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STATUE VANDALIZED OUTSIDE FARGO CHURCH

Forum staff reports Fargo
A marble statue outside St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fargo was decapitated over the weekend. The vandalism of the St. Anthony statue is

thought to have occurred sometime between Saturday, Oct. 10, and Monday, Nov. 1, at the church at 710 10th St. S., according to a Fargo Diocese spokesman. Nov. 1 is the Feast of All Saints and a holy day for

the Catholic Faith. The head of the statue was recovered and the statue is being removed for assessment as to whether it can be repaired or needs to be replaced, said diocese spokesman Paul Braun.

The vandalism has been reported to police. The weekend vandalism follows other recent vandalism to church property in Fargo. In April, a statue of Jesus in the courtyard of St. Mary's Cathedral had

its face painted black. Police identified a suspect in that case and a Fargo woman, Blair Whitten, was charged with criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. She is scheduled to stand trial Dec. 2.

WF officer who had heart attack on duty flown to Nebraska

Officer remains in critical condition, shows 'positive signs'

By Wendy Reuer
West Fargo Pioneer
WEST FARGO — West Fargo Police Officer Tim Brown, who suffered a heart attack while booking two women into the Cass County Jail, was flown to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and remains in critical condition. City Communications Director Melissa Richard said in a statement Monday, Nov. 1, that Brown was stabilized at a local hospital after suffering a heart attack on the morning of Oct. 31. "Upon further evaluation, Officer Brown was transferred by medical flight to the Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha Sunday afternoon to receive specialized care," Richard said. "His medical team states that Officer Brown



Brown

remains on a ventilator and heart bypass machine and is in critical condition. He has been exhibiting positive signs since arriving at Nebraska Medical Center, including opening his eyes, but they report there is still the potential for setbacks." By Monday night, West Fargo Police Chief Denis Otterness said since arriving in Nebraska the improvements have been "nothing short of a miracle." "He's opened his eyes, he's wiggling his toes," Otterness said. "He's currently on a heart bypass machine. It's operating as his heart but the hope is at some point, the damage that was done to his own heart will heal and it'll be able to function on its own." A GoFundMe set up by the West Fargo Police Association to raise funds for Brown and his family has raised more

than \$13,000 as of Monday. The fundraiser, which has a goal of \$50,000 can be found at www.gofundme.com/f/financial-support-of-officer-tim-brown. Donations can also be made at Bell Bank to the West Fargo Police Association account in support of Officer Tim Brown. Newsweek named the Nebraska Medical Center one of the top 50 hospitals in the U.S. in 2021. The hospital boasts a comprehensive vascular and heart health program on its website as one of the best in the country in partnership with the University of Nebraska. Brown, 29, is a relatively new hire at West Fargo, starting his post on Jan. 18. He was sworn in on Oct. 18. He had worked for the Memphis Police Department since 2017 after serving in the U.S. Army for four years as an active-duty combat medic. Otterness said Brown moved to West Fargo after family moved to this region includ-

ing his father, who serves as pastor. After the incident Sunday morning, West Fargo Police Chief Denis Otterness and Cass County Sheriff Jessie Jahner held a press conference outside the jail. Jahner said Brown arrived at the jail around 12:50 a.m. Sunday with the two women, "and while doing intake paperwork he collapsed onto the booking room floor." Life-saving measures that included CPR and a defibrillator were conducted, and Brown was taken to the hospital. "This is certainly a tragic event, and there is still a chance for Officer Brown to pull through this," Otterness said. Brown was attempting to serve warrants for a violent assault that occurred in Fargo on Oct. 18, after the department received a tip about the locations of Shalonda Profit, 25, with no listed address, and Brittany Hatcher, 29, who

lived in the 14,00 block of 16 St. E., West Fargo, Otterness said. The North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation is looking into the incident, as is normal, Otterness said, adding he was unsure if any contact with drugs may have occurred during the incident. "At this time, there will be additional things that will come forth medically," Otterness said. "There is no additional information that anything else was involved." This is the second West Fargo Police Officer to suffer a major heart attack in 2021. In May, 40-year-old Lt. Adam Gustafson suffered a major heart attack at the West Fargo Police Department and later died at a local hospital. "We just ask for your prayers for him and all of our staff as this is the second traumatic event they've suffered in months," Otterness said. **Readers can reach West Fargo Editor Wendy Reuer at wreuer@forumcomm.com or 701-241-5530.**

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News: Antenna Transfer: With the Fargo high rise slated to come down, what will happen to all the antennas housed on the roof of the building?

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MANDATES

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out the civil or criminal penalties employers could face if they require vaccination.

The bill drafts take on the administration of Democratic U.S. President Joe Biden, which set out loose plans to require the COVID-19 vaccine for health care workers and employees at large businesses. North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem announced last week that the state is joining a lawsuit against the Biden administration over the prospective federal mandates.

Several of the proposals bar businesses from requiring customers to be inoculated against COVID-19. Earlier this year, the Legislature overwhelmingly passed a narrow restriction on “vaccine passports” after denying an 11th hour attempt to introduce a more sweeping ban on proof of vaccination requirements.

Paulson’s plan also inhibits schools from mandating the shot for students, while a broadly worded bill draft from Lisbon Republican Rep. Sebastian Ertelt simply states no one may require anyone else to get a vaccination as a condition to “exercise any right, perform any duty, or enjoy any privilege.”

Paulson said he filed his anti-mandate proposal because he believes North Dakotans should have the freedom to direct their medical care. He added that North Dakota should exert states’ rights in standing up against the Biden administration’s proposed federal vaccine requirements, which he called “an incredible overreach.”

The Minot Republican noted he is personally against the COVID-19 vaccine because he recovered from the illness and has natural immunity to it.

Paulson said he’s optimistic one of the bills targeting mandates will pass, adding many lawmakers are likely hearing from constituents who are supportive of the idea. The state House of Representatives killed a bill in February that would have barred employers from requiring workers to be vaccinated.

Meanwhile, several of the proposals filed by North Dakota lawmakers seem to respond to the raging national debates over critical race theory and teachings on race and gender in public schools. Three bill drafts submitted by lawmakers deal with the contents of public school curricula, while a symbolic resolution would recognize parents as the “chief stakeholders” in their children’s education.

One proposal, submitted by Fargo Republican Rep. Jim Kasper, explicitly bans the teaching of critical race theory in North Dakota classrooms, mandating that schools maintain “factual and objective” curricula. Under Kasper’s definition of critical race theory, the bill would bar teaching the idea that “racism is not merely the product of individual bias or prejudice,” but that it is “systemically embedded in American society and the American legal system to facilitate racial inequality.”

Another proposal submitted by Mott Republican Sen. Donald Schaible doesn’t address critical race theory explicitly but looks to legislate how topics like race and gender are handled in classrooms.

In addition to provisions vetting for “factual and objective” curricula, Schaible’s proposal would prevent schools from requiring instructors to teach on the topics of race, gender, sexuality or equality, unless lessons are deemed essential to the course curriculum by the school district.

Employees who voluntarily decide to teach on any of these topics would be required to take a neutral position and present a diversity of perspectives.

Schaible’s bill draft would also bar schools from requiring employees to undergo diversity training or professional development sessions that teach or imply that individuals are “intrinsically prejudiced” based on their race or gender.

A third proposal by Williston Republican Rep. David Richter looks to ensure any teachings on “fundamental human behavior” are aligned with statewide standards determined by the Department of Public Instruction. In an interview, Richter said his proposal doesn’t aim to ban ideas like critical race theory, only to ensure they aren’t taught as fact or explained with political spin.

A once-obscure school of thought confined mostly to law schools, critical race theory has launched into the mainstream over the last year, becoming a conservative rallying point and the subject of charged school board meetings all over the country. The debates prompted a response from North Dakota United president Nick Archuleta this July in which the teachers’ union head stated critical race theory “is not being taught in North Dakota schools.”

Eight states have passed legislation responding to critical race theory, according to an August report by the Brookings Institution, a nonpartisan think tank, though only Idaho explicitly named the concept in code.

Other proposals from North Dakota lawmakers include two election-focused bill drafts from Linton Republican Rep. Jeff Magrum, including one to add holographic foil, barcodes and other “fraud countermeasures” to ballots.

Minot Republican Rep. Jeff Hoverson filed a proposal that would require pharmacists to fill prescriptions for ivermectin, an antiparasitic drug that many Americans have used as an off-label treatment for COVID-19 without strong evidence that it mitigates the disease.

Montpelier GOP Rep. Craig Headland proposed reforming taxes on oil extraction and cutting corporate and personal income tax rates.

All of the bill drafts filed by lawmakers can be found at www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/special/bills-submitted-delayed-bills-committed-2021-special-session.

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Vaccines for children likely available later this week

By Michelle Griffith
The Forum

BISMARCK — The North Dakota Department of Health on Monday, Nov. 1, reported an additional six COVID-19 deaths over the Halloween weekend.

October has been the deadliest month of the pandemic in 2021 so far, according to Department of Health data, with at least 136 total deaths. The October death toll will likely increase in the coming days as death investigations conclude.

Later this week, North Dakota will likely begin administering pediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccinations to children ages 5 to 11. On Friday, Oct. 29, the Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer’s pediatric vaccine, and if the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention agrees with the FDA, which is expected, children in North Dakota could begin to get vaccinated towards the end of the week.

Statewide case rates

► NEW CASES REPORTED MONDAY, NOV. 1: 157

► ACTIVE CASES: 3,124

► DAILY POSITIVITY RATE: 9.47%

► TOTAL KNOWN CASES THROUGHOUT PANDEMIC: 148,551

► TOTAL RECOVERED THROUGHOUT PANDEMIC: 143,665

Cass County, which encompasses Fargo, had the most known active cases on Friday with 716 cases. Burleigh County, which includes Bis-

marck, had 450 active cases, and Ward County, which includes Minot, had 277.

The state’s 14-day rolling average positivity rate was 7.19% as of Thursday, Oct. 28.

Hospitalizations, deaths

► ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS: 170

► TOTAL DEATHS: 1,762

The vast majority of people hospitalized due to COVID-19 in North Dakota are unvaccinated. During the week of Oct. 24, 81% of the patients hospitalized statewide were not inoculated against COVID-19.

Of Monday’s 170 active COVID-19 hospitalizations, three are children ages 0 to 5.

Fourteen staffed ICU

hospital beds were available statewide as of Sunday, Oct. 31.

Vaccinations

► FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED: 379,741 (56.9% of population ages 12 and up)

► FULL VACCINE COVERAGE: 355,566 (53.3% of population ages 12 and up)

More than 58,000 COVID-19 booster doses have been administered in North Dakota, according to the Department of Health.

The Department of Health encourages individuals to get information about vaccines at www.health.nd.gov/covidvaccinelocator.

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Almost 7,600 Minnesotans are reported as having COVID reinfections

By Paul John Scott
The Forum

MINNEAPOLIS — Following are the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 case rates, deaths, hospitalizations and vaccinations as of Monday, Nov. 1. Because all data is preliminary, some numbers and totals may change from one day to the next.

Statewide case rates

► NEW CASES: 2,857 (including a backlog of 7,597 reinfections since the start of the pandemic; Monday’s new case number was 10,454).

► SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVER-

AGE OF NEW CASES PER 100,000 PEOPLE: 39.5 (as of 10/22)

► TOTAL CASES, INCLUDING REINFECTIONS: 797,984

► TOTAL REINFECTIONS: 8,184

► SEVEN-DAY, ROLLING AVERAGE TEST POSITIVITY RATE: 7.3 (as of 10/22)

Beginning Nov. 1, the MDH has begun to report “reinfections.” In keeping with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention terminology, this denotes cases in which a person tests positive more than 90 days after a previous positive test. As “total recovered” does not reflect known recovery but rather those no longer in isolation, with

this updating we will remove that metric.

Hospitalizations, deaths

► ACTIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS: 908

► TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS: 41,392

► DEATHS, NEWLY REPORTED: 25

► TOTAL DEATHS: 8,694

Vaccinations

► FIRST DOSE ADMINISTERED: 3,468,379 and 74.8% of population

► COMPLETED SERIES (2 doses): 3,306,034 and 71.4% of population



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First responders closed off an area near the Block 9 parking ramp on Monday morning.

BRIEF

Apparent jump from parking ramp closes Fargo intersection

Editors note: If you or a loved one is in crisis, you can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (1-800-273-TALK).

FARGO — Fargo police asked motorists to avoid the area of Fifth Street North and Third Avenue North next to the Block 9 parking ramp Monday morning, Nov. 1.

Police, along with firefighters and paramedics, administered life-saving measures to a man who appeared to have jumped from the parking ramp, but he died, Sgt. Michael Bernier said in a statement.

The incident was reported about 9:19 a.m. on Monday, and the intersection remained closed for several hours. No other information was immediately available.

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Minneapolis voters to weigh dismantling police department

By Dana Ferguson
The Forum

ST. PAUL — Minneapolis voters on Tuesday, Nov. 2, are set to decide whether the city should dismantle its police department after the 2020 murder of George Floyd at the hands of a former police officer there.

As part of the city’s election, residents will decide if they want to replace the Minneapolis Police Department with the Department of Public Safety, which would include police and public health services as determined by the mayor and city council. The plan would also get rid of requirements dictating the minimum amount of funding and staffing levels at the Minneapolis Police Department.

If 51% or more voters who vote on that question agree to the change, the language transitioning the police department to the Department of Public Safety would take effect in 30 days. City officials have said it would likely take longer than that to pass ordinances fleshing out the new department, and in the meantime, police officers would likely remain on duty as their contracts would remain in place past that date.

The campaign over the amendment and the upcoming vote have spurred national media attention. And supporters — including businesses, faith groups, the American Civil Liberties Union and progressive Democratic-Farmer-Labor policymakers — said the proposal is necessary to improve public safety in the city and shore up more resources for mental health counseling and violence prevention.

“We’ve got to be able to do better than this,” Attorney General Keith Ellison, who lives in Minneapolis, told a group of the amendment’s supporters last



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New police officers raise their hands to take an oath at a Minneapolis Police Academy graduation ceremony at the Minneapolis Convention Center on July 17, 2020.

week. “I’m voting yes because the status quo isn’t working.”

Opponents, including law enforcement groups, Mayor Jacob Frey, Gov. Tim Walz, U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, and others, meanwhile, said the change could leave the city with too few police officers to respond to crime in Minneapolis and transition the city away from a police department without a clear alternative.

“We’re down one-third of our sworn officers and we’ve asked these officers that have remained, that continue, to show up day and night to serve our communities, to keep them safe but we’re asking so much more of them,” Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo said last week. “To vote on a measure of public safety without a solid plan and an implementation or

direction of work, this is too critical of a time to wish and hope for that help that we need so desperately right now.”

If approved, the proposal would also eliminate the police chief post. A commissioner would be appointed to lead the Department of Public Safety.

A Star Tribune/MPR News/KARE-11/Frontline PBS poll in September found that 49% of Minneapolis residents surveyed supported the effort to replace the police department with a department of public safety, meanwhile 41% opposed it and 10% remained undecided. And 29% said the city should reduce its police force while 55% said it should not.

Minneapolis polls close Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

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Fargo police advisory and oversight board meets rocky reception before City Commission

By Patrick Springer
The Forum

FARGO — Police Chief David Zibolski presented a proposal for a citizen advisory and oversight board he said will build public trust by increasing transparency and accountability of the police force.

The proposed ordinance was subjected to spirited discussion by city commissioners on Monday, Nov. 1, with a 3-2 majority ultimately voting to receive the ordinance for later consideration.

“This is the culmination of a lot of work over many months,” Zibolski said. “I think it’s going to have a positive impact on community relations.”

The seven-member advisory board would receive training to better understand police operations to advise the force on matters including internal investigations, use of force and new technologies, such as facial recognition, he said.

The board would serve as a “buffer” between the police force and the community, the chief said.

Commissioner Dave Piepkorn expressed strong opposition to the proposed police advisory and oversight board.

“The oversight board for the police department is us,” he said. “This is redundancy and I won’t support it.”

The board won’t set policy, Zibolski said. That would remain the province of the City Commission. Instead, the advisory board will be a forum for discussion, and he gave choke holds as an example. “We don’t train choke holds,” he said, adding the holds are not used to take a suspect into custody, but only to save a life.



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Fargo Chief of Police Dave Zibolski.

Commissioner John Strand endorsed the concept, but said he didn’t want to exclude community members from serving if they hadn’t been convicted of any crimes for the past five years, but Zibolski said that could face resistance from police and also interfere with weapons training of members.

Commissioner Tony Gehrig said he wanted to approve the advisory board as a matter of policy, not under an ordinance, and Commissioner Arlette Preston expressed support for the proposal.

Mayor Tim Mahoney strongly backed the proposal. “It’s an excellent ordinance,” he said. “It’s a big step forward for our police force,” adding that many departments are using such boards.

Zibolski also presented information about a police crackdown on speeding and racing on Fargo’s thoroughfares.

Officers have handed out 71 citations for speeding and racing. Officers focused their enforcement on three traffic corridors where speeding has been a problem: the 1800 block of 19th Avenue North, the 2100 block to the 4000 block of 25th Street South and the 2500 block to 3600 block of 64th Avenue South.

Enforcement will increase when 13 new officers complete their training, Zibolski said.

Preston urged police to make speeding enforcement a priority. “In my mind this is serious enough that we need to attack this pretty hard,” she said, adding that she is afraid someone could be killed.

“It’s crazy — people driving 80 miles an hour on University,” Preston said. “It’s nuts.”

Zibolski said there are no technological tools to solve the problem. “There is no magic bullet,” he said.

One tool would be a law or ordinance that would hold the owner of the vehicle responsible. Fargo police officers don’t pursue a suspect for traffic violations, so sometimes are not able to identify the offending driver, he said.

“We need the ability to hold someone responsible,” Zibolski said, adding that he would help draft a law or ordinance.

City commissioners gave conditional approval to transfer of the alcoholic beverage license for the Africa Restaurant and Nightclub, 4554 Seventh Ave. S.

The owner of the building, 518 Properties, owned by Tyler Brandt, wants to assume operations and have an agreement to purchase the license from the club’s previous owners. Commissioners earlier revoked the license because of public safety concerns, including the shooting death of a club bouncer at a nearby parking lot in May.

A representative of 518 Properties, Dean Hicks, said a management team is not yet in place. Plans call for keeping the same business concept. “We believe it’s an underserved area in the metro,” he said.

Once the management team is in place and the business concept is firm, the beverage license transfer could come back before the City Commission, which gave its conditional approval to the transfer.

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OBITUARY

Robert C. Crowe

Robert “Bob” Crowe, 70, Fargo, died Friday, October 29 in his home.

Robert Crawford Crowe was born October 25, 1951, in Fargo, ND, to James and Marjorie (Thompson) Crowe. He grew up in Fargo and graduated from Fargo South High School in 1970. Growing up, he spent many summers at Round Lake, MN.

Bob attended college in Montana and MSUM, receiving degrees in Fine Arts and Education. He worked for the family business in his early adult years then became an artist and teacher, eventually becoming a full-time artist.

Bob loved spending time at his farm south of Moorhead where he loved painting scenes of nature and old farm buildings. He was an independent, loving, curious, creative person. Bob and his fiancé, Janet Jones, spent the last 28 years enjoying life together.

Bob is survived by his fiancé, Janet Jones; brother, Clinton (Debra) Crowe; and sister, Carroll (John) Thune, along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Marjorie Crowe, his brother, James Thomas Crowe, and his sister, Georgia Lee Crowe.

A private gathering of friends will be held at a later date.

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

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DEATHS

Bette Deich

June 19, 1936 - Oct. 30, 2021

FARGO, N.D. - Bette Deich, 85, Fargo, N.D., died Saturday, Oct. 30, in Eventide.

Visitation will be from 3-4 p.m., followed by a funeral at 4 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 3, at Grace Covenant Church in Fargo. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Fargo.

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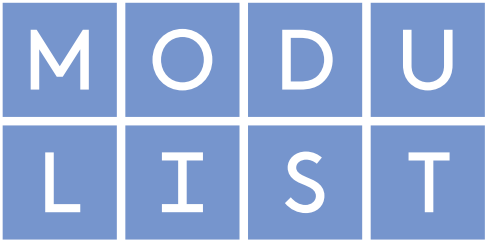
Agnes Rieniets

July 16, 1934 - Nov. 1, 2021

WEST FARGO, N.D. - Agnes Rieniets, 87, West Fargo, N.D., died Monday, Nov. 1, in her home under the care of hospice.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., with a vigil service at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in West Fargo. A funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 5, at the church. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery-North in Fargo.

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CHASE

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The other deputy, Kelly Backman, pursued Freitag down several streets before Freitag drove through a stop sign while going east on Cavour Avenue. The Christiansons were driving north on Union when Freitag crashed into them. The Christiansons died at the scene.

Freitag was arrested and treated for serious injuries. Test results revealed he had meth, opiates and amphetamines in his system, according to a criminal complaint.

He pleaded guilty in September to two felony counts of fleeing law

enforcement during a vehicle chase that resulted in death, with each charge carrying a maximum punishment of 40 years behind bars. Because of a plea agreement, Judge Kevin Miller sentenced Freitag to 225 months in prison, which is 18 years and nine months.

Two counts of criminal vehicular homicide were dismissed.

On Monday, family and friends spoke about how caring, kind and forgiving the Christiansons were. One friend, Connie Pederson, described how she would take walks with Diane Christianson.

She said that when she drives by the intersection where the couple died, she is reminded of all the good memories, and how she

will never see them again. Their loss has impacted the community, Pederson added.

“Our daily life has been changed forever,” said Connie Peterson, a different friend with a similar name.

The couple was young at heart, active and “super fun,” Steven Christianson’s sister Joanie Ver Steeg said. Freitag’s reckless actions caused great grief, she said.

“Cody’s life was spared, and two innocent lives were taken instantly,” she said.

She said she would forgive Freitag, though that should not excuse him from his actions or consequences.

It’s impossible to put a number on the loss, County Attorney Michelle Eldien said, but Freitag’s sentence was based on his criminal history and the severity of

this case.

Freitag’s attorney, Ruth Lee, read a statement prepared by her client. He wrote that his desire to avoid arrest hurt a lot of people, and there is no excuse for his actions.

“I just want to say I’m sorry from the bottom of my heart,” Freitag told the court.

Judge Miller said Freitag will carry this case with him for the rest of his life. “The reality is, Mr. Freitag, we’re here because of your reckless actions,” the judge said.

If Freitag doesn’t commit any disciplinary offenses in prison, he will be released after serving 150 months, or 12.5 years. He will also receive credit for 390 days of time served.

Some who testified Monday also mentioned “others”

involved in the chase. Investigators discovered deputy Backman had fentanyl in his system during the pursuit, according to a criminal complaint.

Backman, according to court documents, also had drug paraphernalia in his desk and locker, and investigators determined he failed to log some drug-related items into evidence, despite reporting that he found them during his work as a narcotics officer.

Backman was fired in early April and later sentenced to 30 days of electronic home monitoring after pleading guilty to misconduct by a public official.

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MAYOR

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He said, however, that any interpretation that argues for allowing someone to serve more than four successive terms on the city commission was not a reasonable interpretation of city election rules.

In presenting her arguments, Norgard cited something called “the canon of democracy,” which she said is a body of decided case law that asserts a presumption of eligibility exists in cases where restrictions on eligibility are unclear.

Under that doctrine, she said, “If it’s not clear that he (Mahoney) can’t run, then I think he should be allowed to run.”

According to information provided to the court, Mahoney’s view of election rules would make it possible for someone to remain on the city commission continuously for perhaps 28 years, as opposed to the approximately 16 years asserted by the city attorney’s reading of election rules.

“I’m asking if it (the 28-year period) is an absurd result,” Stiel said, directing her question to Norgard.

Norgard said if following election rules results in a string of terms the city commission feels is too long, it is the job of the city commission to change its election rules.

Mahoney’s election history

According to information the city filed with the court:

Mahoney first became a member of the city commission on Sept. 27, 2005, following his victory in a special city election to fill a vacancy on the commission, with the remainder of that term being less than four years.

In June 2006, Mahoney was reelected to serve his first full four-year term on the city commission.

In June 2010, Mahoney was reelected to serve his second full four-year term on the city commission, and in 2014 he



Alyssa Goelzer / The Forum

Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney’s attorney Tami Norgard speaks to Judge Stephannie Stiel on Monday at the Cass County Courthouse. The city of Fargo has asked Stiel to decide whether city ordinance prevents Mahoney from seeking reelection in June.

was reelected to serve his third full four-year term, while also being appointed deputy mayor.

In June 2014, Dennis Walaker, who was mayor at the time, was reelected as mayor.

Walaker died in December 2014, and as deputy mayor Mahoney began serving as acting mayor.

The city set a special election for April 28, 2015, to elect someone to serve out the remainder of Walaker’s June 2014 to June 2018 mayoral term.

As required by a Fargo Home Rule Charter provision, in late January of 2015 Mahoney resigned his city commission office, with the resignation to take effect two weeks after the special election.

At the same time, Mahoney submitted a petition to run for mayor, and he won.

According to the petition, Mahoney became mayor on May 12, 2015, the same day his resignation as city commissioner took effect. Tony Gehrig became a city commissioner that same day, as well, filling the seat vacated by Mahoney’s resignation as a commissioner.

In June 2018, Mahoney was reelected to serve a four-year term as mayor, which commenced in June of 2018 and expires in June of 2022.

Prior to the city filing the petition in August, Johnson reiterated a stand he put in writing several years ago hold-

ing that Mahoney had reached the end of his eligibility to run again, either for the mayoral seat or a new term on the city commission.

In an opinion he provided the commission this summer, Johnson acknowledged the city rule that states “any member elected to a term of less than four years as a result of a vacancy on the board shall be eligible to serve three additional four-year terms” could be interpreted in a way that supports an argument that the mayor is eligible to run again.

However, he said, that interpretation fails to hold up given the full wording of the city’s term limit rules, which go on to state that any member who has served as mayor as well as city commissioner may not serve more than four successive four-year terms.

At an impromptu press conference after Monday’s hearing, Norgard stressed that based on established case law the presumption of candidacy should be granted whenever there is ambiguity regarding a candidate’s qualifications.

Mahoney agreed. “If they (voters) don’t want to elect me again, they have the opportunity to do it at the ballot box,” Mahoney said.

If the judge issues a ruling unfavorable to their case, Mahoney and Norgard said they plan to launch a legal challenge.

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VACCINE

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Sanford Health has major medical centers in Sioux Falls, Fargo and Bemidji, Minnesota, among its 46 medical centers, as well as 224 clinic locations and 200 Good Samaritan Society senior care facilities. Its workforce includes about 1,500 physicians and 8,700 registered nurses.

The number of those suspended varies across Sanford’s footprint, and totals less than 1% of its workforce, Sanford Health noted.

Suspension include:

- 31 in Fargo
- 28 in Sioux Falls
- 16 in Bismarck
- 7 in Bemidji

None of the 31 suspended in Sanford’s Fargo region were physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners or certified registered nurse anesthetists, said Dr. Doug Griffin, Sanford Fargo vice president and medical officer, in a statement.

Asked to clarify how many medical or religious exemptions it had granted, Sanford Health spokesman Jon Berg didn’t directly answer, stating, “Exemption data is a personnel matter.”

Those granted an exemption will be required to comply with regular COVID-19 testing, he said.

The health system hasn’t unilat-

ESSENTIA RELEASES 49 EMPLOYEES FOR VACCINE NONCOMPLIANCE

Essentia Health continues its “judicious review” of applications for exemptions from its vaccination mandate. As of Monday, Nov. 1, 99% of Essentia’s employees either have been vaccinated or have applied for an exemption, spokesman Louis St. George said.

“Today, 49 employees were dismissed because they decided against vaccination and chose not to seek an exemption,” he said in a statement. “While we’re sad to see them leave, we respect their decisions.”

Essentia did not provide a breakdown of figures according to its service areas.

erally granted any religious exemptions without being asked, and hasn’t given employees who refuse to get vaccinated a choice to work remotely or other accommodations, Berg said.

Sanford Health also didn’t directly answer a Forum News Service question on whether any exemption requests were denied.

“Consistent with applicable state and federal law, Sanford has a system in place to review and provide exemptions for critical medical conditions, or if employees demonstrate a sincerely held religious belief warranting the exemption,” Berg said.

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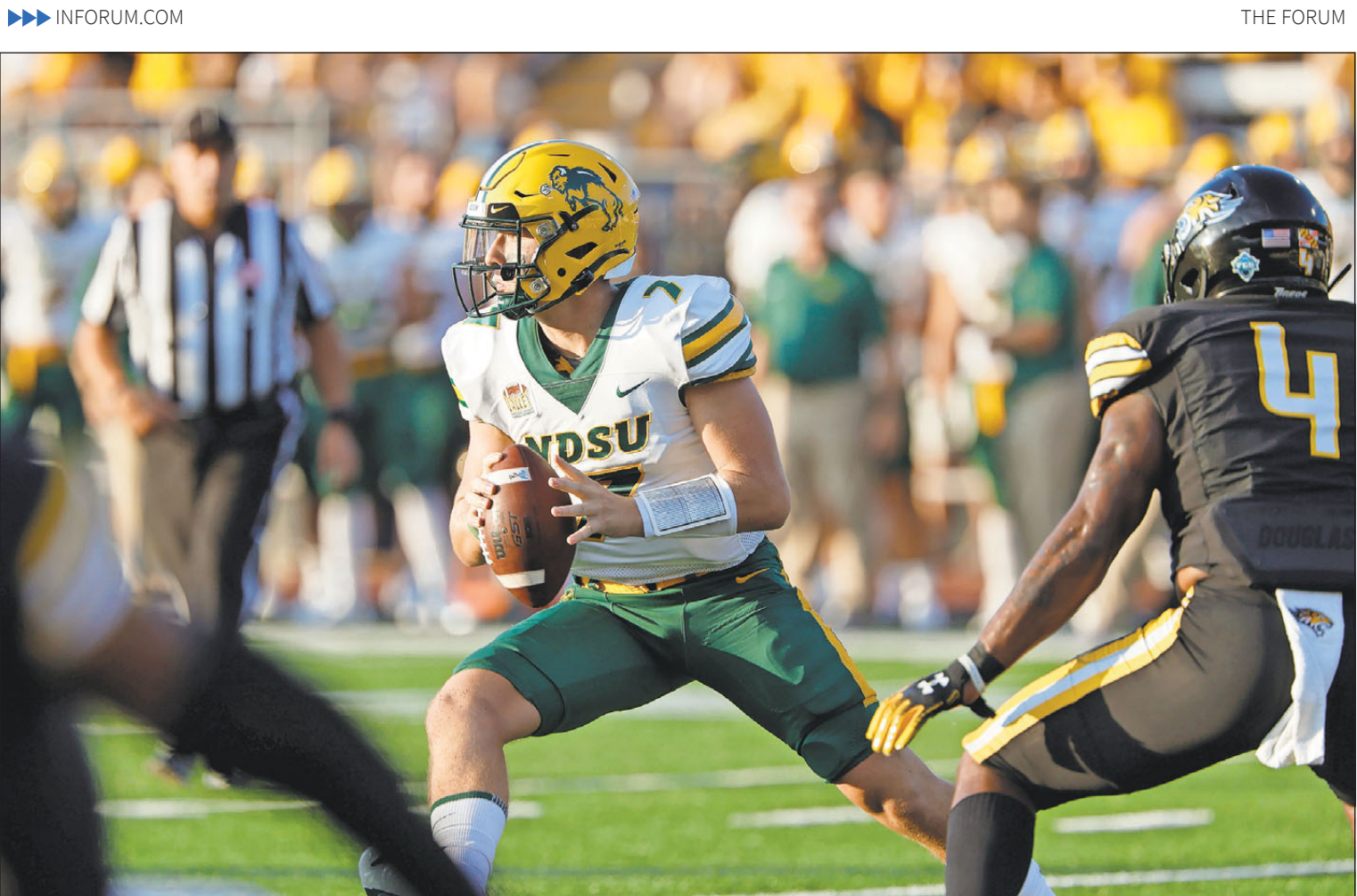
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NDSU quarterback Cam Miller readies to pitch the ball on an extra point against Towson at Johnny Unitas Stadium in Towson, Maryland, on Sept. 18.

BISON HEADING TO SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

Plenty at stake as Bison could further strengthen their case for a top two playoff seed

By Jeff Kolpack
The Forum

Fargo

So many questions, not many answers on the Monday of Dakota Marker week. In other words, not much has changed in the years North Dakota State and South Dakota State have taken a Division II game that usually didn't mean much to a Division I FCS rivalry that perennially has playoff and national title implications. There will be plenty at stake Saturday at Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium for the 2 p.m. kickoff. At 8-0 overall and leading the Missouri Valley Football Conference at 5-0, the Bison could further strengthen their case for a top two playoff seed. SDSU, the national

runnerup last spring, is in more of a must-win mode in that regard. The Jackrabbits are 6-2, 3-2. "They're probably one of the best teams in the country over the course of the last couple of years," said NDSU head coach Matt Entz. Especially when healthy. The Jacks have been without running back Isaiah Davis and cornerback Don Gardner in recent weeks, although both are listed in the two deep chart for the Bison game. Entz, on the other hand, did not reveal anything further with his quarterback situation. Sophomore Cam Miller started for the injured Quincy Patterson last Saturday and delivered a 10 of 14 passing gem for 179 yards

and three touchdowns in a 44-2 win over Indiana State. In two games, Miller is 21 of 29 passing with six touchdowns and one interception. He's also only had five yards in losses in those two games. Patterson is listed No. 1 on Monday's depth chart, but a Monday two deep for the Bison doesn't necessarily translate to Saturday accuracy. Entz said he expects Patterson, who missed the Sycamore game with a shoulder injury, to take more reps in practice this week. "Still a little banged up," Entz said. "Haven't been out in the field yet to see where we're at. I know he's hungry to get back at it. Regardless ... we'll put whomever can help us win on the field on

Saturday." Asked further when that decision will need to be made, Entz said the top two quarterbacks usually get the same number of snaps in practice during the week. "We hope sooner than later," he said. "I don't think it will necessarily be today." NDSU remained ranked No. 2 in the Stats Perform Top 25 media and FCS coaches polls. Only the Bison and Sam Houston State remained unscathed to date, but nine other ranked teams have just one loss. Entz said junior backup middle linebacker Luke Weerts will miss the rest of the season because of a non-football related back injury. He's expected to return for spring practice.

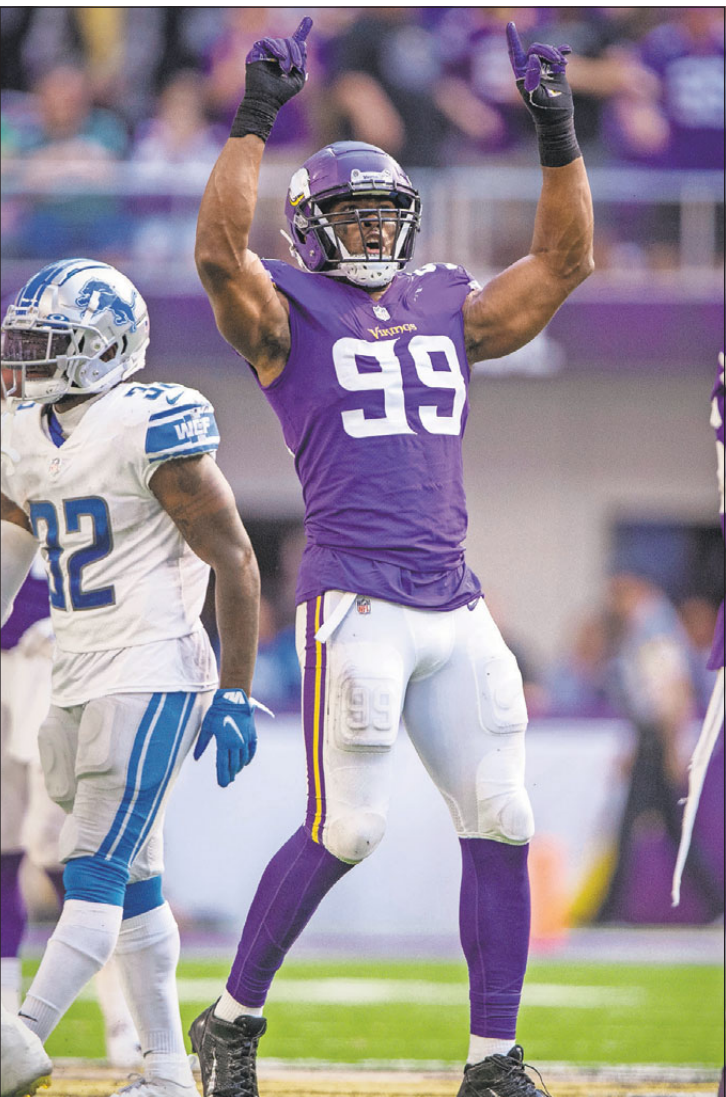
Former Bison QB Lance still on radar for starting job

By Scott Ostler
San Francisco Chronicle

SAN FRANCISCO — Hal-loween is supposed to be weird, and the spirit of the day trickled down to the 49ers on Sunday. In one of the strangest days in 49ers history, a sizable chunk of the team's fans went into the game rooting for their team to lose. A 49ers loss in Chicago, many felt, might salvage the team's playoff hopes. A 49ers loss might push head coach Kyle Shanahan to make the move he doesn't seem to want to make: swapping first-team quarterbacks in midstream. Hello, Trey Lance; grab some pine, Jimmy Garoppolo. Would a 49ers loss force Shanahan to stop dining at Waffle House? We'll never know. The 49ers — and Garoppolo — overcame Garoppolo's shortcomings, and Shanahan's, and a terrible 49ers first half to beat da Bears, 33-22. A 49ers season that was about to become a dumpster fire is suddenly a celebratory bonfire. Welcome to the MFL — Moodswing Football League. At halftime Sunday, the 49ers couldn't throw, they couldn't catch, they couldn't kick, they couldn't coach, they couldn't make up their mind on quarterbacks, they couldn't stop a mediocre offense led by a heretofore shaky rookie quarterback. Two hours later, 49ers fans were booking flights to the Super Bowl. As for bringing clarity to the 49ers' quarterback situation, Sunday's game muddled it. If you're Shanahan, you certainly don't bench the quarterback who led you to a desperately needed win in dramatic comeback fashion, running for two second-half touchdowns. Remember when Shanahan was going to use Lance situationally, like in red-zone packages? Sunday, Shanahan's red-zone running-quarterback threat was Garoppolo. Jukin' Jimmy. Now the question might be, what could the 49ers get in trade for Trey Lance? It's not like Garoppolo seized the starting job by the throat. Most of the first half he was Garoppolo-ish, sub-dynamic, especially in contrast to Chicago rookie quarterback Justin Fields, who played the way the 49ers believe Trey Lance will someday play. Fields not only ran dramatically and effectively, he hit targets. Garoppolo was the victim of several drops in that half, but more often he was simply not accurate. Were he a baseball pitcher, he would have walked a lot of guys. Football is a game of inches, but Garoppolo misses too many targets by feet. Fields, by comparison, was on the money, time after time, and he came into the game with the league's lowest completion percentage. See, said a lot of 49ers' fans, you stick with a promising rookie, let him make mistakes but grow into the job. Fields has struggled, but Sunday he was making snap decisions, accurate throws and nifty runs. He looked like a guy who had learned a lot in his first five starts. He looked like what Trey Lance might look like after five games as an NFL starter, taking the lumps and emerging smarter and dangerous. Lance needs that game experience, but when, and how? Shanahan has complicated the situation by complicating the situation. Last week he said of the outcry for him to play Lance, "Getting experience just to get it isn't always beneficial." LANCE: Page B3

Vikings' Hunter done for the season

Defensive end tears pectoral muscle against Cowboys



USA Today Sports file photo

Minnesota Vikings defensive end Danielle Hunter reacts after a play Oct. 10 against the Detroit Lions at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. It was announced Monday that Hunter would miss the rest of the season with a torn pectoral muscle.

By Chris Tomasson
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings star defensive end Danielle Hunter will miss the rest of the season after suffering a torn right pectoral muscle during Sunday night's 20-16 loss to Dallas at U.S. Bank Stadium. Hunter was injured in the second quarter and did not return after playing 27 snaps. He had an MRI on Monday morning, and an initial diagnosis of the injury was confirmed. "I don't think you replace him, he's one of a kind," said Vikings coach Mike Zimmer. "It's unfortunate that we're going to miss the next half of the season with him." Hunter missed all of last season with a neck injury but looked strong in his return this season. He had six sacks in the first six games before being hurt against the Cowboys. "He's a great kid," Zimmer said. "He'll do a great job in his rehab and he'll be ready to go." Hunter is expected to be replaced in the lineup by D.J. Wonnum at left defensive end. Wonnum began the season as the starter at right defensive end before Everson Griffen took over for the past three games. "We know losing Danielle possibly is very hard," Griffen said. "He's a big-time player for us and that situation is



Hunter

hard. But in this game that's why you got a football team and we got to go out there and we got to get the young guys going and get them ready to play. But losing Danielle is a big blow. ... It's devastating." The Vikings have little experienced depth after Wonnum and Griffen. Kenny Willekes, a seventh-round draft pick in 2020 who is on the practice squad, was elevated to the roster and made his NFL debut by playing 16 snaps against the Cowboys. They also have rookie defensive end Patrick Jones II, who has yet to play this season. "(Willekes has) been coming up," Zimmer said. "Pat's got some ability, and he's been working real hard. So they'll get some opportunities now." Minnesota traded veteran defensive end Stephen Weatherly to Denver on Oct. 23 after he had played little in the first six games. He had his first sack of the season for the Broncos on Sunday against Washington. The Vikings have talked about not wanting to overuse Griffen, who turns 34 in December. He played 60 of the 73 defensive snaps on Sunday while Wonnum played 53. "I just got to take care of my body better and ready to go out there and work," Griffen said.

BRIEFS

Former Bison Jabril Cox expected to miss rest of Cowboys’ season with knee injury

FARGO — Former North Dakota State linebacker Jabril Cox is expected to miss the remainder of his rookie NFL season after suffering a knee injury against the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday, Oct. 31, at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Michael Gehlken, the Cowboys reporter for the Dallas Morning News, reported Monday, Nov. 1, that Cox suffered a right ACL tear against the Vikings.

Cox, who finished his college career at LSU, was a fourth-round draft pick for the Cowboys. The 6-foot-3, 233-pound Cox played his first three college seasons for the Bison before transferring to LSU.

Cox posted this message on his official Twitter account Monday: “Love this team. It’s all a part of God’s plan. Watch how I shake back!”

Cox played in seven games for the Cowboys during his rookie season, primarily playing on special teams.

After redshirting in 2016, Cox played in 45 games for the Bison from 2017-2019, compiling 258 career tackles with 14 sacks and 32 tackles for a loss. Cox also had six interceptions in his three seasons at NDSU.

Cox played for three NCAA Division I FCS national championship teams at NDSU.

Forum staff reports

Mary basketball team owns the middle of the game, throttles Cobbers

BISMARCK — The BISMARCK of Mary ramped up the offense in the second and third quarters and soundly defeated Concordia 75-42 in an exhibition game on Monday.

The Marauders scored a combined 48 points in the second and third quarters while limiting the Cobbers to just 18 points.

UMary’s Cadee Ryckman scored 11 points, Lexi Schneider had 10 and Megan Zander finished with eight.

Emily Beseman led the Cobbers with 14 points and Makayla Anderson scored 10.

The Cobbers open the regular season on Friday at Minnesota Morris at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 5.

Forum staff reports

Bison cruise in exhibition matchup with Minot State

FARGO — Rocky Kreuser scored 22 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead North Dakota State to an 85-54 win over Minot State in a season-opening exhibition game on Monday.

Eleven of the 13 Bison players who got on the court scored. Grant Nelson scored 12 points and had 10 rebounds, five off the offensive glass. Boden Skunberg didn’t shoot well from the

field, hitting just 1 of 10 shots, but he hit all eight of his free throw attempts and had six rebounds. Andrew Morgan finished with 10 points and nine boards.

Elias Cave led Minot State with 12 points and Max Cody had 11 points. Melvin Newbern had eight points and seven rebounds.

The Bison open the regular season at home against Concordia at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9

Forum staff reports

Fargo South volleyball team sweeps past West Fargo Sheyenne

FARGO — Gen Gard had 13 kills and Emma Dalby had 10 as Fargo South defeated West Fargo Sheyenne 25-21, 25-23, 25-19 on Monday night at Fargo South High School.

Gard also had 21 digs and served three aces. Dalby had an ace serve and seven digs. Mad-die Jackson had 39 set assists and 10 digs, Ruth Deutsch had seven kills and three digs and Brynn Nelson six kills.

Laura Green and Amelia Hawley both had 19 digs and Nina Majetic had 12 digs and served three aces.

Sheyenne’s Reagan Bogenreif had eight kills, a block, an ace and 11 digs. Brooke Johnson had four kills, a block, served four aces, had 13 assists and eight digs. Kennedy Colter finished with 13 set assists, two ace serves and six digs.

South improved to 12-8 in the Eastern Dakota Conference and 18-13 overall while Sheyenne fell to 16-4 in the EDC and 23-8 overall.

Forum staff reports

NFL’s leading rusher done for season

NFL leading rusher Derrick Henry broke the fifth metatarsal in his foot and will undergo surgery on Tuesday.

Head coach Mike Vrabel confirmed the Tennessee Titans are planning on life without Henry and working out veteran free agents.

Vrabel said the Titans will not know the timeline for Henry’s return until the surgery has been completed. However, he’s expected to be out 8-12 weeks.

NFL Network reported that the team will work out future Hall of Fame running back Adrian Peterson. Peterson reportedly confirmed a Monday workout.

Multiple running backs are expected to be invited to a Tuesday workout, per reports, which falls on the same day as the NFL trade deadline. Buccaneers backup Ronald Jones is reportedly being shopped and could interest the Titans if the price is right.

Henry leads the NFL in carries (219), rushing yards (937) and rushing touchdowns (10).

He injured his foot in the first quarter at Indianapolis and attempted to play through the pain, finishing the game with 29 carries for 68 yards.

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FOOTBALL

Professional NFL American Football Conference						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	5	2	0.714	229	109	
New England	4	4	0.500	206	164	
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0.286	114	206	
Miami	1	7	0.125	138	233	
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	6	2	0.750	227	195	
Indianapolis	3	5	0.375	200	183	
Jacksonville	1	6	0.143	123	203	
Houston	1	7	0.125	158	203	
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	5	2	0.714	187	164	
Cincinnati	5	3	0.625	220	162	
Pittsburgh	4	3	0.571	132	142	
Cleveland	4	4	0.500	183	180	
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Las Vegas	5	2	0.714	180	166	
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0.571	172	177	
Denver	4	4	0.500	157	137	
Kansas City	3	4	0.429	188	203	

National Football Conference						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	6	1	0.857	225	162	
Philadelphia	3	5	0.375	203	191	
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0.286	139	180	
Washington	2	6	0.250	156	227	
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	6	2	0.750	260	183	
New Orleans	5	2	0.714	176	128	
Carolina	4	4	0.500	165	159	
Atlanta	3	4	0.429	148	195	
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	7	1	0.875	192	167	
Minnesota	4	3	0.429	163	157	
Chicago	3	3	0.375	123	195	
Detroit	0	8	0.000	134	244	
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	7	1	0.875	246	138	
L.A. Rams	7	1	0.875	245	168	
San Francisco	3	4	0.429	168	171	
Seattle	3	5	0.375	181	169	

Week 8 Thursday’s Games						
Green Bay 24, Arizona 21						
Sunday’s Games						
N.Y. Jets 34, Cincinnati 31						
Tennessee 34, Indianapolis 31, OT						
L.A. Rams 38, Houston 22						
Pittsburgh 15, Cleveland 10						
Philadelphia 44, Detroit 6						
San Francisco 33, Chicago 22						
Carolina 19, Atlanta 13						
Buffalo 26, Miami 11						
New England 27, L.A. Chargers 24						
Seattle 31, Jacksonville 7						
Denver 17, Washington 10						
New Orleans 38, Tampa Bay 27						
Dallas 20, Minnesota 16						

Monday’s Games						
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.						
Week 9 Thursday’s Games						
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 7:20 p.m.						
Sunday’s Games						
New England at Carolina, 12 p.m.						
Atlanta at New Orleans, 12 p.m.						
Denver at Dallas, 12 p.m.						
Minnesota at Baltimore, 12 p.m.						
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.						
Buffalo at Jacksonville, 12 p.m.						
Houston at Miami, 12 p.m.						
Las Vegas at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.						
L.A. Chargers at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.						
Green Bay at Kansas City, 3:25 p.m.						
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.						
Tennessee at L.A. Rams, 7:20 p.m.						
Monday’s Games						
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.						

College Standings						
Missouri Valley Football Conference (Overall)						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
North Dakota St.	5-0			(8-0)		
Southern Illinois	4-1			(6-2)		
Missouri St.	4-2			(5-3)		
South Dakota	3-2			(5-3)		
Northern Iowa	3-2			(5-3)		
South Dakota St.	3-2			(6-2)		
Indiana St.	2-4			(4-5)		
Western Illinois	2-4			(2-7)		
Illinois St.	1-4			(3-5)		
North Dakota	1-4			(3-5)		
Youngstown St.	1-4			(2-5)		

Results/schedule						
Saturday, Nov. 6 Missouri Valley Football Conference						
North Dakota State at South Dakota State, 2 p.m.						
Northern Iowa at Illinois State, noon						
Missouri State at Southern Illinois, noon						
Youngstown State at North Dakota, noon						
South Dakota at Western Illinois, noon						
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference						
Minnesota State Moorhead at Concordia-St. Paul, noon						
Sioux Falls at Wayne State, 1 p.m.						
Minnesota State Mankato at Southwest Minnesota State, 1 p.m.						
Bemidji State at Northern State, 1 p.m.						
Augustana at Minnesota Duluth, 1 p.m.						
Upper Iowa at Winona State, 1 p.m.						
Minot State at UMary, 2 p.m.						
Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference						
Concordia at Hamline, 1 p.m.						
St. Olaf at Gustavus, 1 p.m.						
Macalester at St. Scholastica, 1 p.m.						
Augsburg at Bethel, 1 p.m.						
St. John’s at Carleton, 1 p.m.						
North Star Athletic Association						
Dickinson State at Presentation, 1 p.m.						
Dakota State at Valley City State, 2 p.m.						
Valdora at Iowa Wesleyan, 2 p.m.						
Great Plains Athletic Conference						
Midland at Hastings, 1 p.m.						
Jamestown at Dakota Wesleyan, 1 p.m.						
Doane at Concordia (Neb.), 1 p.m.						
Northwestern (Iowa) at Morningside, 1 p.m.						
Briar Cliff at Dordt, 1 p.m.						

High School Schedule/results						
North Dakota Class 11AA state tournament						
Friday, Oct. 29 Quarterfinals						
No. 1 West Fargo Sheyenne 28, No. 8 Minot 6						
No. 4 Fargo Shanley 35, No. 5 Mandan 20						
No. 2 Bismarck Century 28, No. 7 Bismarck 0						
No. 3 West Fargo 31, No. 6 Bismarck Legacy 0						
Friday, Nov. 5 Semifinals						
5) No. 4 Fargo Shanley at No. 1 West Fargo Sheyenne, 7 p.m.						
6) No. 3 West Fargo at No. 2 Bismarck Century, 6:30 p.m.						
Friday, Nov. 12 Championship At Fargodome						
7) Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6:40 p.m.						
Class 11A state tournament						
Friday, Oct. 29 Quarterfinals						
No. 1 Hillsboro-Central Valley 28, Central Cass 6						
No. 4 Bishop Ryan 26, Velva/Garrison 20 (3OT)						
No. 2 Kindred 21, Langdon/Edmore/Munich 18						
No. 3 Bowman County 28, Des Lacs-Burlington 16						
Saturday, Nov. 6 Semifinals						
13) No. 4 Bishop Ryan at No. 1 Hillsboro-Central Valley, time TBA						
14) No. 3 Bowman County at No. 2 Kindred, 2 p.m.						
Friday, Nov. 12 Championship At Fargodome						
7) Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 2:30 p.m.						
Class 11B state tournament						
Saturday, Oct. 30 Quarterfinals						
No. 1 Hillsboro-Central Valley 28, Central Cass 6						
No. 4 Bishop Ryan 26, Velva/Garrison 20 (3OT)						
No. 2 Kindred 21, Langdon/Edmore/Munich 18						
No. 3 Bowman County 28, Des Lacs-Burlington 16						
Saturday, Nov. 6 Semifinals						
13) No. 4 Bishop Ryan at No. 1 Hillsboro-Central Valley, time TBA						
14) No. 3 Bowman County at No. 2 Kindred, 2 p.m.						
Friday, Nov. 12 Championship At Fargodome						
7) Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 11:45 p.m.						
Class 9B state tournament						
Saturday, Oct. 30 Quarterfinals						

No. 1 LaMoure-Litchville/Marion 42, Grant County/Flasher 22						
No. 4 Bottineau 20, No. 5 Nelson County 6						
No. 2 New Salem-Almont 52, No. 7 Divide County 24						
No. 3 Cavalier 14, No. 6 Surrey 8						
Saturday, Nov. 6 Semifinals						
21) No. 4 Bottineau at No. 1 LaMoure-Litchville/Marion, time TBA						
22) No. 3 Cavalier at No. 2 New Salem-Almont, time TBA						
Friday, Nov. 5 Championship At Fargodome						
23) Game 21 winner vs. Game 22 winner, 9:10 a.m.						

Minnesota
Section 8-5A
Saturday, Oct. 30
Semifinals
 No. 4 Alexandria 42, No. 1 Moorhead 39
 No. 3 Bemidji 22, No. 2 Sauk Rapids-Rice 14
Friday, Nov. 5
Championship
 5) No. 4 Alexandria at. No. 3 Bemidji, 7 p.m.

Another loss is burned into the collective memory of Vikings fans

Minneapolis
There were a surprising number of boos raining down on the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday night, and not the kind that generally come with Halloween. Vikings fans weren't trying to scare their team, they were sending a message. They expect more. It's impossible to blame them.

Minnesota's 20-16 loss to Dallas at U.S. Bank Stadium will be burned into the collective memory of Vikings fans as the day Cooper Rush made his first NFL start in four years as a pro and outplayed Kirk Cousins.

This wasn't just a loss. It was a milestone. Washington's football team has Clint Longley, who replaced Roger Staubach and led the Cowboys to an unlikely Thanksgiving Day victory in 1974. The Vikings now have Rush stepping in for early MVP favorite Dak Prescott and, for all intents and purposes, ending the Vikings' season on Halloween Night.

Rush completed 24 of 40 passes for 325 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner to Amari Cooper in the corner of the end zone with 51 seconds remaining. Cousins and the Vikings have managed a couple of late rallies this season, beating Detroit on a last-second field goal and Carolina in overtime, but they didn't come close on Sunday. The final drive was chaos.

Cousins finished 23 for 35 passing for 184 yards and a touchdown in his 111th NFL start.

Dallas might have a top-notch offensive line and an athletic, opportunistic defense,



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Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer looks on in the fourth quarter of the Vikings' 20-16 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

but is it expecting too much to assume Cousins, making \$21 million and owed \$35 million in 2022, would outplay a quarterback who before Sunday had thrown only three passes in a regular-season game — and completed one?

It's possible that some of those boos on Sunday might, in fact, have been the many Dallas fans in attendance cheering Rush — "Cooooooop!" But there was little doubt when the Vikings, facing third-and-23 from their own 35 in the fourth quarter, called a draw play to Alexander Mattison.

Those were boos. Fans had had enough.

"If you're not frustrated, you probably shouldn't be a player on this team," said receiver Adam Thielen, who caught the Vikings' touchdown and finished with a team-high six catches for 78 yards.

The Cowboys had arrived with Prescott in street clothes, a clear sign that this nationally televised night game meant less to them than it did to the Vikings — and it did. No matter what happened, Dallas (6-1) would have still had a comfortable lead in the

NFC East. The Vikings (3-4) were starting a stretch of four difficult games that would make or break their season, and this was a bad — if not fatal — way to start.

They had been given a gift when Dallas, with bigger fish to fry, held Prescott back because of a calf strain. Turns out, it didn't matter.

The Vikings have well-paid stars all over the field, on both sides of the ball — Cousins, Thielen, Danielle Hunter, Eric Kendricks, Dalvin Cook, Justin Jefferson, Anthony Barr — yet rarely play like a team with well-paid stars all over the field on both sides of the ball.

Hunter was lost to a shoulder injury in the first half and never returned — he'll get an MRI exam on Monday, Zimmer said — and the team was without their best cornerback Patrick Peterson, on injured reserve with a hamstring injury. But there was enough talent on the field to beat a headless snake. This team's default setting is ... meh.

The Vikings defense made some big plays — an interception and strip sack by Xavier Woods chief among them — but allowed the Cowboys

to drive 75 yards in two minutes for the winning touchdown. The secondary was rough; one shudders to think about what Prescott would have done with it.

Winners of three of four to climb back to .500 and coming off their bye week, the Vikings felt good about their team headed into the game, and with Detroit and Chicago stumbling, they were set to be Green Bay's lone competition in the NFC North. It now appears the Packers (7-1) have no competition.

The loss was so shocking that Zimmer was at something of a loss to explain how it happened, or even what's next. Minnesota plays at Baltimore next Sunday, then against the Chargers in Los Angeles before coming home to face Green Bay. Unless something changes drastically, jobs may be lost.

Asked how his team might channel its frustrations into something positive, the eighth-year head coach said, "That's a good question. I think there needs to be some time to think about it and figure out what we can do differently, because this was a tough loss tonight."

Woods comes up big against former team, but loss to Cowboys 'stings'

By Chris Tomasson
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Entering Sunday night's game at U.S. Bank Stadium, Minnesota Vikings safety Xavier Woods admitted he wanted revenge against his former team.

Woods spent the previous four seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, but they didn't offer him a contract when he became a free agent in March.

Woods had a big game against the Cowboys, getting an interception and forcing a fumble on a strip sack. But Minnesota lost 20-16.

"During the game, they were high," Woods said of his emotions. "But we didn't win, so I don't like that. Even though I played well, we lost and that stings."

Woods had his interception in the second quarter. Early in the fourth quarter, he hit Dallas quarterback Cooper Rush on a blitz to force a fumble that Vikings linebacker Anthony Barr recovered. "They just didn't block me," Woods said.

Woods was disappointed that the Vikings



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Minnesota Vikings free safety Xavier Woods returns an interception as Dallas Cowboys tight end Dalton Schultz (86) looks to make the tackle Sunday at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

didn't "finish" after taking a 16-13 lead on a 24-yard field goal by Greg Joseph with 2:51 left in the game. Rush threw a five-yard touchdown to Amari Cooper with 51 seconds remaining for the winning score.

The Cowboys played without star quarterback Dak Prescott due to a strained right calf. Woods said it hurts a "little bit" more that they lost against a backup quarterback.

"No matter how you take that L, it's still a loss," he said. "We can't let this break us."

Willekes debuts

The Vikings were thin at defensive end in the second half after two-time Pro Bowl selection Danielle Hunter was lost for the game — and now the season — due to a shoulder injury. Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said the loss of Hunter definitely "affected us" on Sunday night.

The Vikings played their first game after trading reserve defensive end Stephen Weatherly to Denver on Oct. 23. Weatherly had a sack for the Broncos in his first game for them on Sunday against Wash-

ington.

With Weatherly out of the picture, defensive end Kenny Willekes, a 2020 seventh-round pick, finally made his NFL debut. Willekes spent last season on injured reserve with a knee injury and has been on the practice squad this season. He was elevated to the active roster, and got some snaps from scrimmage against the Cowboys.

Osborn returns kicks

Vikings receiver Dede Westbrook sat out Sunday with an ankle injury, and receiver K.J. Osborn took over as the punt returner. He returned one punt for seven yards and had two fair catches.

In addition to Westbrook, inactive for the Vikings were nose tackle Michael Pierce (elbow), who had been ruled out Friday for a third straight game, defensive end Patrick Jones (knee), who had been listed as doubtful, quarterback Kellen Mond, linebacker Chazz Surratt and guard Wyatt Davis.



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Minnesota Timberwolves forward Jarred Vanderbilt, left, battles with Orlando Magic center Wendell Carter Jr. for control of the ball Monday at Target Center in Minneapolis.

Magic roar past Wolves in the fourth quarter

Orlando outscores Minnesota 43-19 over final 12 minutes

Field Level Media

MINNEAPOLIS — Cole Anthony scored 31 points, rookie Franz Wagner had a career-high 28 and the Orlando Magic ended a four-game losing streak with a 115-97 comeback victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Monday.

Anthony (14 points) and Wagner combined for 24 fourth-quarter points as Orlando outscored the Timberwolves 43-19 over the final 12 minutes. Minnesota was on top by 13 points in the second quarter and 11 late in the third.

The Timberwolves took a 78-72 lead into the fourth period, but the Magic pulled ahead 94-85 on Anthony's 3-pointer with 6:28 remaining. Wagner hit a 3-pointer from the corner to make it 99-89 at the 4:57 mark, and he later drove the lane for a dunk and a 104-91 advantage.

Wagner shot 10-for-18, including 5-for-9 from beyond the arc, as the Magic salvaged one victory during its three-game road trip that included losses to the Toronto Raptors and Detroit Pistons. Wagner has reached double figures in all eight Orlando games this season.

Anthony made six triples and added nine rebounds and eight

assists. Orlando's Wendell Carter Jr. had 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Magic guard Jalen Suggs totaled 15 points in his return to the state of Minnesota. The fifth overall pick in the 2021 draft was born in Saint Paul and attended Minnehaha Academy in Minneapolis before he played one collegiate season at Gonzaga University.

Karl-Anthony Towns amassed 23 points and 16 rebounds and Anthony Edwards scored 24 points, but Minnesota dropped its third straight game at the Target Center and fell for the third time in four games overall.

The Timberwolves, who entered the day No. 4 in the league in defensive efficiency, allowed Orlando to shoot 45.1 percent from the field and sink 17 of 43 3-point attempts (39.5 percent).

Timberwolves starting point guard D'Angelo Russell played 17 minutes before leaving the game with a right ankle sprain. He scored three points on 1-for-8 shooting and had five rebounds and three assists for Minnesota, which was also without guard Patrick Beverley (left calf soreness).

Orlando shot just 38.2 percent in the first half, but the Magic stayed within 58-53 at halftime thanks to a decided edge at the free-throw line. The Magic converted 20 of 25 free throws — compared with 2 of 4 for Minnesota — as Anthony sank nine of his 11 attempts.



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Former North Dakota State and current San Francisco 49ers quarterback Trey Lance warms up before the 49ers' game against the Chicago Bears on Sunday at Soldier Field in Chicago.

LANCE

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Yogi Berra couldn't have said it better.

Shanahan has stood by Garoppolo all season, in the face of the Play Trey movement, and Garoppolo justified that faith Sunday, while making Shanahan's situation less dire.

In one half Sunday, Shanahan's reputation as an offensive mastermind was exhumed. He called the plays that sprung Deebo Samuel for a 171-yard receiving day, and unleashed Elijah Mitchell for 137 yards on the ground.

Shanahan was building a rep for being a lousy halftime adjustment-maker; his head coach record in games the 49ers trail at halftime was 4-27. Now it's 5-27, a massive difference.

The game brought back memories of a 49ers team that went to a Super Bowl only three years ago behind a sub-dynamic quarterback, Garoppolo, who did just enough

to optimize a dangerous offense.

So we're no closer to a clear picture of the 49ers' quarterback situation than we were on draft night. Trey Lance is the future, that's obvious, but right now it's not.

Mobile quarterbacks are a must in today's NFL, but don't tell Aaron Rodgers or Tom Brady. Or Jimmy Garoppolo.

With 10 games left, the 49ers are a complete wild card.

The quarterback dilemma will not go away. Garoppolo has to be hearing all the clamor for Lance to get the job, but the smiling vet just keeps smiling. The TV cameras caught him working the sidelines when his team was behind, encouraging his teammates, lighting 'em up with the Jimmy G grin and fist pump.

So maybe he's their guy after all.

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University of Minnesota running back Bryce Williams runs against the Nebraska Cornhuskers on Oct. 16 at Huntington Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

Minn. Gophers lose another running back

Bryce Williams now out with season-ending leg injury

By Andy Greder
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Gophers are now without five scholarship running backs.

Bryce Williams has become the third running back to be lost to injury during this season; he follows Mo Ibrahim in September and Trey Potts in October. This injury bug actually started when reserve Preston Jelen was ruled out for the year after a knee injury in preseason camp in August. In addition, Cam Wiley entered the NCAA transfer portal in October.

“It looks like it will be season-ending,” head coach P.J. Fleck said of Williams on Monday. “It’s unfortunate. It’s one of those years that’s kind of got us right now. But it’s next man in, it’s the next man up.”

Williams appeared to injure his left ankle when tackled after a 19-yard reception in the first quarter of Saturday’s 41-14 victory over Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. He couldn’t put weight on his leg and needed assistance to get to the bench and then the locker room.

With Ibrahim and Potts out, Minnesota had Williams, Mar’Keise Irving and Ky Thomas split the carries in the two previous games before Saturday. Now the U is down to only those two scholarship tailbacks, both freshmen, for the final four games of the regular season.

Minnesota (6-2, 4-1 Big Ten) plays host to Illinois (3-6, 2-4) at 11 a.m. Saturday at Huntington Bank Stadium.

In his first year, Irving is now the Gophers’ most-productive healthy rusher with 66 carries for 355 yards and three touchdowns. Thomas, in his second year, is now No. 2 with 56 carries and 334 yards and two TDs. Williams had rushed 37 times for 186 yards and three touchdowns this season.

Those three tailbacks each averaged over 5 yards per carry, thanks to outstanding blocking from a big and veteran group of offensive linemen and tight ends.

Irving was named Big Ten co-freshman of the week Monday after he rushed for a career-high 110 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries against Northwestern. Thomas added 106 yards on 21 carries. Williams had 9 yards on two carries before his injury.

It was the second straight game Irving and Thomas each went over 100 yards; they also did it against Maryland on Oct. 23. Against Nebraska on Oct. 16, Williams rushed for 127 yards and a TD on 17 carries.

With numbers dwindling, Minnesota used linebacker/spe-



Fleck

cial-teams player Derik LeCaptain as a contingency plan at running back in the fourth quarter against the Wildcats. A state-record-setting high school tailback at Southern Door (Wis.) High School, he rushed three times for 31 yards and a late 24-yard TD.

Fleck said other players have taken time playing tailback in practice, but he declined to share which players.

“I told the entire team, ‘Listen, if any of you have ever carried a ball in any part of your career, if you have a picture (on a) button from the YMCA league with a ball in your hand and you’re chinning it properly, you are going to be available, possibly, to run the football for us this year,’ ” Fleck joked. “We’re going in, talking to their parents, talking to their aunts and uncles, and seeing if they ever did that, diving into some Pop Warner film.”

“In all seriousness, are you going to be moving someone over this week?” Fleck continued. “Yes, we will. Who? I’m not going to tell you. We already have, and you had a chance to see one of them (LeCaptain). We did two weeks ago with another. This wasn’t like, ‘Oh, it just happened. Who can do this?’ This has been a contingency plan for four or five weeks now. I’m proud of our guys for developing. Sundays there’s a lot of that work we do with them to get them ready. They’re all playing different positions as well.”

The Gophers also have used wildcat quarterback Cole Kramer routinely in the running game in October. He has 26 carries for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Tanner Morgan has contributed as well, including a 18-yard TD run against the Wildcats.

Halloween advice

Fleck clears his coaches’ schedules each Halloween night, so they can share in festivities with their costume-wearing kids. This also means Fleck was at home Sunday night to hear from some opinionated trick-or-treaters.

“An Iowa Hawkeye showed up and said ‘Go Hawks!’ ” Fleck shared. “I had at least five kids ... tell me what I should do (as a coach), which you know is coming from dad in the car: ‘Tell him this.’ I’ve never seen anything like it.”

Carter to return

Gophers defensive tackle Trill Carter, who had an undisclosed issue that caused him to miss his first game of the season against Northwestern, is expected to return for this week’s game against Illinois. He has two sacks, two tackles for lost yards and 14 total tackles in seven games this season.

Fiala ‘not concerned’ with scoring drought

Wild winger scoreless in five straight games

By Dane Mizutani
St. Paul Pioneer Press

ST. PAUL — Minnesota Wild winger Kevin Fiala hasn’t scored a point in nearly two weeks.

After netting a goal in the Oct. 15 season opener against the Anaheim Ducks, and a couple of assists in the games that immediately followed, Fiala looked poised for the breakout season he confidently promised back in training camp.

Instead, the 25-year-old from Switzerland has ghosted his teammates during the latest slump of his young career. He will enter Tuesday’s game against the Ottawa Senators at Xcel Energy Center scoreless in five consecutive games, and even worse, has fallen back into his old habits of taking unnecessary risks in his search of offense.

His lack of success on the ice has manifested itself off the ice as Fiala declined interview requests following losses at Seattle and Colorado over the weekend. He spoke to reporters after Monday’s practice at TRIA Rink in down-



USA Today Sports file photo
Minnesota Wild left wing Kevin Fiala shoots on goal Oct. 16 against the Los Angeles Kings at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.

town St. Paul and took accountability for his recent struggles.

“I feel I’m a goal-scorer, and if I don’t score goals in some games, it’s getting a little bit in my head,” he said. “I’ve been long enough in the league to know that it can’t happen. Just have to stay with it, stick with it, be a good teammate, be happy, and do a lot of other things.”

That answer from Fiala is a sign of maturity. Not only did he own up to thinking too much on the ice, he emphasized how he needs to find a way to make an impact when he’s not scoring goals. He’s playing on the penalty kill for the first time in his career, for exam-

ple, and understands his effort in that realm can make a difference.

“It’s not always just scoring goals,” he said. “Sometimes, for me, it’s a good game just to have a good defensive game. It’s not always just being offensive. Of course I want to be offensive. Of course I want to score every game. But it’s not going to happen.”

Still, the truth is the Wild need Fiala to be a top-tier scorer. Especially with skilled winger Mats Zuccarello currently in COVID protocol.

If Monday’s practice was any indication, coach Dean Evason is trying to get Fiala going by playing him alongside center Joel Eriksson Ek and

hulking winger Marcus Foligno.

Asked about his scoring drought, Fiala quickly noted, “There’s still 74 games left.” He mentioned how he’s hit the post a few times this season, and how the power play as a whole has garnered quite a few good looks, narrowly missing out on scoring goals.

“We had so many chances that just didn’t go our way,” he said. “It’s a little unlucky right now, so if it turns it turns, and hopefully very soon. What I can do right now is just come here and have fun and work hard.”

How has he stayed positive in the meantime?

“You know, we’re 5-3-0 right now, so it’s going well for the team,” Fiala added. “That’s how I stay positive. It’s just awesome to get every day to work with this group. Just having fun. I’m not concerned. I’m sure it’s going to turn and go the right way.”

The most encouraging thing about Fiala is he’s gone through these slumps in the past, and whenever he finds the back of the net, the goals usually start coming in bunches.

Another stop-gap at shortstop for Twins?

Minnesota looks to solidify top defensive spot

By Betsy Helfand
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — In a perfect world for the Minnesota Twins, top prospect Royce Lewis would not have torn his ACL last February. He would not have needed season-ending surgery, and instead would have spent his season in the high minors.

Maybe he would have debuted in the big leagues last season, as he had hoped, and shown everyone why he was the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 draft. Perhaps he would have been ready to slide in and take over starting duties near the beginning of the 2022 season.

Of course, the second part didn’t play out that way. Lewis’s injury means he hasn’t played in a minor-league game

since 2019 (he spent the 2020 season at the Twins’ alternate site in St. Paul). It also means that he won’t be the Twins’ answer at shortstop this season — or if he is, it certainly won’t be at the beginning of the season.

So, the Twins enter the offseason — one with an incredibly strong free-agent shortstop class — in need of an answer at the position.

2021 season

Andrelton Simmons was brought in on a one-year deal last offseason for his glove. And defensively, the four-time Gold Glover gave the Twins more or less what they were expecting. He was sixth among all defenders per Statcast at 16 outs above average and helped turn a position of weakness, defensively at least, into a strength.

But while he did help the Twins shore up their infield defense, he quite simply didn’t hit. Sim-

mons finished the year batting .223 with a .283 on-base percentage and .274 slugging percentage. All three numbers — along with his .558 OPS and 57 OPS+ — marked career lows for Simmons.

When Simmons was out of the lineup, Jorge Polanco occasionally shifted back to his former position. At the end of the season, Nick Gordon got a couple of looks at shortstop, too, though the Twins didn’t seem to be too inclined to use Gordon there even though it was the position he primarily played in the minors.

2022 outlook

The free-agent shortstop class is littered with stars. There’s Carlos Correa and Corey Seager. There’s Javier Báez and Marcus Semien. There’s Trevor Story.

None will come cheap, and all presumably will be looking for longer-term deals.

If the Twins believe Lewis — or even perhaps

Austin Martin — will be manning shortstop for them one day in the somewhat near future, it would make more sense for them to instead look at another stop-gap type deal for the immediate present.

Martin, another top prospect, was acquired at the trade deadline from the Blue Jays and split time between shortstop and center field last year. It’s not clear that he’s going to be a shortstop in the future, though what position he’ll end up at in the majors still has yet to be determined. It’s possible, too, that Lewis eventually gets moved off the premium position.

Either way, the Twins will need an answer at short to begin the season. Among their internal options, Polanco would be the most capable, yet the Twins would suffer defensively if they moved him back from second base.

Gophers top Concordia St. Paul in exhibition win

Sophomore Battle leads all scorers with 24 points

By John Shipley
St. Paul Pioneer Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Playing in a game together for the first time, Minnesota’s virtually new men’s basketball team worked through some early season kinks but kept Division II Concordia St. Paul at arms length in a 80-67 exhibition victory Monday night at Williams Arena.

With only one returner from Richard Pitino’s last team, fifth-year center Eric Curry, the Gophers were reasonably erratic against a Golden Bears team that finished an abridged 2020-21 season with a 1-13 record, missing a lot of baskets at the rim and getting outrebounded, 43-41.

The Gophers’ only game action before Friday night was a clandestine scrimmage at Okla-homa on Oct. 23.

“You want to be perfect and you know you’re just not going to be this early,” said first-year Gophers coach

Ben Johnson. “But we showed growth from the scrimmage, we showed growth from practice.”

Johnson has eight seniors on a team stitched together on the fly from the NCAA transfer portal and started four — Curry, guards Payton Willis and Eylijah Stephens and small forward Luke Loewe.

Jamison Battle, a sophomore from Robbinsdale who played his freshman season at George Washington, was the other starter and led and scored 18 first-half points as the Gophers took a 44-28 lead into halftime. He finished with a game-high 24 points and team-high eight rebounds.

The Gophers shot 42 percent from the field, 38 percent from 3-point range and finished with 14 assists. That would have been higher had Minnesota not missed so many tap-ins and layups — 15 by Johnson’s count.

“Those are shots that are going to go in next game,” Willis said.

Willis, a senior who started his career at Minnesota before playing at Vanderbilt and College of Charleston,

had 23 points and a game-high five assists.

Minnesota forced 15 first-half turnovers and outrebounded the Golden Bears in the offensive end 14-7, building leads of as much as 17 points early. But Concordia hung around, most on the strength of its 3-point shooting, hitting 11. Caden Hoffman was 4 of 6 from beyond the arc and scored a team-high 14 points for Concordia. Jack Stensgard led all rebounders with 10 and added 13 points for Concordia.

The official attendance was 9,470 but the actual crowd was considerably smaller. Still, it was the Gophers’ first game in front of fans since March 2020.

“So, there is nervous energy, and you want to perform well — especially for Eric,” Johnson said.

Curry finished 3 for 8 from the floor but grabbed seven rebounds and had four assists.

Stensgard’s 3-pointer from the top of the key 2:55 into the second half cut Minnesota’s lead to 51-40. Battle rebounded his own miss for a layup that put Minnesota up 62-43 with 12:20 left in

the game, but Concordia wouldn’t get away quietly, using a 7-0 run — including a 3-pointer from Caden Hoffman and Matt Johns’ baseline dunk — to pull within 62-52 with 8:22 remaining.

Sean Sutherin ended the run with a strong drive and layin, and Stephens added another bucket from the paint to make it 66-52 with 7:33 left. Still, Elijah Ormiston’s spin move and basket off his own miss cut the Gophers’ lead to 73-64 with 2:19 to play before Minnesota got consecutive baskets from Curry and Battle to essentially ice the game with 31 seconds left.

The Gophers’ next game is Nov. 9 against Kansas City at Williams Arena.

“We have a lot of things we can improve on and we don’t play again until Tuesday (Nov. 9) so we have a week to go, right?” Battle said. “So, I think we’re just going to go out here with some extra drive and just go at it. We want to get better and we want to win; that’s the common goal here.”

Finally at home in Houston

Versatile veteran catcher Martín Maldonado helps save the Astros’ season

By Jack Harris
Los Angeles Times

Atlanta

Carlos Correa couldn’t help but chime in. On a night everyone else was raving about one of his favorite teammates, the Houston Astros shortstop wanted to speak up too.

In the team’s 9–5 win over the Atlanta Braves in Game 5 of the World Series on Sunday, a result that staved off elimination and sent the series back to Houston on Tuesday for Game 6, catcher Martín Maldonado was the unexpected hero.

In the regular season, the 35-year-old veteran was one of the least productive hitters in baseball, batting .172 (second-worst among big leaguers with 400 plate appearances) with 12 home runs and only 36 runs batted in. His numbers in the postseason had been even worse, entering Sunday just four for 41 with 14 strikeouts and one walk.

Nonetheless, he continued to serve as the Astros’ everyday catcher — he played in 125 games this year, seventh-most among MLB catchers — because of all the other elements of his game, including solid pitch framing, expert game-calling and management of a young pitching staff.

But finally on Sunday, his wily skill set showed up at the plate as well. He had a team-high three RBIs on one hit, one sacrifice fly and one game-changing walk against Atlanta reliever A.J. Minter in the fifth inning, a bases-loaded free pass that tied the score and teed up Marwin Gonzalez’s go-ahead hit in the next at-bat.

“Whatever way you bring in a run, especially in the playoffs, is huge,” Maldonado said after the game, getting star treatment in the Truist Park interview room. “You get good at–bats, whatever the situation dictates. You try to work through it. I was really hopeful to help the team win whatever way we can do it.”

As he sat beside Maldonado at the postgame dais, it was the fifth-inning walk that Correa wanted to highlight.

“Did you guys notice how close he was to the plate on the bat against Minter?” Correa excitedly interjected, staring out at reporters with a laugh. “You guys notice? That was sick.”

It might have helped save the Astros season too.

At that point, the Astros were still trailing 5–4. There were two out in the fifth and Atlanta had willingly loaded the bases by intentionally

walking Alex Bregman, purposefully targeting Maldonado instead.

“I was expecting that,” Maldonado said.

So, the 11-year veteran came up with a plan.

“I wasn’t going to swing to get a strike,” he said.

Minter made that easy on the first pitch, throwing well inside with Maldonado — much to Correa’s delight — crowding the plate. The next offering was a cutter just off the outside corner, but Maldonado was taking all the way.

Minter finally hit the zone on pitch No. 3 but then missed low to make it a three-ball count.

As the left-hander began to fire again, Maldonado showed a late bunt, but then pulled the bat back as a fastball whizzed well wide of the plate. Ball four. Tie score.

“It was amazing,” said Gonzalez, who watched the battle from the on-deck circle before slapping a two-run single into left on the very next pitch. “I said after the game, I think that was the key.”

The fact Maldonado ended up in Houston in the first place required a complicated turn of events.

After six steady seasons to begin his career with the Milwaukee Brewers, the Puerto Rico native has been shuffled, swapped and shipped around the league so many times that the Los Angeles Angels — the club that originally drafted him in 2004, cut him three years later, then signed him as a free agent before 2017 — now have two other key players because of him.

In 2018, Maldonado went from Anaheim to Houston at the trade deadline in exchange for pitcher Patrick Sandoval, now one of the Angels’ best young arms.

After signing as a free agent with the Kansas City Royals the next year, Maldonado was traded twice within two weeks in July, first to the Chicago Cubs, then back to the Astros in a move that prompted them to later trade their then-backup catcher Max Stassi to the Angels, where he has since blossomed into a starting role.

But after returning to Houston the second time in 2019, Maldonado has slowly solidified a leading role. A free agent again that year, he re-signed with the Astros on a two-year deal. Near the start of this season, he agreed to a one-year extension with an option for another.

“Maldy’s a guy that, obviously we talk about how



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Houston Astros catcher Martin Maldonado reacts after hitting an RBI single against the Atlanta Braves in Game 2 of the 2021 World Series at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

great he is with the pitch calling, and his defense is amazing and all that, but he’s a guy that puts in the work every single day in the cage also,” Correa said. “He cares about the team. He cares about at–bats. He wants to win the game.”

And on Sunday, all those things coalesced into a uniquely signature performance, Maldonado reversing his season-long offensive struggles to help the Astros keep their World Series hopes alive.

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Houston Astros catcher Martin Maldonado hits an RBI double against the Atlanta Braves in the seventh inning Sunday of Game 5 of the 2021 World Series at Truist Park in Atlanta.

Bettman defends NHL’s decisions in scandal

Fans should be horrified at Blackhawks incident, commissioner says

By Steve Keating
Reuters

Fans should be “horrified” by the sex abuse scandal engulfing the Chicago Blackhawks, said National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman on Monday while defending his handling of the case.

Bettman was grilled by the media during a nearly one hour press conference that focused on the findings of an independent investigation conducted by the Blackhawks into allegations that former video coach Brad Aldrich sexually assaulted player Kyle Beach after he was called up from the minors during the 2010 Stanley Cup playoffs.

Bettman began by offering a public apology to Beach for this “horrible situation,” but he was quickly left to defend



Dirk Shadd / TNS file photo

National Hockey League commissioner Gary Bettman talks with reporters before the Tampa Bay Lightning take on the Pittsburgh Penguins in the NHL season opener at Amalie Arena on Oct. 12 in Tampa, Florida.

the league’s handling of the matter, warning there will be consequences for any team

putting results above player safety.

“This has to serve as a

wake up call to all clubs that you need to make sure you understand what your organization is doing because you are going to be held responsible,” he added.

An explosive 107-page independent report released last Tuesday detailed a lack of action by Blackhawks senior management, who were made aware of the Beach allegations but did not deal with the matter while playing in the Stanley Cup finals.

After winning the Stanley Cup, the Blackhawks offered Aldrich the choice of facing an investigation or resign, which he did.

Beach, a first round draft pick who would never play a game for Chicago, filed a lawsuit against the Blackhawks in May, 2021 and only revealed himself as the vic-

tim of alleged assault last Wednesday during an emotional interview with Canadian sport network TSN.

“I think that people are going to feel dispirited, disappointed, horrified as to what happened,” said Bettman.

Blackhawks general manager Stan Bowman and Florida Panthers coach Joel Quenneville, who had been coach of the Blackhawks at the time, both resigned their positions last week.

Still, Bettman was on the defensive throughout much of the video conference, challenged about his decision to exonerate Winnipeg Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff, the former-Blackhawks assistant.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

Fargo Parks offers celebration, education opportunity

By John Lamb
The Forum

Fargo

Broadway Square in downtown Fargo will be alive with colors, candles and skeletons on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

The Fargo Park District is celebrating Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, with festivities meant to educate about and honor the Mexican tradition.

The event, from 4 – 6 p.m., will feature a talk by Eduardo Marcel Sanchez, owner of the food truck Casa Delicia Eatery, about the significance of the day.

Messages left for Sanchez were not returned when this article was written.

The celebration will also show people how to make an ofrenda, or altar, how to create and decorate sugar skulls, samples of traditional recipes and Dia de los Muertos activities (coloring, crosswords, etc.) for kids and more.

Spanish ties

While some associate Dia de los Muertos with Halloween, it’s a different holiday, though also connected through Christianity.

Halloween’s basis is All Hallow’s Eve, the day before All Hallow’s Day, or All Saints’ Day on the Christian calendar, a solemn holiday to honor saints in the Church. The following day, Nov. 2, is All Souls’ Day, a day to remember family and friends who have died.

“It’s really a three-day feast on the Catholic calendar,” says Bradley Benton, who teaches Mexican and Latin American history at North Dakota State University.

Dia de los Muertos is really a mash-up of European and Mexican traditions and a twist on the feasts of the first two

IF YOU GO

What: Dia de los Muertos educational celebration
When: 4 - 6 p.m., Tuesday
Where: Broadway Square, Broadway and Second Avenue, N., Fargo
Info: This event is free and open to the public

days of November.

“When the Spanish came to Mexico, natives recognized parallels in how they remember the dead,” he explains. “In Spain some people may clean the graves of loved ones. In Mexico, people will not only clean the graves, but they may cover them in flowers and elaborate things. Families may have a meal at the gravesite to remember someone with their favorite food.”

The website, www.dayofthedead.holiday, created by Mexicans, dedicated solely to the holiday, says the holiday is celebratory, not mournful.

“There is festive music and definitely no crying or grieving. This is a reflective and lively get-together honoring the deceased back to celebrate life and enjoy all the human things again,” it states.

The celebrations aren’t limited to graveyards. In homes, people will construct ofrendas, with marigolds, which are believed to be so potent smelling and visually vibrant that they will guide souls back. Food, drink, candles, papel picados – a decorative perforated paper – and photos of loved ones also are part of ofrendas. And, of course, colorful representations of skulls in everything from baked goods to paper decorations.

Truth about bones

The skull, or calavera, has a long history of being used in Mexican celebrations, according to www.dayofthedead.holiday. Pre-Columbian



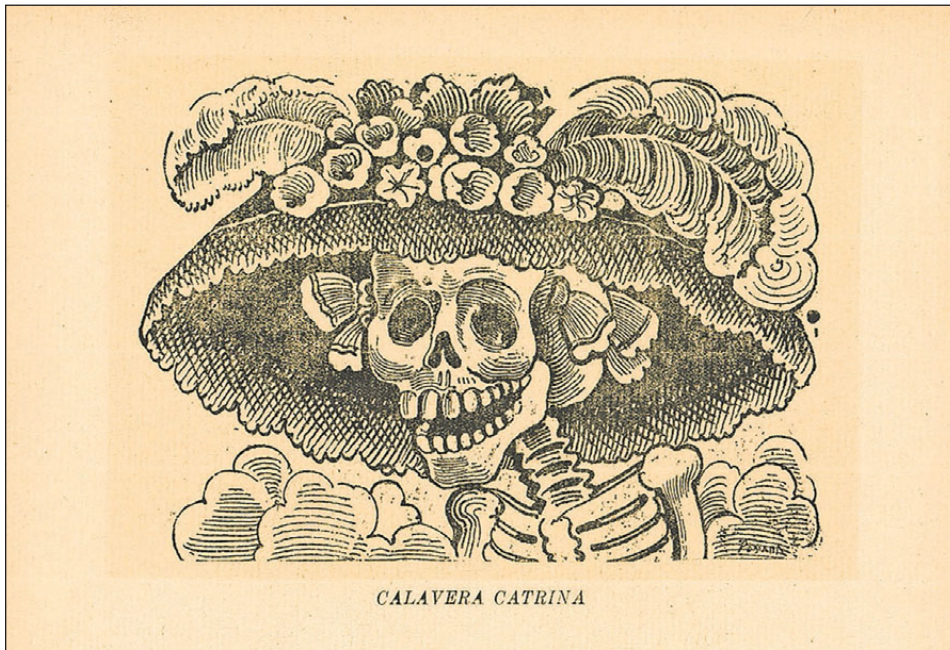
A traditional Dia de los Muertos altar might feature food and drink, candles, decorative paper — papel picado — candles, decorative skulls and marigolds.

Aztecs worshipped the Goddess Mictecacihuatl, who ruled the afterlife and the dead. She was depicted as a skeleton who wore a crown of flowers and skulls.

People would also use clay figurines of skeletons and skulls in pre-Columbian celebrations of the dead. After the Spanish arrived, the skulls started being made with molds and a mix of sugar and paste. Today the sugar skulls are often placed on ofrendas, sometimes with the name of a loved one written on it.

“They’re not afraid of incorporating (skulls and skeletons) into their altars,” Benton says. “There’s a greater willingness to see death as a part of life.”

Early 20th Century Mexican artist José Guadalupe Posada is often credited with further animating the



José Guadalupe Posada's iconic print, “La Calavera Catrina.”

skeletons. The illustrator tapped into the tradition and often clothed his drawn skeletons to create political cartoons.

His most popular image, “La Calavera Catrina,” depicts

a skeleton with an elaborate European-style hat, a commentary on Mexicans eager to adopt European aristocratic culture. The image is now more associated with Dia de los Muertos

and paved the way for imagery of women during the holiday, dressed festively with decorative skull makeup.

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Candies barred

Don’t mess with candy perfection

By Daniel Neman
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

When Skittles announced it was going back to making one of its candies lime flavored, Colleen Schrappen was happy. She was ridiculously happy.

Schrappen is a colleague and a friend who, as far as I can tell, spends very nearly half of her waking life thinking about candy. She is also a runner and is trim and fit. I hate her.

Apparently, in 2013, Skittles replaced its lime flavor (an original, along with lemon, strawberry, grape and orange) with green apple. I’m not even sure I knew this had happened. I love Skittles, by which I mean I used to eat them all the time when I was younger, especially on late-night drives to help keep me awake, but it is entirely possible I have not had them in 10 years or more.

I’m not even sure I could tell the difference between lime and green apple flavors. To me, and I suspect to a lot of you, the flavors were never lemon, lime, strawberry, grape and orange. The flavors were always yellow, green, red, purple and orange. My favorite

flavor was red.

Not so to Schrappen. She took the change to green apple as a personal affront. For eight years, she has been going to the trouble of buying Skittles — one of her favorite candies — emptying the bag into a candy jar, and throwing away the green apple ones.

“Hallelujah,” she said about the return to the lime flavor. And then she went on to discourse about several other candy trends. I don’t disagree with her about most of them, or I wouldn’t if I had given them the sort of thought she gives them.

One major annoyance is the habit of companies taking perfectly good candies and then trying to change them.

There is a reason Snickers are the best-selling candy bars in the world: The flavors are right, the proportions are right. Everything is exactly as it should be.

But in recent years, the Snickers folks have become bored with their obviously successful formula and have been tinkering with it. Some now come with an exterior of dark chocolate, which is not the worst change they could make.

But some also have almonds or hazelnuts instead of peanuts, and



Lime is returning to Skittles Original Packs.

they put peanut butter into others, and Schrappen says that’s just wrong.

M&Ms now come in as many new flavors — Schrappen would call them unsanctioned flavors — as Oreos, and she isn’t happy about the weird Oreo flavors, either.

To her, M&Ms, and especially peanut M&Ms, are the embodiment of perfection (she is too young to remember when peanut M&Ms were themselves a controversial addition to the pantheon of candies). Trying to improve on perfection is a doomed task, which is why we now have such aberrations as Fudge Brownie M&Ms.

I actually like Fudge Brownie M&Ms, but Schrappen points out — forcefully — that they

aren’t even candies at all. They are tiny brownies in a candy shell. Similarly, Snickers now come in brownies with peanuts and brownies with almonds.

Schrappen has a rule about candies that she believes should become a law: No more than one alteration to the original recipe should be allowed. After that, it can no longer be considered in the same family as the original candy.

Skittles can swap out their lime flavor for green apple, no matter how abhorrent she finds the idea, and they can still be Skittles. Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups can add pretzels — an addition she heartily supports, by the way — and they are still Reese’s.

But when you take a



Snickers bar and change the chocolate exterior and add brownies and add almonds, it is no longer a Snickers bar at all. Calling it a Snickers is only an attempt to fool people.

So says Schrappen.

And you know how Kit Kat bars now come in multiple flavors, from mocha-and-chocolate to fruity cereal?

Don’t get her started on Kit Kat bars.

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Physical and mental well-being are linked

Dear Annie: As I was reading the letter from “Burnt Out,” the woman whose husband was chronically ill at moments of pressure, I wanted to say that the advice you gave about how this could be a mind/body issue sounds spot on to me, based on my personal experience.

The book you recommended, “The Mindbody Prescription” by Dr. John Sarno, has been very helpful in my own recovery from pain issues. I would also suggest “The Meaning of Truth” by Nicole Sachs. This book has allowed me to put Sarno’s findings to practical use.

The information in these books has given me a new lease on life, with less



pain every day. Kudos for suggesting and bringing awareness to the mind/body connection. — Grateful for Mind/Body Writings

Dear Grateful: Thank you for telling us of your experience. Here are two more letters that offer different perspectives:

Dear Annie: In reply to “Burnt Out,” it sounds like he is suffering from anxiety. I say this because I was diagnosed with anxiety 15 years ago after several years of trips to the emergency room with symptoms of everything from heart attacks and strokes to blocked bowels, bone pains, muscle pain, pneumonia and other ailments.

A big factor in dealing with anxiety is that the medical community doesn’t have much of a grasp on the root causes or how to treat it. The medical community also seems to be fighting against

itself. ER doctors tend to look at people with undiagnosed anxiety as drug seekers, while therapists want to prescribe drugs that turn most of us into depressed zombies.

“Burnt Out” should wait until her husband has had a few puffs on the pipe and is in a relaxed state of mind. Then, she should make a few friendly comments, over several sessions, suggesting therapy. People with anxiety tend to be easily triggered by small suggestions. Her small suggestion should be a positive one. And she shouldn’t worry about or focus on the pot; it’s probably the biggest breakthrough the medical community has made in treating anxiety and pain management in decades. — Just Another Crazy Old Man

Dear Crazy Old Man: You’re not crazy at all, and some of your suggestions are good ones, based on your personal experience. Thanks for

sharing your perspective with my readers.

Dear Annie: I am a 61-year-old mother of four who has been married for 40 years. I’m also a retired dental hygienist, and I consider myself basically stable-minded. But my health resembled “Burnt Out’s” husband, starting in my 20s. I had random periods of unexplainable physical illness that progressively got worse.

Long story short — at 52, I was admitted to the hospital with “stroke-like” symptoms. I remained there for five days. Diagnosis: Lyme disease. After IV antibiotic treatment, I was still symptomatic. I remained too ill to ever go back to work.

I found a doctor who practices outside the box. Her diagnosis was three tick-borne diseases: Lyme, Bartonella and Babesia. I am a nonmethylator, which means that I do not eliminate toxins.

I had biotoxin and heavy metal toxicity. I had adrenal fatigue and low thyroid. I have the gene mutation called the “dreaded gene.”

I was granted disability. I am now in control of my chemistry, but I remain constantly alert as to what triggers my symptoms. I practice health maintenance every day.

My advice to “Burnt Out” is to get her husband to a holistic doctor. My diagnoses have been spot-on with healing results. — It’s a Wonderful Life

Dear Wonderful Life: Your story is one of hope and success after being confronted with unimaginable health challenges. I love the way you signed your letter. It truly is a wonderful life. Thank you for sharing your experiences.

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

No more autographs for Sir Paul McCartney

By Karu F. Daniels
New York Daily News

All you need is love – but not an autograph from Sir Paul McCartney. The Beatle has gotten quite persnickety when it comes to fans seeking his signature.

But at age 79, he has earned the right to be.

In a new interview, McCartney shared that while he’s happy to have a conversation with fans, he will not participate in scribbling his John Hancock or posing for selfies.

“[It] always struck me as a bit strange,” the Grammy-winning singer/songwriter told Reader’s Digest UK for a November 2021 cover story. “‘Here, can I write your name down on the back of this till receipt please?’ Why? We both know who I am.”

McCartney has found that stopping those

kinds of interactions are better in the long run.

“What you’ve usually got is a ropey photo with a poor backdrop and me looking a bit miserable,” he said. “Let’s chat, let’s exchange stories.”

The beloved Beatles musician is following suit from his former bandmate, Ringo Starr, who’s also not a fan of the fanatical practice.

In 2008, Starr warned fans to stop sending him fan mail or presenting him with objects to autograph.

“I’m warning you with peace and love. I have too much to do, so no more fan mail!” the beloved drummer said in a video message. “And no objects to be signed. Nothing! Anyway, peace and love, peace and love.”

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Paul McCartney signs autographs for fans upon his arrival at the Haneda airport in Tokyo on May 15, 2014.

What to know now to plan for a safe Thanksgiving gathering



Dreamstime/TNS

By DeeDee Stiepan
Mayo Clinic News Network

Thanksgiving is traditionally a day of family and friends gathering for food and celebration. It’s also one of the busiest travel seasons as people fly and drive to see their loved ones.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, planning ahead is important to ensure everyone who wants to participate in gatherings is fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

“The most important thing is to make sure that everyone is vaccinated. This is really the No. 1 measure we do to limit the spread of this pandemic,” says

Dr. Raymund Razonable, a Mayo Clinic infectious diseases physician.

He says small, indoor gatherings where everyone in attendance is fully vaccinated should be OK to attend as long as everyone is feeling well. He also recommends anyone eligible receive their third dose or booster vaccination at least two weeks prior to holiday gatherings.

“It’s widely available nationwide. If it’s been six months since you’ve gotten the last messenger RNA vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer), you should get your booster. And if you’ve been two months out of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine,

you should get the second shot, as well,” says Dr. Razonable.

Dr. Razonable does not recommend in-person gatherings with people who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

“It’s probably best to just limit the number of interactions with unvaccinated individuals, particularly if there is rampant transmission of COVID in the community,” says Dr. Razonable.

Keeping track of COVID-19 cases in local communities is important to help people make an informed decision when planning for the holiday.

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Billy Joel says Eric Clapton’s anti-vaccine stance was a ‘total shock’

By Brian Niemietz
New York Daily News

Piano man Billy Joel recently visited “The Howard Stern Show,” where the two natives of Long Island, New York, sang their praise for the 1960s rock band Cream, but expressed disappointment in its superstar guitarist, Eric Clapton.

“Clapton is like one of my heroes, but he got weird with the pandemic,” Stern said. “Did you read about him? He was like one of the guys who was anti-vax?”

Stern and Joel listened to a Cream tune for a couple seconds and agreed Clapton’s position on lifesaving vaccines is difficult to process.

“Yeah, it was a total shock to me,” Joel confessed. “I didn’t know what his politics were, but it’s not pleasant.”

Joel, 72, plans to resume his residency at Madison Square Garden in November, which was interrupted by the COVID pandemic.

Clapton, 76, claimed he had an adverse reaction to his vaccination shots and said in July that he does not want to perform in venues where inoculations are required. He continues to tour.

Clapton was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as a solo artist in 2000. It was his third induction overall. Joel was made a member in 1999.

The “My Life” singer told Stern’s SiriusXM audience last Wednesday that he’d dropped 50 pounds following back surgery earlier in the year that caused him to lose his appetite. He thanked “pain and aggravation” for his weight loss. The “Only the Good Die Young” singer spoke about getting older and losing friends along the way, but said he’s grateful for every day he’s alive.

“As you approach the end, you get sort of a dialogue with it,” Joel said. “To dwell on it too much isn’t good.”

Stern, 67, asked Joel if he’d considered following in the footsteps of fellow rockers like Bob Dylan, Neil Young



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Billy Joel performs during a concert at the Formula One Grand Prix at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 23.

and Stevie Nicks, who cashed in by selling their song catalogs in

recent years. Joel said he’s been approached, but has so far turned

down offers for his publishing.

“Everything is for sale,” Joel said, before quoting the 1972 film “The Godfather.” “After all, we’re not communists.”

As for now, Joel said, he enjoys being able to decide when and how his music is used for commercial purposes. Stern suggested Joel’s song catalog could fetch upward of a billion dollars, which Joel said isn’t in the ballpark, but would be a game changer.

“If someone came to me with a billion dollars, what am I gonna say, no?” he asked. “I’m from Levittown.”

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