

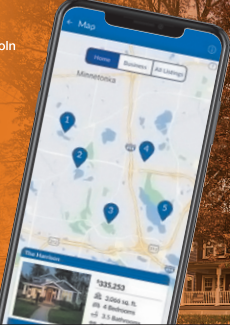
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Schoolchildren wear plastic construction hats during a groundbreaking ceremony for the new College View Academy building Friday. The private school's new building would be constructed just to the east of the current school — and where Union Adventist University maintains its Forty-Niners Memorial Sports Complex. A new sports complex will go where the current school is.

College View Academy breaks ground on new campus

LIVIA ZISKEY
Lincoln Journal Star

Dreary skies didn't stop College View Academy from celebrating the start of a transformative project Friday morning. School officials, students and community members gathered near the ballfields operated by Union Adventist University — also the future site of a new campus for College View Academy, a private K-12 school.

Wearing plastic construction hats and

wielding shovels nearly taller than them, four kindergarteners were the first to toss dirt during the groundbreaking ceremony. They're the very people who were kept in mind throughout the planning for the new school building, said College View Principal Sarah Wilson.

"It's about our students, our children," Wilson said as she wore her own bedazzled construction hat. "That is our future."

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COLLEGE VIEW ACADEMY, COURTESY IMAGE

A rendering of the future College View Academy school building, which is expected to welcome students for the 2028-29 school year.

Advocates: Medicaid work rules 'harmful'

Work requirement for
healthcare assistance
to take effect Oct. 1

ANNA KLEIBER
Lincoln Journal Star

Advocates say new federal Medicaid eligibility requirements for noncitizens will have ripple effects for Nebraskans statewide.

Through President Donald Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, certain non-citizens will no longer be eligible for Medicaid under new federal requirements starting Thursday.

Medicaid eligibility nationwide will be restricted primarily to U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, certain Cuban and Haitian entrants, lawfully present noncitizens who are pregnant or under the age of 19 and Compact of Free Association, or COFA, migrants at the start of October.

In a news release Sept. 10, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services said current Medicaid members who no longer qualify due to their immigration status may lose coverage in October even if their renewal date is later. New Medicaid applicants will be subject to the new requirements immediately starting Thursday.

Kelsey Arends, the senior staff attorney for healthcare access at Nebraska Appleseed, said Friday that very few immigrants are eligible for Medicaid in the first place and that the change will strip healthcare access from those with "immigration statuses that are largely based on humanitarian crises."

"The people who are impacted are Nebraskans who are often longtime community members. They've been here for a long time from different immigrant backgrounds, and they're making significant work tax and other contributions to our local communities," Arends said.

In a statement last Thursday, an HHS spokesperson said the department projects about 1,000 individuals on Medicaid may be affected by the eligibility change, and that the department will monitor the number closely when it goes into effect.

"Whatever the number is, it's too much, and it's really going to be a harmful change for those impacted and our communities on a whole," Arends said, adding "communities are healthier when everyone has meaningful access to healthcare."

While the eligibility change is being presented as a cost-saving measure, Arends said it will do the opposite and lead to increased costs for all Nebraskans that will "quickly outpace any budget savings."



Arends

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Campus

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Demolition will begin on the athletic fields next week, with the goal of having a new building ready to welcome students for the 2028 -29 school year,said Brian Carlson, who is helping coordinate the project.

The new building will include a 400-seat auditorium, two full-size gyms for varsity games and practice events and enough capacity t bring all students under one roof. Students are in two separate build- ings right now, and Carlson said one building will help with several aspects, including student safety.

A new athletic complex for Union Adventist University will eventually be built where College View Academy currently stands at 5240 Calvert St. Union Adventist University President Yami Bazan said she was excited to celebrate the groundbreaking Friday as she looks ahead to the new facilities for her students.

“It’s a two-fold excitement: excitement for them, excited for what this also means for the univer- sity and for the university students, and so grateful to the families that have made this possible,” Bazan said.

The complex will include two soccer fields, a baseball field and three pickleball courts, and it will continue to be named the For- ty-Niners Memorial Sports Com- plex in honor of alumni who sac- rificed their lives in World War II.

It’s an important continuity



KENNETH FERRIERA, JOURNAL STAR

College View Academy principal Dr. Sarah Wilson, left, speaks at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new College View Academy building on Friday.

to pay respect to the alumni who built the existing fields and those who have fond memories there, said Scott Cushman, Union Adven- tist University’s director of public relations.

“Some alumni have actually bled on this field,” he said.

As is the case now, community members will have the opportunity to rent and utilize the new facilities, too, Bazan said.

“That’s actually what we’re really

excited about,” she said. “Union has had a very deep relationship with the city of Lincoln for many years, and so we want to continue that. We want to continue to make it a place that families can bring their kids.”

The Seventh-day Adventist Church operates both College View Academy and Union Adventist Uni- versity, formerly known as Union College. The two institutions were founded together in 1891 and sepa- rated their curricula in 1907.

College View Academy enrolls about 200 students from kinder- garten through 12th grade. Union Adventist University enrolled nearly 800 students in 2024. Bazan said about half of College View Academy’s graduates enroll at Union Adventist University each year.

Even though College View Acad- emy senior Bryana Saravia won’t benefit directly from the new school structure, she said she’s happy for

the next generation of students to have a modern building and a better education. A nicer gym and a new weight room are two amenities she thinks will benefit future students.

“I just want to wish everyone a good school year, and if your school is small, just keep praying,” Saravia said. “Just know that there’s more than your reality, and God is good.”

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Medicaid

From A1

“While that might be a reduc- tion in one specific line item in the state budget, what that means is all of these ripple effects will be even more costly because when people go without healthcare, they again rely on more expensive, less effec- tive emergency care,” Arends said. “It really just does not make eco- nomic sense to replace this effec- tive coverage with no coverage that will lead to even more costs for all of us.”

Individuals who don’t have a lawful permanent resident status, meaning they are a green-card holder, may no longer qualify for Medicaid coverage if they have one of the following immigration statuses:

- Victims of domestic violence applying under the Violence Against Women Act
- Parolees

- Refugees
- Asylees
- Victims of trafficking and their spouse, child, sibling or parents
- Individuals with conditional entry
- Veterans or active-duty mili- tary and spouses or unmarried dependents who also have a qual- ified non-citizen status
- People whose deportation is being withheld
- Natives born outside of the United States

Individuals who no longer qualify for full Medicaid coverage may be able to receive assistance through other state programs including the Refugee Medical Assistance Pro- gram, 599 CHIP and Emergency Medical Services Assistance.

When asked if the department is taking any steps to prepare for a potential influx of people seeking assistance through those other programs, the spokesperson said HHS will continue to receive

applications for those programs and that the department will share additional resources for affected individuals on its website soon.

Arends said there is not a com- prehensive solution for every- one who will be affected by the eligibility change and that while HHS highlights those other pro- grams, they are “very limited” in what they can do for impacted Nebraskans.

“The issue is Medicaid is actu- ally a really efficient program that can provide health coverage often more cost effectively than even pri- vate insurance,” Arends said, add- ing that programs like Emergency Medical Services Assistance only cover emergencies that require immediate medical attention and not follow-up and preventive care, which is “more effective and less costly.”

Arends said Nebraska Appleseed is directing affected individuals to seek care at federally qualified health centers since they serve a

lot of people “in lots of different types of situations.”

Additionally, Arends said all Nebraska counties have a general assistance program that provides temporary financial help to low-in- come residents who don’t qualify for other public assistance pro- grams. The program covers basic living needs, including rent, util- ities and vouchers or merchandise cards that can be used for hygiene products and cleaning supplies.

“Again, Medicaid would be the better option because there’s just so much more resources there, so (the general assistance program) is certainly not a replacement,” she said.

The Medicaid eligibility changes for noncitizens come a few months after Nebraska became the first state to comply with new federal work requirements for Afford- able Care Act Medicaid expansion recipients ahead of the Jan. 1, 2027, deadline required by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

While Nebraska started imple- menting the new work require- ments in May not all existing Med- icaid expansion recipients will be impacted immediately as DHHS plans to phase in implementation through June 2027.

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, a nonpartisan research and policy institute, projected roughly 25,000 Nebraskans will lose Medicaid coverage with the implementation of the new work requirements.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates these new requirements implemented under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act will reduce fed- eral spending by \$326 billion over 10 years. Over the same timeframe, federal spending on the Supple- mental Nutrition Assistance Program will be reduced by roughly \$69 billion.

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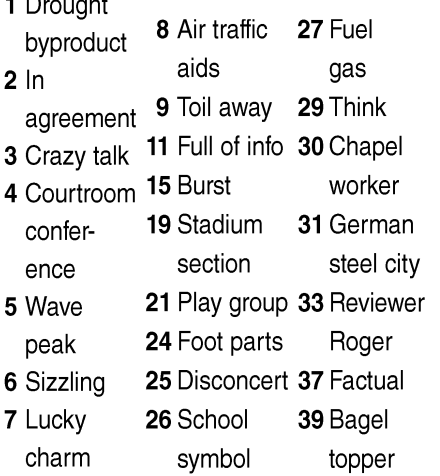
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7, 13, 26, 37, 68

MB: 8

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Lotto America (Sept. 23)

13, 24, 32, 41, 48

SB: 5 ASB: 2

Jackpot: \$5.32 million

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KENNETH FERRIERA, JOURNAL STAR

Russ's manager Jack Cheesman stands in an aisle at his store off 33rd Street and Nebraska Parkway. What started as a high school job for Cheesman grew into a career built on leadership, relationships and a belief in treating everyone with respect.

The home department

Jack Cheesman finds family in the Russ's he manages

DENNIS RUDNER
Lincoln Journal Star

In June 2024, Jack Cheesman lay in a hospital bed fighting for his life. An E. coli infection had ravaged his body and triggered a life-threatening case of sepsis. His liver shut down. His kidneys, lungs and heart shut down too. He was fully septic. For more than two weeks he drifted in and out of danger as family, friends and colleagues

stayed by his bedside. The youthful store director of Russ's at 17th and Washington streets had been feeling sick a month earlier while walking the Washington store with Pat Raybould, who is now Russ's chief strategy officer. "It felt like someone had taken a baseball bat full of nails ... out of the clear blue ... right to the stomach." He went to the

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emergency room and was prescribed antibiotics and painkillers. He felt better for a short period, but a few weeks later he started throwing up blood. He was in excruciating pain and couldn't stand up. His buddies watched him crumble to the ground. His mother, Karen, is the hospice administrator at Tabitha Health. She scooped him up and off to Bryan East they went,

where the medical staff began flushing his system with antibiotics. Jack was in and out of consciousness for days. With his mom and family at his bedside for the next two weeks, he started to regain strength. His Russ's family — not just coworkers at the Washington store, but members of the corporate team — checked in daily. Two years later, the 30-year-old's voice quivers as he shares the story of being sick, his recovery and returning to the job he truly loves. One specific moment nearly brings him to tears.

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Gov. Pillen touts temporary ag relief

Governor orders fuel, weight waivers; Farm Bureau mum on an endorsement

ANNA KLEIBER
Lincoln Journal Star

Nebraska will reimburse agricultural producers for taxes paid on diesel and exempt them from interstate weight limits in an effort to provide some relief to farmers and ranchers ahead of the fall harvest, Gov. Jim Pillen announced Thursday. At a press conference, Pillen issued two executive orders that will be in effect for the next 90 days, and said he would be prepared to extend them if needed. "Family security is food security," Pillen said. "Is it a game-changer? No, but it makes a difference, and



Pillen

it will help everybody in agriculture." Under the first executive order, diesel taxes paid while transporting Nebraska-produced agricultural products and livestock on state roads are eligible for a refund and are encouraged to file Form 84AG with the Nebraska Department of Revenue, Pillen said. The refunds will draw from several state funds. State officials said most of the financial impact will fall on the Highway Trust Fund. The governor's office did not answer a question about whether they had an estimate on how much the refunds might total.

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Capitol cat statue proposal revised

Commission open to scaled-down, life-size bronze of Cameron

ZACH WENDLING
Nebraska Examiner

A commission expressed openness Friday to a revised proposal for a sculpture to honor the Nebraska State Capitol's longtime unofficial feline mascot. Multiple members of the seven-person Nebraska Capitol Environs Commission said they might be able to support the scaled-back idea to honor 11-year-old

Cameron the "Capitol Cat." For nearly a decade, the tabby regularly trotted to the Capitol, where he would greet legislators, staffers and the public. In May, Cameron and his owner, Dianna McGinnis, moved into assisted living. The revised proposal calls for a life-size bronze statue of Cameron on the south side of the Capitol atop a bench, the final materials of which — limestone, granite or otherwise — are still being ironed out. A final vote could come as soon as next month.

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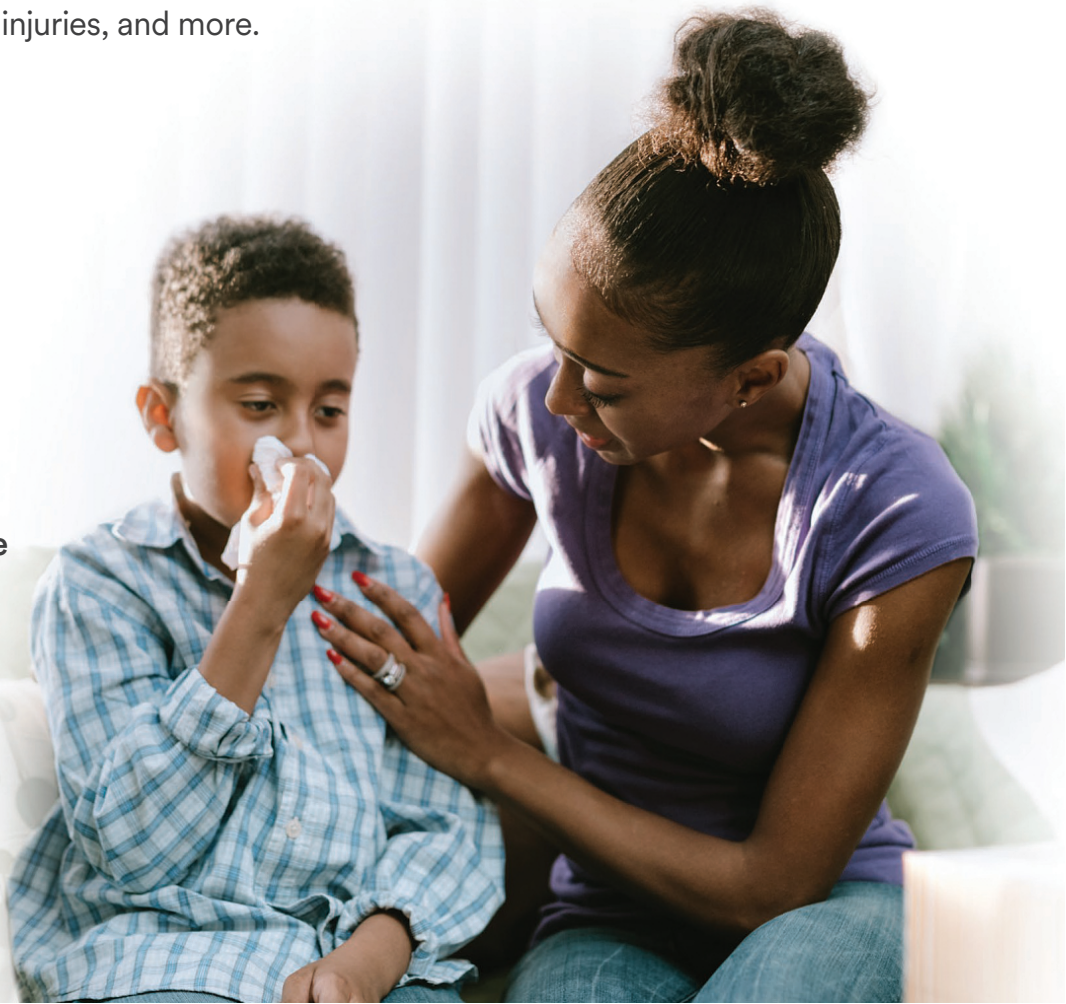
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Adrienne Sue Heiser

August 30, 1941 — September 21, 2026



Adrienne Sue Heiser, 85, of Lincoln passed away September 21, 2026. Born August 30, 1941, in Lincoln, NE to Carl and Henrietta (Kern) Hartman. Adrienne worked for Joe Christensen, Inc Printing as the Account Supervisor. She was one of the original members of Faith Lutheran Church. Family members include her children, Shereen (Steve) Young, Tom Heiser, Ty (Stacey) Heiser, and Terri Heiser; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Rod (Becky) Hartman. Preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jim; and husband, Harold.

Her life was centered on faith, family, and service. She read her Bible daily and spent countless hours studying God's Word. The pages of her Bible, filled with handwritten notes and reflections, revealed how deeply she considered its teachings and how they applied to her life as a wife, mother, and child of God. She was a faithful member of her church, attending worship and Sunday school, both as a teacher and as someone always willing to listen, learn, and share her knowledge.

One of her most enduring forms of service was through music. For more than 60 years, she faithfully played the organ and piano for her church, sharing her gift of music as an expression of her faith and devotion. She gave her time and talent quietly, faithfully, and without seeking recognition.

That same devotion could be seen in her home and family. She was remarkably organized and worked alongside her husband, helping with drafting, bookkeeping, and the many details of their lives together.

In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening, and researching her family's genealogy. Whether through music, teaching, caring for her family, or the everyday things she did for others, hers was a life of service—lived through faith, expressed through her actions, and shared with the people around her.

Funeral service: 10:30 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2026, Faith Lutheran Church, 8701 Adams St., 1:30 p.m. interment in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery. Please meet at gate #2.

Visitation with family present from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 27, 2026, Roper and Sons Midtown Chapel, 4300 'O' St.

Memorials to Touching Hearts Early Childhood Center at Faith Lutheran Church. Condolences online at Roperandsons.com.

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Pillen

From A3

Pillen's second executive order allows vehicles transporting produce and livestock can now operate up to 25% over legal gross and axle group weight limits without having to purchase additional permits or pay additional fees.

Earlier this year, Pillen signed into law a bill (LB815) that imposed a quarter-cent per gallon tax on dyed diesel fuel, which can be used in off-road vehicles like agricultural tractors, construction machinery and emergency generators.

The governor's news conference touting relief for farmers comes a day after the Nebraska Farm Bureau, the state's largest multi-commodity agricultural organization, shared its candidate endorsements for the Nov. 3 election with one notable candidate missing from the list: Pillen.

In a social media post, the Nebraska Farm Bureau announced it endorsed candidates running for U.S. Senate, the House, Nebraska's 12 legislative races and the other four races for statewide office on the ballot this fall. But the governor's race was absent, a notable change from 2022 when Pillen received the endorsement ahead of the gubernatorial primary.

In a statement Thursday, a spokesperson for the Nebraska Farm Bureau said the organization is neutral in the governor's race as "no decision has been made on an endorsement."

"Our process involves getting feedback from members," the spokesperson said. "We are working through that feedback as we evaluate the race."

The Farm Bureau said in a statement that it appreciated the governor's actions.

"Alleviating fuel taxes and providing greater flexibility for weight limits in the transportation of our agriculture commodities is a step in the

right direction to help farm and ranch families in this challenging environment," said Mark McHargue, president of the Farm Bureau.

When asked about not receiving an endorsement from the Nebraska Farm Bureau, Pillen said he is the first ag person to be governor of Nebraska in 100 years and his focus is on doing that job well, saying he "doesn't worry about who says what or does what."

"I'm focused on being the governor of Nebraska. That's full time," Pillen said.

On Friday, the Nebraska Farmers Union PAC announced it was endorsing Democratic challenger Lynne Walz.

Pillen also shared a letter he is sending to President Donald Trump urging him to "take decisive action to provide immediate relief to our agriculture producers by temporarily suspending diesel exports to foreign countries."

"A modest 90-day pause of these exports will allow domestic diesel reserves to rebuild and instantly lower costs for Nebraska farmers and consumers," Pillen said. "America's farmers will thank you for putting them first as we work through these market disruptions and American families will see the effects of these lower prices in the grocery store."

The governor was joined by Sherry Vinton, the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Nebraska State Patrol Col. Bryan Waugh and a handful of state senators.

Vinton said these executive orders are a "common-sense approach."

"Right now, our row crop farmers are dealing with historic, challenging profitability," Vinton said. "Anything we can do to lower the price of diesel and to allow them to haul a little bit more will be very helpful."

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LORI PILGER

Lincoln Journal Star

A Lincoln woman who got away with thousands of gallons of free fuel due to a glitch at the pump of a local gas station has been sentenced to three years of probation.

Dawn Thompson, 48, pleaded no contest to attempted theft, a felony.

At the hearing Thursday, Thompson's attorney, Tregg Lunn, said she got roped into stealing gas on "kind of cheat codes, so to speak." She didn't set it up, but she did benefit from it, and she has paid back more than \$14,000.

"She wanted to do the right thing," Lunn said.

He said during the pandemic, when the whole world's wheels were falling

off, Thompson "put her toe back in the water of substance abuse." She'd had no record for 15 years before that.

"She has now, though, done a lot of the things that we all, as a society, want Ms. Thompson to do," the attorney said, including treatment and counseling.

Lunn said Thompson has to deal with the addiction every day.

"She understands that, but she's trying to make everything right," he said.

Thompson said the pandemic was a difficult time, and she got caught up in substance abuse. When the opportunity came to her, she said, she wasn't thinking with a clear head.

"At that time, I was thinking 'Oh, quick way to make

money, quick way to get some drugs,'" she said.

But, Thompson said, she wants a better life and decided to get into treatment.

Lancaster County District Judge Susan Strong said this was a serious offense, and she wouldn't usually give probation for it, but she thinks Thompson is on the right path.

"I'd hate to derail you and put you in jail or in prison," she said.

Instead, Strong gave her three years of probation.

According to court records, a loss prevention manager with Bosselman Enterprises made a report to Lincoln police in October about the theft from Pump & Pantry at 345 W. O St. The store manager had reported a woman was able to fill

multiple vehicles with gas without being charged due to a glitch at the pumps that allowed someone pumping gas to scan their rewards card instead of a credit or debit card.

When the rewards card was swiped twice, it switched the pump to demo mode, which allowed the fuel to be pumped without payment. The glitch later was fixed.

Police said the company tracked the rewards card to Thompson.

Between Nov. 13, 2022, and June 1, 2023, the card was used to obtain free fuel 509 times, typically multiple times per day, totaling more than 7,413 gallons. With the price of fuel then, the business estimated the value of loss at \$27,860.

Sentencing set for shooting

LORI PILGER

Lincoln Journal Star

A Lincoln woman who prosecutors say shot a man at a central Lincoln gas station last year in a dispute over drugs and money is set for sentencing in November following a plea hearing Thursday.

Lucretia Bryson, 39, pleaded no contest to possession of a firearm by a prohibited person with a habitual criminal enhancement.

Deputy Lancaster County Attorney Amy Goodro said



Bryson

Lincoln police were called to the NP Mart at 28th and O streets early June 27, 2025, about a man on the ground with a gunshot wound to his upper left leg.

The victim, a 39-year-old man, identified Bryson as his shooter and said he had met her about six months earlier and had started selling K2 for her.

Goodro said he told police on the day of the shooting Bryson was demanding more money from him over a "drug and/or money dispute."

She said security video showed a GMC Terrain SUV that belonged to Bryson's girlfriend at the scene before and after the shooting. It was believed to have brought Bryson to the scene and taken her away.

On July 2, 2025, police tracked it and Bryson to a house near South 19th and South streets, where they

found the SUV and arrested Bryson.

Goodro said they found a loaded handgun in the garage where they had found Bryson and another gun in the SUV in the driveway.

Bryson was on parole at the time.

Goodro said she is a six-time convicted felon, making her eligible for the habitual criminal enhancement. It means she will face a minimum of 10 years in prison and up to 60 at her sentencing in November.

The Bright Side

From A3

After being away for nearly a month, Cheesman returned to Russ's to hugs, smiles and high-fives from shoppers and coworkers alike. But it was a surprise from a handful of regulars that chokes him up.

He had gotten to know these men well, seeing firsthand their struggles with addiction, alcoholism and different things.

"These guys are outside begging for change to grab a shooter. Some I've had to kick off the property for being drunk or for trying to steal," he said. "The day I came back, these same men had scraped up enough change to get me a card to welcome me back and tell me they were glad I was OK."

The gesture says something about the relationships

Cheesman built at Russ's. He knew the neighborhood, and the neighborhood knew him.

While the neighborhood surrounding the store at 17th and Washington might not have the best reputation, Cheesman defends it like a proud parent and says he was "in the right spot." He still has a special fondness for the people he got to know while running that store.

Since he started working as a courtesy clerk while attending Southeast High School at age 16, he has subscribed to the theory that if you treat people like human beings, you're able to create lasting and impactful relationships.

Russ's is more than a place to buy food, he said. It's a community unto itself where the employees and shoppers know each other by name. They know dogs' names. They know birthdays. They know each other's favorite Husker volleyball players. And they know when

someone is sick.

A retail job wasn't always in the cards for Cheesman. He came within a semester of earning an associate's degree at Southeast Community College when Russ's came calling with an opportunity that set him on his path.

"They offered me a grocery manager position in Waverly and I said, 'Thank you, God' because I'm done with school. I was just going through the motions," he said.

Cheesman had moved through the Russ's ranks looking for the next challenge, the next responsibility. From courtesy clerk, or what most shoppers know as a bagger, to cashier to front-end clerk and assistant store director, he's honed his ability to develop relationships and personal connections.

His journey helped him overcome social anxiety by forcing him to learn how to talk and be comfortable with adults whom he did

not know.

"The job gives me the chance to be better every day," Cheesman said. "Whether that's the leadership side of it or the human being side or the mental health side, being able to impact people's lives makes me feel better about my own challenges."

The unpredictability of retail is what he thrives on.

"Every day presents different customers, operational problems and challenges. When multiple problems need to be solved simultaneously — that's when I operate best, when stuff's on fire."

He oversees nearly a dozen departments and interacts with thousands of people a week. Most know his name and he knows many of theirs.

"I think I am good at customer service piece," he said. "One thing that can never be downplayed is the customer service piece of being a manager and how impactful you can be in someone's life."

Cat

From A3

"In no way do we want

to compete against the historical figures that are at the Capitol," former state Sen. Anna Wishart of Lincoln, a project leader, told the commission Friday. "Instead, we want to have just his presence there in a way that reflects the joy and the non-partisanship that he brought to those who know him and to future people through the statue."

State Sen. Jana Hughes of Seward is also assisting the project. Speaker John Arch of La Vista has also endorsed the idea.

'I like this a lot better'

Commissioners generally thanked Wishart and her team for listening to commission feedback at an August meeting and scaling back what was originally a taller, more monument-like proposal. The sculpture would move slightly closer to the state parking lot at the intersection of Goodhue Boulevard and H Street. It would also be lower to the ground, intended to be more interactive.

"I do like this site ... and having it down lower and being able to sit next to it I think is great," said Commissioner Eileen Bergt. "I think it's more whimsical that way, rather than trying to elevate it more and more."

"Generally, I like this a lot better than what we saw

last month," added Commissioner Andrea Gebhart. "I appreciate the feedback that you heard and actually incorporated into this."

Among the additional feedback commissioners gave Friday was whether to add a plaza near the sculpture for students and visitors to relax in.

Bergt also suggested that when Cameron dies, his ashes could be incorporated into the area. Wishart said her team would talk with McGinnis and her family.

"Then his spirit lives on there," Bergt said.

Commission Chair Kile Johnson said he believes it would be good to have public art along Goodhue Boulevard, the street running south of the Capitol, if it's "high quality." A portion of Goodhue is included in the Capitol Environs District, which the commission oversees to preserve the impact and quality in the cardinal directions leading to the Capitol.

"And this, to me, is high quality," Johnson said of the proposed Cameron sculpture.

Collin Christopher, a staff planner for the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department, which assists the committee, said commission staff are generally comfortable with the idea and would recommend approval if it comes up for a final vote.

'Be careful what you approve'

Benjamin Victor, an

Idaho-based sculptor, is poised to sculpt Cameron's bronze statue and pedestal, assuming enough private funds are raised. Johnson praised Victor's past work, which is also displayed in the Capitol Environs District, including bronze statues for Ponca Chief Standing Bear and Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte on Lincoln Mall north of the Capitol.

Victor has also sculpted four statues in Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol, including a Chief Standing Bear statue for Nebraska.

Bob Ripley, who was the State Capitol administrator from 1975 until 2023, again raised hesitation about the sculpture idea, as he did last month. He said he didn't know how anyone could argue with the idea but worried what precedent it could set.

As an example, Ripley said he approved many activities on the north side of the Capitol in his former role, including rallies for the American Nazi Party. He said he didn't support the event, but organizers had met requirements for hosting.

"I'm just saying: Be careful what you approve, because you may get someone coming along asking for approval that you may not want to stand up and make a campaign speech for," Ripley said.

'More than a charming story'

Courtney Wittstruck of Lincoln, a registered lobbyist at the Capitol, again testified

in favor of the idea in her private capacity. She said honoring Cameron would be in line with the symbolism of the Capitol, similar to the Sower, bison and pioneer families found in and around the building.

She said Cameron is more than a "beloved cat" and proved people could "remember that the person on the other side of a political argument was still a neighbor and a fellow Nebraskan."

"That is more than a charming story about a Capitol mascot," Wittstruck said. "It is a simple, accessible expression of values this building was deliberately designed to teach."

Among the virtues of Nebraska which Cameron represents, Wittstruck said, she listed magnanimity, charity, temperance, justice and hope. Wittstruck said a child doesn't need to understand constitutional theory to understand kindness.

"Cameron made those abstract ideals tangible and approachable by giving them four legs and a face people could recognize, and that I believe is why the fact that Cameron is a cat is not a weakness in this proposal," Wittstruck said. "It may be precisely what makes this symbol work."

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Fire destroys Schuyler funeral home

RACHEL GEORGE
AND JARED BARTON
Columbus Telegram

A Schuyler funeral home was lost in a fire Wednesday, according to a post on the business' Facebook page.

"This is truly heartbreaking for our family, our staff, and the families we have had the privilege of serving. We are deeply grateful to the firefighters and first responders who worked tirelessly to protect our community and our property," Svoboda Moravec Johnson Mortuary-Schuyler wrote in the post Thursday.

In the post, the mortuary thanked the Schuyler and David City fire departments for their "hard work, dedication and service last night as our beautiful funeral home was lost to a fire."

Svoboda noted in the post that it plans to continue to serve families in the Schuyler area for the time being while they determine the next steps.

While no one was harmed in the fire, several donations for the Colfax County Food and Toy Program were also lost.

"For over 120 years the Svoboda Funeral Home building stood tall in downtown Schuyler," Zach Johnson, president of the food and toy program and co-owner of the funeral home, wrote in a Facebook post on the program's page. "What many people did not know was that for the last several years, the funeral home building

has also housed the Colfax County Food and Toy Corporation. "

The nonprofit provides children and families in Colfax County who have a significant need, with food, warm clothing, coats, blankets and shoes at Christmas.

Last year, over 180 children were served.

"At the time of the fire, Food and Toy had enough items stored at the funeral home to meet this year's needs," the post stated. "In one section of the funeral home alone, Food and Toy lost 20 cases of spaghetti sauce, cereal, 20 cases of pudding, hundreds of pounds of tuna, over 250 pounds of spaghetti, 60 boxes of pancake mix, 100 jars of peanut butter, 100 jars of jelly, a mountain of macaroni and cheese, etc."

The program is seeking monetary donations to replace the entire 2026 inventory before Christmas.

Monetary donations can be taken to Pinnacle Bank in Schuyler and be deposited directly into the Schuyler Food and Toy Corporation account, or mailed to Colfax County Food Corporation, P. O. Box 227, Schuyler, NE 68661.

The program is also seeking a place to store any donated items.

"At this time we are only asking for monetary donations because we do not currently have a place to store any donated items. A secured semi trailer or other storage unit or facility would be so very much appreciated," the post stated.



SVOBODA MORAVEC JOHNSON MORTUARY

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UNL part of inaugural sustainability cohort

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Lincoln Journal Star

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was among an inaugural class of 14 institutions to earn a new recognition for its commitment to sustainability.

On Tuesday, UNL was selected for a Carnegie Elective Classification for Sustainability, which recognizes colleges and universities that integrate sustainability across their campuses.

The classification, hosted by the University of Colorado Boulder in partnership with the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the American Council on Education, reflects UNL's commitment to sustainability in its curriculum, research, operations, career preparation and community engagement.

"Receiving the Carnegie designation is an incredible honor and achievement that reflects the dedication and investment of UNL's students, faculty, and staff," said Morgan Hartman, sustainability manager in UNL's Office of Sustainability.

"Responsible stewardship of resources is a priority for the institution, and this recognition is a testament to how that responsibility is embraced by our community and manifests

across our programs and operations," Hartman added.

UNL has tackled sustainability in many different ways.

Students have engaged with sustainability in their classwork and extracurricular activities, completing more than 140 projects over the past decade and a half, while research into areas of soil health, carbon storage, drought-tolerant crops and flood resilience has furthered the effort.

The university has completed infrastructure projects that have made its operations more sustainable, including the Central Renewable Energy System, or CRES, at Nebraska Innovation Campus, and the adoption of electric landscaping equipment.

Nebraska Extension has also shared sustainability practices across all 93 counties in the state, which UNL said has advanced climate resilience, water security, agriculture and community well-being.

UNL was the only Big Ten Conference school to participate in the 2025 pilot program, which included 21 colleges and universities across the country.

It was also one of the few public, land-grant, agricultural-focused universities involved in the development of the classification.

The university has shared its experiences with others in the conference who are interested in pursuing the classification standard, the university said.

Timothy F.C. Knowles, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, said the inaugural institutions helped "bring this new classification to life."

"We're proud to recognize their leadership and the many ways they are advancing sustainability across their campuses and communities," Knowles said.

Other colleges that also earned the Carnegie sustainability classification include: Bennett College, Carleton College, Clarkson University, George Mason University, Mt. San Antonio College, Pima County College, Tohono O'odham Community College, Universidad del Sagrado Corazon, University of Arizona, University of California, Merced, University of Idaho, University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

UNL's classification carries through 2033. The next cohort will be announced in June 2027.

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Sheriff says drone helped catch Lincoln 13-year-old

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Grand Island Independent

Two 13-year-olds, one from Lincoln and the other from Omaha, heading home in a stolen car, were arrested after they fled into a cornfield south of Aurora on Saturday night, thanks to a drone used by the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office.

The teens are accused of stealing the car in Gering, Hamilton County Sheriff Jeromy McCoy said.

The sheriff's office received a report of a vehicle driving recklessly on Interstate 80, heading east without its lights on.

A Hamilton County deputy pulled up behind the vehicle. "It did not speed up, but it did not slow down, and eventually got off at the

Aurora exit," McCoy said.

The Aurora Police Department set out spike strips near the Love's truck stop. The car traveled another mile south.

With the tires shredded, the two juveniles took off east into a cornfield, McCoy said.

The deputy launched the drone and was able to locate the teens in the field within about three minutes, McCoy said.

Nebraska State Patrol arrived and launched its own drone "when ours ran low on batteries, so we just kept switching back and forth," McCoy said.

The spotlight was turned onto the youths, and officers told them they were surrounded and to come out

of the field.

"They followed the spotlight out of the field and were placed in custody," McCoy said.

The teens had surrendered by calling 911, he said. They were arrested at about 11 p.m.

The Hamilton County drone, which is shared with the Aurora Police Department, is equipped with a spotlight and a speaker.

"The drone is a good tool for us," McCoy said. In the past, the device was used to find missing juveniles on the Platte River.

Using the drone, the sheriff's office is able to look for people without having to wait for a State Patrol helicopter or plane to arrive, he said.

Red Cloud mourns student

LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR

An elementary student in Red Cloud Community Schools recently died, the school system announced Thursday.

In a Facebook post, the Nebraska school district near the Kansas border said a second grade student died, and the loss is being felt across

the school community. Details regarding the death were not shared.

"The loss of a young member of our community is difficult for all of us, and we know this news may bring many different emotions for our students, families, and staff," the post said.

Teachers and staff will

be supporting students at school and providing age-appropriate opportunities for children to talk. A crisis support team will be available as needed.

Red Cloud Community Schools operates two buildings and serves about 300 students.

LEGAL BRIEFS

ROJ Express LLC in Nebraska, Muqdad Agent

ROJ Express LLC, a new company in Nebraska, was formed on 09/10/2026, with its office at 9951 S 37th St Apt 203, Lincoln. The company, not involved in banking or insurance, aims to engage in various business activities. Its affairs will be managed by the Members as per the operating agreement, with Muqdad Alyas as the initial agent for service of process, located at the same address. The company's duration is perpetual.

Hilton Air LLC Launches in Lincoln, Nebraska

Hilton Air, LLC, a new company under Nebraska law, is now open for business. Based at 1101 Manchester Drive, Lincoln, it can engage in any business except banking and insurance. Starting September 10, 2026, it will operate indefinitely, managed by members as per its agreement. Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C., at 10330 Regency Parkway Drive, Omaha, is the initial agent for legal service. Blake Schneider-wind is the organizer.

CMS Lawsuit Filed Against Donna Salas Correa

Credit Management Services, Inc. has filed a complaint against Donna Salas Correa in Lancaster County Court, Nebraska, seeking \$666.93 plus court costs, interest, and attorney fees. The case number is C126 4280. Salas Correa must respond by October 26, 2026, at the Lancaster County Courthouse in Lincoln. Failure to respond may result in default judgment. Contact attorney Megan L. Bischoff at (308) 398-3801 for more information.

Your Word My Light Ministries Incorporates

A new religious organization, Your Word My Light Ministries, has officially incorporated under Nebraska law. The initial registered office is at 6140 L St, Lincoln, NE 68510, with Samuel Pelton as the registered agent and incorporator. The corporation does not yet have any members. This incorporation establishes a formal structure for the ministry, potentially impacting local religious activities. More details can be sought at the listed address.

Study Break Socials Forms

In Nebraska

Study Break Socials, a new limited liability company in Nebraska, has officially incorporated with a registered office at 2512 R Street #1, Lincoln. The company, which began on September 9, 2026, will conduct business activities except for banking and insurance. The managing member, William Coby, is its initial agent for service of process. This marks a new business entity operating in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Reformed Exteriors LLC Launches in Lincoln

Reformed Exteriors LLC, a new Nebraska-based limited liability company, has announced its formation. The business, located at 6155 South 93rd Street, Lincoln, engages in various ventures excluding banking and insurance. It began operations on 09/09/2026 with perpetual duration. Gabriel Callam, also at the same address, is the initial agent for service of process. Residents can expect new services or businesses from this entity in the coming months.

Asere-Barbercho LLC in Lincoln, Nebraska

Asere-Barbercho LLC, formed under Nebraska law on September 4, 2026, will operate from 251 W Furnas Ave, Lincoln, NE 68521. The company will engage in a wide range of businesses, excluding banking and insurance, with a perpetual duration. Yonier Antigua Chacon, also at that address, serves as the organizer and initial agent for service of process, overseeing the company's affairs as authorized by its operating agreement.

Karlee Seevers LLC Established in Nebraska

A new business, Karlee Seevers LLC, has been formed in Nebraska. The company is a limited liability company with its initial office at 1705 West Trout Drive, Lincoln, NE 68521. Karlee Seevers serves as both the company's sole member and its initial agent for service of process, with the same address. This notice informs the public of the company's formation and key details. For more information, refer to the official filing under Nebraska law.

Quick Haul Moving, LLC Launches August 24

Quick Haul Moving, LLC, a Nebraska-based moving company, officially commenced operations on August 24, 2026. Located at 1550 S Coddington Ave Ste D109, Lincoln, it will handle all moving services except banking and insurance. Managed by Cameron Andrews, the company's affairs will follow its operating agreement. The firm's address for service of process is also 1550 S Coddington Ave Ste D109, Lincoln, NE 68522. This new business marks a new service option in the area.

MM Finish and Drywall LLC Founded in Nebraska

MM Finish & Drywall LLC, a new Nebraska-based company, was formed on August 14, 2026, and will operate in all industries except banking and insurance. Located at 2545 Theresa St Lot D7, Lincoln, NE 68521, the company will be managed by its members under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. Miguel Arturo Maldonado Crespin is the initial agent for service of process. This legal notice informs the public of the company's formation and operational details.

OrdoSight LLC Formed by Mark Santos

OrdoSight LLC, a new business registered in Lincoln, Nebraska, was formed on September 17, 2026, with Mark Santos as the organizer. It will operate in various fields except banking and insurance. Located at 200 S, Lincoln, NE 68510, it has a perpetual duration. Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc. is its initial registered agent, located at 200 S 21st St, STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510. The company will manage its affairs according to its operating agreement.

Name Change For Junior Set For November Two

A petition to change minor Cameron Anthony Dale Jr.'s name to Cameron Anthony DeAngelo was filed in Lancaster County District Court on September 4, 2026. The case, CI 26-3389, will be heard by Judge Andrew Jacobsen in Courtroom 34 on November 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. Unless opposed, the name will be changed. The filing was signed by Jade E. Perry on September 17, 2026. The action directly affects the child and their official records.

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EU ambassador stops in Omaha

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Omaha World-Herald

Creighton University welcomed Jovita Neliupšienė, the European Union's ambassador to the United States, to its Omaha campus on Tuesday.

Neliupšienė, in an approximately one-hour discussion with Creighton students and staff at the university's Harper Center on Tuesday, touched on the issues of artificial intelligence, the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine and the EU's relationship with the U.S.

Russia-Ukraine war

Neliupšienė, a scholar of Ukraine and the Russian proxy state of Belarus, reiterated the EU's strong support for Ukraine as the country continues to resist an invasion by Russia.

To date, Neliupšienė noted, the EU has invested more than 300 billion Euros in Ukraine's security and imposed more than 20 sanction packages against Russia since Russia invaded Ukraine in early 2022.

The effects of Russia's invasion have led the EU to import more American energy to break its dependence on Russian energy, Neliupšienė said.

She added the EU has heeded Trump's insistence that the 27-member EU increase its defense. In the last five years, Neliupšienė said, the EU has increased its defense spending by 80%.

That increased spending goes back to the EU's mission to make war between European countries

"unthinkable" following two devastating world wars.

"Peace requires more than good intentions. It requires the ability to defend yourself," Neliupšienė said.

Artificial intelligence

Neliupšienė's remarks about the rise in the EU's defense spending dovetailed into artificial intelligence — a promising technology she said must have guardrails.

"Artificial intelligence has enormous potential," she said. "It can transform medicine, manufacturing (and) smart agricultural practices, but it also faces risks."

Neliupšienė's calls for safety measures pertaining to artificial intelligence came days after a group of AI executives called for regulation and slowdowns in AI development as it appears AI may become "self-recursive" — able to independently improve itself.

"This is not anti-innovation. It is responsible innovation," she said. "Our goal is to ensure technological progress remains connected to human flourishing."

U.S.-EU ties

As the EU's ambassador to the United States since January 2024, Neliupšienė's ambassadorship has overlapped two presidential administrations with wildly different policy approaches.

No matter who is in the White House or which party controls Congress, Neliupšienė said the EU's relationship with the U.S. remains strong, though she acknowledged it is



NIKOS FRAZIER, OMAHA WORLD-HERALD

Jovita Neliupšienė, ambassador of the European Union to the United States, shows the Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, Creighton University president, the exhibit on the U.S.-EU relationship at Creighton. The exhibit features a book and a letter from each of the 27 member countries of the European Union.

"changing."

"Europeans will be ready to work with Americans. We will agree at times and disagree at others," she said.

Neliupšienė kept any criticism of U.S. policies light. She voiced some disagreement on the tariffs and trade restrictions enacted by the U.S. during the Trump administration.

"Tariffs and trade restrictions can raise costs and create uncertainty," Neliupšienė said.

But, she added, Nebraska's leaders, including Gov. Jim Pillen and U.S. Sen. Pete

Ricketts, are in agreement with her that trade between the EU and Nebraska should be "open, predictable and (as) free of unnecessary frictions as possible."

She also acknowledged Nebraskans' efforts throughout the decades in ensuring Europe's freedom, including during World War II. Neliupšienė also gave a nod to former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, who she said prioritized a strong relationship between the U.S. and Europe.

The EU's relationship with

Nebraska is just one example of the strong relationships the EU has with dozens of U.S. states, Neliupšienė said. "The friendship cannot only be built in Washington,"

she said.

Neliupšienė's Creighton visit marked a bit of a homecoming for the 46-year-old Lithuanian. She studied abroad at Creighton in 2007.

LEGAL NOTICES

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Legals

Lower Platte South NRD List of Expenses August 2026

Bank Service Fees = Intuit Quickbooks \$1,154.00
Cost-Share Program = Jacobs, Timothy \$350.00 ; Beccard, Judy \$1,000.00 ; Iron Ridge HOA \$750.00 ; Baade, Alan \$750.00 ; Osmera, Tyler \$1,200.00 ; Gropp, Diane \$3,150.00 ; Baade, Alan \$750.00 ; Zierott, Russell \$10,000.00 ; Dom, Jerrod \$5,619.20
Director Expenses = Hellerich, Gary \$100.32
Easement = A.M. Davis Mercantile Company \$1,500.00
General Election = Butler County Clerk \$100.00
Information = The Voice News \$116.00 ; Lee Enterprises \$120.00 ; Column Software PBC (Lincoln Journal Star) \$386.17 ; Lincoln Public Schools \$500.00 ; Lincoln Public Schools \$7,970.40 ; The Voice News \$116.00 ; Eagle Printing & Sign \$3,971.50 ; Flood Communications of Omaha LLC \$960.00
Insurance = FNIC \$187.00 ; Aflac Traditional & Direct \$265.00 ; NARD Risk Pool Association \$38,808.12
Lease = All Copy Products, Inc. \$641.25 ; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc. \$1,278.54 ; Deere Credit, Inc. \$1,871.14
Membership Dues = NARD \$47,141.00
Omnify Service Fee = Omnify Benefits \$40.00
Payroll = Samantha J Elofson \$2,260.47 ; Craig A. Matulka \$2,622.22 ; Donovan C. Thompson-Grimm \$1,104.81 ; Madonna L. Reid \$2,013.70 ; Broderich J. Dickinson \$1,084.11 ; Jodi L. Delozier \$1,311.05 ; Christina M. Barber \$2,640.17 ; Christina M. Barber \$25.00 ; Connie Hansen \$1,629.54 ; Connie Hansen \$121.00 ; Richard L. Ehrman \$1,468.27 ; Drew V. Bullett \$2,601.83 ; Rachelle R. Nielsen \$917.53 ; David L. Potter \$4,173.07 ; John E. Albert \$2,114.02 ; Lesli D. Lair \$1,783.30 ; Adam D. Sutton \$2,234.43 ; Shaula D. Ross \$2,370.70 ; Bridget McKinley \$1,192.53 ; Bridget McKinley \$511.09 ; Cole D. Demuth \$1,406.14 ; Nia Kaufmann \$31.61 ; Nia Kaufmann \$126.43 ; Bryce Jensen \$2,901.33 ; Sadie Horacek \$768.68 ; Steve J. Herdina \$2,920.96 ; Logan K. Hutt \$1,588.09 ; Trent Henry \$2,123.37 ; Jeffrey Schellpeper \$234.34 ; Jeremy F. Gehle \$3,559.77 ; Nathan B. Kuhlman \$3,437.59 ; Will M. Inselman \$2,826.24 ; MacLane B. Scott \$2,127.17 ; Tyler J. Benal \$446.43 ; Tyler J. Benal \$1,600.00 ; Alexander J. Lautenschlager \$1,865.36 ; Eric S. Zach \$2,082.77 ; Sophia M. Goessling \$622.87 ; Nathan B. Kuhlman \$2,437.60 ; Abigail Hirschman \$24.52 ; Sophia M. Goessling \$1,060.33 ; Richard L. Ehrman \$1,468.26 ; Rachelle R. Nielsen \$917.52 ; Drew V. Bullett \$2,601.83 ; Cole D. Demuth \$1,454.91 ; Jeremy F. Gehle \$3,571.79 ; Sadie Horacek \$842.07 ; Earl Appawa \$61.30 ; David L. Potter \$4,167.09 ; Madonna L. Reid \$2,107.46 ; Will M. Inselman \$2,826.24 ; Steve J. Herdina \$2,920.96 ; Sarah Springer \$61.30 ; Eric S. Zach \$2,082.78 ; Christina M. Barber \$2,640.16 ; Christina M. Barber \$25.00 ; Garret Ostrander \$61.30 ; Tyler J. Benal \$1,600.00 ; Samantha J Elofson \$2,260.48 ; MacLane B. Scott \$2,127.19 ; Alexander J. Lautenschlager \$1,825.17 ; Broderich J. Dickinson \$1,084.11 ; Donovan C. Thompson-Grimm \$930.14 ; Sophia Rojas \$59.80 ; Lesli D. Lair \$1,783.31 ; Bridget McKinley \$1,212.25 ; Bridget McKinley \$519.54 ; Jodi L. Delozier \$1,311.05 ; Katelyn L. Plambeck \$24.94 ; Logan K. Hutt \$1,588.10 ; Claire E. Kiobasa \$54.02 ; Lauren Lillenthal \$54.02 ; Adam D. Sutton \$2,234.42 ; Grace Belter \$55.53 ; Nia Kaufmann \$11.11 ; Nia Kaufmann \$44.42 ; Trent Henry \$2,123.37 ; John E. Albert \$2,114.02 ; Shaula D. Ross \$2,370.70 ; Bryce Jensen \$2,886.31 ; Caitlin Maiefski \$61.30 ; Craig A. Matulka \$2,607.26 ; Connie Hansen \$1,629.55 ; Connie Hansen \$121.00
Payroll Tax = IRS \$23,863.92 ; Intuit QuickBooks Workforce \$26,394.18 ; NE Department of Revenue \$10,326.65 ; IRS \$23,104.21 ; Intuit QuickBooks Workforce \$26,681.89
Personnel Expenses = Checkr Inc. \$335.94 ; Scott, MacLane \$44.08 ; NARD \$185.12
Retirement Benefits = Nationwide Insurance Co \$11,467.57 ; Nation-

wide Insurance Co \$2,654.91 ; Nationwide Insurance Co \$11,489.43 ; Nationwide Insurance Co \$2,654.91
Services = HDR Engineering Inc. \$17,302.37 ; HDR Engineering Inc. \$905.84 ; Plant Pros of Lincoln \$40.00 ; NE Public Health Environmental Lab \$80.00 ; ABC Termite & Pest Control Inc. \$165.00 ; Al's Johns \$500.00 ; System4 of Nebraska \$706.99 ; Bosh Service Co \$475.00 ; Cass County RWD #2 \$45.00 ; Uribe Refuse Services \$186.90 ; MD Aquatics LLC \$221.00 ; Allo Communications \$786.63 ; Spectrum \$404.79 ; Executive Answering Service \$336.00 ; Small Engine Specialists \$89.97 ; Constellation Newenergy \$8.71 ; Pro Automotive \$298.25 ; Lee's Lawn Maintenance \$5,010.00 ; Riley Consulting LLC \$4,050.00 ; Houston Engineering, Inc. \$23,919.26 ; JEO Consulting Group Inc. \$34,050.00 ; Midwest Laboratories \$6,456.00 ; E & A Consulting Group, Inc. \$6,257.25 ; HDR Engineering Inc. \$2,744.83 ; Verizon \$2,320.25 ; Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area Planning Agency \$10,800.00 ; Ron's Roloffs, Inc. \$351.73 ; City Lincoln Solid Waste Operations \$52.09 ; Nebraska Digging Services \$348,366.23 ; High Plains Structural Group \$309,984.30 ; Waste Connections of NE Inc. \$417.00 ; Waste Connections of NE Inc. \$556.00 ; Unanimous, Inc. \$1,600.00 ; Host of Nebraska \$74.67 ; Jackson Services \$386.24 ; Al's Johns \$490.00 ; Papio-Missouri River NRD \$4,900.00 ; Central Platte NRD \$200.00 ; Ultimate Diesel Performance \$500.11 ; Kittleson, Shelly \$140.00 ; Houston Engineering, Inc. \$1,590.00 ; NE Public Health Environmental Lab \$16.00 ; Continuum Employee Assistance \$2,000.00 ; Olsson \$3,360.00 ; Small Engine Specialists \$309.85 ; Summit Fire Protection \$659.90 ; NE Public Health Environmental Lab \$32.00 ; City Lincoln Solid Waste Operations \$40.86 ; Van Dorn Valley Construction, LLC \$22,870.80 ; Flatwater Group, Inc. \$6,442.50 ; JEO Consulting Group Inc. \$21,592.50 ; Cornhusker State Industries \$14,869.08 ; Bob Stephens & Associates \$4,888.80
Supplies = Dultmeier Sales \$642.14 ; NARD Research \$10,000.00 ; Graham Tire \$740.96 ; Pro Automotive \$1,451.65 ; Hamilton Equipment Co. \$285.00 ; Dultmeier Sales \$194.64 ; O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. \$172.87 ; All Copy Products Inc. supplies \$233.63 ; Westlake Hardware \$261.94 ; U.S. Postal Service \$410.00 ; Menards - Lincoln North \$928.76 ; YSI, Inc. \$793.00 ; WEX BANK \$5,419.76 ; Hamilton Equipment Co. \$330.00 ; Amazon \$12.34 ; Van Diest Supply Company \$2,279.80 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$793.00 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$382.27 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$50.00 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$59.99 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$275.00 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$302.87 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$120.95 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$44.85 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$15.00 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$249.99 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$2.20 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$154.00 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$982.18 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$323.79 ; Bankcard Processing Center \$2,147.00 ; Graham Tire \$613.54 ; Eakes Office Solutions \$96.09 ; Westlake Hardware \$273.63 ; Grainger \$37.39 ; All Copy Products Inc. supplies \$104.03 ; Farmers Cooperative \$1,568.64 ; Menards - Lincoln North \$897.33 ; Fastenal Company \$50.05 ; Vermeer High Plains \$121.06 ; Rixstine Recognition \$130.30 ; Gana Trucking & Excavating Inc. \$771.05 ; Pro Automotive \$345.08 ; O'Reilly Automotive, Inc. \$31.07 ; Geotech Environmental Equipment, Inc. \$651.86
Training = The Nebraska LEAD Program \$1,500.00
Utilities = Lincoln Electric System \$118.74 ; Lincoln Electric System \$121.38 ; Lincoln Electric System \$418.45 ; Lincoln Electric System \$1,086.63 ; Black Hills Energy \$67.26 ; Black Hills Energy \$64.38 ; Black Hills Energy \$81.41 ; OPND \$16.79 ; Butler Public Power District \$72.78 ; Lincoln Water System \$98.05 ; Lincoln Water System \$257.23 ; Lincoln Water System \$96.60 ; Lincoln Electric System \$42.87 ; Lincoln Electric System \$68.61 ; Lincoln Electric System \$90.77 ; Lincoln Electric System \$118.74 ; Lincoln Electric System \$118.74 ; Norris Public Power District \$74.72
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SW Kansas meatpacking towns reel amid ICE surge

STEPH CONQUEST-WARE
AND CALEN MOORE
The Wichita Eagle

A widespread Immigration and Customs Enforcement operation continued across southwest Kansas on Thursday. Residents in Dodge City, Garden City, Liberal and the surrounding areas are on edge, according to people interviewed by The Midwest Newsroom and Kansas News Service.

There are unconfirmed reports that ICE agents have detained people at local meat processing plants. About 22% of the nation's grain-fed beef supply sits in this region, according to the Kansas Livestock Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Kansas statistics.

City and state officials, including U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, said they had no prior notice before the raids began. According to Liberal Vice Mayor Janeth Vazquez, dozens of people have been detained since the enforcement operation began early in the week. So far, ICE has not provided local officials with information regarding the exact number of those arrested.

"We first became aware of the operation Monday night, and since then, unfortunately, our community has been living with tremendous fear, and a lot of people are just absolutely terrified to leave their home," Vazquez told The Midwest Newsroom.

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran of Kansas posted on X Wednesday evening that he spoke with Department of Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin. He said Mullin assured him that ICE is working with local law enforcement to target those with warrants for criminal activities.

In response to a question from the Kansas News Service about the southwest Kansas enforcement operation, ICE emailed examples of what they referred to as "the worst of the worst," a list of undocumented immigrants with criminal histories that have been deported in the Kansas City area.

However, Kathleen

Alonso, an immigrant rights advocate for the organization New Frontiers, said she followed up with families after their loved ones were detained.

"The family shared that they had no criminal records," Alonso said.

Residents and officials in the area told The Midwest Newsroom they believe agents are breaking traffic laws and racially profiling community members who are U.S. citizens.

The United Food and Commercial Workers Local 2 union representing plant workers at National Beef released a statement condemning what they call "ICE chaos."

National Beef has facilities in Dodge City and Liberal, with more than 2,500 members at the Dodge City location.

"ICE's targeting of these communities sows fear, instability, and chaos into the lives of those trying to make a living and feed our nation," the union's statement said.

This comes just weeks after the group secured a new wage increase contract with the plant.

Vazquez said the situation in Liberal and surrounding towns is indescribable. At Meadowlark Elementary School, 120 students missed school on Wednesday, she said.

"This is something that you see in the news, and this is something that small towns in southwest Kansas would never imagine could happen to them," Vazquez said.

Vazquez said she witnessed ICE detain a mother who had a baby in her car Tuesday morning. A volunteer with a local community organization had to call a family member to come pick up the child.

"We feel hopeless," Vazquez said. "We don't know what to do to fix this."

Vazquez and officials in nearby cities said they are also worried about some ICE agents driving dangerously.

"I was driving, and in front of me was an ICE vehicle going south, and out of

nowhere, he basically just busted a U-turn and went after the other car in the other lane, so traffic was going the opposite direction, and he was targeting them," Vazquez said.

Community members have organized on social media. Some have offered to buy groceries for neighbors who fear leaving their homes. Others said they are willing to drive children to and from school.

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas has partnered with Cardoza Law, an immigration law firm based in Oklahoma, to offer free legal consultations to residents in the area.

City leaders said many businesses have closed for the week. Workers are also missing shifts at the local meat processing plants in the region out of fear. Social media accounts reviewed by The Midwest Newsroom are full of descriptions of ICE agent sightings across the region.

The area has a large immigrant population that is vital to the agriculture sector.

Frank Duran and his 20-year-old daughter, Guadalupe Navarrete, were on their way home from work in southwest Kansas on Tuesday when they noticed a black truck with sirens

following them. The pair immediately pulled over.

According to Navarrete, an officer approached Navarrete in the driver's seat and demanded she roll down her windows and show identification. The 20-year-old asked if the officer had a warrant and why she had been pulled over. She said the officer did not reply.

The interaction left Duran rattled.

"I got pissed off because this is my daughter picking me up from work. It's not even 15 minutes (from work)," Duran told The Midwest Newsroom.

Duran and his daughter are both U.S. citizens and said they have lived in Kansas their entire lives. Duran works at the Cargill meat processing plant in Dodge City, while Navarrete works at the National Beef facility in Liberal.

After agents scanned Navarrete's identification, she and Duran drove off. When they arrived home, Navarrete got out of the car shaking and crying. Duran hugged her.

"She's like, 'We're both born here in Kansas. We're legal citizens, Dad,'" Duran recalled. "They profiled us."

This story was produced by The Midwest Newsroom and Kansas News Service.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Village of Malcom
IN
Lancaster County, Nebraska

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 28th day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	1,236,370.00
2025-2026 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	858,199.00
2026-2027 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	1,742,613.00
2026-2027 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	434,281.00
2026-2027 Total Resources Available	\$	2,176,894.00
Total 2026-2027 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	144,848.48
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	156.08

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$	109,248.48
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$	35,600.00

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 28th day of September 2026, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at Village Hall for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	2,013,816.00	1,742,613.00	-13%
Property Tax Request	\$ 135,542.00	\$ 144,848.48	7%
Valuation	45,410,417	48,500,286	7%
Tax Rate	0.298482	0.298655	0%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.279466		

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Organization of Fresh Finish Property Services, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Fresh Finish Property Services, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 8229 Ryley Lane, Lincoln, Nebraska 68512. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on September 2, 2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Faris BAkr, 8229 Ryley L, . Organizer
COL-NE-1011194 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

SouthLaw, PC. 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 FILE NO. 257311 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Gary Lee Orcutt and Angela D Orcutt, dated July 2, 2019, and recorded on July 10, 2019, Document No. 2019024787 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lancaster County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 6, 2026, at 3:00 PM, at the Second floor - east side of building off elevator of the Lancaster County, Courthouse, Lincoln, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: Lots 15 and 16, Except the North 69 feet thereof, Block 19, Woods Bros. Second Addition to Havelock, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, commonly known as 3701 North 70th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68507 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee First Publication: August 29, 2026 NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 257311). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

COL-NE-1010470 8/29, 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

SouthLaw, PC. 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 FILE NO. 249779 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Travis James Stark and Mandy L Stark, dated January 23, 2003, and recorded on January 28, 2003, Document No. 2003 008682 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lancaster County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 26, 2026, at 11:30 AM, at the Second floor - east side of building off elevator of the Lancaster County, Courthouse, Lincoln, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: LOT 32, BLOCK 3, TIMBER VALLEY ADDITION, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, commonly known as 3221 W Peach St, Lincoln, NE, 68522 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee First Publication: September 12, 2026 NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 249779). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

COL-NE-1010639 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

SouthLaw, PC. 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 FILE NO. 259969 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE For default in the payment of debt secured by a deed of trust executed by Rebecca J Group and Michael I Group, dated February 23, 2005, and recorded on March 1, 2005, Document No. 2005010877 in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Lancaster County, Nebraska, the undersigned Successor Trustee will on October 26, 2026, at 11:30 AM, at the Second floor - east side of building off elevator of the Lancaster County, Courthouse, Lincoln, Nebraska, sell at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash: Lot Eight (8), Block Seven (7), Sunrise Hills, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, commonly known as 8511 Blue Sky Drive, Lincoln, NE, 68505 subject to all prior easements, restrictions, reservations, covenants and encumbrances now of record, if any, to satisfy the debt and costs. Liliana E. Shannon, Successor Trustee First Publication: September 5, 2026 NOTICE Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose (No. 259969). For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

COL-NE-1010525 9/5, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/3 ZNEZ

Notice of Incorporation

Notice is hereby given that Your Word My Light Ministries has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska as a religious corporation. The initial reg-

LEGAL NOTICES

Erickson | Sederstrom, P.C. 10330 Regency Parkway Drive, Omaha, NE 68114 Notice of Organization Hilton Air, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Hilton Air, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 1101 Manchester Drive, Lincoln, NE 68528. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on September 10, 2026, and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C., A Limited Liability Organization, 10330 Regency Parkway Drive, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68114. Blake Schneiderwind, Organizer COL-NE-1011018 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF HEARING

ON REPORT OF LINCOLN CITY-LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, County-City Building, 555 South 10th Street, to consider recommendations of the City-County Planning Commission:
26-107 Change of Zone 19031D - Application of Chateau Development LLC to amend the existing Chateau at Yankee Hill PUD (Planned Unit Development), generally located at South 40th Street and Yankee Hill Road, to reduce the required parking within the R-3 Apartment Area.
26-108 Change of Zone 07060F - Application of Lincoln Federal Bancorp, Inc., to amend the existing Wilderness Heights PUD (Planned Unit Development), generally located at South 40th Street and Wilderness Hills Boulevard, to revise the lot layout for additional townhome lots with waivers to the Lot & Height requirements and increase the total allowed dwelling units within the PUD.
Soulinnee Phan, City Clerk COL-NE-1011175 9/26 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF VM5 ENTERPRISES LLC

Notice is hereby given that VM5 Enterprises LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 200 S 21st St, STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 9/24/26 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc, 200 S 21st St, STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510. Tyler Van Meeteren Organizer COL-NE-1011200 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

Notice of Organization for MM Finish & Drywall LLC

Notice is hereby given that MM Finish & Drywall LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 2545 Theresa St Lot D7, Lincoln, NE 68521. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on August 14, 2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Miguel Arturo Maldonado Crespin, 2545 Theresa St Lot D7, Lincoln, NE 68521. Miguel Arturo Maldonado Crespin, Organizer COL-NE-1011098 9/19, 9/26, 10/3 ZNEZ

istered office of the corporation is 6140 L St, Lincoln, NE 68510, and the initial registered agent is Samuel Pelton. The corporation has no members. The incorporator is Samuel Pelton, 6140 L St, Lincoln, NE 68510. COL-NE-1011014 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE FOR NAME CHANGE OF A MINOR CHILD
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA
Case Number CI 26-3389
IN RE NAME CHANGE OF: Cameron Anthony Dale Jr.
Notice is hereby given that on the 4th of September 2026, a petition was filed in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to change a minor child's or children's name(s) from: Cameron Anthony Dale Jr. to: Cameron Anthony DeAngelo. A hearing will be had on said petition before the Honorable Andrew Jacobsen, in courtroom no. 34, via in person on the 2nd of November 2026, at 8:30 am, or as soon thereafter as will be convenient for the court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child(ren)'s name(s) will be changed from that of Cameron Anthony Dale Jr. to: Cameron Anthony DeAngelo.
Dated 9/17/2026
/s/ Jade E. Perry
COL-NE-1011100 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Reformed Exteriors LLC Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Reformed Exteriors LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 6155 South 93rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68526. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 09/09/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Gabriel Callam, 6155 South 93rd Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68526. Gabriel Callam Organizer COL-NE-1011006 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Organization of Quick Haul Moving, LLC

Notice is hereby given that Quick Haul Moving, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 1550 S Coddington Ave Ste D109, Lincoln, NE 68522. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 8/24/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Cameron Andrews, 1550 S Coddington Ave Ste D109, Lincoln, NE 68522. Cameron Andrews Organizer COL-NE-1011102 9/19, 9/26, 10/3 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF ROJ EXPRESS LLC

Notice is hereby given that ROJ EXPRESS LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 9951 S 37th ST APT 203, Lincoln NE 68516. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 09/10/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Mugdad Alayas , 9951 S 37th ST APT 203, Lincoln NE 68516. MUQDAD ALAYAS Organizer COL-NE-1011020 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Trade Name

Trade Name: Asplundh Clearing & Access
Name of Applicant: Asplundh Brush Contract, LLC
Address: 680 Blair Mill Rd, Horsham, PA 19044
Applicant is: Limited Liability Company
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Pennsylvania
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 07/23/2026
General nature of business: Vegetation Management
/s/ Edward G. House
Edward G. House
COL-NE-1011196 9/26 ZNEZ

OrdoSight LLC

Notice is hereby given that OrdoSight LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 200 S , Lincoln, NE 68510. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 09/17/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc, 200 S 21st ST, STE 400A, Lincoln, NE 68510. Mark Santos Organizer COL-NE-1011095 9/19, 9/26, 10/3 ZNEZ

Notice of Trade Name

Trade Name: RBC U.S. Mortgage
Name of Applicant: City National Bank
Address: 555 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
Applicant is: Other (specify) National Banking Association
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: United States
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: March 2, 2026
General nature of business: Residential Mortgage Origination, Mortgage Loan Servicing, Refinancing, Home Equity Lending, And Rated Mortgage Banking Services
/s/ Adam Walczak
Adam Walczak
COL-NE-1011199 9/26 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF KARLEE SEEVERS LLC

Notice is hereby given that Karlee Seevers LLC, a Nebraska limited liability company, was organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The street and mailing address of the initial designated office of the Company is: 1705 West Trout Drive Lincoln, NE 68521 The name and street and mailing address of the Company's initial agent for service of process is: Karlee Seevers 1705 West Trout Drive Lincoln, NE 68521 . Karlee Seevers, Sole Member.
COL-NE-1010936 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Falcon Acres, LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office is 4500 North 176th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68527. The initial agent for service of process and the agent's address is: Rye Collins, 4500 North 176th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

CLINE WILLIAMS WRIGHT JOHNSON & OLDFATHER, L.L.P. 233 South 13th Street, Suite 1900 Lincoln, NE 68508

COL-NE-1011189 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

Notice of Trade Name

Trade Name: The Long Drink Company
Name of Applicant: Mark Anthony Brands Inc.
Address: 167 N. Green St., Ste 600A, Chicago, IL 60607
Applicant is: Corporation
If other than an individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Washington
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 9/1/2026
General nature of business: Distribution Of Alcoholic Beverage In The U.S.
/s/ Michael Ploetz
Michael Ploetz, Secretary
COL-NE-1011197 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Trade Name

Trade Name: Hello Refi
Name of Applicant: FI Connect, LLC
Address: 5680 Greenwood Plaza Blvd. Ste 400., Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Applicant is: Limited Liability Company
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Delaware
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: 9/10/2026
General nature of business: Lending And Refinance Services
/s/ Neetu Bhagat
Neetu Bhagat
COL-NE-1011198 9/26 ZNEZ

Public Notice

NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LATINO-AMERICANS QUARTERLY MEETING

The Commission on Latino-Americans will host its Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2026. The meeting will take place at Seward Memorial Library, 233 S 5th Street, Seward, NE 68434. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn no later than 2:00 p.m.

The Quarterly Meeting is open to the public, and all interested individuals are invited to attend. Time will be allocated for public comments within the first hour of the meeting. We encourage those wishing to speak to call our office ahead of time, in an effort to provide better accommodation.
The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting will be kept current and made available for public inspection at the Commission's office. For further information, please contact us at (402) 471-2791.
COL-NE-1011157 9/26 ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: JAMIE PAVEY

You are hereby notified that on June 2nd, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-6777 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$4,509.22 plus court costs, attorney fees and pre-judgment interest or any relief pursuant to Nebraska Revised statute Section 45-103.01.
The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 10th day of November 2026 in the Lancaster County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island Ne 68801
COL-NE-1011188 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: HAILEA HOWELL

You are hereby notified that on June 2nd, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-6779 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$6,999.68 plus court costs, and pre-judgment interest or any relief pursuant to Nebraska Revised statute Section 45-103.01.
The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 10th day of November 2026 in the Lancaster County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island Ne 68801
COL-NE-1011185 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: SARA WELLS OLSTON

You are hereby notified that on June 25th, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-7737 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$2,134.30 plus court costs, attorney fees and pre-judgment interest or any relief pursuant to Nebraska Revised statute Section 25-1801.
The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 10th day of November 2026 in the Lancaster County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island Ne 68801
COL-NE-1011191 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: KAILEIGH FULMER

You are hereby notified that on July 22nd, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-8789 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$288.08 plus court costs, attorney fees and pre-judgment interest or any relief pursuant to Nebraska Revised statute Section 25-1801.
The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 10th day of November 2026 in the Lancaster County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island Ne 68801
COL-NE-1011187 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: EMYLEE FIRLEY

You are hereby notified that on June 2nd, 2026 the Plaintiff, General Collection Company, Inc. filed a Petition in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you shown as Case Number C126-6744 the object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$5,479.81 plus court costs, and pre-judgment interest or any relief pursuant to Nebraska Revised statute Section 45-103.01.
The petition prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the petition on or before the 10th day of November 2026 in the Lancaster County Court of Nebraska.

By: Attorney for Plaintiff
James H. Truell #14258
308 N Locust St Ste 306
Grand Island Ne 68801
COL-NE-1011186 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

Option Mortgage

Trade Name: Option Mortgage
Name of Applicant: NEXA Mortgage, LLC
Address: 5559 S Sossaman Rd Bldg #1 Ste #101 , Mesa, AZ 85212
Applicant is: Limited Liability Company
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Arizona
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: Upon Filing
General nature of business: Mortgage Broker
/s/ Mike Kortas
Mike Kortas, Owner
COL-NE-1011190 9/26 ZNEZ

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that The Juan And Rita Company LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 200 S 21st St Ste 400a , Lincoln NE 68510 . The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 09/23/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Registered Agents Inc, 200 S 21st St Ste 400a, Lincoln NE 68510. Robin Jones Organizer COL-NE-1011183 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

Notice of Organization

Notice is hereby given that Sequence Tile LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 200 S 21st ST STE 400A , Lincoln NE 68510 . The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on 09/23/2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Northwest Registered Agent Service Inc, 200 S 21st ST STE 400A, Lincoln NE 68510. Nat Smith Organizer COL-NE-1011184 9/26, 10/3, 10/10 ZNEZ

Asere-Barbercho LLC

Notice is hereby given that Asere-Barbercho LLC has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 251 W Furnas Ave, Lincoln, NE 68521. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on Sep 4, 2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is Yonier Antigua Chacon, 251 W Furnas Ave, Lincoln, NE 68521. Yonier Antigua Chacon Organizer COL-NE-1011008 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Publication

TO: DONNA SALAS CORREA
You are hereby notified that on 04/08/26, the Plaintiff Credit Management Services, Inc., filed a Complaint in the COUNTY Court of LANCASTER County, Nebraska, against you shown as Case Number C126 4280. The object and prayer of which is a judgment in the amount of \$66.93, plus court costs, pre-judgment interest and attorney fees, if applicable.
The Complaint prays that judgment be entered against you. You are hereby notified that you must answer the Complaint on or before 10/26/26 at the COUNTY court of LANCASTER County, LINCOLN Nebraska.
Megan L. Bischoff #25206
P.O. Box 1512
Grand Island, NE 68802
(308)398-3801
Attorney for Plaintiff
services@credit-mgmt.com
COL-NE-1011017 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Notice of Incorporation

Notice is hereby given that Study Break Socials has been organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska. The address of the designated office of the company is 2512 R Street #1, Lincoln, NE 68503. The general nature of the business is to engage in and do any and all business, other than banking and insurance, for which a limited liability company may be organized under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act. The company commenced its existence on September 9, 2026 and its duration shall be perpetual. The affairs of the company are to be conducted by the Managing Member and/or Members as authorized by the company's operating agreement. The initial agent for service of process is William Coby, 2512 R Street #1, Lincoln, NE 68503. William Coby Organizer COL-NE-1011007 9/12, 9/19, 9/26 ZNEZ

Star Home Roofing

Trade Name: Star Home Roofing
Name of Applicant: Star Home LLC
Address: 2020 Ranger Circle, Lincoln, NE, 68521
Applicant is: Limited Liability Company
If other than an Individual, state under whose laws entity was formed: Nebraska
Date of first use of name in Nebraska: Upon Filing
General nature of business: Construction
/s/ Trevor Harings
Trevor Harings, President
COL-NE-1011192 9/26 ZNEZ

NATION/WORLD

DIGEST

Agency could hold AI firms liable for agents

AUSTIN — U.S. Federal Trade Commission Chairman Andrew Ferguson said Friday he would resist describing artificial intelligence agents as autonomous actors that “break loose” with “wills and desires of their own,” suggesting the developers who instruct agents would be the ones liable for harm.

“I’m going to continue as long as I am chairman to resist this anthropomorphizing of these tools,” he said at the Reuters Momentum AI Austin event. “If someone tells a tool to do something, and the tool does it, I don’t think we would say, ‘Oh, what do we do about the tool?’”

Ferguson’s remarks illustrated potential avenues for the Trump administration to take after agentic AI testing resulted in unintended and unauthorized access to corporate or government data. AI companies sometimes described systems as acting beyond human control, but reviews showed the systems carried out instructions they were given, he said.

Business spending on equipment rose in Aug.

WASHINGTON — New orders for key U.S.-manufactured capital goods increased more than expected in August and data for the prior month was revised sharply higher, pointing to another quarter of robust growth in business spending on equipment amid an artificial intelligence infrastructure build-out.

The Commerce Department’s upbeat report Friday came amid concerns over the sustainability of AI-related demand. There are also worries that rising oil prices, interest rates and long-term Treasury yields due to the Middle East war will hurt manufacturing not tied to AI.

Nondefense capital goods orders excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending, jumped 1.6% last month after an upwardly revised 0.6% increase in July, the department’s Census Bureau said. Economists forecast that core capital goods orders would rise 0.5% after a previously reported unchanged reading in July. Core capital goods orders increased 10.6% year-over-year in August.

BRIEFLY

META: A jury in Santa Fe, N.M., found Friday that Meta Platforms misled the state’s residents, in a case stemming from allegations that political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica, which worked on Donald Trump’s 2016 presidential campaign, obtained data from millions of Facebook users without their consent.

CANADA: President Donald Trump’s administration is comfortable maintaining its trade standoff with Canada even as new U.S. import bans on Canadian products take effect next week and Washington threatens 50% tariffs on Canadian autos, parts and steel from January, U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer said Friday.

AI CZAR: Scott Bessent will not be Donald Trump’s artificial intelligence czar, the Republican president said Friday, adding that he wants his Treasury secretary to stay in his current role.

STORM: Hurricane Polo regained Category 5 strength Friday as it moved away from Mexico’s Pacific coast and into open waters.

UKRAINE: Steelmaker Arcelor-Mittal said it will shut down production at Ukraine’s largest steel plant, underscoring the growing economic toll of Russia’s airstrikes that killed seven people, including a 14-year-old boy, Friday in Kyiv.

EBOLA: The World Health Organization said Friday the Ebola outbreak caused by the Bundibugyo virus in the Democratic Republic of the Congo spread to two additional health zones.

– Reuters

ELECTION 2026

Court OKs verification

Justices say authorities can use Social Security numbers to ID voters

JOHN KRUZEL
Reuters

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court revived an expanded immigration database Friday that President Donald Trump’s administration said aims to combat voting by noncitizens but critics contend could disenfranchise eligible voters.

The justices granted the Justice Department’s request to block a judge’s order that stopped state officials from using Social Security numbers and other information to conduct sweeping checks of the

citizenship status of registered voters against federal records.

The court has a 6-3 conservative majority. Its three liberal justices dissented from Friday’s order.

The majority said the plaintiffs’ arguments likely fail because federal law expressly authorizes the Department of Homeland Security to request and receive information relating to citizenship and immigration status from other agencies, including the Social Security Administration.

The Trump administration’s data-sharing arrangement is one in a series of actions boosting the federal government’s involvement in voting ahead of November’s midterm elections in which Trump’s fellow Republicans seek to maintain control of Congress.

The Constitution gives individual states the primary authority to run and administer elections.

Last year, the Department of Homeland Security redesigned a federal database known as the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, or SAVE, used to verify a person’s citizenship and immigration status. The revamp allowed users to search many records at a time and to conduct searches using individuals’ Social Security numbers.

In a social media post Friday, James Percival, general counsel at the Department of Homeland Security, replied to a post about the court’s order, saying, “We had to file an emergency petition in the Supreme Court just so we could use government data to help

states stop noncitizens from illegally voting.”

Since the federal database was expanded, several Republican-led states compared their voter lists to the database, and some voters flagged as potential noncitizens had their registrations canceled.

Critics say such election-related actions by Republicans are driven less by concerns over election security than by an attempt to gain political advantage by narrowing the electorate, risking the disenfranchisement of eligible, often Democratic-leaning voters.

Trump has carried out hard-line policies toward immigration and made false claims of widespread voting fraud including in his 2020 election loss to Democratic former President Joe Biden.

WASHINGTON



KEVIN LAMARQUE, REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, first lady Melania Trump and others stand beside the Bill of Rights on Friday during a tour of the National Archives led by Archivist of the United States Bradford P. Wilson in Washington.

Trump, Xi wrap 3-day summit

Trade representative says details on talks to be released Monday

TREVOR HUNNICUTT
AND DAVID BRUNNSTROM
Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping drank tea at the White House on Friday and visited the National Archives, capping a three-day summit that showcased personal diplomacy rather than big breakthroughs in economic relations.

The two leaders praised each other in remarks while they had

tea in the White House Red Room. Trump said the summit between the world’s two largest economies produced great strides and that “I think our farmers are going to be happy” but didn’t provide details.

Xi said the U.S.-China relationship developed into a constructive one of “strategic stability on the basis of respect, fairness and reciprocity.”

Xi also said he and Trump would have two more opportunities to meet this year: The APEC summit in China in November and December’s G20 summit in Miami.

The lavish state summit, with flyovers, tours and a glittering state dinner, was heavy on

symbolism but light on substance.

Still, Trump highlighted progress under a bilateral trade mechanism, citing what he described as increased market access for U.S. farmers and ranchers, while both leaders identified artificial intelligence as an area for cooperation.

Details of the limited agreements the two sides struck regarding their tense trade relationship will be released Monday, U.S. Trade Representative Jamie-Greer told CNBC on Friday.

“We’re in a managed trade situation. ... We’ve had progress, and we will release on Monday, I think, a lot more details about what we’ve accomplished over the past few weeks in negotiating

with the Chinese,” he said.

The U.S. agreed with China on exempting some key goods from arguments over trade, Greer said, including exports of agricultural products and medical devices to China and imports of consumer and nonsensitive goods.

The summit concluded at the National Archives, where Trump and Xi appeared to review the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

China didn’t comment on the visit to the archives, but analysts say Xi might have been keen to see records relating to the U.S. switch of recognition to communist China from Taiwan in 1979.

Appeals court upholds Anthropic blacklisting

AI startup refused to allow products to be used for weapons

REUTERS

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court upheld the Pentagon’s blacklisting of Anthropic from military contracts Friday, handing a victory to President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth in their battle with the AI startup over safety guardrails on its technology.

The 2-1 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington came in a lawsuit by Anthropic challenging its March designation by the Pentagon as a national

security supply chain risk, which the startup says cost it billions of dollars in lost business and damaged its reputation ahead of a highly anticipated initial public offering.

The court’s majority said it was reasonable for the Pentagon to designate Anthropic after it refused to allow its products to be used for autonomous weapons or mass surveillance. It rejected Anthropic’s claim that the Pentagon retaliated against it for its views on AI safety and ethics.

A federal judge in San Francisco struck down a parallel designation under a different law last month, finding the administration unlawfully retaliated against Anthropic for its views on AI safety.

Allies back Saudi Arabia in struggle with Houthis

Iranian official says Tehran will not budge on nuclear program

REUTERS

CAIRO — Saudi, Turkish and Pakistani military chiefs were due to discuss support for Saudi Arabia as it faces mounting attacks from Yemen’s Houthis, while restrictions on flights to and from Iran widened and a senior Iranian official threatened retaliation.

The Iran-aligned Houthis have stepped up attacks on the Saudi-backed government in Yemen and fired into Saudi Arabia, disrupting oil flows from the world’s largest crude exporter.

Meanwhile, a senior Iranian official told Reuters on Friday that Iran will show no flexibility over its nuclear program even if the United States accepts its proposal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which calls for steps including the lifting of a U.S. naval blockade.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the waterway would remain closed until “all of Iran’s conditions are met.”

Under Iran’s proposal, Tehran offered to reopen the strait. Within seven days, hostilities would end on all fronts, the United States would lift its blockade on Iranian ports, release Iran’s frozen funds and waive its oil sanctions, Iran’s Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Thursday.

NEIGHBORHOOD EXTRA

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Groups host ‘Touch-A-Truck’ event

Today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5910 S. 58th St., the Lincoln American Legion Post 3 Family and Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 invite the Lincoln and Lancaster County community to a family- and kid-friendly event. The parking lot will be filled with a variety of vehicles large and small for the whole family to explore, climb on (and in), and learn more about how they work. A “quiet hour” from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. will be observed so that family members with sensitivity to loud noises can enjoy the displays. After 11 a.m., the kids will be free to honk horns, turn on sirens, make noise and continue the fun. Last year, nearly 1,000 people attended this event.

Asian Community & Cultural Center rings in autumn

The Asian Community & Cultural Center is hosting its annual Harvest Moon Festival today from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Antelope Park Bandshell. In 2025, more than 3,000 attendees participated in family activities, enjoyed multi-ethnic cuisine, watched cultural performances and experienced live music.

Central District Rose Show

The Lincoln Rose Society is hosting the Central District Rose Show at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 6001 A St. today, opening to the public from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The show will consist of rose growers from the central district, which includes Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. These are roses that are found in everyday gardens. These entries will be judged and then presented to the public for show. If you have any questions about the show or the Lincoln Rose Society, please contact co-chairs Karen Cates 402-440-6667 or Patty Haddow at 402-730-8569.

FaithAlliance and Star City Pride to host fair for Suicide Prevention Month

FaithAlliance and Star City Pride will host the Living Better Support Fair from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday in the gym at Christ United Methodist Church, located at 4530 A St. This free community event marks Suicide Prevention Month in September. It aims to educate the community and offer supportive mental health resources in a welcoming space. Attendees can participate in guided yoga sessions, enjoy live music, face-painting, receive free Access Bars Wellbeing sessions, use affirmation coloring books, enjoy Nebraska Improv and partake in light treats. Presentations will be led by: ■ Dr. Katelyn Coburn, a local therapist, educator and researcher. ■ Connor Sullivan, MSW, a mental health therapist at Emerald Psychotherapy. Admission is free. For

questions or more information, contact Kaitlyn Michaelsen of FaithAlliance via email at faithalliance@gmail.com.

Porch-Art-Palooza

The sixth annual Porch-Art-Palooza art tour through the Everett and Near South neighborhoods takes place Sunday from 1–6 p.m. Last year, Porch-Art-Palooza was awarded Event of the Year by the Lincoln Arts Council. Pepe’s Bistro will serve as the centerpiece of the event.

Lincoln High Theatre presents fall play

Lincoln High School Theatre is kicking off the 2026 school year with a fall play based on the C.S. Lewis classic, “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.” There are three public performances on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. in the Ted Sorenson Theatre. Tickets are \$7 and are available at tedsroensenstheatre.ludus.com and \$10 at the door. Student tickets are also available. “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” was dramatized by Joseph Robinette from the story by C.S. Lewis. The show features 31 students in the cast and an additional 48 in the crew. “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” is the first production in LHS Theatre’s 2026–27 season. LHS Theatre will also present “The Wizard of Oz” as their competitive one act this winter and the musical “Once Upon a Mattress” in the spring. Tickets are available online at www.tedsroensenstheatre.ludus.com.

Carol Haerer Exhibition and UNL Art Department Fundraiser opens Friday

A special exhibition of work by nationally renowned abstract expressionist painter Carol Haerer opens Friday at Wall-Space-LNK, 1624 S 17th St. The exhibition, also a scholarship fundraiser for the UNL School of Art, Art History & Design has been organized by the late artist’s sister, Mary Ann Sullivan of Lincoln. Works are available for viewing and purchase Friday through Sunday, Oct. 2 through Nov. 1 from noon to 5 p.m. More details about the artist and her works are at wallspace-lnk.com, on Facebook and Instagram.

Burkholder Project First Friday

The Burkholder Project is displaying works from a number of artists in mediums including oils and textiles for October’s First Friday, at 719 P St. Shows run from Oct. 2 through 31.

Lincoln hosts national Lisztomania

When the American Liszt Society last gathered in Lincoln in 2010, the Glenn Korff School of Music looked very different. Sixteen years later, organizers of the 2026 American Liszt Festival are preparing to welcome musicians, scholars and audiences back to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a renewed sense of purpose



TUGBOAT GALLERY, COURTESY PHOTO

The Everett neighborhood is hosting the 6th annual Porch-Art-Palooza on Sunday, starting at Pepe’s Bistro.

— and a newly transformed home for music.

The festival, which will take place Monday through Wednesday in Lincoln, will bring together internationally recognized performers, lecturers and composers for three days of concerts, lectures and conversations centered on the theme “Toward Re-Enchantment: Beauty as a Portal to the Sacred.”

Among the featured guests is renowned Liszt scholar Alan Walker, author of the landmark three-volume biography of Liszt. The festival also will showcase performers with strong Nebraska connections, including Fountain, a University of Nebraska–Lincoln alumnus (M.M. 2005; D.M.A. 2008), who serves as dean and professor of piano in the School of Creative Arts at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, Texas.

Between 125 to 150 registered participants are expected to attend the festival, in addition to performers, audience members and UNL students, who will receive free admission to festival events. The festival will also provide valuable networking and mentoring opportunities for students, many of whom will perform alongside internationally known artists and educators.

For more information on the 2026 American Liszt Society Festival or to register for the festival, visit https://www.americanlisztsociety.net/2026-festival.

Big Gumdrop Outdoors hosts S’mores & Gourds on Friday

Big Gumdrop Outdoors invites the community to celebrate the season Friday, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., when BGO and Pioneers Park Nature Center team up for an evening of fall fun with S’mores and Gourds at the center. Families can carve pumpkins, roast s’mores and explore the outdoors together before settling in at 7:30 p.m. for an outdoor movie, “The Wild Robot.” Dinner will also be provided. The event, sponsored by Complete Children’s Health, is free and no registration is required. Visit biggumdropoutdoors.org to learn more.

Mount Olive Lutheran Community Carnival

The Mount Olive Lutheran Community Carnival, postponed from earlier this month, will take place this Sunday from noon to 3 p.m. Games, food, and prizes will

be available on the east part of the campus at 7979 Hol-drege St.

Nebraskaland photo contest begins

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will accept submissions for the 2026 Nebraskaland Magazine photo contest starting Thursday.

Submissions should be made at Magazine.OutdoorNebraska.gov. To be eligible for the contest, photos should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Central time on Oct. 31.

Photographers of all ages and skill levels are invited to submit photos in four categories:

■ **Macro** — Close-up photographs of native wild-flowers, foliage, fruiting bodies, insects and other small creatures, or other details of the natural world that are not often seen up close.

■ **Flora/fauna** — Photographs of native plants, trees, wildflowers, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and other wildlife.

■ **Landscape** — Photographs in which scenery, natural features or landmarks are prominent. Capture Nebraska’s diverse landscapes, including prairies, forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, rock formations and the skies above them.

■ **Hunting and fishing** — Photographs that capture hunting and fishing in Nebraska, including wildlife, anglers, hunters, hunting dogs, gear, and other aspects of these outdoor pursuits.

All photos must be taken in Nebraska.

Submissions will be judged by Nebraskaland staff, and winning photos will be published in the January/February 2027 issue of Nebraskaland Magazine. First-, second-, and third-place prizes will be awarded in all categories, and a Best in Show prize also will be awarded.

Find the complete contest rules at Magazine.OutdoorNebraska.gov/about/photo-contest.

Lincoln Community Playhouse announces youth musical auditions

Auditions for the holiday classic “How The Grinch Stole Christmas Jr.” will be held Monday and Tuesday from 6–8 p.m. Eighteen roles are available for young performers ages 9–18 years old.

For audition information, visit https://www.lincoln-playhouse.com/auditions/

Based on the iconic animated film and beloved

children’s book, “Dr. Seuss’s How the Grinch Stole Christmas! Jr.” features a book and lyrics by Timothy Mason and music by Mel Marvin. This duo expands on the timeless story, adding new songs. The production is set to run Dec. 4–6 and 11–13.

Lincoln Artists’ Guild fall Exhibition opening in Lincoln

The Lincoln Artists’ Guild will hold a fall exhibition from Friday through Oct. 31 at the Create 48 Gallery, located at 2726 N 48th St. Opening hours at the Create 48 Gallery are Fridays from 3–9 p.m., and Saturdays from 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. Private viewings are also available and, if interested, please contact Kinzee Hillis via email at kinzee.hillis.art@gmail.com.

First Friday Jazz at First Lutheran Church

Camille Metoyer Moten, Omaha jazz vocalist, will headline the October First Friday Jazz concert at First Lutheran Church, 1551 South 70th St. Opening the 16th year of these popular concerts, the 90-minute performance will start at 11:30 a.m. There is no admission charge, but financial contributions are welcomed. Camille’s combo will include Dave Murphy on keyboard, Mark Haar on bass, Doug Montero on drums and Ron Cooley on guitar.

This annual performance by Metoyer Moten is one of the highlights of the monthly First Friday Jazz concert series between October and May. She is planning “jazz standards and pop tunes from the Great American Songbook and a little Streisand.” Lunch is available for purchase. This concert series is First Lutheran’s gift to the Lincoln community while providing an East Lincoln performance venue.

The League of Women Voters will host a voter registration table immediately prior to and after the concert.

Lincoln Walk to End Alzheimer’s set for Sunday

The Alzheimer’s Association’s Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be held Sunday in Lincoln to raise money for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. According to the association, about 35,000 Nebraskans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, while more than 40,000 caregivers provide care valued at \$1.18 billion to people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias.

Lincoln resident and Runza Restaurants co-owner Dawn Everett Amend, a volunteer advocate for the Nebraska Alzheimer’s Association, is encouraging participation in the walk after losing her father, former Runza CEO Donald Everett Sr., to complications of Alzheimer’s 12 years ago. Everett Sr. was diagnosed at age 62 and died at 70.

“By participating in the Walk to End Alzheimer’s, you’re helping to provide care and support for families facing the disease today,

investing in promising research and supporting

our work to ensure access to treatments for all who could benefit,” Amend said.

Registration for the Lincoln walk is available at alz.org/walk.

New Eisentrager-Howard Gallery exhibit presents Larry Small Collection

“Lincoln Collects: The Larry Small Collection” will open Friday and run through Nov. 6 in the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery in Richards Hall on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln campus.

Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission to the gallery is free and open to the public.

An opening reception will be held on Friday from 5–7 p.m. in the gallery. A closing reception will be held on Nov. 6 from 5–7 p.m. in the gallery. Both receptions are free and open to the public.

At the event, former Journal Star arts reporter L. Kent Wolgamott will host a Q&A.

This exhibit is part of Lincoln Collects, an ongoing series hosted by the School of Art, Art History & Design, to showcase works belonging to notable art collectors in the Lincoln area. It highlights objects from the private collection of local collector Larry Small, a Lincoln High graduate, philanthropist and a longtime supporter of the arts. The exhibition will include his large collection of vintage chalkware string holders, Catalin radios, Art Deco pieces and Nebraska Art, among other intriguing objects.

The Eisentrager-Howard Gallery is located on the first floor of Richards Hall at Stadium Drive and T streets on the University of Nebraska–Lincoln city campus.

Follow the Eisentrager-Howard Gallery on social media via Instagram (@eisentragerhoward) to stay apprised of any updates.

Foundation’s nonprofit grant deadline approaches

The 2026 Viking Foundation’s grant proposals submission deadline is on Friday.

The foundation’s vision is to enrich the lives of young people who are less fortunate. The foundation provides modest financial grants to nonprofit organizations in Lancaster County. The funded grants will be directed to those who are challenged with education, poverty, housing, gender, mental and physical health, and other issues.

The following hypothetical examples are provided to demonstrate the myriad possibilities available from the foundation:

■ An organization needing to employ a summer intern to manage its “Learn to Fish” program for young girls.

■ Helping to purchase a delivery van for a local food bank.

■ Supporting an occupational training program for mentally or physically challenged youths.

■ Stocking new children’s books in a library branch.

For more information on the Viking Foundation of Lincoln and how to submit a grant proposal, please see vikingfoundation.godaddy.com.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Eventide Meals on Wheels are delivered to people who cannot prepare their own meals for health-related reasons. The basic menu, listed below, includes bread, margarine and milk. To order meals, get more information or volunteer, call 402-486-8589, or call 402-484-9669 for a prerecorded message on menus and program updates. To see month’s menu, go to https://eventide.org/

senior-living-services/meals-on-wheels/

Monday — Salisbury steak or vegetarian beef patty, herbed mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, applesauce, peanut butter snack bar, wheat roll.

Tuesday — Barbecued riblette or vegetarian chicken breast, rice pilaf, seasoned peas, diced pears, lemon cookie, wheat bread.

Wednesday — Swedish meatballs or sweet and

sour vegetarian meat balls, parslied noodles, buttered corn, fresh orange, chocolate pudding, wheat roll.

Thursday — Country steak with gravy or vegetarian pepper steak, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, Rice Krispie bar, wheat roll.

Friday — Baked fish or vegetarian fish filets, herbed potatoes, savory carrots, oranges and pineapples, cranapple crisp, wheat bread.

SENIOR MENUS

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday at these Aging Partners centers in Lincoln:

Belmont Center, 1234 Judson St.; Victory Park Center, 600 S. 70th St.; Washington Street Center, 2225 Washington St.; and Northeast Center, 6310 Platte Ave. Meals are also served Mondays at the center in Firth, 311 Nemaha St.; Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center in Bennet, 970 Monroe St.;

and Wednesdays at the center in Hickman, 115 Locust St.

Suggested meal contributions are: \$5, age 60 and over; \$10, age 59 and under; and a \$4 transportation suggested contribution, age 60 and over. Menus are subject to change. All meals include 1% milk and margarine or butter with bread items. Condiments and dressing are available for sandwiches and salads. **Monday** — Beef tips,

sweet potatoes, bread slice, diced apples

Tuesday — Chicken Kiev, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, fruit, pudding

Wednesday — BBQ pork sandwich, tater tots, baked beans, grapes

Thursday — Chicken fajita with shredded lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, sour cream, salsa, fruit juice

Friday — Swiss and mushroom burger, potato chips, pea salad, apple

Sports

Saturday, September 26, 2026

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SECTION B



FOOTBALL SATURDAY

Nebraska at Michigan State, 4 p.m. | **TV:** BTN | **Radio:** 99.3, 1400



KENNETH FERRIERA PHOTOS, JOURNAL STAR FILE PHOTO

Nebraska's Jacory Barney (2) celebrates a touchdown thrown by Anthony Colandrea (10) during a game against Bowling Green on Sept. 12 at Memorial Stadium.

TURNING THE PAGE

NU looking to show that it can win in the clutch

EVAN BLAND
Omaha World-Herald

On the rare occasions that Anthony Colandrea hasn't completed his objective through three Husker games this season, the reaction tells more than the result.

Take a sack? The quarterback bounces right back up.

Meet a defender in space? Lower the shoulder.

A receiver drops a pass? A few intense words of encouragement.

"If something bad happens, he's able to overcome it," coach Matt Rhule said. "Something bad happens, some guys get sad. He gets mad. It's a big difference."

Please see **HUSKERS**, Page B4



Nebraska's Mekhi Nelson (13) reacts after rushing for a first down against North Dakota on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Holgorsen done with 'preseason', ready for Big Ten

There's a line between being honest and being disrespectful. It's a thin line.

This time of year, as the nonconference slate turns to conference play for football (and volleyball), sometimes it's easy to veer off message — especially after teams from major conferences spend the first three weeks of the season beating up on squads that are getting paid handsomely for the opportunity to get beat up.



AMIE JUST

Please see **JUST**, Page B4

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Waverly proves itself as one of Class B's best

BRENT C. WAGNER
Lincoln Journal Star

WAVERLY — Waverly turned up the heat on Gretna with its serves and ran the No. 2-ranked team in the state out of its gym in a tidy 80 minutes on Thursday.

It was an extremely impressive sweep for the third-ranked Vikings, 25-23, 25-21, 25-16.

Part of why it's impressive is that Gretna owns perhaps the best collection of wins of any team in the state, including against Papillion-La Vista South, Elkhorn North and Millard West.

This was actually the second time Waverly beat Gretna this season, the first time being a 2-1 win in a tournament on Day 2 of the season.

This felt like more of a signature win, coming in the best-of-five format after both teams had a month of matches under their belts. And for the Waverly players, it was more of a big-time environment, coming in front of about 1,100 fans at Waverly High School.

Please see **WAVERLY**, Page B3

PREP FOOTBALL



ARTHUR H. TRICKETT-WILE, JOURNAL STAR

Millard North's Cecilio Loredon (1) slips a tackle attempt by Lincoln Southwest's Cruz Lockhart (44) on Thursday at Seacrest Field.

Southwest chasing the top

LUKE MULLIN
Lincoln Journal Star

Millard North is one of the state's best football teams. Lincoln Southwest is still chasing the top.

That was evident in a lopsided Week 5 contest, in which Southwest started strong before allowing 42 unanswered points.

Class A No. 3 Millard North flexed

its muscles in defeating Southwest 42-2 on a rain-soaked Thursday night at Seacrest Field.

Persistent rainstorms throughout the day and early in the contest kept the Southwest band away and had spectators huddling under umbrellas and ponchos.

Please see **SOUTHWEST**, Page B3

HUSKER BASEBALL

Schedule has NU travelling coast to coast

EVAN BLAND
Omaha World-Herald

Coast-to-coast league travel and another challenging February highlight the next Nebraska baseball schedule that the program announced Thursday.

The Huskers unveiled a 54-game roadmap that begins Feb. 19 and ideally extends at least through the Big Ten tournament in Omaha in late May. In between are two showcase weekends and 10 conference opponents headlined by home series against Oregon and Michigan.

NU opens in Surprise, Arizona, as part of the College Baseball Series with single contests against UC Santa Barbara, Oregon State and Vanderbilt before one matchup at Grand Canyon. Nebraska then travels to San Antonio for a Battle at the Ballpark event for one-offs with Notre Dame, Air Force and Army.

All are multiyear NCAA regional qualifiers this decade, including SEC power Vanderbilt, whose postseason streak ended a year ago at 19 seasons.

Please see **BASEBALL**, Page B4

FAN PLAN

HUSKER FOOTBALL— TICKETS: 800-8-BIGRED		
Saturday	at Michigan State	4 (BTN)
Oct. 3	Maryland	3 (FS1)
Oct. 10	Indiana	TBA
HUSKER VOLLEYBALL — TICKETS: 800-8-BIGRED		
Saturday	Ohio State	8 (BTN)
Thursday	at Penn State	6 (BTN)
Oct. 3	at Maryland	6
HUSKER SOCCER — TICKETS: 800-8-BIGRED		
Sunday	at Michigan	noon
Oct. 4	Wisconsin	12:30
Oct. 8	at Maryland	6
STARS HOCKEY — TICKETS: 402-474-7827		
Saturday	at Sioux City	6
Friday	Tri-City	7
Oct. 9	Des Moines	7
NWU FOOTBALL		
Oct. 3	Wartburg	1
Oct. 10	at Dubuque	2
Oct. 17	Central	1

AREA EVENTS

HUSKERS
Women's tennis at Husker Invitational, 9 a.m., Dillon; rifle vs. Akron, 8 a.m., Lincoln; swimming and diving in Scarlet vs. Cream intrasquad relays, 10:30 a.m., Hendricks; men's tennis at Creighton Invite, 9 a.m., Omaha; softball vs. Kansas DH, noon, Bowlin; baseball at Wichita State, 1 p.m., Wichita, Kan.; football at Michigan State, 4 p.m., East Lansing, Mich.; volleyball vs. Ohio State, 8 p.m., Devaney.

HIGH SCHOOLS
Southwest at Millard North, 11 a.m.

Boys tennis: Standing Bear at Elkhorn North Invite, 9 a.m.

Volleyball: Northwest at Fremont Invite, 9 a.m.; Christian at H&H Invite, 9 a.m., Hampton; Lutheran at Holdrege Invite, 9 a.m.

STATE COLLEGES

Football: Waldorf at Doane, 1 p.m., Crete; Dordt at Concordia, 1 p.m., Seward.

Men's soccer: Dakota Wesleyan at Doane, 7:15 p.m., Crete; Morning-side at Concordia, 8 p.m., Seward.

Women's soccer: Dakota Wesleyan at Doane, 5 p.m., Crete; Morn-ingside at Concordia, 5:30 p.m., Seward.

STARS HOCKEY

Sioux City at Lincoln, 7 p.m., Ice Box.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING	TV
Noon, Trucks: Race to Stop Suicide 200	FS1
6 p.m., Supermotocross World Championships	NBCSN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
11 a.m., Texas at Tennessee ABC

11 a.m., San Diego State at Toledo CBSSN

11 a.m., Virginia Tech at Boston College ACC

11 a.m., Wake Forest at Louisville ESPN

11 a.m., Colorado at Baylor ESPN2

11 a.m., Colorado State at UTSA ESPNU

11 a.m., Illinois at Ohio State FOX

11 a.m., Sam Houston St. at Texas Tech TNT, TRUTV

11:45 a.m., South Alabama at Kentucky SEC

12:30 p.m., UCLA at Maryland BTN

1 p.m., Notre Dame at Purdue NBCSN, PEACOCK

2 p.m., Central Arkansas at Florida State ACC

2 p.m., Hawaii at Wyoming CW

2:30 p.m., Mississippi at Florida ABC

2:30 p.m., Iowa at Michigan CBS

2:30 p.m., New Mexico at New Mexico St. CBSSN

2:30 p.m., Oklahoma at Georgia ESPN

2:30 p.m., Boise St. at Western Michigan ESPN2

2:30 p.m., Utah at Iowa State FOX

2:30 p.m., TCU at UCF FS1

3 p.m., Houston at Georgia Southern ESPNU

3:15 p.m., Vanderbilt at Auburn SEC

4 p.m., Nebraska at Michigan State BTN

4 p.m., Wisconsin at Penn State NBCSN, PEACOCK

5 p.m., Delaware at Virginia ACC

5 p.m., Incarnate Word at Texas State USA

5:30 p.m., Central Michigan at Miami CW

6 p.m., South Carolina at Alabama ESPN

6 p.m., Kansas State at Cincinnati ESPN2

6 p.m., Oklahoma State at West Virginia FS1

6:30 p.m., Texas A&M at LSU ABC

6:30 p.m., Arizona at Washington State CBS

6:30 p.m., Troy at Utah State CBSSN

6:30 p.m., Appalachian State at NC State ESPN

6:30 p.m., Oregon at Southern Cal NBC

6:45 p.m., Missouri at Mississippi State SEC

8 p.m., Missouri State at SMU ACC

9 p.m., Rice at Fresno State CW

9:30 p.m., Georgia Tech at Stanford ESPN

9:30 p.m., Northern Arizona at Montana St. ESPN2

9:30 p.m., Air Force at Nevada FS1

10 p.m., Minnesota at Washington FOX

MLB
Noon, Pirates at Tigers MLB

3 p.m., regional coverage MLB

6 p.m., regional coverage FOX

6 p.m., Guardians at Royals RTV

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
8 p.m., Ohio State at Nebraska BTN

GOLF
7 a.m., Presidents Cup Third and Fourth rounds GOLF

8 a.m., DP World: FedEx Open de France GOLF

8 a.m., Presidents Cup Third and Fourth rounds NBC

3 p.m., LPGA: Walmart NW Arkansas Championship GOLF

5:30 a.m., DP World: FedEx Open de France GOLF

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
9 p.m., Triple-A: Rochester vs. Oklahoma City MLB

NHL PRESEASON
2 p.m., Penguins at Sabres NHL

6 p.m., Blues at Blackhawks NHL

9 p.m., Sharks at Golden Knights NHL

MEN'S SOCCER
1:30 p.m., England vs. Spain FS2

3:30 p.m., U.S. vs. Peru TNT, TRUTV

WOMEN'S SOCCER
11:30 a.m., Denver at Kansas City CBS

5:30 p.m., Angel City at Washington ION

7:45 p.m., Houston at Portland ION

NOTE: Availability depends on level of service.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
4 p.m., Nebraska at Michigan State RADIO 99.3, 1400

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
8 p.m., Ohio State at Nebraska 107.3

PREP GLANCE

QB Scully powers Northeast win; Kolbas keeps streak going

Lincoln Northeast quarterback continued his strong start to the season, leading the Rockets to a 54-17 win against Grand Island on Thursday at UBT Stadium in Lincoln.

Scully rushed for three touchdowns and threw for two more in the win.

Scully threw a 30-yard touchdown to Liam Gallagher at the end of the first half to make it a 26-14 lead. It was never closer, as the Rockets rattled off four touchdowns in the second half to win big.

Northeast moved to 4-1 and is firmly in the mix for a playoff berth.

GIRLS GOLF

Lincoln East Invite: Tasha Kolbas kept

her winning streak rolling, shooting 72 at Mahoney Golf Course to earn medalist honors for the eighth time in a row. She won by five strokes over Lincoln Southeast's Morgan Goettsch. Kearney's Micajah Long, Lincoln South-west's Maddi Wilson and Southeast's Mattie Goettsch rounded out the top five. East and Southeast finished in a tie for second with team totals of 343.

BASEBALL

American Association

PLAYOFFS
MILES WOLFF CUP (Best 3 of 5)
Kansas City 3, Milwaukee 0
Kansas City 2, Milwaukee 0
Kansas City 4, Milwaukee 0
Kansas City 3, Milwaukee 1

BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	30	14	.682	—
x-Washington	28	16	.636	2
x-Indiana	28	16	.636	2
x-New York	26	18	.591	4
x-Chicago	16	28	.363	14
Toronto	11	33	.250	19
Connecticut	11	33	.250	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	33	11	.750	—
x-Golden State	32	12	.727	1
x-Las Vegas	31	13	.705	2
x-Dallas	27	17	.614	6
Portland	17	27	.386	16
Los Angeles	16	28	.363	17
Phoenix	16	28	.363	17
Seattle	8	36	.182	25

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's results
Connecticut 95, Toronto 81
Washington 101, Chicago 93
Minnesota 86, Indiana 66
Las Vegas 100, Phoenix 82
Golden State 76, Los Angeles 75

End of regular season

WNBA playoffs

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
#1 Minnesota vs. #8 New York

Sunday: at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tuesday: at New York, 7:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Minnesota, TBD

#2 Golden State vs. #7 Dallas

Sunday: at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Wednesday: at Dallas, 8 p.m.
x-Friday: at Golden State, TBD

#3 Las Vegas vs. #6 Indiana

Sunday: at Las Vegas, 3 p.m.
Tuesday: at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
x-Thursday: at Las Vegas, TBD

#4 Atlanta vs. #5 Washington

Sunday: at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: at Washington, 6 p.m.
x-Friday: at Atlanta, TBD

FOOTBALL

NFL

AFC

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	77	62
New England	1	1	0	.500	30	16
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	30
Miami	0	2	0	.000	26	62

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	47	30
Houston	0	2	0	.000	37	56
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	30	47
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	53	77

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	53	33
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	58	47
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	33	53
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	33	53

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	64	40
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	27
Denver	1	1	0	.500	30	44
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	28	52

NFC

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	48	42
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	34	48
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	57	48
Washington	0	2	0	.000	42	61

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	71	62
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	54	48
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	51	68
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	46	56

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	48	25
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	62	46
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	62	71
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	56	91

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	62	20
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	44	17
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	35	33
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	33	45

WEEK 3

Thursday's result
Atlanta 35, Green Bay 14

Sunday's games
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, noon
Carolina at Cleveland, noon
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, noon

Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Kansas City at Miami, noon

Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon

Seattle at Washington, noon
New England at Jacksonville, noon

Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.

Las Vegas at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
*Baltimore vs. Dallas, 3:25 p.m.

*at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

L.A. Rams at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's game

Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.

GOLF

DP World

FedEx Open de France

Le Golf National, Paris
Purse: \$3.75M; Yardage: 7,365; Par: 71

Second Round, Friday
Friday Foursomes: International 5, US 0

Corey Connors /Nick Taylor, Int, def. Scottie Scheffler /Sam Burns, 1-up.

Sungjae Im /Hideki Matsuyama, Int, def. Russell Henley /Jacob Bridgeman, 3 & 2.

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Four-ball: Each golfer plays their own ball and the team uses the lowest score on each hole.

Foursome: Alternate shot.

PGA

PRESIDENTS CUP

Medinah Country Club, Chicago
Yardage: 7,548; Par: 70

INTERNATIONAL 7, UNITED STATES 3
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AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
z-Tampa Bay	96	63	.604	—	—	6-4	L-2	55-26	41-37	
x-New York	92	68	.575	4½	+9½	5-5	L-1	45-34	47-34	
x-Boston	86	74	.537	10½	+3½	4-6	W-1	40-39	46-35	
Baltimore	79	81	.494	17½	3½	7-3	W-4	39-42	40-39	
Toronto	77	82	.484	19	5	3-7	L-3	40-38	37-44	
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
x-Cleveland	83	76	.522	—	—	8-2	W-1	41-40	42-36	
x-Chicago	82	77	.516	1	—	6-4	W-1	46-32	36-45	
Minnesota	75	84	.472	8	7	5-5	W-2	40-38	35-46	
Detroit	74	85	.465	9	8	4-6	L-2	40-38	34-47	
Kansas City	68	91	.428	15	14	2-8	L-1	40-38	28-53	
West	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
Houston	79	80	.497	—	—	4-6	W-1	39-42	40-38	
Texas	79	80	.497	—	—	6-4	W-1	45-36	34-44	
Seattle	74	85	.465	5	8	4-6	L-1	41-37	33-48	
Athletics	63	96	.396	16	19	3-7	L-1	31-47	32-49	
Los Angeles	61	98	.384	18	21	5-5	W-1	34-47	27-51	

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
East	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
y-Atlanta	93	66	.585	—	—	5-5	L-1	52-29	41-37	
Philadelphia	87	72	.547	6	—	5-5	L-2	42-36	45-36	
Miami	78	81	.491	15	9	5-5	L-1	45-33	33-48	
Washington	75	84	.472	18	12	7-3	W-2	37-41	38-43	
New York	73	86	.459	20	14	4-6	W-1	36-45	37-41	
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
z-Milwaukee	100	59	.629	—	—	7-3	W-2	52-26	48-33	
x-Chicago	88	72	.550	12½	+½	5-5	L-1	46-35	42-37	
Pittsburgh	81	78	.509	19	6	7-3	W-1	44-37	37-41	
St. Louis	77	82	.484	23	10	4-6	L-1	38-43	39-39	
Cincinnati	74	85	.465	26	13	4-6	W-1	38-43	36-42	
West	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away	
y-Los Angeles	97	62	.610	—	—	7-3	L-2	51-30	46-32	
x-San Diego	89	70	.560	8	+2	8-2	W-2	49-29	40-41	
Arizona	85	74	.535	12	2	6-4	W-5	45-36	40-38	
San Francisco	65	94	.409	32	22	3-7	L-2	37-41	28-53	
Colorado	57	102	.358	40	30	2-8	L-4	32-49	25-53	
x-clinched playoff berth; y-clinched division; z-clinched division and best record in league										

THURSDAY'S RESULTS										
American League					National League					
Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 1					Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1					
Cleveland 1, Boston 0					Chicago Cubs 2, Miami 1					
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 4					Arizona 12, Colorado 8					
Houston 7, Athletics 5					Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 1					
L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 4					Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6					
Interleague					San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 2					
Texas 3, N.Y. Mets 1										

FRIDAY'S RESULTS										
American League					National League					
Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 2, 1st					St. Louis at Milwaukee, (n)					
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, (n), 2nd					Arizona at San Diego, (n)					
Cleveland at Kansas City, (n)					L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, (n)					
Interleague					National League					
Texas at Minnesota, (n)					Boston 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 1st					
Houston at Athletics, (n)					Chicago Cubs at Boston, (n), 2nd					
L.A. Angels at Seattle, (n)					Pittsburgh at Detroit, (n)					
National League					Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, (n)					
N.Y. Mets at Washington, (n)					Cincinnati at Toronto, (n)					
Atlanta at Miami, (n)					Colorado at Chicago White Sox, (n)					

STAT OF THE DAY

\$300 Outfielder Ian Happ wrapped \$300 around a baseball during the Cubs' last regular-season home game and threw it into the bleacher seats in left field at Wrigley Field on Thursday to buy beers for fans as a thank you.

— *MLB*

MLB

Frenemies battle for strikeouts

Both Verlander, Scherzer want one more start to settle

USA TODAY

DETROIT — They’ve combined for 40 seasons in the major leagues, and more than 1,000 starts.

And after all of that, Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer — former teammates and longtime rivals, as arguably the two greatest pitchers of their era — sit just four strikeouts apart on the all-time list.

Entering the final start of Verlander’s career, set for Saturday at a sold-out Comerica Park, the Detroit Tigers pitcher has 3,554 strikeouts, while Scherzer, with the Toronto Blue Jays, has 3,550.

How they will stack up when it’s all over remains to be seen, but it’s safe to say there are two very interested people in Verlander, 43, and Scherzer, 42. Scherzer hasn’t announced his playing plans beyond this season — he has teased an announcement in the



ROBIN BUCKSON, USA TODAY NETWORK

Former Tigers teammates Max Scherzer, left, and Justin Verlander are ninth and eighth, respectively, on the list of career strikeouts.

coming couple of days — but he said he wants to pitch for the Blue Jays on Sunday, on short rest.

“They’re both ... very, very competitive people,” said Jeremy Bonderman, who was teammates with Verlander and Scherzer in Detroit. “They’re totally different people, but on the mound they’re 100% alike.

“They remind me a lot of ... Randy Johnson and Curt

Schilling (when they were teammates with the Arizona Diamondbacks). They competed against each other to be the very best. That’s what makes those two very special.

“They wanted nothing but perfection.”

Verlander and Scherzer were teammates with the Tigers from 2010-14, leading the team to four straight AL Central titles and a 2012

World Series appearance. Scherzer left after 2014 to sign with the Washington Nationals, while Verlander was traded to the Houston Astros in August 2017.

The two of them reunited in 2023 — surprisingly, given the two have long been considered more frenemies and friends — when Verlander signed with the New York Mets. The reunion didn’t last long; that season the Mets flopped and traded Verlander to the Astros and Scherzer to the Texas Rangers.

Each of them has won three Cy Youngs (two of them outside Detroit) and two World Series championships (both of them outside Detroit). Verlander’s career WAR is 81.8, Scherzer’s is 75.1.

Now, the end is here for Verlander, and it probably is near for Scherzer. Verlander made just one start for the Tigers this season because of injuries. Scherzer made 17 starts for the Blue Jays but has an ERA over 6.00. But after all these years, there’s still something to settle in the strikeout department.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

DODGERS: Los Angeles earned a first-round bye in the postseason, conveyed when the NL East champion Atlanta Braves lost 7-6 to the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday. It could not have worked out better for the Dodgers, who continue to get key players back as they turn their attention to the playoffs and a run at a third staright World Series title.

CUBS: Five days after sustaining facial fractures after getting struck in his left eye by a foul ball, Alex Bregman was back in Chicago’s lineup, playing as the DH and No. 3 hitter in the first game of a doubleheader Friday at Fenway Park.

DIAMONDBACKS: Arizona right-hander Corbin Burnes was scratched from his Saturday night start against the San Diego Padres when the former Cy Young winner was placed on the 15-day IL Friday with shoulder inflammation.

MLB: Ahead of a nor’easter expected to bring heavy rain and strong winds to the Northeast, the league moved Saturday’s game between the Cubs and host Red Sox to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sunday.

— *Field Level Media*

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S GAMES										
American League										
Texas (TBD) at Minnesota (Ober 7-6), 3:05 p.m.										
Cleveland (Bibee 6-15) at Kansas City (Wacha 9-9), 6:10 p.m.										
Houston (TBD) at Athletics (TBD), 8:40 p.m.										
L.A. Angels (Johnson 5-9) at Seattle (Anderson 2-2), 8:40 p.m.										
National League										
L.A. Dodgers (Snell 4-1) at San Francisco (Wilkinson 1-3), 3:05 p.m.										
N.Y. Mets (Tong 2-2) at Washington (Early 7-5), 3:05 p.m.										
Atlanta (TBD) at Miami (TBD), 3:05 p.m.										
St. Louis (Mathews 2-3) at Milwaukee (May 7-9), 6:10 p.m.										
Arizona (Burnes 0-0) at San Diego (Buehler 9-6), 7:40 p.m.										
Interleague										
Pittsburgh (TBD) at Detroit (Verlander 0-1), 12:10 p.m.										
Cincinnati (Lowder 6-12) at Toronto (Yesavage 5-5), 2:07 p.m.										
Colorado (Quintana 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Martin 9-7), 6:10 p.m.										
Tampa Bay (Jax 8-10) at Philadelphia (TBD), 6:15 p.m.										
All times Central										

Southwest

From B1

A fired-up Southwest (3-2) sideline celebrated early after forcing a Millard North (4-1) punt, and the Silver Hawks got even louder after scoring on a special teams miscue.

An errant snap went over the head of Millard North punter Luke Jacobsen, who kicked the loose ball out the back of the end zone for a safety.

The scoring ended there as Southwest punted five times and committed four turnovers while Millard North took advantage with its 42-point scoring run.

“When you play a really good team like that, you can’t turn the ball over, and you can’t allow explosive plays; you’ve got to be at the top of your game,” Southwest head coach Grant Traynowicz said.

“They didn’t make mistakes, and they deserved it tonight.”

Southwest’s big test

A 3-0 start to the season had Lincoln Southwest feeling good.

Then came a disappointing road loss where Southwest fell behind early to Kearney and never

quite recovered in a 15-point defeat.

For a group of players hoping to earn Southwest’s first Class A playoff appearance since 2022, that contest — plus Thursday night’s game against a state title contender — meant an opportunity to prove themselves.

Now 3-2 on the season, the Silver Hawks haven’t quite reached that point yet.

The Southwest offense moved the ball well at times, even without leading receiver Christian Fitzgerald and offensive lineman Cam Mowitz, who didn’t suit up for the contest.

They came closest to the end zone after senior Jacob Terwilliger intercepted a pass and raced deep into Mustang territory.

The scoring chance was there, but a fourth-and-9 play where quarterback Thatcher Shelton’s pass fell incomplete with two receivers in the area meant a missed opportunity.

“They’re a quality team, they’re well-coached, and they presented some challenges,” Millard North head coach Allen Burrell said. “They were a better ball club than what showed tonight.”

Southwest will have to show more down the stretch if it wants



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Lincoln Southwest’s Jase Coke (14) tackles Millard North’s Tory Pittman (3) on Thursday at Seacrest Field.

to achieve its postseason dreams.

Games against Elkhorn South and three city rivals — Lincoln High, East and North Star — are all that remain on Southwest’s schedule.

“We definitely had our moments,” Traynowicz said. “That’s something to build on, and I told our guys that we’ve got four games coming up and we need to show up in every single one of them.”

Mustangs keep rolling

Millard North expects to be playing deep into November, and it showed exactly why on another fruitful road trip to Lincoln.

The Mustangs played defending state champions Millard South closer than anyone else in a one-point Week 1 loss, and have also added big wins over Lincoln Standing Bear, No. 9 Creighton Prep, and Sioux Falls Washington (S.D.) in recent weeks.

Waverly

From B1

Waverly senior outside hitter Hallie Lauenstein had a match-high 18 kills, coming on a hitting percentage of .469. She’s listed at 5-foot-10 and might be 1 inch smaller than that. But she’s an explosive attacker and has all of the shots.

“She’s super-athletic,” Waverly coach Terri Neujahr said. “I think all of our kids are really, really athletic. And the volleyball-IQ for everybody is just off the charts. They anticipate, and they read everything.”

This impressive win comes about one week after Waverly (12-4) lost a big match against Norris in five sets.

“At Norris, I think we were somewhat tentative,” Neujahr said. “In set one and three, where we got annihilated, we weren’t as ready to play fast as we needed to

be. So we’ve been talking about that a lot since then, that we got to play really fast from the get-go because that’s what the best teams in the state do.”

Now Waverly knows it can beat the best teams again.

“This shows that we’re up there in Class B,” Waverly setter McKinley Moser said. “I think after the Norris match that was a really tough loss, and this just shows that we respond to adversity and set the standard for the rest of the season.”

Serves slow down Gretna

Waverly had nine ace serves, but it was the numerous other hard-to-handle serves that gave the Vikings an advantage for a long stretch of

Just

From B1

That was Nebraska this year. Ohio, Bowling Green and FCS No. 6 North Dakota certainly didn't have much to write home about following their losses in Memorial Stadium. What does it say, if anything, that North Dakota was the most formidable of the three before Nebraska gets Big Ten play started this week against Michigan State?

Again, there's that honest vs. disrespectful line. "We respect all of our opponents, but I know all our guys had Game 4 kind of circled as far as, 'Let's get to that. Let's not have any poor performances or letdowns,'" Nebraska offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen said Tuesday. "There's gonna be a different level of how we attack this week. It's just as natural as natural gets — not only coaches, but players as well.

"... I just think there's a natural human element to how they approach it."

That's not being disrespectful. That's just being honest.

Holgorsen rarely ever makes any sweeping assurances, but honesty? Oh, he'll tell you what he's thinking. That's a bona fide guarantee.

"Glad preseason's over," Holgorsen said, effectively verbalizing the sentiment that's been on everyone's minds this week. "We're here to play Big Ten football. It's why everybody's



KENNETH FERRIERA, JOURNAL STAR FILE PHOTO

Nebraska's Anthony Colandrea (10) high-fives offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen as he heads off the field during the second half on Sep. 5 at Memorial Stadium.

here, and so, I'm excited about that."

What else is on Holgorsen's mind as the next challenge of the season approaches?

There's a lot. There's always a lot. And if you listen, you might learn something.

For starters, offensive identity evolves. It morphs from game to game throughout a season, but a coach can — and should — evolve with the times, too. Holgorsen is living proof of that.

For years, Holgorsen was known as a disciple of Mike Leach's Air Raid offense, given his Iowa Wesleyan roots and the electric, pass-heavy offenses under his care at Texas Tech, Houston, Oklahoma State and West Virginia.

But he doesn't

necessarily fit that mold anymore.

"I've joked around and said this a hundred times, but about 12 years ago, I got kicked out of the Air Raid offense, the Air Raid club," Holgorsen said with a grin. "We still do plenty of those principles. I pride myself on being able to throw the ball and put it in play — which is why completion percentage is so important. But at the end of the day, it's about taking what they're giving you and calling what's working. I think that's going to be different going into every game."

What has worked thus far? Well, mostly all of it, considering Nebraska's balanced offense currently ranks No. 10 nationally in yards per game (520.7 ypg) and No. 11 in scoring offense (46.3).

Triple-threat quarterback Anthony Colandrea — who is one of 21 quarterbacks in the FBS ranks with at least eight passing touchdowns through the first three weeks — does things that Holgorsen admits he has absolutely no control over.

That back-shoulder throw to receiver Jacory Barney Jr. against North Dakota? "Outstanding," Holgorsen said. "I don't know how to coach that. We've experimented for years on how you coach the back-shoulder. Guys can either do it or they can't."

That narrow window on the seam to tight end Luke Lindenmeyer against North Dakota? "I can't teach that either," Holgorsen said with a chuckle. "If they have the confidence to fit it in small windows, then by

all means, do it. I've seen it in practice a lot. He's as good of a medium-range seam thrower as I've been around."

The run game, yeah, that's been working, too.

True freshman Jamal Rule has already accomplished things that haven't been done around these parts since before he was born. He's the first Nebraska running back to have multiple 100-yard games in a season since David Horne had three 100-yard outings in 2002.

And Nebraska is only three games into the season.

"He's handling the moment well," Holgorsen said before explaining how one of the biggest unknowns he had was how Rule would handle it. In January, Holgorsen said, Rule was an anxious kid. He settled in throughout the spring, but after returning in the summer, the nervousness set in for Rule again. "We didn't know going into Game One. (He) attacked that thing great. He wants more."

Nebraska has other running backs in the room who want more, too, in Mekhi Nelson and Isaiah Mozee. And they'll likely get their opportunities. Holgorsen's high on all of them.

There's a big reason for that. Through the first three weeks, Nebraska's collective rushing offense (with Colandrea included) ranks No. 12 among FBS programs after averaging 263 yards per game.

"It's good where we're at a place where you have

three of them that you know can play because that's just reality," Holgorsen said. "You're gonna get to two. You're gonna get to three. Shoot, maybe we'll do some things where we've got two of them back there. I've had plenty of two-back sets in my past."

That's music to every Nebraskan's ears.

That balance between the two, that's intentional.

"Everybody wants me to open it up and throw it all the time, but then there's the other half there saying, 'Run the damn ball,'" Holgorsen said with a laugh. "I know who I work for and Matt Rhule's an old-school, downhill, run-based coach. That's the Big Ten style.

"... We're going to run the ball. It's going to set up the play-action pass and my job is to figure out ways of being able to get all the other guys involved."

Who is going to step up this week for Nebraska's offense?

That much is unclear just yet. But whoever it is, they will be doing so against a massive step up in competition.

"The level of play, across the board — is the Big Ten the best conference in the country or the SEC? I don't know. I can tell you it's one of the two," Holgorsen said. "Top to bottom, every game's hard. The style of play, the stadiums everything's a little bit bigger. Ever—ything's a little bit tougher."

Nebraska's had this one circled for a reason.

Now the fun begins.

Huskers

From B1

Perhaps too often in the past decade, Nebraska has gotten into its feelings when circumstances turn.

One negative moment snowballs. Heads hang while trudging to the bus with the postgame meal. Belief in a turnaround becomes dread while waiting for the inevitable backbreaker.

The Huskers haven't found themselves in that kind of pressure situation — a "close game" — in nearly 11 months. Since losing a late lead on Halloween weekend against USC and staving off a UCLA comeback inside the Rose Bowl, NU has been on a strict diet of blowouts.

Six straight contests with the final margin no less than 22 points — losses down the stretch last year, romps against overmatched opponents in September. The anti-clutch narrative sat dormant.

All signs point to its imminent return to relevance beginning Saturday afternoon in East Lansing.

Pick a history, like Michigan State and Nebraska playing five one-possession games in their past six meetings. Or NU's proclivity for nail-biters with MSU coach Pat Fitzgerald when he led Northwestern for annual West Division squeakers. In Big Ten road games, the Huskers — six-point favorites this weekend — have won by multiple scores five times since 2017.

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opponents," offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen said. "But I know all our guys had Game 4 kind of circled as far as, 'Let's get to that.'"

If the central Husker question is how much of their nonconference success translates to Big Ten competition, then a worthy follow-up is how coaches and players will navigate a tight fourth quarter.

Colandrea, a UNLV transfer, would rather talk trash than go into a shell. Roughly half of NU's likely starters will be playing their first Big Ten game in red.

Same for several new assistants, including a defensive coordinator not afraid to call a blitz or diffuse nerves with a dash of humor.

"It's probably nice," Rob

Aurich said, speculating about his first road game with a power-league program. "We'll probably get great food and stuff like that."

All the familiar statistical categories that have provided context for Nebraska frustration will come back into focus, too.

The Huskers are minus-20 in turnover margin in league games under Rhule, including minus-15 in 2023. They've struggled to finish with touchdowns in the red zone or stop opponents from doing so. An offensive identity has changed like Midwest weather.

Under coach Scott Frost, NU was 5-22 in contests decided by eight points or fewer — including 5-17 in the Big Ten. Rhule's Huskers are 7-12 (5-12) in such

affairs.

That includes 2023 on Michigan State's grass field when they lost the takeaway battle by three, fizzled on offense in the second half and missed a chance to qualify for a bowl game against a fading Spartan group with an interim coach.

"We've been training for this for a long time," Rhule said. "Now you have to get there on Saturday and cut it loose."

Nebraska is so intent on unlocking the Big Ten — where the program last finished with a winning record in 2016 — that Rhule said there were times this month when the offense could have prevailed on tempo or talent but chose to run into a crowded box as reps for the black-and-blue league.

Michigan State (2-1), now coached by a former Big Ten All-America linebacker, will bring pressure defense and run the ball while emphasizing special teams and limiting penalties. Nebraska (3-0) will look to do the same, now perhaps with a commitment to pounding the rock and a 4-2-5 defensive scheme more like the peers it has been unable to conquer in the clutch.

"Everything we do is to win games in the Big Ten," Rhule said. "The first three games were important; obviously we wanted to win, but we wanted to do it in a way that was helping us get better and improve so we could get to this week and the weeks after and go win Big Ten games."

And maybe get angry while doing it.

Baseball

From B1

UC Santa Barbara and Oregon State both reached 40 wins last spring.

Other nonconference weekend challenges include four games at Pepperdine (March 4 to 7) and three at home with Houston Christian (April 30 to May 2). Both finished with losing records last year, though HCU was a regional squad in 2025.

Nebraska meets six schools coming off NCAA bids overall, including Kansas, Kansas State and South Dakota State — which faced the Huskers in last spring's

Nebraska baseball's 2027 schedule			
February	March	April	May
19-21 at College Baseball Series (UCSB, Oregon State, Vanderbilt), 22 at Grand Canyon, 26-28 at Battle at the Ballpark (Notre Dame, Air Force, Army)	4-7 at Pepperdine, 9 Kansas State, 12-14 Illinois, 16-17 Wichita State, 19-21 at Indiana, 23 at Kansas State, 26-28 Oregon, 30 Creighton	2-4 at Rutgers, 6 Kansas, 9-11 Purdue, 13 Creighton, 16-18 at Iowa, 21 South Dakota State, 23-25 at Northwestern, 27 at Kansas, 30-May 2 Houston Christian	7-9 Michigan, 11 at Creighton, 14-16 at Washington, 20-22 Ohio State **25-30 Big Ten Tournament

Lincoln Regional — in the midweek. Multiple games against Wichita State and Creighton are also on the slate.

NU will not play Omaha — now with a new coaching staff — after clashing at least once in each of the previous 11 full seasons.

The third iteration of a

17-team Big Ten schedule includes Nebraska engaging four of the other top six RPI league finishers from a spring ago. Those are Oregon (March 26 to 28), Purdue (April 9 to 11), Michigan (May 7 to 9) and at Iowa (April 16 to 18). NU also plays Illinois (March 12 to 14), at Indiana (March 19

to 21), at Rutgers (April 2 to 4), at Northwestern (April 23 to 25) and at Washington (May 14 to 16) before closing at home against Ohio State (May 20 to 22).

The Huskers miss two 2026 national seeds in the unbalanced league schedule in UCLA and USC among the Big Ten's top tier.

a record of 43-17. A fourth straight NCAA regional next year would tie for the longest program streak since the 2005-08 run.

The Huskers will reset most of their pitching rotation and infield while integrating 22 new players.

"It takes you up a rung, I guess, in terms of expectations and where things are at," Nebraska coach Will Bolt said this month about the recent success. "But also understanding that every year is different, especially in today's in age of college athletics."

COLLEGE WEEKLY PICKS

THE GAMES

Week 4	Amie Just Sports columnist	Luke Mullin Sports reporter	Nate Head Sports editor	Nate Thomas Content coordinator	Matt Lanik Advertising executive
Nebraska at Michigan State	Nebraska, 31-27	Nebraska, 28-24	Nebraska, 27-21	Nebraska, 24-17	Nebraska, 30-27
Texas at Tennessee	Texas, 27-24	Texas, 31-21	Tennessee, 31-24	Tennessee, 28-24	Texas, 27-20
Mississippi at Florida	Mississippi, 17-14	Mississippi, 31-21	Mississippi, 33-30	Florida, 31-28	Mississippi, 31-30
Iowa at Michigan	Iowa, 14-9	Michigan, 20-17	Michigan, 17-13	Michigan, 20-10	Michigan, 17-13
Texas A&M at LSU	LSU, 21-14	LSU, 28-24	LSU, 35-21	LSU, 31-17	LSU, 24-14
Oregon at USC	Oregon, 35-32	Oregon, 31-28	USC, 27-24	USC, 34-28	Oregon, 34-28
Missouri at Mississippi State	Miss. State, 27-24	Miss. State, 31-24	Missouri, 27-24	Miss. State, 31-27	Miss. State, 35-24
UCLA at Maryland	UCLA, 21-14	UCLA, 28-21	UCLA, 28-21	UCLA, 34-31	UCLA, 31-17
Boise State at W. Michigan	Western Michigan, 27-24	Boise State, 31-21	Boise State, 31-21	Boise State, 27-21	Boise State, 27-17
Minnesota at Washington	Washington, 31-21	Washington, 24-14	Washington, 28-7	Washington, 28-17	Washington, 35-27
Overall Record	17-13	22-8	20-10	23-7	21-9



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NEBRASKA AT MICHIGAN STATE

NEBRASKA OFFENSE

QB	10	A. Colandrea	6-0	200	Sr.
	14	TJ Lateef	6-1	210	So.
OR	12	D. Kaelin	6-3	200	Jr.
	25	J. Rule	6-0	215	Fr.
OR	13	M. Nelson	6-0	200	Jr.
	22	I. Mozee	6-0	215	So.
WR	2	J. Barney	6-0	175	Jr.
	15	K. Smith	6-3	210	Jr.
OR	11	D. Bell	6-0	195	Sr.
	3	K. Gilmer	6-2	195	Sr.
WR	19	C. Mills	6-0	190	So.
	1	N. Hunter	6-1	210	Sr.
OR	18	Q. Clark	6-5	215	Jr.
	8	L. Lindenmeyer	6-3	255	Sr.
TE	4	J. Bonner	6-2	225	Sr.
	82	E. Ingwerson	6-7	265	Jr.
LT	57	E. Pritchett	6-6	330	Sr.
	68	P. Taumua	6-4	330	Jr.
LG	65	P. Mubenga	6-5	320	Sr.
	75	T. Knaak	6-6	320	Sr.
C	51	J. Evans	6-2	315	Sr.
	62	S. Sledge	6-4	300	Sr.
RG	54	B. Black	6-4	325	Sr.
	72	G. Pyle	6-5	310	Jr.
RT	77	G. Gottula	6-6	320	Sr.
	55	T. Babalade	6-5	340	Sr.
OR	68	P. Taumua	6-4	330	Jr.

NEBRASKA DEFENSE

DE	2	C. Lenhardt	6-3	265	Sr.
	96	W. Nwaneri	6-7	270	Jr.
DT	34	O. Stoutmire	6-1	300	Sr.
	44	R. Van Poppel	6-5	305	Sr.
DT	1	J. Whittington	6-0	275	Jr.
	71	T. Terry	6-2	300	So.
OR	92	S. Lefotu	6-3	315	Sr.
DE	5	A. Jones	6-5	260	Sr.
	93	K. Pietrzak	6-5	275	So.
OR	94	J. Ochoa	6-4	255	Jr.
LB	10	V. Shavers	6-1	225	Jr.
OR	24	D. Foster	6-3	235	Jr.
LB	0	O. Chambliss	6-3	240	Sr.
	40	D. Merritt	6-3	230	So.
NB	8	D. Jones	6-1	200	Jr.
	31	M. Buford	6-0	190	Jr.
OR	23	B. Hill	6-4	200	Sr.
CB	7	A. Marshall	6-0	195	Sr.
	16	D. Odum	6-0	195	Fr.
S	26	D. McDoughle	5-11	205	Sr.
OR	13	R. Guthrie	6-1	200	Jr.
S	4	J. Conn	5-11	185	Sr.
	12	J. Rhett	6-1	210	Sr.
CB	22	V. Evans	6-1	195	Sr.
OR	25	J. Charles	6-0	180	Sr.

NEBRASKA LEADERS

PASSING	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
A. Colandrea	68.8	692	8	1
Team	68.9	773	9	1
Opp.	49.3	354	3	2

RUSHING	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Jamal Rule	38	329	8.7	5
Mekhi Nelson	27	166	6.1	1
Isaiah Mozee	24	126	5.3	1
A. Colandrea	18	75	4.2	2
Team	121	789	6.5	9
Opp.	101	323	3.2	1

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Jacory Barney	15	210	14.0	2
Kwazi Gilmer	14	139	9.9	3
Mekhi Nelson	5	106	21.2	1
Luke Lindenmeyer	5	71	14.2	0
Nyзия Hunter	5	45	9.0	0
Jamal Rule	4	82	20.5	1
Quinn Clark	4	29	7.3	1
Isaiah Mozee	2	27	13.5	0
Kwinten Ives	2	25	12.5	1
Cortez Mills	2	23	11.5	0
Team	62	773	12.5	9
Opp.	33	354	10.7	3

DEFENSE	Solo	Ast.	Total	TFL
Dwayne McDougle	9	7	16	0
Jamir Conn	8	8	16	2
Donovan Jones	7	5	12	2
Dexter Foster	6	6	12	1
Andrew Marshall	6	5	11	1
Owen Chambliss	4	6	10	.5

SACKS	
Van Poppel	2
Whittington	1.5

INTERCEPTIONS	
Guthrie	1
D. Jones	1

SCHEDULE

Sept. 5	Ohio, W 49-21
Sept. 12	Bowling Green, W 56-7
Sept. 19	North Dakota, W 34-7
Sept. 26	at Michigan St., 4 (BTN)
Oct. 3	Maryland, 3 p.m. (FS1)
Oct. 10	Indiana, TBA
Oct. 17	at Oregon TBA
Oct. 31	Washington, TBA
Nov. 6	at Illinois, 7 p.m. (Fox)
Nov. 14	at Rutgers, TBA
Nov. 21	Ohio State, TBA
Nov. 27	at Iowa, 11 a.m. (CBS)

NEBRASKA ROSTER

0	Owen Chambliss, Corona, Calif.	LB	15	Keelan Smith, Kansas City, Mo.	WR	30	Tanner Terch, Littleton, Colo.
1	Nyзия Hunter, Salinas, Calif.	WR	16	Bode Soukup, Blair	QB	31	Mario Buford, Chicago
1	Jahsear Whittington, Philadelphia	DL	16	Danny Odem, Farrell, Pa.	DB	32	Trent Uhilir, Battle Creek
2	Cameron Lenhardt, Staten Island, N.Y.	DL	17	Willis McGahee, Miami	LB	33	Jeremiah Jones, Murray, Ky.
2	Jacory Barney, Florida City, Fla.	WR	17	Larry Miles, Winter Garden, Fla.	WR	34	Owen Stoudmire, Creston, Ohio
3	Kwazi Gilmer, Los Angeles	WR	18	Quinn Clark, Bozeman, Mont.	WR	35	Christian Jones, Omaha Westside
4	Janiran Bonner, Ellenwood, Ga.	WR	19	Cortez Mills, Homestead, Fla.	WR	36	Rowdy Bauer, Norfolk
4	Jamir Conn, Kansas City, Mo.	DB	19	Kahmir Prescott, Philadelphia	DB	37	Kamdyn Koch, Westminster, Md.
5	Anthony Jones, Las Vegas	DL	21	Victor Evans, Miami	DB	38	Thomas D'Onofrio, Middleton, Wis.
6	Roman Mangini, Mesa, Ariz.	WR	21	Jasin Shiggs, Newark, N.J.	DB	39	Bryson Webber, Missouri City, Texas
7	Andrew Marshall, Eastvale, Calif.	DB	22	Victor Evans, Miami	DB	40	Dawson Merritt, Stillwell, Kan.
8	Luke Lindenmeyer, Papillion-La Vista	TE	22	Isaiah Mozee, Kansas City, Mo.	RB	42	Derek Wacker, Yutan
8	Donovan Jones, Omaha North	DB	23	Conor Booth, Wahoo Neumann	RB	43	Will Hawthorne, Ames, Iowa
10	Vincent Shavers, Miami	LB	23	Blye Hill, Baltimore	DB	44	Luke Sorensen, Orange City, Calif.
10	Anthony Colandrea, St. Pertersburg, Fla.	QB	24	Dexter Foster, Portland, Ore.	LB	44	Riley Van Poppel, Argyle, Texas
11	Demitrius Bell, Nashville, Tenn.	WR	24	Nalin Scott, Marietta, Ga.	WR	45	Dylan Rogers, Cypress, Texas
11	Larry Tarver, Miami	DB	25	Jeremiah Charles, Fort Worth, Texas	DB	47	Gage Stenger, Millard South
12	Daniel Kaelin, Bellevue West	QB	25	Jamal Rule, Salisbury, N.C.	RB	48	Cayden Echternach, Bellevue West
12	Justyn Rhett, Las Vegas	DB	26	Dwayne McDougle, Oakland, Calif.	DB	49	Danny King, Bloomington, Minn.
13	Rex Guthrie, Littleton, Colo.	DB	28	Caleb Benning, Omaha Westside	DB	49	Malcolm Simpson, Hitchcock, Texas
13	Mekhi Nelson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	RB	29	Carter Nelson, Ainsworth	TE	50	Hayden Ainsworth, Biloxi, Miss.
14	Amare Sanders, Miami	DB	29	Braylen Prude, Pearland, Texas	DB	50	Kyson Gana, Norris
14	TJ Lateef, Compton, Calif.	QB	30	Vincent Genatone, North Platte	RB	51	Ethan Duda, Elkhorn South



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SATURDAY'S TWO-MINUTE DRILL

WHEN NEBRASKA RUNS THE BALL



The Husker backs and offensive line spent three weeks skiing through the best kind of football — undersized front sevens and slightly slow secondaries that allowed NU to rip off 10 runs of 20 yards or more. Starting Saturday in East Lansing, off come the skis, here comes the sled. And everything gets tougher. Michigan State hasn't allowed 4 yards per carry to any of its opponents thus far, and Notre Dame had to earn every bit of its 161 yards on the ground. This defense stuffed Nebraska's run game for 67 yards last season, too. Some of NU's variety runs — toss pitches, jet sweeps — may be less effective Saturday against MSU linebacker Jordan Hall and Co. So downhill football is in order for Jamal Rule, **Mekhi Nelson (pictured)** and Isaiah Mozee. Rushing for 150 would be good.

NEBRAKSA RUSHING OFFENSE	263.0
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MSU RUSHING DEF.	113.0
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WHEN NEBRASKA THROWS THE BALL



If MSU's defense has shown a weakness thus far, it's big pass plays through secondary busts. Nebraska quarterback Anthony Colandrea and his wideouts are here for it, and should the Spartans test the Huskers with tight coverage, NU is confident its receivers — benefiting from Colandrea's ball placement — will win those battles. Nebraska's so-so pass protection has its hands full with a top-notch pass rush led by edge rusher Kenny Soares. Colandrea's escapability helps get him out of jams while offensive coordinator Dana Holgorsen has shown choice timing in dialing up screens vs. pressure.

NEBRAKSA PASSING OFFENSE	357.7
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MSU PASSING DEFENSE	182.7
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WHEN MICHIGAN STATE RUNS THE BALL



The Spartan offensive line needs work but will commit, rigorously, to running the ball so long as the game stays on schedule. In UConn transfer Cam Edwards, they have one of the Big Ten's top workhorse backs. The 5-foot-11, 206-pounder runs a little heavier than Emmett Johnson, but he's no less fond of the jump cuts Johnson deployed so effectively. Nebraska's defense has been stingy against the run through three games, and won't see any schemes from MSU that Ohio, Bowling Green and North Dakota didn't employ. The Spartans might lean more on dual-threat quarterback Cam Fancher, though. He scampered for Michigan State's lone score vs. the Fighting Irish.

MSU RUSHING OFFENSE	150.7
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NU RUSHING DEF.	107.7
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WHEN MIGHIGAN STATE THROWS THE BALL



Alessio Milivojevic popped onto the scene last season at Nebraska, where in relief of a banged-up Aidan Chiles, he tossed a couple of touchdown passes. He was average in wins over Toledo and Eastern Michigan before Notre Dame sacked him four times and harassed him into two interceptions. Milivojevic has a good arm but poor mobility, and a good Husker pass rush could wreck his night. It's a Pat Fitzgerald team, so tight ends will be a factor. If MSU struggles to run, though, its ability to drop back and throw on NU's secondary seems limited.

MICHIGAN STATE PASSING OFFENSE	194.7
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NU RUSHING DEFENSE	118.0
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SPECIAL TEAMS



A familiar name returns kickoffs for Michigan State — Kenneth Williams, who starred in the role last year for the Huskers. He has averaged 27.25 yards per return thus far. MSU special teams coordinator LaVar Woods came from Iowa, bringing punter Rhys Dakin with him. MSU allowed a blocked punt vs. Notre Dame, NU blocked one vs. Bowling Green. Nothing else seems to point in the Huskers' favor, though, with six special teams penalties and two missed field goals marking an underwhelming performance thus far.

INTANGIBLES



Michigan State played a cleaner — albeit safer — brand of football with half the penalties Nebraska has. MSU has also Notre Dame, which in theory gave the Spartans a much better gauge of its strengths and weaknesses. MSU knows something about itself that NU hasn't yet learned based on competition. At the same time, the Huskers have a fourth-year coach, a first-year coach, a quarterback who has the full confidence of his teammates and an internal culture that suits road games.

KEY MATCHUP



The line of scrimmage: Of all the Big Ten teams Nebraska will face, MSU might be the most classic Big Ten -iest until Black Friday in Iowa City. Whereas NU would be comfortable with a game in the 20s, Michigan State's lack of elite skill players points to Fitzgerald's club preferring a 13-10 slowpoke kind of contest. And the only way the Spartans get that is to run the ball on Nebraska's front, stop the run vs. Nebraska's line and control the pace. This may not be the case some weeks, but on Saturday, NU should win this battle. The Huskers have the better, more cohesive offensive line and a quicker twitch defensive front.

OVERALL



If the Huskers were going to draw the ideal Big Ten road game after three nonconference cupcakes, Michigan State was the raffle ticket to pull out of the fishbowl. MSU's offense is a genuine work in progress and its defense, while middle of the pack in the Big Ten, can't score 14 to 17 points on its own. A good start would help, but a good response to the first sign of adversity would be better. Nebraska's growth will be measured in how it reacts to a 10-0 lead being cut to 10-7 early in the second quarter. The Huskers stepped back from that moment too often in Big Ten play last year. They'll step up, just enough, in Spartan Stadium. **Nebraska 27, Michigan State 20** — *Compiled by Sam McKewon*

MICHIGAN ST. OFFENSE

QB	11	A. Milivojevic	6-3	223	So.
	2	C. Fancher	6-0	207	Sr.
RB	0	C. Edwards	5-11	206	Sr.
	4	J. Patterson	5-10	214	Sr.
WR	3	R. Bullard	5-11	188	Sr.
	8	K. Smith	6-0	180	Jr.
WR	6	F. Moore	6-1	187	Jr.
	14	B. Williams	6-2	225	Fr.
WR	13	C. McCray	5-10	180	Sr.
	19	C. Taplin	6-1	184	Fr.
TE	82	B. Parachek	6-5	249	Jr.
	31	J. Savoury	6-5	253	Fr.
LT	75	B. Murawski	6-7	340	Sr.
	73	Y. Rustin	6-4	308	So.
LG	58	C. Moore	6-6	311	Sr.
	67	A. Dennis	6-4	302	So.
C	73	T. Fraley	6-1	306	Sr.
	76	D. Nichols	6-4	298	Fr.
RG	52	N. Sharpe	6-2	351	Sr.
	70	L. Vincic	6-5	306	Sr.
RT	55	R. Johnson	6-4	296	So.
	71	R. Wright	6-5	294	Jr.

MICHIGAN ST. DEFENSE

DE	13	I. Smith	6-6	260	Sr.
	9	K. Thompson	6-3	266	Sr.
DT	55	B. Roberts	6-3	325	Sr.
	98	D. Simmons	6-3	305	Fr.
DT	96	E. Coenen	6-6	287	Jr.
	52	M. Beeler	6-2	290	So.
DE	1	K. Soares	6-2	234	Sr.
	11	A. Lafaele	6-2	240	So.
LB	45	B. Pretzlaff	6-3	238	So.
	44	C. Wheatland	6-1	244	Sr.
LB	5	J. Hall	6-3	249	Sr.
	18	D. Crawford	6-1	243	Sr.
LB	7	M. Richard	5-10	179	Sr.
	34	K. Majeed	5-11	201	Sr.
CB	3	T. Bell	6-1	200	Sr.
	0	N. Burt	5-11	188	Sr.
S	21	N. Martinez	5-11	196	Sr.
	30	A. Grose	5-11	187	Sr.
S	2	D. Vaught	6-0	212	Jr.
	26	T. Martinez	5-9	175	Jr.
CB	4	C. Brantley	6-0	170	Sr.
	22	T. Chappell	6-3	189	So.

MICHIGAN ST. LEADERS

PASSING	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int.
Alessio Milivojevic	66.2	540	3	2
Team	67.9	584	3	2
Opp.	64.8	548	2	1

RUSHING	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD
Cam Edwards	60	288	4.8	3
Marvis Parrish	15	47	3.1	0
Jaziun Patterson	10	46	4.6	1
Brandon Tullis	4	37	9.2	0
Team	121	452	3.7	5
Opp.	89	339	3.8	5

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Saturday's games include Hawai'i at Wyoming, Central Michigan at Miami and Rice at Fresno State, all on The CW. CBS carries Arizona at Washington State and ESPN airs Georgia Tech at Stanford.

MLB Baseball

FOX, 6 p.m. Live

On the penultimate day of the MLB regular season, FOX presents either the Baltimore Orioles at the N.Y. Yankees or the Tampa Bay Rays at the Philadelphia Phillies.

Pumpkin Regatta Romance

Hallmark Channel, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

When their fathers refuse to move past a disagreement, Nadine, the daughter of a boat shop owner, and Ethan, a pumpkin farmer, team up to heal the feud and revive the town's Pumpkin Regatta. Stars Mishaal Morgan, Corey Sevier and Jake Epstein.

Sole Survivor of Flight 119

Lifetime, 7 p.m. ■ Original Film

Inspired by actual events and Tammy Kling's memoir *Exit Row*, the drama stars Joy Bryant (*Parenthood*) and Sarah Wayne Callies (*The Walking Dead*) in a powerful story of courage and the will to survive following a devastating plane crash.



Austin City Limits

PBS, 10 p.m. (KETC St. Louis, 11 p.m.; not available in Chicago)

Grammy Award-winning R&B artist Miguel returns to the Moody Theater to perform fan favorites and songs from his 2026 album CAOS.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Two for One: Adam Shankman

TCM, beginning at 7 p.m.

Director, producer and choreographer Adam Shankman returns for an encore presentation of two groundbreaking comedies. The French film *La Cage aux Folles* (1979) follows a gay couple asked to hide their relationship when their son becomes engaged to the daughter of conservative parents. Billy Wilder's *Some Like It Hot* (1959, pictured) stars Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon as musicians who disguise themselves as women to escape

Saturday Night Live

NBC, 10:25 p.m. Live ■ Season Premiere

The venerable variety sketch show begins a new season with host Jalen Brunson of the NBA champion N.Y. Knicks and musical guest Katseye.



the mob, only to find more trouble when they join an all-female band with Marilyn Monroe.

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TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX
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Trolls World Tour (2020, Children) Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake **NICK, 6 p.m.**
Dirty Dancing (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey, Patrick Swayze **CMT, 6:30 p.m.**
Any Given Sunday (1999, Drama) Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz **E!, 7 p.m.**
The Day After Tomorrow (2004, Action) Dennis Quaid, Jake Gyllenhaal **AMC, 7 p.m.**
Whispers of a Secret Life (2025, Suspense) Brittany Cavaco, Cait Moira **LMN, 7 p.m.**
The Other Guys (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg **Paramount, 7:30 p.m.**
Halloween Kills (2021, Horror) Jamie Lee Curtis, Judy Greer **SYFY, 8 p.m.**
New Jack City (1991, Crime drama) Wesley Snipes, Ice-T **BET, 8 p.m.**
The Call of the Wild (2020, Adventure) Harrison Ford, Omar Sy **FXM, 8:30 p.m.**
Grease (1978, Musical) John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John **CMT, 9 p.m.**

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THE KID WHISPERER
 CALM AND IN CHARGE

Dear Kid Whisperer: I am struggling with my “calm signal” being enough to stop me from raising my voice. I was successful for a while with it at school with my fourth-grad-ers. I alternate between “Oh dear” and “Oh boy” as my calm signals. Near the end of the year, my students were starting to mimic me and make fun of me using it. It infuriated me, but I was mostly able to remain calm. I’m just wondering if there’s anything else you do to help you not raise your voice. The calm signal doesn’t always work for me. I’m noticing the same thing at home with my teenagers. I would appreciate any advice.
Answer: For the Behavioral Leadership novices out there, the Calm Signal is a word, a short set of words or a sound that allows the user to separate a negative stimulus from their response:

- “Blerg!”
- “Oof.”
- “Yikes.”

By helping you stay calm, it stops kids from being able to control your actions and the color of your face. Therefore, it helps you to not reinforce the antisocial behaviors you’d rather not have to deal with.
Yes, what you are doing is insufficient. Here’s how you can start doing it right.
The first point is that you need to pick one Calm Signal and stick with it. You want to be able to pull this out effortlessly without thinking about it. Having more than one makes this harder.
Second point: You need to change a paradigm before you can



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absorb a third point to follow. You cannot allow kids (students or your own) to use behaviors that make you resent them.
 Which leads us to the third point. Remember that the Calm Signal, when in response to behaviors that are serious or chronic, must also be the first part of your three-part Delayed Learning Opportunity script. Perhaps yours might be,
 “Oh, boy. This is unfortunate. You can do some learning later.”
 Then, at a time of your choosing (non-instructional time if at school), that kid will be required to either practice not mocking the teacher (or parent), de-stress her by doing significant work for her instead of her doing it or doing something else that will solve the problem (upsetting or annoying her) in some authentic way.
 Once multiple Delayed Learning Opportunities have been delayed and then completed — using your exact script to delay each time — a couple of wonderful things will have happened. The kids in your care will have learned that when you say there will be a learning-based consequence, there will, in fact, be one.
 Also, you have now put some weight behind your Calm Signal. Right now, you are only

using your Calm Signal to try to stay calm. You forgot the other thing that it’s for, which makes what you are trying to use it for (staying calm) ineffective. Once you keep using it at the beginning of your DLO script, it acts as a Pavlovian signal that there may be a learning-based consequence for the anti-social behavior, which stops more and more of this resentment-breeding behavior until it is completely gone.
 Here’s how I’ve been solving this situation for more than two decades:
 Kid Whisperer (trying to stay calm because a couple of kids in his third-grade class are being slightly annoying): Oh, man.
 Kid (mockingly): OOOH, MAN!
 Kid Whisperer: Oh, man. This is rough. I’m going to help you learn about this later.
 Later, Kid Whisperer leads Kid through a Delayed Learning Opportunity. This antisocial behavior is experimented with multiple times, and is dealt with the same each time.
 After that:
 Kid Whisperer (now frustrated that he lost his lesson plan book, again): Oh, man.
 (A hush falls over Kid and the rest of the class as they think very, very hard about their behavior and if they are being sufficiently polite to Kid Whisperer.)
 Just put in a bit of work to teach these positive behaviors, and you can strengthen that Calm Signal so that you can be very calm and very firm at the same time.

Behavioral consultant Scott Ervin is a parent and former teacher and principal. More information can be found at www.behavioralleadership.com.

HINTS FROM HELOISE
 Anniversary fudge

Dear Heloise: My husband and I are celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary, and though it’s being catered, I wanted to make your chocolate Philly fudge for the occasion. It’s my husband’s favorite.
 Over our 30 years together, my husband has been wonderful to me. I got lucky the day I agreed to marry him. So, I do little things he really enjoys, and this fudge recipe is one of his all-time favorites. Would you reprint it for me? — *Connie G., in Schenectady, New York*
 Connie, I’d be delighted to reprint this recipe for you. Sending you my best wishes for another 30 years together.
Chocolate Philly fudge

- 4 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces unsweetened chocolate, melted
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Dash of salt

 Add sugar gradually to the softened cream cheese, mixing well after each addition. Next, mix the warm chocolate thoroughly into the sugar and cream cheese mixture. Stir in the nuts, vanilla (chocolate fudge needs vanilla) and salt. Spread this into an 8-inch square greased pan. Chill for at least 1.5 hours before cutting it into bite-size squares. — *Heloise*



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Walker accident
Dear Heloise: As a health-care worker for more than 40 years and a caretaker of both my parents for many years, I want to inform anyone who uses a walker with a seat that’s built in (or anyone who cares for someone who uses one) to never use it as a wheelchair. These walkers weren’t designed to be used this way and can be very dangerous.
 I’ve had many patients in the emergency room and attended to several in the field who were being pushed in a walker, hit a bump or crack, and were tipped over. This caused them to hit their heads on the floor or sidewalk/pavement. Each time, the patient was facing the person who was pushing them, so the back of their heads hit the ground first. The results were fractured skulls, concussions and injured neck vertebrae, as well as a great deal of blood. — *Margaret, in Connecticut*

Tiny cracks in glasses
Dear Heloise: In a recent column, a reader referred to someone who had suggested using shaving cream to clean eyeglasses. I used to use shaving cream until I discovered it was the cause behind my prescription lenses having tiny, little cracks. For several years, I’ve been using a small spray bottle with a little dishwasher soap and tap water instead, and there aren’t any more cracks.
 I rinse the lens first, spray both sides of each lens with the soap solution, and use my fingers to clean the lens under flowing tap water. Then, I dry them off with a paper towel by blotting the water off. (Blotting keeps smears from appearing.) You can use a paper towel several times. — *Charlie C., in Montgomery, Texas*
 Charlie, thank you for this hint. I use reading glasses, so I tried your method after reading about it. It worked well. — *Heloise*

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ASKING ERIC

Dad doesn’t know how to talk to daughter about mom’s infidelity

Dear Eric: This is something that has bothered me for decades and I still don’t know whether I did the right thing or not.
 When it was revealed that my wife had been cheating for a few years with a coworker who later became my children’s stepfather half the time, I wanted to protect my daughter’s relationship with her mother. My son was too young to understand any of this at the time.
 My daughter was eight. When she was 12, she asked me if (the affair partner) “was around” in her mother’s life when we were married.
 My focus was always on my children, and I did not want to damage their relationship with their mother since it was me and not them that she had cheated on.
 I told her that when she turned 16, I would tell her the truth. She probably gleaned the truth from that, but I kept to the timetable. She did ask me then. My daughter and her mother have a very cool, though polite, relationship 30-plus years later.
 Is there a hard-and-fast rule to handle this situation? It seems that no matter what, cheating



R. ERIC THOMAS

spouses create a large blast area of emotional damage. — *Hard Truths*
Dear Truths: Unfortunately, the only hard-and-fast rule is that in situations like this there is more than enough pain to go around and sometimes there are no good choices, only good intentions.
 The empathy you showed to your daughter and to her mother was kind. You were put into a tough position, and an unfair one. This isn’t a knock against your daughter. She naturally had questions and sought answers from someone she trusted. It sounds like you did what you thought was best in the moment.
 I encourage you to release yourself from wonder and regret about these conversations with your daughter. If you were to do it again, you might have talked to your ex-wife about your daughter’s questions, leaving it to her to be proactive about parenting your daughter, framing what happened, and maintaining the relationship with her.
 But it sounds like you were operating from a place of good intentions in a tough situation. If your daughter and her mother haven’t been able to establish a closer relationship, that’s not your fault and it’s not within your power to fix.
Dear Eric: I am a 74-year-old

female caring for my 66-year-old brother with dementia. I left my home and relocated to take care of him as his wife passed and his two children do not help or really care.
 I am exhausted from constant cleaning him hygienically and his inability to sleep through the night. He constantly soils himself.
 He is in home hospice care with aides coming three days a week. As soon as they leave, he soils himself while in bed or in his recliner. It is constant changing of bed sheets and washing.
 I love him and try to take care of his needs cheerfully and not begrudgingly but am having a hard time wondering if he is just lazy, doesn’t care or is truly this incontinent.
 When do I say enough is enough and put him in a nursing facility? Any advice would be greatly appreciated. — *Struggling Sister*
Dear Sister: As a caregiver, a lot is being asked of you, physically, logistically, and emotionally. This is a hard job and the level of frustration you’re feeling makes sense. You’re trying so hard and it never seems to be enough.
 While it may be hard to take the emotion out of your decision about what to do next, that may be the most helpful thing. Ask

yourself what scenario is going to provide your brother with the best care, especially as his condition worsens and his needs change.
 Also ask yourself if you’re the best person to be providing his needs. This isn’t meant to be critical of you at all.
 Rather, the hope is that it becomes a little easier to separate a sense of obligation from pragmatic decision-making. There could be other options that give you relief and maintain his quality of life.
 Talk to his doctors, his social worker, and the aides about other options. There may be more in-home help available, there could be other support available to you from your local or state government to supplement the work you’re doing.
 Also, his team may advise that a specific nursing home or memory care facility would improve his quality of life in some ways.
 Thinking about other options that can relieve some of the burden on you is also a loving act. It’s not pushing the can down the road.
 It’s shameful that his children aren’t supporting him or you. But you don’t have to do this alone.

Send questions to R. Eric Thomas at eric@askingeric.com.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Saturday, Sept. 26
1774: Johnny Appleseed, a pioneer nurseryman known for introducing apple trees across the American frontier, was born John Chapman in Leominster, Massachusetts.
1914: President Woodrow Wilson signed the Federal Trade Commission Act into law, establishing the FTC.
1934: The RMS Queen Mary was launched at the John Brown & Co. shipyard in Clydebank, Scotland. The luxury liner serviced passengers traveling primarily between Southampton, England, and New York City before being retired at the end of 1967 and turned into a hotel and museum docked in Long Beach, California.
1957: “West Side Story” opened at the Winter Garden Theatre on Broadway. The musical, inspired by Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet,” ran for 732 performances and became a contemporary classic.
1959: Typhoon Vera, also known as the Isewan Typhoon, made landfall near Shionomisaki on Honshu, Japan. The Category 5 storm caused catastrophic damage, resulting in over 5,000 deaths and leaving approximately 1.5 million people homeless.
1960: John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon faced off in the first televised U.S. presidential debate.
1969: “The Brady Bunch,” created by Sherwood Schwartz, made its debut on ABC. — *USA Today Network*

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Happy Birthday for Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026:
 You’re a perfectionist. You’re resourceful, scholarly and obsessive. Take inventory of your life and let go of the people, places and things that hold you back.
 The stars show the kind of day you’ll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Patience is your best ally. Give yourself the freedom to change plans today. Tonight: You win!
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be patient with coworkers. Likewise, be patient with care workers

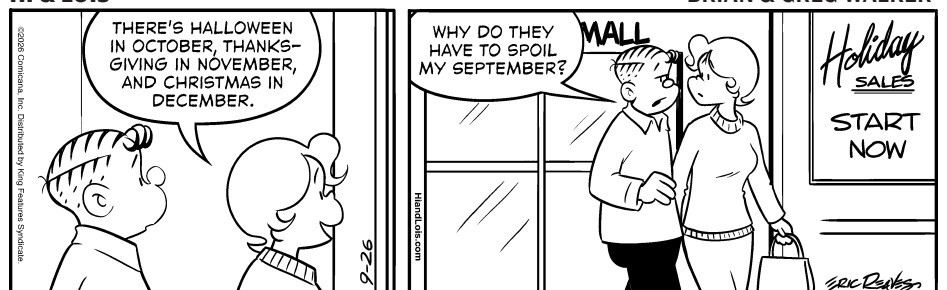
and anyone connected with your pet. Tonight: Enjoy some private time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be patient and diplomatic when dealing with friends and members of groups and organizations today. Meanwhile, you might meet someone new and unusual. Tonight: Be friendly.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Today you might feel torn between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your external world or your career. You can’t please both. Tonight: You’re admired.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Pay attention to everything you say and do today because this is an accident-prone day. Expect to encounter new ideas, new faces and new places. Tonight: Explore and learn something new.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Keep an eye on your cash flow and money scene, as well as your possessions, because something unexpected could impact your assets today. Protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. Tonight: Check your finances.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Someone might do something you least expect. Think twice

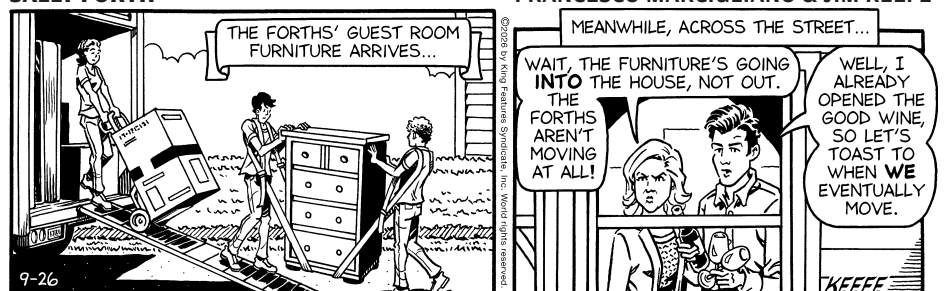
before you respond. Tonight: Genuinely listen to someone.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ This might be a restless day for you because of interruptions related to your job, your work, your health or your pet. This could be an accident-prone day for your pet. Tonight: Get better organized.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ This is a challenging day for romance and relations with children as well as social outings, the arts and sports events. Parents should be on guard to avoid accidents with your kids. Tonight: Socialize!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You might feel pulled between home and family versus your external world. Although your home routine will be interrupted, you can’t ignore the demands of your career and dealing with the community. Tonight: Relax.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ This is an accident-prone day for you. Keep your wits about you. Tonight: Interesting conversations.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Check your bank accounts and shared agreements for errors or unexpected changes. Tonight: Check your belongings. — *King Features Syndicate*

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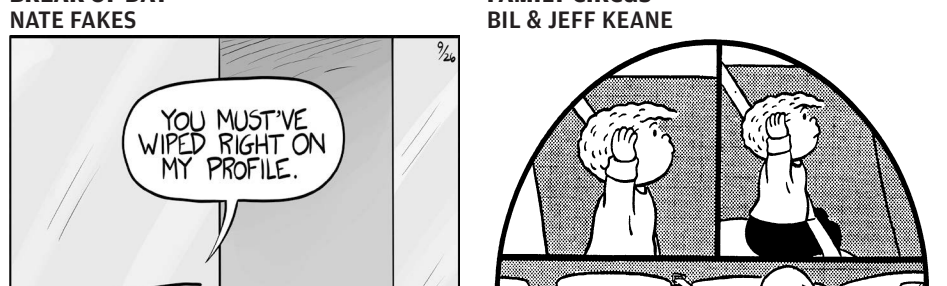
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NOON GOOD GOOD AFTERNOON

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

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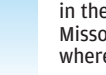
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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GUILD LIMBO HEARTH MANTRA
Answer: The type of fabric she'd use to make the new
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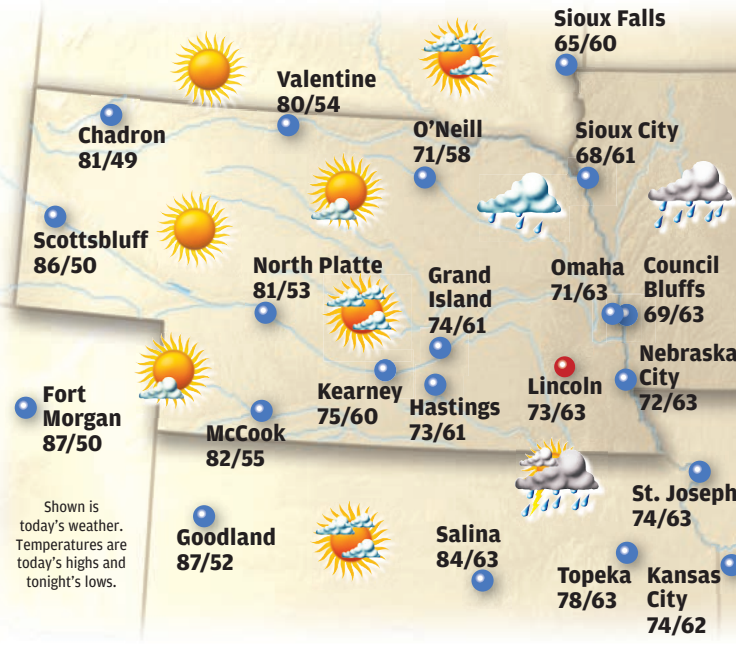
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LINCOLN FIVE-DAY FORECAST

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
					
Humid with a few showers WIND SSE 7-14 mph 73°	Partly cloudy WIND ESE 4-8 mph 63°	Humid with clouds and sun WIND NE 6-12 mph 74° 60°	Considerable cloudiness WIND SSE 6-12 mph 72° 64°	A shower and t-storm; humid WIND S 7-14 mph 72° 61°	Periods of rain WIND NE 4-8 mph 71° 56°

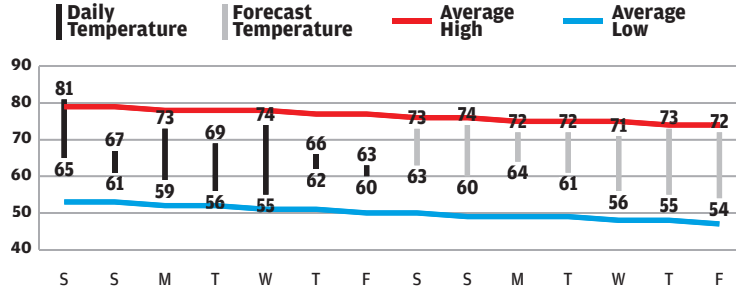
REGIONAL OUTLOOK

Mainly cloudy and humid today with a couple of showers. Partly cloudy tonight. Humid tomorrow with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Monday: considerable cloudiness. Tuesday: plenty of clouds with a couple of showers and a thunderstorm; humid. Wednesday: periods of rain.



City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sunday Hi/Lo/W
Alliance	81/47/s	82/57/pc	McCook	82/55/s	79/59/s
Beatrice	75/63/pc	76/61/sh	Nebraska City	72/63/sh	74/59/c
Branson	83/61/t	81/62/t	Norfolk	70/62/pc	71/60/pc
Broken Bow	76/54/c	75/59/pc	North Platte	81/53/s	79/61/pc
Chadron	81/49/s	82/59/pc	Okoboji	61/57/r	68/57/c
Cheyenne	78/51/pc	77/50/pc	Omaha	71/63/sh	74/60/c
Columbus	70/61/pc	71/59/pc	Rapid City	77/52/s	73/59/t
Des Moines	64/58/sh	65/59/c	Scottsbluff	86/50/s	83/57/pc
Estes Park	72/45/pc	70/47/sh	Sidney	84/52/s	83/57/pc
Falls City	73/62/t	74/58/c	Sioux Falls	65/60/sh	75/58/c
Fremont	69/63/sh	72/58/c	Valentine	80/54/s	78/62/pc
Grand Island	74/61/pc	75/60/pc	York	72/61/pc	74/59/pc
Hebron	74/61/pc	76/61/pc	Vail	69/46/pc	72/49/sh
Iowa City	62/56/r	68/55/c	Wichita	85/64/t	85/65/pc
Kearney	75/60/pc	74/60/pc	Yellowstone	57/36/pc	60/38/c

TEMPERATURE TRENDS



LOCAL ALMANAC

Statistics through 3 p.m. Friday	
Temperature	
High/low	63°/60°
Normal high/low	77°/50°
Record high	93° (1998)
Record low	29° (1975)
Precipitation	
24-hour total	1.13"
Month to date (normal)	4.27" (2.48")
Year to date (normal)	28.62" (24.30")
Record for this date	1.49" (1976)

Weather History	
On Sept. 26, 1963, San Diego had its hottest day ever with a high of 111. San Diego has remarkably consistent temperatures all year; it normally stays in the 60s and 70s.	
Heating Degree Days	
Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to heat.	
Friday	3
Month to date	9
Normal month to date	54
Since July 1	9
Normal since July 1	55

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59°	68°	70°	70°
8 a.m.	noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.

UV Index Today											
Shown is the highest value of the day.											
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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Today's Air Quality

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Forecast index based on presence of man-made particulates affecting aspects of human health.

Good

Moderate

Unhealthy (sensitive)

Unhealthy

Very Unhealthy

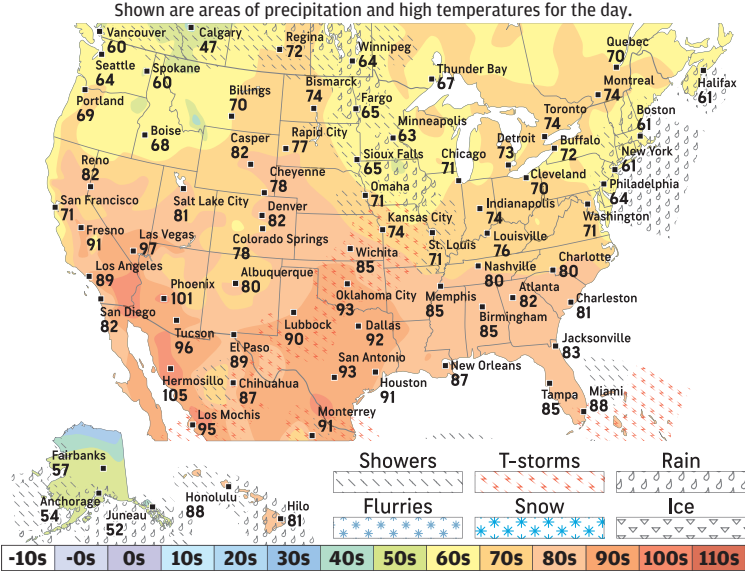
Hazardous

Skywatch			
	Rise	Set	
Sun	7:18 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	
Moon	7:06 p.m.	7:14 a.m.	
			
Full Moon	Last Quarter	New Moon	First Quarter
Sep 26	Oct 3	Oct 10	Oct 18

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A major nor'easter will spread coastal rain, tidal flooding, beach erosion and damaging winds from the mid-Atlantic to southeastern New England today. A moist zone in the Central states will bring showers and thunderstorms to an area from Texas to Missouri and rain and drizzle from Iowa to Minnesota. Dry weather is forecast elsewhere.



City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	80/60/s	81/61/pc	Kansas City	74/62/t	75/61/sh
Anchorage	54/44/c	53/42/sh	Las Vegas	97/76/pc	95/71/pc
Atlanta	82/59/s	82/59/pc	Little Rock	87/64/pc	88/65/t
Atlantic City	62/58/r	64/61/r	Los Angeles	89/68/s	84/65/s
Baltimore	70/57/r	64/58/r	Louisville	76/53/s	76/53/pc
Billings	70/46/pc	63/47/r	Memphis	85/64/pc	84/64/t
Bismarck	74/45/pc	72/55/pc	Miami	88/73/pc	87/72/t
Boise	68/51/pc	71/47/c	Milwaukee	66/51/pc	69/54/pc
Boston	61/56/r	61/56/r	Minneapolis	63/57/r	66/58/c
Brownsville	96/77/sh	96/78/sh	Nashville	80/58/pc	80/52/pc
Charleston, SC	81/54/s	84/59/pc	New Orleans	87/72/pc	90/72/pc
Charleston, WV	69/64/s	71/51/s	New York City	61/56/r	62/58/r
Charlotte	80/51/s	80/53/s	Oklahoma City	93/68/t	91/67/pc
Chicago	71/53/pc	70/55/pc	Orlando	85/64/s	85/65/pc
Cincinnati	72/49/s	73/52/s	Philadelphia	64/58/r	64/60/r
Cleveland	70/56/s	71/59/pc	Phoenix	101/81/s	96/79/c
Columbus, OH	73/47/r	72/51/s	Pittsburgh	72/52/s	71/55/pc
Dallas	92/75/pc	96/75/pc	Portland, OR	69/48/pc	75/49/s
Denver	82/56/pc	83/58/pc	Reno	82/51/pc	73/47/pc
Detroit	73/49/s	75/51/s	Richmond	73/58/pc	70/58/pc
El Paso	89/67/pc	89/67/pc	Salt Lake City	81/65/s	84/64/c
Flagstaff	73/44/r	66/49/c	San Antonio	93/76/pc	95/76/pc
Great Falls	63/36/s	62/41/c	San Diego	82/70/s	80/68/c
Helena	66/39/pc	62/45/c	San Francisco	71/57/pc	66/55/pc
Honolulu	88/79/sh	87/78/sh	Seattle	64/48/pc	65/45/s
Houston	91/72/pc	93/75/pc	St. Louis	71/61/c	75/58/pc
Indianapolis	74/50/s	73/51/pc	Tampa	85/68/s	86/72/pc
Jacksonville	83/55/s	85/64/pc	Wash., DC	71/59/r	66/59/r

W-weather, **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **i**-ice, **r**-rain, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow



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NATION & WORLD

DIGEST

High court again rejects GOP-drawn Mo. map

The U.S. Supreme Court, acting for a third time in a fierce battle over the makeup of Missouri's congressional districts, on Friday barred the state from using a redrawn map designed to favor Republicans in November's elections, a setback for President Donald Trump's party as it fights to keep control of Congress.

The justices granted a request by the map's challengers to suspend lower court decisions that required the reconfigured U.S. House of Representatives district boundaries to be used in the Nov. 3 midterm elections.

The dispute led to multiple conflicting court rulings. Absentee voting is already underway in Missouri. Reinstating the Republican-drawn map "in the midst of an ongoing election would usher in electoral chaos," the court said.

Appeals court: States can regulate Kalshi

A U.S. appeals court ruled Friday against the prediction markets operator Kalshi, saying Ohio and Tennessee can regulate its so-called event contracts under their gambling laws.

The decision by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati deepens a split among federal appeals courts over whether state regulators or the federal Commodity Futures Trading Commission should have authority to regulate the fast-growing industry. That raises the potential that the U.S. Supreme Court may settle the matter. Kalshi said it does not expect Friday's decision to survive further legal review.

Prediction markets let people wager on the outcomes of sports events and a wide variety of subjects including elections, the weather and cultural events.

BRIEFLY

CNN: The White House blocked CNN from traveling with President Donald Trump on Air Force One for a trip Saturday, the Washington Post reported Friday, citing two people familiar with the decision. Trump last week banned three outlets, including CNN, from the White House but a judge ordered their access to be restored.

ECONOMY: New orders for key U.S.-manufactured capital goods increased more than expected in August and data for the prior month was revised sharply higher, pointing to another quarter of robust growth in business spending on equipment, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

META: A jury in Santa Fe, N.M., found Friday that Meta Platforms misled the state's residents, in a case stemming from allegations that political consulting firm Cambridge Analytica, which worked on Donald Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, obtained data from millions of Facebook users without their consent.

CANADA: President Donald Trump's administration is comfortable maintaining its trade standoff with Canada even as new U.S. import bans on Canadian products take effect next week and Washington threatens 50% tariffs on Canadian autos, parts and steel from January, U.S. Trade Representative Jamie Greer said Friday.

TIKTOK: Alabama said Friday it reached an at least \$100 million settlement with TikTok and its Chinese parent company, ByteDance, that requires the social media platform to impose new usage limits and enhanced age-verification measures for users in the state, resolving claims that the platform endangered children and misled consumers about its safety.

AI CZAR: Scott Bessent will not be Donald Trump's artificial intelligence czar, the Republican president said Friday, adding that he wants his Treasury secretary to stay in his current role.

— Reuters

MIDDLE EAST

Allies back Saudi Arabia

Iranian official says Tehran will not budge on nuclear program

REUTERS

CAIRO — Defense officials of Turkey and Pakistan, partners in a joint defense pact with Saudi Arabia, met in Riyadh on Friday to review the security situation and discuss intelligence cooperation, military coordination and integrating forces as the kingdom faces mounting attacks from Yemen's Houthis, the Saudi Defense Ministry said.

The Iran-aligned Houthis stepped up attacks on the Saudi-backed government in Yemen and fired into Saudi Arabia, disrupting

oil flows from the world's largest crude exporter as the wider Middle East war enters its eighth month.

Meanwhile, restrictions on flights to and from Iran widened and a senior Iranian official threatened retaliation.

A senior Iranian official told Reuters that Iran will show no flexibility over its nuclear program even if the United States accepts its proposal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz, which calls for steps including the lifting of a U.S. blockade on Iranian ports.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the waterway would remain closed until "all of Iran's conditions are met."

Under Iran's proposal, Tehran offered to reopen the strategically

vital strait. Within seven days, hostilities would end on all fronts, including Lebanon, the United States would lift its blockade on Iranian ports, release Iran's frozen funds and waive its oil sanctions, Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Thursday.

U.S. President Donald Trump rejected Iran's proposal, and told aides he expects to resume bombing after Nov. 3 congressional elections, the Wall Street Journal reported Friday, citing unidentified U.S. officials.

With ceasefire efforts stalled and direct U.S.-Iranian fire easing, Washington shifted to tightening economic pressure through secondary sanctions on foreign companies that do business with Iranian firms.

Iranian airlines were barred from neighboring countries including the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Iraq due to new U.S. sanctions, marking the first major impact of the move.

Mohammad Mokhber, an adviser to Iran's supreme leader, accused regional countries of "alignment with America" for blocking flights.

"If Iran does not have the possibility to fly and receive airport services, then no country in the region will have this possibility either," he said in a social media post.

The war, which started with U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran on Feb. 28, killed thousands of people and disrupted trade and energy supplies across the region.

WASHINGTON



KEVIN LAMARQUE, REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, first lady Melania Trump and others stand beside the Bill of Rights on Friday during a tour of the National Archives led by Archivist of the United States Bradford P. Wilson in Washington.

Trump, Xi wrap 3-day summit

Trade representative says details on talks to be released Monday

TREVOR HUNNICUTT
AND DAVID BRUNNSTROM
Reuters

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping drank tea at the White House on Friday and visited the National Archives, capping a three-day summit that showcased personal diplomacy rather than big breakthroughs in economic relations.

The two leaders praised each other in remarks while they had

tea in the White House Red Room. Trump said the summit between the world's two largest economies produced great strides and that "I think our farmers are going to be happy" but didn't provide details.

Xi said the U.S.-China relationship developed into a constructive one of "strategic stability on the basis of respect, fairness and reciprocity."

Xi also said he and Trump would have two more opportunities to meet this year: The APEC summit in China in November and December's G20 summit in Miami.

The lavish state summit, with flyovers, tours and a glittering state dinner, was heavy on

symbolism but light on substance.

Still, Trump highlighted progress under a bilateral trade mechanism, citing what he described as increased market access for U.S. farmers and ranchers, while both leaders identified artificial intelligence as an area for cooperation.

Details of the limited agreements the two sides struck regarding their tense trade relationship will be released Monday, U.S. Trade Representative Jamie Greer told CNBC on Friday.

"We're in a managed trade situation. ... We've had progress, and we will release on Monday, I think, a lot more details about what we've accomplished over the past few weeks in negotiating

with the Chinese," he said.

The U.S. agreed with China on exempting some key goods from arguments over trade, Greer said, including exports of agricultural products and medical devices to China and imports of consumer and nonsensitive goods.

The summit concluded at the National Archives, where Trump and Xi appeared to review the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

China didn't comment on the visit to the archives, but analysts say Xi might have been keen to see records relating to the U.S. switch of recognition to communist China from Taiwan in 1979.

Appeals court upholds Anthropic blacklisting

AI startup refused to allow products to be used for weapons

REUTERS

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court upheld the Pentagon's blacklisting of Anthropic from military contracts Friday, handing a victory to President Donald Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth in their battle with the AI startup over safety guardrails on its technology.

The 2-1 decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington came in a lawsuit by Anthropic challenging its March designation by the Pentagon as a national

security supply chain risk, which the startup says cost it billions of dollars in lost business and damaged its reputation ahead of a highly anticipated initial public offering.

The court's majority said it was reasonable for the Pentagon to designate Anthropic after it refused to allow its products to be used for autonomous weapons or mass surveillance. It rejected Anthropic's claim that the Pentagon retaliated against it for its views on AI safety and ethics.

A federal judge in San Francisco struck down a parallel designation under a different law last month, finding the administration unlawfully retaliated against Anthropic for its views on AI safety.

Agency could hold AI firms liable for agents

FTC chief suggests oversight avenues for breaches of technology

REUTERS

AUSTIN — U.S. Federal Trade Commission Chairman Andrew Ferguson said Friday he would resist describing artificial intelligence agents as autonomous actors that "break loose" with "wills and desires of their own," suggesting the developers who instruct agents would be the ones liable for harm.

"I'm going to continue as long as I am chairman to resist this anthropomorphizing of these tools," he said at the Reuters

Momentum AI Austin event. "If someone tells a tool to do something, and the tool does it, I don't think we would say, 'Oh, what do we do about the tool?'"

Ferguson's remarks illustrated potential avenues for the Trump administration to take after agentic AI testing resulted in recent unintended and unauthorized access to corporate or government data, which prompted governments and the industry to examine oversight and cybersecurity measures.

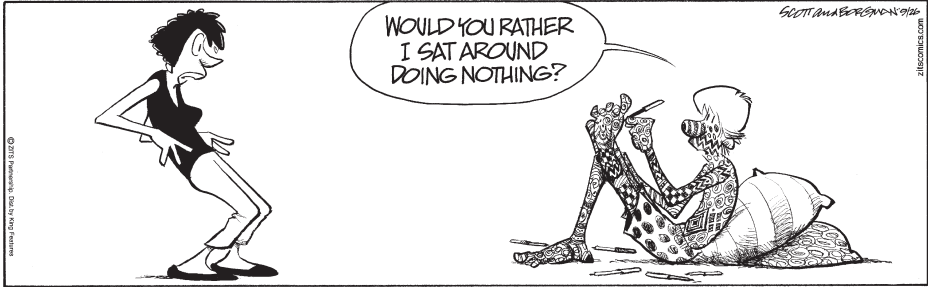
AI companies sometimes described systems as acting beyond human control, but reviews of audit trails showed the systems carried out instructions they were given, Ferguson said.

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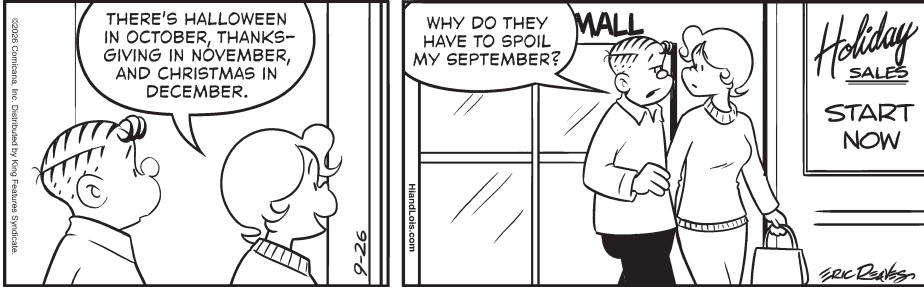
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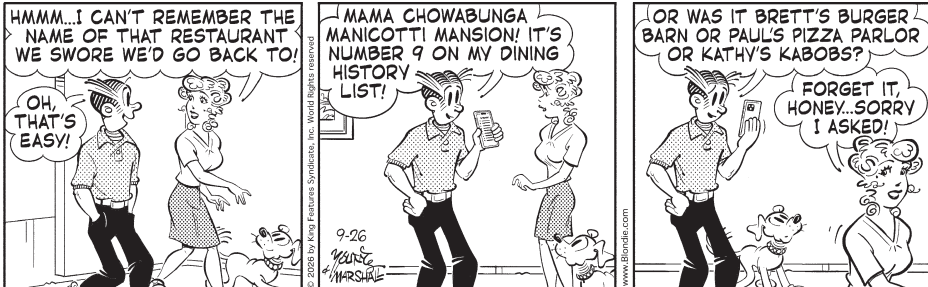
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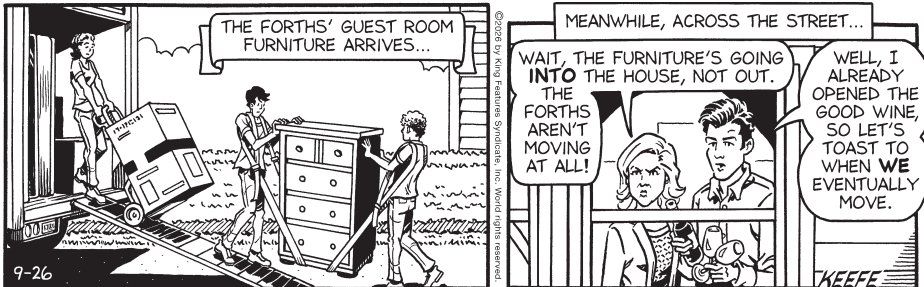
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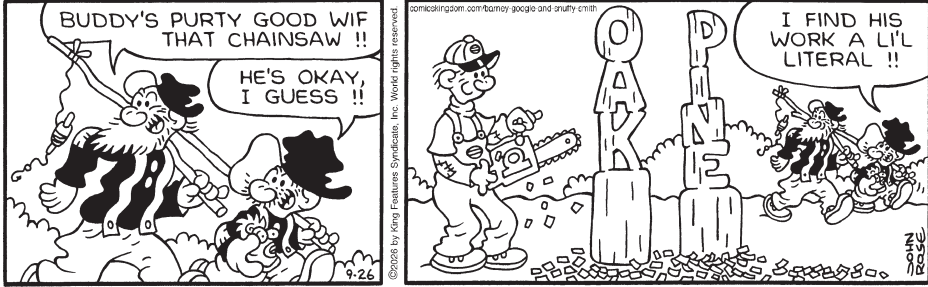
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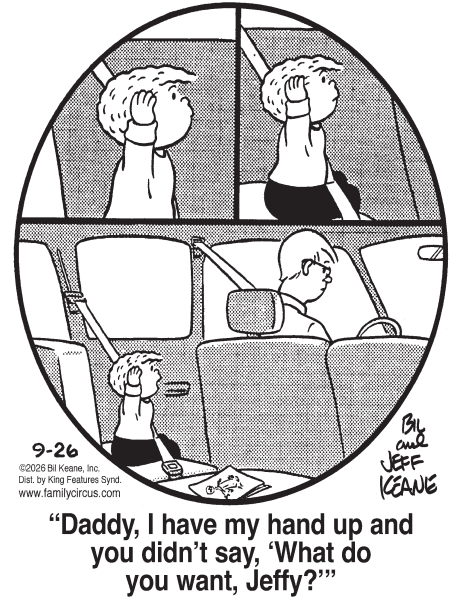
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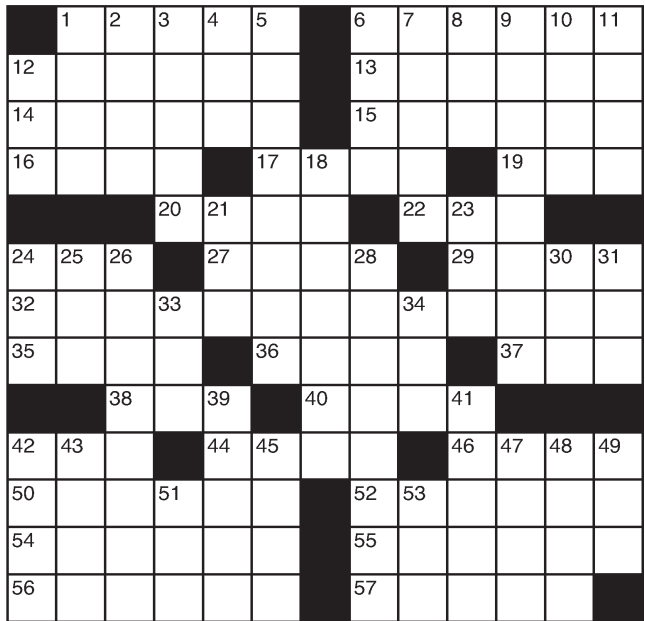
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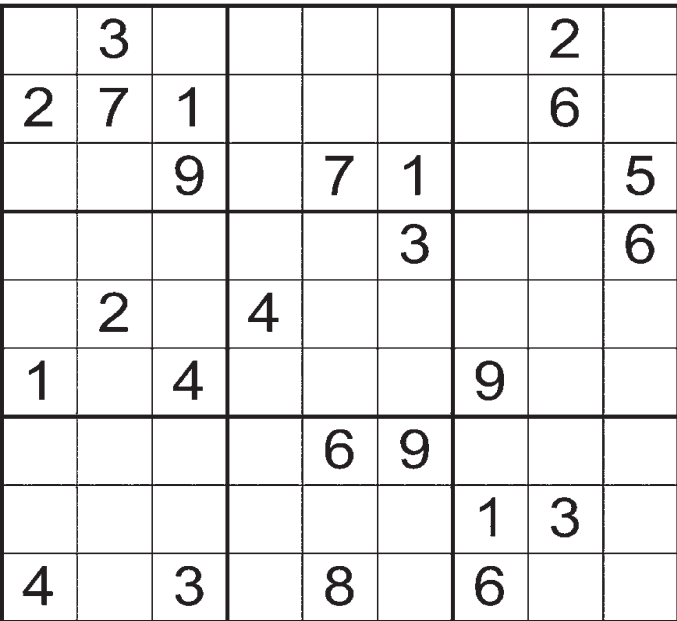


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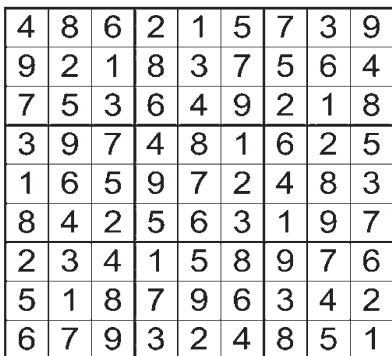


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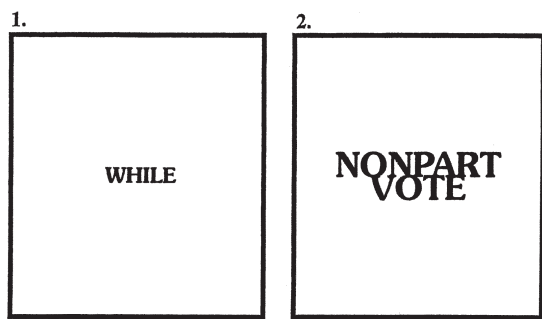
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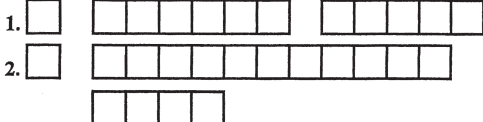
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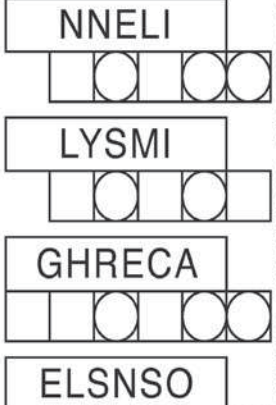
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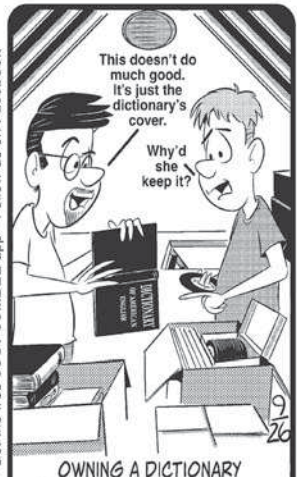


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Growing influence

With Tehran’s backing, Houthi group becomes major regional player

REUTERS
Yemen’s Houthi group brought the vital Bab el-Mandeb Strait under its control in a lightning advance, making the once ragged high-land militia a regional player with global clout.

This is how the group evolved into a formidable fighting force.

Who are they?

Starting in the late 1990s as a Zaydi Shi’ite Muslim revival movement in north Yemen under the Houthi family, the group waged six wars against the government, building a strong militia.

When Yemen’s central state disintegrated during the 2011 Arab Spring, the Houthis took advantage, gaining more ground and developing a relationship with Iran and its Lebanese ally, Hezbollah.

In 2014 the Houthis seized Yemen’s capital, Sanaa, ousting the government and halting a Persian Gulf-backed political transition.

That prompted a Saudi-led military intervention to support the government, leading to years of civil war that ground to a stalemate and a 2022 ceasefire.

The Houthis fired missiles and drones at Israel and international shipping in the Red Sea during Israel’s war in Gaza from 2023 to last year, in what they said was solidarity with Palestinians.

With their closest ally, Iran, under attack by the United States since Feb. 28, the Houthis again

fired on Red Sea shipping as well as energy facilities in Saudi Arabia.

The ceasefire collapsed and fighting resumed along the old front lines: Marib and Jawf governorates in the north, the city of Taiz in the southern highlands, Dhale in central Yemen and the Red Sea coastal strip known as the Tihama.

The Houthis rapidly advanced into the southern Tihama, seizing the port city of Mocha and then the rest of the Red Sea coastline and islands, putting their guns along the whole shore of the 12-mile-wide Bab el-Mandeb Strait.

Those territorial gains make it easier to block shipping on the Red Sea, a key route for Saudi oil exports to Asia, and set up a potential launchpad for a new ground thrust toward Aden.

Saudi Arabia conducted air strikes in support of government-aligned forces.

What arms do they use?

The group’s ability to strike at a distance with growing accuracy is why it now matters far beyond Yemen.

Houthi ballistic missiles reached as far as Israel, more than 1,000 miles away, and one struck the perimeter of Israel’s main airport last year. They struck more frequently in Saudi Arabia, targeting cities and infrastructure. Houthi missiles also were fired at ships in the Red Sea, halting traffic in the waterway.

Houthi drones struck



A Houthi supporter wears a hat with a picture of Houthi leader Abdul-Malik al-Houthi during a July 31 anti-Saudi rally in Sanaa, Yemen, amid an escalation with the kingdom.

KHALED ABDULLAH, REUTERS

repeatedly at Saudi targets and are increasingly deployed on the battlefield.

The Houthis posted videos online that show some of the military equipment they use.

Videos show drones dropping different types of mortar and other bombs onto vehicles and opposition fighters, a rocket or missile launching, and precise munition hits on buildings and trucks at a camp, filmed by a high-resolution drone.

Other videos show Houthi forces, including in pickup trucks, some mounted with weapons, and on foot. Many fighters are shown in Arab robes and carrying assault rifles. One video also showed a small group

of fighters in camouflage uniforms. In some videos, fighters have light and heavy machine guns and scoped rifles.

Videos showed them parading equipment captured from Saudi-backed forces, including armored and combat vehicles, a tank, an artillery gun, a satellite dish, small arms and a drone jamming device. The videos do not generally show the captured hardware in action.

How are they armed?

A United Nations panel of experts’ report last year said the Houthis developed missile and drone technologies through technical assistance and domestic manufacturing.

It found widespread arms smuggling despite a U.N. arms embargo, including overland shipments across the Omani border as well as seaborne smuggling.

Items seized included drone control devices, equipment to receive ships’ navigational data, drone engines and missile components. A 2023 U.N. report noted seizures of drones, ballistic missile components and Iranian-made anti-tank missiles.

Iranian sources said Tehran supplied Houthis with weapons and experts, but Iran officially denied arming the Houthis in violation of the U.N. arms embargo.

A 2025 assessment by the International Institute for Strategic Studies think tank found that while the Houthis made advances in domestic arms production, they remained dependent on Iran for key technologies and advanced capabilities.

The U.N. experts’ report described Houthi military tactics focused on infiltration, drone attacks and shelling along front lines, and the laying of mines and other explosive devices.

They assessed the Houthis had 350,000 fighters, partly through the recruitment of fighters under 18.

Training by Iran and Hezbollah was critical for the Houthis, according to Yemen analysts.



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US may sanction tribunal

Trump administration seeking to dismantle war crimes adjudicator

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STEPHANIE VAN DEN BERG
Reuters

President Donald Trump’s administration is preparing sanctions against the International Criminal Court as part of a campaign to dismantle the institution created to prosecute people accused of the world’s most heinous crimes.

Why target the ICC?

The Trump administration pushed back against the court in response to its arrest warrants for Israeli officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, over assertions of war crimes and crimes against humanity during Israel’s assault on Gaza, as well as a past investigation into the role of American forces in Afghanistan.

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the ICC, which was launched in 2002 and has 125 member states, poses a threat to U.S. sovereignty and its allies. Washington asked member states to withdraw support.

After initially targeting individual judges and prosecutors, Rubio announced a campaign in July to isolate the court, writing that the U.S. government would use every tool at its disposal to “dismantle the ICC — brick by brick, if necessary.”

What would this affect?

Sources told Reuters the sanctions will soon be imposed against the entire organization, which has about 900 employees from 100 countries. The court could lose access to much of the dollar-based financial system,



Above: The International Criminal Court is located in The Hague, Netherlands.
Below: From left, ICC judges Keebong Paek, Joanna Korner and Nicolas Guillou attend a Sept. 16 hearing regarding former Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte’s health and ability to stand trial on murder charges related to his war on drugs.
PIROSCHKA VAN DE WOUW PHOTOS, REUTERS

while court staff could face U.S. travel restrictions.

It is unclear when the additional sanctions will be announced.

Entity-wide sanctions imposed by the U.S. Treasury could prohibit American citizens and companies from providing

funds, goods or services to the court without a license from the U.S. Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control.

The effects could range from blocking personal credit cards and travel visas to forced cancellation of contracts with companies providing data storage

and email or the hiring of outside investigators.

Beyond those direct effects, sanctions could have a chilling effect on non-U.S. organizations and individuals that work with the court, as banks, companies and contractors seek to avoid risks.

How would ICC function?

Circumventing sanctions will not be easy. The United States has more clout in international finance than any other country because the dollar is the currency used for most global trade. Washington can choke access to regular payments and banking by threatening to cut off banks that deal with the court from the dollar.

Payments could still be made outside this dollar system, but the threat to institutions that deal with a sanctioned person or entity would radically curtail that.

ICC President Judge Tomoko Akane urged the European Union last year to help protect the court by invoking a so-called blocking statute — a law that lets the EU ban European companies from complying with U.S. sanctions that Brussels deems unlawful.

All individual members of the EU are members of the ICC, but it is unclear whether there is enough support for the court in Brussels for it to step in.

Is there a precedent?

The first Trump administration imposed sanctions against individual ICC staff members in 2020 in response to an investigation into alleged crimes by Americans in Afghanistan.

U.S. presidents used emergency powers most frequently against foreign governments deemed a threat to U.S. security interests. Sanctions targeted rogue actors, alleged terrorists, narcotics traffickers and warlords.

Sanctioning an entire international institution such as the ICC, which is a court of last resort for war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, would be an unprecedented step.

Outdoor plans?

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Artemii and Roksana Medani with their two young daughters. Originally from Russia, Artemii has been applying to the U.S. Diversity Immigrant Visa Program since he was 18. COURTESY OF ARTEMII MEDANI

Luck running out

Diversity visa lottery selectees’ dreams on hold as deadline nears

MARÍA LUISA PAÚL
USA TODAY

The U.S. Diversity Immigrant Visa Program randomly selects people from countries with relatively low rates of U.S. immigration for the chance to apply for one of up to 55,000 visas. Applicants whose cases remain unresolved when the fiscal year ends Sept. 30 lose their eligibility.

With days remaining, families are at the center of a legal fight. Their attorneys accuse the Trump administration of slow-walking thousands of cases to run out the clock.

“We are testing right now the limits of what our judicial system can take and what it can do,” said Carolina Solano, an attorney with Red Eagle Law, which represents selectees in two lawsuits.

“The Trump Administration is protecting the American people by upholding the highest standards of screening and vetting of visa applicants,” a State Department spokesperson wrote in an email.

‘I feel American’

Artemii Medani entered the diversity visa lottery year after year since he was 18, hoping a government computer in Kentucky might choose his name.

“I was born in Russia, but I feel American,” Artemii Medani, now 35, said. “... I’ve always thought it’s my place, the place where I should live.”

His certainty moved his wife, Roksana, 37, to enter the lottery, too. Six years after watching him lose, she checked the results online in May 2025 and learned her entry was selected.

In 2023, they left Moscow for Buenos Aires, Argentina, where their daughters learned Spanish. Now they imagined sunny South Florida, where a familiar language might soften another new beginning.

The Medanis attended their embassy interview in Buenos Aires on Oct. 28, then spent weeks securing a final record from Greece, where Roksana Medani had lived. On Dec. 18, the embassy confirmed it arrived.

But within days, the Trump administration halted diversity visa issuances after authorities identified the man responsible for deadly shootings at Brown University as a Portuguese immigrant who received permanent residence through the lottery in 2017. The State Department said it would review the program’s screening and vetting procedures.



COURTESY OF RABAB SULTAN

From left, Ramy Eid, his mother, Rabab Sultan, and his younger brother, Saif Eid, pose for a selfie. Ramy dreams of studying computer science in the United States.

Narrow opening

The diversity lottery requires neither an American relative nor an employer sponsor. More than 20 million people vied for about 52,000 visas available through the 2026 lottery.

Being chosen each May wins an applicant only a place in line. The State Department draws far more names than it has visas, knowing some people will not qualify and others will run out of time. Selectees must gather records, pass background checks and medical examinations, pay hundreds of dollars in fees and make it through an interview before the fiscal year ends. Those approved abroad receive a visa to enter the country as permanent residents. Then a green card is issued.

Congress created the program in 1990. In fiscal 2024, the latest year with available data, diversity immigrants made up only 3.7% of the almost 1.4 million people who became lawful permanent residents.

Critics long argued that immigration should not begin with chance and the lottery invites fraud and threatens national security. A 2007 Government Accountability Office review found no documented evidence that diversity immigrants posed a threat, but warned the program was vulnerable to fraud.

Stuck in limbo

By the time Ramy Eid, 19, walked into the U.S. Embassy in Cairo on Feb. 22, his family already spent months preparing to leave Egypt.

They sold their house and car and moved into a rental. Eid, his parents and two younger siblings pooled their savings and spent about \$5,000 on documents,



COURTESY OF RABAB SULTAN

Rabab Sultan and her husband sold their home and car and moved into a rental as their family prepared to leave Egypt.

“We are only asking for our legal rights. We did everything by the book and never tried to migrate illegally. Is this really the justice that we always believed was one of America’s greatest values?”

Rabab Sultan, an Egyptian national whose family applied for the U.S. Diversity Immigrant Visa Program but were placed on a temporary “administrative processing” hold, according to U.S. embassy records.

medical examinations and other expenses, including \$1,650 in visa fees.

Eid earned about \$3 a day repairing iPhones while studying. His mother, Rabab Sultan, worked 12-hour days as an accountant. In the U.S., he hoped

to study computer science and make a life where Sultan no longer worked so hard for so little.

Sultan said the consular officer told them they qualified for visas but could not receive them. Their applications were instead placed in a temporary hold known as “administrative processing,” embassy records show.

In March, the family joined 737 other selectee families in *Ivanov v. Trump*, one of several lawsuits challenging policies that stalled their cases. In June, 664 families brought another challenge, *Medani v. Trump*, in federal court in California.

The plaintiffs argued the government could not impose blanket policies that effectively suspended a program created by Congress.

Fits and starts

In August, two federal judges ruled in favor of the selectees. One of them, U.S. District Judge Edward Davila, found the halt “arbitrary and capricious,” and ordered the government to

resume the program.

But even as the courts ordered the program processing to restart, the State Department canceled immigrant visa interviews world-wide for what it called a “global training initiative.”

Davila questioned why the State Department waited so long to resume processing and ordered the government to report its progress three times a week. On Sept. 18, the department said it scheduled 86 interviews and 1,544 reinterviews, conducted 396 interviews and adjudicated 765 applications from Aug. 29 to Sept. 18.

But it did not say how many of those adjudications produced visas. Earlier status reports identified only 28 applications approved. Some applicants were placed in administrative processing again, while others were told their cases were sent to a “Visa Integrity Unit.”

Many others still haven’t received appointments.

“Why are they putting us through all of this?” said Sultan, 49. “We are only asking for our legal rights. We did everything by the book and never tried to migrate illegally. Is this really the justice that we always believed was one of America’s greatest values?”

Stranded in war

In Iran, Setareh and her husband are living through war as they await visa applications.

Setareh, 32, an architect, requested partial anonymity because she fears retribution from the Iranian government. The couple hoped to establish a design and construction firm in the U.S. focused on sustainable, climate-resilient architecture.

The couple simplified their wedding so their marriage documents would be ready in time and folded their honeymoon into the trip to their embassy interview in Abu Dhabi. By then, the White House suspended almost all entry by Iranian nationals. Setareh and her husband carried professional portfolios to support a request for an exception available to people whose admission would serve U.S. national interest.

A refusal email arrived a day later with another applicant’s name attached to their case number. The embassy corrected the name the following day.

After the court rulings, Setareh emailed the embassy, asking it to reconsider their applications. The online record showed their case was updated that day, but the embassy did not say if it reopened it.

Her medical examination since expired and the embassy that handled her application closed amid the war.

There are key fundamentals to ensure your next serve on the court comes with a punch. Here's what a pickleball expert wants you to know about serving.

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In full swing

Perfect your pickleball serve with these expert tips

ALEXANDRA FROST
USA Today

Pickleball has become a popular sport in recent years, with millions of players taking to the court. But are you looking to up your game?

While you might be quick to assume its skills are tied closely to other court sports, there are key fundamentals to ensure your next serve on the court comes with a punch. Here's what a pickleball expert wants you to know about serving.

Know the rules

Pickleball has set rules for how a serve must be made. Rules require that serves are:

- Underhand and below the waist.
- Made with one hand.
- Served crosscourt.
- Cleared over the net.

Additionally, the server's stance is a key part of the serve, requiring both feet to be behind the baseline and between the centerline and the sideline.

Pick your style

When it comes to serving, there are two styles in pickleball, including:

- Volley or classic serve, where the ball is hit directly out of the air in an upward motion.
- Drop or bounce serve, where the ball is bounced before hitting it.

"The serve stroke itself is not tricky," says Lance Cowart, vice president of competition at USA Pickleball in Dallas. "It can be just like any other stroke on the court, but players do tend to make it difficult. They will focus on all the rules of the serve rather than just making solid contact and placing to a target."

Practice makes perfect

As with any sport, practicing your skills will set you up for success in competition.

"Many players I see practicing their serve just have a basket of balls, serving one after another with no thought or purpose," Cowart says.

Instead, he recommends a different method: "Players need to put targets down in each half of each service box and do not move on to the next target until consistency of placement and depth has been met. Whether a player is using the volley serve or the drop serve, follow the same routine every time you put the ball in play."

Work on accuracy

A powerful serve can surprise opponents, but experts say accuracy and placement are more valuable than power.

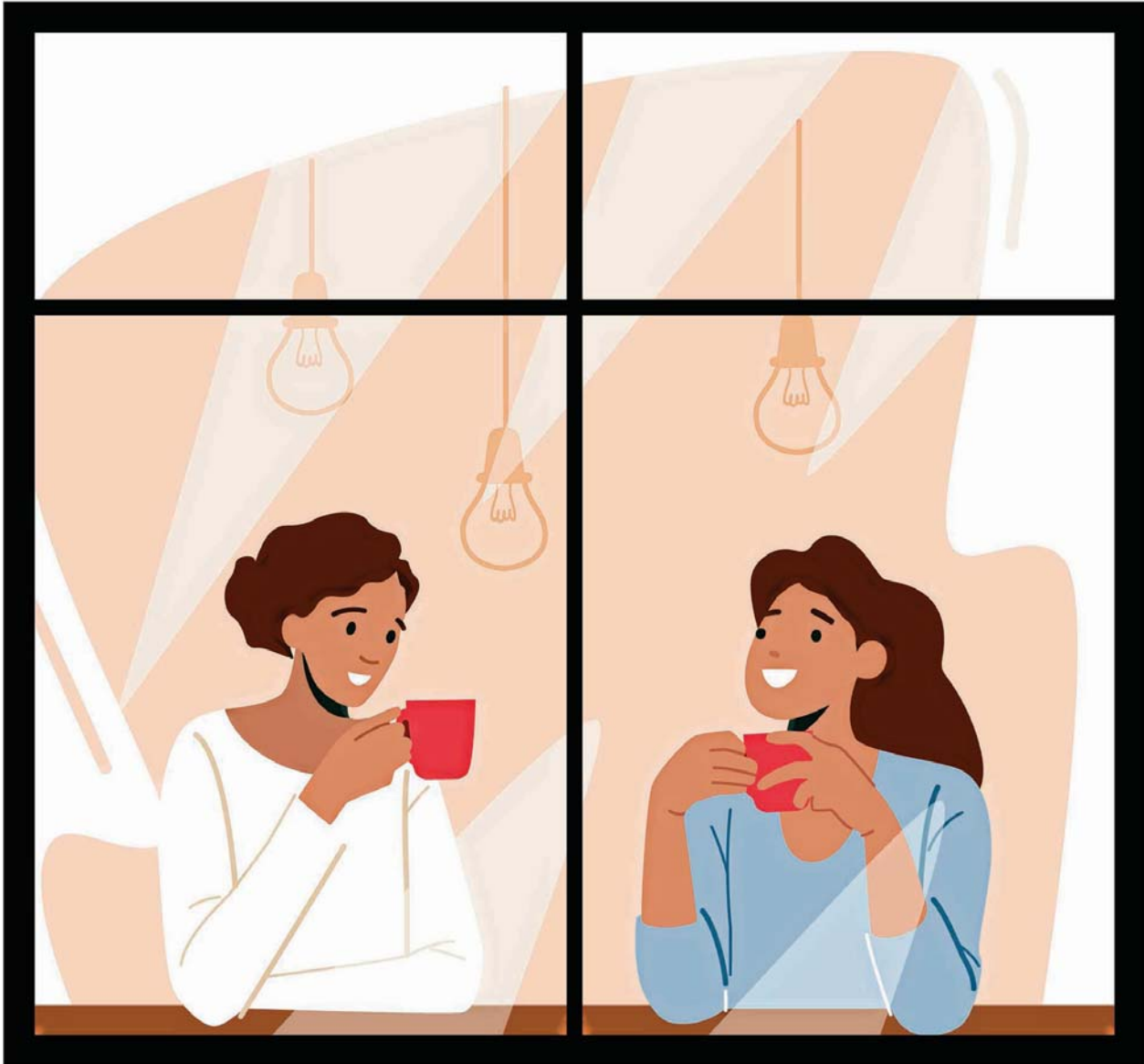
"The depth of the serve is the key," Cowart says. "Forcing your opponent to return from behind the baseline keeps them from getting forward to the kitchen line."

This limits their hitting angles and gives your team a tactical advantage.

Beyond the serve

While you might envision the winning point coming from an impressive serve, Cowart says it's important for players to remember that the founders of pickleball didn't set up the serve as the dominant part of the game.

"The rules of the pickleball serve purposely diminish a person's physical stature as a dominant factor," he says. "Since the serve is the only time in traditional side out scoring a player can score, it is a vital part of the game. Just creating one or two free points off a good, deep serve can be the difference in the result."



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New in town

Tips for quickly building a social life after moving to a different city

ALEXANDRA FROST
USA Today

Putting down roots in a new city can be difficult, and establishing new friendships and a sense of community just might be the most challenging part of it. After a recent move, it might feel like an entire extra job to go out of your way to make new connections, all while trying to find your way around your new environment and life. Experts say there are some strategies that can help you connect with new acquaintances and even establish lifelong friendships, or at least find a colleague to carpool to work with or a friendly neighbor to lend you a missing ingredient. Here's what to try.

What to do in a city with no friends

Matthew Leahy, PhD, a licensed clinical psychologist in Texas, says the process takes more repetition than people might expect. “We tend to imagine friendship happening because we meet the ‘right’ person, but familiarity and repeated shared experiences matter a lot. A whole lot,” he says. “Joining something that meets regularly: running/biking/any movement group, volunteer organization, recreational sports league, class, faith/church community, book club or even becoming a regular somewhere often works better than constantly attending one-off social events.”

Joining a group or club with an activity you already love can make it easier to make friends, and less pressure because if you don’t meet someone you still had a great time on your own.

Make the first friendship move

It’s a difficult and awkward part of making friends in new cities, but you often have to be the one to initiate interaction. “Adults can easily get stuck waiting for someone else to make the first move because they’re worried about seeming awkward or overly eager. Sometimes building a social life really does require saying, ‘I enjoyed talking with you, can we do it again?’” Leahy says.

This can help you move past the “culture shock” of not having micro-interactions with familiar baristas, neighbors or acquaintances at the park.

“Developing friendships helps a new city gradually stop feeling like somewhere you live and start feeling like home,” Leahy says,

Give yourself permission to be yourself

You don’t have to start over in a new city. Leahy says he often has to remind introverts they don’t have to suddenly like happy hours, for example. Instead, be yourself in a different place. Pushing yourself to build friendships too hard can cause anxiety and exhaustion.

Instead of jam-packing your schedule, he recommends one or two lower lifts each week in situations where you already see the same people repeatedly, to start connecting.

“Sometimes caring for yourself means giving yourself permission to recharge, yes, but sometimes it means gently pushing yourself to do something uncomfortable because connection is important to you,” Leahy says. “You can be nervous and still go. That’s how we manage anxiety. Doing something even if the brain is saying ‘no no no.’”

Make it about them

Everyone has been with a “friend” who talks constantly about themselves. Most don’t want to be with them for long.

Rather, Leahy recommends you “get curious instead of trying to be interesting.” This can double as a helpful way to learn more about your new city, such as if you ask someone about their favorite spots around town, or hidden gems where locals love to hang out.

You can ask follow-up questions by looking for “open doors,” he says, or spots in the conversation to learn more.

“People usually give us clues about what they enjoy talking about if we’re paying attention,” he says.

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1 Dark chocolate-covered almonds

Satisfy your sweet tooth — and energy levels — with dark chocolate-covered almonds. When made with minimal ingredients (i.e., nothing more than melted dark chocolate and almonds), this snack will keep you full, according to registered dietitian Maddie Pasquariello. That’s because it contains good fats, fiber and plant-based protein, all of which support satiety and provide fuel.

2 Popcorn

If you’re a fan of crunchy snacks, you’ll be glad to know that popcorn is on the list of healthy energy-boosting options. “Popcorn is a whole grain and a source of fiber,” explains registered dietitian Kristen Lorenz. The fibrous carbs in popcorn provide a steady source of energy, along with digestive benefits.



3 Yogurt

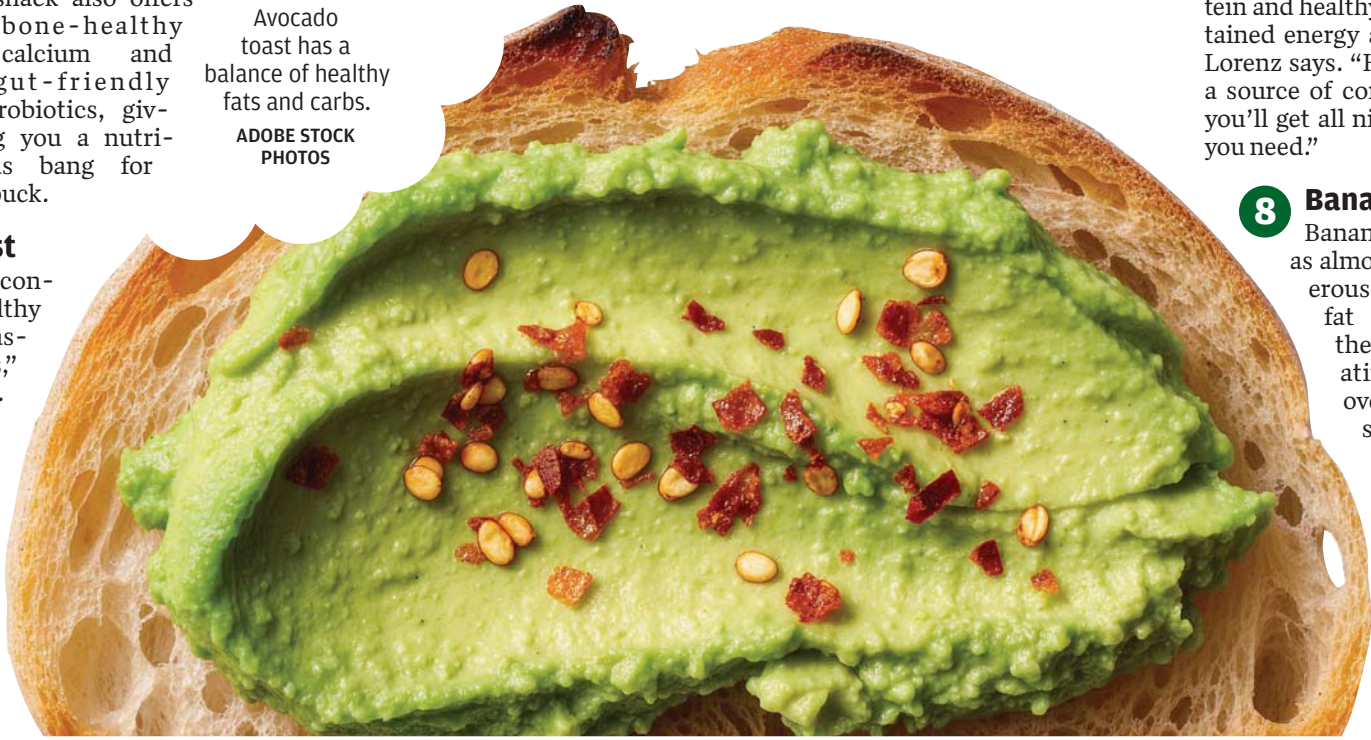
Yogurt is a stellar source of protein, which “helps maintain energy levels and prevents the mid-afternoon energy slump,” Lorenz says. “Full-fat Greek yogurts are extra creamy, yielding a seemingly indulgent snack while packing in protein to keep you full and satisfied.” This snack also offers bone-healthy calcium and gut-friendly probiotics, giving you a nutritious bang for your buck.



4 Avocado toast

“Avocado toast contains a balance of healthy fats, vitamin A, potassium, fiber and carbs,” Pasquariello says. “Given the balance of healthy fats and carbs, this is another good snack to help you power through an afternoon of work.” The reason? Both nutrients provide fuel for the body, keeping you energized and ready to take on the day.

Avocado toast has a balance of healthy fats and carbs.
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BETTER BITES

8 dietitian-approved snacks to help you stay full between meals

KIRSTEN NUNEZ | RealSimple.com

Snacking often gets a bad rap — but it can actually be helpful for staying energized and full throughout the day. The key is to choose foods that are rich in satiating nutrients, such as complex carbohydrates, fiber, lean protein and healthy fats. Here are eight of the healthiest snacks you can enjoy between meals.

5 Chia pudding

For an energizing make-ahead snack, whip up a simple chia pudding by combining chia seeds and your milk of choice. According to Lorenz, chia seeds are rich in three satiating nutrients: fiber, omega-3 fatty acids and plant-based protein. As these nutrients reduce hunger, they’ll quell the fatigue and tiredness that comes with it, keeping your energy levels up.

6 Trail mix

Of course, all trail mixes are different — but when made at home with whole, minimal ingredients, trail mix can be a nutritious and energizing snack. “Let’s say you made your own with half an ounce each of almonds and walnuts, plus some chocolate candies and dried cranberries,” Pasquariello says. This mixture offers a healthy combination of carbohydrates, fiber, good fats and plant-based protein, all of which will keep you satiated and energized.



7 Hard-boiled eggs

If you’re looking for a snack that’s nutritious and energizing to boot, reach for hard-boiled eggs. “They contain protein and healthy fats, which provide sustained energy and keep hunger at bay,” Lorenz says. “Hard-boiled eggs are also a source of complete protein, meaning you’ll get all nine essential amino acids you need.”

8 Bananas and nut butter

Bananas and nut butter, such as almond butter, provide a generous helping of carbs, fiber, fat and protein. “Together, these nutrients offer a satiating combo in terms of overall energy,” Pasquariello says. “Bananas also provide micronutrients like potassium; the nut butter will provide B vitamins and minerals like magnesium.”

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‘TRESPASSES’

New PBS series mixes ‘scandalous’ romance and historical drama

ROBERT LLOYD | Los Angeles Times

New on PBS, “Trespases,” a four-part adaptation of Louise Kennedy’s 2022 debut novel, is a story of love in a time of choler. Set outside of Belfast in 1975 during the Troubles, it follows a clandestine affair between Cushla Lavery (Lola Petticrew, the serial killer in “Furious”), a 24-year-old Catholic elementary school teacher, and Michael Agnew (Tom Cullen), an older, married Protestant barrister known for defending stone-throwing Catholic youth with an eye to keeping them out of the Irish Republican Army.

Emptying the thesaurus, press materials stress the hot stuff — “scandalous,” “risqué,” “racy,” “torrid,” “titillating” and “steamy” — and while there is more than a modicum of modest sex scenes, the actual tone of the limited series, as adapted by Ailbhe Keogan and directed by Dawn

Shadforth, is quite measured; it runs on talk. That’s not to say, given the setting and the setup — which betokens tragedy as surely as Romeo meeting Juliet — it doesn’t throb with tension three-quarters of the time.

Along with teaching, Cushla works for her brother Eamonn (Martin McCann) at the family bar. The clientele includes Catholics and Protestants, united in their love of whiskey, lately including Michael — whose opposition to extremism grants him the honor of being disliked by both sides — seemingly there expressly to gaze upon Cushla while he pretends to do crosswords. And she gazes back. Moving through discussions of Malcolm McDowell’s typecasting and group lessons in Irish, led by Cushla, they will go beyond gazing.

She’s a ray of light; he’s magnetically mature. You may or may not buy the mutual attraction the series insists upon,

or for that matter, trust the lovers’ motivations. But you also will be invited to change your mind. Because the camera never leaves Cushla’s side, anything there is to learn we learn along with her, which pays some dramatic dividends and means we’ll be forced to revise earlier judgments, usually for the better.

It’s a dangerous liaison. Michael, who is given to speechifying (and actual speechmaking), declares, “We cannot let the old bigots and the boys with guns tell us how to live ... Otherwise nothing will ever change. Hate wins,” and, in a favorite refrain, “We must find the bravery to choose freedom over fear.” Cushla, however, notes that she comes “from a long line of Catholics that have survived by keeping their heads down and their mouths shut. Having a big opinion like yours, it’s a luxury I don’t have.”

Many shots are framed as if Cushla and

Michael are being watched, whether or not they are (though sometimes they are, including by each other). We’re shown the oppressive presence of loyalist troops, some anti-Catholic vandalism and a neighbor reflexively checking his car for a bomb, but the greater violence comes through as background noise on the radio or TV news, or reported by Cushla’s young students.

Fortunately, there is more to the story, and many of the most compelling scenes have little or nothing to do with Michael. (Every scene is a Cushla scene.) She’s wonderful with her class and her colleague and confidant Gerry Harkin (Oisín Thompson), who will jump onstage at a school assembly to interrupt a strident, bigoted superior to lead the students in a peace song. Viewers will consider his bowl haircut a romantic nonstarter, but there are levels to be revealed.

Cushla may not have the luxury of big opinions, but as an obviously good person, whatever one thinks of adultery, she’s unafraid to go against the grain in support of her student Davy McGeown (Daithí Ó Haragain), whose mother (Emily Taaffe) is Protestant and whose Catholic father, in the child’s words, has been “beat up for loving my mummy.” She’s also supportive of Davy’s bright older brother Tommy (Conlaach Gough-Cunningham), teetering on the edge after the attack on his father.

Above all, there is Cushla’s mother, Gina, played by Gillian Anderson, in a downward spiral since the death of her husband some two years earlier. Introduced in a state of drunken collapse, Anderson — fearful, bitter, despairing, protective — is quite magnificent limning different levels of intoxication. But she’s even more impressive in her sober scenes, participating in the world beyond her couch, bringing food to the McGeowns and, finally, acting as a mother to Gina.

Michael’s declarations not even aside, Keogan has a gift for writing dialogue that feels native to the speaker and doesn’t land heavily on a point, and apart from the lovemaking interludes and a gauzy montage of a romantic trip to Dublin, Shadforth’s naturalistic direction enhances the drama by not underscoring it. She has an especially convincing way with party scenes — a school disco, a wedding, an art opening, a birthday party (at which Michael performs a soulful, foreshadowing version of the Carter Family’s “The Last Move For Me”) — where so many productions fall down.

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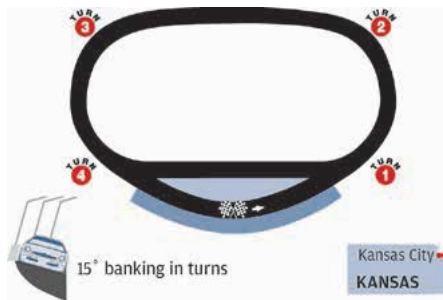
YOUR GUIDE TO THE WEEK ON THE NASCAR CIRCUIT



RANDY SARTIN PHOTOS, IMAGN IMAGES

Team Penske driver Joey Logano won the Bass Pro Shops Night Race on Saturday at Bristol Motor Speedway in Tennessee. Logano earned 73 out of a possible 75 points and is now third overall in the standings.

THIS WEEK'S CUP RACE



Hollywood Casino 400

Distance: 267 laps/400.5 miles
Where: Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Kan.
When: 2 p.m. Sunday **TV:** USA
Radio: Motor Racing Network
Last year's winner: Chase Elliott

Notes: Kansas Speedway is an asphalt oval with 17-20 degrees of progressive banking in the turns, 9-11 degrees of progressive banking on the frontstretch, and 5 degrees of banking on the backstretch.

STANDINGS

NASCAR Cup Series

Driver	Wins	Laps led	Points
1 Kyle Larson	1	883	2206
2 Denny Hamlin	4	948	2205
3 Joey Logano	3	725	2190
4 Christopher Bell	1	606	2189
5 Ty Gibbs	2	400	2164
6 Ryan Blaney	3	1031	2154
7 Tyler Reddick	5	523	2145
8 Carson Hocevar	1	198	2121
9 Chase Briscoe	1	389	2119
10 Bubba Wallace	0	252	2114
11 Austin Cindric	0	51	2090
12 Chase Elliott	2	318	2089
13 William Byron	0	176	2085
14 Ryan Preece	1	55	2082
15 Chris Buescher	0	81	2082
16 Daniel Suarez	1	42	2072
17 Shane van Gisbergen	2	270	647
18 Brad Keselowski	0	232	615
19 Ross Chastain	0	133	592
20 Michael McDowell	0	24	570
21 Erik Jones	0	17	549
22 Todd Gilliland	0	21	520
23 AJ Allmendinger	0	9	514
24 Josh Berry	0	93	501
25 Austin Dillon	0	4	494
26 Zane Smith	0	77	477
27 John H. Nemechek	0	64	465
28 Alex Bowman	0	0	456
29 Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	0	7	450
30 Riley Herbst	0	5	415
31 Noah Gragson	0	2	376
32 Cole Custer	0	3	370
33 Ty Dillon	0	3	324
34 Connor Zilisch	0	8	317
35 Cody Ware	0	10	223
36 Casey Mears	0	0	13
37 Kevin Magnussen	0	0	11
38 Jimmie Johnson	0	0	9
39 Katherine Legge	0	0	8
40 BJ McLeod	0	0	4

O'Reilly Auto Parts Series

UP NEXT
Focused Health 302:
Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Oct. 3, 6:30 (CW/ESPN)

STANDINGS	
1 Sheldon Creed	2235
2 Justin Allgaier	2224
3 Carson Kvapil	2198
4 Jesse Love	2194
5 Sam Mayer	2157
6 Corey Day	2143
7 Sammy Smith	2143
8 Taylor Gray	2131
9 Austin Hill	2129
10 P. Retzlaff	2124
11 Brandon Jones	2121
12 Rajah Caruth	2071
13 Brent Crews	715
14 W. Sawalich	676
15 Ryan Sieg	619
16 Anthony Alfredo	579
17 Brennan Poole	515
18 Dean Thompson	507
19 Jeremy Clements	445
20 H. Burton	444
21 Jeb Burton IV	425
22 Blaine Perkins	392
23 Patrick Staropoli	368
24 Kyle Sieg	354
25 Josh Billicki	318

Craftsman Trucks Series

UP NEXT
Race to Stop Suicide 200: Kansas Speedway, 12 p.m. Saturday (FS1)

STANDINGS	
1 Layne Riggs	2125
2 K. Honeycutt	2122
3 Chandler Smith	2095
4 Ty Majeski	2090
5 Gio Ruggiero	2086
6 Grant Enfinger	2072
7 Daniel Hemric	2069
8 Christian Eckes	2067
9 Ben Rhodes	2064
10 Tyler Ankrum	2054
11 Jake Garcia	473
12 Stewart Friesen	449
13 Justin Haley	386
14 Brenden Queen	380
15 Andres Perez	375
16 Tanner Gray	375
17 Corey Heim	346
18 Dawson Sutton	305
19 Cole Butcher	277
20 Mini Tyrrell	266
21 Corey LaJoie	247
22 Lande nLewis	234
23 Connor Mosack	233
24 Kris Wright	219
25 Frankie Muniz	186

All times Central

Logano wins, Hocevar spars with Blaney

NICK GRAY | NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN

The NASCAR Bristol night race delivered as only it can on Saturday.

The post-race scene was pandemonium at Bristol Motor Speedway after the event. Race winner Joey Logano jumped out of his car to a chorus of boos, negated only by the cheers from fans watching the pit-road fight between Carson Hocevar and Ryan Blaney.

For about 30 seconds, the noise bounced from Logano-aimed boos to cheers at Blaney and Hocevar.

That's what happens when championship stakes are mixed up in Saturday night short-track racing.

Here are the winners and losers from the NASCAR Bristol night race.



Team Penske driver Ryan Blaney is sixth overall in the Cup standings, 52 points behind leader Kyle Larson.

WINNERS

Joey Logano's Chase hopes

Amongst the chaos, Joey Logano (when not directly involved in the chaos) made a big move in the NASCAR Chase.

As Carson Hocevar and Ty Gibbs leaned on each other for the lead, Logano drove under the two youngsters to take the lead and pull away with seven laps to go.

Logano won the race and took 73 out of a maximum 75 points out of the Bristol race weekend, moving to third in points.

Logano was in 20th in points two months ago, with his Chase chances in doubt.

No one is doubting him now.

Carson Hocevar as NASCAR's top antagonist

Carson Hocevar is now cemented as NASCAR's No. 1 antagonist after the Bristol night race chaos with Ryan Blaney.

With 44 laps to go, Hocevar and Ryan Blaney were battling for position inside the top five. Hocevar got a run off of turn 4 and set Blaney up for a cross-over move from top to bottom. Blaney made a defensive move into turn 1, and Hocevar didn't lift.

Blaney spun as a result of the contact, hitting the wall and needed towed to the garage, ending his race.

"I wasn't trying to wreck him," Hocevar said to USA Network after the race. "It just looked like to me — I got a run and kinda went left, and he spun. And I spun him."

After the race, Blaney made a beeline for Hocevar on pit road. Hocevar was a willing fighter as Blaney initiated contact with a stiff push. Hocevar then threw a couple punches before Blaney tripped over some Spire crew members.

Blaney made another charge at Hocevar and threw a couple more punches before the fracas cleared off.



Spire Motorsports driver Carson Hocevar finished eighth overall on Saturday and was involved in a confrontation with Ryan Blaney after the race.

It was the first real physical altercation between Hocevar and another Cup Series competitor despite more than a couple on-track disagreements over the last couple seasons across the field. The fight footage will live on in NASCAR's promotional material for years to come.

Even to the end of the race, Hocevar's antagonizing likely cost him the victory. He and Ty Gibbs started to lean on each other after the final restart inside of the final 10 laps, allowing Logano to scoot by for the win. Hocevar was showing comparable speed and the ability to stay with Gibbs late, and both drivers certainly could have left it later than seven laps to go before throwing proverbial elbows.

Instead, Hocevar finished third while Gibbs ended up fifth.

LOSERS

Ryan Blaney's championship hopes

Among the thrown punches and words is a massive slip for Blaney in his pursuit for a second Cup Series title.

Blaney, who led a race-high 202 laps before his night ended, lost somewhere between 25 and 30 points as a result of his 33rd-place finish, a second straight poor result after a DNF last week at Gateway. Blaney is now sixth in points, 52 points off the lead.

Maybe his post-crash interview should have been a hint as to how he might handle the dustup with Hocevar.

"Oh, I don't (expletive) know," Blaney said to USA Network when asked about who was to blame. "I got crashed."

Blaney was a willing fighter and didn't shy away from the bout. But he certainly would have rather bagged a good points day.

Chase Elliott in the summer

Autumn officially begins this week, and it won't be soon enough for Chase Elliott and the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports team.

In 12 summer races from Naval Base Coronado to Bristol, Elliott earned a single top-10 finish and led 43 laps. He fell from fourth to eighth in the regular season standings and is now 12th following a 23rd-place finish at Bristol.

Elliott started outside of the top 25 via the rule book metric as qualifying was canceled, set mostly by his DNF at Gateway.

The No. 9 struggled to keep track position in Stage 2 after staying out, eventually falling three laps down.

His night also included a late-race spin to further the malaise.

Elliott is 117 points behind teammate and points leader Kyle Larson in the Chase standings. His championship hopes are done.

BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Must-see TV

NFL

Monday, 7:15 p.m., ESPN

Jalen Hurts and the Eagles take on the Bears in Chicago.

Catch it if you can

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday, 11 a.m., ABC

Top-ranked Texas will be tested in Knoxville by No. 13 Tennessee.

Worth a peek

MLB

Saturday, 6:15 p.m., Fox

The Phillies host the Rays as the regular season winds down.

On in the background

AUTO RACING

Sunday, 2 p.m., USA Network & HBO Max

The fourth race of the NASCAR playoffs is held at Kansas Speedway.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | COMMENTARY



Texas is No. 1 in the polls behind quarterback Arch Manning, who is among the Heisman Trophy favorites this season.

SCOTT WACHTER, IMAGN IMAGES

BLAKE TOPPMEYER | USA TODAY

Everyone, meet Robot Arch. He’s quite the loquacious fella. A real wordsmith, this one.

Ask Robot Arch how he feels about playing at Tennessee, where Real Arch’s uncle became a legend, and Robot Arch will say something like: Excited for the game.

Ask Robot Arch a follow-up about why he’s excited for the game, and he might say: Should be a good one. Very excited.

And on and on it goes.

Here’s one real exchange between a reporter and Robot Arch (who replaced the human we used to know as Arch Manning).

Reporter: “Why do you feel like y’all haven’t had more explosive plays on offense?”

Robot Arch: “Yeah, I just gotta be more explosive in the offense.”

Robot Arch sounds like a 1.0 iteration of an LLM, just figuring out this communication thing. Robot Arch seizes on a few words within a reporter’s question, and then repeats them back in a short-sentence form.

Nothing Robot Arch said this week could have offended anyone, unless it bothers you that he’s “excited” to play Tennessee.

Robot Arch briefly faltered once. He smiled when asked what he thought of Tennessee’s “Rocky Top” anthem. He then snapped back into form.

“It’s not bad,” Robot Arch said.

According to one journalist who covers Texas, Robot Arch fielded 19 questions at his presser on Sept. 21 and answered in a sum of 56 seconds.

If he had been wearing a short-sleeve, too-tight hoodie, you might’ve thought you were listening to Bill Belichick. “We’re on to Tennessee.” *Blank stare.*

I miss Real Arch, the guy who smiled and laughed and showed us a sliver of his personality. Real Arch was sometimes funny in a dry-humor sort of way. Likable, too. Also, imperfect.

Robot Arch Manning emerges after his apology to Holly Rowe

Real Arch laughed at a crude AI video that depicted Steve Sarkisian slapping ESPN’s Holly Rowe, before the Texas coach scampered off like a madman in the scene.

This AI reel emerged online after Real Sark snubbed Real Holly on ABC following Texas’ win against Ohio State. That awkward Sark-Rowe interaction spawned a thousand memes. When Real Arch admitted to seeing and laughing at an AI video many people deemed offensive, he lit a powder keg of outrage and virtue signaling.

On one side of the debate, some people wanted their pound of flesh from a college athlete who laughed at a spoof that depicted violence against a woman.

MEET ROBOT ARCH

One cringe moment turned Manning into a quarterback who says nothing

On the other side, a bunch of twidiots got inflamed because Real Arch apologized to Rowe and to the public for his comments. How dare Real Arch show decency after he offended people! Some obnoxious bloviators even blamed Rowe for the situation.

My take: It was cringeworthy when Real Arch smiled, laughed, and told a room full of reporters he thought the AI video of Sark slapping Rowe was “hilarious.” The cringe of the moment accelerated when reporters in the room laughed along with Real Arch.

In an era in which the masses scrutinize press conferences, Real Arch was unwise and insensitive to make light of the video and chortle about it. Real Arch seemed to recognize his flub mere seconds after his comments. He glanced off to his right, where I imagine he saw a media relations professional with a panicked look.

I respect that Real Arch issued a public apology, which came across as sincere. That shouldn’t be taken for granted. Many people much older than Manning, 22, can’t manage an apology without defaulting to the “I’m sorry if you got offended” no-pology.

Manning pulled none of that nonsense. He owned his comments, apologized, and expressed sincere regret.

Good for him. An apology was the mature way to handle this.

Rowe accepted his apology. Good for her.

If you’re among those who think Real Arch was wrong to apologize, my guess is you don’t have many friends, because you’ve offended everyone in your orbit at some point, stubbornly refused to apologize, and who wants to be friends with a jerk?

If you’re among those who thought Real Arch is a heinous, unforgivable ghoul because he laughed at a distasteful AI video, my guess is you’re the insufferable, self-righteous sort of person with whom I’d very much dislike having a beer.

Any decent person would agree real violence against a woman is despicable and not at all funny. Although no real violence occurred in this situation, Real Arch displayed some youthful foolishness, poor judgment and a lack of empathy when he called this AI creation “hilarious.” (It wasn’t.) Then, he showed some decency when he apologized.

AI fakes are flooding the internet. This one wasn’t funny.

AI spoofs and deepfakes are ubiquitous online, especially on social media, and I wonder whether these AI videos desensitize us to real-life violence or odiousness.

We used to ask that question about video games, movies, and TV shows. I laughed at “The Three Stooges” without ever emerging from an episode with the desire to shove my fingers into someone’s eyeballs. I played endless hours of “GoldenEye,” and it never made me want to shoot anyone, and “Grand Theft Auto” never made me want to steal a car or run over someone while behind the wheel, even if the game glamorized violence.

But, these AI spoofs are getting alarmingly more advanced at making make-believe look real, and this particular video did not involve cartoon or fictitious characters like a ‘90s video game. It reimaged an encounter between real people.

No public relations professional would’ve advised Real Arch to make light of such a video. He did, he apologized, and then he (or the flacks in his orbit) locked Real Arch in the closet.

Robot Arch doesn’t offend people. He rarely smiles. He doesn’t joke. He doesn’t say anything remotely interesting. If Robot Arch watches AI videos, we’ll never hear about it.

I’d love to know what Real Arch thinks of Robot Arch. Does he think Robot Arch is a tremendous drag? Or, maybe, Real Arch is laughing at Robot Arch’s mastery of monotony, and he thinks it’s hilarious how “excited” Robot Arch is, even as he looks as if he just underwent a lobotomy.

FOOTBALL

NFL AFC

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0	1.000	77	62
New England	1	1	0	.500	30	16
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	30
Miami	0	2	0	.000	26	62

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	47	30
Houston	0	2	0	.000	37	56
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	30	47
Indianapolis	0	2	0	.000	53	77

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	53	33
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	58	47
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	33	53
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	23	33

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	64	40
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	53	27
Denver	1	1	0	.500	30	44
L.A. Chargers	0	2	0	.000	28	52

NFC

East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000	48	42
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	34	48
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	57	48
Washington	0	2	0	.000	42	61

South						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	71	62
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	54	48
Atlanta	1	2	0	.333	51	68
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	46	56

North						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	48	25
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	62	46
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	62	71
Green Bay	1	2	0	.333	56	91

West						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	2	0	0	1.000	62	20
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	44	17
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	35	33
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	33	45

WEEK 3

Thursday’s result

Atlanta 35, Green Bay 14

Sunday’s games

L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, noon
Carolina at Cleveland, noon
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, noon
Houston at Indianapolis, noon
Kansas City at Miami, noon
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, noon
Seattle at Washington, noon
New England at Jacksonville, noon
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.
Las Vegas at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
*Baltimore vs. Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
* at Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
L.A. Rams at Denver, 7:20 p.m.

Monday’s game

Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.

WEEK 4

Thursday, Oct. 1

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

*Indianapolis vs. Washington, 8:30 a.m.

* at London

Arizona at N.Y. Giants, noon
Dallas at Houston, noon
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, noon
Jacksonville at Cincinnati, noon
L.A. Rams at Philadelphia, noon
N.Y. Jets at Chicago, noon
New England at Buffalo, noon
Tennessee at Baltimore, noon
Miami at Minnesota, 3:05 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Carolina, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 5

Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

College

AFCA TOP 25

Friday’s game

Saturday’s games

1. Texas at No. 13 Tennessee, 11 a.m.
2. Georgia vs. No. 24 Oklahoma, 2:30 p.m.
3. Notre Dame at Purdue, 1 p.m.
5. Miami vs. Central Michigan, 5:30 p.m.
6. Mississippi at No. 22 Florida, 2:30 p.m.
7. Ohio State vs. Illinois, 11 a.m.
8. Alabama vs. South Carolina, 6 p.m.
10. Texas Tech vs. Sam Houston, 11 a.m.
11. LSU vs. No. 20 Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m.
12. USC vs. No. 16 Oregon, 6:30 p.m.
14. Penn St. vs. Wisconsin, 4 p.m.
15. Utah at Iowa St., 2:30 p.m.
17. Iowa at No. 18 Michigan, 2:30 p.m.
19. Louisville vs. Wake Forest, 11 a.m.
21. Missouri at Mississippi St., 6:45 p.m.
23. Washington vs. Minnesota, 10 p.m.
25. SMU vs. Missouri St., 8 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
z-Tampa Bay	96	63	.604	—	4-4	
x-New York	92	67	.579	4	6-4	
x-Boston	85	74	.535	11	4-6	
Baltimore	78	81	.491	18	6-4	
Toronto	77	82	.484	19	3-7	

Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
x-Cleveland	83	76	.522	—	8-2	
x-Chicago	82	77	.516	1	4-4	
Minnesota	75	84	.472	8	5-5	
Detroit	74	85	.465	9	4-6	
Kansas City	68	91	.428	15	2-8	

West Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
Houston	79	80	.497	—	4-6	
Texas	79	80	.497	—	4-6	
Seattle	74	85	.465	5	4-6	
Athletics	63	96	.396	16	3-7	
Los Angeles	61	98	.384	18	5-5	

Wild Card

x-New York +10 x-Chicago —

x-Boston +3 Texas 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
y-Atlanta	93	66	.585	—	5-5	
Philadelphia	87	72	.547	6	5-5	
Miami	78	81	.491	15	5-5	
Washington	75	84	.472	18	7-3	
New York	73	86	.459	20	4-6	

Central Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
y-Milwaukee	100	59	.629	—	7-3	
x-Chicago	88	71	.553	12	5-5	
Pittsburgh	81	78	.509	19	7-3	
St. Louis	77	82	.484	23	4-6	
Cincinnati	74	85	.465	26	4-6	

West Division						
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	
y-Los Angeles	97	62	.610	—	7-3	
x-San Diego	89	70	.560	8	8-2	
Arizona	85	74	.535	12	6-4	
San Francisco	65	94	.409	32	3-7	
Colorado	57	102	.358	40	2-8	

Wild Card
x-San Diego +2 Philadelphia —
x-Chicago +1 Arizona 2
x-clinched playoff berth; y-clinched division
z-clinched division and league’s best record

THURSDAY’S RESULTS

American League

Chicago White Sox 9, Kansas City 1
Cleveland 1, Boston 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 4
Houston 7, Athletics 5
L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 4

National League

Pittsburgh 2, St. Louis 1
Chicago Cubs 2, Miami 1
Arizona 12, Colorado 8
Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6
San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 2

Interleague

Texas 3, N.Y. Mets 1

FRIDAY’S GAMES

American League

Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 2, (n)
Cleveland at Kansas City, (n)
Texas at Minnesota, (n)
Houston at Athletics, (n)
L.A. Angels at Seattle, (n)

National League

N.Y. Mets at Washington, (n)
Atlanta at Miami, (n)
St. Louis at Milwaukee, (n)
Arizona at San Diego, (n)
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, (n)

Interleague

Chicago Cubs at Boston, 2, (n)
Pittsburgh at Detroit, (n)
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, (n)
Cincinnati at Toronto, (n)
Colorado at Chicago White Sox, (n)

SATURDAY’S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Detroit, 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto, 2:07 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 3:10 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 6:10 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago White Sox, 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 6:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Boston, 6:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:15 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 7:40 p.m.
Houston at Athletics, 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 8:40 p.m.
SUNDAY’S GAMES
N.Y. Mets at Washington, 2:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 2:05 p.m.
Houston at Athletics, 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Toronto, 2:07 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 2:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Diego, 2:10 p.m.
Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 2:20 p.m.

End of regular sesason

BASKETBALL

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	30	14	.682	—
x-Washington	28	16	.636	2
x-Indiana	28	16	.636	2
x-New York	26	18	.591	4
Chicago	16	28	.363	14
Toronto	11	33	.250	19
Connecticut	11	33	.250	19

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
z-Tampa Bay	97	63	.606	—	—	6-4	W-1	55-26	42-37
x-New York	93	68	.578	4½	+9½	5-5	W-1	46-34	47-34
x-Boston	87	74	.540	10½	+3½	5-5	W-2	41-39	46-35
Baltimore	79	82	.491	18½	4½	6-4	L-1	39-42	40-40
Toronto	78	82	.487	19	5	3-7	W-1	41-38	37-44
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
x-Cleveland	84	76	.525	—	—	8-2	W-2	41-40	43-36
x-Chicago	83	77	.519	1	—	6-4	W-2	47-32	36-45
Minnesota	76	84	.475	8	7	6-4	W-3	41-38	35-46
Detroit	75	85	.469	9	8	4-6	W-1	41-38	34-47
Kansas City	68	92	.425	16	15	2-8	L-2	40-39	28-53
West	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
Houston	79	81	.494	—	—	4-6	L-1	39-42	40-39
Texas	79	81	.494	—	—	5-5	L-1	45-36	34-45
Seattle	74	85	.465	4½	8½	4-6	L-1	41-37	33-48
Athletics	64	96	.400	15	19	3-7	W-1	32-47	32-49
Los Angeles	61	98	.384	17½	21½	5-5	W-1	34-47	27-51

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
y-Atlanta	93	67	.581	—	—	5-5	L-2	52-29	41-38
Philadelphia	87	73	.544	6	—	4-6	L-3	42-37	45-36
Miami	79	81	.494	14	8	5-5	W-1	46-33	33-48
Washington	76	84	.475	17	11	7-3	W-3	38-41	38-43
New York	73	87	.456	20	14	4-6	L-2	36-45	37-42
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
z-Milwaukee	101	59	.631	—	—	8-2	W-3	53-26	48-33
x-Chicago	88	73	.547	13½	+½	4-6	L-2	46-35	42-38
Pittsburgh	81	79	.506	20	6	6-4	L-1	44-37	37-42
St. Louis	77	83	.481	24	10	3-7	L-2	38-43	39-40
Cincinnati	74	86	.463	27	13	4-6	L-1	38-43	36-43
West	W	L	Pct	GB	WC	L10	Str	Home	Away
y-Los Angeles	98	62	.613	—	—	7-3	W-1	51-30	47-32
x-San Diego	89	71	.556	9	+2	7-3	L-1	49-30	40-41
Arizona	86	74	.537	12	1	7-3	W-6	45-36	41-38
San Francisco	65	95	.406	33	22	3-7	L-3	37-42	28-53
Colorado	57	103	.356	41	30	2-8	L-5	32-49	25-54

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Cleveland 1, Boston 0	Chicago Cubs 2, Miami 1
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Houston 7, Athletics 5	Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 1
L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 4	Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 6
Interleague	San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 2
Texas 3, N.Y. Mets 1	

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

American League	National League
Baltimore 10, N.Y. Yankees 2, 1st	Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 4
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 3, 2nd	Arizona 11, San Diego 4
Minnesota 10, Texas 2	L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 0
Interleague	
Cleveland 12, Kansas City 9	Boston 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 1st
Athletics 6, Houston 5	Boston 2, Chicago Cubs 0, 2nd
L.A. Angels 7, Seattle 5	Tampa Bay 2, Philadelphia 0
National League	Detroit 8, Pittsburgh 7
Miami 3, Atlanta 0	Toronto 6, Cincinnati 5
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 6	Chicago White Sox 6, Colorado 1

STAT OF THE DAY

\$300 Outfielder Ian Happ wrapped \$300 around a baseball during the Cubs' last regular-season home game and threw it into the bleacher seats in left field at Wrigley Field on Thursday to buy beers for fans as a thank you.

— MLB

MLB

Frenemies battle for strikeouts

Both Verlander, Scherzer want one more start to settle

USA TODAY

DETROIT — They’ve combined for 40 seasons in the major leagues, and more than 1,000 starts.

And after all of that, Justin Verlander and Max Scherzer — former teammates and longtime rivals, as arguably the two greatest pitchers of their era — sit just four strikeouts apart on the all-time list.

Entering the final start of Verlander’s career, set for Saturday at a sold-out Comerica Park, the Detroit Tigers pitcher has 3,554 strikeouts, while Scherzer, with the Toronto Blue Jays, has 3,550.

How they will stack up when it’s all over remains to be seen, but it’s safe to say there are two very interested people in Verlander, 43, and Scherzer, 42. Scherzer hasn’t announced his playing plans beyond this season — he has teased an announcement in the



ROBIN BUCKSON, USA TODAY NETWORK

Former Tigers teammates Max Scherzer, left, and Justin Verlander are ninth and eighth, respectively, on the list of career strikeouts.

coming couple of days — but he said he wants to pitch for the Blue Jays on Sunday, on short rest.

“They’re both ... very, very competitive people,” said Jeremy Bonderman, who was teammates with Verlander and Scherzer in Detroit. “They’re totally different people, but on the mound they’re 100% alike.

“They remind me a lot of ... Randy Johnson and Curt

Schilling (when they were teammates with the Arizona Diamondbacks). They competed against each other to be the very best. That’s what makes those two very special.

“They wanted nothing but perfection.”

Verlander and Scherzer were teammates with the Tigers from 2010-14, leading the team to four straight AL Central titles and a 2012

World Series appearance. Scherzer left after 2014 to sign with the Washington Nationals, while Verlander was traded to the Houston Astros in August 2017.

The two of them reunited in 2023 — surprisingly, given the two have long been considered more frenemies and friends — when Verlander signed with the New York Mets. The reunion didn’t last long; that season the Mets flopped and traded Verlander to the Astros and Scherzer to the Texas Rangers.

Each of them has won three Cy Youngs (two of them outside Detroit) and two World Series championships (both of them outside Detroit). Verlander’s career WAR is 81.8, Scherzer’s is 75.1.

Now, the end is here for Verlander, and it probably is near for Scherzer. Verlander made just one start for the Tigers this season because of injuries. Scherzer made 17 starts for the Blue Jays but has an ERA over 6.00. But after all these years, there’s still something to settle in the strikeout department.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

DODGERS: Los Angeles earned a first-round bye in the postseason, conveyed when the NL East champion Atlanta Braves lost 7-6 to the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday. It could not have worked out better for the Dodgers, who continue to get key players back as they turn their attention to the playoffs and a run at a third staright World Series title.

CUBS: Five days after sustaining facial fractures after getting struck in his left eye by a foul ball, Alex Bregman was back in Chicago’s lineup, playing as the DH and No. 3 hitter in the first game of a doubleheader Friday at Fenway Park.

DIAMONDBACKS: Arizona right -hander Corbin Burnes was scratched from his Saturday night start against the San Diego Padres when the former Cy Young winner was placed on the 15-day IL Friday with shoulder inflammation.

MLB: Ahead of a nor’easter expected to bring heavy rain and strong winds to the Northeast, the league moved Saturday’s game between the Cubs and host Red Sox to Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Sunday.

— Field Level Media

SCHEDULE

SATURDAY'S GAMES

American League
Texas (TBD) at Minnesota (Ober 7-6), 3:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bibee 6-15) at Kansas City (Wacha 9-9), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (TBD) at Athletics (Perkins 3-12), 8:40 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Johnson 5-9) at Seattle (Anderson 2-2), 8:40 p.m.
National League
N.Y. Mets (Tong 2-2) at Washington (Early 7-5), 11:35 a.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Snell 4-1) at San Francisco (Wilkinson 1-3), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Suter 3-2) at Miami (Ralston 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mathews 2-3) at Milwaukee (May 7-9), 6:10 p.m.
Arizona (TBD) at San Diego (Buehler 9-6), 7:40 p.m.
Interleague
Pittsburgh (Yates 2-5) at Detroit (Verlander 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Lowder 6-12) at Toronto (Yesavage 5-5), 2:07 p.m.
Colorado (Quintana 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Martin 9-7), 6:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Jax 8-10) at Philadelphia (TBD), 6:15 p.m.

All times Central

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All times Eastern

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday

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MLB (NATIONAL)

1 p.m.

MLBN – Pittsburgh at Detroit

4 p.m.

MLBN – Atlanta at Miami, MLBN

7:10 p.m.

FOX / FOX ONE – Tampa Bay at Philadelphia

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

10 p.m.

MLBN – Triple-A Championship: Oklahoma City vs. Rochester

NHL PRESEASON

3 p.m.

NHLN – Pittsburgh at Buffalo Sabres

7 p.m.

NHLN – St. Louis at Chicago Blackhawks

10 p.m.

NHLN – San Jose at Vegas

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Noon

ABC – Texas at Tennessee

FOX – Illinois at Ohio St.

TNT – Sam Houston at Texas Tech

ESPN – Wake Forest at Louisville

ESPN2 – Colorado at Baylor

CBSN – San Diego St. at Toledo

ESPNU – Colorado St. at UTSA

ACCN – Virginia Tech at Boston College

12:45 p.m.

SECN – South Alabama at Kentucky

1:30 p.m.

BTN – UCLA at Maryland

2 p.m.

Peacock – Notre Dame at Purdue

3 p.m.

CW – Hawaii at Wyoming

ACCN – Central Arkansas at Florida St.

3:30 p.m.

ABC – Ole Miss at Florida

CBS – Iowa at Michigan

FOX – Utah at Iowa St.

ESPN – Oklahoma at Georgia

ESPN2 – Boise State at Western Michigan

FS1 – CU at UCF

CBSN – New Mexico at New Mexico St.

4 p.m.

ESPNU – Houston at Georgia Southern

4:15 p.m.

SECN – Vanderbilt at Auburn

5 p.m.

BTN – Nebraska at Michigan St.

Peacock – Wisconsin at Penn St.

6 p.m.

USA – Incarnate Word at Texas St.

ACCN – Delaware at Virginia

6:30 p.m.

CW – Central Michigan at Miami

7 p.m.

ESPN – South Carolina at Alabama

ESPN2 – Kansas St. at Cincinnati

FS1 – Oklahoma St. at West Virginia

7:30 p.m.

NBC – Oregon at USC

ABC – Texas A&M at LSU

CBS – Arizona at Washington St.

CBSN – Troy at Utah St.

ESPNU – Appalachian St. at NC State

7:45 p.m.

SECN – Missouri at Mississippi St.

9 p.m.

ACCN – Missouri St. at SMU

10 p.m.

CW – Rice at Fresno St.

10:30 p.m.

ESPN – Georgia Tech at Stanford

ESPN2 – Northern Arizona at Montana St.

FS1 – Air Force at Nevada

11 p.m.

FOX – Minnesota at Washington

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

9 p.m.

BTN – Ohio St. at Nebraska

AUTO RACING

7 a.m.

Apple TV – F1 Azerbaijan Grand Prix

10 a.m.

truTV – NASCAR Cup Kansas Practice, Qualifying

1 p.m.

FS1 – NASCAR Trucks Kansas 200

GOLF

8 a.m. / 9 a.m.

GOLF / NBC – Presidents Cup, GOLF

9 a.m.

GOLF – DP World Tour

4 p.m.

GOLF – Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

SOCCER

8:30 a.m.

CBSN – Women's Super League: Man City at Charlton Athletic

8:50 a.m.

FS2 – UEFA: Slovenia vs. Scotland

12:30 p.m.

CBS – NWSL: Denver at Kansas City

2:30 p.m.

FS2 – UEFA: England vs. Spain

4:30 p.m.

TNT, truTV – Men's Friendly: Peru at United States

6:30 p.m.

ION – NWSL: Angel City at Washington

8:45 p.m.

ION – NWSL: Houston at Portland

TENNIS

6 a.m.

TENNIS – Seoul, Singapore, Chengdu, Hangzhou

8 a.m. / 2 p.m.

TENNIS – Laver Cup

1 a.m. (Sun.)

TENNIS – Seoul, Singapore, Chengdu, Hangzhou

RUGBY

6 a.m.

FS2 – NRL: Newcastle vs. North Queensland

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

11 p.m.

FS2 – Women: Fremantle at Adelaide

HOCKEY

NHL

PRESEASON

Friday's results

Washington 3, Boston 2, OT
NY Rangers 6, NY Islanders 1
Dallas 2, Minnesota 1
Colorado 5, Winnipeg 2

Saturday's games

Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Nashville, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Utah, 5 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at NY Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 10 p.m.

REGULAR SEASON OPENERS

Tuesday's games

Florida at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Chicago at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's games

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 10 p.m.



JEROD RINGWALD, IMAGN IMAGES

The International Team swept the U.S. 5-0 in Friday's foursomes to seize a 7-3 lead in the Presidents Cup at Medinah County Club near Chicago, a stunning turnaround after trailing by one point following the opening session. World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, above reacting to a missed putt on the 15th, and Sam Burns lost 1-up to the Canadian duo of Nick Taylor and Corey Connors. Scheffler fell to 1-8 in the alternate-shot format for his career in the two Cups.

ODDS

NFL

FAVORITE	SUNDAY		UNDERDOG
	LINE	O/U	
at Buffalo	7	50	L.A. Chargers
Carolina	3	41½	at Cleveland
at Detroit	6½	47½	N.Y. Jets
Houston	2½	43½	at Indianapolis
Kansas City	11½	46	at Miami
Tennessee	1	39½	at N.Y. Giants
Cincinnati	3½	42½	at Pittsburgh
Seattle	7	40½	at Washington
at Jacksonville	3	45½	New England
at San Francisco	8½	48	Arizona
Minnesota	1½	42½	at Tampa Bay
at New Orleans	3½	44	Las Vegas
Baltimore	3	52½	at Dallas
L.A. Rams	2½	45½	at Denver
Philadelphia	4	42½	at Chicago

NCAA Football

FAVORITE	SATURDAY		UNDERDOG
	LINE	O/U	
Texas	4	55½	at Tennessee
UNLV	13½	52½	at Akron
at Texas Tech	34½	55½	Sam Houston St.
at Baylor	10	55½	Colorado
at Kent St.	3½	50½	Ball St.
Virginia Tech	14	48½	at Boston Coll.
at Louisville	13	57½	Wake Forest
at Ohio St.	27	53½	Illinois
at Toledo	3	51½	San Diego St.
at UTEP	13½	58½	Colorado St.
at Kentucky	20½	54½	South Alabama
UCLA	1½	56½	at Maryland
at Georgia St.	10½	55½	Northern Illinois
Notre Dame	27½	58½	at Purdue
Hawaii	3	44½	at Wyoming
at Florida	3	58½	Mississippi
at Georgia	14	44½	Oklahoma
New Mexico	11	48½	at New Mex. St.
TCU	3	48½	at UCF
Utah	8	47½	at Iowa St.
at Michigan	5½	38½	Iowa
Boise St.	7	49½	at Western Mich.
at Miami (Ohio)	3½	51½	Connecticut
Houston	18½	56½	at Ga. Southern
at Auburn	9½	54½	Vanderbilt
Nebraska	6	48½	at Michigan St.
at Penn St.	10	44½	Wisconsin
South Florida	17½	48½	at Bowling Green
at Virginia	19½	52½	Delaware
James Madison	6½	44½	at Old Dominion
at Miami	41½	54½	Central Michigan
UL Lafayette	10	48½	at Charlotte
at Alabama	12	53½	South Carolina
Kansas St.	6½	55½	at Cincinnati
at West Virginia	2	60½	Oklahoma St.
at Arkansas St.	6	52½	Kennesaw St.
at Jacksonville St.	7½	51½	Middle Tennessee
at Tulane	18	52½	Southern Miss
at Louisiana St.	8½	51½	Texas A&M
Arizona	10	48½	at Wash. St.
at N.C. St.	14	55½	Appalachian St.
Oregon	3	62½	at Southern Cal
at Utah St.	3	47½	Troy
at Mississippi St.	6	58½	Missouri
at Arkansas	7	50½	Tulsa
Florida Atlantic	13½	57½	at UL Monroe
Massachusetts	4	48½	at Sacra. St.
at SMU	34½	60½	Missouri St.
Oregon St.	10½	55½	at Texas El Paso
at Fresno St.	13½	44½	Rice
Air Force	5½	49½	at Nevada
Georgia Tech	3½	47½	at Stanford
at Washington	10	45½	Minnesota

MLB

FAVORITE	SATURDAY		UNDERDOG	LINE
	LINE	UNDERDOG		
Texas	OFF	at Minnesota	OFF	
Cleveland	-130	at Kansas City	+105	
at Seattle	-200	LA Angels	+165	
Houston	OFF	at Athletics	OFF	

FAVORITE	TUESDAY		UNDERDOG	LINE
	LINE	UNDERDOG		
at Carolina	-130	Florida	+110	
Montreal	-110	at Toronto	-110	
at Boston	-125	NY Rangers	+105	
at Edmonton	-275	Vancouver	+220	
at Vegas	-250	Chicago	+200	

FAVORITE	WEDNESDAY		UNDERDOG	LINE
	LINE	UNDERDOG		
at Philadelphia	-130	Pittsburgh	+110	
NY Islanders	-110	at Toronto	-110	
at Colorado	-185	Los Angeles	+154	

FAVORITE	THURSDAY		UNDERDOG	LINE
	LINE	UNDERDOG		
at New Jersey	-150	Philadelphia	+125	
Tampa Bay	-145	at NY Rangers	+120	
Buffalo	-110	at Columbus	-110	
Minnesota	-150	at Nashville	+125	
at Calgary	-115	Seattle	-105	
at Utah	-200	Chicago	+165	
Edmonton	-210	at Vancouver	+170	
Florida	-135	at San Jose	+115	

FOOTBALL

College

Friday's results

AFCA TOP 25
No. 4 Indiana 29, Northwestern 23
OTHER FBS
Army 21, Temple 17
Rutgers 58, Howard 7
UAB 24, Navy 20
Clemson at California, (n)
FCS
Harvard 14, Brown 10

CFL

East Division		W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
x-Montreal	11	3	0	0	22	498	410
x-Toronto	9	6	0	0	18	445	431
Hamilton	4	10	0	0	8	327	421
Ottawa	0	13	0	0	0	308	479

West Division		W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
	10	4	0	20	433	347	
an	8	5	0	16	375	340	
	7	6	0	14	397	357	
	7	7	0	14	373	382	
	6	8	0	12	490	479	

x-clinched playoff spot
WEEK 17
Friday's results
Toronto 30, Winnipeg 28
Saskatchewan at BC, (n)
Saturday's results
Calgary at Ottawa, (n)
Hamilton at Edmonton, (n)
WEEK 18
Friday, Oct. 2
Hamilton at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3
BC at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7 p.m.

BASKETBALL

WNBA

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

	FG	FGA	Pts
LV	9.2	17.5	26.2
hell, IND	8.7	17.0	24.7
, IND	7.1	15.8	22.3
ers, PHX	7.2	16.1	21.5
8.0	15.6	20.9	
rey, TOR	6.8	15.4	20.8
win, NY	7.1	15.1	20.8
, MIN	7.0	14.2	19.8
, ATL	6.4	13.8	19.0
, g, LV	6.8	14.0	18.9
ard, ATL	5.8	14.3	17.7
de, MIN	5.8	12.6	17.6
umike, LA	6.9	13.3	17.3
SEA	6.8	13.9	17.1
tin, WAS	6.1	12.6	17.0
n, WAS	5.4	11.1	16.8
, ATL	5.8	12.9	16.4
, IND	6.2	11.7	16.1
POW	4.8	10.4	16.1
porale, DAL	5.0	12.3	15.3

BASEBALL

FRIDAY'S BOX SCORES

Red Sox 4, Cubs 3								Orioles 10, Yankees 2							
FIRST GAME								FIRST GAME							
Chi. Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.	Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.
Crow-Armstrg cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.280	Beavers rf	4	2	1	4	2	2	.229
Suzuki rf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.266	Alonso 1b	5	2	3	3	0	1	.267
Bregman dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.260	G.Henderson ss	5	0	2	1	0	2	.226
Ty.Taylor lf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.343	Mayo dh	4	1	0	0	1	3	.223
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.262	Encnr.-Strnd 3b	5	0	2	0	0	1	.277
Shaw 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.238	Cowser cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.226
Busch 1b	3	1	2	0	1	0	.241	Jackson 2b	4	1	1	1	1	2	.220
Swanson ss	4	1	0	0	0	1	.214	Franklin lf	5	2	2	1	0	1	.156
Amaya c	3	0	1	2	0	1	.232	Narvaez c	4	1	0	0	1	0	.104
Totals	33	3	7	3	4	6		Totals	40	10	13	10	6	12	
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.	NY Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Av.
Anthony lf	3	3	3	0	0	1	.246	Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.252
Gasper c	3	0	0	0	0	3	.251	Rice dh	5	0	1	0	0	3	.261
Wong c	1	0	1	1	0	0	.238	Ramos lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.195
Rutschman dh	4	0	2	2	0	0	.217	Rosario rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.238
W.Abreu rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.249	Lombard Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.237
Durbin 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248	S.Jones cf	4	1	1	0	0	1	.245
Sogard 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.254	Volpe 3b	4	0	2	0	0	2	.241
Ja.Duran cf	2	0	1	0	2	0	.209	A.Sanchez c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Monasterio 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.238	Caballero 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.231
Kiner-Falefa ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.237								
Totals	32	4	9	3	4	4									

Chi. Cubs 120 000 000 - 3 7 1
Boston 001 020 10x - 4 9 0
E: Swanson (8). **LOB:** Chi. Cubs 8, Boston 8. **2B:** Anthony 2 (11), Wong (12), Amaya (11), Shaw (9), Ty.Taylor (16). **3B:** Anthony (3). **RBIs:** Amaya 2 (28), Rutschman 2 (59), Ty.Taylor (38), Wong (25). **SB:** Crow-Armstrong (40). **CS:** Shaw (2). **DP:** Chi. Cubs 1.

Chi. Cubs IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
C.Holmes 4⅓ 5 3 2 3 3 78 4.25
Thielbar 1⅓ 1 0 0 0 1 13 4.86
Civale, L 2⅓ 3 1 1 1 1 0 38 1.72
Boston IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
Gamboa 2 4 3 3 1 1 40 1.91
Bennett 3⅓ 3 0 0 1 1 65 3.65
Weissert, W 1⅓ 0 0 0 2 1 22 3.26
Burgos, S 2 0 0 0 0 3 33 4.22
Inherited runners-scored: Weissert 1-0, Thielbar 2-2. **HBP:** by Weissert (Amaya). **IBB:** off Weissert (Happ). **T:** 2:38. **Att.:** 33,506

Inherited runners-scored: Weissert 1-0, Thiller 2-2. HBP: by Weissert (Amaya). IBB: off Weissert (Happ). T: 2:38. Att.: 33,506								Hoppe 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 1.84							
Red Sox 2, Cubs 0								NY Yankees IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA							
SECOND GAME								B.Beck, L 5 6 7 7 3 8 97 9.95							
Chi. Cubs AB R H BI BB SO Avg.								Y.De Los Santos 2 4 2 0 0 2 43 2.05							
Cw-Armstrng cf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .278								Blackburn 1 2 1 1 1 2 10 1.69							
Suzuki rf 3 0 2 0 1 1 .268								Bednar 1 1 0 0 2 1 28 2.47							
Busch 1b 4 0 2 0 0 2 .243								HBP: by Hoppe (A.Sanchez). WP: Hoppe.							
Conforto dh 4 0 0 0 0 0 .237								B.Beck. T: 2:46. Att.: N/A							
Happ lf 4 0 0 0 0 1 .220								Yankees 6, Orioles 3							
Hoerner ss 4 0 2 0 0 0 .264								SECOND GAME							
P.Ramirez 2b 3 0 0 0 0 1 .257								Baltimore AB R H BI BB SO Avg.							
C.Kelly c 3 0 0 0 0 1 .258								Beavers dh 5 1 1 1 0 2 .228							
Shaw 3b 3 0 1 0 0 0 .240								Alonso 1b 3 2 1 0 2 1 .267							
Totals 32 0 7 0 1 7								Mayo 3b 4 0 3 0 1 1 .228							
Boston AB R H BI BB SO Avg.								Jackson 2b 4 0 0 0 1 3 .217							
Anthony rf 3 0 1 0 1 2 .248								Taveras cf 4 0 2 2 0 0 .219							
Jh.Jones lf 3 1 0 1 0 1 .2317								Hinds rf 5 0 0 0 0 5 .179							
W.Abreu dh 4 0 1 2 0 2 .249								Franklin lf 5 0 2 0 0 2 .180							
Story ss 3 0 0 0 1 3 .237								Pozo c 4 0 1 0 0 2 .259							
Sogard 1b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .254								Barrera ss 4 0 1 0 0 1 .167							
Monasterio 3b 3 0 0 0 0 0 .235								Totals 38 3 11 3 4 17							
Ja.Duran cf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .208								NY Yankees AB R H BI BB SO Avg.							
Kiner-Falefa 2b 1 1 1 0 2 0 .242								Rice dh 3 1 2 0 1 1 .264							
Wong c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .234								Bellinger lf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .264							
Totals 27 2 4 2 5 10								Pamos rf 3 1 1 1 1 1 .198							

Chi. Cubs	000	000	000	-	0	7	0	
LOB:	000	000	02x	-	2	4	0	
1B: Chi. Cubs 6, Boston 6. 2B: W.Abreu (38). RBIs: W.Abreu 2 (76). 5B: Sogard (1).								
DP: Chi. Cubs 1; Boston 2.								
Chi. Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Petersen	5	3	0	0	2	6	91	3.70
Assad, L	2 1/3	0	1	1	1	3	35	3.63
Rolison	1 1/3	1	1	1	1	1	13	3.14
Hollowell	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	0	6	2.45
Bello	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bello	4	4	0	0	1	2	58	4.33
Paez, W	5	3	0	0	0	5	77	8.10
Bello pitched to 1 Batter in the 5th								
Inherited runners-scored: 5								
Hollowell 1-0, Rolison 1-1. T: 2:38. Att.: 36,449								

ACROSS

1 Worries

6 Singer Kitt

12 Small beard

13 Recipe direction

14 City near Seattle

15 Planet with rings

16 Portent

17 "Let's go!"

19 Wide sandal letters

20 Crime lab fluids

22 Designer monogram

24 Cleric's garment

27 Cooking fat

29 Hawaiian coast

32 Part of Oregon's border

35 Booty

36 Fill completely

37 "Dig in!"

38 "Evita" narrator

40 Night light?

42 Chiding sound

44 "Don't ask" initials

46 Curved lines

50 Coiffure

52 Bonelike

54 Followed

55 With candor

56 Goddess of wisdom

57 Legendary DJ Casey

DOWN

1 Froth

2 Indy event

3 Short jackets

4 Commit-tee pro —

5 Ocean-dwelling crustaceans

6 Old U.S. gas brand

7 — rate (regardless)

8 Dye brand

9 Romeo, to Juliet

10 Employ

11 Writer Rice

12 Sporty Pontiac

18 Pitcher Rivera of Yankee fame

21 Shade tree

23 Enjoy Vail

24 Apt. coolers

25 Blue

26 Sitcom starring Anthony Anderson

28 Appointment tracker

30 PBS supporter

31 Louvre display

33 "Gross!"

34 Old Oldsmobile

39 German seaport

41 Hoopsters Archibald and Thurmond

42 Mother of Helios

43 Director Gus Van —

45 Luke's teacher

47 Actress Russo

48 Tranquil

49 Devious

51 Regret

53 Hot tub

Solution time: 26 mins.

C	A	P		R	E	A	R		H	A	R	P
B	A	R		O	L	D	E		E	L	E	A
G	R	A	N	T	E	E	S		N	A	V	Y
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Yesterday's answer 9-26

	1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11
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50			51				52	53				
54							55					
56							57					

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Monday to Sunday.

King Classic Sudoku

	3						2	
2	7	1					6	
		9		7	1			5
					3			6
	2		4					
1		4				9		
				6	9			
						1	3	
4		3		8		6		

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Answer to previous puzzle

4	8	6	2	1	5	7	3	9
9	2	1	8	3	7	5	6	4
7	5	3	6	4	9	2	1	8
3	9	7	4	8	1	6	2	5
1	6	5	9	7	2	4	8	3
8	4	2	5	6	3	1	9	7
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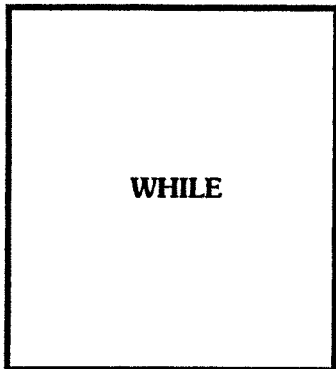
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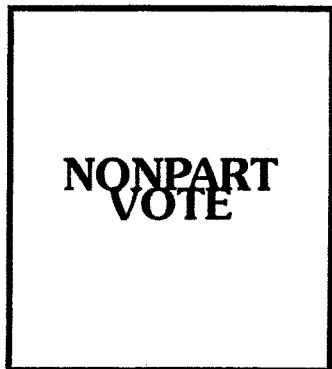
WORD PUZZLES BY $\frac{\text{WOOD}}{\text{TOM}}$

Each Wuzzle is a word riddle which creates a disguised word, phrase, name, place, saying, etc. For example, NOON GOOD = GOOD AFTERNOON

1.



2.



Print Your Answers Here:

1.			
2.			

Today's Answers:

2. A nonpartisan vote

1. A little while

9-26

Created by Tom Underwood

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JUMBLE

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

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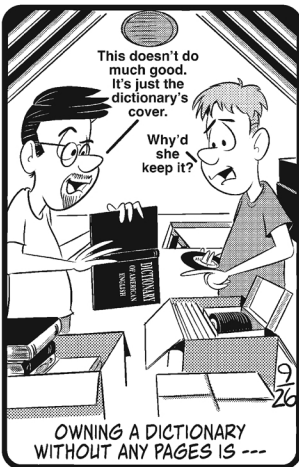
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



OWNING A DICTIONARY
WITHOUT ANY PAGES IS ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**Ans.
here:**



(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: GUILD LIMBO HEARTH MANTRA
Answer: The type of fabric she'd use to make the new
drapes was — IMMATERIAL

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Trapper's wares
5 Blacken
9 Roofed patio
10 Caesar, for one
12 "I have half — to ..."
13 Recital piece
14 Old fashioned ingredient
16 Bar concern
17 Wallet bill
18 Tops, as toast
20 Station worker
22 Wee
23 Band-leader Shaw
25 Iowa State setting
28 Still green
32 Hit seekers
34 German article
35 Volcano product
36 Improves
38 Map ratio

40 Wipe clear

- 41 Accolade
42 Spoof
43 Phone message
44 Spotted

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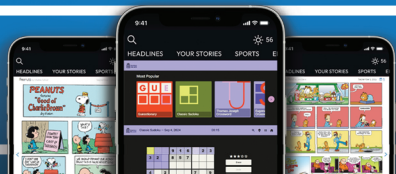
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2 In agreement
3 Crazy talk
4 Courtroom conference
5 Wave peak
6 Sizzling
7 Lucky charm
8 Air traffic aids
9 Toil away
11 Full of info
15 Burst worker
19 Stadium section
21 Play group
24 Foot parts
25 Disconcert
26 School symbol
27 Fuel gas
29 Think
30 Chapel
31 German steel city
33 Reviewer Roger
37 Factual
39 Bagel topper

W	A	C	O			W	A	C	S	
I	C	O	N	S		A	L	O	H	A
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Yesterday's answer

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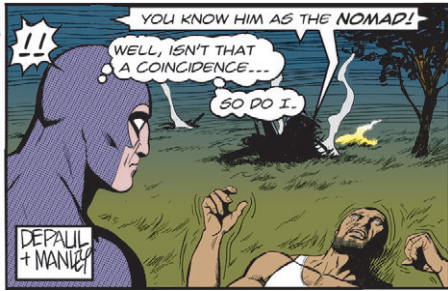
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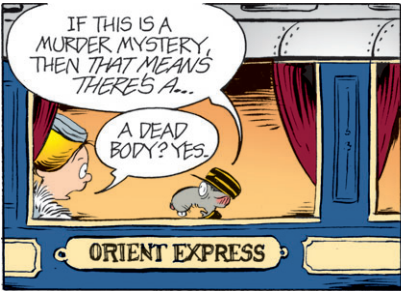
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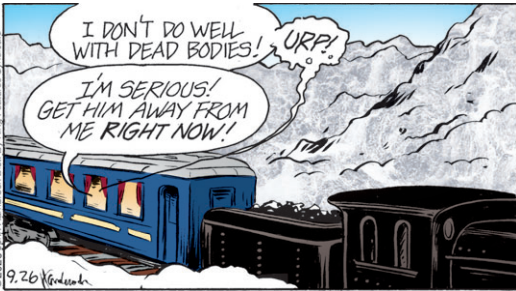
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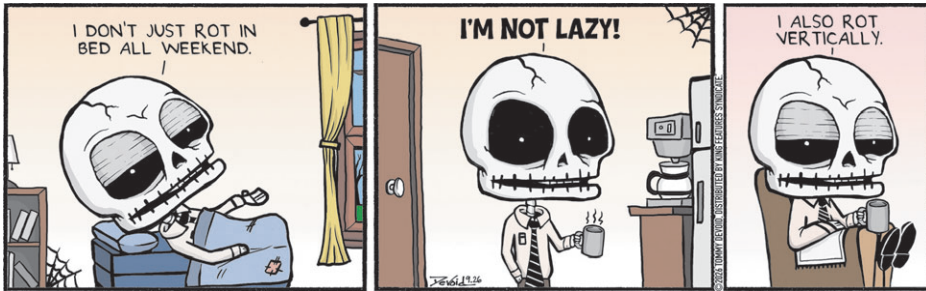
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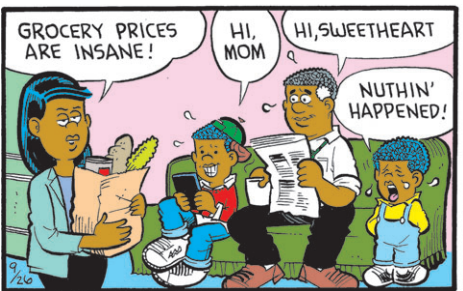


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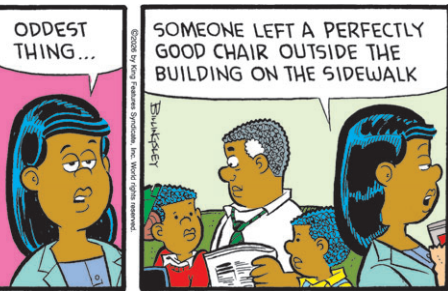


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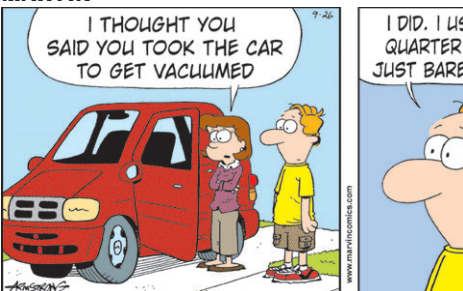


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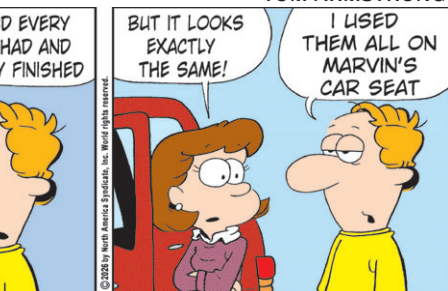


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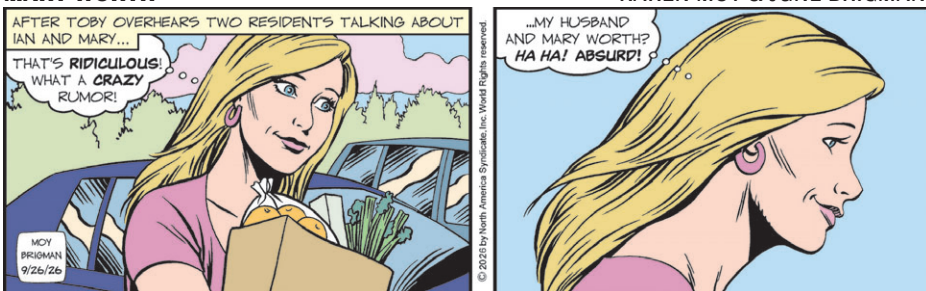
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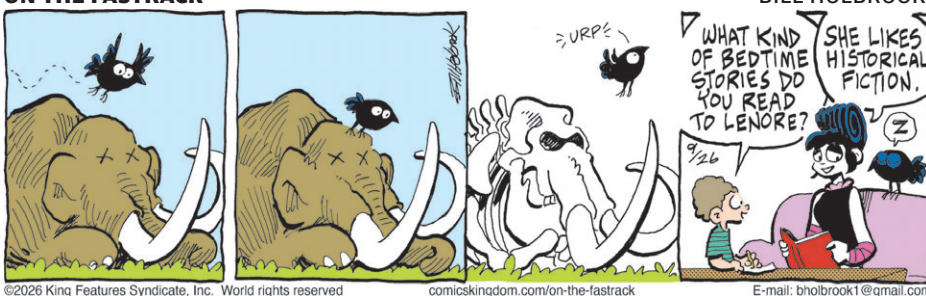
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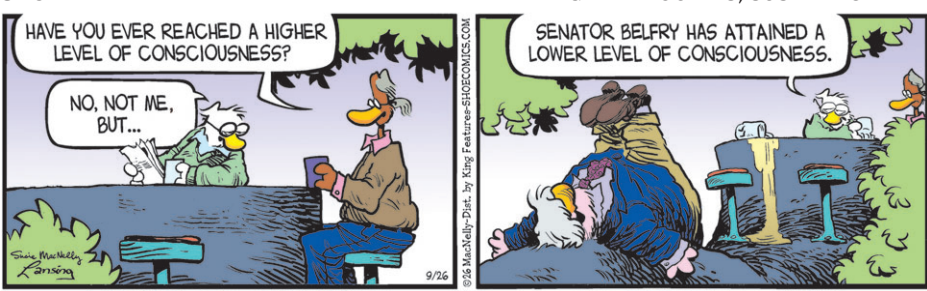


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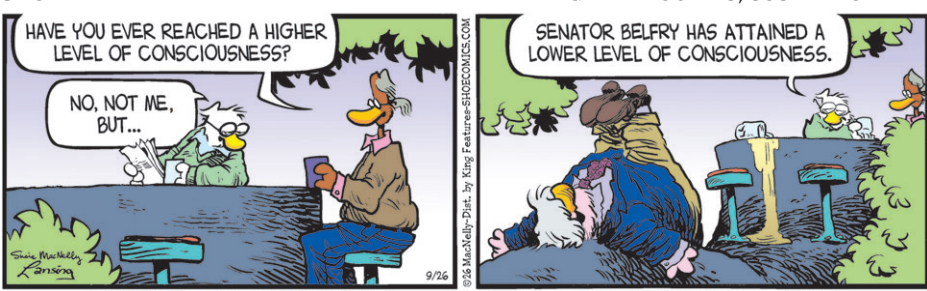


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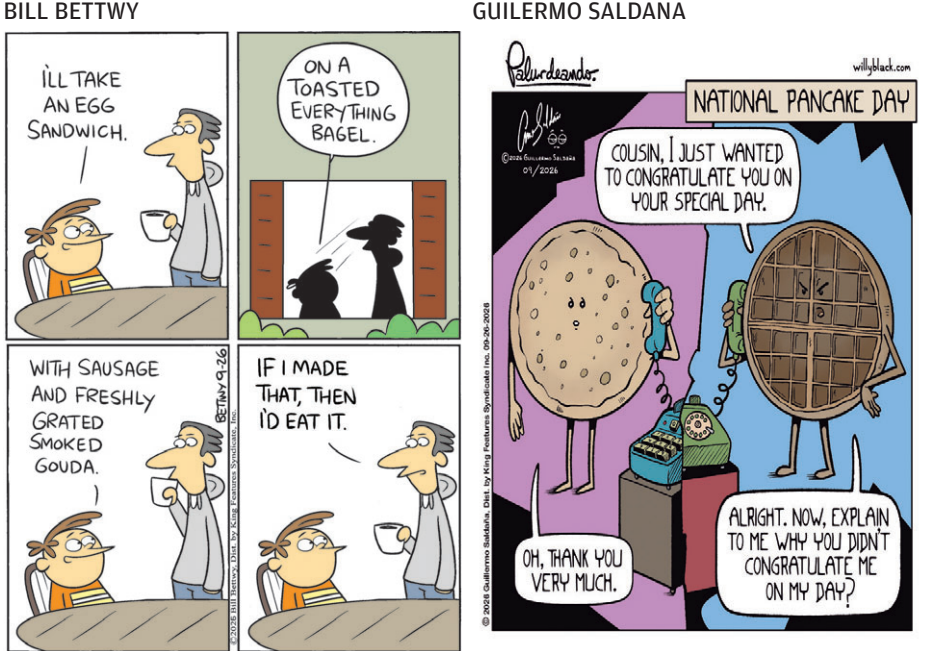
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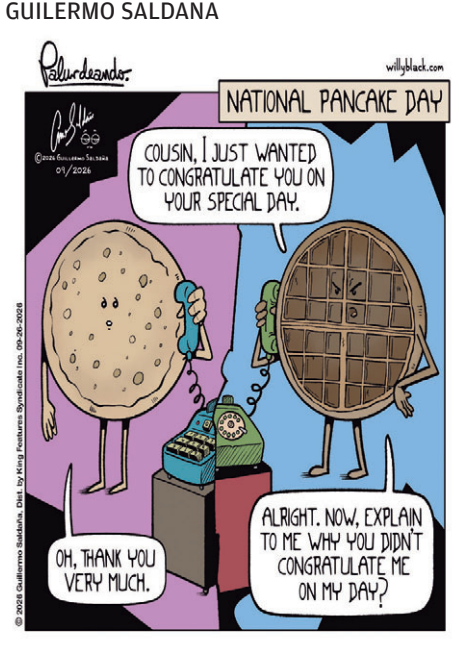
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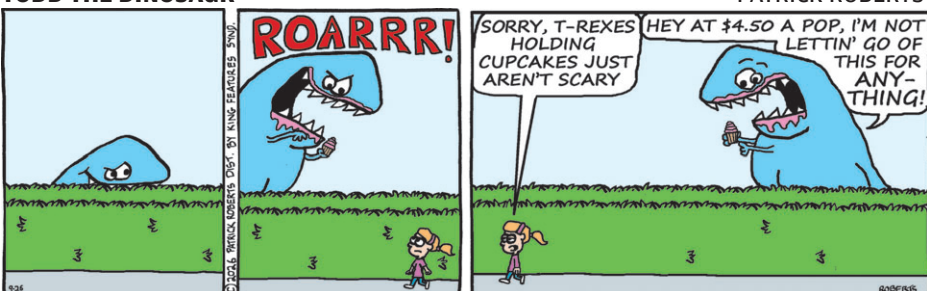
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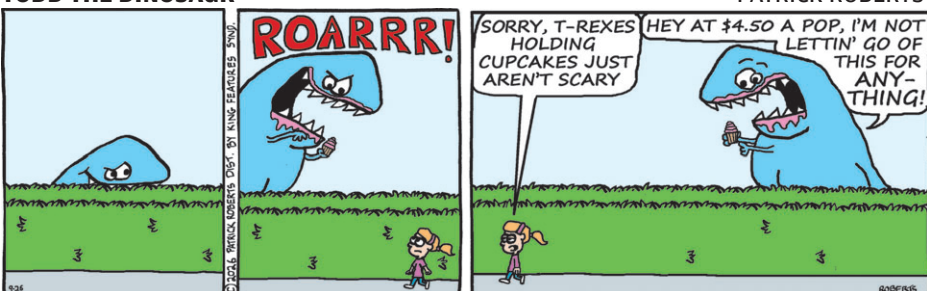
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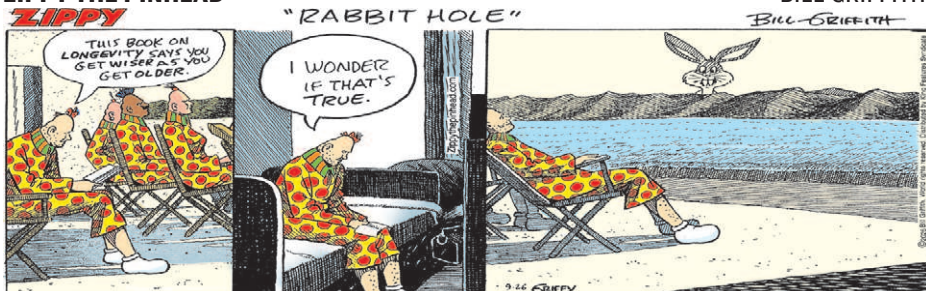
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PATRICK ROBERTS



ZIPPY THE PINHEAD



BILL GRIFFITH

