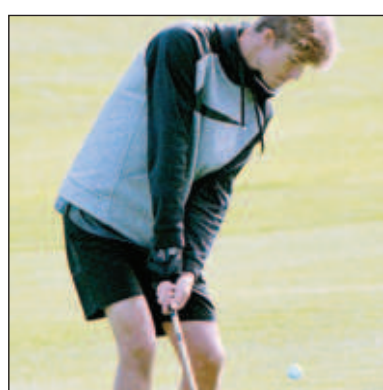


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Third judge blocks Gov. Lee's mask opt out in schools

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A third federal judge has blocked Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee's order allowing families to opt out of school mask mandates.

The decision, handed down by U.S. District Judge Waverly Crenshaw late Friday, is the latest development in the ongoing legal battle over Lee's order launched by parents and advocates alarmed over the spike in coronavirus cases in Tennessee's schools.

Lee issued the order in August after a handful of Republican lawmakers demanded the governor call a special session so the GOP-dominant General Assembly could halt mask mandates in schools and other COVID-19 safety measures. Many students have been attending classes without masks ever since as pediatric hospitalizations reached record highs.

Crenshaw's order only applies to Williamson County, an affluent region just south of

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South Dakota lawmakers to weigh whether to seek AG impeachment

Discussions to begin at special session Nov. 9

PIERRE (AP) — The South Dakota Legislature will consider whether to try to impeach Attorney General Jason Ravnsborg for a car crash last year that killed a pedestrian, a House leader said.

Republican Speaker Spencer Gosch said Saturday that there is enough support in the state House to discuss impeachment. The state Senate had already gathered enough signatures to do so.

The impeachment discussions will take place when lawmakers are in Pierre for a special session that starts Nov. 9 to address the redrawing of the state's 10-year electoral maps.

The move does not necessarily mean Ravnsborg, a Republican, will face impeachment proceedings, Gosch said. Once in session, lawmakers will have to decide on whether to consider a separate resolution to form a select committee to review evidence from the Sept. 12, 2020, crash, the Argus Leader reported.

Ravnsborg pleaded no contest to a pair of traffic misdemeanors for the crash that killed Joseph Boever, who was walking on the shoulder of a rural highway late at night. Ravnsborg was driving home from a Republican fundraiser, and he didn't return to the crash scene until the next day, telling investigators he thought he had struck a deer.

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US has enough COVID-19 vaccines for boosters, kids' shots

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — With more than 40 million doses of coronavirus vaccines available, U.S. health authorities said they're confident there will be enough for both qualified older Americans seeking booster shots and the young children for whom initial vaccines are expected to be approved in the not-too-distant future.

The spike in demand — expected following last week's federal recommendation on booster shots — would be the

first significant jump in months. More than 70 million Americans remain unvaccinated despite the enticement of lottery prizes, free food or gifts and pleas from exhausted health care workers as the average number of deaths per day climbed to more than 1,900 in recent weeks.

Federal and state health authorities said current supply and steady production of more doses can easily accommodate those seeking boosters or ini-

tial vaccination, avoiding a repeat of the frustratingly slow rollout of COVID-19 vaccines across the country early this year.

"I hope that we have the level of interest in the booster ... that we need more vaccines," Colorado Gov. Jared Polis said Tuesday. "That's simply not where we are today. We have plenty of vaccines."

Robust supply in the U.S. enabled President Joe Biden this week to promise an additional 500 million of Pfizer's

COVID-19 shots to share with the world, doubling the United States' global contribution. Aid groups and health organizations have pushed the U.S. and other countries to improve vaccine access in countries where even the most vulnerable people haven't had a shot.

Among the challenges states face is not ordering too many doses and letting them go to waste. Several states with low vaccination rates, including Idaho

and Kansas, have reported throwing away thousands of expired doses or are struggling to use vaccines nearing expiration this fall.

While most vaccines can stay on the shelf unopened for months, once a vial is opened the clock starts ticking. Vaccines are only usable for six to 12 hours, depending on the manufacturer, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

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In this March 30, 1981, AP photo, Secret Service agent Timothy J. McCarthy, foreground, Washington policeman Thomas K. Delehanty, center, and presidential press secretary James Brady, background, lie wounded on a street outside a Washington hotel after shots were fired at U.S. President Ronald Reagan. Lawyers for John Hinckley Jr., (at right) the man who tried to assassinate Reagan, will argue in court today that the 66-year-old should be freed from restrictions placed on him after he moved out of a Washington hospital in 2016.

Lawyers to urge no restrictions for Reagan shooter Hinckley

BY BEN FINLEY ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyers for John Hinckley Jr., the man who tried to assassinate President Ronald Reagan, are scheduled to argue in court Monday that the 66-year-old should be freed from restrictions placed on him after he moved out of a Washington hospital in 2016.

Since Hinckley's move to Williamsburg, Virginia, a federal judge has made him live under various conditions that dictate much of his life. For instance, doctors and therapists must oversee his psychiatric medication and decide how often he attends individual and group therapy sessions.

Hinckley has monthly appointments — now virtual — with Washington's Depart-

ment of Behavioral Health, which files progress notes with a federal court. And he must give three days' notice if he wants to travel more than 75 miles.

Hinckley also has to turn over passwords for computers, phones and online accounts such as email. He can't have a gun. And he can't contact Reagan's children, other victims or their families or ac-

tress Jodie Foster — with whom he was obsessed with at the time of the 1981 shooting.

Hinckley's attorney, Barry Levine, has said that Hinckley should get what's called "unconditional release" because he no longer poses a threat.

"He has adhered to every requirement of law," Levine told The Associated Press last

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Rosebud program will teach 7 tribal members Lakota language

BY ABBY WARGO RAPID CITY JOURNAL

RAPID CITY (AP) — Seven members of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate tribe will have a paid opportunity to learn the Lakota language this spring.

The Rosebud Economic Development Corporation is rolling out a new language preservation program, La-

kota Waoniya, which roughly translates to "breathing life into the Lakota language" in the coming months.

REDCO garnered startup funding through an anonymous philanthropic contribution and is now in the process of hiring a project manager and Lakota language teacher to build up the program. REDCO will pay seven Sicangu

Lakota citizens a full-time salary and full benefits to learn Lakota.

While the salary amount is not yet set, REDCO CEO Wiziyan Little Elk said the pay rate will be above minimum wage.

The purpose of the language revitalization program is to bring Lakota back from being functionally extinct,

meaning it is not spoken conversationally in a public setting. Language is an important component of cultural preservation and celebration as well, Little Elk said.

The three-year program's goal is for participants to become conversationally fluent in Lakota through commit-

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OBITUARIES

Agnes Hicks

SIoux FALLS — Agnes G. Hicks, age 99.5, of Sioux Falls passed away Saturday, September 25, 2021, at Prince of Peace.

Family will greet friends from 5 to 7 p.m., with the Rosary and a scripture service at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Miller Southside Funeral Chapel, 7400 S. Minnesota Avenue. A funeral Mass will be said at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sioux Falls, with burial at St. Martins Cemetery, Huron, S.D.

Grateful for having shared her life are her children, Marley Lemon, Sioux Falls, S.D., Mary (Alan) Dietrich, Rapid City, S.D., Richard (Jean) Hicks, Sioux Falls, S.D., and Dan (Paula) Hicks, Yankton, S.D.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Harold, preceded her in death.

Visit www.millerfh.com

Gertrude Reimer

HURON — Gertrude Reimer, 91, of Huron, passed away Friday, September 24, 2021, at her daughter's home surrounded by loving family.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Reimer will be held at the Riverview United Methodist Church on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Interment will be at Restlawn Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Visitation for Mrs. Reimer will be at Riverview United Methodist Church on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m., with a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m.

Visit www.kuhlerfuneralhome.com

POLICE LOG

For routine business, call the Huron Police Department at 353-8550 or the Beadle County Sheriff's Office at 353-8424. Use 911 only for emergencies.

Friday, Sept. 24

3:24 a.m., missing person in 1200 block of Illinois Ave SW.

8:03 a.m., accident involving injury at 9th St and Nebraska Ave SW.

11:55 a.m., suicide threat in De Smet.

12:03 p.m., repossession of motor at Hwy 14 and Custer Ave NE.

12:28 p.m., suicide threat in Alpena.

1:28 p.m., ambulance call in 400 block of 4th St SW.

5:48 p.m., trespassing in rural Huron.

8:41 p.m., trespassing; suspicious activity in 2700 block of Dakota Ave S.

9:35 p.m., stolen property offense in rural Huron.

11:56 p.m., ambulance call in De Smet.

Saturday, Sept. 25

1:07 a.m., theft/larceny in 200 block of Lincoln Ave SW.

2:07 a.m., suspicious activity in 100 block of 7th St SE.

2:42 a.m., ambulance call in 800 block of Lawnridge Ave SE.

3:34 a.m., ambulance call in 600 block of 12th

St SE.

5:08 a.m., non-injury accident in 600 block of Nevada Ave SW.

6:07 a.m., ambulance call in 1200 block of Kansas Ave NE.

7:45 a.m., hit-and-run accident in 900 block of Frank Ave SE.

9:51 a.m., non-injury accident in 800 block of Kansas Ave SE.

11:12 a.m., intoxicated person in 900 block of 4th St NE.

12:36 p.m., burglary/break and enter in 400 block of Wyoming Ave SW.

2:54 p.m., assault-simple domestic in 300 block of 9th St SW.

4:07 p.m., non-injury accident in 2700 block of Dakota Ave S.

6:41 p.m., runaway in 500 block of 5th St NE.

Sunday, Sept. 26

1:50 a.m., suspicious activity in 1700 block of Old Hwy 14.

9:31 a.m., found property at Market St and Nebraska Ave SW.

11:52 a.m., non-injury accident at 18th St and Dakota Ave S.

11:55 a.m., suspicious activity in 600 block of California Ave SW.

1:29 p.m., suspicious activity in 200 block of 22nd St SW.

FUNERALS

Verlin Blaseg — Today, 11 a.m., St. John's Church, Wolsey.

Sam Hofer — Tuesday, 10 a.m., Prairie Bible Church, rural Carpenter.

James Spelbring — Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., Sanborn County 4-H Building, Forestburg.

Gertrude Reimer — Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., Riverview United Methodist Church, Huron.

Agnes Hicks — Wednesday, 11 a.m., Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Sioux Falls.

Curtis Weber — Wednesday, 2 p.m., Kuhler Funeral Home, Huron.

Patrick McMahon — Saturday, 10:30 a.m., St. Ann's Catholic Church, Miller.

James Madden — Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Huron.

PUBLIC MEETING

HURON — The Beadle County Commission will meet Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the commission room at the county courthouse. On the agenda will be adoption of the annual budget along with a pair of variance requests.

BIRTHS

HURON — A son, William Perez Medina, was born Sept. 19, 2021, to Yeniffer K. Medina at Huron. He joins siblings Carlow Feliz, Maria Teresa and Wenil. Grandparents are Manuel, Arelis and Tomasa Rafael, and great-grandparents are Eugenio and Rafaela.

BANKRUPTCIES

Information is obtained through public records bulletin

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Minnehaha County
Austin & Samantha Westly, Chapter 13, filed August 31

Spink County
Kaitlin Gilligan, Chapter 7, filed September 12

Yankton County
James Davidson, Chapter 7, filed August 26

4 accused of plotting school attack on Columbine anniversary

DUNMORE, Pa. (AP) — Four teenagers have been charged with a plot to attack a Pennsylvania high school in 2024, on the 25th anniversary of the massacre at Colorado's Columbine High School, authorities said.

A 15-year-old girl and 15-year-old boy are charged as adults and two other teenagers face juvenile charges in the plan to attack Dunmore High School, outside Scranton, on April 20, 2024, authorities said. Investigators said the girl's mother told police that her daughter was "obsessed with Columbine," The Times-Tribune reported Friday.

"While the investigation is ongoing, I want to assure the parents, students and staff at Dunmore High School that we do not believe there is any active threat at this time," District Attorney Mark Powell said in a statement. "We are relieved that this plot was uncovered before anyone was hurt and urge anyone who has information about potential threats of school violence to contact police immediately."

A Molotov cocktail, components for bombs, writings on how to make bombs, and handwritten lists of guns, ammunition and tactical gear complete with prices were found at the girl's home, investigators said in a criminal



JAKE DANNA STEVENS/THE TIMES-TRIBUNE VIA AP

complaint. The Times-Tribune reported that the girl's mother and defense attorney Corey Eagen declined to comment, while the other teen charged as an adult had no lawyer during Friday's arraignment. Powell declined to comment on the juvenile charges.

The mother of one of the teens charged as a juvenile discovered text messages on her child's cellphone July 6 in which a group discussed plans to "shoot up the school," investigators said in the complaint. The teen told investigators that he thought it was bluster until he saw 20 to 30 Molotov cocktails under

the girl's porch.

Dunmore schools Superintendent John Marichak told the newspaper he was appalled but relieved by the arrests. A statement on the district's website said authorities had assured officials that there was "no current danger to students or staff."

Principal Timothy Hopkins, who was one of the officials targeted, said he knows the two teens charged as adults and described them as quiet children who weren't troublemakers. He said he had no idea why they would seek to harm him, other than his position as principal.

"It's a little bit disturbing to find out

something like that was being plotted," he told the Times-Tribune.

The two teens charged as adults were taken to the Northampton County Juvenile Justice Center following their Sept. 16 arraignment on weapons of mass destruction, terroristic threat, aggravated assault, criminal conspiracy and possession of explosive material charges. The girl is also charged with risking catastrophe because of the threat the explosive devices posed to family members and neighbors, police said.

Preliminary hearings are scheduled Oct. 4.

Gabby Petito funeral home viewing expected to draw crowds

HOLBROOK, N.Y. (AP) — Crowds are expected on Long Island on Sunday as the family of Gabby Petito holds a funeral home viewing for their daughter, whose death on a cross-country trip has sparked a manhunt for her boyfriend.

Petito was reported missing Sept. 11 by her parents after she didn't respond to calls and texts for several days while she and Brian Laundrie visited parks in the West.

Her body was discovered last Sunday in a re-

mote area in northwestern Wyoming. Laundrie and Petito grew up on Long Island but in recent years moved to Florida.

Sunday's viewing is in Holbrook, about 35 miles east of New York City.

Petito's death has been classified as homicide, meaning she was killed by another person, but medical examiners in Wyoming haven't disclosed how she died pending further autopsy results.

The couple posted online about their trip in a white Ford Transit van

converted into a camper. They got into a physical altercation Aug. 12 in Moab, Utah, that led to a police stop for a possible domestic violence case. Ultimately, police there decided to separate the quarreling couple for the night. But no charges were filed, and no serious injuries were reported.

Investigators have been searching for Laundrie in Florida, and searched his parents' home in North Port, about 35 miles south of Sarasota.

On Thursday, federal

officials in Wyoming charged Laundrie with unauthorized use of a debit card, alleging he used a Capital One Bank card and someone's personal identification number to make unauthorized withdrawals or charges worth more than \$1,000 during the period in which Petito went missing. They did not say who the card belonged to.

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Brandon man sentenced to 10 years in prison in fatal crash

SIOUX FALLS (AP) — A Brandon man has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for driving drunk and causing a crash that killed a woman.

The Argus Leader reports Jeffrey Eitrem was sentenced on Friday, after pleading guilty to vehicular homicide and vehicle

battery on Aug. 30.

Authorities say Eitrem was driving a pickup outside of Flاندreau on Aug. 28, 2020, when he ran a stop sign striking another pickup, killing Candice Petersen, 39, of Volga. Four other people were in the truck and three had injuries.

Eitrem had life-threatening injuries and was airlifted to a Sioux Falls hospital.

Authorities said he had a blood alcohol level of more than .08 at the time of the crash, which is over the legal limit to drive.

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Ravnsborg avoided jail time and was sentenced to fines totaling over \$4,500 for making an illegal lane change and using a cellphone while driving.

Republican Gov. Kristi Noem has repeatedly called on Ravnsborg to resign. He has insisted that he will not, though, and that he can perform the duties of his office.

Leaders of the Republican-led Legislature decided that the names of the lawmakers who signed the petitions would not be made public.

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come in vials containing 11 to 15 doses. Pfizer vials contain up to six doses and Johnson & Johnson vials five doses.

"We are going to see more doses that go unused over time," said Wisconsin's health secretary, Karen Timberlake. "They come in multidose files. They don't come in nice, tidy individual single-serving packages."

State health officials said they have tried to request only what health care providers and pharmacies expect to need from the federal supply. Those numbers have dwindled since the vaccines became widely available in early spring.

But U.S. officials — holding out hope that some of the unvaccinated will change their minds — are trying to keep enough vaccines in stock so all Americans can get them.

That balancing act is tricky and can lead to consternation around the globe as the U.S. sits on unused vaccines while many countries in places such as Africa can't get enough vaccines.

"Somebody sitting in a country with few resources to access vaccines, seeing people in the U.S. able to walk into a pharmacy and get that vaccine and choosing not to, I'm sure that's causing heartache," said Jen Kates, senior vice president and director of global health and HIV policy for the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Dr. Marcus Plescia, chief medical officer of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, which represents the public health agencies of all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, said officials anticipate that on-hand doses of COVID-19 vaccines and manufacturers' ability to supply more will meet needs across the country.

"I think states have tried to plan as if everybody's going to be offered a booster," he said, suggesting they will be overprepared for the more narrow recommendations issued by the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

California, for example, estimated earlier this month that it would need to administer an extra 63 million doses by the end of 2022 — if initial shots for children under 12 were approved and boosters were open to everyone.

U.S. health officials late Thursday endorsed booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine for all Americans 65 and older — along with tens of millions of younger people who are at higher risk from the coronavirus because of health conditions or their jobs.

California, with nearly 40 million residents, has the lowest transmission rate of any state and nearly 70% of eligible residents are fully vaccinated. That leaves nearly 12 million people not vaccinated or not fully vaccinated.

Dr. Mark Ghaly, California's health secretary, said the state will rely largely on pharmacies and primary care providers to give boosters to seniors while some large counties and health care groups will use mass vaccination sites.

In Pennsylvania, more than 67% of residents older than 18 are fully vaccinated. Alison Beam, acting secretary of health, said health authorities now have "two missions": Continuing to persuade people to get vaccinated and serving those eager to receive a booster or initial shots.

"Pennsylvania is going to be prepared," Beam said. "And we're going to have the right level of vaccine and vaccinators to be able to meet that demand."

Stuntman known as Flying Farmer crashes on jump

MAKOTI, N.D. (AP) — The first car jumping attempt in five years by North Dakota's version of Evil Knievel ended in disaster when the car driven by the man known as the Flying Farmer corkscrewed off the ramp and rolled.

Authorities said John Smith, 57, was alert after the crash Saturday at a rural gravel pit and that he even tried to pull himself out of the car while talking to rescuers. He was eventually cut out and taken by a medical helicopter to a hospital, according to firefighters. The extent of his injuries wasn't known.

The crowd of about 300 spectators went silent when Smith crashed. Family members, including his daughters and wife of 34 years, Melinda, reacted emotionally, running to the mangled car, The Bismarck Tribune reported.

Smith's previous jump was in 2016, when he rose over towering flames to clear a burning trailer.

Smith, who farms near Makoti, in western North Dakota, said he was inspired by the motorcycle daredevil Knievel while growing up. He has gained notoriety for his jumps at fairs and other attractions across the state. He has performed more than 100 jumps, even jumping on a frozen lake.

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Nashville. Earlier that day, a separate judge halted Lee's executive order in Knox County. A week prior, another judge indefinitely banned Lee's order after families argued the governor's executive order endangered their children.

All three lawsuits claimed that Lee's order violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, which prohibits the exclusion of students with disabilities from public educational programs and activities. Children with certain disabilities are more vulnerable to serious illness or death if they get COVID-19, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said.

"Based on the record before the court, due to the rise in COVID-19 cases in Williamson County, including at plaintiffs' schools, along with a significant number of students who have opted out, plaintiffs have likewise been denied access to a safe, in-person education experience," Crenshaw wrote in his 18-page decision.

"Gov. Lee has offered no affidavits, declarations, or any other factual predicate to support his assertion that universal mask mandates would require significant resources," the judge added.

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month. "And based on the views of a variety of mental health professionals ... he no longer suffers from a mental disease, and he hasn't suffered from a mental disease for decades."

A status conference is scheduled for Monday before U.S. District Judge Paul L. Friedman in Washington.

In a May court filing, the U.S. government had said it opposed ending the restrictions. It also retained an expert to examine Hinckley and determine "whether or not he would pose a danger to himself or others if unconditionally released."

Findings from such an examination have not been filed in court. But a 2020 "violence risk assessment" conducted on behalf of Washington's Department of Behavioral Health said Hinckley would not pose a danger.

Timothy McCarthy, a Secret Service agent who was shot during the assassination attempt, told the AP that he doesn't "have a lot of good Christian thoughts" about Hinckley.

"But in any case, I hope they're right," McCarthy, 72, said of mental health professionals and the court. "Because the actions of this man could have changed the course of history."

Hinckley was 25 when he shot and wounded the 40th U.S. president outside a Washington hotel. The shooting paralyzed Reagan press secretary James Brady, who died in 2014. It also injured McCarthy and Washington police officer Thomas Delahanty.

Hinckley was suffering from acute psychosis. When jurors found him not guilty by reason of insanity, they said he



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Afternoon Tea in the Country

The Spirit of Dakota nominees and their guests will enjoy "Tea in the Country" at the home of Rodney and Beckie Freeman. Making plans are, from left, Jenny Sorben, Erica McNeil, Sarah Rubish, Jane Meekins, Darcy Haber and Beckie Freeman. This year marks the 35th anniversary celebration of the Spirit of Dakota Award, which will be held Saturday at the Huron Event Center. Tickets are available by calling Sarah Radke at the Chamber at 352-0000.

Marine in Virginia aid Afghan linguist seeking asylum

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Marine Lt. Col. Breck Perry came to know "E.Z." while stationed in Jalalabad, in the eastern part of Afghanistan.

"E.Z. was our platoon linguist," said Perry, who is now stationed at Marine Corps Base Quantico. "I developed a friendship with him and I trusted him. He got us out of a couple of tight spots."

E.Z. is one of thousands of Afghan nationals who served alongside U.S. forces as linguists, interpreters and scouts during 20 years of military operations in Afghanistan. All are eligible for an easier way to American citizenship for their service to the U.S., through the Afghan Special Immigration Visa program.

Critics say the SIV program, launched in 2009, has had missteps since its creation and the delays in processing applications have led to lapses in medical paperwork and passports. This has left thousands of SIVs with no way out of Afghanistan, and now there are no U.S. forces on the ground to support them.

Perry said E.Z., who applied for his special visa in 2008, served with both the U.S. Army and the

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needed treatment and not a lifetime in confinement. He was ordered to live at St. Elizabeths Hospital in Washington.

In the 2000s, Hinckley began making visits to his parents' home in a gated Williamsburg community. A 2016 court order granted him permission to live with his mom full-time, albeit under various restrictions, after experts said his mental illness had been in remission for decades.

Stephen J. Morse, a University of Pennsylvania professor of law and psychiatry, said Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity means "he is not to blame for those terrible things that happened and he cannot be punished."

Decades of legal precedent are on Hinckley's side when it comes to lifting restrictions, Morse said. Most people in Hinckley's situation are released from a psychiatric hospital if they're no longer considered mentally ill or dangerous, he said. And if they follow court-ordered rules, unconditional release virtually always follows after a period of time.

"People tend to age out of dangerousness, even people with terrible records, by their early 40s," Morse said. "If he hadn't attempted to kill President Reagan, this guy would have been released ages ago."

In recent years, Hinckley has sold items from a booth at an antique mall that he's found at estate sales, flea markets and consignment shops. He's shared his music on

YouTube and had been in a relationship with a woman he met in group therapy. Friedman, the federal judge, has also loosened Hinckley's restrictions from about 30 conditions in 2018 to 17 conditions last year. For instance, Hinckley was granted the right to publicly display his artwork and allowed to move out of his mother's house. But he still can't travel to places where he knows there will be someone who is protected by the Secret Service.

Hinckley's mother died in July. By then he had already moved out, according to his attorney. Levine did not say where Hinckley now lives, but he would have been required to inform his treatment team of where he was moving.

Hinckley's 2020 risk assessment said he planned to stay in the Williamsburg area after his mother's death and that his brother Scott expressed interest in living with him.

Last year's risk assessment recommended that he be considered for unconditional release. The report said there's no indication he's sought access to weapons. And it said he's unlikely to reach out to people he's been barred from contacting. He hasn't tried to contact Foster, the actress, since the 1980s, the report said.

Hinckley is quoted as saying that he'd continue to take his psychiatric medication and attend group therapy. "Not a whole lot would change," Hinckley said.

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OPINION

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"The basis of our government's being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government, I should not hesitate to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson



How a humble metal box began the most beneficial economic development in human experience

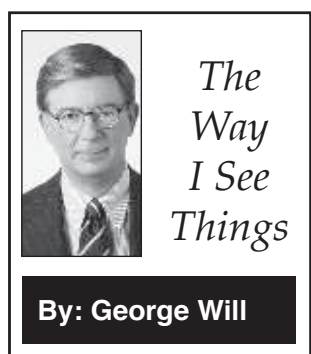
WASHINGTON — Gene Seroka, a lifelong Democrat and the son of a Teamsters Union member, was not amused when in 2016 a reactionary presidential aspirant used the Port of Los Angeles, of which Seroka is director, as a venue for a speech declaring: "Free trade ships our jobs overseas." Seroka lives in bustling reality — trade volume at his port has grown tenfold since 1985 — not Sen. Bernie Sanders' (I-Vt.) fact-free nostalgia for a time before oceanborne trade transformed the world.

"The Blue Age" — the oceans are "blue water" — is Gregg Easterbrook's account of this transformation. He notes that the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach generate 1.4 million of California's 18 million jobs, about \$400 billion in economic activity, and fees that fund much of these cities' municipal governments.

The Port of Los Angeles, this nation's largest, ranks only 18th globally, although traffic through it measured in TEUs (20-foot equivalent units) has grown from 900,000 in 1994 to 9.4 million in 2018. Although a freeway was built for the truck traffic in and out of the port, transporting a TEU across Los Angeles from the port costs more than it does to bring a TEU from Shanghai to the port. Los Angeles port crane operators who move containers earn up to \$300,000 a year, a fact that might offend Sanders, tribune of the proletariat and scourge of the rich.

As of last Sunday, the world's problem with supply chains was apparent as a record 73 ships waited offshore for spaces to unload hundreds of thousands of containers in Seroka's port. Sanders must be aghast: Americans are getting what they want. Weight has always moved more easily on water than on land, and much more cheaply than through air. "At every stage in history," Easterbrook says, 95% of goods in commerce travel via water. He says the explosive growth of waterborne international trade has coincided with increased jobs and living standards "in nearly every nation."

He notes that when Sanders was a child, 60% of humanity lived in extreme poverty, defined by the World Bank as subsisting on \$1.90 per day. Today, thanks largely to waterborne free trade that Sanders calls "a race to the bottom," about 10% live in extreme poverty. This decline in extreme poverty, to which Sanders seems either oblivious or indifferent, has happened primarily in Asia. An Oxford economist calculates that in this century, 130,000 Chinese had been lifted up from such poverty every day. But trade has brought to the West inexpensive imports and competition — improved domestic products — that have



The Way I See Things

By: George Will

helped produce about 20 years with negligible inflation. This has directly and primarily benefited American workers, the objects of Sanders's rhetorical caring.

All this has been made possible by a world-altering 1956 technology that few people, accustomed to digital marvels, count as a technology: large rectangular steel boxes — shipping containers. Meet the well-named ship Ever Loading: It is as long as four football fields, its crew of just 23 ride bicycles around its deck, and it carries 8,000 containers.

In the 100 years from 1920 to 2020, Easterbrook says, "global population trebled, while global GDP rose twentyfold." The inflation-adjusted dollar value of global trade more than doubled in the quarter-century from 1994 to 2019. Since the World Trade Organization was founded in 1995, Easterbrook writes, "the United States has consistently led the West in job creation." Today, the United States has 11% of the global trade market. China, with four times the U.S. population, has 13%.

Although teaching economics to Sanders is akin to tutoring a typhoon, Easterbrook notes that U.S. manufacturing employment, which peaked in 1979, had fallen by 5 million before Chinese imports became significant in 2001. And, "Research conducted by economists at Ball State University in Indiana and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology" shows this net impact of trade with China: "The United States lost about 1.5 million manufacturing jobs — hardly inconsequential, but well less than the minus 5 million manufacturing employment that happened entirely for American domestic reasons." These reasons include technology-driven productivity improvements and the rise of the knowledge economy.

Sanders, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, oversaw drafting the \$3.5 trillion spending bill that he and like-minded progressives consider not merely compatible with, but essential to, national well-being. So, as congressional Democrats struggle to enact Sanders's vision, bear in mind his incomprehension of, and hostility to, the most beneficial economic development in human experience: free trade across blue waters.

George Will's email address is georgewill@washpost.com.



The continuing case of the MMIW

If you turned on the news this week or scrolled through social media, it is likely that you came across the tragic story of 22-year-old Gabby Petito whose body was found in Wyoming this week.

A little less than two weeks ago, Petito's family filed a missing person's report when her fiancé returned home to Florida from a cross-country road trip without her.

Unfortunately, Gabby's tragic story is not unique.

Thousands of people go missing each year, and many cases go unsolved, leaving grieving loved ones with unanswered questions, a lack of closure, and no justice.

Across our nation, a disproportionate number of indigenous women and girls go missing or are murdered. In South Dakota alone,

65% of missing persons are Native Americans despite making up only 9% of the population.

Of the 103 persons currently missing in the state, one-third are indigenous women.

A growing movement marked by a red handprint is the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement, a group dedicated to spreading awareness, providing support to families, and demanding justice for these women and girls.

The statistics are startling.

On some reservations, Native American women are murdered at a rate more than 10 times the national average.

Many cases go unsolved due to a lack of resources, underreporting, poor data collection, and jurisdictional difficulties between tribal, local and state police.

Last year, I was proud to see the Savanna's Act signed into law.

It took years to get this legislation across the finish line and because of it, the Department of Justice is now required to assess and develop law enforcement and justice protocols to address cases involving missing or murdered indigenous people.

The Savanna's Act was named after Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a member of the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe who was violently murdered in 2017.

Our nation is making strides but there's more to be done.

In 2019, President Trump signed an executive order to form The Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Earlier this year, U.S. Secretary of the Inte-



Notes from the Trail

By: Dusty Johnson

rior Deb Haaland, the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary, established a Missing and Murdered Unit, an interagency team aimed at collaboratively combating this tragic crisis.

As a Member of Congress, I am committed to supporting indigenous women and girls and working to end this horrible problem plaguing our indigenous communities.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS ALMANAC

Today is Monday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2021. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1996, in Afghanistan, the Taliban, a band of former seminary students, drove the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani out of Kabul, captured the capital and executed former leader Najibullah.

On this date:

In 1779, John Adams was named by Congress to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean passenger vessel occurred when the steamship SS Arctic sank off Newfoundland; of the more than 400 people on board, only 86 survived.

In 1917, French sculptor and painter Edgar Degas died in Paris at age 83.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1941, the United States launched the first 14 rapidly built "Liberty" military cargo vessels.

In 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President John F. Kennedy.

In 1979, Congress gave its final approval to forming the U.S. Department of Education.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture. The Senate Judiciary Committee deadlocked, 7-7, on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1994, more than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the "Contract with America," a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

In 1999, Sen. John McCain of Arizona officially opened his campaign for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, the same day former Vice President Dan Quayle dropped his White House bid.

In 2016, scientists announced the first baby born from a controversial new technique that combined DNA from three people — the mother, the father and an egg donor. The goal was to prevent the child from inheriting a fatal genetic disease from his mother.

In 2018, during a day-long hearing by the Senate Judiciary Committee, Christine Blasey Ford said she was "100 percent" certain that she was sexually assaulted by Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh when they were teenagers, and Kavanaugh then told senators that he was "100 percent certain" he had done no such thing; Republicans quickly scheduled a recommendation vote for the following morning.

Ten years ago: Opening statements in the Los Angeles trial of Michael Jackson's personal physician, Dr. Conrad Murray, took place as prosecutors accused Murray of killing the superstar through irresponsible use of the anesthetic propofol, and the defense maintained Jackson had caused his own death. Murray was later convicted of felony involuntary manslaughter. Israel gave the go-ahead for construction of 1,100 new Jewish housing units in east Jerusalem; the announcement met with swift criticism from the United States and the European Union.

Five years ago: The United States provided another \$364 million in humanitarian aid to Syrians as their nation's civil war

appeared to be getting worse. President Barack Obama announced career diplomat Jeffrey DeLaurentis as his choice to become the first U.S. ambassador to Cuba in more than a half-century.

One year ago: The New York Times reported that President Donald Trump paid just \$750 in federal income taxes the year he ran for president and in his first year in the White House; Trump dismissed the report as "fake news." Louisville, Kentucky, saw its fifth night of protests after a grand jury declined to charge officers in the fatal shooting of Breonna Taylor. The French Open, pushed back from May and June because of COVID-19, began in Paris with just 1,000 spectators allowed per day.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kathleen Nolan is 88. Actor Claude Jarman Jr. is 87. Author Barbara Howar is 87. World Golf Hall of Famer Kathy Whitworth is 82. Singer-musician Randy Bachman (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 78. Rock singer Meat Loaf is 74. Actor Liz Torres is 74. Actor A Martinez is 73. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt is 72. Actor Cary-Hiroyuki Tagawa is 71. Actor/ opera singer Anthony LaCiura is 70. Singer Shaun Cassidy is 63. Comedian Marc Maron is 58. Rock singer Stephan Jenkins (Third Eye Blind) is 57. Former Democratic National Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz is 55. Actor Patrick Muldoon is 53. Singer Mark Calderon is 51. Actor Amanda Detmer is 50. Actor Gwyneth Paltrow is 49. Actor Indira Varma is 48. Rock singer Brad Arnold (3 Doors Down) is 43. Christian rock musician Grant Brandell (Underoath) is 40. Actor Anna Camp is 39. Rapper Lil' Wayne is 39. Singer Avril Lavigne is 37. Bluegrass singer/ musician Sierra Hull is 30. Actor Sam Lerner is 29. Actor Ames McNamara is 14.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Blood drive planned Thursday

HURON — LifeServe Blood Center is planning a blood drive Thursday, Sept. 30, from noon to 5:30 p.m. at Huron Christian Church. Schedule your appointment by visiting www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or by calling 800-287-4903.

CLC Pizza Day planned Tuesday

HURON — ALC Christian Learning Center Preschool Day at Godfather's Pizza is planned Tuesday, Sept. 28. Invite your friends and family or enjoy delivery or carry-out orders. CLC staff and board members will be in attendance that evening.

Hunger Games conclude Friday

HURON — The Hunger Games will be continuing through Oct. 1, collecting food for the Backpack Program with matching funds provided by Modern Woodmen, Sarah May. Items needed include canned goods, fruit cups, granola bars and individual boxes of cereal. To register your business, contact Cindy Lowery at 353-9637 or email her at CindyL@dakotaprovisions.com by Sept. 24. Food will be delivered to the TAC Center on Friday by appointment.

Fall decorations available

HURON — Looking for fall decorations? Holy Trinity Catholic school and church is offering cornstalk bundles for \$15 each to decorate your home or business. Orders will be taken through Tuesday at the church or school, with pickup from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. Delivery is available for a \$5 fee.



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Teens as Teachers

FCCLA members Lexi Burma and Kali Burma trained as Teens as Teachers in Pierre. They are going to present a lesson to an elementary classroom later on in the year. It will be a lesson on health or character counts.



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Members of the Iroquois Ag Issues team are, from left, Logan Pekron, Katie Dubro, Harley Nelson, Rebecca Bich, Lexi Burma, Lily Blue, and Kaylee Morehead.

Iroquois Ag Issues team ranked top 16 in nation

IROQUOIS — The Iroquois Ag Issues team consisting of seven students have advanced to the in-person contest at the 94th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, In. They completed their national contest virtually on Sept. 10 and were selected as one of the top 16 teams in the country. They will be representing South Dakota in the semi-finals on Oct. 27 with their topic, "Which is Healthier — Plant-based or Animal-based Meat?"

The students have received travel scholarships from South Dakota Farmers Union, Farm Forum and Dakota Risk Management, along with a National travel scholarship from the Dan Nafziger Memorial Convention Endowment. Congratulations to the Agricultural Issues Team on being one of the top teams in the United States! Their FFA adviser is Breanna Mueller.

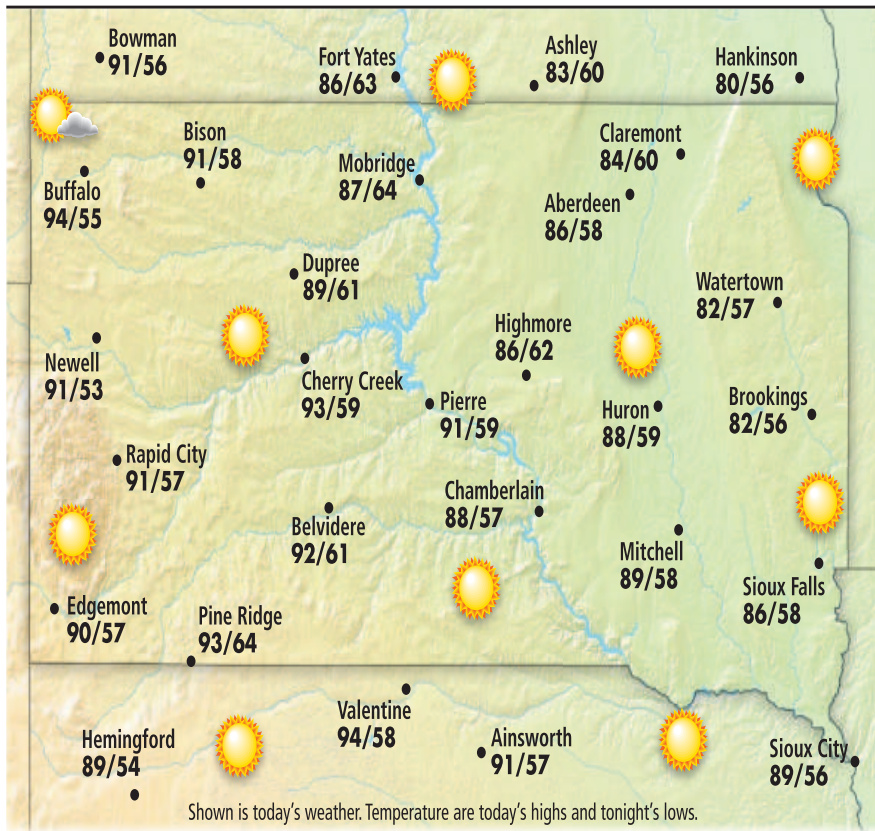
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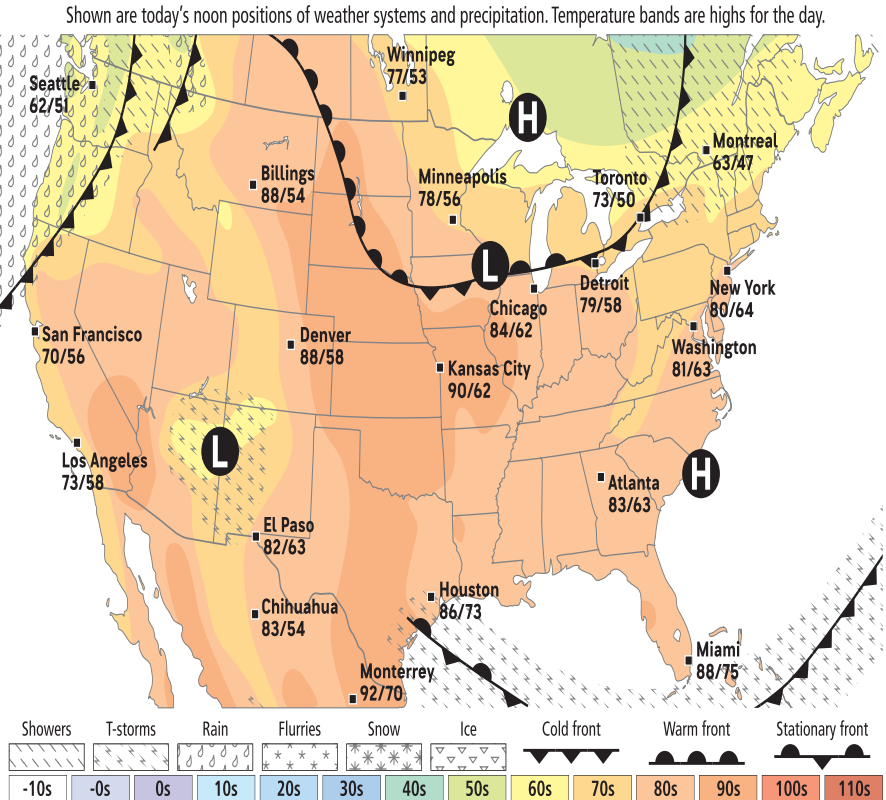
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Around the Horn

Clemson falls to No. 25 in AP poll, snapping top-10 streak

(AP) — Clemson tumbled to No. 25 in The Associated Press college football poll on Sunday, snapping its streak of 97 straight weeks in the top 10. The Tigers (2-2) lost for the second time this season Saturday — falling in double overtime to North Carolina State — and dropped 16 spots from No. 9 in the AP Top 25, which is presented by Regions Bank. Clemson's top-10 streak was tied with Alabama for the longest current run in college football and second-longest in the history of the AP poll, behind Miami's 137 from 1985-93. The Crimson Tide remained No. 1 with 58 first-place votes out of 62. No. 2 Georgia

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Roberts ties for third at ESD for Tigers



ROGER MERRIAM/WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION
Huron's Peyton Grace chips near the No. 9 Red green during the Eastern South Dakota Conference Golf Tournament on Saturday at Cattail Crossing Golf Course in Watertown.

Watertown wins team title on home course

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF
WATERTOWN — Huron senior Landon Roberts finished in a three-way tie for third place during the Eastern South Dakota Conference Golf Meet held Saturday at Cattail Crossing Golf Course. Roberts carded a 77 to share the third spot with Will Parson's of Harrisburg and Ashton Reimnitz of Mitchell. Jake Olson capitalized on his home course to claim the ESD individual title. He shot a 4-under-par 68 to finish five strokes ahead of Hayden Scott of Harrisburg, who was second at 73. Nick Bothun of Pierre, Kaden Rylance of Watertown and Ty Lenards of Watertown shared the sixth spot with scores of 78. Finishing in a five-

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Wolsey-Wessington finishes third in CSDC tournament

BY PLAINSMAN STAFF
ONIDA — Four area teams participated in the Central South Dakota Conference volleyball tournament Saturday. Wolsey-Wessington won third place in the tournament. The Lady Warbirds defeated Sunshine Bible Academy in the first round 2-0 by scores of 25-15 and 25-13. The Lady Warbirds then fell to eventual champion Faulkton in the semifinals 2-1 by scores of 25-21, 22-25, and 25-20. Wolsey-Wessington rebounded to sweep Mobridge-Pollock 25-22 and 25-12 for third place. Miller finished with the consolation championship. The Rustlers fell in straight sets to Faulkton 25-21 and 25-14 to open the tourney. Tyra Gates had a strong all-around game, with 10 assists, eight digs, and three blocks while going a perfect six for six at the service line. Miller then swept Sunshine Bible 25-13 and 25-14. Ally Mullaney had 10 kills and two blocks in the match. The Rustlers swept the consolation championship against Highmore/Harrold by scores of 25-15 and 25-14. Ally Mullaney recorded nine kills and Tyra Gates tallied three service aces and 15 assists. Highmore/Harrold opened against Potter County and fell in straight sets, 25-16, 25-18. The Pirates defeated Sully Buttes, but set score information was unavailable. Highmore-Harrold fell in the consolation

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Table listing state scores for Saturday's games, including teams like Arkansas, Missouri, and Texas.

Americans win Ryder Cup in a rout, send Europe a message

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP) — The Americans won back the Ryder Cup and perhaps a whole lot more Sunday, sending a strong message to Europe with a powerful performance from their youngest team in history. Scottie Scheffler, one of six Ryder Cup newcomers for the Americans, took down the No. 1 player in the world with a 4-and-3 victory over Jon Rahm as the scoreboards around Whistling Straits quickly filled with American red. The final blow came from Collin Morikawa, at 24 the youngest player on the team and already a two-time major champion. He holed a 3-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole that assured the Americans at least the 14 1/2 points they needed. Then it was a matter of the final margin. "I woke up this morning and I was trying to tell the guys, 'Let's get to 20 points,' because this is going to be the next era of Ryder Cup team for the U.S. side," Patrick Cantlay said, finishing an unbeaten week with a win over Shane Lowry.

Sports Calendar section listing events for today, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, including volleyball, cross country, soccer, and football.

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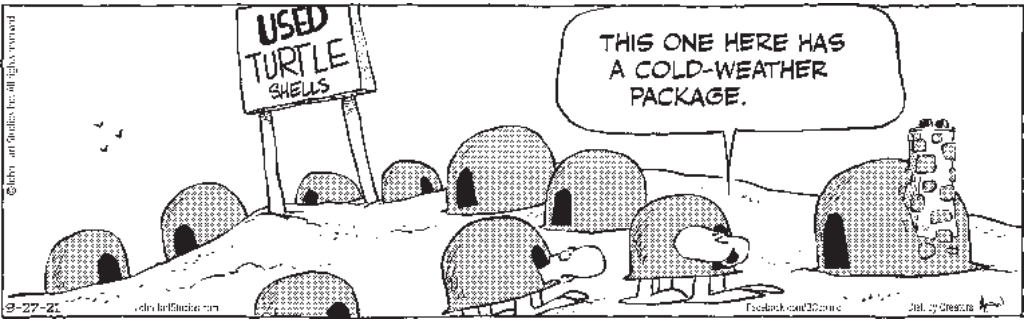
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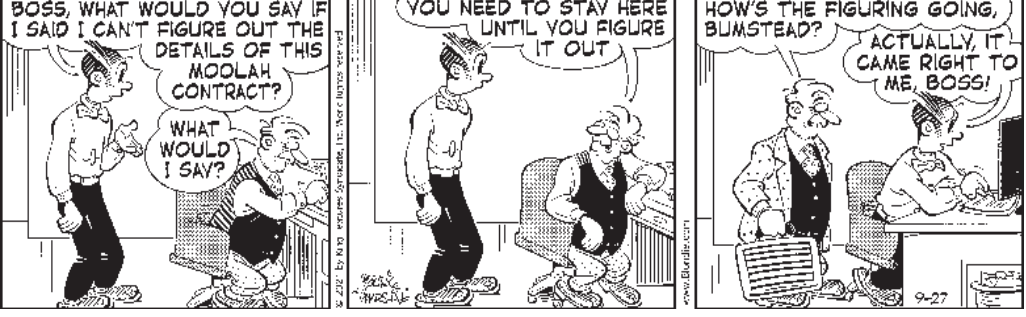
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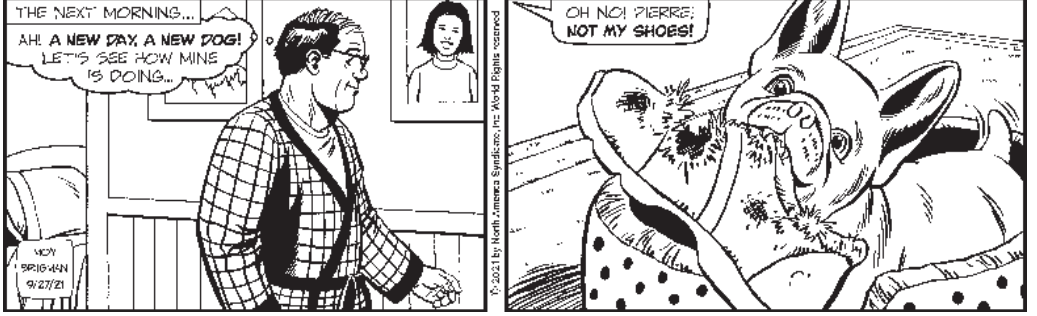
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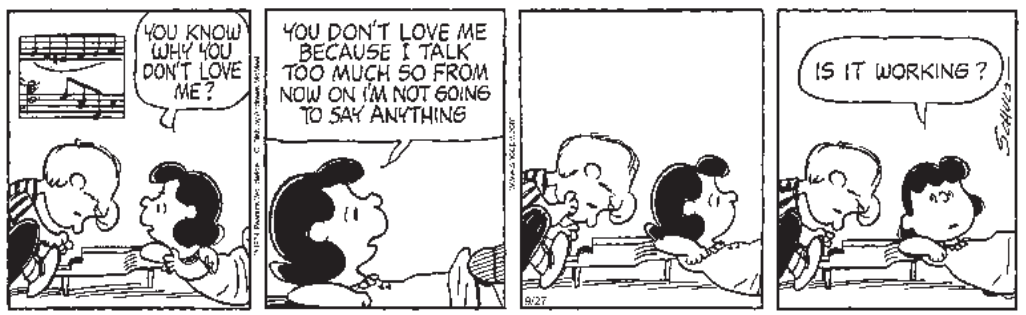
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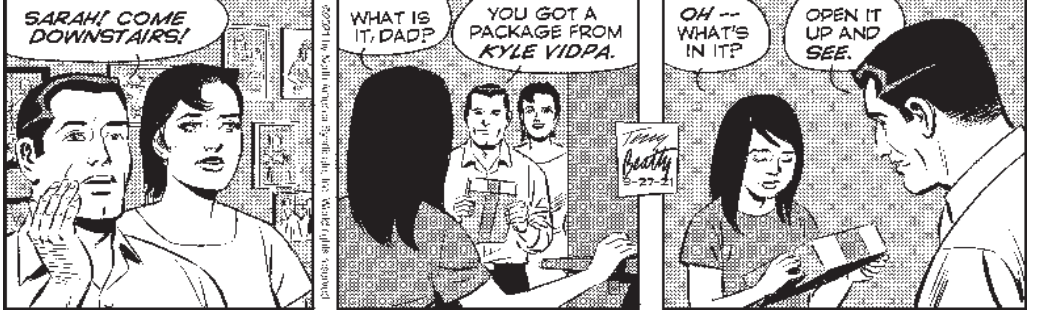
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Aging mother's daily life doesn't include daughter

DEAR ABBY: I'm nearing 57 and single. My mother, who is 78, lives in the same apartment complex. I always try to talk with her because we don't have much time together. All she wants to do is watch TV and read the paper. She allows me to talk to her for about a half-hour a day, then she has to go. If I visit her, she can only talk to me for a few minutes. Then she has to put the TV on.



ABIGAIL VANBUREN

DEAR HATES: Congratulations on redecorating your home. Rather than argue with your husband about the albatross, it may be time to rethink how you use the space. Many men enjoy having an area just their own, a "man cave." Why not create one for him and put his treasured "love gift" in there, where you won't have to see it? If he gives you an argument, that is the time to tell him you have tolerated having it in the middle of your home for the last 20 years and you have been a good sport about it long enough.

I feel like I must beg her to talk with me. When I approached her about it, she said she's living her life how she wants to (basically without me). Because of that, I have decided to give up and spend only Christmas and her birthday with her. She probably wouldn't even notice. If you have any advice, I would like to see it. -- **HER SAD, HURT DAUGHTER**

DEAR SAD, HURT DAUGHTER: I do have some. A half-hour phone call every day may be too much for your mother to handle. That she has to "limit" your calls to 30 minutes tells me you would like them to be even longer. (Every day!) Rather than punish her by distancing yourself and seeing her only twice a year, limit those visits and phone conversations to twice a week. I think it would be healthier for both of you if you find a way to become less emotionally dependent upon your mother. Also, plan some outings away from the apartment complex for you and your mom to share.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together 20 years. In the middle of our living room sits an albatross of a coffee table. My husband's girlfriend made it for him in the late '60s/early '70s. I think it weighs 500 pounds.

I am finally redecorating the house and I want this table out of my life, but he won't hear of it. He says there will be absolutely no negotiating on the subject. I have tried every approach. I feel like I'm second fiddle to his past. How can I move forward without such resentment? -- **HATES THE RELIC IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: By all means tell your husband if he doesn't already know how uncomfortable this made you. Then ask your in-laws to PLEASE take the photos down because you hadn't realized until you saw them how much weight you had put on. If your relations with them are friendly, they will probably accommodate you. Then schedule another "shoot" when you are shipshape again.

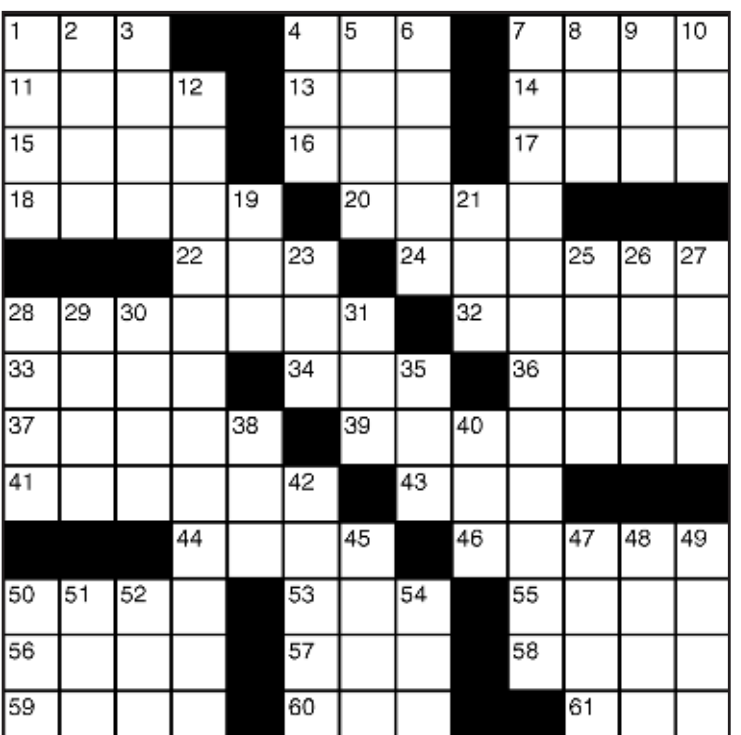
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: BELOVED SONGWRITER WHO WAS NAMED AFTER A FAMOUS MUSIC CONSERVATORY IN OHIO: IRVING OBERLIN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: V equals T

THE PLAINSMAN CROSSWORD BY EUGENE SHEFFER

- ACROSS**
- "True Life" network
 - Top card
 - Actress Kate
 - Baseball's Hershiser
 - Present location?
 - "East of Eden" twin
 - Assess
 - Financial pro
 - Fuzzy fruit
 - Japanese city
 - Summit
 - Bottom line
 - Clan-related
 - Tapas bar drink
 - Vodka brand, for short
 - Pulitzer winner James
 - Canine cry
 - Use scissors
 - Livid
 - Trumpets' kin
 - Not as small
 - Big snake
 - "Frozen"
- DOWN**
- TV alien
 - Serving aid
 - Presidential power
 - Alphabet starter
 - Nightclub of song
 - Precise
 - "Hurry up!"
 - MSNBC's Melber
 - Tier
 - Blackbird
 - "Hurry up!"
 - Couple's pronoun
 - "— Miniver"
 - Actress Farrow
 - Dog biscuit shape
 - Landed
 - Kissers
 - Go to sea
 - Taj Mahal city
 - Close
 - Lob's path
 - Watch chain
 - Snaky fish
 - Kanga's kid
 - Doppler device
 - Disaster aid org.
 - War god
 - Tap problem
 - Agile
 - Sneaky laugh
 - Acapulco gold
 - Brooch
 - Yule quaff



STAR TRACKING

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There's lots going on with the number of emails, texts and conversations you have to keep up with today.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Money is a hot topic for you today, as you might need to straighten out a financial matter or negotiate for more pay.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An ex-lover could make a reappearance in your inbox or text messages. Be clear on what you want before you respond.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) If you've lost touch with a family member or it's been a while since you've connected with someone you love, reach out.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You might want to think twice before you go posting something on social media or sending that email or text.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you received a no in the past pertaining to a job offer or a pitch, it's possible that you could receive a yes now. Reach out.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your words might not land the way you want them to now, making it necessary to think some things through or put them on hold. Keep it simple.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intuition is stronger than usual. Take a moment to tune in. Meanwhile,

if it's hard for you to sleep, try meditation, journaling or taking a break from the news.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Catching up with old friends is just what your heart needs right now. Don't wait for them to reach out. Take the initiative.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You might be eager to launch a new product or program related to your work. However, your best bet is to make revisions or updates to what you have instead.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) It's an excellent time for going back to school, getting recertified or revisiting a plan. You can discover something that will take you further than you've been before.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) If your finances have been an issue, consider calling up your bank and renegotiating the terms of a loan or a payment plan. Expect a positive outcome.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY You're thoughtful and prolific. You see the world from a big-picture perspective and tend not to sweat the small stuff. Because of your optimistic attitude, you have the ability to inspire and encourage others. You're not the type to let the world get you down.



You'll find the answers to the L.A. Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle on page 5.



LAKOTA:

ment, rigor and immersion, the Rapid City Journal reported.

"Lakota is a second language because of colonization. I want to get to the point where it's functionally alive and being used in an everyday context," Little Elk said. "Indigenous people are very practical. And in order for us to do what we do and to be who we are, especially when we're practicing our spiritual and cultural traditions, it's really important that we're able to practice those traditions while using our language."

Little Elk said of the 150,000 to 200,000 Lakota tribal members, there are a little less than 2,000 fluent Lakota speakers from all tribes. Most fluent speakers are older, with only two or three Rosebud Lakota speakers under the age of 30 and none under 18, Little Elk said.

On the Rosebud reservation last year, 550 fluent Lakota speakers were identified. A few months ago, that number decreased to 460. As of Sept. 15, at least four more fluent speakers have died, a trend that is expected to continue as speakers age, Little Elk said.

With those numbers in mind, Little Elk said there won't be an age limit to participate in the program, but it is intended for working-age adults. The potential to increase fluent speakers under the age of 30 from three to seven would be of "massive" importance, he said.

"We want to introduce commitment and rigor to learning the language, putting in the time and the effort," Little Elk said. "Then people (who) have the heart and desire for this, after three years, they should have a good level of conversational fluency."

Little Elk said Indigenous people need to launch an incredible effort to reintegrate cultural knowledge and resources back into society. One of the biggest structural barriers to doing this, however, is time. By paying people to learn Lakota, Little Elk said that barrier is removed by giving people time and resources to learn.

"I know very few Indigenous people that are not interested in learning their language ... Who has the luxury of just not working so that they can focus on and have the resources to pay for self-improvement? I know very few people in the world who have that kind of luxury," Little Elk said. "So let's just remove all those barriers, and you can take that time and have the resources to learn the language and not have your kids starve."

The idea for the program came as REDCO thought about redefining wealth and what it means to have a meaningful existence. Little Elk said a meaningful life is about contributing to one's community and doing good works for the world, and that Indigenous people need to be able to do those things while preserving their language and culture.

"Our real wealth is really our cultural perpetuity and our ability to pass that on to future generations. So that's how we really came to this idea that if we're going to make an investment, yes we have to do standard economic development stuff, but let's also make a direct investment in our language and culture," Little Elk said.

The program comes at a moment where there has been renewed attention on the United States and Canada's histories of establishing Indian boarding schools, forcing Native American people to assimilate to a new culture. Little Elk said he is a fourth-generation boarding school attendee.

"At the same time, we also have to be focused on what's happening now, and that the eradication of native languages is still something that is kind of being perpetuated through various systems. So let's focus on these revitalization efforts," Little Elk said. "This is not just a story of something bad that happened to us. This is a story about re-emergence and rebirth and the incredible efforts being taken to move past that and move on."

The language revitalization program for adults

is a complement to the Wakanyeya Tokeyachi immersion school run by REDCO's sister organization Sicangu Community Development Corporation for elementary students on the Rosebud Reservation, both of which encompass a larger effort to reclaim Indigenous languages. Little Elk said it is important to have both programs working together because adults have to step up to support children in their language-learning efforts.

"We can't put all the pressure on the kids ... We as adults also have to step up and support our children. And a big part of it is creating an ecosystem of language revitalization. The kids go to school and they come home and they can talk to each other (in Lakota) but they need other people in the community to (speak Lakota) as well," Little Elk said.

There are other, similar programs that REDCO used as guides, such as a Cherokee language program in Oklahoma. Little Elk said he hopes REDCO's program can also serve as a model for other groups to emulate.

The program will begin in the spring after a manager and teacher have been hired, students accepted and curriculum developed. In informal conversations, Little Elk said people have been excited and enthusiastic about the opportunity — one person even told him it was their dream job.

Little Elk said the Rosebud program is a natural evolution of the larger movement for language and cultural revitalization. He encourages a multi-generational effort to bring Indigenous communities together.

"We just have to have everyone working together with one mind and one heart to move this forward ... and we have an obligation as people, as humanity, to address these problems that are still impacting people. For us, it isn't ancient history," Little Elk said.

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ASYLUM:

U.S. Marines Corps until 2012. Although it only took one year for E.Z. to receive authorization for a face-to-face interview for his visa, that appointment didn't get approved until four years later.

By that time, E.Z.'s medical records had lapsed and he had to begin the lengthy application process from scratch.

"I reached out to him while in Okinawa, I reached out to the embassy and nothing was working," said Perry.

In January 2019, Perry submitted a package to Virginia Sen. Mark Warner requesting the status of E.Z.'s SIV application. After leaving Japan for a transfer to Quantico the following year, Perry and his wife Adrian, who live at Fawn Lake in Spotsylvania County, reached out to Rep. Abigail Spanberger seeking additional help.

"They said he needed another letter of recommendation and I had already submitted probably eight letters to him," said Perry. "But they needed something else."

Perry said a worker on Spanberger's staff worked 21 hours a day for nearly two weeks until finally receiving a departure approval for E.Z. and his family of eight. Leading up to that departure, Perry and his wife both knew getting the whole family to the largely Taliban-occupied airport would be a challenge.

"Anything coming into the airport, they were choking people off," said Perry. "You get one shot at it. You fail and you're dead."

But even though Spanberger's staff set the stage for E.Z.'s family to board an airplane through a designated gate, the challenge in reaching the airport proved too great for the family, who ultimately had to turn back.

Perry, who learned the Marines had secured the airfield at Hamid Karzai International Airport, then turned to social media seeking someone affiliated with that group who might be able to help get his friend and family safely out of the country.

Perry soon connected with a Marine who assisted in developing an escape route through connections the Marine had in Afghanistan. Perry and his wife had to rely on rela-

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tives and friends of E.Z., who mapped out routes for the family on foot and in taxis, through back roads and alleys to avoid Taliban checkpoints.

"I was on Google Earth pulling up imagery to see his home (in Kabul) in reference to the (airport) Abbey Gate and see what kind of terrain he had to navigate in order to get to that link-up point," said Perry.

The route proved successful and just two weeks before the Aug. 26 bombing at Hamid Karzai International Airport, the family successfully boarded a plane and left the country. Today, they are living with other Afghan refugees at a Virginia military base.

Sharif Sharafat, who came to the U.S. in 2013, previously served as an interpreter and cultural advisor for U.S. forces in Afghanistan. He is one of the founders of Afghan Foundation USA, and is now working overtime bringing personal items and clothing to Afghans temporarily housed at military bases in Virginia.

"Right now, what they are doing, they have nothing," Sharafat said of the refugees. "No clothes, no money, nothing."

Through the efforts of a group of former Afghan interpreters that spans from Richmond to Washington, Sharafat's group is trying to bring some comfort to Afghan nationals new to the U.S. at places such as Fort Lee in Prince George County. He's gathering items that include clothing, prayer rugs, personal hygiene products, diapers, sanitary wipes.

Sharafat said potential donors can reach him at 540-479-0227. A volunteer will pick up and deliver the items, he said.

Adrian Perry said the culture of the Afghan people should be considered when making clothing donations.

"It's a culture shock, especially for the females," said Perry. "They're not just ready to jump into American clothing."

Perry and officials at Quantico said the community answered the call last month by bringing goods and clothing to refugees who are living on the base. Perry said most of the refugees made the journey with nothing except the clothes on their backs.

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