nick Carlson followed with 16 points and six boards. Foday Sheriff finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.

Caden Hockert led Wahpeton (1-8, 1-8) with 16 points.

Edina 68, Moorhead 59

EDINA, Minn. — Moorhead had four players score in double figures, but it wasn't enough against the Hornets in Minnesota Class 4A action.

Dylan Zimmerman led the Spuds with 18 points and Adam Jenkins scored 14. Colton Hagen poured in 13 points and Mekhi Elmore contributed 12.

Edina's Gabriel Jobe scored 28 points and teammate Kole Hanson finished with 19.

Moorhead dropped to 5-7 overall, while Edina improved

to 8-4 overall.

Fargo South 83, Devils Lake 71

FARGO — The Bruins pulled away in the second half en route to an EDC victory over Devils Lake.

South (5-5, 5-4 EDC) held a two-point lead (33-31) at halftime.

James Hamilton paced the Bruins with a game-high 29 points. Diamond McGill followed with 19 points.

Wylee Delorme led Devils Lake (2-6, 2-5) with 23 points and Drew Hofstad poured in 13.

Fargo North 84, GF Central 57

GRAND FORKS — Fargo North held an 18-point halftime lead on its way to an EDC win over Grand Forks Central.

The Spartans (6-4, 5-4 EDC) led 42-24 at the break.

GFC fell to 2-7 overall and 2-6 in the EDC.

Pelican Rapids 74, Oak Grove 62

PERHAM, Minn. — Pelican Rapids knocked off Fargo Oak Grove in nonconference play at the Crossover Classic.

Pelican Rapids has won

four in a row and improved to 8-3 overall. Oak Grove fell to 3-6 overall.

Hillcrest 70, Park Christian 56

MOORHEAD — Fergus Falls Hillcrest downed Moorhead Park Christian in Minnesota Section 6A play to extend its win streak.

Hillcrest improved to 7-2 overall and has won five consecutive games. Park Christian fell to 3-9 overall.

GIRLS

West Fargo 84, Wahpeton 77

WEST FARGO — Miriley Simon had a 35-point double-double to lead the Packers past Wahpeton in an EDC matchup.

Simon finished with 35 points and 14 rebounds. West Fargo's Solveig Seymour had 17 points with three steals. Brylie Peterson poured in 12 points with five rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Scout Woods had a double-double of her own with 22 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Huskies (2-6, 2-6 EDC). McKenna Koolmo followed with 17 points, five assists and four steals. Lidia

Motl added 16 points and three steals.

West Fargo improved to 9-1 overall and 8-1 in the EDC.

Fargo North 73, GF Central 62

FARGO — North took down Grand Forks Central in an EDC bout.

North's Arden Faulkner scored a game-high 25 points, Grace Thiel scored 22 and Grayce Anderson finished with 13.

Morgan Hollgren led Central with 19 points and Lauren Reardon scored 17.

The Spartans rose to 3-6 overall and 3-5 in the EDC. GFC dropped to 0-9 overall and 0-8 in the conference.

Hillcrest 50, Park Christian 38

MOORHEAD — Fergus Falls Hillcrest topped Moorhead Park Christian in Minnesota Section 6A action.

Annika Johnson and Andie Sandman each scored 12 points to lead Park Christian (4-9). Kaycee Endreson added six points.

Hillcrest (4-6) was led by Madi Ballweg's 15 points. Ella Knutson and Regan Wiertzwa each added 11 points.

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SATURDAY'S METRO HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ROUNDUP

GIRLS

Fargo Davies 12, Devils Lake 0

FARGO — The Eagles rolled to a big win over Devils Lake on Saturday at Farmers Union Rink.

Davies outshot Devils Lake 68-9.

Reganne Silbernagel scored four goals and had an assist and Taylor Severson had the hat trick.

Kylie Autrey, Morgan Sauvageau and Maia Jensen all had a goal and two assists. Olivia Opheim had a goal and an assist, Taylor Klassen scored a goal and Sage Kracke had three assists. Kaylie Zimmerman tallied two assists, while Abby Voeller and Sandra Sampson each had an assist.

Davies improved to 12-1 overall, while Devils Lake fell to 0-10 overall.

North-South 7, Jamestown 1

JAMESTOWN, N.D. — State scoring leader Rylee Bartz had a hat trick before the end of the first period to fuel Fargo North-South to victory over Jamestown.

Bartz added a second- and third-period goal to finish with five on the day. Bartz leads the state in points with 50 and in goals with 38 this season. Elsie Anderson and Anna Nelson also found the back of the net for the Spruins. Allie Emineth dished out three assists for North-South and Anderson had two.

Ellie Krueger found the

back of the net for Jamestown (6-6).

North-South finished with a 42-14 advantage in shots on goal. Spruins goalie Savannah Wuitschick recorded 13 saves.

After its 1-3 start to the season, North-South (8-4) has won seven of its last eight.

Moorhead 2, Roseau 1

ROSEAU, Minn. — The Spuds came back to edge Roseau in overtime in Minnesota Section 8AA action.

Ella Holm led the Spuds, scoring both the game-tying goal in the third period to force overtime, and the game-winner in the extra frame. Kate Kosobud tallied two assists and Taylor Brueske had one.

Moorhead goalie Taylor Kressin was strong in net, recording 32 saves.

Moorhead has won four in a row, improving to 13-7 overall. Roseau dropped to 11-7 overall.

WF United 4, Minot 2

MINOT, N.D. — West Fargo United came out on top of an eventful third period to top Minot.

United scored three goals in the third frame and Minot scored two.

Alyssa Smith found the back of the net in the first period and United (9-5-1) took a 1-0 lead into the third. Zoey Gervais pushed it to 2-0 with a power-play goal 4 minutes, 21 seconds into the third. Marissa Votava then scored for Minot to cut it to 2-1, but Sydney Dye answered shortly after to put United up by two. Maren Hareland scored an emp-

ty-netter with under a minute left to give United a three-goal cushion. Emily Thiele scored a power-play goal for Minot (7-4) with eight seconds left, but that's as close as it got.

United goalie Makenna Braun tallied 15 saves. United finished with a 30-17 edge in shots on goal.

BOYS

South-Shanley 4, Devils Lake 3

DEVILS LAKE, N.D. — Fargo South-Shanley edged Devils Lake in East Region action on Saturday.

South-Shanley improved to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the East. Devils Lake fell to 3-10 overall and 0-9 in the East.

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SPUDS

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“We just had to stick with it. At some point, he can’t save them all, so we just have to stick with it and eventually one will go in,” Bentz said.

The Spuds had clean zone exits Saturday and didn’t let the Sabres spend much time in their end. Meanwhile, Moorhead continually disrupted Sartell as it tried to clear the zone.

“We get pucks low and just go to work,” Bentz said.

The Spuds picked up right where they left off in the third period. Bentz scored his second goal of the night — his 21st of the season — 41 seconds in on a feed from Lindberg.

While the Spuds dictated play most of the game, Sartell found a way to counter down the stretch. Down 3-0, the Sabres (8-6), who moved up a class this year after playing in Section 6A for years, didn’t go away easily.



Moorhead's Gavin Lindberg closes in on Sartell-St. Stephen's Noah Hacker during their Section 8AA boys hockey game on Saturday in Moorhead.

Michael Vosburg / The Forum

With 4:25 to play, the Sabres denied a shutout with a power-play goal. Moorhead successfully killed two third-period penalties when the Spuds were called for their

third with less than five minutes remaining. Sartell’s Parker Comstock knocked home a rebound off the pads of Vannett 11 seconds into the power play.

The Spuds next play Fargo Davies at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Farmers Union Insurance Center at Scheels Arena. The game starts a stretch of seven away games. Moorhead won’t play another home game until it hosts Hill Murray in the regular-season finale.

“We’ve had an opportunity to play a number here in a row at home,” Ammerman said. “I think our kids took advantage of that and now it’s a good switch, right in the middle of the season, to get on the road a bit and play some pretty high quality opponents in the next couple of weeks.”

FIRST PERIOD: 1, M, Kortan (Reierson, Tweet), 1:44.
SECOND PERIOD: 2, M, Bentz (Lindberg, Triggs), 12:44.
THIRD PERIOD: 3, M, Bentz (Lindberg), 0:41. 4, SSS, Comstock (Lund, McCabe), 12:34.
SAVES: M, Vannett 3-4-4—11. SSS, Hacker 12-12-5—29.

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VIKINGS

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Not a deep draft

One issue, though, is that 2022 is not considered to be a deep draft for quarterbacks. Not like it was last year, when Trevor Lawrence went No. 1 to Jacksonville, Zach Wilson No. 2 to the New York Jets, Trey Lance No. 3 to San Francisco, Justin Fields No. 11 to Chicago and Mac Jones No. 15 to New England.

“It’s a class of quarterbacks that is very unsettled, and in some ways it’s the opposite of last year when you had five quarterbacks where you felt good that all five could be starters in the league and could potentially lead us to the playoffs,” said Dane Brugler, a draft analyst for The Athletic. “This year you’ve got five or six quarterbacks at the top where it’s hard to have the conviction that, ‘Hey, this is a guy that can help lead us to the playoffs.’ ... That makes it tough. But beauty is in the eye of the beholder.”

If the Vikings do want to take a quarterback at No. 12, they likely would have more of a choice among the top candidates available than in 2021 when four quarterbacks were gone after pick No. 11.

While it’s early in the process, Reid foresees three quarterbacks being locks to go in the first round — Pittsburgh’s Kenny Pickett, North Carolina’s Sam Howell and Mississippi’s Matt Corral. Reid said it’s wide open what the order will be. He said any of the three could end up being available to the Vikings at that spot, if they stay at that spot. Reid said Malik Willis

of Liberty could play his way into the first round, and so could Cincinnati’s Desmond Ridder. He said Nevada’s Carson Strong could be regarded as having first-round talent but there are medical issues since he has had three knee operations.

Five of those six quarterbacks will be on display at Senior Bowl practices in the coming week in Mobile, Ala., and Reid said a better idea will emerge of which players stand out. Corral is ineligible to participate since he is a redshirt junior who has not graduated. He suffered a high ankle sprain in Mississippi’s 21-7 loss to Baylor in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 but is expected to eventually be healthy enough to show his stuff to scouts during workouts leading up to the draft.

What about Mond?

The Vikings did start thinking about a future at quarterback when they took Kellen Mond with the No. 66 overall pick in the third round last year, their highest-drafted quarterback since Teddy Bridgewater went No. 32 in 2014. But Mond struggled in the preseason and was inactive for 15 of 17 regular-season games as the third-stringer behind Cousins and veteran backup Sean Mannion. When Cousins sat out the Jan. 2 game at Green Bay while on the COVID-19 reserve list and Mannion left briefly in the fourth quarter with an injury in the 37-10 loss, Mond came in for three plays but did not look good.

“I think the guys at the top are much better prospects than what Kellen was coming out a year ago,” Reid said of the potential first-



John Autey / St. Paul Pioneer Press

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kellen Mond (11) scrambles for a few yards against Denver during the second quarter of an NFL football preseason game at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis on Aug. 14.

round prospects in this year’s draft. “I think he would be a tier below those guys.”

After the Packers game, Zimmer was asked if he wanted to see more of Mond in the meaningless season finale the following week against Chicago. He said “not particularly” because “I see him every day (in practice).”

Mond’s confidence apparently has not been shaken. A source close to Mond said Zimmer’s comments “didn’t bother him at all” because “Kellen’s got thick skin.” Mond does have one big supporter moving forward in former Vikings quarterback Tommy Kramer. He and Mond are both natives of San Antonio, and Kramer watched Mond closely at Texas A&M.

“They didn’t give him a chance,” Kramer said of Mond’s rookie season. “You just need a chance. I think the Mond kid can play.” Still, if the Vikings move on from Cousins or if 2022 remains the final year on his contract, Kramer said now could be a good time to take a quarterback in the draft.

“Number 12, that’s not bad,” Kramer said of the Vikings’ position

in the draft. “But that’s what the scouts are for.”

While the Vikings won’t have a general manager or coach in place during Senior Bowl week, they will have multiple scouts there. Then after the hires are made, there will be opportunities to evaluate quarterbacks at the combine and pro days.

Pickett top prospect

Many analysts regard Pickett as the top prospect at this point. As a redshirt senior, he was third in the Heisman Trophy voting in 2021, a season in which he threw for 4,319 yards with 42 touchdowns and seven interceptions.

“Maybe he doesn’t have the elite physical skills, the big-time arm, but Kenny Pickett has the accuracy and the mobility,” Brugler said. “Maybe a team feels like he can be their starter.”

Howell played a role in current Vikings line-backer Chazz Surratt switching positions at North Carolina in 2019 for his final two seasons. Surratt was a quarterback there until Howell arrived, and it became apparent he wouldn’t be able to beat him out.

Howell was an immediate success with the



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Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett runs for a touchdown in the first quarter of the ACC Championship game against Wake Forest at Bank of America Stadium on Dec. 4 in Charlotte, North Carolina

Tar Heels, throwing for 7,227 yards and 68 touchdowns with 14 interceptions in his first two years. But he slumped a bit in his final season of 2021, throwing for 3,056 yards with 24 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

“They lost so much on offense,” Reid said of the Tar Heels losing a number of top offensive players in 2021. “And he had to take over a lot of the running responsibilities (he rushed for 828 yards after running for 146 in 2020). But I think he’s one of the most gifted passers of this quarterback class.”

Corral threw for 3,337 yards with 29 touchdowns in 10 games in 2020, then 3,343 yards with 20 touchdowns in 13 games in 2021. But he cut down significantly on his interceptions, going from 14 in 2020 to five in 2021.

“I think he took a big leap,” Reid said. “The biggest thing was just the turnovers and the bad decisions were down. He has a lightning-quick throwing motion, and he can really make quick decisions.”

The athletic Willis could end up being the

most difficult of the potential first-round quarterbacks to evaluate. He threw just 14 passes in his first two seasons at Auburn before transferring to Liberty, where he threw 47 touchdowns in his final two seasons. But he competed against lower-level competition.

Ridder led Cincinnati to an undefeated regular season and took the Bearcats to the College Football Playoff. But after averaging 245.4 yards passing per game and throwing for 30 touchdowns, he didn’t help himself in a 27-6 loss to Alabama in the semifinals, completing just 17 of 32 passes for 144 yards and failing to lead his team to a touchdown.

For what it might be worth, Pro Football Focus gave Pickett its highest 2021 rating of any quarterback in the draft and the analytics site has him in a mock draft going to Minnesota at No. 12. That sounds better than in 2011, when many mock drafts had Ponder being selected late in the first round or in the second round before he went to the Vikings at No. 12.

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came out and executed the game plan very well.

“I thought it was a great team game. I thought we had good balance and I thought our players did a nice job of finding the open player and making the extra pass to get their teammates the ball.”

Burian finished 6 of 8 from 3-point range, showing why she’s second in the EDC in 3-point field goals made, averaging 2.5 per game.

The Eagles had three other players finish in double figures. Senior guard Ashley Wachacha finished with 17 points, followed by senior forward Ava Wild with 16 and sophomore guard Karley Franks with 13.

Davies was also tasked with containing the EDC’s assists leader and fourth-leading scorer, Red River sophomore guard Jocelyn Schiller.



Fargo Davies' Ava Wild shoots on Grand Forks Red River during their girls basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.

Schiller proved hard to stop however, leading all scorers with 24 points and finishing with five assists.

Davies finished 33 of 65 shooting for 51%, while Red River was just 19 of 57 for 33%. Both sides were near perfect at the free-throw line, with the Eagles going 9 of 10

and the Roughriders 7 of 8.

Davies finished with 34 rebounds, led by Burian and Wachacha with six apiece. Red River picked up 26 boards, led by Schiller and junior guard Cassidy O’Halloran with five each.

Red River visits Devils Lake (4-3) on Tuesday with tipoff



Fargo Davies' Ashley Wachacha shoots against Grand Forks Red River during their girls basketball game on Saturday in Fargo.

set for 5:45 p.m., while Davies visits Grand Forks Central (0-9) at 7:15 p.m.

“We’ll just keep going one game at a time,” Safranski said. “That’s our philosophy on things and our next opponent is who we’re worried about next and concerned about, and we’ll go

after it and try to just take it one game at a time and get ourselves prepared for each opponent every night and continue to play hard and have fun.”

Half: FD 50, RR 27
RR: Schiller 24, O’Halloran 6, Litzinger 6, McQuillan 5, Ella 4, Alex 3, Barker 2, Hendrickson 2
FD: Marissa Burian 22, Wachacha 17, Wild 16, Franks 13, A. Safranski 6, Wheeldon 4, Vettel 4, T. Safranski 3, Feldner 2

Grading the trade

Wiggins trade for Russell benefitting both teams for now. What about long term?

By Jace Frederick

St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Another Golden State vs. Minnesota game on Sunday provides another chance to dissect the latest of the Timberwolves' franchise-altering trades, as D'Angelo Russell and Andrew Wiggins will again share the floor.

We're now two years removed from the day in which the Timberwolves' now-former basketball boss Gersson Rosas put an exclamation point on his first trade deadline by sending Andrew Wiggins and a first-round draft pick to the Bay area in exchange for Russell and some salary cap filler.

In the moment, the move generated some needed excitement in Minnesota for a down-trodden NBA franchise that appeared to be heading nowhere fast. Russell was fresh off an all-star appearance. Wiggins was in

the midst of yet another underwhelming season. In the days that followed, Rosas painted the picture that he finally had acquired the point guard he desired.

A large segment of Timberwolves fans couldn't believe the heist their team had just pulled off. But two years later, as the paths the franchises have charted since come into clearer vision, it's become obvious the Warriors did not lose that trade.

But did the Timberwolves?

Golden State (31-11) sports the NBA's second-best record. This with Klay Thompson only recently returning after missing two and a half years with leg injuries. Until now, it's been Steph Curry, Draymond Green, Jordan Poole and Wiggins spearheading the efforts for one of the NBA's top teams.

Wiggins has proven to be exactly what Golden State hoped —

a talented wing who can defend and score. He has rounded out the Warriors lineup and plugged a glaring hole that hadn't been filled since Kevin Durant bolted for Brooklyn. Is Wiggins worth the \$31 million he's making in salary this season? No. But the same was always going to be true of Russell, too.

Wiggins is one of the best players on one of the best teams in the NBA. He's sporting career-high numbers in advanced metrics such as win shares per 48 minutes (.137), box plus-minus (1.4) and value over replacement player (1.0). Averaging 18.6 points a game while shooting 42 percent from 3-point range, Wiggins is in a strong position to be selected for his first all-star game this winter.

Russell's advanced metrics grade similarly. In traditional stats, he's averaging 19 points



Golden State Warriors forward Andrew Wiggins attempts a three-point shot Jan. 11 against the Memphis Grizzlies in Memphis, Tennessee.

a game, and while the shooting numbers are lower this season, they've spiked over the past week as the point guard is starting to resemble the offensive player he's been now for years.

The "big three" of Karl-Anthony Towns, Anthony Edwards and Russell combined for 84 points in the Timberwolves' loss Thursday in Memphis. They have the scoring acumen to keep Minnesota fluttering around

the .500 mark, at worst. The Timberwolves have been significantly better with Russell on the floor than without.

The Timberwolves are better with Russell than they were with Wiggins. The same is true for Golden State and Wiggins. In that sense, the deal was a win-win for the two sides.

But that narrative could change quickly when both teams enter the postseason. Will Wiggins hold up as the same productive play-

er deep into spring as the Warriors contend for a championship? Will Russell play a role in Minnesota achieving a surprising amount of postseason success?

The latter is important, because the Timberwolves gave up a first-round draft pick on top of Wiggins to get Russell. That pick eventually turned into Jonathan Kuminga, who has lottery-ticket-type-player potential, which Golden State will see if he can realize. But had the Timberwolves not acquired Russell, it's plausible they would have lost more games if incentivized to do so and attained a higher draft pick to select the likes of Cleveland forward Evan Mobley. Who knows how that alternative universe would have played out.

If Russell continues to play at the level he has shown the past week, and helps Minnesota win enough games to get into the playoffs and makes the Timberwolves a tough postseason out, that might convince the front office to continue to roll forward with this current core and extend the guard's contract this offseason.

If not, Minnesota could have some difficult decisions on the horizon — re: its starting point guard and his value at his current price point — the exact same boat it would have been in with Wiggins had the trade never taken place. In such an instance, the Timberwolves wouldn't be a winner, or a loser. They would be stuck in neutral, and hoping Golden State's lottery ticket never cashes.



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Minnesota Timberwolves guard D'Angelo Russell shoots for three Jan. 13 against the Memphis Grizzlies in Memphis, Tennessee.

Talbot on mend after injury spoiled his Winter Classic

Wild goaltender is named an NHL All Star for the first time

By Dane Mizzani

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ST. PAUL — Whenever he hangs up the skates for good, chances are, Minnesota Wild goaltender Cam Talbot will look back on the Winter Classic more fondly than he does right now.

He will remember the once-in-a-lifetime family skate at Target Field with his wife Kelly and his twins Landon and Sloane. He will remember standing in the crease during the game with nearly 40,000 fans cheering in the background. He will remember how the temperature almost comically hovered around minus-10 degrees for most of the night.

As of right now, though, the only thing the 34-year-old Talbot can think about is the fact that he lost the game and suffered a lower-body injury in the process.

"I'm a competitor and I want to win games, and we didn't win that game," Talbot said. "It just kind of sours the experience. Especially



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Minnesota Wild goaltender Cam Talbot eyes the puck against the Dallas Stars on Dec. 20 in Dallas.

when I had to come out of the game itself. Looking back on my career later on, I'm sure I'll see it as a time where family got to come and I got to share the experience with them. But right now it just goes as a loss and I'm not really happy with it."

The good news for

Talbot? He seems to be getting closer to returning to the lineup. He has skated on and off with his teammates over the past few days, and if everything goes according to plan, he will get into a full practice some time next week.

In a past life, Talbot might have rushed back from the injury, running

the risk of making it even worse. He admitted that earlier in his career he almost felt obligated to say he was ready to go even if he was not.

"I think the older I get the more confident I get in knowing my body," Talbot said. "Just being able to take a step back and focus on the bigger picture. Obviously miss-

ing a few weeks right now isn't a huge deal because the games are so spread out. It's probably as good a time as any and be able to take my time and come back from it."

On top of returning to the lineup in the very near future, Talbot learned on Thursday that he had been named

an NHL All Star for the first time in his career. He will join star winger Kirill Kaprizov in representing the Wild at All-Star Weekend from Feb. 4-5 in Las Vegas.

"Humbled," Talbot said. "It's an honor. It's a testament to the team as well. Anytime anyone's nominated to an All-Star Game, it's a collective effort, I believe, and obviously I couldn't do it without the guys in front of me."

While he's certainly looking forward to the All-Star Weekend, the top priority for Talbot is helping the Wild make a run at the Stanley Cup. He believes this group has what it takes to do something special.

"You could see from the start of the season, when we were a healthy team, we were right up there with the top teams in the league," Talbot said. "I believe that's where this team belongs. We are just going through a stretch that every team goes through during a season. You get a few injuries and obviously right now with COVID and stuff like that. The best teams in the league come out of it on the other side stronger. And I believe this team can do that."

Back to the double standard

Here we go again: NFL goes backward when it comes to hiring Black coaches

By Michael Cunningham
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In 2003, NFL franchise owners had to be prodded to seriously consider Black candidates to coach their teams. They were willing to sign Black players to make them money while risking their health. They were reluctant to let them lead their teams after they were done playing. Once those Black coaches got more opportunities, they proved they should have had them all along.

Now the league is going backward again.

There were three Black coaches when the NFL adopted the so-called Rooney Rule to increase diversity among head coaches. There's one Black coach after the Dolphins fired Brian Flores and Houston dismissed David Culley. That's Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin, who's never had a losing season over 15 years, won one Super Bowl and made it to another.

Maybe that's the sky-high standard Black coaches must meet to stick around. Lately, they haven't even got a second year. Three of the last five coaches to get fired after one season are Flores: Culley, Steve Wilks and Hue Jackson.

It's starting to feel like 2018 again. After that season, five Black coaches were fired and replaced by five white coaches. Flores was let go after consecutive winning seasons. That's a throwback to the pre-Rooney Rule days, when the Bucs fired Tony Dungy after he led his team to the playoffs and one bad season ended Dennis Green's successful run in Minnesota.

Troy Vincent, the NFL's executive vice president of football operations, recently told the Washington Post that teams have a "double standard" with judging the performance of Black coaches.

"I don't think that that is something that we should shy away from," Vincent said, via the Post. "But that is all part of some of the things that we need to fix in the system. We want to hold everyone to why does one, let's say, get



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Houston Texans head coach David Culley waves to fans as he walks off the field after a 41-29 win against the Los Angeles Chargers at NRG Stadium on Dec. 26, 2021 in Houston.

the benefit of the doubt to be able to build or take bumps and bruises in this process of getting a franchise turned around when others are not afforded that latitude?"

That double standard is what led to the NFL adopting the Rooney Rule in the first place. Dungy and Green were fired the year before. The league was under the threat of litigation over racial bias in hiring decisions by its teams. Attorneys Cyrus Mehri and Johnnie Cochran were pressuring the league to improve its record.

The lawyers commissioned a study by Penn professor Janice Fanning Manning. The study, published in 2004, found that Black coaches were performing better than their white counterparts. She concluded: "Overall, the results are consistent with African American coaches being held to higher standards to get their jobs in the NFL."

Flores and Culley are the latest victims of that dynamic. Both coaches won as many games as could reasonably be expected under the circumstances.

The Dolphins were 23-25 under coach Adam Gase from 2015-18, including 7-9 in his final season. Flores took over in 2019 and beat

the betting market's expectations over three years. Flores's first Dolphins team had over/under win total of 4.5 and finished 5-11. The Dolphins finished 10-6 in 2020 with an over/under of six and 9-8 this season with an over/under of nine.

There are reports that Flores was let go because he was difficult to work with. That train is always on time when successful Black coaches are fired. Meanwhile, white coaches are celebrated for their abrasive personalities so long as they win.

Culley got the Texans job after Bill O'Brien ran the team into the ground. Taking over bad situations is another reality faced more often by Black coaches than their white colleagues. ESPN's Luke Knox examined data on head coach performance from 2003-18. He found that Black coaches had to "take over a higher rate of bad teams in Year 1," went on to beat expectations but still got shorter tenures than white coaches.

The Texans were a mess when Culley took over as coach. He inherited a roster that lacked talent and depth thanks to O'Brien's bungling as general manager. Pro Bowl

quarterback Deshaun Watson demanded a trade after the 2020 season. He ended up sitting out all of 2021 as he faced 22 civil lawsuits alleging sexual assault and misconduct (Watson's lawyer filed a response denying the allegations).

Culley led the Texans to a 4-13 this season without Watson. His bosses couldn't have expected any better. Culley was set up to take the fall. After the final game, the Texans sent Culley out to talk to media and pretended he was keeping his job. Culley should get all the \$17 million left on his four-year contract.

Tarnished legacy

The Rooney Rule's legacy is being tarnished again after it created more opportunities for Black coaches. There were six Black coaches in the NFL over the league's first 80 years, including one (Art Shell) in the modern era. There were four Black coaches in the 16 years before the Rooney Rule. NFL teams hired 22 minority coaches from 2003-19.

Just like their predecessors, the Black coaches among that group proved they can do the job. Flores and Culley did the same. Black coaches still are

held to a higher standard than white coaches. It's reached the point that the NFL makes MLB look progressive by comparison, which is hard to do.

Cleveland hired baseball's first black manager, Frank Robinson, in 1975. There have been 16 Black managers since then. There are two now: Dusty Baker (Astros) and Dave Roberts (Dodgers).

Baker began his big league career during a time when about 20% of players were Black. The number of Black players in MLB has steadily declined and now about 10% of players are Black. Only a very small number of MLB managers never played in the big leagues (Braves skipper Brian Snitker is one of them).

By contrast, about 70% of the NFL players and more than half of NCAA football players are Black. The NFL has a much larger pool of Black coaching candidates than MLB. Yet baseball now has more Black people leading its teams on the field.

The NFL is doing better with giving Black professionals opportunities in the front office. Falcons general manager Terry Fontenot is one of three Black executives who were

hired to run football operations last year. That increased the number of Black GMs to five. Fontenot didn't get to pick his coach because the Falcons already had decided to hire Arthur Smith.

Black head coaches were rare in the NFL before the Rooney Rule. That initiative led to an unprecedented number of opportunities for Black coaches. The Rooney Rule has been expanded over the years. Now teams are required to interview multiple minority candidates for head coach. GM and coordinator openings are not covered by the rule.

After all that, the NFL now has one Black head coach after two of them just got raw deals. Ultimately, NFL franchise owners decide who coaches their teams. They can co-opt anti-racist movements and put progressive slogans on the fields. They can't escape the reality that racial bias in hiring and firing of coaches is on them.

They should be collectively ashamed. I doubt they are. The threat of legal action made them care in 2003. That's one part of the league's history on hiring Black coaches that I'd like to see repeated.

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Eli Manning finds freedom off the field

By Amy Tenner
Reuters

NEW YORK — Twice Super Bowl champion Eli Manning is an expert at silencing critics from gridiron to the stands of his third-grade daughter's basketball game.

The mild-mannered, four-time Pro Bowler defined an era of New York Giants football, cutting a contrast to the National Football League's big personalities before retiring in January 2020 with a long list of franchise records.

Today, the quarterback turned girls' basketball coach is letting his hair down, enjoying the relative anonymity afforded by a face mask and stands empty of critical parents.

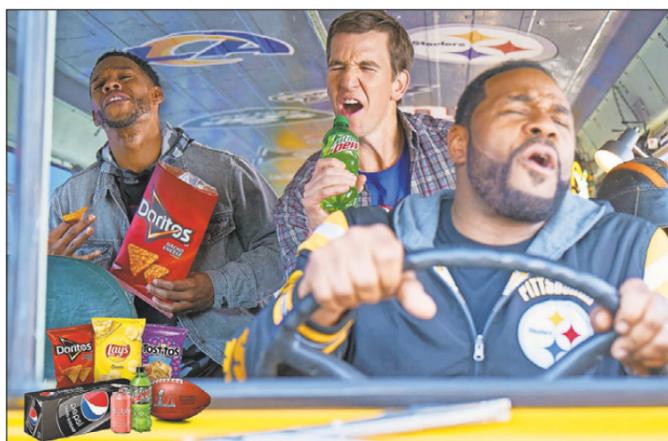
"You don't have the parents yelling at you because their kid's not playing enough," Manning, 41, told Reuters. "I was like, 'No, I don't do

emails. I don't accept any criticism. Like, we're going out there. We're playing.'"

It is the kind of flair that even his avid fans might not have seen in his playing days, during which he pulled off one of the greatest upsets in professional sport to beat Tom Brady's undefeated New England Patriots at the Super Bowl in 2008.

"I didn't want my fans to think I did anything else besides football," said Manning. "I just wanted them to think that's all I did ... And to some degree, it was a little true."

Two years after retirement, he has all but shed that mindset, singing along to Olivia Rodrigo's Gen Z anthem "good 4 u" in a raucous post-season ad campaign for Frito-Lay and PepsiCo with other larger-than-life NFL figures, including Terry Brad-



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Eli Manning features in an NFL post-season ad campaign for Frito-Lay and PepsiCo.

shaw, and enjoying the popularity of the "ManningCast" show he launched last year on ESPN2 with his brother Peyton.

"I definitely had a different

side of me that my teammates knew," he said. "They kind of saw me get to relax or I could let my hair down a little bit. And so, yeah, I think now it's kind of all that — I don't have

to hide something... you're just kind of a little bit more relaxed and willing to kind of put yourself out there a little bit more."

Manning predicts more success for MVP candidate Aaron Rodgers this post-season, with the quarterback's Green Bay Packers getting a week's rest courtesy of a first-round bye.

"I just don't know who's going to go into Green Bay and beat them at home," said Manning, who sees the Tennessee Titans taking the AFC.

"I feel like even though they (Packers) are the number one seed, they're still an underdog. No one's really giving them a chance and I think they like that," said Manning.

"They're not blowing guys out, but they find ways to win. And I think just having that quality is a great thing to have in the playoffs."

Earning its own merits

Lake Ilo Wildlife Refuge has unique charm, wildlife near Theodore Roosevelt park

By Race Archibald
The Dickinson Press

Killdeer, N.D.
Most commonly known for the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in Medora, the western edge of North Dakota has more to offer in the form of Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge.

Located in Dunn County, right outside of Killdeer, Lake Ilo sits west of the Missouri River and is accompanied by over 4,000 acres of land. Including the wetlands surrounding the lake, the refuge is home to over 200 species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and fish combined. It is one of the 33 wildlife refuges in the state.

Surrounding the lake are three trails where visitors can take in the views of the lake and surrounding land and spot the unique wildlife western North Dakota has to offer.

The land isn't short on history. It was first occupied by Paleo-Indians, some of the earliest known settlers in North America, about 13,000 to 25,000 years ago. They had to deal with the rapidly changing environment post-Ice Age.

Plant and animal life was vastly different than it is today as they looked to survive. These groups traveled frequently across the region, hunting big game animals such as mammoths, bison and beavers, which at the time grew as large as today's black bears.

Some of their stone artifacts remains have been found on the refuge, as well as other nearby regions. These tools have taught scientists and archaeologists in present day what the lifestyle of the Paleo-Indians was like in the form of their



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An ice fishing trailer resting on Lake Ilo.

craftsmanship.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife personnel were given more access to the land in 1989 to further explore the area and to learn more about Native American life from years ago.

The lake itself was formed from a dam constructed in 1936 near Spring and Murphy Creek. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order in 1939 which made Lake Ilo a habitat for migrating birds and other wildlife.

The dam's condition deteriorated in the 1980s and further construction was required. It caused the lake to be lowered by 7 feet.

Some of the common wildlife found on the

refuge consist of white-tailed deer, northern pintails, great blue herons and sandpipers.

Of course during the winter, activities and wildlife are limited. The bitter cold temperatures and drifting snow make it a relatively quiet place. The one activity that remains, however, is ice fishing. Portions of Lake Ilo are open to those who wish to continue the popular summer activity.

The Northern Pike, the state fish of North Dakota, can be found in these waters. Known at times for their aggressiveness, these fish live in the weedy shallow waters, but are also found in colder, clear waters. Other fish found in the lake



The entrance to the Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge in Dunn County.

are yellow perch and walleye.

Shoreline fishing is allowed year-round, and once the ice melts, boats are permitted on the lake from May 1 through

Sept. 30.

It's a unique spot and a stark contrast from what the Theodore Roosevelt National Park has to offer to the southwest.

Visitors looking for a hike around a lake with a chance to spot captivating wildlife will surely enjoy their time at the Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge.

New Year's resolutions with a fishing rod in hand

With the holiday season just completed and another year of fishing adventures in the rearview mirror,

I've been reflecting on the past year, looking ahead to the coming year, and making plans for next summer's fishing season.

Here are some of the things that I hope to accomplish during the coming year. These are, in essence, my fishing resolutions for 2022!

Fish "new" waters

This past fishing season I headed to a couple small fisheries in my home area that I hadn't fished in at least a decade.

These lakes were "hidden gems" for panfish and largemouth bass that I had kind of forgotten about as I spend more time traveling around the Midwest fishing other waters. A chance meeting at a rest area with an old acquaintance who also favored the particular fisheries "back in the day" served

as a reminder about the productivity of the two lakes.

I fished them both last fall and caught good numbers of fish, just like back in the day. Those good fishing trips had me thinking of other lakes I used to fish a good bit and have kind of forgotten about.

I hope to sample some new lakes that I've never been on during the 2022 open water season. I also plan to revisit some other lakes that I have either forgotten about or neglected in recent years.

This situation also has me counting my blessings as I am very fortunate to live in the Alexandria area of Minnesota, an area with so many lakes with good fishing opportunities that I somehow forgot about some really good fisheries!

Learn new techniques

I'll be the first to admit that I have been slow to catch on to the vibrating jig as a bass fishing lure.

While several of my fishing friends have reported great catches with these lures, I have only occasionally tied one on and made some casts.

Last July, however,



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Sawyer Waldorf got quite a surprise when this smallmouth bass ate his bait while fishing for bluegills with his grandpa, Mike Frisch, last summer. Getting on the water more with family is one of the things Frisch wants to focus on most during the 2022 fishing season.

Shane Gesell, one of the producers of "Fishing the Midwest" TV show, got out from behind the camera and joined me for a day on the water. Shane tied on a Thunder Cricket

vibrated jig and dressed it with a Blade Minnow plastic. Rather than simply casting it out and steadily retrieving it, Shane would cast, reel quickly, and then stop his retrieve.

By killing his retrieve, Shane's bait would fall toward the bottom mimicking a wounded baitfish and, at times, get bit by a hungry bass. Not only did Shane's unique method catch

several fish, but it also put the two biggest fish, a couple fat 4-pound largemouth, in the boat.

I'll be spending more time throwing a vibrating jig next summer and will keep a more open mind to other new fishing lures and techniques used with those lures. As they say, "it's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks!"

Fish with family

Last summer I assisted my grandson, Sawyer, with his first fish catches, watched my son-in-law, Colin, catch one of his first walleyes, and got in on a fast fall walleye bite with my mom. Thinking of these memorable days reminds me that this is something that I need to do more of in 2022. Afterall, catching fish is always fun, but the best part is sharing time in the boat with people you cherish the most.

Here's hoping your upcoming season is filled with good catches and time spent with those you enjoy as well!

As always, enjoy your time on the ice and water, and remember to include a youngster in your outdoors adventure.

Mike Frisch hosts the popular "Fishing the Midwest" TV series. Visit www.fishingthemidwest.com for more "fishy" stuff.

Bengals end playoff drought

Cincinnati defeats Raiders for first playoff win since 1991

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CINCINNATI — Joe Burrow passed for 244 yards and two first-half touchdowns as the Cincinnati Bengals ended a 31-year postseason losing streak with a 26-19 victory over the visiting Las Vegas Raiders on Saturday afternoon.

Evan McPherson kicked four field goals for the Bengals.

Cincinnati advanced out of the opening round of the playoffs for the first time since the 1990 season.

“It’s a great win for us, for the city and the organization, but, you know, we expected this. So, it’s not gonna be a big celebration like it was when we won the division,” Burrow said. “We took care of business, now it’s on to the next round.”

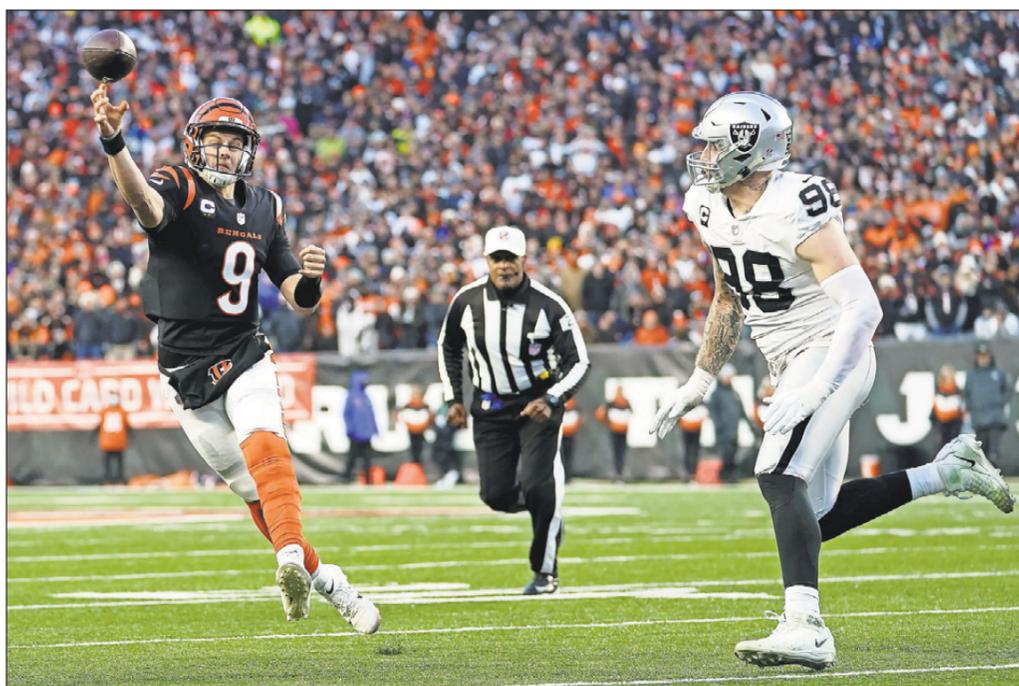
Cincinnati led by 10 points after McPherson’s fourth field goal, a 28-yarder, with 6:46 to play.

The Raiders pulled to within 26-19 on the ensuing drive on Daniel Carlson’s 28-yard FG — his fourth of the game as well — with 3:37 remaining. Las Vegas converted a huge fourth-and-5 from its own 44-yard line to keep alive the drive.

The Bengals could not run out the clock, giving Las Vegas the ball at its own 35 with 1:51 to play. The Raiders moved to the Cincinnati 9-yard line but failed to get the tying score on four snaps, the final one ending with an interception by the Bengals’ Germaine Pratt with 12 seconds to play.

Derek Carr threw for 310 yards and a touchdown in the loss for Las Vegas, completing passes to seven different receivers. Josh Jacobs rushed for 83 yards on 13 carries.

The Raiders, making their first playoff appearance since 2016, have not recorded a postseason victory since the 2002 season.



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Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow throws as Las Vegas Raiders defensive end Maxx Crosby pressures in the second quarter on Saturday during an AFC wild-card playoff game at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati.



Albert Cesare / USA Today Sports

Cincinnati Bengals defensive end B.J. Hill (92) and Cincinnati Bengals defensive end Sam Hubbard (94) sack Las Vegas Raiders quarterback Derek Carr in the AFC wild-card game on Saturday in Cincinnati.

“The Bengals beat us today — we came up short today,” Carr said. “Honestly, I’m just trying to hold back emotion because I didn’t plan on that happening. You know, I didn’t expect it to have to go that way. I just felt so confident in the game plan. So, it’s just hard right now. But looking at the season, you definitely have some pieces there. It’ll be interesting to see what happens.”

Las Vegas got on the board on its opening drive, moving 47 yards to Carlson’s 47-yard field goal with 9:28 to play in the first quarter. Cincinnati answered with Burrow’s 7-yard touchdown pass to C.J. Uzomah and a 7-3 lead with 4:35 left in the quarter.

On the ensuing possession, Carr fumbled while being sacked from behind by the Bengals’ Trey Hendrickson, with the loose ball picked up by Larry Ogunjobi and returned to the Las Vegas 15-yard line. Cincinnati settled for a 31-yard FG by McPherson that expanded its advantage to 10-3.

The teams traded field goals early in the second quarter, with McPherson hitting from 30 yards at the 10:23 mark and Carlson converting from 28 yards out with 7:58 to play until halftime.

Burrow added to the Bengals’ lead with a scrambling, 10-yard TD pass to Tyler Boyd with 1:51 left in the half. That left plenty of time for Carr, who drove to a 14-yard scoring pass to Zay Jones to pull the Raiders to within 20-13 at the break.

The only scoring in the third quarter was a 43-yard field goal by McPherson on the Bengals’ opening drive of the half that pushed their lead to 23-13.

Carlson hit from 34 yards away on the second play of the fourth quarter to bring the Raiders within a touchdown, 23-16.

A TD barrage in Buffalo

Allen leads Bills in rout over rival New England

Field Level Media

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Josh Allen passed for 308 yards and five touchdowns as the third-seeded Buffalo Bills dominated the visiting New England Patriots 47-17 in an AFC wild-card matchup on Saturday night.

Allen (21-of-25 passing) guided the Bills to touchdown drives on their first seven possessions, a first for any team in a postseason game in the Super Bowl era. Devin Singletary rushed for 81 yards and two touchdowns for the Bills. Allen added 66 yards rushing.

“We were ready to play. A lot of preparation went into this one,” Allen told the CBS broadcast in a postgame interview. “We just kept the momentum rolling all day today.”

Buffalo will face either Kansas City or Cincinnati in the

divisional round next weekend. Patriots rookie quarterback Mac Jones went 24-of-38 passing for 232 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions in his first playoff start. Kendrick Bourne had seven catches for a team-high 77 yards and two TDs for New England.

New England was playing its first playoff game without Tom Brady at quarterback since a loss at Jacksonville in the wild-card round on Jan. 3, 1999.

It was the first playoff meeting between the AFC East rivals since a then-Boston Patriots team earned a 26-8 win at War Memorial Stadium in Buffalo on Dec. 28, 1963, in a divisional round game. The teams split their two regular-season meetings this season.

Allen led the Bills to touch-

down drives in each of their four first-half possessions as Buffalo built a 27-3 halftime lead. It marked the largest halftime deficit for the Patriots in coach Bill Belichick’s tenure.

Jones was intercepted on the Patriots’ opening drive of the second half. On the next drive, Allen hit Emmanuel Sanders on a 34-yard bomb for another touchdown to make it 33-3 at the 8:48 mark of the third.

With the game already in hand, Jones tossed a three-yard pass to Bourne for the QB’s first postseason TD with 4:12 to go in the third.

Allen added a 19-yard scoring pass to Gabriel Davis and a one-yard TD toss to Tommy Doyle in the fourth quarter as the Bills ran up the score. Jones added another four-yard TD toss to Bourne late in the fourth.



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Buffalo Bills quarterback Josh Allen drops back to pass against the New England Patriots on Saturday in the AFC wild-card game at Highmark Stadium.

Buffalo marched 70 yards on nine plays on the game’s opening drive to score as Allen found Dawson Knox for an eight-yard TD with 9:45 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive, Jones drove the Patriots to the Bills’ 34-yard-line before his pass intended for wideout Nelson Agholor was intercepted by Micah Hyde in the end zone for a touchdown.

Allen and Knox connected again for an 11-yard touchdown with 40 seconds left in the quarter to make it 14-0.

Singletary had a pair of TD rushes in the second quarter, scoring on a three-yard rush with 7:20 on the clock and again on a 16-yard scamper with 1:53 remaining.

Nick Folk’s 44-yard field goal six seconds before halftime put New England on the board.



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Buffalo Bills running back Devin Singletary (26) runs for a touchdown during the second quarter on Saturday of the AFC wild-card playoff game against the New England Patriots at Highmark Stadium in Orchard Park, New York.



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New England Patriots quarterback Mac Jones reacts to an interception in the third quarter on Saturday of the AFC wild-card playoff game against the Buffalo Bills in Orchard Park, New York.

Tiny home transforms backyard

into a WFH retreat

By Lisa Boone
Los Angeles Times
Santa Monica, Calif.

Nearly 30 years after purchasing a modest two-bedroom, one-bathroom house in the Sunset Park neighborhood of Santa Monica, California, Michael Solomon and Naomi Lieberman turned their attention to their backyard, where they hoped to add a guesthouse that would accommodate their family and friends.

In what seems inconceivable by today's real estate standards, they purchased the 1,300-square-foot house in 1994 for \$300,000. But decades later, desiring a bit more space, they had little success finding a larger dwelling they both liked. "We lucked out and bought the house right after the Northridge earthquake," Solomon explained. But today, "there's really no affordable place to go" if you want more room, he added.

Given the deep attachment to their longtime neighborhood, the couple decided to add an accessory dwelling unit, or ADU, in the backyard, rather than renovate or move somewhere else.

Their decision to stay put is not surprising in neighborhoods like theirs, where small, single-family houses sell for more than \$2 million and nearby neighborhoods are among the most expensive ZIP codes for buyers in the country.

Situated on a large lot with a detached garage and large backyard, the traditional 1939 house, with others in the tract, was built for Hughes and McDonnell Douglas aircraft employees during the 1930s and '40s.

"We felt it would be awkward to add on to the house" since it's so "old-fashioned," said Solomon, a former music executive and artist manager who now serves as the Southern California representative for Penguin Cold Caps, a British line of headwear designed to minimize hair loss during chemotherapy. He liked the idea of a separate structure, however, especially if it could incorporate elements of midcentury modern design, of which he is a fan.

Interested in eco-friendly design, the



Photos by Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times / TNS

The 320-square-foot Plus Hús by Minarc transforms an "old-fashioned" property in Santa Monica into a modern live-work compound.



Above left: The living room, bedroom and kitchen of the ADU designed by Minarc. **Above right:** The living room features a space-saving queen Murphy bed by Clei, which pulls down over a couch.



couple were inspired by the possibilities of prefabricated construction after touring a Venice house designed by Erla Dögg Ingjaldsdóttir and Tryggvi Thorsteinsson of the Santa Monica-based firm Minarc.

"We loved the quirky nature of what they did," Solomon said of that house's open-air floor plan and green building solutions.

So they hired Minarc to craft something for them.

Such accessory dwelling units are on the rise in Los Angeles, where the city is relying upon ADUs as a way to deal with insufficient housing needs: In 2020 alone, the city of

Los Angeles received more than 5,000 ADU applications.

The house that Minarc built for Solomon and Lieberman is known as a Plus Hús (Icelandic for "Plus House"), and the blueprint is one of several available through the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety's Standard Plan: The program offers more than 40 stylish pre approved ADU designs aimed at simplify the permitting process.

The prefabricated ADU is made of mmmMOD building panels, a wood-free, fireproof option composed of recycled steel and durable expanded polystyrene insulation board.

Minarc's compositions for the couple echo what the designers call their desire to create sustainable and flexible housing.

"We wanted to change the mindset when it came to building," Ingjaldsdóttir said of the Plus Hús. "We started thinking about this 10 years ago when we built our first prototype. We looked into [using shipping] containers, but they are not made for living because there is no insulation, and the ceilings are low. Why put a lot of energy and work into something that is not made for humans? We started thinking about kits for crises. We thought, 'How can we help if someone's house

burns down?'"

Impressed by Minarc's low-waste, sustainable approach to building, Solomon and Lieberman chose to install a custom Plus Hús, a 320-square-foot studio that was manufactured in downtown Los Angeles, arrived as a flat kit and was assembled on-site in a day.

Even though it takes up some of their treasured yard, the tiny studio adds enormous appeal and a touch of Modernism to the backyard, where drought-tolerant landscaping and a new lap pool complement the serene addition.

Located next to the garage, the ADU offers natural light

and privacy at the same time, courtesy of narrow floor-to-ceiling aluminum windows in three corners. A heavy, well-insulated sliding glass door connects guests to the pool, backyard and main house.

Inside, the interiors reflect Solomon's minimalist preferences, with white maple cladding on the walls and ceiling and a space-saving queen-size Murphy bed from Italian furniture maker Clei (\$15,000 at the time at Resource Furniture in West Hollywood) that offers storage and pulls down easily over an integrated sofa for overnight guests.

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Look for the Holy Spirit's work in difficult times

As a faith leader, I've walked the road of adversity alongside parishioners, someone ill or even grieving family members in a hospital trauma unit. And often I find myself having to answer for a universe that can seemingly randomly take aim at one's health, or worse yet take aim at the life of a loved one. That's when I try to help those impacted find where the Holy Spirit is active in the situation.



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It's a difficult conversation to have during times of trouble: Try convincing someone hurting that we do not have an aloof God but rather we have a God who is active through the Holy Spirit and is still influencing the course of events today. And this brings us to the very act of faith, being able to walk by faith, not sight. Reference 2 Corinthians 5:7 for more.

The trouble with being faithful is that we are no more guaranteed a smoother road in life than anyone else, and many may find that counterintuitive to having faith at all. To that I would say, "I get it brother or sister! I feel the tug of doubt

as often as you do!" ... Then I take a breath and remind myself that faith is a lifelong journey, with ebbs and flows. And that is perfectly OK to our loving and patient God.

Recently, two of our children suffered their own serious medical issues. We feel fortunate that they have excellent health care providers attending to their needs, and that both of their prognoses look good. But they are our children after all, and nothing will test your faith like watching one of your offspring — let alone two at the same time! — endure a serious medical setback.

In situations such as these,

my best advice as a faith leader is to seek out where you can find the Spirit, God's active presence in the world, still at work. This can be in the talented medical staff taking care of your loved one; this could be in the network of friends who rally to your side; or this could be in experimental technology that could provide answers. The Spirit is there, at work, somewhere.

I don't pretend to know the "whens," "hows" and the "whys" of God's activity through the Holy Spirit. But I do take comfort that I've become better at identifying where I see the Holy Spirit at work during difficult times.

Trust me, faith leaders and their spouses aren't immune to bouts of doubt when life's unanticipated calamities disrupt their lives. We are only human after all. But the beauty of the Creator is that unwavering commitment isn't the standard by which we are judged. We are asked only to walk with faith and not sight. And sometimes, that is the best comfort I have to offer ... even to myself.

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In-laws don't show affection

Dear Annie: My relationship with my in-laws is a bit strange. I have three children, and my husband's parents have never shown love or that they care for them, or for my husband and me, for that matter. It

breaks my heart that my children do not have a relationship with them, as they are their only grandparents.

When I visit their home, they do not have pictures of my children. They only have pictures of my father-in-law's grandchildren from his daughter with a previous marriage.

I've been married to my husband for more than a decade, and I have never felt accepted by them or even loved. They have not shown any affection toward us or my children. Every time we talk on the phone, it is always awkward, and they never speak to my children the way grandparents should. I would like to cut ties with them and keep them out of our lives. What should I do? — Broken Heart

Dear Broken Heart: Cutting ties with them seems a bit extreme. Have you asked yourself if you have accepted and loved them? Have you shown affection toward them? I am not blaming you for the relationship but simply suggesting that you look at yourself and how you have treated them.

Why not give them a picture in a nice frame of their grandchildren? Maybe they don't

know how to print out the photos and your father-in-law's daughter gave them the photo. Send them love and acceptance if that is what you would like from them. If they still cannot return it, just accept that it is their loss and they are missing out on all the love and joy that grandchildren can give.

Dear Annie: I read Ann Landers and "Dear Abby" when I was a kid and have continued reading all the Anns and Annies since. (Does this date me, or what?!) The recent letter from "Not So Black and White" — as many others have over the years — left me in tears. This lady's concern was about her hateful, racist mother-in-law and her relationship with her 7-year-old stepdaughter.

As I was folding up the newspaper to toss, I spontaneously sent up a prayer for this family, asking God to soften this woman's heart so that healing can take place in the family. Then it occurred to me that I should do that every time I read your column.

I haven't made New Year's resolutions in decades, until this year.

I challenge all of your readers to send up prayers of healing as they read your column. Costs you nothing but your time.

Happy New Year, and God Bless. — Sending Warm Thoughts

Dear Sending Warm Thoughts: Thank you for your kind words. Your intention to send love and good thoughts to people struggling is greatly appreciated by me and more readers than you know.

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

'Squid Game' makes history with Screen Actors Guild nominations

By Christi Carras
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — "Squid Game" made history Wednesday morning as the first non-English-language TV series and the first Korean series to score a nomination for a Screen Actors Guild Award.

The hit Netflix show, created by Hwang Dong-hyuk, is nominated for ensemble in a drama series alongside "The Handmaid's Tale," "The Morning Show," "Succession" and "Yellowstone."

"Squid Game" stars Lee Jung-jae and Jung Ho-yeon also landed individual nominations for actor and actress in a drama series, respectively. In the dystopian drama about debt-ridden people who compete in a series of deadly children's games for a lofty cash prize, Lee plays earnest father Seong Gi-hun, and Jung makes her acting debut as guarded North Korean defector Kang Sae-byeok.

After it was released in September, "Squid Game" quickly became Netflix's most-watched series of all time, surpassing other fan favorites such as "Bridgerton" and "Lupin."

The "Squid Game" milestone comes three years after Bong Joon-ho's Oscar-winning Korean thriller "Parasite" became the first non-



Youngkyu Park / Netflix / TNS

Lee Jung-jae (No. 456) is a man in a deadly competition in the Netflix series "Squid Game."

English-language project to win a Screen Actors Guild Award for film ensemble. Twenty-one years prior, Roberto Benigni's Oscar-winning Italian drama "Life

Is Beautiful" became the first non-English-language project to nab an ensemble nomination. Over the weekend, "Squid Game" star O Yeong-su became the first Korean actor to win a Golden Globe for his performance as ailing contestant Oh Il-nam. The gruesome show also earned a 2022 Golden Globe nomination for drama series, while Lee received a nod for actor in a drama series.

The 2022 Screen Actors Guild Award nominations were announced Wednesday by "Tick, Tick ... Boom!" star Vanessa Hudgens and "Dopesick" star Rosario Dawson. Leading the film nominees this year are "House of Gucci" and "The Power of the Dog," with three nominations apiece, while TV series "Ted Lasso" and "Succession" are tied for five.

The 28th SAG Awards ceremony is scheduled to air Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Central time on TNT and TBS. No host has been announced for the show, which will be broadcast from the Barker Hangar in Santa Monica.

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2 actresses get Screen Actors Guild Award nominations for playing Aretha Franklin

By Julie Hinds
Detroit Free Press

If you need more proof that the Queen of Soul has been portrayed by great performers, look no further than the Screen Actors Guild Award nominations announced Wednesday morning.

Jennifer Hudson

received a nod in the category of best performance by a female actor in a movie for her role as Aretha Franklin in the biopic "Aretha."

Before her death in Detroit in 2018, Franklin chose the Oscar winner for "Dreamgirls" to play her on the big screen.

Hudson will be competing against Jessica

Chastain in "The Eyes of Tammy Faye Baker," Olivia Colman in "The Lost Daughter," Lady Gaga in "House of Gucci" and Nicole Kidman in "Being the Ricardos."

In the small-screen category for TV movies and limited series, Cynthia Erivo landed a best performance by a female

actor nomination for "Genius: Aretha" from the National Geographic network.

Erivo will be up against Jennifer Coolidge of "The White Lotus," Margaret Qualley of "Maid," Jean Smart of "Mare of Easttown" and Kate Winslet of "Mare of Easttown."

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In an effort to reduce volatile organic compounds inside the unit, there is no paint, nor carpeting, and the bathroom tiles are certified by the nonprofit Greenguard Environmental Institute for indoor air quality.

Thanks to the structure's energy-efficient mnmMOD interior wall panels, Solomon said the ADU is always a comfortable temperature. "The insulation is great," he said. "If it's a warm day outside, it'll retain the heat and stay warm at night. It's very efficient and cheap to operate."

The couple splurged on a luxury steam shower and sauna from Aquapeutics in the bathroom, but the kitchenette features inexpensive cabinets from Ikea (FÖRBÄTTRA cover panels in matte white paired with VOXTORP drawer fronts), Caesarstone countertops, a compact 24-inch refrigerator and an electric cooktop and microwave oven for a clean-lined, modern look. "We didn't want to crowd the space," Solomon said.

The small footprint proves that you can have distinct living areas in just 320 square feet, as the kitchenette, living room and transformable master bedroom, dining room and bathroom each have an individual presence in the shared space.

After six months of construction, the



Carolyn Cole / Los Angeles Times / TNS
A steam shower and sauna in the bathroom.

project was completed in January of 2020 at a cost of about \$150,000, due to add-ons. Minarc also offers one-bedroom units starting at \$79,000 for materials, with custom details like skylights, windows and door upgrades available for an additional fee.

As a consequence of the coronavirus pandemic, the couple have hosted only a single guest since the ADU was completed. Still, the ADU was a prescient move, Solomon said, as more and more Americans work from home as

coronavirus variants emerge. Lieberman, a psychotherapist, chose to give up her office of 20 years and now uses the ADU as a virtual therapist's office.

"We didn't build it for that reason," Solomon said, "but she loves working in that space."

As someone who appreciates the ADU's connection to the outdoors, Solomon said the only downside of the ADU is a lack of abundant sunlight. "The bathroom and dining area in the far corner are a little dark. So I'm going to put in solar

light tubes that have light-gathering lenses."

The ADU may have been a compromise in terms of space, but for the couple it has been a good one: Solomon and Lieberman can stay in the neighborhood they love while Solomon works out of his office in the garage and Lieberman works in the ADU. They can enjoy the second bathroom they've always wanted and, hopefully, someday, when the coronavirus pandemic ends, they will be able to house their family in the space. Looking ahead, Solomon said the ADU could possibly be used as housing for a caregiver, should one of them ever need assistance.

There's even a rowing machine tucked in the ADU, for when the desire to work up a sweat arises.

"We got everything we wanted in a small compound," Solomon said. "I wanted something that looked great. Now, when I look out into the backyard,

I see a garage that was built in 1939, a pool, a comfortable patch of grass for our dog and a guesthouse that was built two years ago. They all fit together beautifully. That's the look that I wanted."

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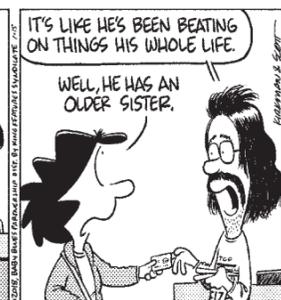
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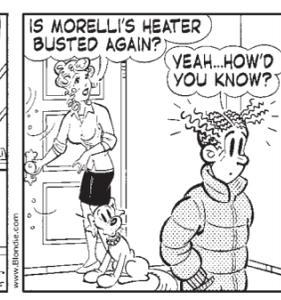
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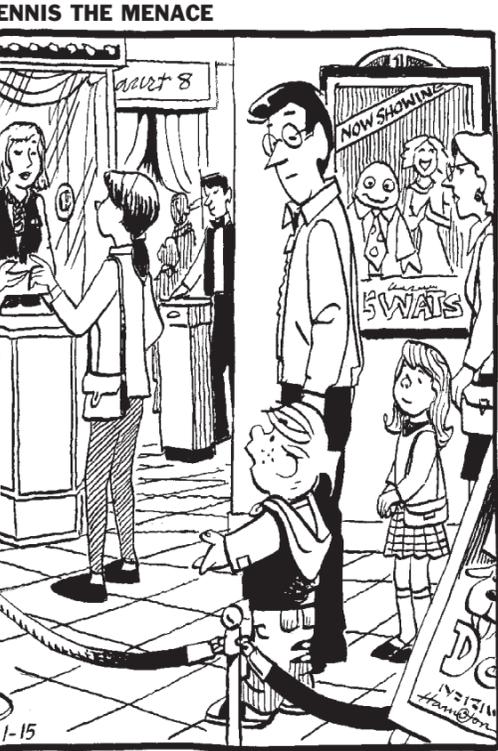
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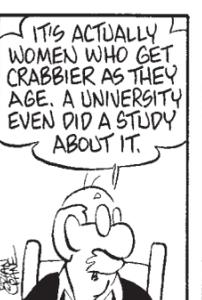
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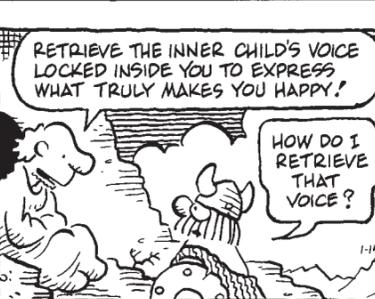
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17 Places for posers
18 Banh mi spread
19 Nonsense
20 Fabric types
21 Racer with a crew
22 Pasture mom
24 Exchange membership
25 Trumpet
26 Guiding lights?
28 Leavings on the sly
30 Pub order
31 Architectural deets
33 Omission indications
35 In
37 Instrument akin to an oud
38 Bucolic
42 From then on
45 Tony-winning playwright Enslar
46 Prepare to show some muscle
48 Pets
50 From around here
52 One way to start
54 Reason to go green?
55 Desktop assortment
56 Software to debug
58 Very long time
59 "Pretty please?"
60 Let others talk
62 Inserts, say
63 Event necessitated by a move, perhaps
64 Bridge site
65 "Why the tears?"
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2 Speakers often clear them
3 Dilapidated digs
4 Space-saving abbr.
5 La Jolla scientific research institute namesake
6 Medical procedures
7 Keeps occupied
8 On the line
9 MRI technician's request
10 "Djinn's": Franck symphonic poem
11 Century 21 rival
12 Ambitious track wagers
13 See-through device
14 Piccolo sounds
21 Confident response after being doubted
23 Straight up
27 Underwater groups
29 _-size
32 HomePod Mini voice
34 Diagonally cut pasta
36 Vine fruit that can be dried and used as a container
38 Smoothie King Center NBAer
39 California state fruit
40 Duel personalities
41 Some sleep on it
43 Mall features
44 "Ta-da!"
47 Watched a boxer, say
49 Matched, as movie sound and action
51 Star _: five-spice ingredient
53 Juice amounts?
57 Word before "A Lady" or "A Woman," in two old Top 10 songs
60 Bench for a flock
61 Spanish pronoun

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



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Each letter stands for another. If you think X=O, for example, it would equal O throughout the puzzle. Today's clue: U equals L Saturday's Cryptoquip: If someone closes the lid of a large piano really forcefully, I suppose that's a grand slam.

StormTRACKER WDAY abc

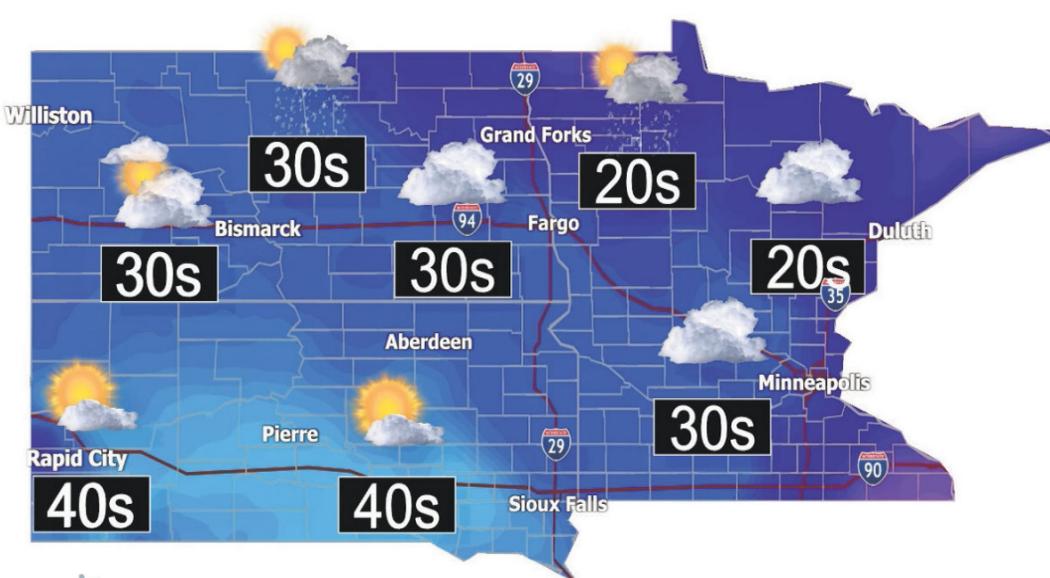


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Wind: NW 13 mph	Wind: NE 11 mph	Wind: NW 11 mph	Wind: NW 13 mph	Wind: W 11 mph	Wind: SW 12 mph	Wind: NW 15 mph

*Average wind speed for each day



The full moon is approaching

By John Wheeler
Clouds permitting, the moon will appear full from tonight through Tuesday night with the actual moment of the full moon Monday evening at 5:48 p.m. Central Time. The moon easily grabs one's attention. It is so bright and its position and phase change regularly and noticeably. When the phase of the moon is full, it is particularly noticeable — at least if the sky is not too cloudy — because it is very bright and dominates the sky from sundown to sunup, whereas other phases

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are only in the sky for part of the night. Phases of the moon are a simple matter of light and shadow and our perspective here on Earth. The lit portion of the moon is being bathed in sunlight and the dark portion is in shadow. A lunar eclipse happens when the full moon passes through the sun's shadow made by the Earth. There will be two total lunar eclipses this year on May 16 and Nov. 8.

John Wheeler is Chief Meteorologist for WDAY Television.

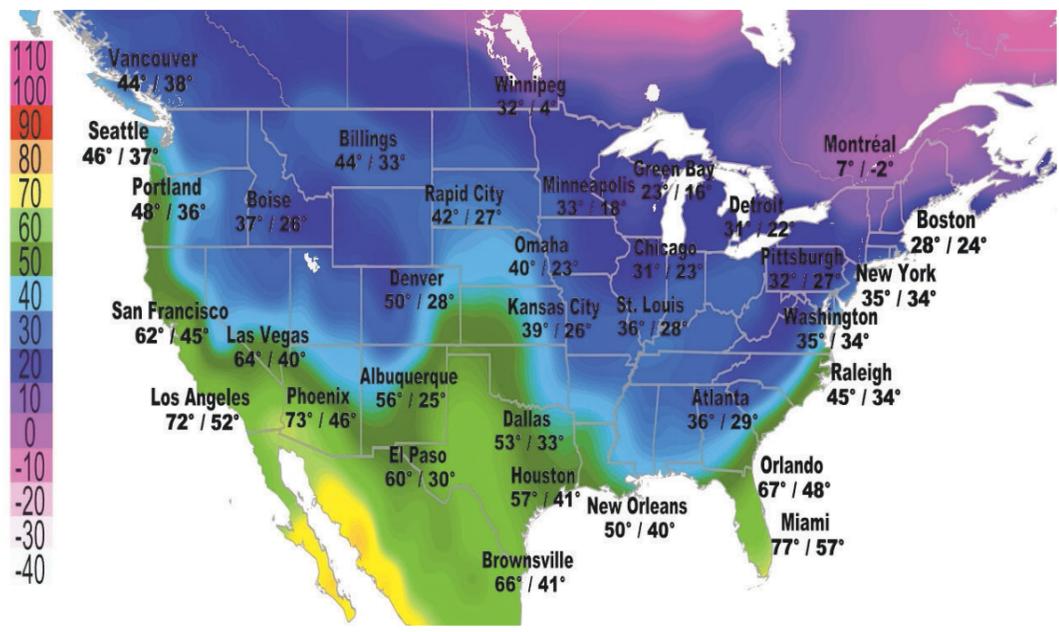
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Yesterday: 0"
Month: 6"
Season: 34.4"

North Dakota	Today		Tomorrow		Minnesota	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Bismarck	35	18	32	17	Alexandria	32	20	26	18
Jamestown	34	22	26	21	Duluth	26	15	21	10
Medora	37	23	43	30	International Falls	26	9	13	-2
Minot	31	18	29	12	Minneapolis	33	18	27	21
Williston	33	18	33	24	Rochester	28	18	28	22

StormTRACKER Forecast

Overcast with chances of light snow. Warmer with highs in the low 30s.

Almanac Through 6 pm Saturday		
Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	7°	-16°
Normal	18°	0°
Record	40° in 1901	-36° in 1888
Precipitation In Inches		
Saturday	0	
Month To Date	.40"	
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WDAY (ABC) 6	6		Funniest Home Videos		Celebrity Wheel of Fortune		Supermarket Sweep		The Rookie "In the Line of Fire"		News (N)	(.35) Sports	(.05) AGWeek	(.35) Paid	(.05) Castle
WDAY3 (WX) 29	596		Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Monk "Mr. Monk's 100th Case"		Monk		Celeb Page (N)	Celeb Page (N)	News (N)	(.35) Sports	(.05) AGWeek	(.35) Paid	(.05) Paid
KXJB (CBS) 9	9		(3:30) NFL Football		60 Minutes (N)		The Equalizer "Aftermath"		S.W.A.T. "Vagabundo"		News (N)	(.35) SEAL Team	"Santa Muerte"	(.35) M.Crimes	"Citizen's Arrest"
KVLY (NBC) 11	11		Grand Crew	Football Night	(.15) NFL Football AFC Wild Card		Pittsburgh Steelers at Kansas City		Chiefs Site: Arrowhead Stadium (L)		News (N)	Investigate TV	(.35) The Song	(.05) Opry	
KFME (PBS) 13	13		The Lawrence Welk Show		Masterpiece Classic		Masterpiece Classic		Vienna Blood		The Open Mind	Story P. Square	Rubenstein	Tell Me More	Question Bef
KVRR (FOX) 10	10		The Simpsons	Bob's Burgers	The Simpsons	Great North	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	KVRR Local News at 9 p.m. (N)		Young Sheldon	Young Sheldon	Last Man St.	Modern Family	2 Broke Girls
WDAY (CW) 28	14		MacGyver		LegendsHiddenTemple (N)		Horror (SP) (N)	Horror (N)	The Goldbergs	Life of a King ('13, Dra)	Dennis Haysbert, Cuba Gooding Jr..		The Liquidator	The Liquidator	
KCPM (MNT) 27	597		Whacked Out	Whacked Out	To Be Announced				To Be Announced		Measure (N)	To Be Announced		Hal Lindsey	Chapel
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E 189	41		The First 48 "Shattered"		The First 48 "Gangland"		The First 48 "Chain of Death"				(.05) First 48 "The Invitation"		(.05) The First 48 "Gangland"		(.05) First 48
AMC 358	54		*** Beetlejuice ('88, Com)	Geena Davis, Michael Keaton.		*** Batman (1989, Action)	Jack Nicholson, Kim Basinger, Michael Keaton.						*** Batman Returns	Michael Keaton.	
BSNOR 153	27		Wolves +	Pre-game	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Minnesota Timberwolves (L)		Post-game		WPT Poker Borgata Classic		Wolves +	Pre-game	NBA Basketb.		
CINEMAX 511	420		(4:50) *** Presumed Innocent		*** Underwater ('20, Hor)	Kristen Stewart.	(.35) *** Disturbia ('07, Susp)	Shia LaBeouf.	(.20) *** Swimfan ('02, Thril)	Jesse Bradford.	(.50) *** Domino				
COM 6	61		*** Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
DISN 302	36		*** UglyDolls ('19, Ani)	Kelly Clarkson.		Sulphur	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	BigCityGreen	BigCityGreen	BigCityGreen	BigCityGreen	Jessie
DSC 263	3		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs (N)		Dirty Jobs "Worm Grunter"		(.05) Myst. of Abandoned		(.05) Myst. of Abandoned		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs
ESPN 183	24		ITF Tennis Australian Open Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)						SportsCenter (N)				NFL Rewind (L)		SportsCent. (N)
ESPN2 184	25		H.S. Basketball (L)		Basket. Update		H.S. Basketball AZ Compass vs. La Lumiere (L)		UFC Archival		World of X Games (N)		SportsCenter (N)		E:60
FOOD 270	34		Game "Guy's Trivia Games"		Guy's Game "ABC Mania"		Guy's Chance of a Lifetime (N)		Alex vs. "Alex vs Spicy" (N)		Beat Play	Beat Play	Guy's Chance of a Lifetime		Alex vs.
FREE 282	39		Movie		*** The Blind Side (2009, Sport)	Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.			*** The Blind Side (2009, Sport)	Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.					
FX 193	56		(4:30) *** The Longest Yard		*** The Waterboy ('98, Com)	Kathy Bates, Adam Sandler.		*** The Longest Yard (2005, Comedy)	Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler.		*** Draft Day	Kevin Costner.			
HBO 500	401		(5:40) The Suicide Squad ('21, Act/Com)	Idris Elba, Margot Robbie.		Euphoria (N)		Gemstones (N)	(.35) Somebody	(.05) Euphoria		(.05) Gemstones	(.40) Somebody	(.10) Euphoria	
HGTV 272	35		Home Town "Grand Style"		Home Town (N)		Home Town (N)		Home Town		HomeTown "The Church House"		Home Town		Home Town
HIST 274	46		Marvels "Top Toys & Games"		The Toys That Built America		The Toys That Built America		(.05) Toys.USA "Toy Car Wars"	(.05) ToysThatBuiltAmerica		(.05) ToysThatBuiltAmerica		(.05) Toys.USA	
LIF 100	31		(5:00) NFL Double Life		My Best Friend's Secret Life ('21)	Nicolette Langley, Rene Ashton.		(.05) Safe Room	Nik Sanchez, Boris Kodjoe, Nicole Ari Parker.		My Best Friend's Secret Life ('21)	Rene Ashton.			
NICK 6	37		(3:30) His Football		Lay Lay	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
PARMT 60			*** Grease ('78, Musical)	Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, John Travolta.		*** A League of Their Own (1992, Comedy/Drama)	Tom Hanks, Madonna, Geena Davis.						*** Rocketman		
SYFY 189	45		*** Shrek ('01, Ani)	Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers.		*** Shrek 2 ('04, Ani)	Voices of Eddie Murphy, Mike Myers.		(.05) *** Land of the Lost ('09, Adv)	Anna Friel, Will Ferrell.			Fantastic Four		
SHO 520	435		Your Honor "Part Four"		(.15) Ray Donovan: The Movie ('21, Dra)	Liev Schreiber.		Yellowjackets (N)			Ray Donovan: The Movie	Liev Schreiber.	(.40) Yellowjackets		
TBS 191	5		(5:00) *** Maid in Manhattan		*** Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy)	Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Kristen Wiig.		*** Bride Wars ('09, Com)	Anne Hathaway, Kate Hudson.		*** Life of the Party				
TCM 360	53		(4:45) **** East of Eden		*** The Barefoot Contessa ('54, Dra)	Humphrey Bogart, Ava Gardner.		*** Two Weeks in Another Town ('62, Dra)	Kirk Douglas.		*** Double Trouble				
TLC 215	44		(5:00) 90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days "Burns and Betrayals" (N)		SisterW. "The Teflon Queen" (N)		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé "Burns and Betrayals"				
TNT 185	59		(5:30) *** Creed II ('18, Dra)	Michael B. Jordan.		Claws (N)		Claws			*** Coach Carter (2005, Drama)	Robert Ri'chard, Rob Brown, Samuel L. Jackson.			
TOON 317	38		(5:00) *** Back to the Future	Michael J. Fox.	Bob's Burgers	Futurama 1/4	Futurama 2/4	American Dad!	American Dad!	Rick and Morty	Rick and Morty	SmilingFri	Squidbillies	J.Pera/15	J.Pera
USA 187	58		Law&O: SVU "Beautiful Frame"		SVU "Chicago Crossover"		Law&Order: SVU "Spellbound"		Law&O: SVU "Zero Tolerance"		Law & Order: S.V.U.		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Entitled"		Law&O: SVU

BRIDGE

Simple Saturday
"Simple Saturday" columns focus on basic technique and logical thinking. A wink may be the quickest way to get yourself into trouble, but drawing trumps too soon may run a close second. In today's deal, South leaped to four hearts at his second turn, reasonably enough. (A bid of three hearts would only have invited game.) West led the jack of diamonds, and South won with dummy's ace ... and drew trumps. South next led a club, and dummy's king won. He then tried a spade to his king, but West took the ace and led a second diamond. He set up a diamond winner for the defense while he still had the ace of clubs, so South lost four tricks.

SECOND TRICK
South failed because he drew trumps too soon. He can lead a trump to his hand at Trick Two but next a club. West ducks,

and the king wins. South can then draw the remaining trumps and lead a second club. West wins, but South can win the diamond return and discard his losing diamond on the queen of clubs to assure the contract.

DAILY QUESTION
You hold: ♠ 10 6 5 2 ♥ 7 3 ♦ A K 5 ♣ K Q 6 2. The dealer, at your left, opens three hearts. Your partner doubles, and the next player passes. What do you say?

ANSWER: This is a delicate situation. Partner should have a hand worth at least 17 points, plus support for the unbid suits, so you have a game somewhere. You could jump to four spades, but in case he has doubled with only three cards in spades, cue-bid four hearts to have him pick a suit.

North dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 5
♣ K Q 6 2

WEST
♠ A 8 7
♥ 5 2
♦ J 10 9 2
♣ A 10 8 7

EAST
♠ Q J 9 4
♥ 9 8 4
♦ Q 8 6
♣ J 9 3

SOUTH
♠ K 3
♥ A K Q J 10 6
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 5 4

North 1 ♣
East Pass
South 1 ♥
West Pass
All Pass

Opening lead — ♦ J

SUDOKU

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Yesterday's answer

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5	4	2	7	8	6	9	1	3
7	6	8	3	9	1	4	2	5
1	9	3	2	5	4	6	8	7
9	7	5	1	3	8	2	6	4
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Complete the grid so every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.