



Mike Dawson leaves NFL after one season to rejoin the Husker coaching staff. *Sports*



Lewis's woodpecker, never seen this far east, draws crowds to park near Gretna. *Midlands*

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Trade experts: Don't celebrate yet

Trump, many Midlanders laud 'phase one' China deal; Farm Bureau economist says, 'We'll just have to see'

By JOSEPH MORTON
WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

WASHINGTON — China is on the cusp of buying so much American corn and soybeans that the nation's farmers should invest in more land and bigger tractors.

That's what President Donald Trump suggested this week as he touted "phase one" of a new trade deal with China.

Trump signed the agreement in a White House ceremony surrounded by dignitaries and law-

makers, including several from Nebraska and Iowa.

But while Midlands officials celebrated the announcement, experts indicated farmers might want to hold off a bit on any shopping sprees.

"On paper it looks really good," Jay Rempke, Nebraska Farm Bureau senior economist, said Thursday. "We'll just have to see how these things sort and shift their way out over the next six months to a year."

Rempke shared a preliminary

analysis of the deal that reflects the economic stakes for heavily agricultural states such as Nebraska and Iowa. The report says China was buying an average of \$25 billion in U.S. agricultural products annually between 2014 and 2017. After the trade tensions started, however, that number fell to about \$13 billion.

The farm group has estimated that up to a billion dollars a year in Nebraska farm revenue has been lost to the trade disputes, a figure that doesn't factor in federal offset payments.

Now China says it will bump its

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Under new rules, Iowa Dems will release three sets of caucus results

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the Iowa Democratic Party will report three sets of results from the party's presidential caucuses. And there is no guarantee that all three will show the same winner.

Each set of results will represent a different stage of the caucuses. The new rules for the Feb. 3 contest were mandated by the Democratic National Committee in a bid to make the process more transparent.

In the past, Iowa Democrats reported only one set of results: the number of state convention

delegates won by each candidate through the caucus process. Democrats choose their party's eventual White House nominee based on national convention delegates, and the state delegates are used to determine those totals in Iowa.

The Associated Press will declare a winner in Iowa based on the number of state delegates each candidate wins. The AP will also report all three results.

Q: What results will Iowa Democrats release out of the caucuses?

A: There will be three sets

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Day of rituals, revelations as trial of Trump begins

Agency says administration violated law by holding up Ukraine aid; Senate will hear case starting Tuesday

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Senate on Thursday formally convened to consider articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump.

Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., the lead House impeachment manager, began by reading aloud the two articles in the well of the U.S. Senate, the start of the pomp and ceremony of a trial to determine whether Trump should be removed from office.

The presentation of articles got underway hours after a nonpartisan government watchdog agency said the Trump administration violated federal law by withholding congressionally approved aid to Ukraine last summer — an action at the heart of the impeachment effort.

The law "does not permit the president to substitute his own policy priorities for those that Congress has enacted into law," the Government Accountability Office said in a report issued Thursday morning.

The agency report says that while Congress makes laws, including those deciding how public money is spent, "the president is not vested with the power to ignore or amend any such duly enacted law."

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., called the report a "bombshell legal opinion" that "demonstrates, without a doubt, that the Trump administration illegally withheld security assistance from Ukraine."

The House impeached the president last month for abusing his

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Historic north Omaha church may be revived as community hub

By ERIN DUFFY
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She knows it needs work. Step inside the soaring sanctuary space of the former church on the corner of 24th and Wirt Streets and try not to wince at the damage wrought by time, water and benign neglect.

There's a now-patched hole in the roof, sheets of plaster peeling off the walls and rows of pews collapsing like a deck of cards. There's mold blooming on walls and piles of raccoon poop in the choir loft upstairs.

Katrina Adams, the new owner of the building formerly known as the

New owner envisions 'a different kind of church' grounded in fellowship for 110-year-old building

In the photo directly above, Katrina Adams points out features of the long-neglected former church to Ashley Kuhn, left, Kyle Keith and Kenya Love. With renovations, Adams imagines a community center in the 110-year-old building. Of the task ahead, Adams said she's "energized, and at the same time terrified."

Church of Jesus Christ Whole Truth and, prior to that, Calvin Memorial Presbyterian Church, is undaunted.

OK, she's a little daunted, but still determined.

"I am energized, and at the same time terrified, because it is a huge undertaking," she said.

Adams bought the north Omaha church with the stately white columns, brick façade, dome and stained-glass windows last May. Its neoclassical architecture and deep ties to the community have led to designations on the National Register of Historic Places and as a City of Omaha local

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No classes today

OPS, other local districts and UNO have declared a snow day. Forecast calls for snow, sleet. **Midlands**

Weather

High: 33 Low: 17
Windy, snow to ice Details: 4A

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