Rubble and Dust

The Wall of Hate falls as Unity Week comes to a climax.

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Students Experience Struggles of Homelessness at Hunger Banquet

By Greg Kyriakakis
Current Affairs Editor

NSU students and faculty braved the cool night weather on Jan. 18 to experience how the impoverished live during the Hunger Banquet and Grate American Sleep Out. The event, hosted by Residential Life in conjunction with Cooperative Feeding the Hope Outreach Center, offered a simulation of how various classes survive and the opportunity for students to stay the night in homeless conditions.

Speaking outside of the Leo Goodwin Hall, Marti Forman, CEO of Cooperative Feeding, addressed the struggles of the hungry and homeless. “These were productive members of society and now they’re facing poverty,” she said while urging for aid. Many of those struggling to survive are veterans, single parents, and children who were tied up in foster care systems, Forman noted.

Class status was represented through a seating simulation; students sitting on the ground signified the third world and were fed only a bowl of rice and water, while a select few at an elegant table setting complete with a proper meal signaled their first class status.

Members of the Homeless Voice were present and told their stories of survival. One speaker asked students to “picture yourself for the next 90 days” living in homeless conditions.

Freshman Laxmi Lalwani said that hearing these speakers’ stories was “an eye opening experience.”

Tobacco: Alan Landers Tells All

By Kristine Belizaire
Distribution Manager

The voice of Alan Landers, the handsome former spokesman for Winston Cigarettes and Tiparillo Cigars, filled room 4009 of the Alvin Sherman Library. “Don’t smoke,” Landers urged in his raspy voice, a tone far removed from the smooth and provocative tone destroyed by cigarette smoke.

Now age 57, Landers has been diagnosed with lung cancer, has had three lobes removed from his lungs, and has undergone intensive heart and other surgeries.

The former Winston promoter is now a spokesperson for the World Health Organization. He came to NSU to spill the truth about tobacco products, beginning with the billions of dollars tobacco companies spend to entice the public and create an illusion that smoking is sexy. “Lies, lies, lies! Nicotine is a drug and if you smoke, you are a drug addict,” asserted Landers.

He referred to tobacco companies as “cold hearted killers” and went over a fact list; Not only do some cigarettes alter DNA, they contain 4080 chemicals, including mercury, ammonia, rocket fuels (“They want you to go to the moon,” Landers noted). Tobacco companies spend billions of dollars to entice the public and create an illusion that smoking is sexy. “Lies, lies, lies! Nicotine is a drug and if you smoke, you are a drug addict,” asserted Landers.

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When Pigs Glow

Intrepid scientists in Taiwan have created fluorescent green pigs by injecting proteins into pig embryos. Created for more than just laughs, Reuters reported that National Taiwan University bred the animals to aid in researching the development of tissue. Professor Wu Shin-Chih said that the pigs are completely fluorescent, both inside and outside. "Even their hearts and internal organs are green," he said.

Faithful Bird Reveals Unfaithful Girlfriend

Chris Taylor, of Leeds, England, became concerned when his pet African grey parrot continued to say "I love you, Gary." Even worse, his girlfriend became embarrassed when the bird wouldn't stop saying the phrase. CNN.com reported that Taylor's girlfriend was then compelled to admit about having a four-month affair with a coworker. Unfortunately, Ziggie the parrot wouldn't stop saying "Gary," and Taylor was forced to rid himself of the bird rather than suffer the "torture" of hearing his name.

The $25,000 Kidney Stone

GoldenPalace.com is buying ridiculous items again. Following their 2004 purchase of a grilled cheese sandwich featuring the image of the Virgin Mary for $28,000, the online casino has bought "Star Trek" star William Shatner's kidney stone. The $25,000 stone will be sent on tour with other odd celebrity items, according to Reuters. Shatner will donate the money to Habitat for Humanity.

Vampire to Run for Minnesota Governor

Jonathan "The Impaler" Sharkey is a self-proclaimed vampire and candidate for governor of Minnesota. Reuters reported that he will run on the Vampyres, Witches and Pagans Party ticket. Sharkey said that he "doesn't hate Jesus," only "God the Father," but will respect all religions if elected. As governor, when he's not sucking his wife Julie's blood, Sharkey will personally "execute convicted murderers and child molesters personally by impaling them on a wooden pole outside the state capitol."

Lawsuits Allege Cell Phones Cause Cancer

By Rafia Chodhry

News Editor

Cell phone giants Motorola, Nokia, Sprint, and Cingular Wireless are facing charges that they knowingly distribute phones which emit cancer-causing radiation, according to the Associate Press. In class action lawsuits filed in Pennsylvania, Georgia, New York, Louisiana and Maryland, consumers argue these cell phone companies had previous knowledge of the radiation danger and failed to protect customers.

The companies say there is no conclusive link between cell phones and brain cancer. Additionally, they argued they were in compliance with federal guidelines regarding radiation emission. But the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a request to dismiss the cases. With more than 1.2 million cell phone users worldwide, the result of the lawsuit could have far-reaching implications and determine the future use of cell phones. Still, some NSU students said they were skeptical of the merits of the lawsuits.

"There isn't any proof out there that cell phones do cause cancer, so I'm not worried about it," said Patricia Joseph, a sophomore.

Senior Travis Chandler said, "I just don't believe it." Plaintiffs in the lawsuits are asking cell phone manufacturers to reduce the amount of radiation emission, provide more information to their consumers about health risks associated with radiation, and also provide headsets to lessen radiation exposure, according to the lawsuits.

This story was supplemented with reporting by Susan Thomas of "The Oracle (U. of Florida), courtesy of U-Wire.

News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

South America

Brazil fears Dengue fever outbreak

On Jan. 18, as reported by Reuters, "an outbreak of dengue fever in Brazil's tourist mecca of Rio de Janeiro has prompted authorities to step up prevention measures." Health officials told reporters that they fear a repeat of the 2002 dengue fever outbreak that killed over 100. Dengue, known as "leaves fever," is transmitted and carried by mosquitoes and larvae that breed whenever stagnant water can be found. Aloisio Ribeiro, head of the Rio state government's Epidemiology Vigilance Center, said the cases of dengue are concentrated in "flare-ups in two districts," Barra da Tijuca and Jacarepagua. The plan to prevent dengue from spreading involves "vehicle-mounted insecticide sprayers and inspections of private homes and courtyards" to locate breeding grounds. Over 328 cases of the fever have been recorded in the last month; this figure is three times more than the number of cases recorded last year.

For more information visit www.today.reuters.com.

Middle East

U.S. missile attack may have accidentally killed top Al-Qaida agent

According to NBC News and Reuters, U.S. military officials have claimed, relying on Pakistani intelligence, that "a leading Al-Qaida figure was killed in an air strike near the Afghan border" on Friday, Jan. 13. The missile attack was originally aimed at Osama Bin Laden's top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahri, but is believed to have killed Al-Qaida's weapons manufacturing expert Mirhat Munt. Pakistani intelligence reports indicate that Munt "ran the largest Al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks." The missile attack also killed several civilians and is being condemned by Pakistani authorities; locals of Pashtun village say 18 people have been killed by the air strike and it is believed that four of the bodies are of unidentified Al-Qaida militants.

For more information visit www.msnbc.msn.com.

Africa

Four killed in continuing Ivory Coast unrest

The Agence France-Presse reported on Jan. 19 that African Union chairman Ousougou Obsorge said the "Chadian President [Hissene] Habré for 'Gbagbo' to try to save a tottering peace process threatened by a wave of attacks on UN peacekeepers." The AU chairman and Nigerian President met to negotiate with Gbagbo and his supporters who want the withdrawal of UN and French troops and a stop to what they call "foreign meddling." Gbagbo supporters have organized protests and attacks on "UN bases, residences, and vehicles with petrol bombs" in the government-controlled south. The attacks on Bangledeshi UN troops stationed in the city of Guiglo have left four protesters dead and have forced the evacuation of troops at two bases in order to prevent further clashes. Rebels and Gbagbo supporters continue to control the northern region of the country after it split due to civil war in 2002.

For more information visit www.nbc.net.au.

Asia

International donors pledge $1.9 billion to fight avian flu

Multinational contributors "have pledged $1.9 billion to support a global fund to combat bird flu," said European Union Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou after a conference in Beijing. China. Initially, the World Bank had made the estimate that $1.5 billion was needed to fight the deadly H5N1 strain of the avian flu and "waged countries to dig deep into their pockets." The Associated Press reported on Jan. 18 that international agencies have informally pledged over $1.7 billion and are taking the threat of the bird flu seriously. The U.S. has offered $334 million in the form of "grants and technical assistance." The European Union has pledged $250 million in aid, along with several other conference leaders. The World Bank has also estimated that a pandemic would cost the global economy up to $800 billion if the virus mutated to easily infect humans.

For more information visit www.bbc.co.uk.

Middle East

US to release Iraqi women prisoners

According to reports from Reuters, the Iraqi Justice Minister said on Jan. 19 that United States forces would release the six Iraqi women being held as prisoners. United States' authorities, however, claim that "the move was not related to the demands of a militant group who kidnapped an American journalist." The kidnappers threatened to kill Jill Carroll if the Iraqi prisoners were not released. Carroll, who has worked for Iraq women's rights, was kidnapped in Baghdad on Jan. 7. The Monitor has been working with the federal government "and have been sending every option available" for the release of Carroll, said the Monitor's Washington bureau chief Doyt Cook. For more information visit www.azherald.co.nz.
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**Take Back the Night**  
7 p.m. Behind Goodwin Hall  
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**January 26**  
Faculty Lecture Series  
1 p.m. Parker 202

**Quad Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Library Quad

**Celebration of Excellence**  
6 p.m. – 9 p.m. Signature Grand

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*Compiled from the Student Affairs calendar & NSU Shark Bytes.*
Men and Women’s Basketball Teams Pick Up Win Against Eckerd

By Tranell Mesa
Sports Editor

NSU men and women's basketball teams faced Eckerd College Jan. 14, coming out with two key home court conference wins. The Sharks stole another win 69-75 and are now (9-3, 3-1 SSC) ranked 3rd in the Sun Shine State Conference. The Lady Sharks (9-6, 2-2 SSC) took care of business as well, defeating the Tritons, 63-52.

Sophomore Amber Bishko was clutch in the win for her team once again, with two team highs of 17 points and 9 rebounds. The Lady Sharks held a commanding lead over the Tritons for the majority of the game, going into the half ahead by 23 points. Despite Eckerd College's dominating size over the NSU men's team, the Sharks did not get phased and put up exceptional numbers against the Tritons.

Senior guard Luis Gurrieres managed to score a career high of 20 points for the afternoon and grabbed 7 rebounds. Sophomore center Kevin Chester showed outstanding stamina despite his recent head injury, putting up 10 points of his own. FR forward Tim Coenraad had another extraordinary game, scoring 18 points. Senior forward, CJ Jenkins, added excitement to the game as he played with high levels of excitement and intensity.

Five NSU Student Athletes Named SSC Commissioner’s List of Outstanding Achievement in December

By Alicia Winslett
Sports Editor

In the month of December, three women and two men’s basketball players were honored to the Sunshine State Conference Commissioner’s List of Outstanding Achievement. There were 42 other student athletes that represented all nine SSC member schools also selected to be on the December list.

Senior Missy Guadagnino, Senior Katie Cloud, and sophomore Amber Bishko were all selected from the women’s basketball team. This was Guadagnino’s third time on the list. From the men’s team, Rhys Martin and David Naylor were chosen to be honored. This is Naylor’s second month in a row to be recognized.

Guadagnino is the senior point guard for the Sharks. She had led the women’s team to a 4-1 record for the month of December, averaging 17.2 points, 5.4 assists and 1.6 steals per game, while shooting 46.8% from the field. Bishko averaged 11.8 points and 4.8 boards per game in December and scored a career-high 24 points in the winning game over Kentucky Wesleyan. Last, Cloud averaged 9.2 points per game, 5 rebounds, and was 100% from the free throw line.

Naylor and Martin were both contributors for the Shark 5-1 record in December. Both freshman averaged in double figures and combined 58.5% from the field. Naylor averaged 13.4 points and 8.6 rebounds, setting a new career-high in scoring and rebounding: 21points and 12 rebounds against the University of North Alabama. In past games, Martin has averaged 12.5 points and held a high scoring game of 24 points against Northern Kentucky.

Head Coach Tuell said that “David and Rhys are wonderful additions to the men’s basketball program. Both of them have made solid contributions to the program and provide us with a firm foundation for the future, as do our other young players like Tim Coenraad, Josh Wood, Oresti Nitsios and Kevin Chester. Rhys is one of the finest young point guards in our league and I think David is the most promising young big man in the league. If they stay together for four years, they could lead NSU basketball to unimaginable successes. “Both Rhys and David are adjusting to the academic rigor of studies at an American university. It’s not always been a smooth or easy adjustment, but they are both very keen on education and have a strong desire to excel in the classroom. Once they become more comfortable with the university system I think they will be outstanding students. It’s a privilege to be their coach. David, of course, has also been slowed by an abdominal muscle injury that continues to keep him out of practice and off the court. But he’s improving slowly and we hope he can return to full strength before the season ends.”

A LOOK AT THIS WEEK IN NSU ATHLETICS

January 23 - Baseball vs. Mercy - 6:00 p.m.
January 24 - Baseball vs. Mercy - 6:00 p.m.
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Women's Basketball

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NSU Unites in an Effort to Recognize Diversity

Unity Week is NSU's annual celebration of our ability to embrace diversity. The week includes events like A Cultural Taste of NSU, The Wall of Hate, The Hunger Banquet and Grate American Sleepout, which aim to let participants experience other cultures, combat prejudice, and promote awareness of how those less fortunate live.

Right: Bystanders gather around to watch the breaking down of the Wall of Hate.

Below: All that remains of the Wall of Hate.

Photos by Paul Saneaux

Q: I have trouble falling asleep most nights. I can be totally exhausted, but then my head hits the pillow, and my mind starts racing, and I'm wide awake. After tossing and turning for a long, long time, I'll finally drift off for 3 or 4 hours, but the sleep isn't deep enough or long enough for me to feel rested. I'm sleepier in my classes than I am in my bed. Any suggestions? Should I take melatonin?

A: Have you seen your primary care physician yet? Given the nature of racing thoughts, racing, and just dealing with life, your difficulty in falling asleep is probably a result of your active involvement in school. You may want your doctor to rule out any medical conditions that could be causing or contributing to your sleeplessness. Your Academic Support Counselor (or Student Counseling) could also talk to you about the option of taking medication to help interrupt the cycle of sleep and then wake up naturally. Patiently, and avoid melatonin naturally (a good skill to learn!), try the following strategies and ask your doctor if any of them work for you. (Or call one of our counselors (call 954-262-0350).

As you've discovered, you can't make yourself actually fall asleep by counting sheep and order yourself to quiet thinking, you'll only wake up more. But you can do a lot to create the environment that makes it easier to fall asleep. Treat your bed as a place for sleep and sex (not necessarily in that order), relegating studying and full-service work to somewhere else by your desk. Soor clear of caffeine in the evening (or, better yet, altogether), and avoid using alcohol as a substitute. Read a book that you can fade out, name whatever you're reading, and avoid stimulating food and drink. And when you're done reading, make sure it is dark in your bedroom—artificial light can also disrupt your natural sleep-wake cycle. When you crawl into bed, keep your eyes open until they close on their own. As you lie there, allow yourself to tune into whatever you're experiencing, and narrate what you're thinking, during the waking process to your conclusions. With every breath out, name whatever you're most aware of at the moment: "Ten tomorrow... too warm... the sound of the air conditioner... legs itching... racing thoughts... somebody's voice in the hall... breathing... chest tingling... pillow comforting... taste of toothpaste... shoulders relaxing... etc."

Goodnight.

Q: I have a question you'd like answered in this space? Fire away! Call us at 954-262-7050, send us an email (studentcounseling@nsu.nova.edu), or drop by our office (Suite 150, Parker).
Michael Bergbaner
Coral Springs, FL
English
Sophomore

"It's a great idea. Unity makes us all stronger."

Lauren Donnelly (left)
Krystal Myers (right)
Boston, MA; Tampa, FL
Biology Majors
Sophomore; Junior

"It's a wonderful way to bring different people together in a positive atmosphere"

Fahad Islam
Congo Jungle
Junior

"I feel that this campus lacked unity before this week was put together over 5 years ago. How we become a more close knit community because of these event."

Lua Hancock
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Higher Education
PHD

"I think that every year this is the best week of programming of the year. Good collaboration, good student involvement"

Randi Samuels
Saint Francisco, California
Psychology
Senior

"I think these programs are important to show the unity and cohesiveness of the students on this campus."

Andrew Ibrahim
New York, Congo Jungle
Finance
Freshman

"This week has been incredible in regards to unifying campus. Between the wall of hate, the cultural taste of NSU, and unity jam, campus has been exciting. People from different cultures coming together, enjoying one another's company, it's an incredible feeling. Hopefully each year can built on the success of unity week and continue to make it an exciting time at NSU."

Marcie Washington
Yonges Island, South Carolina
Conflict Analysis and Resolution
PHD

"The events for this week have been excellent considering they have fulfilled the purpose of unity week, which is to make our campus community aware of the many diverse cultures here at NSU as well as in the world. Thus making everyone realize we are all working towards the same goal in the race of life."

V.J. Maisonet
North Carolina
Marine Biology
Junior

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Celebrities Shine at Golden Globes

By Marines Alvarez

"You know, walking in here tonight I felt a tug on my dress and it was a little girl. She told me that because of me, she wants to be President of the United States one day." As Geena Davis made this remark after accepting her "Best Actress in a Drama Series" award at the "63rd Annual Golden Globes," the audience was noticeably touched, as they collectively said, "Aww." "Well, that didn't actually happen," she added without missing a beat, "but it could have." The Golden Globe Awards are awards for motion pictures and television programs, but known most for their laid back and irreverent feel. Run since 1944 by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA), it is the third-most watched awards show, following the "Grammys" and the "Oscars." As a rule of thumb, the "Golden Globes" sets the pace for what is usually known as the "awards season." The A-List stars in attendance illuminated this year's the awards, despite their predictability. Ang Lee's film "Brokeback Mountain" was a big winner, grabbing four Golden Globes including "Best Director" and "Best Motion Picture - Drama." Other big winners included Felicity Huffman's win for her role in "Transamerica" and Phillip Seymour Hoffman's win for his role in "Capote."

With the Line, a film chronicling the life of the late Johnny Cash, also had its share of glory. In addition to its win for "Best Motion Picture - Comedy or Musical," both the leading stars, Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon, grabbed Globes of their own.

On the television end of it, ABC walked away with the award for "Best Series - Drama" given to "Lost" and "Best Series - Comedy" given to the "Desperate Housewives" of Wisteria Lane.

In addition to the awards given at the "Golden globes," much mind is paid to what the celebrities are wearing. Noticeable trends included red, white and cocktail year of length dresses. Best for a complete listing of worst dressed nominees and winners, visit the HFPA's official site at www hfpa.org.

Knoxville past his prime in 'Ringer'

By Ryan J. Gauthier

Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin) 01/19/2006

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. The Ringer is quite an enigma in and of itself. It manages to be the least funny movie with arguably one of the more humorous plots to come along in quite some time. With a premise surrounding a young man pretending to be mentally challenged to fix the Special Olympics, it sounded mildly promising. Anyone who has seen the episode of "South Park" where Cartman does the exact same thing with hilarious results will tell you that "The Ringer" had potential. But somehow along the way, director Barry Blaustein (The Honeymooners) managed to mangle a perfectly good idea and create one of the least funny comedies of the year.

It's surprising but difficult to pinpoint the source of the tremendous amount of "suck" that exists within "The Ringer," but there are multiple possibilities. A decent guess would be that the crew worried too much about making the film heartwarming and completely forgot about adding any funny bits to the movie. There are less than a handful of laughable jokes in "The Ringer," but almost all of them stem from someone poking fun at one of the many mentally challenged members of the cast. While this more than amused the few dozen pre-teens who were watching the film, it seemed rather tasteless in the long run.

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Now, I’m not talking about the stuff that should be single use (like detergent), but a lot of things that have perfectly fine multi-use-equivalents. Flimsy dishcloths with soap already in them may be convenient for some people . . . but they’re also a mark of how incredibly lazy we’ve become. Does it really take all that much more effort to squirt some soap on a sponge and then rinse it out when you’re finished with it?

That’s not the only thing that is entirely disposable and shouldn’t exist. “Facial cloths” Hello—cleanser and a wash cloth (or is laundry too difficult)? Single use toilet brushes? I understand the sanitary issues, but that’s what bleach is for.

Yeah, I know. Sometimes single-use things are fine. I really can’t see myself saving bits of aluminum foil or re-using a turkey pan at Thanksgiving (although I should probably just invest in a decent-sized roasting pan one of these days). My grandmother used to wash out plastic baggies and use them several times, and I always thought that was a good thing. But even where convenience goes, “too much of a good thing” does exist.

Which is why I use the same tired water bottle until it’s dead and my Gladware™ frequently visits the dishwasher.

Sincerely,

Alisha VanHoose

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made me wince several times before when she had made them publicly known, but I winced because of their brutal honesty, not because they are insulting. Freshman Senator Andrew Ibrahim said "people are just angry because [she] goes by the books" and I vehemently agree with that as well. Siminovsky knows the SGA Constitution and bylaws like they were her own social security number. If I wanted someone to represent my bill, it would be her. There was also no failure to adequately represent a bill; if she denied a bill or budget from her own constituents, guess what, the constituents are to blame for mistakes in the documents they submit. Tough luck. Read the budget guidelines more carefully.

IOC Senator Jessica Boyd was accused of the same deal, of not representing her constituents because she seconded motions to deny funding. The same applies here: if a budget or bill is incorrect, it is most likely the fault of the organization that submitted it. Again, Morrow put it best when she said that seconding a motion to deny a bill is not above Boyd's position. Just because a senator presents a bill it does not mean they must automatically support it at all, especially when there is a fault in the document. Constituents also do not control their respective Senators as if they were mindless puppets.

The last part of the letter, which is also my favorite, describes the complaint of one individual and his failure to receive an IOC Senator Application from Boyd. He apparently asked for an application on "numerous occasions" but never received one. He also states that the "OSB was not functioning" at that time. This person, who I will randomly name Sean Burque for sale of decency, did not understand that since the Organizational Standards Board was not functioning, the application process was also not in the best of order. I spoke with Boyd, who acknowledged that Burque asked for an application, searched for one, could not find one, and, in some form of a memo, attempted to inform Burque that one was not available at the moment. Memos tend to get lost, don't they? Anyway, Boyd did not neglect Burque's request out of spite or whatever he may believe. Applications were merely difficult to locate and that is no reason to impeach Boyd. That is not negligence of duty. My last gripe is with the feeble support the students gave to this matter. I identified two of the five petitioners who prompted the impeachment; Burque and Mitchell Aldas. Where were the other three supporters? Where were the other 50 students who signed the petition? Did all of them have class on a Wednesday at 4 p.m.? Did I feed the cats? Those are all questions that need answering and according to the turnout of supporters, the concern didn't seem like much of a concern at all. Signatures are relatively easy to get a hold of outside of Parker during rush hour, but that's not an accusation. I'm just making a point. A point that in no way whatsoever implies that I believe a majority of the signatures belong to people who had no idea what they were signing. Revenge, anyone?

Additional Notes

For the love of brevity, all representatives of bills, including Maria Bernal, should answer questions in 10 words or less.

The OSB will investigate the details of the impeachment and how to begin the proceedings; 20 days have been allotted in order to reach a recommendation and I will post an update.

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