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Sioux Valley boys, Arlington girls receive votes.

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Court action

TikTok asks court to delay enforcement of law banning the platform.

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A chance of flurries between noon and 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 28. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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Busmann named SDSU employee of the month

BROOKINGS — Aaron Busmann, a building maintenance lead worker for Facilities and Services, has been named South Dakota State University's Civil Service Employee of the Month for December.

He will be honored at a reception held from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in the Facilities and Services commons, room 100.

Busmann has worked in Facilities and Services for 13 years and has learned all the keying systems on campus, said Anthony Filholm, physical plant manager.

Busmann has done all the keying for new buildings constructed on campus in recent years, including the Raven Precision Agriculture Center, the Southeast Neighborhood, all four residence halls in the Jackrabbit Grove, Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium and the American Indian Student Center. On-campus renovations and moving departments around to accommodate them also creates keying needs that Busmann helps with.

"The university's movement to card access locks on all academic building entrances created a lot of rekeying, and Aaron was instrumental in installing all of this hardware and its maintenance," Filholm said. "The constant development of technologies keeps him on a steady learning path. Trying to tie card access in with automatic door operators is

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Lottery



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Suspect arrested in NYC CEO murder case

26-year-old allegedly had ghost gun, manifesto on him when apprehended.

NEW YORK (AP) — Police arrested a "strong person of interest" Monday in the brazen Manhattan killing of UnitedHealthcare's CEO after a quick-thinking McDonald's employee in Pennsylvania alerted authorities to a customer who was found with a weapon, mask and writings linking him to the ambush.

The suspect, identified by police as 26-year-old Luigi Nicholas

Mangione, had a gun believed to be the one used in last Wednesday's shooting of Brian Thompson, as well as writings suggesting anger with corporate America, police said.

Mangione was taken into custody about 9:15 a.m. after police got a tip that he was eating at a McDonald's in Altoona, Pennsylvania, police said.

"He is believed to be our person of interest in the brazen, targeted murder of Brian Thompson," NYPD Commissioner Jessica Tisch said.

Mangione had clothing and a

mask similar to those worn by the shooter and a fraudulent New Jersey ID matching one the suspect used to check into a New York City hostel before the shooting, Tisch said.

NYPD Chief of Detectives Joseph Kenny said Mangione was born and raised in Maryland, has ties to San Francisco and a last known address in Honolulu, Hawaii. A message left Monday with a Philadelphia-area phone number connected to Mangione was not immediately returned.

He was being held in Pennsylvania on gun charges

and eventually will be extradited to New York to face charges in connection with Thompson's death, Kenny said.

Police found a three-page document with writings suggesting that Mangione had "ill will toward corporate America," Kenny said.

The handwritten document "speaks to both his motivation and mindset," Tisch said.

Mangione had a ghost gun, a type of weapon that can be assembled at home from parts without a serial number, making them diffi-

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Seth Tupper/South Dakota Searchlight

A sign in the window identifies South Dakota Public Broadcasting's Rapid City studio in December.

SDPB director: Noem plan would bankrupt us in as little as 2 years

By JOHN HULT
South Dakota Searchlight

South Dakota Public Broadcasting could cease to exist in as little as two years if lawmakers adopt Gov. Kristi Noem's \$3.6 million budget cut, the network's executive director said Friday.

Julie Overgaard sounded that alarm during a meeting of the Educational Telecommunications Board, which acts as an advisory council for SDPB.

Noem proposed the funding cut, which amounts to about 65% of SDPB's state fund-

ing, during her annual budget address on Tuesday. The governor has proposed \$82.7 million in cuts across state government in response to lower state revenue compared to the past few years.

Noem also proposed \$10.7 million in new spending, \$4 million of which would go toward \$3,000 education savings accounts that lower-income families could use to pay for private school tuition, homeschooling and other forms of nontraditional schooling.

SDPB and its associated nonprofit fundraising organization, Friends of SDPB, have sent emails to supporters and offered state-

ments to the media outlining the immediate impact of a 65% budget cut. In the near-term, it could mean a loss of all original state and local programming, including high school activities broadcasts, the radio show "In the Moment" and television programs like "Dakota Life" and "South Dakota Focus."

Overgaard's message to the telecommunications board on Friday was more stark. She called Noem's budget "devastating news."

Donors send their money to Friends of SDPB in large part to support local programming. Without local programming,

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Man airlifted following Volga rollover wreck

By MONDELL KECK
The Brookings Register

VOLGA — A vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed rolled and struck a tree in Volga early Saturday, sending its driver to a hospital in Sioux Falls.

Brayden Squires, 21, of Volga was airlifted by Avera CareFlight after being extricated from the wreckage of the 2012 Chevrolet

Impala in front of a Volga residence in the 500 block of East Sixth Street, according to a news release from the Brookings County Sheriff's Office on Monday. The accident was reported at 4:22 a.m. Saturday.

BCSO Patrol Sgt. Manny Langstraat wrote that law enforcers reported the Impala appeared to have been traveling eastbound on Sixth Street when it left the

roadway. Squires was the only occupant of the vehicle, and Langstraat added that narcotics are thought to "have been a factor in this incident and charges are being requested."

Brookings County State's Attorney Dan Nelson told the Brookings Register on Monday that his office is "waiting for a few pieces of the investigation to be completed before deciding on

charges."

In addition to the sheriff's office, other responding agencies were the Volga Fire Department, Brookings Ambulance, Brookings Police Department and the South Dakota State University Police Department. The latter two assisted at the request of the sheriff's office.

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Overgaard said, that support would dry up.

“At best, we have about a 24 to 36 month lifeline,” Overgaard said. “I don’t think there is much point in pretending this is not as serious as it is.”

Kay Jorgensen, who chairs the telecom board, said the budget proposal is worthy of a more serious look than the group had time for on Friday. The board had a full agenda, one set up before Noem’s budget speech.

Members heard about SDPB’s financial health from its accountant, about the popularity of its high school football coverage this fall from its content director, and about an audit performed by Eide Bailly.

The audit found no financial disparities, ethical concerns or areas where SDPB strayed from best practices, one of its authors told the board. The draft audit document notes that SDPB serves 90% of the state’s geography and around 382,000 households.

“I don’t think there’s an organization in the country that can defend and be proud of its broadcast work more than the team at South Dakota Public Broadcasting,” Jorgensen said after hearing from Overgaard.

Layoffs, lost programming

In a follow-up interview with South Dakota Searchlight, Overgaard said the \$3.6 million cut would trigger a 50% reduction in support from the federal Corporation for Public Broadcasting, from \$2 million annually to \$1 million. The formula for grants from the corporation factors in state or local matching dollars.

SDPB currently has 64 full-time employees, not counting employees of Friends of SDPB. Most of the SDPB employees would lose their jobs if the cut goes through, Overgaard told Searchlight.

The shallow funding pool left after the cut wouldn’t be enough to pay for much more than engineering and network maintenance, she said.

It would likely be possible for SDPB to continue recording and streaming legislative committee hearings, floor debates and

meetings of the state’s various oversight boards and commissions, but there would be no news coverage.

The money could also maintain the infrastructure needed for Amber Alert and emergency alert messages, which originate with law enforcement and are distributed by SDPB’s network to the state’s commercial broadcast systems.

Beyond that and national programming – all of which is funded through donations from listeners and viewers, Overgaard said, not through tax dollars – there would be little left of the SDPB that exists today.

If SDPB cannot remain financially solvent, she said, the state would need to find another way to get emergency alerts to its citizens.

‘Per capita’

In 2006, lawmakers passed a \$500,000 cut to SDPB in the waning days of the legislative session. Lawmakers found themselves inundated with comments from constituents and restored the funding.

Ryan Howlett, CEO of Friends of SDPB, told the board Friday that the group saw a major fundraising spike immediately following Noem’s budget address.

“We’ve been really buoyed by people, by their support with not only their dollars, but their willingness to contact their legislators in their district and the administration of the state of South Dakota on our behalf,” Howlett said.

Howlett told Searchlight, however, that a short-term fundraising bump does nothing to solve the larger problems that would follow a state funding cut.

Larry Rohrer, a South Dakota Hall of Fame member known as the voice of SDPB, hopes listeners and viewers continue to rally behind the network.

Rohrer, who’s now retired, helped lead the network into the internet age, setting up the communications network that has streamed legislative debates since 2000. A little more than a decade later, Rohrer helped shepherd through the operational framework for SD.net, which streams and archives not only legislative coverage, but meetings

from boards and commissions or agencies like the Public Utilities Commission.

Some lawmakers were skeptical of streaming legislative debates, Rohrer said, but the skepticism dissipated quickly.

“What eventually happened was that the legislators heard from their constituents that they liked this,” Rohrer said.

Broadcasting high school activities has also buoyed SDPB’s reputation, he said. That’s at least in part because the network broadcasts not just popular sports like football, but a wide range of sports and arts activities that might have a smaller but dedicated following.

“This is the question that we asked internally: I want you to tell me which of those 35 high school championships don’t deserve to be on TV,” Rohrer said. “I dare you to answer that question, because the truth is they all do.”

In her budget speech, Noem told lawmakers that SDPB’s state funding is among the highest in the nation per capita.

Noem’s office did not offer a response to Overgaard’s comments on SDPB’s solvency, nor did the Bureau of Finance and Management.

Rohrer said he doesn’t know where that per capita figure came from, but said it’s not an apples-to-apples comparison. Few states have radio and television under one roof through a state-held broadcast license as SDPB does, as opposed to separate radio and television networks, one or more of them licensed through a university or independent nonprofit. Even fewer offer services that range from emergency alerts and year-round government meeting livestreams to live coverage of events like the annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup.

The trouble with using a per capita figure, Rohrer said, is that it leaves out the nuance.

“You can say that in 10 seconds,” Rohrer said. “For me to explain the different flavors of public stations and the variety of services takes five minutes. Some people don’t have time for that. My hope is that people would take the time to look deeper and understand that this is not a 10-second narrative.”

CEO: Suspect went to Ivy League Penn, caught in Altoona

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the images and the tipster for recognizing the suspect and calling authorities.

“Luckily, a citizen in Pennsylvania recognized the subject and called local members of the Altoona Police Department responded to the call, and based on their investigation, they notified the NYPD,” Kenny said.

Photos taken in the lobby of a hostel on Manhattan’s Upper West Side showed the suspect grinning after removing his mask, police said.

Investigators earlier suggested the gunman may have been a disgruntled employee or client of the insurer. Ammunition found near Thompson’s body bore the words “delay,” “deny” and “depose,” mimicking a phrase used by insurance industry critics.

The gunman concealed his identity with a mask during the shooting yet left a trail of evidence, including a backpack he ditched in Central Park, a cellphone found in a pedestrian plaza and a water bottle and protein bar wrapper that police say he bought at Starbucks minutes before the attack.

On Friday, police found the backpack that they say the killer discarded as he fled from the crime scene to an uptown bus station, where they believe he left the city.

Retracing the gunman’s steps using surveillance video, investigators say the shooter fled into Central Park on a bicycle, emerged from the park without his backpack and then ditched the bicycle.

He then walked a couple blocks and got into a taxi, arriving at at the George Washington Bridge Bus Station, which is near the northern tip of Manhattan and offers commuter service to New Jersey and Greyhound routes to Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, Kenny said.

The FBI announced late Friday that it was offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction, adding to a reward of up to \$10,000 that the NYPD offered.

Officers questioned Mangione, who was acting suspiciously and carrying multiple fraudulent IDs, as well as a U.S. passport, Tisch said. Officers found a suppressor, “both consistent with the weapon used in the murder,” the commissioner said.

NYPD detectives and staff from the Manhattan district attorney’s office traveled to Altoona to interview Mangione, Kenny said.

Thompson, 50, was killed last Wednesday as he walked alone to a hotel, where UnitedHealthcare’s parent company, UnitedHealth Group, was holding its annual investor conference, police said.

The shooter appeared to be “lying in wait for several minutes” before approaching the executive from behind and opening fire, police said. He used a 9 mm pistol that police said resembled the guns farmers use to put down animals without causing a loud noise.

Mangione attended an elite Baltimore prep school, graduating as valedictorian in 2016, according to the school’s website. In his graduation speech, he talked about his classmates’ “incredible courage to explore the unknown and try new things.”

He went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees in computer science in 2020 from the University of Pennsylvania, a school spokesman said.

In the days since the shooting, police turned to the public for help by releasing a collection of nine photos and video — including footage of the attack, as well as images of the suspect at a Starbucks beforehand.

On Monday, police credited news outlets for disseminating

the images and the tipster for recognizing the suspect and calling authorities.

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SDSU: Praised for work quality, commitment to service

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challenging, and he does it well.”

Filholm said Busmann also has a steady workload of rekeying resident rooms, and he’s a member of a larger team that’s called upon when help is needed for tasks such as large event setup, state surplus sales and other daily tasks. Busmann also takes on preventative maintenance and replaces 100 door closers on an annual basis.

“I appreciate his abilities, and he is a great asset to SDSU,” Filholm said.

Building supervisor Jess Fryslie agreed.

“Aaron’s pleasant demeanor and informative communication are his strongest characteristics. Aaron quickly completes tasks. If he is unable to find an immediate solution, he communicates when we can expect a resolution and what it is. ... Having someone on campus who I can call with questions and know the person on

the other end of the line who is both knowledgeable and agreeable makes my job much easier and more enjoyable,” Fryslie said.

Troy Syhre, director of custodial services, said Busmann makes a huge impact on Facilities and Services and the university as a whole.

“Aaron exemplifies the type of customer service that most universities want to have — dedicated and excellent. He is a huge team player in that he will do whatever it takes to help others out,” Syhre said. “His dedication and tenacity that he shows at work is something that many people look up to each and every day.”

Building maintenance specialist Allen VanHoeppen and parts-room technician Dwight Beukelman said Busmann is a fun person to work with and has a great personality.

“Aaron is very easy to work with and has a great sense of humor. He completes work orders

quickly, even when they aren’t really clear. I can explain what I need for the end result, and he usually knows how to make it happen,” VanHoeppen said.

Busmann said he and his wife, Rachel, keep busy with their 6-year-

old daughter, Reese, and enjoy spending time at the Missouri River in the summer. He also enjoys fishing, hunting and spending time outdoors.

He said he appreciates the nomination and recognition. “I enjoy getting to

connect with individuals across campus.”

All SDSU Employee of the Month selections are determined through a nomination process by the Civil Service Advisory Council. Each civil service employee of the month

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Schmiedt honored by pharmacy college for consulting work

BROOKINGS — For pharmacist Dean Schmiedt, it was right time at the right place.

Shortly after graduation from South Dakota State University, the federal government enacted new regulations requiring that skilled nursing homes have a pharmacist review patients' medications monthly. His boss at Lovdahl's Drug, in Little Falls, Minnesota, wasn't interested in doing that task.

Schmiedt, a 1973 SDSU grad, picked up the work as a side job. He ended up becoming a full-time independent consultant pharmacist and a leader in the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists.

Earlier this fall, Schmiedt, of Fort Ripley, Minnesota, was honored by SDSU's College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions as its 2024 Distinguished Alumnus.

It is the second time in less than eight months for Schmiedt to be honored by his alma mater. On March 2, the Schmiedts were recognized by the Alumni Association as the SDSU Family of the Year.

Comes from a pharmacy family

Dean Schmiedt comes from a long line of pharmacists, beginning with his grandfather Edgar Schmiedt, a 1925 SDSU pharmacy graduate who started working at a pharmacy in Centerville after graduation. Edgar bought the business in 1946 and renamed it Schmiedt Drug. Stan, a 1953 pharmacy grad and Dean's father, purchased the drug store in 1961. Working the soda fountain, delivering prescriptions and stocking shelves was part of the routine of life for the teenage Schmiedt.

Going to SDSU and pursuing pharmacy "just seemed like a natural fit," he said. "I didn't give it a thought." It was a bonus that he liked chemistry and that he liked "the fact that we were helping people. I liked the interactions we had with patients who came into my father's and grandfather's pharmacy."

In the late 1960s, the goal of almost every pharmacy student was to eventually run their own pharmacy.

Taking a new path

Schmiedt was no different, but he did have a "clinical bent" and enjoyed Dr. Bernie Hietbrink's pharmacology course, where he learned how various drugs affect the body. He added he enjoyed counseling patients, although pharmacists didn't do much of that then. That was considered to be the physician's territory.

When he began reviewing the medications of nursing home patients in 1974, he could put his pharmacology knowledge to use and counsel. "We had great facilities that we worked with. Facilities desired to do the best for their residents.

"During our medication regimen reviews, we looked at virtually everything relating to residents' medications. If there was an issue that needed a physician's attention, written comments were made."

He operated Minnesota Pharmacy Solutions from 1974 to 2016. Initially it was a side business. He was a pharmacist at St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls from September 1975 to December 1987. In January 1988, he gave up a secure income to become an entrepreneur in his adopted town of Little Falls, Minnesota. Dean's wife, Karleen, was supportive of taking the risk.

A growing business

The gamble paid off. Within a year he had given up a side job as a hospital pharmacist elsewhere and was consulting full-time. Jane Hauer joined the firm and later SDSU graduate Jody Ellingson joined the team. Schmiedt peaked at nearly 30 facilities in central Minnesota.

"We assisted facilities in complying with the multitude of federal and state medication regulations. There was a strong educational component in our services," Schmiedt said.

Mike Deuth, who served as administrator of two facilities that Minnesota Pharmacy Solutions had contracts with, said, "Dean was 100% ethical and detail oriented. I worked with a lot of pharmacy consultants over my career. Dean was by far the most detail oriented. He made sure every i was dotted and every t was crossed.

"If a state regulator was in your facility, he was equally as concerned as the facility about getting tagged. He did everything he could to be sure we were in compliance."

Always seeking new, innovative areas to provide services, he was involved in many other areas. These included serving as a member of the multi-disciplinary treatment team seeing patients and their caregivers at the Memory Care Clinic, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and being a voting member for Medica's Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. He was the only pharmacist along with about 20 physicians of various specialties.

He also served on several councils within the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, which he considered a career highlight. This put him in position to offer input to people who influenced or made decisions on federal regulations.

As a member CMS/ Pioneer Network Food and Dining Clinical Standards Taskforce in 2011, he contributed to writing the new clinical standards of practice for food/dining in skilled nursing facilities.

He has published several pharmacy journal articles and presented at the ASCP national convention.

Honored by his pharmacy peers

Schmiedt also created an Educational Needs Assessment test that nursing homes could give their nursing staff to assess their medication knowledge. That caught national attention. He received the 1998 Eli Lilly Educational Achievement Award from the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. It was published in the association's journal. In 2009, he received the association's Practice Innovation Award for an effort that took him to senior dining sites in central Minnesota.

"At a conference, the director of the CARITAS Senior Dining Program for Central Minnesota was talking with me. She asked if we might be able to do something for them. They had numerous senior dining sites. We developed an innovative program for them which received grant funding. This involved giving a brief educational talk on a relevant medication-related topic, such as proper administration of your eye drops. Then we were available to diners to answer their medication-related questions for an hour.

"The questions would just pour out. We collected a lot of data from the project and published a paper in the ASCP Journal," Schmiedt said.

Serving as an independent consultant was the opposite of how most of the industry operated, Schmiedt said.

"Traditionally, most nursing homes had their consulting pharmacist provided by a provider pharmacy. We had no potential conflicts of interest.

"We operated at a very high clinical level and were innovative. We prevented unnecessary drugs, adverse drug reactions, hospitalizations and deaths. We knew federal and state regulations very, very well. We could help nursing homes with compliance for those regs," Schmiedt said.

It is that approach that earned him the college's Distinguished Alumni Award.

In retirement, and his wife, SDSU graduate Karleen, are supporters of the Hobo Day Committee and giving back to their community as active Little Falls Lions Club members.

— From SDSU Marketing & Communications



Dean Schmiedt

Birding Club News

Club to meet this week

The December meeting of the Brookings Birding Club will be held on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Larson Nature Center at Dakota Nature Park.

The speaker that evening will be Kat Millman who is a graduate student in natural resource management at SDSU. Her talk is titled "SDSU Research on Wetland Bird and Vegetation Communities in Eastern South Dakota." She will be discussing her research to help improve the role that wetlands play in providing habitat for many bird species.

After Kat's talk the club will finalize the plans for the 2024 Christmas Bird Count. This year the Brookings Circle will hold its count on Saturday, Dec. 14. If you wish to participate, you must sign up with the compiler, Dan Kemp at dankemp@brookings.net. Final signup for the Dec. 14 CBC in Brookings will be made at the Wednesday, Dec. 11 meeting of the Brookings Birding Club.

Brookings Birding Club meetings are open to all interested persons.

VFW News

Voice of Democracy scholarship winners

Christina Messerli, a senior at Brookings High School was named the VFW and VFW Auxiliary Post No. 2118 first-place winner of the 2024 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program. Second place is Jaelyn Moe of Sioux Valley High School and third place is Savana Guthmiller of Sioux Valley High School.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," says VFW Department Commander Darwin Tolzin.

"The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1947, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy is a worldwide audio-essay competition that requires entrants to write and record a three-to-five-minute essay on a patriotic-based theme. "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision" was this year's theme.

The first place audio/essay was sent to SD District 4 for further competition. All local schools received electronic information on this contest to distribute to teachers and students.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) started the Voice of Democracy Scholarship program in 1947. The VFW became a national sponsor in the late 1950s and assumed sole responsibility for the program in 1961. The competition was created to provide students grades 9-12 the opportunity to express themselves in regard to democratic ideas and principles.

Around 40,000 students participate in the competition each year and VFW awards more than \$2.1 million in scholarships every year.

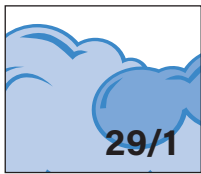
Patriot's Pen essay contest winners

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary of Brookings announced that Stanturf Dwomoh, a Sixth grade student is the Post No. 118 first-place winner of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary's 2024 Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. He attends Mickelson Middle School. He wrote the winning essay based on this year's theme, "My Voice in America's Democracy."

Second place is Amurama Dwomoh and third place is Cora Kleinjan, both attend Mickelson Middle School. All local schools received electronic information on this contest to distribute to teachers and students. The first place essay was sent to SD District 4 for further competition.

The VFW enacted the Patriot's Pen youth essay competition in 1995 as a way to encourage young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society while improving their writing skills. The contest is a worldwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write a 300- to 400-word theme-based essay expressing their views on democracy while competing for worthwhile awards and prizes.

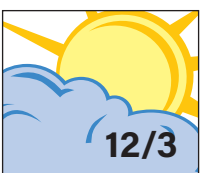
Brookings weather



Tuesday A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after 3 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 29. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Night: PA 20 percent chance of snow before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 1. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.



Wednesday Mostly sunny, with a high near 10. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Night: Mostly clear, with a low around -7. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light north northeast in the evening.



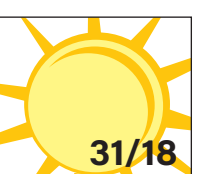
Thursday A 20 percent chance of snow after noon. Partly sunny, with a high near 12. Light and variable wind becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.

Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 3.



Friday Partly sunny, with a high near 22.

Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 11.



Saturday Mostly sunny, with a high near 31.

Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

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OPINION

Commentary

Trump demands are a test of courage for Thune and other senators

The United States Senate is arguably the least democratic (small “d”) institution in any democracy in the world, with the possible exception of the British House of Lords.

The Senate exists without proportional representation. Every state has two senators without regard to population. Wyoming’s two senators represent 586,000 citizens, while California’s 39 million citizens are represented by two senators.

The Senate has quirky rules: unlimited debate (the filibuster); much happens by unanimous consent (or doesn’t happen when one senator objects); seniority rules meaning a cranky old senator like Chuck Grassley of Iowa, age 91, will soon again chair the powerful Judiciary Committee. Grassley has been a senator since 1981, meaning the youngest senator, Jon Ossoff of Georgia, wasn’t alive when Grassley took office.

The Senate has six-year terms, a function of the Founders’ unfortunately naive belief that a longer term of office insulates senators from the worst of grubby political pressures.

The Senate has extraordinary powers, again thanks to the original thinkers who came up with the idea of an institution to balance the rambunctious House of Representatives. Senators have the constitutional duty to “advise and consent” — or not consent — on presidential appointments to the Cabinet and judiciary. The Senate, by super majority vote, can ratify treaties. The Senate judges, when it cares to, the impeachment of high governmental officials. The Senate traditionally has had a major voice in foreign policy. And the Senate, when it cares to, has the power to investigate. Google Watergate, the CIA, Teapot Dome or even the sinking of the Titanic to see what the Senate has historically done to expose and inform.

Now, as the Founders would certainly have appreci-

Marc C. Johnson of South Dakota Searchlight, an online news organization

ated, the Senate faces an enormous historical test — a power-hungry president committed to vastly enlarging executive power at the expense of the legislative branch. Donald Trump has signaled that he expects a GOP Congress will do his bidding no questions asked. Questions must be asked.

The widely floated idea that the Senate should allow “recess” appointments to critical executive branch jobs should be dead on arrival, but incoming Majority Leader John Thune of South Dakota hasn’t ruled out the Senate rolling over for Trump.

“I think that all options are on the table, including recess appointments,” Thune said recently while disingenuously suggesting that Republicans might need to forgo advising and consenting because Democrats might not “play ball.” But caving on the constitutional demand for Senate concurrence in major appointments isn’t about Democrats. It’s about Trump.

Still, there are modestly hopeful signs that at least some Republicans won’t diminish their own and the Senate’s power by simply giving a grasping president who he wants in his Cabinet — an accused sex abuser, vaccine denier or Russian stooge just to flag three of the worst of the nominees.

Idaho’s James Risch, easily one of the most partisan Republicans in the Senate who spent the first Trump term defending the administration’s feckless foreign policy, has — so far at least — refused to commit to supporting some of Trump’s craziest nominees, a group properly termed by commentator Charlie Sykes as a “cabinet of zealots, toadies, and cretins.”

“Ask me this question again after the hearings,” Risch said regarding support for the inconceivable nominations of a Fox New host, Pete Hegseth, to be secretary of Defense and a Putin apologist, Tulsi Gabbard, to head the national intelligence agencies. “These appointments by the president are constrained by the advice and consent of the Senate,” Risch said. And demonstrating that he recalls his oath of office, Risch added, “The Senate takes



that seriously, and we vet these.”

Despite his earlier comments Thune has shown a hint of backbone, telling a home state audience recently, “Every president is going to come in and try to do as much as they can by executive action ... Congress, in some cases, is going to be the entity that sometimes will have to put the brakes on.”

Trump’s return to the White House will test, sooner than later, whether the Senate has the ability — meaning individual senators possess the courage — to use its substantial power to constrain Trump’s most dangerous inclinations, including appointing a gang of woefully compromised incompetents.

Congress also, of course, has the power of the purse and should scotch any Trumpy plan to illegally “impound” dollars appropriated by the legislative branch. Expect Trump to push this issue to the limit. Hope for the sake of the Constitution that Thune and fellow senators resist more effectively than they did when during his first administration Trump diverted military funding to his border wall, a project you may recall that Mexico was never going to pay for.

Republican senators know, certainly better than most of their voters, that Trump cares nothing about the nuts and bolts of the federal government. More than any man who has held the office Trump is an agent of chaos, destruction and revenge.

But the Senate was designed to obstruct and delay would-be tyrants just as it was designed to give small states like Idaho and South Dakota outsized influence in the business of the federal government.

Mike Mansfield, the great Montanan who led the Senate for 16 years, spent his tenure gently persuading fellow senators to behave as national legislators and not merely as partisan representatives of individual states. Mansfield’s perspective has never been more important.

“In the end, it is not the Senators as individuals who are of fundamental importance,” Mansfield said in 1963. “In the end, it is the institution of the Senate. It is the Senate itself as one of the foundations of the Constitution. It is the Senate as one of the rocks of the Republic.”

The rock of the Republic must be solid if the Constitution is to hold.

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Speakout

Supporting farmers and ranchers

There’s hardly a corner of South Dakota where you won’t find a farm, ranch, or some other trace of our rich agricultural heritage — it’s the lifeblood of our state. Representing the hardworking South Dakotans who grow food and fuel and raise livestock is a responsibility I take seriously. So I value the conversations I have with producers as I travel around the state.

Unfortunately, what I’m hearing from farmers and ranchers lately is not good. Higher input costs, higher interest rates, and lower commodity prices are a dangerous combination for farms and ranches. Add to that the natural disasters and droughts that have impacted agri-

This Speakout was submitted by Sen John Thune



culture around the country, including in South Dakota, and it’s clear the situation is dire.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture projects net farm income will decrease 4 percent this year, after a 19 percent drop last year. Over the last two years row crop producers have lost \$50 billion, and projections for next year are not any better. Behind these numbers are the individual farms and ranches and the families who run them seeing red ink and wondering if their operation can weather the worst.

Farmers and ranchers need help. I share the frustration of many producers that these issues have not yet been addressed by an updated farm bill. I’ve been push-

ing hard for Congress to take up a farm bill, and I will continue doing everything I can to advance a bill that helps South Dakota’s farmers and ranchers through these tough times, including strengthening the farm safety net and modernizing conservation programs to prioritize producer flexibility.

It’s common sense, but I believe that the farm bill should be focused on farms and ranches. For too long, unfortunately, Democrats in the Senate have prioritized their climate agenda and out-of-control spending rather than focusing on agriculture policy. As a result, an updated farm bill is now more than a year overdue.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of South Dakota, and it’s also the lifeblood of America. There’s not much in our country that doesn’t rely on farmers and ranchers in some way. For the last few years, they have faced challenge after challenge. I’m continuing to work with my colleagues to get the farm bill done and provide the support farmers and ranchers need to keep going for the next growing season and the next generation.

other views

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Donald Trump’s proposed tariffs war

It’s telling that virtually the only positive spin economists of every political persuasion are putting on Donald Trump’s latest vow to ignite a global tariff war is the possibility that he doesn’t actually mean it. This is one instance in which Trump’s well-established tendency to say things he knows aren’t true is America’s best hope of avoiding a self-inflicted national economic injury.

It’s beyond ironic that Trump — whose recent election to a second term was helped immeasurably, maybe decisively, by high inflation under Joe Biden’s presidency — has made aggressive tariffs a centerpiece of his economic agenda. Those fees on imported foreign goods will inevitably be passed onto American consumers in the form of higher prices. They might also hurt America’s manufacturing sector, as Missouri in particular learned from Trump’s first-term tariff-mania.

Trump promised throughout this year’s presidential campaign to hit global friends and foes alike with high new tariffs as a misguided lever to protect American jobs. But even many of his supporters dismissed it as typical Trumpian bluster designed to make him sound tough on the campaign trail.

What happened last week cannot be so easily shrugged off. Trump announced on his Truth Social platform that he will, immediately upon taking office on Jan. 20, hit Mexico and Canada each with 25% tariffs, and another 10% on top of existing tariffs against China.

He linked the Mexico and Canada tariffs specifically to immigration and drug trafficking: “This Tariff will remain in effect until such time as Drugs, in particular Fentanyl, and all Illegal Aliens stop this Invasion of our Country!”

Trump is basing a radical policy announcement against America’s two biggest trading partners on the utter fabrication that illegal immigrants are “bringing Crime and Drugs at levels never seen before.”

He’s also mischaracterizing the very real fentanyl crisis as being tied to immigration. In fact, more than 85% of people sentenced for cross-border trafficking of fentanyl in 2023 were U.S. citizens, according to a study by KFF. As aptly laid out last week by the Wall Street Journal’s staunchly conservative editorial board, “Mr. Trump is threatening the countries, including two neighbors and allies, with economic harm if they don’t help him solve a domestic U.S. problem.”

Reasonably structured tariffs have a legitimate place in trade policy, but Trump’s view of them as clubs to be swung around indiscriminately at trading partners ignores some crucial complexities.

First, tariffs are by definition a tax on American consumers. Trump spent much of this year’s campaign publicly insisting that targeted countries would have to pay his promised tariffs, indicating he either doesn’t understand how tariffs work or (more likely) was assuming his audiences don’t.

In fact, tariffs are paid by U.S. importers, which then pass the cost on in the form of higher prices for goods — as consumers discovered during Trump’s first term. Among his trade policies were targeted tariffs on imported washing machines, which was meant to bolster U.S. manufacturing but which primarily just drove up prices across the entire U.S. market.

Trump’s planned tariffs against Mexico and Canada would do even more damage to Americans’ pocketbooks.

Together, those two countries provide roughly one-third of all the fruits and vegetables sold in the U.S. Those produce prices would rise immediately as importers pass the tariffs on to American distributors and grocers. Meanwhile, tariffs on Canadian petroleum could drive up U.S. gas pump prices by as much as 75 cents a gallon by some estimates.

And that’s before even getting into the impact that likely retaliatory tariffs from those countries would have on foreign sales of American goods. Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum immediately threatened such retaliation after Trump’s announcement last week.

Even under a best-case scenario in which Trump is merely threatening tariffs as a bargaining chip on trade and other issues, the threat alone is typically reckless. U.S. automobile manufacturers are especially jittery about the possibility of new tariffs, since that industry’s supply chain crosses national borders repeatedly with the making of virtually every car. No wonder General Motors’ shares plummeted last week after Trump’s announcement.

Since most major manufacturing today involves supply chains that span national borders, even policies that spur U.S. manufacturing can also hurt it. Missouri saw that firsthand during Trump’s first term, when the Noranda Aluminum plant, in the Bootheel, was initially aided by tariffs on foreign competition — only to see those same tariffs spur major shifts in the global aluminum supply chain that ended up devastating the Missouri company’s sales.

As it happens, Missouri has two Republican senators and a half-dozen House members who, to one degree or another, have Trump’s ear or the ears of those around him. Should he go through with this reckless tariff binge, and those members of Congress do nothing to oppose it, let no one forget that abrogation of duty when local prices rise and jobs are lost.

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NATION

Biden creates Native American boarding school national monument to mark era of forced assimilation

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — President Joe Biden designated a national monument at a former Native American boarding school in Pennsylvania on Monday to honor the resilience of Indigenous tribes whose children were forced to attend the school and hundreds of similar abusive institutions.

The creation of the Carlisle Federal Indian Boarding School National Monument — announced during a tribal leaders summit at the White House — is intended to confront what Biden referred to as a “dark chapter” in the nation’s history.

“We’re not about erasing history. We’re about recognizing history — the good, the bad and the ugly,” Biden said. “I don’t want people forgetting 10, 20, 30, 50 years from now and pretend it didn’t happen.”

Thousands of Native children passed through the notorious Carlisle Indian Industrial School between 1879 and 1918, including Olympian Jim Thorpe. They came from dozens of tribes under forced assimilation policies that were meant to erase Native American traditions and “civilize” the children so they would better fit into white society.

It was the first school of its type and became a template for a network of government-backed Native American boarding schools that ultimately expanded to at least 37 states and territories.

“About 7,800 children from more than 140 tribes were sent to Carlisle — stolen

from their families, their tribes and their homelands. It was wrong making the Carlisle Indian school a national model,” Biden told the White House summit.

Thorpe’s great-grandson, James Thorpe Kossakowski, called Biden’s designation an important and “historic” step toward broadening Americans’ understanding of the federal government’s forced assimilation policy.

“It’s very emotional for me to walk around, to look at the area where my great-grandfather had gone through school, where he had met my great-grandmother, where they were married, where he stayed in his dorm room, where he worked out and trained,” Kossakowski, 54, of Elburn, Illinois, said in an interview.

The children were often taken against the will of their parents, and an estimated 187 Native American and Alaska Native children died at the institution in Carlisle, including from tuberculosis and other diseases.

There are ongoing efforts to return the children’s remains, which were buried on the school’s grounds, to their homelands.

“They represent 50 tribal nations from Alaska to New Mexico to New York and I think that symbolizes how horrific Carlisle was,” said Beth Margaret Wright, a Native American Rights Fund lawyer. She has represented tribes trying to get the Army to return their children’s remains and is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna, which has children still buried there.



AP Photo/Susan Walsh

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, right, and Bryan Newland, assistant secretary for Indian affairs at the Department of the Interior, left, present President Joe Biden with an Eighth Generation blanket from a tribally-owned business, embroidered with “Joe Biden Champion for Indian Country,” at the 2024 White House Tribal Nations Summit at the Department of the Interior in Washington on Monday.

Carlisle was a model for many other schools that came after it and a huge majority of tribal nations that exist today have stories of their children being sent to Carlisle, Wright said.

In September, the remains of three children who died at Carlisle were disinterred

and returned to the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana.

At least 973 Native American children died at government-funded boarding schools that operated for more than 150 years, according to an Interior Department investigation.

Across the Nation

Rescuers rush to save geese and ducks after oil spill

BOSTON (AP) — Wildlife rescuers were rushing Monday to tend to dozens of geese and ducks that were soaked in oil after a spill in a Boston river.

Police and fire departments were dispatched to the Muddy River on the border of Boston and the town of Brookline a little after noon on Sunday following reports of a possible oil leak, Brookline police said. Responders found there was some kind of leak into the waterway that impacted wildlife — including numerous ducks and geese, police said.

State environmental officials and wildlife rescuers responded and were still on the job Monday, officials said.

Preliminary findings show the oil leak appears to be coming from a storm drain under a nearby condominium complex, said Danielle Burney, spokesperson for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection estimates less than 100 gallons (379 liters) of oil was released, Burney said.

The DEP was still investigating the exact source of the spill, which is being contained and managed, Burney said.

“The New England Wildlife Center is on-site to collect affected waterfowl for treatment and rehabilitation at their facility. They will continue to monitor the area to ensure the safety and well-being of the local wildlife,” Burney said.

Rescuers said it would take up to a month for the birds to be treated and released back into the wild. Twenty birds were accounted for by Monday afternoon, but dozens more were expected to need care, said Katrina Bergman, president of New England Wildlife Center, which was responding to the animals.

Bergman said most of the birds were Canada geese and mallards, which are a common sight alongside the Muddy River. The river is a popular site for walkers and

joggers. The spill happened in the area of the Longwood train station, about a mile from Fenway Park.

Caring for the animals is difficult because they need to be cared for without stressing them out, said Zak Mertz, chief executive officer of New England Wildlife Center.

Giving the injured wildlife room to let rescuers tend to them was critical, officials said.

“We don’t want to cause them to do any extra activity, especially if they have oil in the mouth and nose, that could do more damage,” Mertz said.

Trump Organization leases brand to two new projects in Saudi Arabia

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Trump Organization said Monday it has leased its brand to two new real estate projects in Saudi Arabia just weeks before President-elect Donald Trump returns to the White House.

It will partner with Dar Global, a London-based luxury real estate developer that will lease the Trump brand but fully own and develop the projects in the Saudi capital, Riyadh. The two have partnered on other projects in the region, including the development of a golf resort in neighboring Oman.

“Following the remarkable success of Trump International Oman, as well as our most recent ventures in Dubai and Jeddah, we are thrilled to announce two additional projects in Riyadh,” Eric Trump, the president-elect’s son who oversees the company’s real estate interests, said in a statement.

Trump’s company struck many real estate licensing deals overseas before he entered the White House in 2017, including for hotels and residential towers in Canada, Dubai, Mexico, India and Turkey.

Trump’s close ties to Saudi Arabia’s crown prince and day-to-day ruler, Mohammed bin Salman, drew heavy criticism after the 2018 killing of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi columnist for the Washington Post who had written critically about the monarchy.

Trump’s son-in-law and former senior aide, Jared Kushner, has also drawn scrutiny from Democrats for a reported \$2 billion investment from a Saudi sovereign wealth fund for his investment fund, which he started after he left the White House. Kushner had served as Trump’s point man for the Middle East and helped broker the 2020 Abraham Accords between Israel and the United Arab Emirates.

Dar Global is the international arm of Dar Al Arkan, a large Saudi developer. It says it has \$7.5 billion worth of projects under development in the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, the United Kingdom, Spain and Saudi Arabia.

Companies sue to stop a law that raises minimum wage

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri business groups announced Monday that they have filed a lawsuit to try to stop a voter-approved law that will raise the state’s minimum wage and require employers to give workers paid sick leave.

The powerful Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, restaurant and grocers associations say the law violates a state constitutional requirement that ballot measures only address one issue because it included the minimum wage increase and paid sick leave.

The law will increase the state’s minimum wage from the current \$12.30 an hour to \$13.75 in January and \$15 in 2026. It gives workers up to seven paid sick days per year starting in May.

Leaders of the minimum-wage campaign said businesses are trying to undo the will of voters.

“Missouri’s working class, in lockstep with allies across the state, went to the ballot box on Nov. 5 to overwhelmingly voice our need for paid sick days and fair wages in a free and fair election,” said Terrence Wise, of the Fight for 15. “It’s sickening to me that corporations are trying to steal our victory away and quiet the will of the voters who made this win possible.”

The business groups asked the Missouri Supreme Court to find the law unconstitutional.

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Obituary

Barbara Sunde Brookings

March 15, 1939 - Dec. 3, 2024

Barbara T. Sunde was born on March 15, 1939, in an ethnic German enclave near Pecs, Hungary. She was the only child of Stefan and Josefa Amrein, long-term Swabian settlers called Volksdeutsche, who settled outside of the German national borders. Her tranquil, idyllic childhood was shattered by the outbreak of World War II when Hungary joined Germany in an invasion of the Soviet Union. Her father was required to enter the Hungarian army, was later captured near Stalingrad and returned severely ill with typhus after the war. As the Soviet forces turned the tide of the war and entered Hungary, her mother along with many ethnic Germans was sent to a Russian labor camp for several years. Barbara was taken in by her grandmother and did not know the fate of her parents for several years. The occupying Russians embarked upon an ethnic cleansing of Hungary and forced many Germans to leave their ancestral Hungarian homes and become refugees

in the newly divided Germany.

And so, Barbara's grandmother loaded up the horse and wagon for the long trek from Hungary through Austria to Germany.

Armed guards refused them entry at the Austrian border but Barbara's fearless, feisty grandmother shouted out at the astonished soldiers: "Shoot us, if you want, you heroes."

Then she cracked the whip and the overloaded horse and wagon bolted over the border before the probably amused guards could react.

Ruins accompanied the little family as they entered a war-torn, unwelcoming Germany crowded with half-starved refugees. Finding relatives to stay with in southern Germany, Barbara's indomitable grandmother as usual took control and did what she could for her now skinny, sickly grandchild.

Barbara's father and mother separately were later able to return from horrific ordeals in Russian prison camps. The



Barbara Sunde

Black Market in Frankfurt and country vegetables barely sustained the little family for a time, but opportunity came when a grateful Texas doctor agreed to sponsor them in America. His son had been shot down over Germany and was spared captivity by two German girls who fed and sheltered him.

Barbara and her parents first went to Texas "with only a suitcase" and then to Cleveland, Ohio. Her parents, half broken by the war, found work, prospered modestly and bought a house. They pinched pennies to assure that their daughter got a good education. Barbara was a stellar student who entered the graduate program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Having successfully completed her course work for the Ph.D. she answered the beckoning call to teach German at a far-flung university in South Dakota. At SDSU she met and married Carl Sunde, also a German professor, on June 19, 1971.

How to describe Barbara? She was employed as a model for several Cleveland department stores. Stylish in dress, she was vivacious and somewhat exotic--especially in South Dakota. She charmed many students and staff alike with her

musical accent, open smile, unabashed laughter and teasing, colorful personality. Her high intelligence, teaching skill and cordial accessibility made her a favorite for girl students looking for a role model. She was unique and flamboyant, a bird of paradise on the South Dakota plains.

But she was not to be trifled with. The long years of wartime deprivation and loneliness gave her an inner core of strength. She was an articulate woman with opinions she could very capably defend.

Any insult or inappropriate remark could be met by a creatively stinging response never to be forgotten by the person who uttered it.

She loved German literature, especially Thomas Mann, Nietzsche, Lou Salome and Rilke. Although not a churchgoer, one of her favorite scriptures was the Sermon on the Mount. A favorite German quotation was from Rainer Maria Rilke:

Rose, o reiner Widerspruch... (Rose, o pure contradiction)

Left to mourn her passing are her devoted husband Carl, Carmen and Bill Wolfram, Bill Wolfram jr, Ward Wolfram and Jill Hill. Generations of students will remember her with affection and respect.

Stocks of Local Interest

	Symbol	Last	Change
3M Company	MMM	\$131.49	-\$1.62
Abbott Labs	ABT	\$114.90	-\$0.70
Apple Inc	AAPL	\$246.75	\$3.91
Black Hills Corp	BKH	\$61.38	-\$0.54
Caterpillar Inc	CAT	\$399.26	\$4.23
Citigroup Inc	C	\$71.86	-\$0.29
Daktronics Inc	DAKT	\$18.27	-\$1.23
Deere & Co	DE	\$449.41	\$5.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	\$112.90	-\$0.67
General Electric Co	GE	\$171.32	-\$4.26
Harley-Davidson Inc	HOG	\$33.55	\$0.52
Lowe's Companies Inc	LOW	\$274.15	\$0.72
McDonalds Corp	MCD	\$301.37	\$2.39
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	\$446.02	\$2.45
ONEOK Inc.	OKE	\$105.12	-\$3.88
Otter Tail Corp	OTTR	\$79.13	\$1.45
Papa John's Intl Inc	PZZA	\$50.30	\$1.55
Pathward Financial	CASH	\$82.64	-\$1.96
Pepsico Inc	PEP	\$159.47	\$1.68
Pfizer Inc	PFE	\$26.10	\$0.37
Procter & Gamble Co	PG	\$170.79	-\$3.03
Solventum Corp.	SOLV	\$70.63	\$0.67
Target Corp	TGT	\$135.29	\$2.90
United Parcel Svc Inc	UPS	\$128.53	\$2.92
Valero Energy Corp	VLO	\$134.55	\$3.03
Wal Mart Stores Inc	WMT	\$93.85	-\$1.87
Wells Fargo	WFC	\$72.62	-\$1.71
Xcel Energy	XEL	\$69.11	-\$0.63

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Market Report

Soybean Processors, Volga

(Any size self-unloading trucks or wagons accepted)

Soybeans (Dec.) 9.55
Soybeans (Jan.) 9.60
Soybeans (Feb.) 9.65
Soybeans (NC 25) 9.40
Meal Hi-Pro (Dec.) 271.60
Meal Hi-Pro (Jan.) 271.60
(For more information, visit www.sdsbp.com.)

AgFirst Farmers Cooperative, Brookings

Corn (Dec.) 3.99
Corn (Jan.) 3.97
Corn (Oct. 25) 3.89
Soybeans (Dec.) 9.25
Soybeans (Jan.) 9.20
Soybeans (Oct. 25) 9.39
(For more information, visit www.agfirstfarmers.com)

Agendas

Human Rights Commission

The Brookings Human Rights Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Brookings City & County Government Center at 520 Third St.

Items on the agenda include:

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes
- Public comment
- HRC membership
- Discrimination ordinance
- Human rights training
- Mayor's awards
- Follow up on parental concerns
- Budget

Historic Preservation Commission

The Brookings Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Brookings City & County Government Center at 520 Third St. Items on the agenda include:

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes
- Chair and vice chair selection
- State case report updates
- Survey
- Public education
- Codes and design
- Incentives and partnerships
- Brochure distribution
- Mayor's award recap
- SDSU ID home tour request
- BRBA home show planning
- Upcoming events
- Next meeting

Disability Awareness Committee

The Brookings Disability Awareness Committee will meet at noon Thursday in the Brookings City & County Government Center at 520 Third St. Items on the agenda include:

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes
- Budget updates

- Officer reports
- New member introductions
- Consider requests for mini grants
- Utilization of remaining funds
- Mayor's awards recap
- Listening session report
- ASL class report
- Merch to hand out
- Consider moving day and time of regular meetings

Library Board

The Brookings Library Board will meet at noon Thursday in the Brookings Public Library at 515 Third St. Items on the agenda include:

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes
- Continuing education record
- Approve bills
- Proposed 2025 fines budget
- Financial report
- Librarian's report
- Next meeting

Court Report

Court report 11-7

CLASS II MISDEMEANORS

Caitlyn Cantrall, 21, Porterville, California, failure to make proper stop at intersection, fined \$132.50.

Dalton James Moore, 20, Lower Brule, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Michael Stephen White, 18, of 405 W. Wye Mesa, use or possession of drug paraphernalia, fined \$282.50.

Monique Angel Marie Charbonneau, 25, San Antonio, failure to use child passenger restraint system, fined \$25.

Adam Wesley Gross, 42, Iroquois, speeding on other roadways, fined \$137.50.

Liza Schoenbeck, 24, Webster, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Katelyn Rose Birnell, 21, Watertown, careless driving, fined \$132.50.

Edward Adam Schafer, 55, Goodwin, no driver's license, fined \$132.50.

Zebediah Luther Bartels, 45, Pierre, seat belt violation, fined \$25.

Daniel John McKeown, 36, Aurora, no driver's license, fined \$132.50.

Nate Andrew Patterson, 19, Walford, Iowa, speeding on other roadways, fined \$117.50.

Bonerge Baez Diaz, 42, Elkton, illegal lane change, fined \$132.50; no driver's license, fined \$132.50.

Shawn A. Klein, 31, White, temporary closing of highway, fined \$232.50.

Lexus M. Lathrop, 27, Estelline, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

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Daniel A. Moore, 45, Doon, Iowa, speeding on other roadways, fined \$97.50.

Mitchell Selgestad, 25, Madison, speeding on other roadways, fined \$117.50; seat belt violation, fined \$25; use of electronic device while driving, fined \$178.50.

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BUSINESS

TikTok wants court to stop enforcement of ban

By HALELUYA HADERO
AP Business Writer

TikTok asked a federal appeals court on Monday to bar the Biden administration from enforcing a law that could lead to a ban on the popular platform until the Supreme Court reviews its challenge to the statute.

The legal filing was made after a panel of three judges on the same court sided with the government last week and ruled that the law, which requires TikTok's China-based parent company ByteDance to divest its stakes in the social media company or face a ban, was constitutional.

If the law is not overturned, both TikTok and its parent ByteDance, which is also a plaintiff in the case, have claimed that the popular app will shut down by Jan. 19, 2025. TikTok has more than 170 million American users who would be affected, the companies have said.

In their legal filing on Monday, attorneys for the two companies wrote that even if a shutdown lasted one month, it would cause TikTok to lose about a third of its daily users in the U.S.

The company would also lose 29%

of its total "targeted global" advertising revenue for next year as well as talent since current and prospective employees would look elsewhere for jobs, they wrote.

"Before that happens, the Supreme Court should have an opportunity, as the only court with appellate jurisdiction over this action, to decide whether to review this exceptionally important case," the filing said.

It's not clear if the Supreme Court will take up the case. But some legal experts have said the justices are likely to weigh in on the case since it raises novel issues about social media platforms and how far the government could go in its stated aims of protecting national security. President-elect Donald Trump, who tried to ban TikTok the last time he was in the White House, has said he is now against such action.

In their legal filing, the two companies pointed to the political realities, saying that an injunction would provide a "modest delay" that would give "the incoming Administration time to determine its position — which could moot both the impending harms and the need for Supreme Court review."

Attorneys for the two companies are



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A TikTok sign is displayed on top of their building in Culver City, California.

asking the appeals court to decide on the request for an enforcement pause by Dec. 16. The Department of Justice said in a court filing on Monday that it will oppose

the request. Justice officials also suggested that an expedited decision denying TikTok's request would give the Supreme Court more time to consider the case.

Business Briefs

Dacotah Bank promotes Hanson to Brookings market president

BROOKINGS — Dacotah Bank announces changes to leadership in Brookings, starting Jan. 1, 2025. Olaf Hanson has been promoted to market president for Brookings after the retirement announcement of Steve Carnes. Hanson started with Dacotah Bank in 2017 as a DacotahGrown intern. He completed a second summer intern program in 2018 with Trust & Wealth Management, and upon graduation in December of 2018, was hired full-time as a central credit analyst. Hanson transitioned to business banker in 2019 where he has worked since completing a variety of projects including construction, hospitality, multi-family, storage units, letters of credit, lines of credit, and small business start-up loans.

Hanson grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, and moved to Aberdeen in 2014 to play football for the Wolves and study finance at Northern State University (NSU). He graduated in 2018 with a bachelor of science in finance, with minors in accounting, economics, and banking and financial services. Along with his undergraduate degree, Hanson recently graduated with high honors from the Graduate School of Banking program from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was also presented with the Certificate of Executive Leadership by the Wisconsin School of Business Center for Professional & Executive Development. Hanson was a 2020 graduate of Leadership Aberdeen; finalist nominee for Top 4 Under 40 from the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce; and was a diplomat for the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce from January 2019-2022.

Hanson has maintained a high level of involvement

with the community and state as a resource, leader, and volunteer serving on various committees and boards, such as a board member for NSU Wolves Club (2024-present); board president for Aberdeen Downtown Association (2020-present); board president for Business Improvement District (2020-present); was a speaker for the NSU Innovation Center; and is an active community member in annual networking events and charity events including: Boys & Girls Club annual banquet, Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours, Northern Night, NSU Bourbons and Brews committee through Wolves Club, Roncalli/NSU/Aspire golf events, and others.

Hanson and his wife, Taylor, met while both attending NSU. They were married in November 2020 and shortly after bought their first home. They have a 2-year old golden retriever, Lady who loves pheasant hunting and "helping" in the boat while walleye fishing. Olaf and Taylor are excited to welcome their first child in March of 2025.

You can reach Olaf at 605-692-8600 and by email at Olaf.Hanson@dacotahbank.com.



Olaf Hanson

Ad agency titans to merge

(AP) — Omnicom is buying Interpublic Group in a stock-for-stock deal that will create the largest ad agency in the world with combined annual revenue of almost \$26 billion.

The names may be unfamiliar to many Americans,

but some of their marketing campaigns are iconic. Those include "Got Milk" for the California Milk Processor Board, "Priceless" for Mastercard, "Because I'm Worth It" for L'Oreal and "Think Different" for Apple.

The combined company will be worth more than \$30 billion.

"Through this combination, we are poised to accelerate innovation and harness the significant opportunities created by new technologies in this era of exponential change, said said John Wren, Chairman and CEO of Omnicom. "Now is the perfect time to bring together our technologies, capabilities, talent and geographic footprints to bring clients superior, data-driven outcomes."

The company will keep the Omnicom name and trade under the "OMC" ticker symbol on the New York Stock Exchange.

The size of and reach of the new marketing giant will have multiple advantages, including the use of new technologies like artificial intelligence.

"We estimate both companies have an approximately 50/50 split between advertising and marketing services, setting up a strong position not only in creative and media, but also across areas like specialty healthcare, experiential, and PR," wrote JPMorgan analyst David Karnovsky.

"For the industry, some amount of consolidation is a positive following a couple years of divergent growth among agencies and ahead of an investment cycle for Gen-AI," Karnovsky added.

Shareholders of The Interpublic Group of Companies Inc. will receive 0.344 Omnicom shares for each share of Interpublic common stock that they own. Omnicom shareholders will own 60.6% of the combined company and Interpublic shareholders will own 39.4% after the transaction is complete.

The deal is expected to have annual cost savings of \$750 million and is expected to close during the second half of next year. It still needs the approval of Omnicom and Interpublic shareholders.

Swift's tour grosses \$2.2b

NEW YORK (AP) — Taylor Swift's Eras Tour brought in \$2.2 billion in its nearly two-year run, making it the highest-grossing tour of all time for a second year in a row, Pollstar estimates from data collected across 149 shows.

The new numbers were provided to The Associated Press on Monday, the morning after Swift wrapped the Eras tour with its final show in Vancouver, Canada. Last year, Swift's landmark tour became the first to cross the billion-dollar mark.

In North America, Swift's tour earned an estimated \$1.04 billion over its run. Globally, that number jumps to an estimated \$2.2 billion.

"We are witnessing history in the making. What Taylor Swift and The Eras Tour accomplished in 21 months across five continents before 10 million fans is extraordinary and unprecedented. The tour's \$2.2 billion estimated gross is the highest of all time and nearly doubles the second biggest tour," said Andy Gensler, editor-in-chief of Pollstar & VenuesNow, in a statement. "It's also an example of the limits this industry continues to push far past while bringing music, community and peak life experiences to legions across the globe."

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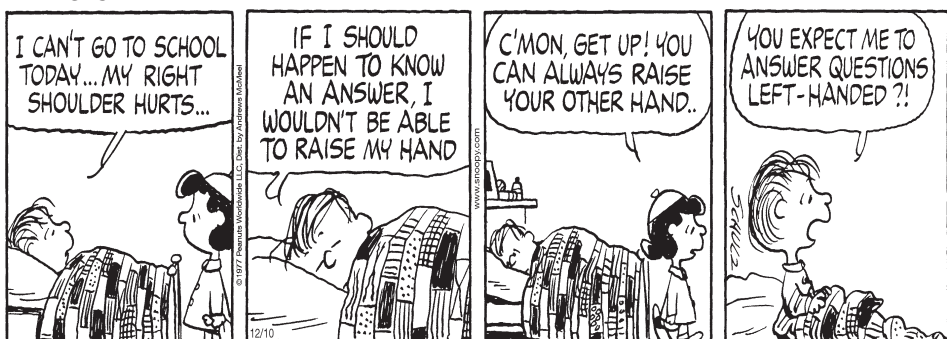
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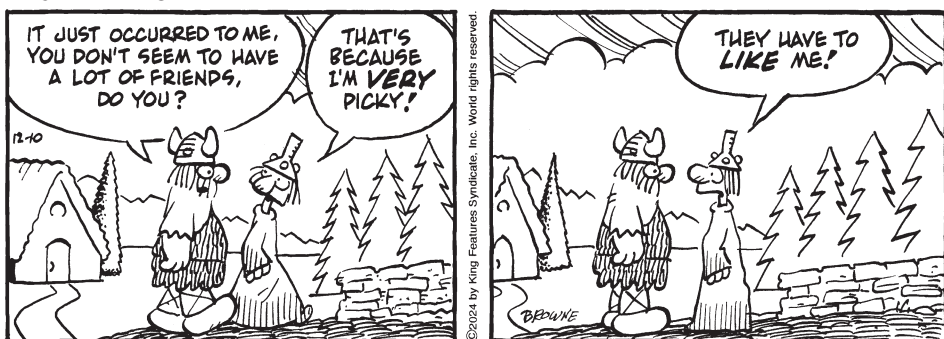
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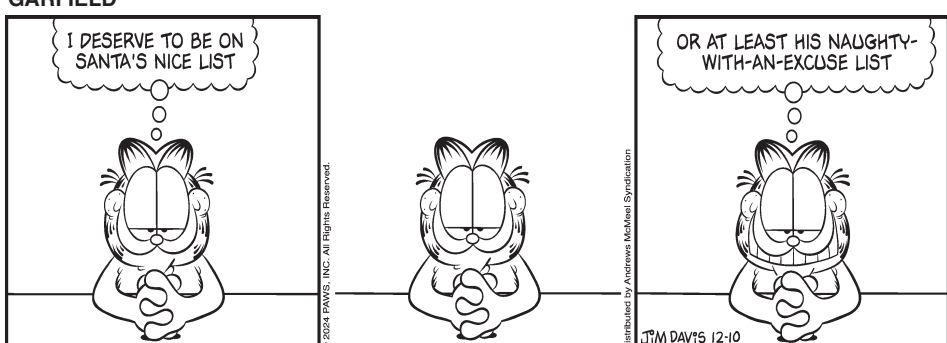
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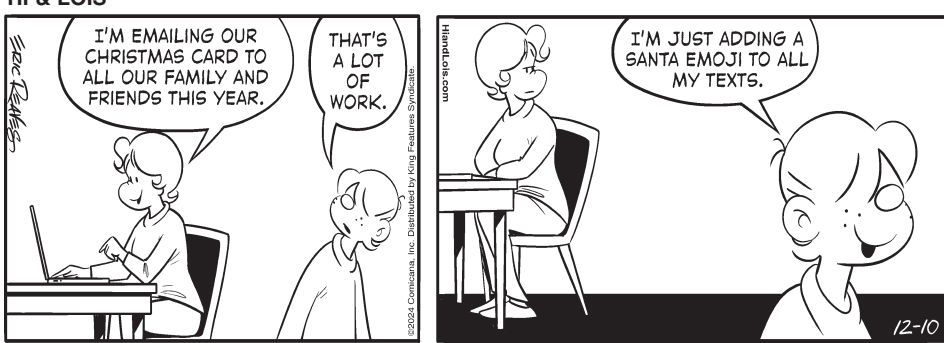
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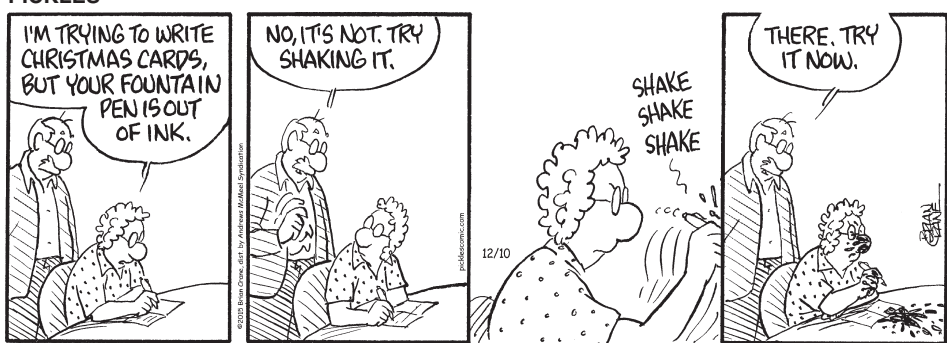
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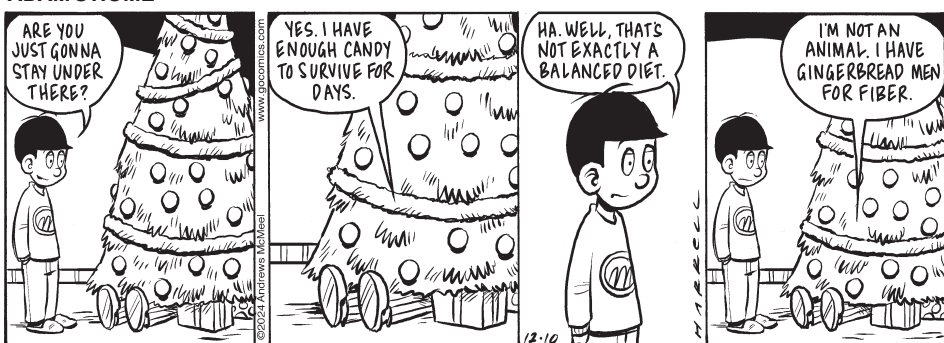
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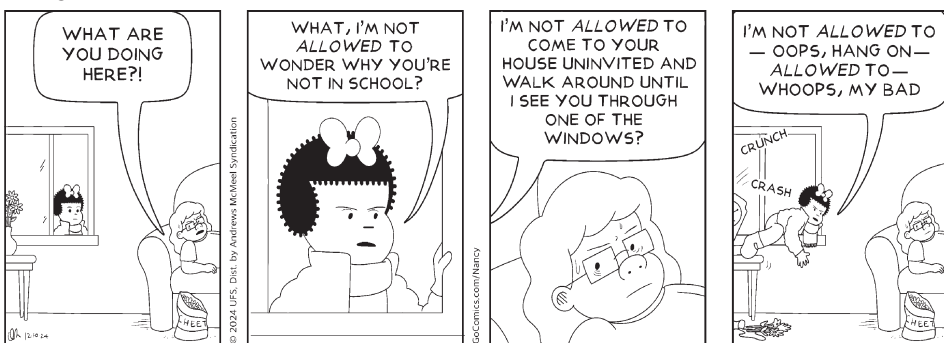
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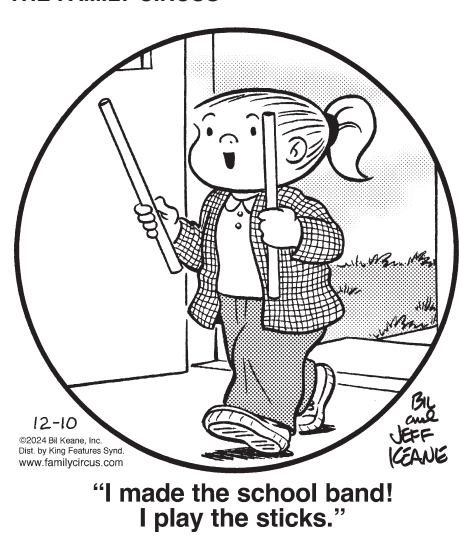
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Yesterday's **Cryptoquote**: THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DISCOVERY TRUE FRIENDS MAKE IS THAT THEY CAN GROW SEPARATELY WITHOUT GROWING APART. — ELISABETH FOLEY

Bridge

By PHILIP ALDER

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said: "Only by joy and sorrow does a person know anything about himself and his destiny. They learn what to do and what to avoid."
Yesterday, when we first looked at this deal, we found that declarer seems destined to make three no-trump. He wins the heart lead in his hand, plays off dummy's top clubs to find out about the 4-1 break, then takes two diamond finesses, one now at trick four and one when back in the dummy with the heart ace. He gets home with one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and two clubs. But do you see any way that East might divert declarer from his apparent destiny?
North's two-club rebid showed at least six clubs and

denied a four-card major. (With no major and only five clubs, North would have rebid one no-trump or two diamonds.) It was normal for South to rebid three no-trump. It was unlikely that five clubs would make and three no-trump fail.
The key play comes at trick two. When declarer plays a club to dummy's king, it cannot cost for East to drop his jack (or queen). Even if South continues with the club ace, East can play his six and retain the Q-9 (or J-9) over dummy's 10-8.
The plus comes, though, if South reads East's card as a singleton. Then he will return to his hand with a diamond to the ace, planning to continue with a club, covering West's card as cheaply as possible. He will believe

		North	12-10-24
		♠ J 6 2	
		♥ A 7	
		♦ 10 5	
		♣ A K 10 8 7 5	
West	East		
♠ K 9 8 5	♠ Q 10 3		
♥ Q 9 6 5 2	♥ J 10 4		
♦ Q 7 4	♦ K 6 3		
♣ 2	♣ Q J 9 6		
		South	
		♠ A 7 4	
		♥ K 8 3	
		♦ A J 9 8 2	
		♣ 4 3	
Dealer: North			
Vulnerable: Neither			
South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead: ♥ 5			

he is going to take one spade, two hearts, one diamond and five clubs.
But West's spade discard will leave East-West joyful and South sorrowful.

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: I am a 43-year-old woman who has struggled with self-esteem and personal relationships my entire life. My fiance and I have talked in depth about past trauma, but it wasn't until within the past year that I've realized how much of an impact my mother had on those aspects of my life.

From as far back as I can remember, she always told me that from the moment I was born, she had a hard time connecting with me, and I wasn't loving toward her. How could that have possibly been something I caused? I suspect she may have had postpartum issues, and she is now a fully diagnosed bipolar individual.

I watch her have functional relationships with lots of other people, but still, to this day, we have almost no connection. I feel guilty about the state of our relationship but worse when I witness the way she treats others compared to me. Am I a terrible daughter? — Disconnected In Ohio

Dear Disconnected: If what your mother said is true, remember that for the most part, children react lovingly toward people who are loving to them. You are not responsible for your mother's diagnosed mental illness, which

DEAR ABBY



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may be why she had so much trouble relating to you. You are not a terrible daughter. If you have any doubts about what I have written, please consult a licensed mental health professional who can help you understand that you have nothing to feel guilty about.

Dear Abby: My husband and I will soon celebrate our 11th anniversary. Together since we were 19, we're now in our mid-30s with two children.

Abby, I can't seem to shake the feeling my husband is cheating on me. For the past two years all he wants is sex, on his time. If he doesn't get it within his "timeline," he gets angry and has an attitude. If he doesn't get it at all that day, I'll hear about it for days afterward.

I love my husband with all my heart, but he is not a great dad. It kills me to see him brush the kids off when they are so excited to

see him, hug him and play. But my husband doesn't play with them, doesn't snuggle with them on random days off or lounge around with them. I get jealous seeing dads playing with their kids and just being goofy for hours.

He works all the time and worries about his work calls. All my life I wanted a husband who would be a great dad. What I'm trying to ask is, if he isn't into our kids, is always stressed, isn't playful in a non-sexual way with me anymore and only wants sex, is he seeing someone else to fulfill his needs? — Heartbroken Wife In New Jersey

Dear Wife: There are plenty of issues in your marriage that need working on, but I doubt that a man who often wants sex with his wife is cheating. You stated that he doesn't relate well to the children and is always stressed. Once you understand the reasons, things may improve. Marriage counseling might help you achieve that.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Dr. Roizen

Prevent and treat urinary tract infections without antibiotics

By MIKE ROIZEN, M.D. and MEHMET OZ, M.D.

Urinary tract infections (UTIs) affect 50% of women at least once in their life and occur annually among 12%. Three percent of men contend with an annual UTI. The fatigue, pain when urinating, and embarrassment that UTIs can cause aren't minor. Wouldn't it be great to prevent them or treat them effectively without having to go on antibiotics? Well, it just may be.

According to an online comment in JAMA Internal Medicine, there are multiple studies that support the use of cranberry juice, concentrate and tablets to prevent

and treat UTIs. And there is no downside when used by themselves to see if they are effective or taken in conjunction with medication.

Other supplements that help KO bacteria in the bladder, such as E. coli, or prevent them from adhering to the lining of the bladder and causing trouble, include probiotics, especially Lactobacillus GG, vitamin C, berberine, and d-mannose, a simple sugar related to glucose. A Veterans Affairs site suggests 100 milligrams of vitamin C daily for prevention and 1,000 milligrams every two hours for two

days, then 1,000 milligrams three times a day for five to 10 days at the first sign of symptoms.

They also suggest berberine tea three times daily (0.5-1 grams of dried root to 150 milliliters of boiling water; simmer for five to 10 minutes, then strain). It's not for anyone pregnant or for infants.

Talk with your doctor about these approaches to managing UTIs. For more information on dealing with recurring infections, check out "15 Natural Ways to Support Urinary Tract Health" at iHerb.com/blog.

Dr. Mike Roizen is the founder of www.longevityplaybook.com, and Dr. Mehmet Oz is global advisor to www.iHerb.com.

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Notice is given that on November 15, 2024 Rece J. Jordan, whose address is 7633 E. 10th Apt #4, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57110 was appointed as personal representative of the Estate of Todd Martin Jordan. Creditors of decedent must file their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or their claims may be barred. Claims may be filed with the personal representative or may be filed with the clerk, and a copy of the claim mailed to the personal representative. Dated November 18, 2024 /s/ Eric A Scott

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at the Brookings Health System until December 20, 2024 at 10:00am and will be publicly opened and read at Brookings Health System, 300 22nd Avenue, Brookings, SD 57006. Such Bids are provided for the purchasing of a new ECHO/ Vascular Scanner. Specifications may be inspected and acquired at the office of the Chief Financial Officer, Brookings Health System. Payment will be made by check upon delivery and acceptance. Sealed bids must be sent to the attention of the Chief Financial Officer and must clearly state on the sealed envelope that a Bid is enclosed for the: ECHO/ Vascular scanner Bids may not be withdrawn within thirty days the actual opening thereof. The Board of Trustees of the Brookings Health System reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and all bids. By the order of the Board of Trustees, Brookings Health System Jason Merkley, CEO Published December 10 and 16, 2024 at the total approximate cost of \$26.98 and may be viewed free of charge at www.sdpublicnotices.com.

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- 3 Distance around
- 4 Iterate
- 5 "— Got a Secret"
- 6 Touched
- 7 Door sign
- 8 Ladle
- 9 Surgeon type
- 10 "Arsenic and Old —"
- 11 Allow
- 19 Airborne toy
- 21 Angry crowd
- 24 Monk's title
- 25 Uncommon
- 26 Newt
- 27 Membership expense
- 29 Fanatical love
- 30 Wine and —
- 33 Knock
- 35 Angry
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- 40 Philly Flyers' mascot
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Bock, Gronowski guide SDSU in final playoff run

By Chris Schad
The Register

BROOKINGS – There’s a lot on the line as South Dakota State runs through this year’s FCS Playoffs. The Jackrabbits are seeking their third straight national championship and they’re doing so with a roster that’s much different than it was a year ago.

This is not something that’s different than other teams in college athletics – especially with the advent of the transfer portal. But there’s something that comes with having a player or two that’s been there before.

For SDSU, the duo of Mark Gronowski and Adam Bock have not only been there, they’ve been there frequently. Mainstays of the past two national title teams, both players know what it takes to get to Frisco, Texas for the national championship and have been on the stage but this year has a unique feel after defeating Montana 35-18 on Saturday afternoon.

For Bock, it’s been a long road to get to this point. After a redshirt season in 2019, Bock broke out with 74 tackles (5.5 for loss) and a pair of sacks while leading the Jacks to the national championship game in the 2021 spring season and had an encore with 125 tackles (9.5 for loss) with 2.5 sacks and a pair of interceptions while helping SDSU reach the national semifinals in 2021.

While the 2022 and 2023 seasons were impacted by a foot injury, he still was a key cog in SDSU’s defense, logging 76 tackles (7.5 for loss) and four sacks in 2022 and 65 tackles (2.5 for loss) and two sacks in 2023 on the way to back-to-back national championships.

Bock has stayed on the field this season, logging 83 tackles (eight for loss), three sacks and two inter-



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ceptations and played in his 15th career playoff game on Saturday.

“I’d say this year’s a little different,” Bock said on Saturday. “I mean, [you go into] a lot of playoff games, knowing it [could] be the seniors’ last game. But now you’re stepping into that role and you’re the senior now [and] it could be your last game. I think we’ve just been kind of playing it like a regular season game and there’s a bit more to it, but nothing crazy.”

Bock’s still heartbeat during the playoffs is similar to that of Gronowski. Last spring, Jackrabbit fans held their breath wondering if Gronowski would return amid rumors of leaving for an FBS program and celebrated when he channeled Michael Jordan with a social media post that simply said “I’m back.”

That celebration was warranted considering what Gronowski has done for SDSU. In his freshman season, he led the Jacks to the national title game – a game SDSU may have won if he hadn’t suffered a knee injury on the opening drive. Gronowski missed the 2021 fall season due to the injury

but returned to lead SDSU to back-to-back national championships each of the past two seasons.

You can’t talk about SDSU’s titles without mentioning Gronowski and you can’t talk about the Jacks’ first playoff win without pointing out Gronowski’s performance, completing 12-of-16 passes for 151 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

But as a veteran of 13 playoff games, it was more about the process even with his SDSU career on the line.

“It’s kind of like a new regular season once it gets to the playoffs,” Gronowski explained. “It’s win or go home at this point...[but] for us seniors, this could be our last game if we end up not playing as well as we can.”

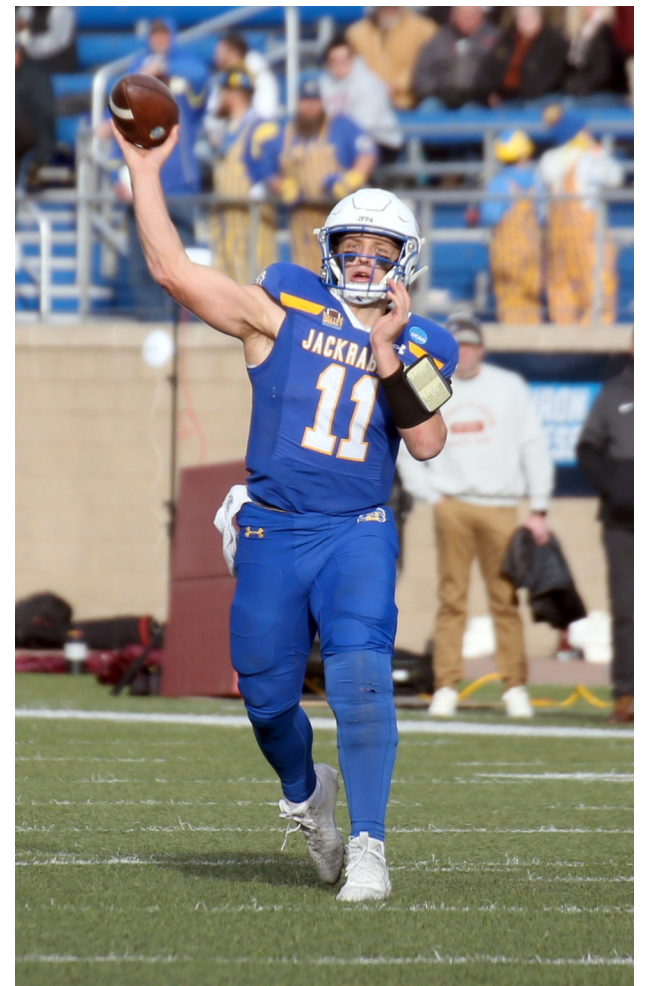
It may feel like a “Been there. Done that.” mentality that SDSU had on the way to their second national championship a year ago. But it’s also how the entire team handles it on a weekly basis during the season and during the gap between the end of the regular season.

“I think it’s huge on how to handle the breaks when you have the first-round bye,” SDSU head

coach Jimmy Rogers said of Bock and Gronowski’s experience and how it affects the team. “You know how to manage your body and stay in shape. Although we give the guys off from Wednesday at noon to Sunday night, they get back and lift on their own. I think that part is huge, just making sure that they’re sweating and getting ready for what is to come because there are no more breaks at this point.”

From there, it’s the weekly preparation that has helped SDSU sustain a championship standard.

“The focus that it takes week-in and week-out, knowing that you’re playing what could be your last game, I think that comes with a little bit of anxiety as a player, especially as a senior,” SDSU head coach Jimmy Rogers said on Saturday. “The fact that we have several players [like Mark and Adam] at those key positions that have gone through [the playoffs], that they know what goes into the preparation and they know how to handle the emotions of the game, those are huge, key players in our success and really the rise of South



Chris Schad/Register

South Dakota State’s Mark Gronowski throws the ball during a 35-18 win over Montana on Saturday in Brookings.

Dakota State being able to win multiple championships.”

You could see it on the field as Bock, Gronowski and other seniors including Dalys Beanum, Gus Miller and Jarod DePriest impacted the game.

You could even see it in the postgame press conference on Saturday as Bock sat next to wide receiver Griffin Wilde, who was grinning from ear to ear after catching seven passes for 114 yards and two touchdowns in his first playoff game as a starter after spending last year behind another pair of SDSU veterans Jadon and Jaxon Janke.

The Jacks may not have the experience they had a year ago, but what they have is top-shelf quality and it’s something that not only has the seniors fighting for their careers but their teammates fight-

ing for each other.

“I don’t know if the group thought it would never be the last game and hopefully this group is growing in that sense,” Rogers said. “But they don’t take it for granted, the moments that they get with one another. Because when you finish college athletics, it means something to believe as a champion, but also five years from now, you’ll remember the locker room and the laughter and the joy you had one week at a time with guys. Those are the things you’ll miss more than you’ll ever remember about being a stat leader...or an All-Conference or All-American player. My focus is on trying to give our best as a coaching staff to our players and make sure that they’re well-equipped and can leave [SDSU] on that stage in Frisco, Texas.”

Tournament Champion



Courtesy Photo

The Brookings third grade basketball team won the Dell Rapids Tournament over the weekend. Pictured above (from left to right), back row: Coach John Bisson, Coach Brian Kvamme, Jackson Bisson, Will Kvamme, Conner Heeney, Kamden Jones, Tyson Connot, Coach Nate Hilbrands, Coach Carolyn McGlade. Front Row: Front row: Aiden McClanahan, Dominic McGlade, Westyn Haarsma, Landry Hilbrands.

Botched blocked punt by Cowboys leads to Bengals win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Joe Burrow threw a tiebreaking 40-yard touchdown pass to Ja’Marr Chase after Dallas botched a blocked punt to give the ball back to Cincinnati in the final two minutes, and the Bengals beat the Cowboys 27-20 on Monday night.

The Cowboys were about to get the ball back with the score tied on the first play after the two-minute warning when Nick Vigil blocked a punt by Cincinnati’s Ryan Rehkow.

Amani Oruwariye tried to field the bouncing ball when leaving it alone would have given Dallas possession. Oruwariye couldn’t hold on, and the Bengals’ Maema Njongmeta recovered at the Cincinnati 43-yard line with 1:53 remaining.

Three plays later, Burrow threw to Chase, who evaded DaRon Bland and ran untouched the rest of the way for the lead with 1:01 to go.

The winning TD secured a fourth consecutive game of at least 300 yards passing and three touchdowns for Burrow, who finished with 369 and three scores, two to Chase.

This was the first victory in

that stretch as the Bengals (5-8) ended a three-game losing streak. Chase, the NFL leader in yards receiving and touchdowns, had 177 yards and is up to 15 TDs.

Cooper Rush threw two TD passes and Rico Dowdle ran for a career-high 131 yards as the Cowboys (5-8) saw the end of a modest two-game winning streak after losing five in a row.

The Bengals ended a five-game losing streak against the Cowboys with the first victory in the series since 2004.

The Cowboys lost linebacker DeMarvion Overshown to a right knee injury in the fourth quarter. It came in the first game for Dallas since his spectacular 23-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 27-20 victory over the New York Giants on Thanksgiving.

Overshown was second on the team in sacks to pass rushing star Micah Parsons going into the Cincinnati game. The former Texas standout had five to Parsons’ 6 1/2.

Up next

Bengals: At Tennessee on Sunday.

Cowboys: At Carolina on Sunday.

Sports Schedule

Local Slate	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11	ESTABLISHED/HENDRICKS AT GARRETSON, 7:30 p.m.	HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL	INCARNATE WORD AT SOUTH DAKOTA STATE, 11 a.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 High School Girls Basketball Arlington at Howard, 6:15 p.m. Colman-Egan at Estelline/Hendricks, 7 p.m.	Women’s College Basketball Dakota Wesleyan at South Dakota State, 7 p.m.	Sioux Valley at Sisseton, 7:30 p.m. Irquouis/Lake Preston at Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 6 p.m. Chester at Flandreau, 7 p.m.	Watertown at Brookings, 6:30 p.m. Deubrook Area at De Smet, 6:15 p.m. Elkton-Lake Benton at Estelline/Hendricks, 7 p.m. Arlington at Colman-Egan, 7:15 p.m.	Women’s College Basketball Northern Iowa at South Dakota State, 4 p.m.
High School Gymnastics Brookings High School Jamboree, 6 p.m.	Men’s College Basketball South Dakota State at Nevada, 9 p.m.	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 Men’s College Basketball South Dakota State at Colorado, 8 p.m.	High School Boys Basketball Watertown at Brookings, 8 p.m.	High School Wrestling Sioux Valley at Rapid City Central Tournament, 8 a.m.
High School Wrestling Sioux Valley at Tri Valley Quad, 5 p.m.	THURSDAY DECEMBER 12 High School Wrestling Brookings at Pierre Triangular, 6 p.m.	High School Wrestling Sioux Valley at Rapid City Central Tournament, 12 p.m.	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 College Football FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals	High School Girls Basketball Sioux Valley at Clark-Willow Lake, 5:30 p.m.
	High School Boys Basketball			High School Boys Basketball Sioux Valley at Clark-Willow Lake, 7 p.m.

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Preseason media basketball polls released

FROM REGISTER STAFF REPORTS

The Preseason South Dakota Media Prep Basketball Polls have been released and two area teams received votes.

The Sioux Valley boys basketball team and the Arlington girls each received votes in their respective classes. Sioux

Valley received two votes in Class A. The Cossacks will open the season on Saturday Clark/Willow Lake. Tip off is set for 3 p.m. between the Cossacks and Cyclones.

Meanwhile, Arlington received 12 votes in Class B on the girls' side. That puts the Cardinals right outside of the top five. Arlington will open the season tonight

against Howard at 6:15 p.m. The top teams in each class on the boys' side include Mitchell in Class AA, Sioux Falls Christian in Class A and Castlewood in Class B. On the boys' side O'Gorman is the top team in Class AA, Vermillions is atop Class A and Centerville was the top team in Class B. Below are the full rank-

ings for each class.

- Boys Class AA**
1. Mitchell (13) 69
 2. SF Washington 49
 3. SF Lincoln 24
 4. Huron 23
 5. O'Gorman 15
- Receiving Votes: Brandon Valley 14, Harrisburg (1) 9, SF Roosevelt, SF Jefferson 3.

- Class A**
1. SF Christian (8) 64
 2. Hamlin (6) 62
 3. Dakota Valley 31
 3. RC Christian 23
 5. Pine Ridge 15
- Receiving Votes: Lennox 9, **Sioux Valley 2**, Dell Rapids 1, Vermillion

1, St. Thomas More 1.

- Class B**
1. Castlewood (8) 62
 2. Viborg-Hurley (5) 60
 3. Gregory 27
 4. Dell Rapids St. Mary 26
 5. Wessington Springs 15
- Receiving Votes: Howard 11, De Smet (1) 6, Aberdeen Christian 2, Leola-Frederick Area 1.

- Girls Class AA**
1. O'Gorman (3) 59
 2. Brandon Valley (9) 58
 3. SF Washington 31
 4. RC Stevens 28
 5. SF Jefferson (2) 22
- Receiving Votes: Harrisburg 8, Pierre 3, Spearfish 1.

- Class A**
1. Vermillion (11) 66
 2. SF Christian (2) 50
 - T-3. Hamlin (1) 20
 - T-3. Wagner 20
 5. Mahpiya Luta 19
- Receiving Votes: Sisseton 12, Lennox 11, Mount Vernon/Plankinton 6, Dakota Valley 5.

- Class B**
1. Centerville (13) 69
 2. Ethan 47
 3. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket (1) 27
 4. Parkston 26
 5. Lyman 25
- Receiving Votes: **Arlington 12**, Gayville-Volin 2, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 1, Warner 1.

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Jackrabbit softball announces 2025 schedule

FROM SDSU SPORTS INFORMATION

BROOKINGS - The South Dakota State softball program looks ahead to the New Year as Jackrabbits head coach Kristina McSweeney released the team's 2025 schedule which begins in February.

SDSU's campaign features a variety of opponents over the course of a scheduled 54-game slate. The schedule includes six NCAA Tournament teams from 2024 and six sets of conference series.

"We are really excited to see what our team has in store when we open the 2025 season," McSweeney said. "We have quite a few faces to replace, so we wanted to be able to provide ourselves an opportunity to compete throughout our non-conference schedule. Our season will be our first on our new turf, which we are thrilled about, but we have a lot of room to grow before we get to play at home this spring."

South Dakota State begins 2025 with two consecutive tournament appearances in Texas. The Jackrabbits will participate in the Lions Classic, hosted by East Texas A&M, from Feb. 7-9. They follow that with a showing at Tarleton State's Whataburger

Invitational from Feb. 14-16. Those tournaments will make up 11 games of SDSU's schedule.

The Jackrabbits head to familiar facilities for their next two tournaments. SDSU will take part in Central Arkansas' Michelle Short Memorial Classic from Feb. 21-23, then play in five games in a Wichita-State hosted event running from Feb. 27-March 2. Those two showings will see SDSU take on regular College World Series participant Oklahoma State twice.

SDSU will have a set of five games during a stretch between March 7-11. The first three days of the span will see the Jacks partake in Nebraska's Big Red Spring Classic in Lincoln. After a five-game appearance there, South Dakota State plays in St. Louis on March 11 in a pair of matchups versus Saint Louis and Northern Illinois.

The Jackrabbits' last tournament appearance of the non-conference schedule will have the Yellow and Blue participate in the Mizzou Invitational from March 13-15. SDSU sees three NCAA teams a season ago at the event, including Super Regional host Missouri, along with Princeton and

Michigan.

With Summit League play on the horizon, South Dakota State is slated to face Iowa in a doubleheader in Iowa City on March 25. The Jacks then travel to Kansas City to play the Roos in their league-opening series on March 29-30.

An April 1 doubleheader at Iowa State closes out SDSU's non-conference portion of its schedule.

The Jackrabbits will host South Dakota from April 5-6. A part of the Interstate Series, presented by First Interstate Bank, the series is scheduled to be the first on the new turf surface at the Jacks' home field.

Four series close out the regular season campaign for South Dakota State. SDSU will play at St. Thomas (April 12-13) and North Dakota (May 2-3). The Jackrabbits are scheduled to host North Dakota State (April 18-19) and Omaha (April 26-27).

South Dakota State, as part of earning the 2024 Summit League Regular season Championship, will again host the conference tournament championship. The 2025 Summit League Softball Championship is scheduled to be held in Brookings on the campus of SDSU from May 7-10.

Gabriel, Hunter, Jeanty, Ward named Heisman Trophy Award finalists

By ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

Oregon's Dillon Gabriel, Colorado's Travis Hunter, Boise State's Ashton Jeanty

and Miami's Cam Ward were announced as the Heisman Trophy finalists on Monday night.

The Heisman has been given to the nation's most outstanding college football player since 1935. This year's winner will be announced Saturday in New York. The top four vote-getters determined by more than 900 voters are selected as finalists. The voting panel includes members of the media and former Heisman winners.

A look, in alphabetical order, at each of the finalist's road to Manhattan.

Gabriel
Gabriel, who transferred from Oklahoma in the offseason, led unbeaten and top-ranked Oregon to the Big Ten championship in its first year in the league and the No. 1 seed in the College Football Playoff.

Gabriel averages 274 yards passing per game and has thrown for 28 touchdowns with six interceptions. His 73.2% completion rate is second in the nation. His 35 total touchdowns are tied for seventh nationally, and his career total of 187 is the highest in NCAA history.

He set the all-time Football Bowl Subdivision record for career quarterback starts with his 62nd in the Big Ten title game.

Hunter
Hunter, will go down as one of the great two-way players in history. His accomplishments harken those of Charles Woodson, the Michigan cornerback who in 1997 became the first Heisman winner who primarily played defense.

Woodson also spent time at receiver, but Hunter's offensive production dwarfs his. Hunter was named All-Big 12 first-team receiver and earned honorable mention for offensive player of the year.

He leads the Big 12 with 92 receptions and 14 receiving touchdowns and is second with 1,152 yards. His 21 receiving plays of 20-plus yards lead the nation.

He also is Big 12 defensive player of the year and a unanimous first-team defensive back after recording 31 tackles, tying for the Big 12 lead with 11 pass breakups and tying for second with four interceptions.

Jeanty
The junior running back has had one of the most productive seasons in college football history. His 2,497 yards rushing are the fourth-highest single-season total in the FBS, and his 192.1 yards per game lead the nation and are 58 more than the next highest average. Jeanty has rushed for at least 125 yards in 13 straight games.

Jeanty has gone over 200 yards in his last two games and a total of six times this season. He averages 7.26 yards per carry, and his 344 attempts are the most in the FBS in two seasons. He and Army's Bryson Daily share the national lead with 29 rushing touchdowns.

Ward
The Miami quarterback was named Associated Press offensive player of the year and newcomer of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference on Monday. He leads the nation with a school-record 36 passing touchdowns and his 4,123 passing yards, 4,319 total yards, 343.6 passing yards per game and 41 total touchdowns rank second.

Ward leads the nation's highest-scoring offense (44.2 ypg). He became the first Miami quarterback to post seven straight 300-yard games, and he has 10 games with 300-plus yards and three or more TD passes.

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