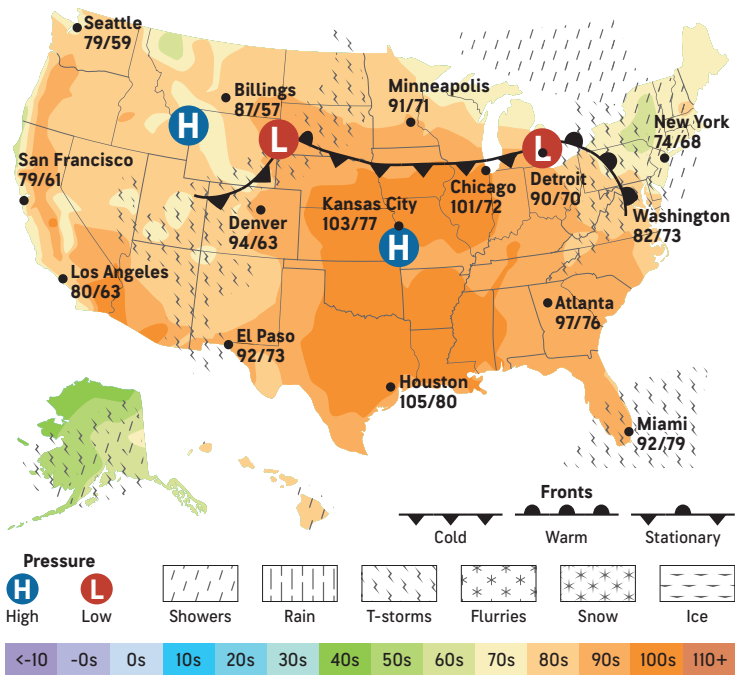


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NATIONAL OUTLOOK — THURSDAY

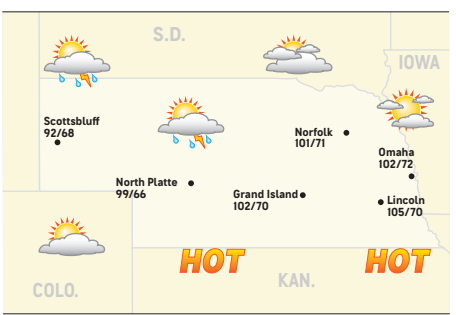


SUMMARY

Sunshine on Thursday will push the high around 100 before a 30% chance of showers moves into the forecast overnight and the low dips to 71.

A chance of showers will linger into the weekend as highs sink from 89 on Friday to 81 on Saturday. Northeast winds will gust up to 24 mph, and lows will dip to the lower 60s. Sunday will be sunny and 82.

NEBRASKA — THURSDAY



Relief from the heat is on its way, but not before sunny skies on Thursday push highs to the upper 90s in the west and near 100 in the east. Lows will dip into the upper 60s and mid-70s overnight as a chance of showers and thunderstorms move across the state. A lingering chance of thunderstorms will remain Friday across the state as sunny skies accompany highs in the upper 80s.

ALMANAC

Norfolk — High Tuesday, 102; low Wednesday morning, 76. Record high temperature for Aug. 22, 106 set in 1938; record low, 40 set in 1923. Normal high, 83; normal low, 60.

Precipitation — Tuesday, 0; month, 2.64; departure, .07; since Jan. 1, 16.30; departure, -3.20.

State/nation — State high Tuesday, 108 at Hebron; state low Wednesday morning, 56 at Kimball; nation's high Tuesday, 108 at Hebron; Winner, South Dakota; Concordia and Abilene, Kansas; nation's low Wednesday morning, 32 at Peter Sinks, Utah.

Other data — Sunrise Thursday, 6:47 a.m.; sunset Thursday, 8:17 p.m.

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Difficulty: ★★★ 8/23

SUDOKU: HOW TO PLAY

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9-by-9 grid with several given numbers.

The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 box contains the same number only once.

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Have a question for an elected official? Find addresses and phone numbers for your representatives on the city, county, state and national level.

- ### CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS
- Actor David Robb ("Downton Abbey") is 76.
 - Actor Joanna Froggatt ("Downton Abbey") is 43.
 - Singer Linda Thompson is 76.
 - Actor Shelley Long is 74.
 - Singer-actor Rick Springfield is 74.
 - Actor Skip Sudduth ("The Good Wife") is 67.
 - Guitarist Dean DeLeo of Stone Temple Pilots is 62.
 - Singer-bassist Ira Dean of Trick Pony is 54.
 - Actor Ray Park ("X-Men," "The Phantom Menace") is 49.
 - Actor Scott Caan ("Hawaii Five-0") is 47.

County jail

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I reached out 3½ weeks ago to tell them that I have a history of gout, and I was having trouble walking," he said. "They ignored me to the point where, up until this past Saturday, I was unable to walk."

Headley explained that Stewart was taken to the emergency room on Saturday because of his worsening gout symptoms.

As for his mental health treatment, Stewart said it was "grossly incompetent" of the jail to take someone off of a medication for bipolar disorder and switch to another medicine that is commonly administered with continuous blood testing to monitor for adverse effects to the liver and kidney. Those blood tests have not been done, he said.

"And I find it to be extremely egregious and also unfair punishment to leave me in these types of conditions," he added. "I have a history of mental illness, and for a facility that does not offer mental therapy or treatment or the staff not having the qualifications to prescribe these types of medications."

His voice rising, Stewart argued that it is the due process of the judge to protect his rights as an American and ensure that he is not tortured inside the jail.

"I have been tortured inside of this jail, and I want it to stop," he told Taylor. "With all due respect, ma'am, I'm trying to explain this to you. People that are molesting children and everything else have half of the bond I have. I've never been in trouble in my life. I've never (run) from the law."

And I came up here to square this matter up because there are people who should be in jail that are not in jail while I'm sitting here."

Taylor advised Stewart that she factored in his medical diagnoses and his desire for treatment outside of jail in deciding to leave his bail amount as is. Jail staff, the judge added, have certain standards they are required to follow, and they should take his complaints seriously and address them.

"Those are matters that might have to be taken up with jail standards if you are being inappropriately medically treated," the judge said.

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, part of the Nebraska Crime Commission, is responsible for the enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance, operation and construction of adult and juvenile criminal detention facilities.

Madison County is held accountable for the jail standards by the state, and the jail has consistently met said standards, according to previous Daily News reports.

Stewart asked Taylor if there was a way to appeal her decision not to reduce his bail. Taylor said she's not allowed to give Stewart legal advice but that another court would be able to address claims he may have.

A visibly upset Stewart continued to challenge the judge.

"So if the abuse continues here, it's my understanding of the court that you have no standing to protect my civil liberties. Is that what I'm gathering?" he asked.

Taylor told him: "I'm leaving your bond

set where it is. That's what you're gathering."

Stewart's statements were preceded by an argument from Joe Hurd, deputy Madison County attorney, for Stewart's bail amount to remain the same.

County Judge Michael Long denied Stewart's request for a bail reduction on July 19, and Taylor followed suit on July 26. Hurd said Stewart fled to Mexico and is accused in an arrest affidavit of stealing more than \$740,000 from NFAT.

"Bond is appropriate," he said. Headley had argued that Stewart did not go to Mexico to flee law enforcement but instead to seek medical treatment. Stewart also has never been convicted of a felony, the defense attorney said.

Stewart further argued that he has relatives who live in Mexico whom he would regularly visit.

"So, (you have) lots of contacts in Mexico, which makes the bond appropriately set," Taylor said.

Before Stewart's bail request, Headley made an oral motion to continue Stewart's Tuesday hearing so Stewart could have more time to hire an attorney.

Stewart said he would need up to four weeks to retain an attorney, so a preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday, Sept. 26.

The Texas native was charged as the result of an investigation that began in December into allegations that he used North Fork Area Transit credit cards for personal expenditures, including at hotels, casinos, stores and restaurants.

Discussion

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be seen as a platform to bring ideas together to help readers make informed decisions.

Jeff Yost, executive director of the Nebraska Community Foundation, said communities grow when people work well with each other, communicate and collectively solve issues.

A key part in well-structured communication, he said, is determining the difference between actual and anecdotal evidence. Anecdotal evidence is used all too often during debate — especially on social media — fueling the spread of misinformation that creates a wider divide between people who disagree on an issue.

Yost said deciphering what is factual and what isn't is key in fostering fruitful discussion. Newspapers are a platform in which bad information can be filtered out.

The practice of journalism, according to the American Press Institute, is the activity of gathering, assessing, creating and presenting news and information.

Journalism can be distinguished from other activities and products by certain identifiable characteristics and practices, according to the American Press Institute. These elements not only separate journalism from other forms of communication, but they make it indispensable to

democratic societies.

"Journalism is the essence of democracy," Yost agreed.

Healthy debate can only happen in politics when people consume all the facts at hand and attempt to understand where opposing opinions come from.

"Politics is the art of the possible, and the way that we figure out the art of the possible is to understand different people's perspectives, the information that different people are using and the aspirations that different people have," Yost said.

'STRONG NEWSPAPER, STRONG COMMUNITY'

Part of the responsibility of a newspaper is to cover its community and region, and their most important issues. Journalists attend and report on city council meetings, school board meetings and planning commission meetings, all of which tie the community together.

Dennis DeRossett, executive director of the Nebraska Press Association, said a good newspaper is the center point for discussion and a place where ideas are brought together.

"Social media is not the platform for that debate because anybody can say anything without having to back it up," DeRossett said, "whether it's accusations, whether it's statements, personal agendas. And my experience has been ... that just becomes sort of an insult

stage or shooting arrows back and forth at each other.

"People argue about everything because they don't always have to be identified. And it's just not the proper structure for a reasonable debate. Newspapers have proven to be that over the years. They have the credibility and the platform."

Editorial and column writing should include information from a variety of viewpoints to offer a fair and balanced view of all sides. Editorials also may include a recommendation of what an outcome could be.

"Once that's (published), people are free to agree or disagree about that (by responding with) a letter to the editor and comment about what they feel strongly about," DeRossett said. "I think the newspaper has to offer that space, and the community expects that to be the place to look for that type of information."

The content contained within a commentary page then can help readers make informed decisions, such as when casting votes in an election.

Dover agreed that healthy debate is critical, especially leading up to elections. "People need to talk about what's important — even if they disagree — because it widens a person's perspective," he said. "Sometimes, people get in these bubbles with people who think like themselves. I think any intelligent person welcomes opposing

opinions, which allows them to rethink an issue."

Including all the facts that surround an issue and encompassing varying opinions is paramount to healthy discussion. Dover said local newspapers continue to set a prime example of that.

"One of the most important sources of information in a community is the local newspaper," he said. "Towns that have lost papers are figuring that out."

It's also important to note that communities across America want more people to vote, and those with newspapers have shown to have higher voter turnout, DeRossett said.

Civic engagement goes down, fewer citizens vote and the number of misdeeds by government entities and officials increases in communities without newspapers, DeRossett said, because nobody is checking on officials and their activities.

"When there are no newspapers, there's no fear of the press to oversee the activities of government, and it can go in any direction," he said.

Ultimately, newspapers feed off of communities, he added, and communities feed off of newspapers.

"You can't have a strong community without a strong newspaper, and you can't have a strong newspaper without a strong community. They support each other."

Viewpoint

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"Your View" feature on the Commentary page.

Here's a quick look at some of the columnists published regularly on the Commentary page:

- Karl Rove** — A conservative, author and former deputy chief of staff and senior adviser to President George W. Bush.
- Cal Thomas** — A conservative, and one of the most popular syndicated columnists in the Daily News. For 19 years he worked for the Fox News channel and before that with NBC News.
- John Micek** — A liberal and an award-winning political journalist. As editor-in-chief of The Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Micek takes on national issues, often focusing on the president and Congress.
- Dick Polman** — A liberal, and a frequent guest on C-SPAN, CNN, MSNBC and the BBC. Polman has been cited by the Columbia Journalism Review website as one of the nation's top political scribes.
- Carl Golor** — Usually moderate, he is a former contributing analyst with the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He previously served as communications director for New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman (1994-1997).
- Joe Guzzardi** — A moderate who often is critical of former President Donald Trump. He writes for the Washington, D.C.-based Progressives for Immigration Reform.
- Christine Flowers** — A conservative who also works as an immigration lawyer and advocates for immigrants, especially those who seek to emigrate legally. She also is passionate about protecting unborn babies.
- Michael Reagan** — A conservative who attracts attention because he is the son of former President Ronald Reagan. He is not afraid to offer criticism of former President Trump and offer advice to President Joe Biden.
- Lee Hulse** — A conservative South Dakotan who offers country wisdom and isn't afraid to question new ways when old ways worked. He prefers government not to take on roles that families used to handle.
- John Crisp** — A liberal from Texas who is willing to tackle about any political issue of the day.
- Doyle McManus** — A liberal columnist for the Los Angeles Times. He writes about the economy, often speaking up for the workers or those who he believes are not heard.
- Ben Shapiro, Star Parker and Stephen Moore** — These three conservatives are the Daily News' newest columnists. They address issues important to young people, including the economy, education, civil rights and shortcomings of political leaders. They also are not afraid to point out hypocrisy in the national media.

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