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Soccer Scores

Boys: Sioux Falls Christian 5, Groton Area 0
Girls: Sioux Falls Christian 3, Groton Area 0

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

15 - Sunday

St. John's Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Emmanuel: worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Nursing Home, 3 p.m.
SEAS Catholic: service, 9 a.m.
C&MA: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.
UMC: Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
Presbyterian: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

16 MONDAY HOMECOMING WEEK

Dress-up Day: MS/HS: Retro; Elementary: Tie-Dye Day
2 p.m.: Cross Country at Webster
4 p.m.: JH FB at Sisseton (7/8 combined at 4 p.m., JV game at 5:15)
7:30 p.m.: HC Coronation
St. John's: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast: French Toast and Sausage
Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll
Senior Menu: Beef tips in gravy over noodles, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, whole wheat bread.

OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

Sunday Extras



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about Me...

JOHN 5:39

"Woman Reading" by Rembrandt (1634)



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BIBLE

TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jeremiah in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. The Ethiopian eunuch that Philip met in Acts 8:26-27 was under what queen? *Azubah, Candace, Nehushta, Vashti*

3. At whose well did Jesus meet the Samaritan woman? *Joshua's, Jonah's, Jacob's, Judas'*

4. From Revelation 21, how many gates does the New Jerusalem have? *1, 4, 12, 16*

5. Who was king during Zechariah's time of prophecy? *David, Daniel, Darius, Saul*

6. How long did Aaron's followers mourn him? *3 days, 13 days, 30 days, 3 months*

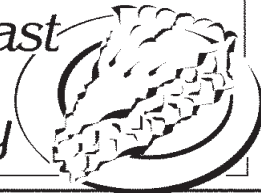
ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Candace; 3) Jacob's; 4) 12; 5) Darius; 6) 30 days

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a new book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is now available in stores and online.

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Comfort foods

Made fast
and
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

Coconut Chocolate Cream Pie

Once you've tried the combination of coconut with chocolate in a healthy, creamy pie, you'll quickly become a believer that "diet" and "dessert" have more in common than the "D" section of the dictionary.

- 2 (4-serving) packages sugar-free instant chocolate pudding mix
- 1 1/3 cups nonfat dry milk powder
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1 (6-ounce) purchased chocolate graham cracker pie crust
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 2 tablespoons flaked coconut

1. In a large bowl, combine 1 package dry pudding mix, 2/3 cup dry milk powder and 1 1/4 cups water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Pour mixture into pie crust. Refrigerate while preparing topping layer.

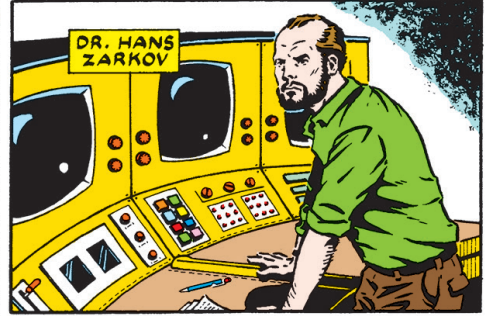
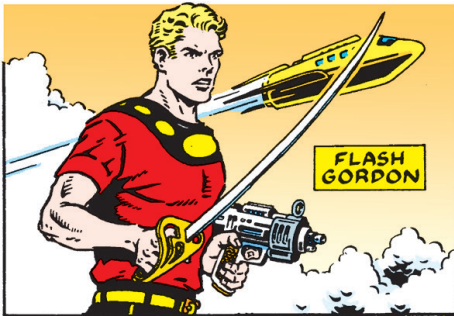
2. In the same bowl, combine remaining package of dry pudding mix, remaining 2/3 cup dry milk powder and remaining 1 cup water. Mix well using a wire whisk. Blend in whipped topping and coconut extract. Spread topping mixture evenly over set chocolate layer. Evenly sprinkle coconut over top. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Serves 8.

• Each serving equals: 198 calories, 6g fat, 6g protein, 30g carb., 497mg sodium, 1g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1 Fat, 1/2 Skim Milk.

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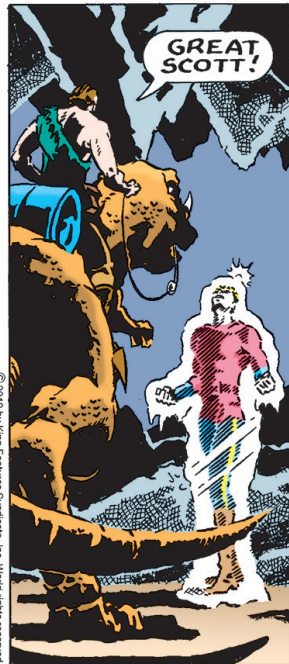
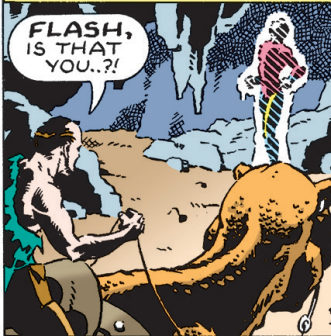
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FLASH GORDON

9-8
BY JIM KEEFE

FOR HOURS, DR. ZARKOV SEARCHES RELENTLESSLY FOR HIS YOUNG FRIEND. UNTIL FINALLY...



GRABBING INSTRUMENTS FROM HIS SADDLEBAG, ZARKOV WARILY APPROACHES.

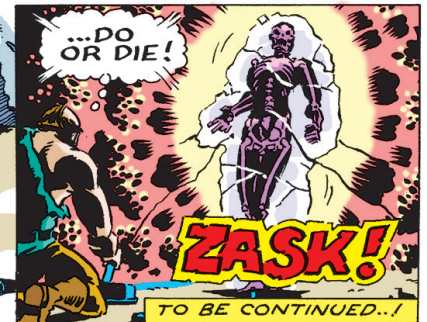
MY READINGS ARE SHOWING LIFE SIGNS!
WHATEVER HAPPENED, IT DIDN'T DO HIM IN... JUST PUT HIM INTO SOME SORT OF CRYOGENIC DEEP-FREEZE.

BUT HOW DO I UNFREEZE HIM... SHORT OF KILLING HIM?

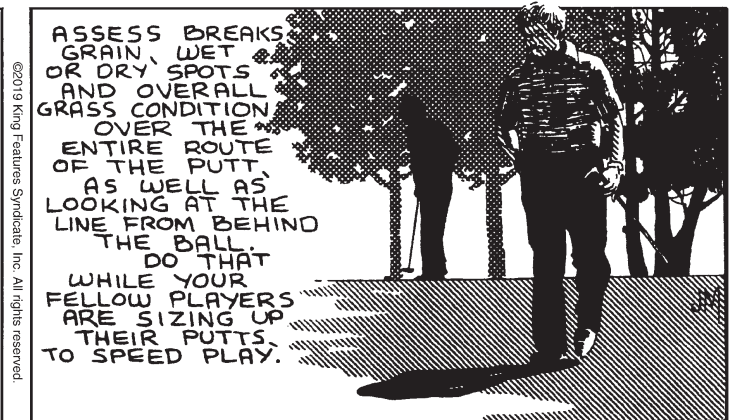
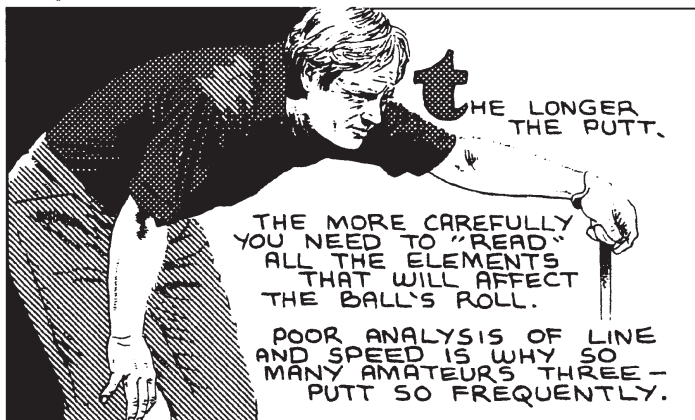
ZARKOV FEVERISHLY WORKS WITH THE LIMITED EQUIPMENT ON HAND.

NO WAY TO TEST IF THIS WILL WORK.

ONE SHOT. ONE CHANCE...



Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS





CBD Oil Can Interfere With Other Medications

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 49-year-old woman who had a massive heart attack in April. My father died of a massive heart attack at 49. I have four stents in three arteries and am on Brilinta, low-dose aspirin, blood pressure medication, etc.

I have essential tremor, first noticing the tremors in middle school. The tremor is in my hands, making writing nearly impossible, and I have head bobs. I have an internal tremor that never stops. A previous practitioner prescribed a month's trial of beta blockers several years ago. I noticed no relief with the tremor but was physically ill for the first 30 minutes of the morning in the first two weeks. Recently, I found an online blog regarding essential tremor and CBD oil. Nearly all of the bloggers found some level of relief using this treatment.

If I choose to try CBD oil to assist with my tremor, is there a risk of it interfering with my heart and blood pressure medications? — M.M.

ANSWER: Cannabidiol, or CBD, is a nonpsychoactive substance found in Cannabis, as opposed to tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, the best-known psychoactive component.

CBD is typically sold as an oil and has been receiving press as a potential treatment for a wide variety of medical issues. Many or most of these claims have no data to support them. Anecdotal reports, such as most blogs, are neither reliable nor scientific (and may or may not be true). There also is an issue with proving the dosage and purity of products said to contain CBD.

However, in the case of essential

tremor, there is some evidence: Studies in mice have shown benefit with CBD, although a single case report showed effectiveness of THC but not CBD in essential tremor. The issue of drug interactions is a significant one. CBD inhibits two powerful pathways the body uses to detoxify drugs, the CYP3A4 and CYP2D6 systems. This is a serious issue for you. Ticagrelor (Brilinta), an anticoagulant, is metabolized by CYP3A4, as are some of the statin drugs usually prescribed to people with heart blockages. The effect of the anticoagulant could be much higher than expected, leading to bleeding risk. Other commonly used heart medications are metabolized by CYP2D6, and the effect on these medications is unpredictable.

I can't recommend CBD products given the medications you are taking, but would suggest you consider alternative treatments. You may have read about deep brain stimulation and ultrasound, two powerful and effective treatments for people whose symptoms have not responded to standard treatments.

DEAR DR. ROACH: This question is for my husband. How safe is drinking tea while on warfarin? He has his INR checked monthly, and for the most part it stays between 2 and 3. He watches his vitamin K intake regularly. He has read conflicting stories of how tea interacts with warfarin by making the INR levels high. — S.J.

ANSWER: Tea comes in two major types: black tea, which is fermented, and green tea, which is not. Black tea has no known interactions with warfarin (Coumadin). Green tea contains small amounts of vitamin K, which could make the INR lower and the warfarin less effective. However, the effect is likely to be small. Further, if he drinks a consistent amount per day, his dose can be adjusted to reflect his vitamin K intake.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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1. Name the artist who wrote and released "Lovin' You." Hint: She had a five-octave singing range.

2. Which rockabilly artist released "You're Sixteen" in 1960?

3. Which group released "I Need You" and "Ventura Highway" in 1972?

4. Who released an album entitled "Rock of the Westies"?

5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "Until we dance into the fire, that fatal kiss is all we need."

Answers

1. Minnie Riperton, in 1975. Stevie Wonder produced her first album, but under a pseudonym because he was under contract to another record company.

2. Johnny Burnette. His version peaked at No. 8 on the Billboard Hot 100, but Ringo Starr's 1973 rendering was an international hit and went to No. 1 in the U.S.

3. America. The trio met in high school in London, where their fathers were stationed with the U.S. Air Force. They picked the name so no one would think they were Brits trying to sound American.

4. Elton John, in 1975. The name was a play on "West of the Rockies" because the album was cut in Colorado.

5. "A View to a Kill," by Duran Duran. They wrote and performed this theme song for the 1985 James Bond film of the same name. It is still the only James Bond theme song ever to reach No. 1 on the charts.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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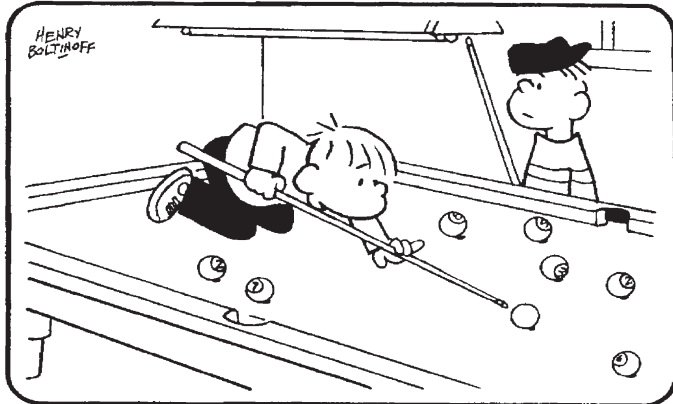
GRIN and BEAR IT ^{by} Wagner



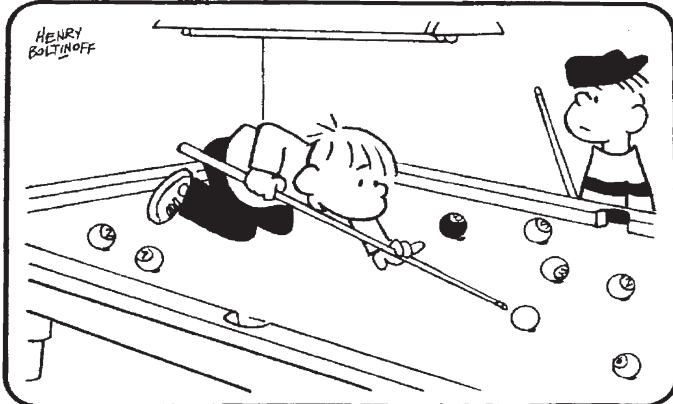
"Your dinner is on the stove ...
at McDonald's!"

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Eight ball is black. 2. Boy's shirt stripe is black. 3. Boy's cue stick is shorter. 4. Balls #2 and #7 have moved. 5. Window is missing. 6. Boy standing has moved.



- Turn off notifications during homework time. This means you, too, Mom and Dad. Whistles, buzzes and bells distract more than just the person whose phone is sounding the alert.

- Did you know that when iron and copper in metal kitchen knives come in contact with certain fruits and vegetables, it causes them to brown more quickly? It's better to use a glass, plastic or ceramic-coated knife to cut produce items, especially lettuce, apples and avocados, which are prone to browning.

- To remove the scent of garlic from your hands, sprinkle salt on a cut lemon and rub it on your hands. Then, wash as normal with soap and water.

- This tip comes to me from my grandmother. If you roll sausages in a very light coat of flour before you cook them, it will reduce the shrinkage.

- Now, here's a great solution, from G.H. in Florida: "After I pressure wash my patio and driveway, I mix up a gallon of vinegar with a cup of salt and a few drops of dish soap. I use this on cracks to deter weeds from growing in them. It's safe and works quite well."

- "If you use a thimble when sewing, here's a tip from my seamstress mom: Wet your thumb or finger before you pop the thimble on. It will stay put, as the moisture helps to create a little suction. It's aggravating when a thimble falls off." — *J.R. in Pennsylvania*

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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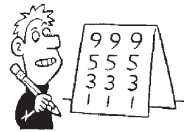
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THE "YOLK'S" ON YOU if you miss this one. Hidden in the above frame is a famous old saying. You can find it by reading every other letter as you go around it clockwise. The trick is finding the right first letter.

Answer: Starting with the "D" in the lower right corner, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket."

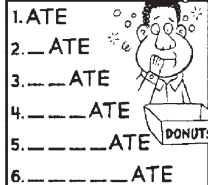
TOPSY-TURVY! To win you must circle six digits that will add up to 21. You have 60 seconds.

Answer: Turn the page upside down and circle the three 1's and the three 6's. I forgot to mention that this was a trick question.



"FEAST" YOUR EYES ON THIS PUZZLE! In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all end in ATE. The following hints should help:

1. What he did (in place).
2. Most gardens have one.
3. A shipping container.
4. A formal argument.
5. To put in logical order.
6. To stretch out.



4-letter words:

CAKE
CHEF
ECHO
SALT

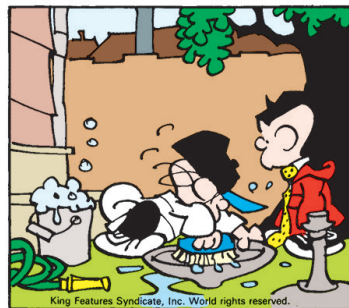
5-letter words:

CARDS FLOAT
CHESS LAZES
DECKS TOWEL
DOWSE WADER
FENCE WATER

9. Echo, 10. Decks, 11. Lazes, 12. Salt, (Down) 1. Wader, 2. Towel, 3. Cards, 4. Fence, 5. Chess, 6. Float.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Salary
- 4 Homer's outcry
- 7 Duck
- 12 Position
- 13 Exist
- 14 Eye surgery device
- 15 Grecian vessel
- 16 Syrian capitalist?
- 18 Encountered
- 19 Step
- 20 Boast
- 22 Compass pt.
- 23 Distort
- 27 Paul Newman movie
- 29 Crooner Vic
- 31 Dope
- 34 Steer

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- 57 Ultramodernist
- 17 On in years
- 36 LummoX
- 37 Needlefish
- 21 Specter
- 37 Human —
- 38 Bat a gnat
- 23 Blue cartoon character
- Project
- 39 Praise in verse
- 24 Japanese pond carp
- 40 Condescend
- 41 Young horse
- 25 Conclude
- 42 Frequently
- 45 Good, in Guadalajara
- 26 Teensy
- 43 Caribbean resort island
- 47 To and —
- 28 Multipurpose truck
- 44 Theater vestibule
- 48 Sinner's fate
- 30 Khan title
- 45 Poison
- 52 Vat
- 31 Egos' counterparts
- 46 Aware of
- 53 Hunter in the sky
- 32 Margery of rhyme
- 48 Comical DeLuise
- 54 Prime meridian hrs.
- 33 " — Little Teapot"
- 49 Coach Parseghian
- 55 Recede
- 10 Lair
- 50 Central
- 56 Madrid mother
- 11 Preceding
- 51 Neither mate

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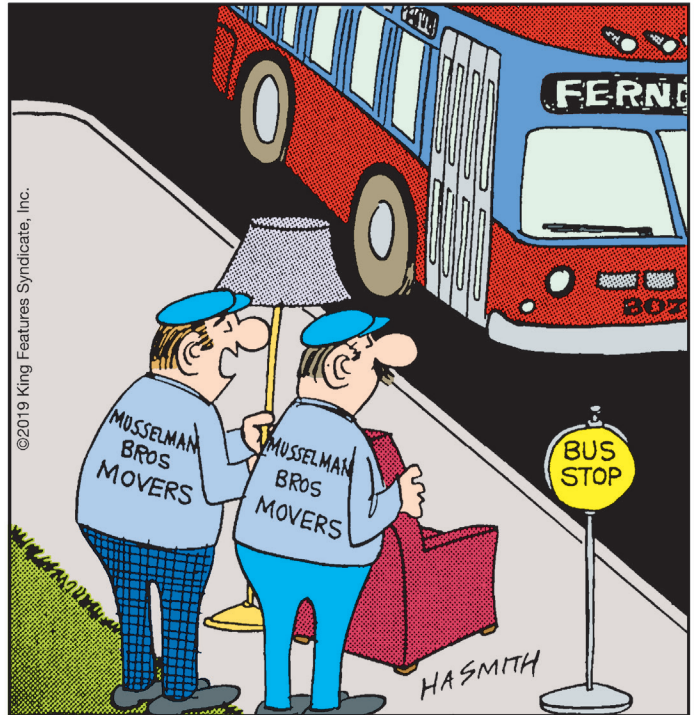
— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 27 mins.

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LAFF - A - DAY



"Boy, I'll sure be glad when we save up enough to buy a van."

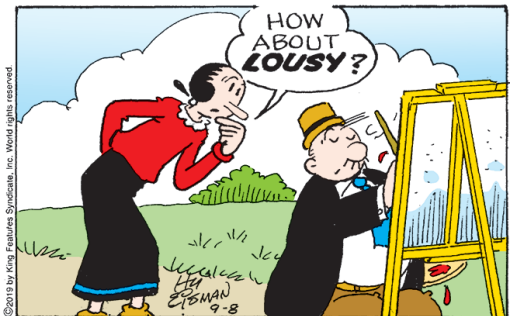
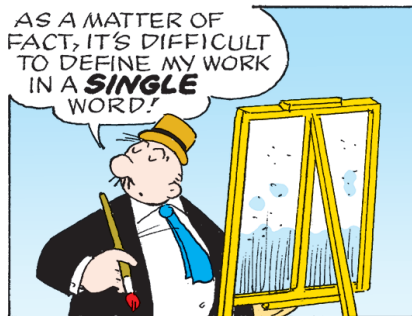
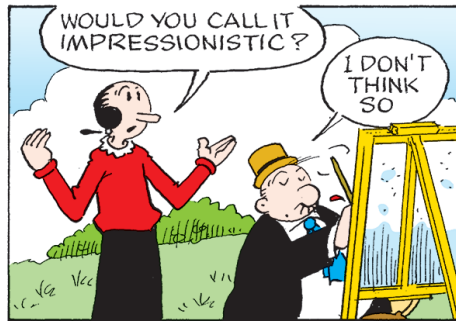
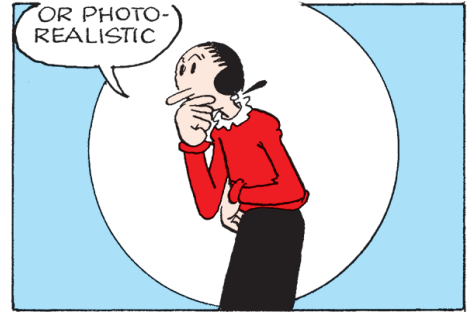
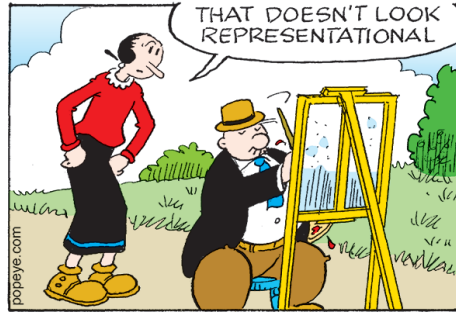
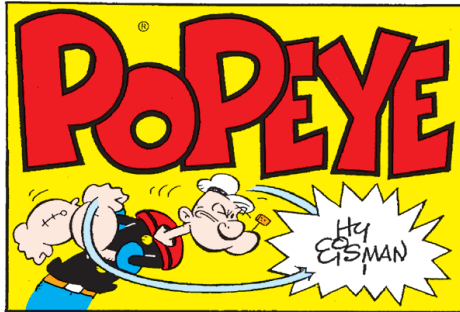
Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



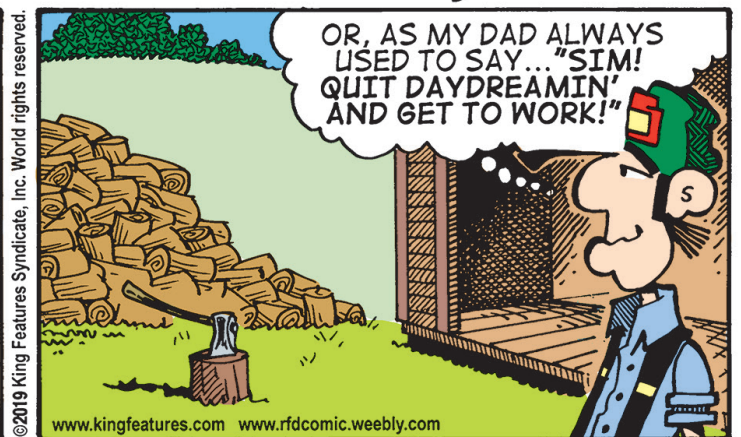
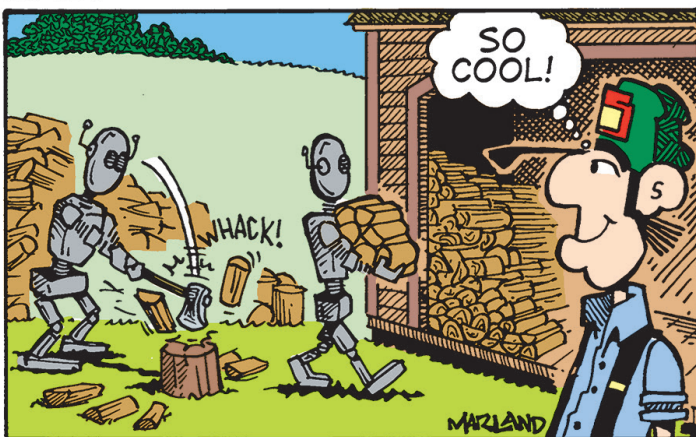
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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THE FOSTERS BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ
Prince Valiant
 Our Story:



THERE IS A PRACTICAL JOKER ON BOARD VAL'S SHIP, HOMEWARD BOUND FOR CAMELOT.


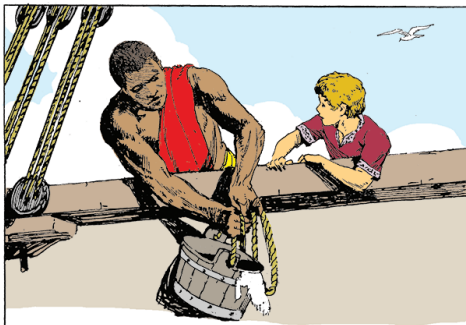
MANY ARE THE VICTIMS OF THE UNKNOWN AUTHOR ...



... AND GREAT ARE BOTH THE HUMOR AND THE FRUSTRATIONS EXPERIENCED BY ALL.



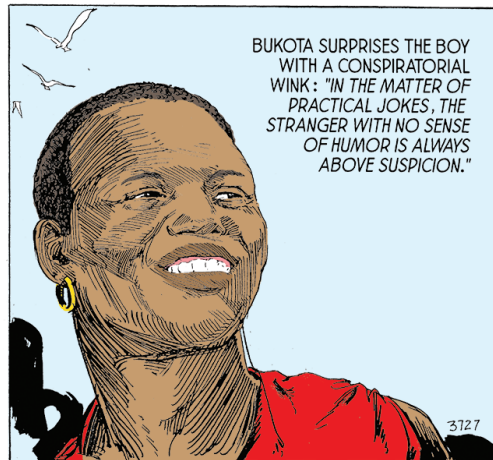
WILD ACCUSATIONS FLY AMONGST THE CREW, BUT NONE SAVE NATHAN FIX ATTENTION ON BUKOTA. IN FACT, MAKEDAS TACITURN AMBASSADOR IS GENERALLY AVOIDED.


NATHAN CHANCES A MOVE CLOSE TO THE PREOCCUPIED WARRIOR, AND DISCOVERS HIM FILLING A FAMILIAR BUCKET WITH SEAWATER - IN PLAIN SIGHT OF THE OBLIVIOUS CREW!

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BUKOTA SURPRISES THE BOY WITH A CONSPIRATORIAL WINK: "IN THE MATTER OF PRACTICAL JOKES, THE STRANGER WITH NO SENSE OF HUMOR IS ALWAYS ABOVE SUSPICION."



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NATHAN RETURNS TO HIS DUTIES, BUT HE CAN BARELY CONTAIN HIS LAUGHTER. SUDDENLY BUKOTA IS NO LONGER SO MYSTERIOUS.

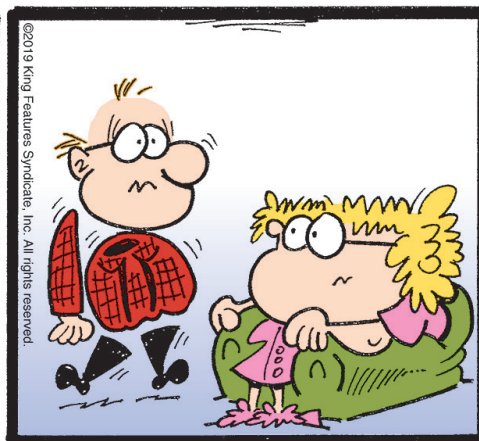
NEXT: Sea change

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



WE SHOULD SPEND SOME TIME APART.



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OKAY, IT'S YOUR TURN.

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Medicare Open Enrollment

It's that time again. Every year we have the opportunity to make changes to our Medicare plans between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7. We have the option of changing from original Medicare to an Advantage plan, or vice versa, or changing to a different Advantage plan. We also can change our Medicare Part D drug plan. The decisions aren't easy. After all, we have to live with them for the next year.

We'll soon receive a new Medicare & You book in the mail, as well as notices about any changes to our current coverage. While we can usually stay with the plan we have if we don't want to make any changes, it's important to review everything we're sent, because there might be new information buried in the language. Sometimes a plan is discontinued! The premium can change. Coverage details might be different. Read the fine print and be certain that your coverage will be what you expect.

For Advantage plan changes, there is an additional open enrollment period: Jan. 1 to March 31. This was new for 2019 and gives three extra months to decide on an Advantage plan. Beware: You can change your mind about Advantage plans a few times during fall enrollment, but only once during the first three months of the year.

If you're signing up for Medicare Parts A and B for the first time, you have a seven-month period to do it: the three months before you turn 65, the month you turn 65 and the three months after you turn 65. If you don't sign up for Part B in time, you can be forced to pay a penalty for the whole time you have Part B. Keep an eye on the dates!

To review plans, go online to www.medicare.gov and look at the plan finder.

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by Chris Richcreek

1. Name either of the two Canadian-born major-league pitchers to toss a complete-game no-hitter.
2. Who was the first Houston Astros pitcher to win at least 20 games in a season?
3. How many times has a Penn State football player gone No. 1 in the NFL Draft?
4. Before San Antonio in 2008, name the last NBA playoff team with only one player (minimum 10 games played) who averaged 12 or more points a game during the regular season.

5. Hall of Famer Red Kelly won eight Stanley Cups during his 20-season NHL playing career. With which two teams did he win them?

6. In 2019, Kyle Busch tied a NASCAR Cup record by posting 11 consecutive top-10 finishes to open a season. Who else did it?

7. Who was the last British female tennis player before Johanna Konta in 2019 to reach the French Open semifinals in singles?

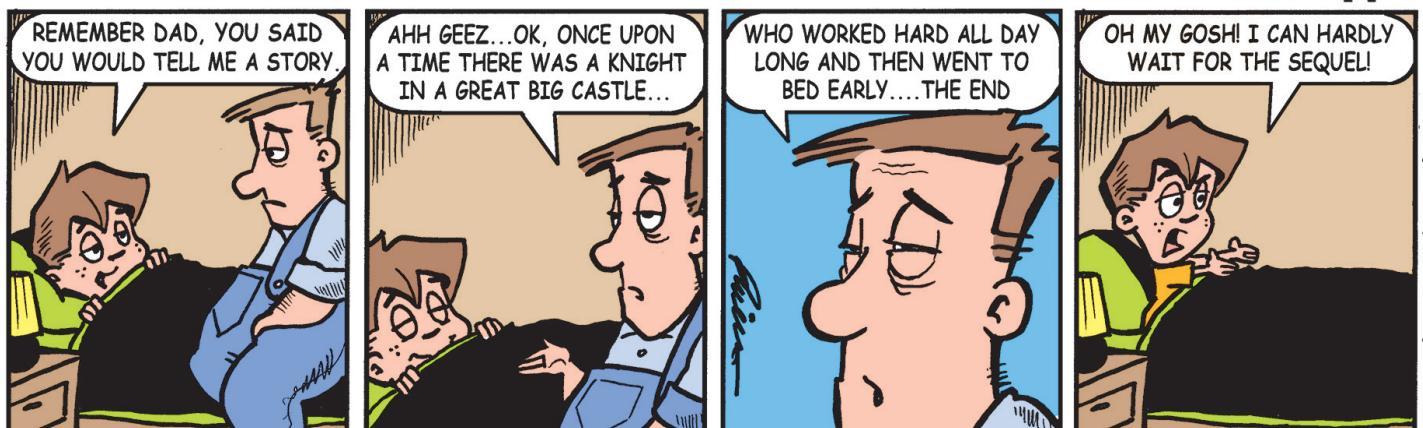
Answers

1. Dick Fowler (1945) and James Paxton (2018).
2. Larry Dierker, who recorded 20 victories in 1969.
3. Twice — Ki-Jana Carter in 1995 and Courtney Brown in 2000.
4. The 1953-54 Minneapolis Lakers.
5. Detroit and Toronto (four each).
6. Morgan Shepherd, in 1990.
7. Jo Durie, in 1983.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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The steam from Poet west of Groton slowly drifts into the sunset Friday evening. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Yard of the Week

Doug and Arlis Doeden at 503 N. Sixth Street were chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of September 1. The Yard of the Week is chosen by members of the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



CONGRESSMAN
DUSTY JOHNSON
Representing **SOUTH DAKOTA** at large



Farmers Want USMCA

The six-week August break did folks some good – my colleagues on the right, and many on the left, are ready to get to work on passing the United States Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA). It's amazing the spark that ignites when legislators spend six weeks hearing from their bosses back home. Democrats and Republicans are finding common ground on this issue – that's a win for America.

I spent the majority of my first week back in Washington meeting with ag groups to talk trade. On Thursday, farmers from across the country gathered near the Capitol's reflecting pool to rally for the passage of this 21st century trade agreement. Farmers for Free Trade, a group led by former Democratic Senator Blanche Lincoln, traveled by bus across the country to bring the message of USMCA to local agriculture communities. The last stop on the tour was the steps of our nation's Capitol.

During our rally, former USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack and President Zippy Duvall from the American Farm Bureau addressed a crowd of over one-hundred ag community leaders and legislators. Zippy urged both myself and my colleagues to "finish the drill." I agree with Zippy – we are in the fourth quarter at the end zone, it's not time to fumble.

It's no secret in Washington that for months now, Speaker Pelosi has held up a vote on USMCA. However, during our USMCA rally with producers, Democrat Representative Cuellar from Texas assured the crowd that USMCA was going to get done this year and Pelosi would put the bill on the floor. Producers received further assurance from Ag Committee Chairman Collin Peterson that USMCA would happen and needs to wrap up quickly so we can continue to leverage with China.

Not only will this agreement bring certainty to our nation's closest trading partners – Canada and Mexico – but it will provide farmers with the relief needed following unprecedented weather challenges and trade obstacles. Farmers don't want aid, they want trade – exports would increase by \$2.2 billion under USMCA.

If we have the opportunity to open up new markets, we should take it. We are in our fifth year of a declining farm economy and commodity prices continue to go up and down. USMCA opens the Canadian market up for the first time to American dairy, wheat, poultry, and turkey products, further expanding exporting opportunity for America's farmers and ranchers. There is no reason to delay the additional trade certainty USMCA would provide.

President Trump and his administration did their job. They negotiated an agreement that protects American jobs and drives growth. I've said it before, and I will say it again and again until Speaker Pelosi brings the bill to the floor. Madam Speaker, we need to pass the USMCA now.



SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR
KRISTI NOEM



A Tribute to Heroes

President Harry Truman once said this: "Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

Earlier this month, I was honored and humbled to join veterans and South Dakotans as we broke ground on South Dakota's first State Veterans Cemetery. Despite pouring rain, more than 100 veterans and South Dakotans gathered at the site just outside Sioux Falls for the momentous occasion.

South Dakota is home to more than 72,000 veterans who served their country and made incredible sacrifices for our freedom. Of these, 50,000 live on the eastern side of our state – hours away from the nearest veterans cemetery. This new site will ensure that veteran families on both sides of the state have the ability to bury their loved ones near their homes and communities.

But this cemetery is about more than providing a peaceful resting place for our heroes. This cemetery is a tribute to patriots. It immortalizes the sacrifices that have been made for our freedoms. Even more than that, though, it's a way we can show the next generation that sacrifice does not go unnoticed.

One thing that was particularly special was that this was a project for veterans by veterans. Many of our South Dakota veterans spent over a decade working to bring a state veterans cemetery to South Dakota. It was their passion for this project that kept the momentum going and made the dream a reality.

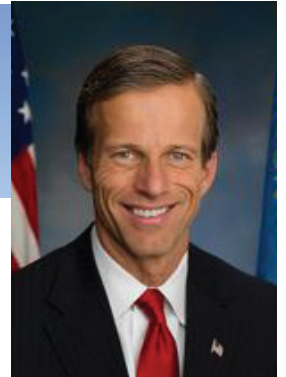
Others played a part, too. The city of Sioux Falls gifted the state over 60 acres of land, and the federal Department of Veterans Affairs awarded us a \$6.9 million grant to get this project across the finish line.

I think it's incredibly special and symbolic that there were so many players to get us to the point where we could break ground. Because we all must be committed to caring for our veterans. Saying thank you isn't just a city issue, or a state issue. Gratitude isn't something we can count on someone else to do. It's a personal responsibility that requires action from each one of us.

This cemetery is a token of our gratitude. It's how we'll remember and honor their stories and sacrifices forever.

To all those who have served and to the families who stand beside you, thank you. You are what makes this nation great.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Listening is One of the Best Ways to Stay Informed

Shortly before the Senate adjourned for its annual August state work period, I went to the Senate floor to lay out my agenda for what I wanted to accomplish while I was home. At the top of my list was meeting with as many South Dakotans as possible, which has always been the best part of my job. I was also looking forward to fair season – a great time to connect with people and taste some of the most iconic fair food our state has to offer: ice cream, pork sandwiches, milkshakes, cheese curds, Brown County’s famous Tubby Burger, and more.

After several weeks crisscrossing the state and putting on more miles (and calories) than I can count, I wanted to report on my progress and let you know how much I appreciate your feedback and advice. One of the most endearing qualities of South Dakotans is their honesty, particularly about my work in Washington, and that honesty is what keeps me grounded and focused on what matters.

During the several weeks I was home, I attended the South Dakota State Fair, the Sioux Empire Fair, the Turner County Fair, and the Brown County Fair, and yes, I’m still dreaming of the Tubby Burger I inhaled for lunch – a burger standard by which all other burgers should be judged. I held town hall meetings in Philip, Wall, Lemmon, and Bison, and I toured local businesses in communities in nearly every corner of the state.

I received a lot of feedback along the way, but one of the most consistent concerns I heard from folks was about the agriculture economy and how tough of a year it’s been for most producers in South Dakota. You don’t need to talk to many people to realize how real of a concern this issue is for folks.

I’ll take a back seat to no one when it comes to my support for our farmers and ranchers, so I’ve used every opportunity possible to relay what I’m hearing from the South Dakota agriculture community directly to the president. I met with the president twice during the first week of the fall work period in Washington, and during both meetings, I had the opportunity put a plug in for farm country. Believe me, there’s zero ambiguity when it comes to my position on these issues when I’m face to face with the president.

There have been bright spots along the way, including the approval of year-round E15 sales and news that the administration has reached a deal to increase U.S. beef sales to Europe, but as positive as those developments might be, farm country is still hurting. In my opinion, the most effective way to provide certainty and additional security for these folks would be for Congress to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and I strongly urge Democrats in the House of Representatives to indicate they’d be willing to consider it, because I can tell you that the Senate stands ready to act.

If there was one theme or takeaway from my time in South Dakota during the August break, it would have to be the constant reminder that I’m tremendously lucky to be able to represent this state in the U.S. Senate. It never ceases to amaze me what South Dakotans are capable of, which is why I’m not only energized by the time I spent at home, but I’m looking forward to continuing to fight for South Dakota’s priorities in Washington this fall.

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A Busy Fall Season in the Senate

The Senate is back in session, which means we are traveling back to Washington for votes, committee hearings and meetings with constituents who visit the Capitol to advocate for their issues. In August we had our in-state work period, which gave me the opportunity to meet with many South Dakotans in communities across the state. We attended fairs, met with veterans, spoke to community groups, held a field hearing to address the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' management of the Missouri River and simply visited with people over coffee. It is important to me to hear directly from South Dakotans about the issues they're concerned with so I can work to address them when I'm in Washington. South Dakota is the best place in the world because of our people. I'm always grateful to South Dakotans who take time out of their busy lives to visit with me.

Now that we're back in session, we've got a lot of work to get done. We will continue confirming federal judges, who will serve lifetime appointments. Congress must also finalize our annual appropriations bills. We passed a two-year budget agreement this summer that was negotiated by the president, House leadership and Senate leadership. The deal prioritizes spending for the military and for our veterans while simultaneously avoiding a default on our debt, taking steps to avoid an unnecessary and costly shutdown and ending the threat of sequestration for two years. Negotiators also agreed to no "poison pills" that could sink an appropriations bill by including partisan language. We'll spend the next few weeks making progress on the appropriations bills and work to avoid a government shutdown this fall.

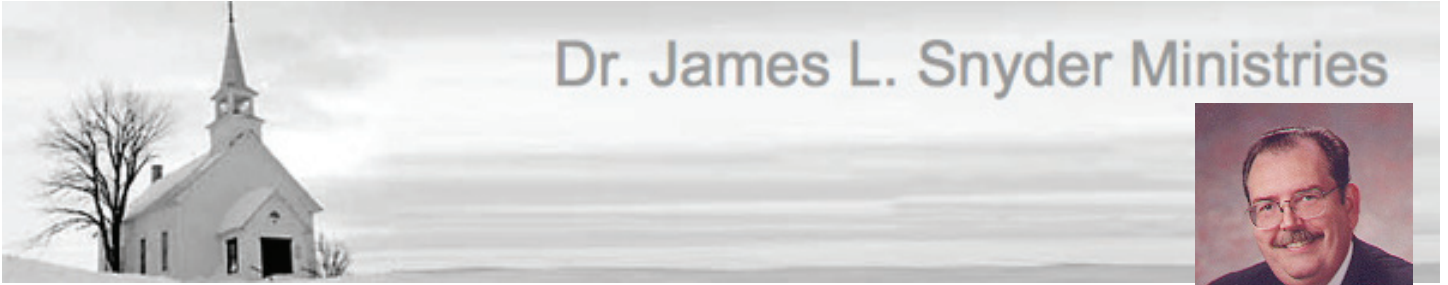
Finalizing the National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, is a priority for me as well. Both the Senate and House passed their versions of the NDAA this summer, but we now must work out the differences between the two bills before they can be signed into law by the president. Historically, the NDAA is a bill that passes with strong support from both sides of the aisle, in both chambers of Congress. It includes provisions related to the next-generation stealth bomber, the B-21 Raider, which will be based at Ellsworth Air Force Base. The NDAA will help to rebuild our military, restore our combat advantage, build a more efficient and effective force and improve the lives of military members and their families.

Last but not least, we need to pass the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade agreement, or the USMCA. The USMCA is a free trade agreement that would replace NAFTA. It was signed by President Trump last November, and awaits action in the House of Representatives. If enacted, it would create additional opportunities for U.S. ag producers and manufacturers to increase trade with Canada and Mexico, two of our largest trading partners. I urge Speaker Pelosi to act on the USMCA soon. The Senate stands ready to pass it once it comes to our chamber.

We have plenty of work to get done over the next few months, and I'm looking forward to it. The input and ideas you give me when I'm home help me to make better decisions for you when I'm in Washington. Thank you for visiting with me over August, and please continue to share your concerns with me. I can always be contacted through my offices in South Dakota or Washington, or online at www.rounds.senate.gov/contact.

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



It Was A Belly Binge Kind of Day

It's not often that a day goes my way. Occasionally, I have a day that focuses on my desires and me.

It was a Monday evening right after supper and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I were watching TV.

"Oh," my wife said, "by the way, the girls and I are going to go thrift store shopping all day tomorrow."

At first, I was a little stunned. I wasn't quite sure why she was telling me this. It's not like she needs my permission to go thrift store shopping as long as she doesn't take my truck. But, being the veteran husband I am, I did not ask any questions.

I have found that after a long marriage as I have had, that when you ask a question you will get an answer. Most of the time, the answer is not what you really want to hear. So, I keep my questions to the very minimum to say the least. And usually, I do say the least.

The next morning as we were finishing breakfast my wife said, "The girls and I will be going thrift store shopping today and therefore you are on your own."

That kind of news is the kind of news that I want to hear. I will be on my own? What better day can you have?

"You will have to get your own lunch," she said. "The girls and I will have lunch together."

I almost said, but I didn't, "What did you say?" But I knew if I did I would get an expansive answer which would take time and I did not want to waste any time.

Trying to hold back a smile I said, "That's all right. I'm sure I can take care of my lunch."

With that, she joined the girls and they went off on their thrift store shopping spree.

I had to sit down a little bit and try to catch my breath. Here I was, with the whole day before me to do as I please. Believe me, those days do not come often enough, at least for me.

As excited as I was about the day, I had to sit back and prepare my own To-Do-List. I got that from my wife. I wanted to put down everything that I could do today.

After finishing my list, I looked it over and then a thought captured my imagination.

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What about eating? Did my wife say that I had to take care of my own lunch? Yes, she did! So now, my focus was on what should I eat today?

Believe me when I say I was going to take this very seriously. I could choose whatever I wanted to eat. Of course, at the top of the list was my favorite, Apple Fritters. As far as I'm concerned, I can't have enough of this "fruit."

Without wasting any more time, I got to the neighborhood Publix to do some shopping. I was going to buy everything that I liked and nobody was going to stop me.

There was one major item missing in my shopping cart. That nasty word starting with the letter V. My whole day was going to be spent without eating any vegetables whatsoever. I was so excited.

Looking at the cart as I went through the cashier made me hungrier than I've ever been before.

On the way home, and this was before lunch, I stopped at McDonald's and bought a hot fudge sundae. All this shopping made me hungry, so I thought it would make me happy. And boy, did that sundae make me happy.

All the way home I was singing, "I did it my way." I was gloriously out of tune, but it certainly made me happy to sing it.

I got home and started my belly-binge day. I didn't even go to the office, I spent all my time munching on this delicacy and crunching on that delicacy and just enjoying myself.

Then a thought hit me. If I want to stay out of trouble, and I do, I better make sure I eat all these recently purchased groceries. If my wife finds out, I may be in trouble.

That was the excuse I used to completely demolish all the food I had just purchased.

As I was crunching the last bite of my belly-binge delicacies, I begin to realize that I was stuffed. I've never eaten so much in my life. I cleaned up the table and the kitchen and threw away all the evidence and slowly walked to my chair to rest.

Sitting in the chair, I began to realize how stuffed I really was. I leaned back, however, smiled as wide as I could smile and congratulated myself for taking so good care of myself.

I must have dozed for a moment because the next thing I knew my wife came into the house, the thrift store shopping day was over.

"I didn't know if you had enough to eat today," she said with a big smile on her face, "so I brought you a sub for supper."

I thought of a Scripture, "Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works" (Ecclesiastes 9:7).

Nothing nourishes me more than serving God. When serving God he will take care of all my nourishment.

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Roberts County Democratic Party

is hosting a

STEAK FRY DINNER

Friday, September 20, 2019 • 6:30 p.m.

Valley View Golf Course

Speaker will be Joel Heitkamp

KFGO morning show "News & Views"

TICKET PRICE: \$50

To purchase tickets call: Gary Hanson 268-0448

Jason Frerichs 605-949-2204, Dave Gleason 237-1923

Groton Class of '69 50th Year Reunion

Saturday, Sept 21st

Olive Grove Golf Course

The public is invited to attend after
6:30 to renew acquaintances
with OLD friends



2019 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds September 24 and 25

Parents of children age 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 16. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

The Developmental Screening will take place at Groton Area Elementary School.



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Langford Front Porch Help Wanted



Immediate opening for a FT General Manager at The Front Porch Bar & Grill, Langford SD. This person will ensure a profitable and efficiently run restaurant/bar operation through innovative

menus, events, staff management and business operations. Wage DOE. Must be 21 years old. Contact Paula Jensen at (605) 228-5963 or email resume by September 30, 2019 to langfordfrontporch@venturecomm.net.



S.D. slow to vaccinate children against HPV, a virus that can cause cancer

By: Bart Pfankuch and Nick Lowrey

South Dakota lags behind the rest of the nation in vaccinating children and youths against the Human Papilloma-virus, the most common sexually transmitted disease in America that can cause a range of potentially fatal cancers.

HPV can exist without symptoms and is a leading cause of throat cancer in men and cervical cancer in women, but it is almost entirely preventable through vaccination before someone becomes sexually active. The virus is often spread through intercourse and oral sex but can also transfer through kissing in rare cases.

Federal health data show that South Dakota ranked 41st in the nation in the rate of boys ages 13-15 who are vaccinated against HPV, and 31st in vaccination of girls in that age group in 2016.

The rates have improved since then due to an aggressive education and prevention campaign, yet more than half of adolescents in South Dakota remain unvaccinated.

From 2001 to 2014 in South Dakota, more than 4,700 cases of cancer were likely tied to infections from HPV, leading to an estimated 866 deaths.

Six types of cancer are believed to be related to HPV infection. The virus is responsible for more than 34,000

cases of cancer in the U.S. each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

More than 90% of those cancers could have been prevented by vaccination against HPV, experts say. The HPV vaccine, Gardasil, has been so effective in Australia that the country is on track to virtually eliminate cervical cancer within 20 years, according to a study published in October 2018 in *The Lancet*, a public health journal.

South Dakota health and medical professionals are aware of the benefits of the vaccine and are working to educate parents and encourage them to get their children vaccinated.

"This is one of the areas where we can prevent cancer through vaccination with our kids and never have to worry about them having to go through that experience," said Jill Ireland, a senior health systems manager at the American Cancer Society in Sioux Falls.

In 2015 in South Dakota, only 32% of girls and 22% of boys ages 13 to 17 had completed the vaccination dosing regimen, well below the national average of 42% for girls and 28% for boys in that age range, according to the state health department.

After recent aggressive public health and education campaigns, the overall youth vaccination rate against HPV rose to 44.8% for South Dakota adolescents aged 13-17 in 2017, still below the national average of 48.6% that year. By 2018, about 49.5% of 13 to 17-year-olds in the state were current on the HPV vaccine. Nationally, 51.5% of youths in that age range were current on the vaccine.



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Even with recent increases, HPV vaccination rates in South Dakota are well below the goal of the federal Healthy People 2020 objective to have 80% of both genders vaccinated by age 15.

South Dakota's HPV vaccination rate shortfall is particularly significant among girls and young women. CDC data show only 46.3% of girls aged 13-17 were current on the vaccine. Nationally the rate was 53.7%. The HPV vaccination rate for South Dakota boys, however, was slightly higher than the national average of 32.1% at 33.4%.

Health officials say some parents are reluctant to get their children vaccinated against HPV either due to a lack of knowledge of its importance or because they believe it may be unsafe. The shots are not cheap but are generally covered by insurance.

A few parents express fears that vaccination against a sexually transmitted illness at age 11 or in the teen years could serve as a subtle gateway to becoming sexually active, said Dr. Greg Anderson, a managing partner of Black Hills Pediatrics and the chairman of the Pediatric Department at Rapid City Regional Hospital.

"It's a problem for some parents because they feel like if they give it to their kids, they're giving them the right to become sexually active, which is not the case," said Anderson, whose own children are vaccinated against HPV. "Some parents see it kind of like a sex shot, like they're giving their child permission to have sexual intercourse at that point. We look at it as a way to prevent a sexual disease that can cause cancer."

Potentially devastating; almost entirely preventable

Nearly 80 million Americans — about one in four people — are infected with at least one HPV strain. According to the CDC, about 14 million new HPV infections are reported annually, and overall about nine in 10 of all Americans will become infected with HPV during their lifetimes.

Human Papillomavirus is a group of more than 150 related viruses, most of which are fairly harmless and disappear without medical inter-

vention. There are 40 HPV strains that infect mucus membranes and can be spread through any type of sexual contact. Of those, 12 are considered high-risk. Two strains of HPV, types 16 and 18, cause nearly roughly 90% of HPV-related cancers. The newest HPV vaccine, Gardasil 9, protects against both type 16 and type 18 HPV as well as seven other high-risk strains of the virus.

Most people will never know that they were infected by HPV, even if it is one of the high-risk strains. Between 80 and 90 percent of people will be able to fight off the virus on their own. Some people will develop genital warts due to HPV but, for the most part, there are few obvious signs of infection. Serious complications from an HPV infection such as throat or cervical cancer may not appear for years or decades after a person's first exposure to the disease.

One problem is that there is no way to tell who will be able to fight off HPV and who will not, said Dr. Archana Chatterjee, who chairs the pediatrics department at the Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota. Not getting the vaccine is a big risk, she said.

"This is a role of the dice to say 'I'm just going to take my chances of not getting cancer,'" Chatterjee said.

Alysia Juhl was 21 in 2003 when she was told that she was part of the 10 to 20 percent of people who will develop cancer due to HPV. She was a new mother when her doctor found HPV-related cancer cells on her cervix during a post-pregnancy checkup.



Dr. Greg Anderson is a pediatrician at Black Hills Pediatrics in Rapid City. Anderson, shown in a patient room at the clinic, encourages parents to get their children vaccinated against HPV at the same time as they get other vaccinations at age 11 before entering the sixth grade. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota

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"Being a single mom at the time, (the diagnosis) was really tough emotionally," Juhl said.

She ended up needing a Loop Electrosurgical Excision Procedure, which uses an electrical current in a wire loop to remove abnormal cells from the cervix. The procedure worked and, Juhl said, no more cancer has been found. But her experience with HPV-related cancer wasn't over.

Years later, Juhl's husband found a mass on his body that turned out to be a cancerous tumor. The cancer was determined to be HPV-related, though not of the same type that Juhl had been diagnosed with. Multiple surgeries were needed to rid Juhl's husband of the tumor.

"Luckily, they got everything but the healing process was very difficult," Juhl said.

Then, in January 2017, Juhl's then 54-year-old father was diagnosed with cancer of the tonsils. Once again, the cancer was found to be HPV-related. By the end of that month, a feeding tube had been placed in the man's abdomen and he was starting on a treatment plan that would include 21 radiation treatments, six weeks of chemotherapy and participation in a clinical drug trial as well as two surgeries. Juhl said her father lost more than 100 pounds in addition to his sense of taste and the hearing in one ear.

"It was a very rough time watching him go through all that," Juhl said.

Now known as a "Vaccination Champion" at the Sanford Health clinic where she works as a nurse, Juhl spends a lot of time talking with patients and parents about the HPV vaccine.

Vaccination of girls against HPV was first recommended in 2006 soon after the FDA approved the first version of Gardasil. South Dakota was one of 25 states that quickly passed legislation aimed at promoting HPV vaccination for girls.

In 2007, the state legislature authorized the Department of Health to spend up to \$9 million to get up to 44,000 girls vaccinated against HPV both by paying for the vaccine itself and by increasing awareness of the vaccine. At the time, each dose of what was then a three-shot regimen cost about \$360 and wasn't always covered by insurance.

The CDC began recommending the vaccine for both girls and boys aged 11-12 in 2011. The vaccine is most effective when completed at earlier ages and well before a boy or girl is sexually active.

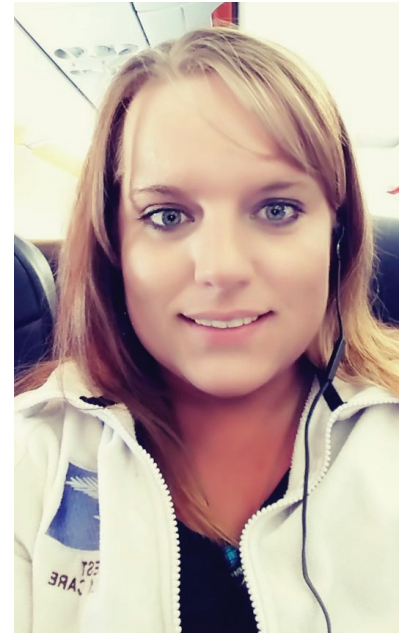
"It's like putting on your bike helmet before you get on your bike," said Andrea Polkinghorn, Sanford Health's immunization strategy leader in Sioux Falls.

Research on the HPV vaccine has shown that younger children also have better immune responses to the vaccine, meaning they need fewer doses to get the full effect. Before the age of 15, youths now only need two doses for the vaccine to be effective. After the age of 15, they need three.

Today, HPV vaccines are covered by nearly all health insurance plans nationwide because it is considered preventive healthcare under the 2009 Affordable Care Act. Children whose parents don't have health insurance can get the vaccine for free under the federal Vaccines for Children program.

Despite the HPV vaccine being offered at no cost for most children, public health officials continue to struggle to hit their HPV Vaccination goals.

"This is a fantastic opportunity to prevent cancer ... this is just crazy not to utilize every tool we have to prevent these serious types of cancer," Chatterjee said.



Alysia Juhl found out she had HPV-related cervical cancer in 2003, she was 21. Juhl survived and is now a nurse in Sioux Falls and regularly counsils patients about the HPV vaccine, which could have prevented her cancer. Her husband and father also battled cancers caused by HPV.

Photo: Submitted

Despite clear benefits, fear persists

South Dakota's recent efforts to battle the spread of HPV and increase vaccination rates have included making grants to local agencies and medical practices. Those efforts are bearing fruit.

In June 2018, the state issued a grant of roughly \$14,000 to Black Hills Pediatrics to undergo an HPV education and prevention effort in the Rapid City area. During a yearlong effort that ended in May 2019, the pediatric office with eight doctors intensified its efforts to notify parents about the need for HPV vaccinations and to encourage them to have their children get the shots.

As part of the program, the practice encouraged all parents of all patients, regardless of the primary reason for their office visit, to get vaccinated against HPV. Furthermore, the practice used text messages, automated phone calls and messaging by office staff to prompt clients to visit the office to get their initial and follow-up vaccine shots.

Overall, more than 4,100 client reminders were issued and nearly 1,500 doses of the vaccine were administered during the yearlong program, a 13% increase in vaccinations over the previous year. That momentum has continued since the grant period ended, said Dr. Anderson, a pediatrician at the clinic.

"We approach parents of all our 11-year-olds, and also check at every visit to see if they have had all their vaccines," Anderson said. "If they haven't, we remind them that it's still available."

Still, at least part of the problem of low vaccination rates is due to a lack of awareness about why the vaccine is so important, said Andrea Polkinghorn, immunization strategy leader for Sanford Health in Sioux Falls.



This flyer from the South Dakota Department of Health hangs in the offices of Black Hills Pediatrics in Rapid City and recommends that children get vaccinated against HPV in addition to other vaccinations that are required before enrollment in sixth grade in public schools. Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

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-- Dr. Archana Chatterjee, chair of the pediatrics department at the Sanford Medical School at the University of South Dakota

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According to a study published by researchers at Johns Hopkins University in October 2018, 22% of boys' parents and 20% of girls' parents said they didn't know why their child needed the vaccine. Safety concerns were the second most common reason parents cited for not giving their children the HPV vaccine.

One persistent myth about the HPV vaccine is that it is primarily for girls and women, Polkinghorn said. But, according to a 2015 CDC study, men have actually experienced a higher rate of HPV-related mouth and throat cancers than the rates at which women have experienced HPV-related cervical cancer. In one high profile case, actor Michael Douglas, who survived a battle with throat cancer in 2010, acknowledged publicly in 2013 that his cancer was caused by an HPV infection that resulted from oral sex.

"(The vaccine) is really important for males," Polkinghorn said.

Safety concerns were the second most common reason parents cited for not giving their children the HPV vaccine, Johns Hopkins study said. Roughly 22% of girls' parents and 14% of boys parents said they weren't convinced the vaccine was safe, according to the study.

There is no good evidence that the vaccine is unsafe, said Chatterjee. She helped manage the vaccine's clinical trials while working at Creighton University in Omaha during the early 2000s.

The most common scientifically verifiable side effects of Gardasil 9 include headaches and irritation at the injection site. Slight fevers, nausea, joint and muscle pain also are listed as potential side effects by the CDC. But beyond minor irritation, Chatterjee said, there are few verifiable concerns with the vaccine.

"A lot of the other things you see on the internet aren't true; those are simply scientifically unproven," she said.

Vaccines undergo a rigorous testing regime before they can be sold in the U.S., Chatterjee said. Once vaccines are approved, they are tested and monitored even more thoroughly by professional organizations such as the American College of Pediatricians and the U.S. government.

Another problem health officials have run into is that the HPV vaccine often isn't seen as routine. Unlike other vaccines for such diseases as meningitis, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, South Dakota schools don't require students to get the HPV vaccine before they can go to middle school. Polkinghorn said many of Sanford's efforts to improve vaccination rates have focused on changing the way providers present the HPV vaccine to parents.

"A lot of it is, because we know the vaccine is safe and that it is effective and that it is recommended that we're offering it in the same way, on the same day that we offer the other vaccines that are due," Polkinghorn said.

The Johns Hopkins study also found that about 10% of parents worried their child would become more sexually active after getting the HPV vaccine. This, too, is a concern that hasn't been borne out by science, Chatterjee said. Over the roughly 13 years that the HPV vaccine has been available in the U.S., teen sexual activity has actually decreased, CDC data show.

There is no question as to whether the benefits of HPV vaccination outweigh the risks, Chatterjee said. One of the first patients Chatterjee worked with was a mother of five in her late 20s who was dying of cervical cancer. The condition had progressed so far that muscles in the patient's pelvic region had stopped working and bodily wastes were being removed surgically.

"That is something that has stayed with me, that look of sheer fear and anguish on her face, knowing that she was going to die and wondering who would take care of her children," Chatterjee said. "It gives me great joy in have had a small part in developing this vaccine."

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years of the
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*Coffee and
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Cake*

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Today

Tonight

Monday

Monday
Night

Tuesday



Patchy Fog
then Sunny



Mostly Clear



Mostly Sunny
then Mostly
Sunny and
Breezy



Mostly Cloudy



Mostly Sunny

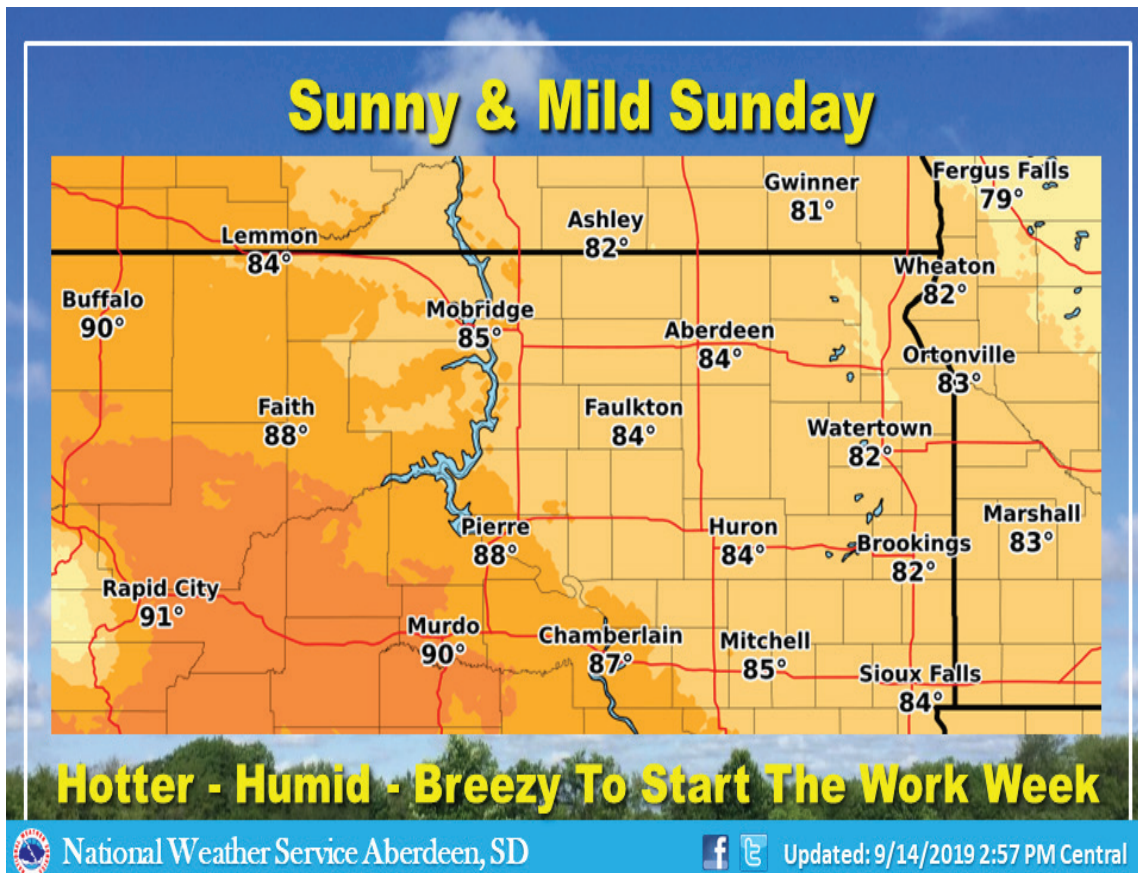
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High: 87 °F

Low: 68 °F

High: 85 °F



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Milder air continues to stream into the region. Temperatures will be above average Sunday, and continue to get warmer Monday and Tuesday. We will also begin to see humidity increase with a stiff south breeze to start off the work week before a quick moving systems brings some moisture and then a brief return to cooler temps.

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Today in Weather History

September 15, 1977: Sioux Falls residents received a rude awakening during the morning hours as thunderstorms rolled through the city. Over two and one-half inches of rain fell in the city in an hour and 15 minutes. A large amount of rain in a short period led to street flooding in some areas. Lightning strikes from the storms also started several small fires.

1747: Some historical accounts of a hurricane caused flooding on the Rappahannock River in Virginia. A slave ship was overturned, and several fatalities were reported.

1945: A hurricane entered the south Florida coast at Homestead, curving northward right up through the center of Florida, remaining over land, and exited near Jacksonville Beach with winds gusting to 170 mph. The following is from the Homestead Air Reserve Base. "On Sept. 15, 1945, three years to the day after the founding of the Homestead Army Air Field, a massive hurricane roared ashore, sending winds of up to 145 miles per hour tearing through the Air Field's buildings. Enlisted housing facilities, the nurses' dormitory, and the Base Exchange were all destroyed. The roof was ripped from what would later become building 741, the Big Hangar. The base laundry and fire station were both declared total losses. The few remaining aircraft were tossed about like leaves."

1752 - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast which nearly inundated downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in ten minutes. (David Ludlum)

1910 - Rains of .27 inch on the 14th and .73 inch on the 15th were the earliest and heaviest of record for Fresno CA, which, along with much of California, experiences a ""rainy season"" in the winter. (The Weather Channel)

1939 - The temperature at Detroit MI soared to 100 degrees to establish a record for September. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - A snowstorm over Wyoming produced 16.9 inches at Lander to establish a 24 hour record for September for that location. (13th-15th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - The first snow of the season was observed at the Winter Park ski resort in Colorado early in the day. Eight inches of snow was reported at the Summit of Mount Evans, along with wind gusts to 61 mph. Early morning thunderstorms in Texas produced up to six inches of rain in Real County. Two occupants of a car drowned, and the other six occupants were injured as it was swept into Camp Wood Creek, near the town of Leakey. Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in central and northeastern Oklahoma. Wind gusts to 70 mph and golf ball size hail were reported around Oklahoma City OK. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to parts of the central U.S. Rainfall totals of 2.87 inches at Sioux City IA and 4.59 inches at Kansas City MO were records for the date. Up to eight inches of rain deluged the Kansas City area, nearly as much rain as was received the previous eight months. Hurricane Gilbert, meanwhile, slowly churned toward the U.S./Mexican border. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced locally heavy rain in the Central Appalachians. Virgie VA received 2.60 inches of rain during the evening hours, and Bartlett TN was deluged with 2.75 inches in just ninety minutes. Heavy rain left five cars partially submerged in high water in a parking lot at Bulls Gap TN. Thunderstorms over central North Carolina drenched the Fayetteville area with four to eight inches of rain between 8 PM and midnight. Flash flooding, and a couple of dam breaks, claimed the lives of two persons, and caused ten million dollars damage. Hugo, churning over the waters of the Caribbean, strengthened to the category of a very dangerous hurricane, packing winds of 150 mph. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 80 °F at 5:43 PM

Low Temp: 51 °F at 1:53 AM

Wind: 12 mph at 11:39 AM

Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 100° in 1948, 1955

Record Low: 28° in 1964, 1916

Average High: 73°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.05

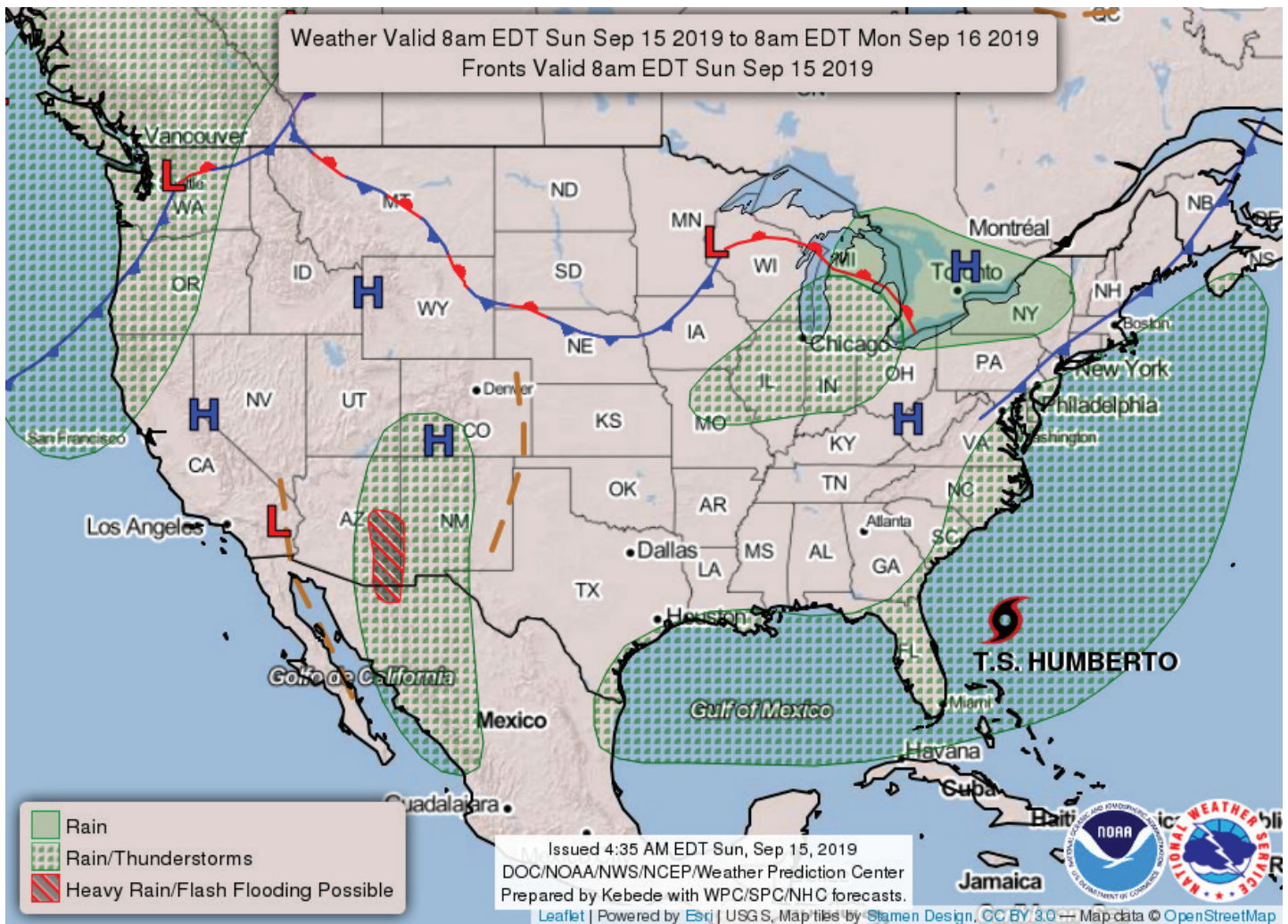
Precip to date in Sept.: 4.86

Average Precip to date: 17.34

Precip Year to Date: 24.62

Sunset Tonight: 7:45 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:13 a.m.



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KNOCK IT OFF!

An artist began working on a large block of marble. A friend watched him as he chipped away, knocking off one piece after another.

Finally the friend asked, "What are you making?"

"A horse," came the reply.

"How do you do that?" he wanted to know.

"By knocking off everything that doesn't look like a horse," said the sculptor.

It is normal to question what God may be doing in our lives from time to time. We often look for meaning or purpose when we enter into a period of suffering or pain, darkness or despair. There are some days when problems pile up, difficulties grow, confusion never ends, and the light never comes on.

Paul said we are "pressed on every side by troubles" – days when we feel like we are being squeezed in a vice. But he quickly adds, "we are not crushed or broken" assuring us of the Great Physician's concern and care. Then he goes on to write that we may feel "perplexed" – as if we were in a state of confusion. Now what? He encourages us not to "give up and quit" – knowing that God can make sense out of non-sense. If we "get knocked down" – we will never get knocked out. God will be there to lift us up, dust us off, and send us on our way. Paul's message: We may be at the end of our rope, but we are not at the end of our hope.

Prayer: Father, help us to grasp the greatness of Your power and value of Your presence no matter the problem or pain. We know You are with us. Help us to trust. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: 2 Corinthians 4:1-10 –We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

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2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12/2019 St. John's Lutheran Luncheon
- 09/20/2019 Presbyterian Luncheon
- 09/28/2019 Granary Living History Fall Festival
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/31/2019 Trunk or Treat/Halloween on Main (Halloween)
- 11/09/2019 Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Holiday Party
- 12/07/2019 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services
- Bingo: every Wednesday at the Legion Post #39

2020 Groton SD Community Events

- 01/26/2020 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
- 04/04/2020 Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Sharp (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/25/2020 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 05/02/2020 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
- 06/8-10/2020 St. John's VBS
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
Groton Hosting State B American Legion Baseball Tournament
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/14/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

12-15-22-24-26

(twelve, fifteen, twenty-two, twenty-four, twenty-six)

Estimated jackpot: \$125,000

Lotto America

07-09-16-37-43, Star Ball: 5, ASB: 2

(seven, nine, sixteen, thirty-seven, forty-three; Star Ball: five; ASB: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$2.9 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$192 million

Powerball

11-27-31-36-67, Powerball: 11, Power Play: 2

(eleven, twenty-seven, thirty-one, thirty-six, sixty-seven; Powerball: eleven; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$60 million

Traverse City-crafted motorcycle delights South Dakota crowd

By DAN NIELSEN Traverse City Record-Eagle

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A motorcycle crafted by Traverse City's Brandon Keene drew attention in August both at Sturgis, South Dakota, and at a motorcycling rodeo in Fowlerville, Michigan, where it won the People's Choice award.

The first question some people ask when they see one of his low-slung bikes is "How fast will it go?" Keene's response is instant and matter-of-fact.

"No speedometer. As fast as you want to go."

He's telling the truth about his custom motorcycles having no speedometers. They're also short a few other things he considers unnecessary clutter — front fenders, air cleaners and chain guards. Chains and gears can be beautiful, so why cover them up? His design sensibilities revolve around simplicity and clean lines. His creations can weigh 200 pounds less than a stock bike — and that can allow them to go faster.

Keene has been building custom motorcycles for more than a decade as a hobby, the Traverse City Record-Eagle reported.

But Keene, 47, and his wife, Amy, in April went into business as B Keene Built. They're already gaining attention on a large stage. Keene bikes have been featured in two motorcycle magazines.

The couple recently returned to their Traverse City home from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. A bike Brandon built was featured in a curated exhibit — "Motorcycles as Art" — of 36 show bikes, chosen from hundreds of entries submitted by builders around the world. That bike, named "Showtime," was appraised at \$50,000.

The Keenes sold it to a Michigan buyer for a bit less, but stipulated that they still can show it off at events around the country. The Keenes plan to take it to Daytona Speed Week in March.

Another item that most of Keene's creations lack is rear springs. Bikes without that luxury have been around for a century, and are called "hardtail" motorcycles. The design allows a particularly low-slung appearance. Traditionally, the lack of springs between the rear wheel and the frame was balanced by springs built under the seat. Keene skips those, too. He does provide a bit of seat padding on some his creations. But on one bike, he shaped an unpadded piece of steel and mounted it atop a pair of small springs. He

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considers the result quite comfortable.

But he admits his show bikes are best suited for local rides. He rides motorcycles up to six months a year in all weather conditions, and frequently cruises to Classic Motorsports to talk about bikes. But if he plans to spend more than an hour in the saddle, he generally takes his big touring bike, which has rear springs and a more traditional seat.

"You don't want to travel on one," he said of his show bikes.

The custom motorcycle business is all about appearance, and making that happen is what Keene enjoys the most about the couple's new business venture.

"I like the design part," he said.

Keene begins with a donor bike that provides most of the moving parts, generally a Harley-Davidson or a Triumph, and discards the stock frame. He typically buys the rear half of a custom frame, which gives him a head start on the build, then crafts the front half of the frame from scratch. His shop is equipped with a drill press, tubing bender, gas welding rig, TIG welder and lathe.

Brandon's brother-in-law, a machinist by trade, recently bought a CNC machine. Brandon hopes the ability to use the computer-controlled machining device will help build a custom parts business that could provide a secondary income stream for B Keene Built. It's a market that he believes has growth potential.

Each of Keene's custom motorcycles highlights his creativity.

One of his bikes features a retractable license plate that virtually disappears when the bike is at rest. It automatically slides out from behind the engine when the kickstand goes up. He bends exhaust pipes to flow around the engine and transmission. He custom machines hand grips. He fabricates oil tanks, fender struts, handlebars. One bike features a brake light made from a string of LED bulbs that wrap around the rear sprocket.

The Keenes lived for 10 years in Thompsonville before moving to Traverse City a decade ago. Brandon is a carpenter by trade. He's between projects right now, so has more time to devote to building bikes. He created his first custom motorcycle 11 years ago, and recently completed his ninth. He recently had two bikes available for purchase, each priced at \$18,000.

"I sold a few," he said.

Some of his creations remain in the family.

He built a custom bike for Amy from a four-cylinder Honda.

"I ride 'em as much as I can," she said.

But that's less than she used to ride. She was injured three years ago when a car hit her motorcycle while she was waiting at the stoplight at South Airport and Cass. She's still recovering.

Amy handles the business side of B Keene Built: chores like bookkeeping, scheduling and marketing.

The young company is developing a customer base that is spread around the country. The Keenes currently are talking about potential custom builds for clients in Colorado and Florida.

"It's not really a local deal," Amy said of B Keene Built.

Information from: Traverse City Record-Eagle, <http://www.record-eagle.com>

Saturday's Scores By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL=

Brandon Valley 29, Aberdeen Central 21

Harrisburg 35, Rapid City Stevens 14

Sioux Falls Lincoln 37, Sioux Falls Washington 14

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 27, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 20

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

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Houston Baptist scores late, makes 2-point PAT for 53-52 win

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Dreshawn Minniweather bulled his way into the end zone from the 1 and Ben Ratzlaff passed to Coleman Robinson for a two-point conversion in the final minutes to give Houston Baptist a 53-52 win over South Dakota as the Huskies snapped a 19-game losing streak against FCS teams on Saturday afternoon.

Minniweather scored with 1:14 remaining in the game, leaving South Dakota's Austin Simmons plenty of time, but Tra Fluellen intercepted to end the threat and seal the win for HBU, which has won two straight for the first time since 2016.

Bailey Zappe threw a career-best five touchdowns and 513 yards for Houston Baptist (2-1). Ratzlaff, who threw the winning toss to Robinson, finished with 155 yards receiving.

Simmons threw for a career-best and school record 537 yards on 48-of-65 passing with four touchdowns as the teams racked up a combined 1,238 yards and 105 points.

HBU was driving with the game tied at 45-45 when Elijah Reed picked off Zappe. Five plays later Kai Henry broke for a 23-yard TD run to put the Coyotes ahead 52-45 with 3:03 remaining in the game.

Zappe then engineered a nine-play, 70-yard drive for the win.

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Little Wound def. Crow Creek, 25-16, 25-22, 25-15

Northwestern def. Madison, 25-17, 25-15, 25-11

Red Cloud def. Todd County, 28-26, 22-25, 25-16, 25-11

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Mitchell, 25-10, 25-8, 25-14

Arlington Tournament

Burke def. Arlington, 25-16, 25-15

Burke def. Faulkton, 31-29, 25-13

Burke def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-20, 25-11

Burke def. Warner, 25-11, 22-25, 25-22

Deubrook def. Arlington, 25-22, 25-13

Deubrook def. Burke, 22-25, 25-18, 25-19

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Arlington, 25-12, 25-11

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Warner, 25-13, 16-25, 25-18

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Deubrook, 25-13, 25-18

Faulkton def. Arlington, 25-15, 25-12

Faulkton def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22

Faulkton def. Warner, 25-23, 25-17

Faulkton def. Deubrook, 25-13, 25-9

Warner def. Arlington, 25-17, 26-24

Warner def. Deubrook, 25-18, 25-10

Big East Conference Tournament

First Round

Baltic def. Parker, 20-25, 25-20, 25-18

Beresford def. Sioux Valley, 22-25, 25-17, 25-13

Chester def. Flandreau, 25-10, 25-11

McCook Central/Montrose def. Garretson, 25-17, 25-17

Consolation Semifinal

Garretson def. Sioux Valley, 25-15, 25-16

Parker def. Flandreau, 25-20, 25-12

Semifinal

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Chester def. Baltic, 25-15, 25-7
McCook Central/Montrose def. Beresford, 25-12, 25-17
Seventh Place
Flandreau def. Sioux Valley, 28-26, 23-25, 25-19
Fifth Place
Garretson def. Parker, 25-22, 25-19
Third Place
Baltic def. Beresford, 23-25, 26-24, 25-21
Championship
McCook Central/Montrose def. Chester, 26-24, 27-25, 26-24
Clark-Willow Lake Tournament
Great Plains Lutheran def. DeSmet, 26-24, 25-19
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Redfield, 29-27, 25-22
Redfield def. Deuel, 25-13, 25-13
Redfield def. Florence/Henry, 25-14, 25-7
Redfield def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-14, 25-15
Webster def. Britton-Hecla, 25-20, 25-12
Lennox Tournament
Aberdeen Roncalli def. Tea Area, 25-15, 25-27, 25-17
Tea Area def. Lennox, 25-20, 25-22
Tea Area def. Belle Fourche, 25-23, 26-24
Mobridge-Pollock Tournament
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Leola/Frederick, 14-25, 25-22, 25-23
Ipswich def. McLaughlin, 25-20, 25-16
Mobridge-Pollock def. North Central, 25-17, 25-15
Timber Lake def. McIntosh, 25-20, 25-13
Consolation Semifinal
McLaughlin def. Leola/Frederick, 22-25, 25-16, 25-23
North Central def. McIntosh, 25-17, 25-9
Semifinal
Ipswich def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-19, 25-17
Mobridge-Pollock def. Timber Lake, 25-10, 25-23
Seventh Place
Leola/Frederick def. McIntosh, 25-13, 25-19
Fifth Place
North Central def. McLaughlin, 25-22, 25-12
Third Place
Timber Lake def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-20, 25-9
Championship
Ipswich def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-22, 25-18
Philip Tournament
Pool Play
Pool B
Faith def. Jones County, 25-14, 25-12
Faith def. Sully Buttes, 25-16, 25-5
Kadoka Area def. Faith, 28-26, 19-25, 25-22

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Nelson, Johnson lead South Dakota St past Drake 38-10

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Kanin Nelson threw two touchdown passes to Cade Johnson on Saturday and South Dakota State rolled to a 38-10 win over Drake.

Pierre Strong and CJ Wilson both ran for more than 100 yards for the Jackrabbits (2-1), who won their 13th straight at home. Strong had 129 yards on 11 carries, including a 49-yard touchdown run. Wilson had 117 on 10 with a long of 52. Johnson had a 76-yard run on a reverse as South Dakota State had 369 yards on the ground.

Johnson had five catches for 80 yards with scoring plays covering 5 and 36 yards in the third quarter to put SDSU up 31-3. He moved into the top 10 on the school career list for receiving yards with 1,889 yards. The touchdowns put him fifth on the career list with 22.

Nelson was 12 of 18 for 158 yards.

Drake (0-3) was held to 289 yards; 57 on the ground.

Senior kicker Chase Vinatieri scored eight points, moving within nine of Drake's career record. The nephew of one-time school record holder and NFL career kicking leader Adam Vinatieri has 313 points, eight behind Park Douglass, who broke Adam Vinatieri's record of 195.

Prison inmate in Sioux Falls placed on escape status

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A prison inmate at the Sioux Falls Community Work Center has been placed on escape status.

State corrections officials say Randy High Horse left the center Saturday morning without permission.

The 46-year-old High Horse is serving a 5-year sentence for unauthorized ingestion of a controlled substance from Hughes County.

Still reeling from Dorian, Bahamas hit by tropical storm

By DÁNICA COTO Associated Press

FREEPORT, Bahamas (AP) — Tropical Storm Humberto moved away from the Bahamas on Saturday after dumping rain on parts of the archipelago's northwest region that were already hammered by Hurricane Dorian two weeks ago.

Humberto dropped rain on the islands as U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres visited the Bahamas to support humanitarian efforts in the wake of Dorian, which hit as a Category 5 storm that left thousands in need of food, water and shelter. The list of missing stands at an alarming 1,300 people and the death toll at 50. But officials caution the list is preliminary and many people could just be unable to connect with loved ones.

The storm originally threatened to exacerbate the nation's problems, but conditions appeared to normalize Saturday afternoon.

At 5 a.m. EDT Sunday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said Humberto was located about 135 miles (217 kilometers) north-northwest of Great Abaco Island and was moving 7 mph (11 kph) north-northwest with maximum sustained winds of 60 mph (97 kph). The Bahamian government discontinued a tropical storm warning earlier in the evening.

Weather forecasters say Humberto will likely become a hurricane Sunday as it moves away from the Bahamas, but won't threaten land by the time it intensifies to that strength. Its swells could still affect the coasts of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina in the coming days.

Under a bright sun in the Grand Bahama, 40-year-old maintenance man Dexter Wilson was helping a friend put a blue tarp on a damaged roof. He said he was worried about his brother in Abaco given the tropical storm.

"He's still there. I don't know why," he said.

The hurricane center said most of Humberto's heavy squalls were occurring north and east of the center of the storm, which passed just east of Abaco. However, government officials in the Bahamas took no

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chances and urged people in damaged homes to seek shelter as they announced that aid efforts would be temporarily affected.

"The weather system will slow down logistics," said Carl Smith, spokesman for the National Emergency Management Agency.

The distribution of meals in Grand Bahama was reduced ahead of the storm, and a spokesman for the United Nations World Food Program said all flights into its logistics hub in Marsh Harbor in Abaco were suspended.

Later Saturday, WFP spokesman Herve Verhoosel said the agency had resumed activities in Marsh Harbor.

"Our team is back at work to support the population and relief organizations," Verhoosel said in a statement.

Dave McGregor, president and COO of the Grand Bahama Power Company, said crews would resume restoring power as soon as possible.

"We are back in storm preparation mode again, unfortunately," he said.

Guterres, who was in Abaco on Saturday, said he was "horrified" by the level of "systematic devastation."

"Hurricane Dorian has been classified as Category 5. I think it's Category Hell," the U.N. secretary-general said after his visit.

He said storms powered by climate change had grown more intense, and he implored the international community to learn from the example of Abaco and Grand Bahama and provide support.

"We have always had many hurricanes, but now they are more intense, and they are more frequent," he said.



Mos Antenor, 42, drives a bulldozer while clearing the road after Hurricane Dorian Mclean's Town, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, Friday Sept. 13, 2019. (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

UAW contract with GM expires, increasing risk of strike

By TOM KRISHER AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The four-year contract between General Motors and the United Auto Workers has expired as negotiations on a new deal continue.

Union officials told GM they would let the contract lapse just before midnight Saturday, increasing the risk of a strike as early as Sunday night. Union members working Sunday were to report as scheduled.

But there was a wrinkle. About 850 UAW-represented janitors who work for Aramark, a separate company, went on strike Sunday after working under an extended contract since March of 2018, the union said.

The strike covered eight GM facilities in Ohio and Michigan. Although UAW workers at GM are supposed to work, it wasn't clear early Sunday whether the rank-and-file would cross their own union's picket lines. GM said in a statement that it has contingency plans for any disruptions from the Aramark strike.

UAW Vice President Terry Dittes said in a letter to members that, after months of bargaining, both the union and GM are far apart on issues such as wages, health care, temporary employees, job security and profit-sharing.

The union's executive leaders and a larger group of plant-level officials will meet Sunday morning to decide the union's next steps.

The letter to members and another one to GM were aimed at turning up the pressure on GM negotiators.

"While we are fighting for better wages, affordable quality health care, and job security, GM refuses to put

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hard working Americans ahead of their record profits," Dittes, the union's chief bargainer with GM, said in a statement Saturday night.

Kristin Dziczek, vice president of the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank, said the union could strike at GM after the contract expires.

"If they're not extending the agreement, then that would leave them open to strike," she said.

But GM, in a statement Saturday night, still held out hope for an agreement, saying it continues to work on solutions.

"We are prepared to negotiate around the clock because there are thousands of GM families and their communities - and many thousands more at our dealerships and suppliers - counting on us for their livelihood. Our goal remains on building a strong future for our employees and our business," the GM statement said.

A strike by 49,200 union workers would bring to a halt GM's U.S. production, and would likely stop the company from making vehicles in Canada and Mexico as well. That would mean fewer vehicles for consumers to choose from on dealer lots, and it would make it impossible to build specially ordered cars and trucks.

The union's executive board was to meet early Sunday to talk about the union's next steps, followed by a meeting in Detroit of plant-level union leaders from all over the country. An announcement was scheduled for after the meetings end.

If there is a strike, it would be the union's first since a two-day work stoppage at GM in 2007.

The move by the union also comes as it faces an internal struggle over a federal corruption investigation that has touched its president, Gary Jones. Some union members are calling for Jones to step down while the investigation continues. But Friday night, union leaders did not remove Jones.

Union officials surely will face questions about the expanding investigation that snared a top official on Thursday. Vance Pearson, head of a regional office based near St. Louis, was charged with corruption in an alleged scheme to embezzle union money and spend cash on premium booze, golf clubs, cigars and swanky stays in California. It's the same region that Jones led before taking the union's top office last year. Jones has not been charged.

On Friday, union leaders extended contracts with Ford and Fiat Chrysler indefinitely, but the pact with General Motors was still set to expire Saturday night.

The union has picked GM, which is more profitable than Ford and Fiat Chrysler, as the target company, meaning it's the focus of bargaining and would be the first company to face a walkout. Picket line schedules already have been posted near the entrance to one local UAW office in Detroit.

Talks between the union and GM were tense from the start, largely because GM plans to close four U.S. factories. The union has promised to fight the closures.

Here are the main areas of disagreement:



This May 16, 2014, file photo shows the General Motors logo at the company's world headquarters in Detroit. The United Auto Workers union is letting its contract with General Motors expire just before midnight Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, increasing the likelihood of a strike as early as Sunday night. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya, File)

— GM is making big money, \$8 billion last year alone, and workers want a bigger slice. The union wants annual pay raises to guard against an economic downturn, but the company wants to pay lump sums tied to earnings. Automakers don't want higher fixed costs.

— The union also wants new products for the four factories GM wants to close. The factory plans have irked some workers, although most of those who were laid off will get jobs at other GM factories. GM currently has too much U.S. factory capacity.

— The companies want to close the labor cost gap with workers at plants run by foreign automakers. GM's gap is the largest at \$13 per hour, followed by Ford at \$11 and Fiat Chrysler at \$5, according to figures from the Center for Automotive Research. GM pays \$63 per hour in wages and benefits compared with \$50 at the foreign-owned factories.

— Union members have great health insurance plans but workers pay about 4% of the cost. Employees of large firms nationwide pay about 34%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. The companies would like to cut costs.

Iran dismisses US allegation it was behind Saudi oil attacks

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Iran denied on Sunday it was involved in Yemen rebel drone attacks the previous day that hit the world's biggest oil processing facility and an oil field in Saudi Arabia, just hours after America's top diplomat alleged that Tehran was behind the "unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply."

The attacks Saturday claimed by Yemen's Houthi rebels resulted in "the temporary suspension of production operations" at the Abqaiq processing facility and the Khurais oil field, Riyadh said.

That led to the interruption of an estimated 5.7 million barrels in crude supplies, authorities said while pledging the kingdom's stockpiles would make up the difference. The amount Saudi Arabia is cutting back is equivalent to over 5% of the world's daily production.

While markets remained closed Sunday, the attack could shock world energy prices. They also increased overall tensions in the region amid an escalating crisis between the U.S. and Iran over Tehran's unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

Late Saturday, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo directly blamed Iran for the attack on Twitter, without offering evidence to support his claim.

"Amid all the calls for de-escalation, Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply," Pompeo wrote. "There is no evidence the attacks came from Yemen."

The U.S., Western nations, their Gulf Arab allies and U.N. experts say Iran supplies the Houthis with weapons and drones — a charge that Tehran denies.



This Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019, satellite image from Planet Labs Inc. shows thick black smoke rising from Saudi Aramco's Abqaiq oil processing facility in Buqyaq, Saudi Arabia. Yemen's Houthi rebels launched drone attacks on the world's largest oil processing facility in Saudi Arabia and a major oil field Saturday, sparking huge fires and halting about half of the supplies from the world's largest exporter of oil. (Planet Labs Inc via AP)

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U.S. officials previously alleged at least one recent drone attack on Saudi Arabia came from Iraq, where Iran backs Shiite militias. Those militias in recent weeks have been targeted themselves by mysterious airstrikes, with at least one believed to have been carried out by Israel.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Sunday dismissed Pompeo's remarks as "blind and futile comments."

"The Americans adopted the 'maximum pressure' policy against Iran, which, due to its failure, is leaning towards 'maximum lies,'" Mousavi said in a statement.

Separately, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi's office issued a statement on Sunday denying the drone attack came from there.

Iraq "abides by its constitutions that prevents the use of its lands to launch aggressions against neighboring countries," the statement said.

First word of Saturday's assault came in online videos of giant fires at the Abqaiq facility, some 330 kilometers (205 miles) northeast of the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

Machine-gun fire could be heard in several clips alongside the day's first Muslim call to prayers, suggesting security forces tried to bring down the drones just before dawn. In daylight, Saudi state television aired a segment with its local correspondent near a police checkpoint, a thick plume of smoke visible behind him.

President Donald Trump called Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to offer his support for the kingdom's defense, the White House said. The crown prince assured Trump that Saudi Arabia is "willing and able to confront and deal with this terrorist aggression," according to a news release from the Saudi Embassy in Washington.

Saudi Aramco describes its Abqaiq oil processing facility in Buqyaq as "the largest crude oil stabilization plant in the world."

The facility processes sour crude oil into sweet crude, then transports it onto transshipment points on the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea or to refineries for local production. Estimates suggest it can process up to 7 million barrels of crude oil a day. By comparison, Saudi Arabia produced 9.65 million barrels of crude oil a day in July.

The Khurais oil field is believed to produce over 1 million barrels of crude oil a day. It has estimated reserves of over 20 billion barrels of oil, according to Aramco.

There was no immediate impact on global oil prices as markets were closed for the weekend. Benchmark Brent crude had been trading at just above \$60 a barrel.

Associated Press writers Amir Vahdat in Tehran, Iran, Aya Batrawy in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and Bassem Mroue in Beirut contributed to this report.

Idle mines portend dark days for top US coal region

By MEAD GRUVER Associated Press

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP) — At two of the world's biggest coal mines, the finances got so bad that their owner couldn't even get toilet paper on credit.

Warehouse technician Melissa Worden divvied up what remained of the last case, giving four rolls to each mine and two to the mine supply facility where she worked.

Days later, things got worse.

Mine owner Blackjewel LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on July 1. Worden at first figured the accounts would get settled quickly and vendors of everything from copy paper to parts for house-sized dump trucks would soon be back to doing normal business with the mines.

"The consensus was: In 30 days, we'll look back on this, and we made it through, and we'll be up and running, and it's a fresh start," she said.

What happened instead has shaken the top coal-producing region in the United States like a charge of mining explosive. Blackjewel furloughed most of its Wyoming employees and shut down Eagle Butte and

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Belle Ayr mines, the first idled by hardship since coal mining in the Powder River Basin exploded in the 1970s.

It's a big hit to the region straddling northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana, where coal has quietly supported the economies of both states for decades and fuels a shrinking number of power plants in 28 states.

Negotiations that could reopen the two Wyoming mines under new ownership — potentially previous owner Bristol, Tennessee-based Contura Energy — are stalled more than two months later. Some 600 employees remain off the job. They lost health insurance coverage in late August.

And doubts are growing about the long-term viability of the region's coal mines — particularly Eagle Butte and Belle Ayr, the fourth- and sixth-biggest in the U.S. by production, respectively.

"I don't think we'll ever be that naive again," said Worden, 44.

Blackjewel, based in Milton, West Virginia, told its Wyoming employees this week that the mines might be up and running soon and to let the company know if they wanted their jobs back.

Worden said she felt little reassurance. On a break at a part-time electrical contracting job in North Dakota, she wondered if she should accept any offer of full-time work or hold out for her old job.

She's not the only one questioning long-held assumptions about Powder River Basin coal mines, which produce cleaner-burning coal less expensively than mines in other parts of the U.S. and weren't widely thought of being at risk despite a push for renewable energy to combat climate change.

But with coal in long-term decline, how the basin might eventually scale down production to a sustainable level has become a big question, said Rob Godby, director of the Center for Energy Economics and Public Policy at the University of Wyoming.

"The irony here — and it's really a cruel irony — is everybody is focused on getting these miners back to work. But really the solution to creating a healthy industry is some mines close," Godby said.

For now, little appears changed in Gillette, a city of 30,000 people at the heart of the basin of rolling grasslands midway between the Black Hills and snowcapped Bighorn Mountains. Tattoo shops are abundant, and big, late-model pickup trucks still cruise the main drag.

This year, however, has been especially tumultuous. Three of the Powder River Basin's nine producers — Westmoreland Coal, Cloud Peak Energy and Blackjewel — have filed for bankruptcy since March. Two others, Arch Coal and Peabody, have announced they will merge assets in the region.

The turmoil comes as U.S. coal production is down over 30% since peaking in 2008. Utilities are retiring aging coal-fired power plants and switching to solar, wind and cheaper and cleaner-burning natural gas to generate electricity despite President Donald Trump's efforts to prop up the coal industry.

A decade ago, about half of U.S. electricity came from coal-fired power. Now it's below 30%, a shift that heavy equipment operator Rory Wallet saw as utilities became less willing to lock in multiyear contracts



In this Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 photo shows warehouse technician Melissa Worden, left, and heavy equipment operator Rory Wallet, in downtown Gillette, Wyo. The shutdown of Blackjewel LLC's Belle Ayr and Eagle Butte mines in Wyoming since July 1, 2019, has added yet more uncertainty to the Powder River Basin's struggling coal economy. Both Worden and Wallet wonder if they will get their old jobs back. (AP Photo/Mead Gruver)

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for Belle Ayr mine's coal.

"The market's changed," Wallet said. "The bankruptcies all tie into that."

Wallet, 40, followed his father, an equipment mechanic, into the Belle Ayr mine in 2008. He said the recent mine closures and loss of his \$80,000-a-year job took him by surprise.

He has four children, ages 11 to 16, and his wife's job at the Ruby Tuesday's restaurant in Gillette is their main income while they await news about the mines.

Blackjewel said Thursday that it was working on plans to restart the mines while pursuing their sale. There were no indications in federal bankruptcy court filings in West Virginia that the mines were set to reopen, however.

"This is a fast-moving and sometimes unpredictable process, and accordingly, we do not have answers to all of your questions at this time," the company's statement said.

Wallet is looking for a job and using his downtime to sell "We Will Rise Again" T-shirts to benefit families of out-of-work coal miners. He's also lobbying Wyoming lawmakers to fight harder to force Washington state to approve a port facility expansion that would allow more coal exports to Asia.

He questions the outlook from Godby of the Center for Energy Economics and Public Policy that some mines must close.

"I think, with Rob, it's the middle- to worst-case scenario," Wallet said. "The ports are going to be a big deal. Asia is going to be a big deal."

Wallet pointed out that the Powder River Basin still has a century or two of recoverable coal left. And just north of Gillette, the state has invested \$15 million in a facility to study how to capture climate-changing carbon dioxide from a working power plant and profitably use it in products ranging from concrete to biofuels.

Wallet is optimistic that technology could save coal. But carbon capture, if it happens at all, could arrive too late to do the coal industry much good amid global concern about climate change, Godby said.

"We will not see widespread adoption of carbon capture and storage for at least a decade," Godby said. "That's just the reality."

He also doubted that exports can save the region's coal industry. There's no direct rail line to the Pacific Northwest from most of the basin's mines, and the amount of coal that the proposed export terminal could handle would offset only a small fraction of the amount that production has declined, Godby said.

Powder River Basin mines employ about 5,000 miners — 20% fewer than eight years ago. But the impact is even wider because an additional 8,000 jobs, from teachers to car mechanics, have indirect ties to the broader economy around the coal industry.

Local unemployment rose to 5.7% in July, compared with 4.1% a year earlier.

Trump got 88% of the vote in Campbell County, the heart of the basin. Locals cheered when he lifted a federal moratorium on coal leases that former President Barack Obama imposed, but Worden and Wallet disagree about whether changing environmental regulations will do much good in the long run. Wallet thinks improvement could be just around the corner.

Both say coal should continue to have a place in the economy alongside renewable energy.

"It needs to be a group effort, not green is on one side and black is on the other," Worden said. "We don't want this community to die."

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The Latest: US 'ready' to deploy resources from reserves

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Latest on the explosion and fire at a major oil facility in Saudi Arabia (all times local):

3:10 a.m.

The U.S. Energy Department says the U.S. "stands ready to deploy resources from the Strategic Petroleum Oil Reserves if necessary to offset any disruptions to oil markets" in the wake of a drone attack in

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Saudi Arabia on the world's largest oil processing facility.

In a statement Saturday night, the department said Energy Secretary Rick Perry has also directed department leadership to work with the International Energy Agency on potential available options for collective global action if needed. Nations of the 30-member IEA seek to respond to disruptions in the oil supply and advocate for energy policy.

The U.S. strategic oil reserves holds 630 million barrels.

Huge fires erupted Saturday after Yemen's Houthi rebels used drones to attack the Abqaiq oil processing facility and the Khurais oil field. Saudi officials say production operations at the sites have been temporarily suspended.

2:10 a.m.

Saudi Arabia's energy minister has confirmed that attacks on its oil facilities Saturday knocked out about 50% of the country's production and said it will make up for some of the loss with oil stocks.

In a statement released by the Saudi Press Agency, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz says explosions at Saudi Aramco's Khurais and Abqaiq plants caused several fires that were controlled, but there were no injuries.

The minister says that according to preliminary estimates, 5.7 million barrels a day of oil production were lost, and the supply of ethane and natural gas also was cut by about half.

He says Aramco will provide updated information within 48 hours of restoring full production.

Prince Abdulaziz says the attacks were aimed not only at Saudi Arabia, but also at the world's oil supply and its security.

1:20 a.m.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is blaming Iran for drone attacks Saturday against Saudi Arabia's oil infrastructure.

The attacks, attributed to Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen, sparked huge fires at a vulnerable chokepoint for global energy supplies.

But in Saturday tweets, Pompeo says "there is no evidence the attacks came from Yemen" and points the finger at Tehran. He adds, "Iran has now launched an unprecedented attack on the world's energy supply."

The attacks come as Trump has held the door open for nuclear talks with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and as Iran restarted some uranium enrichment in violation of the 2015 nuclear accord.

Pompeo says the U.S. calls on all nations to "condemn Iran's attacks."

He adds, "The United States will work with our partners and allies to ensure that energy markets remain well supplied and Iran is held accountable for its aggression."

1:10 a.m.

President Donald Trump spoke Saturday with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman "to offer his support" after Yemen's Houthi rebels launched drone attacks against the Kingdom's oil facilities.

The White House says in a statement that "The United States strongly condemns today's attack on critical energy infrastructure." The attacks sparked huge fires at a vulnerable chokepoint for global energy supplies.

Spokesman Judd Deere says the attacks by the Iranian-backed Houthis "only deepen conflict and mistrust." He adds that the U.S. government is "committed to ensuring global oil markets are stable and well supplied."

10:45 p.m.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has received a telephone call from President Donald Trump in the wake of a Houthi rebel drone attack on Saudi oil facilities.

The Saudi Embassy in Washington says in a news release that Trump expressed his country's readiness

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to cooperate with the kingdom in supporting its security and stability following the attack Saturday.

The drone attack hit the world's largest oil processing facility and another major oil field Saturday, sparking huge fires at a vulnerable chokepoint for global energy supplies.

Trump said recent attacks against Saudi state-run oil facilities have had a negative impact on the U.S. and global economies.

The crown prince assured Trump that Saudi Arabia is "willing and able to confront and deal with this terrorist aggression," according to the release.

8:10 p.m.

The U.N. special envoy for Yemen says he is "extremely concerned" about a drone attack claimed by Houthi rebels on two major oil installations in Saudi Arabia.

The drone attack hit the world's largest oil processing facility and another major oil field Saturday, sparking huge fires at a vulnerable chokepoint for global energy supplies.

The attack likely will heighten tensions further across the wider Persian Gulf amid a confrontation between the U.S. and Iran over its unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

Martin Griffiths urged all parties to "prevent such further incidents, which pose a serious threat to regional security, complicate the already fragile situation and jeopardize UN-led political

12:50 p.m.

A military spokesman for Yemen's Houthi rebels has claimed a drone attack on two major oil installations in Saudi Arabia.

Yahia Sarie made the announcement Saturday in a televised address carried by the Houthi's Al-Masirah satellite news channel.

He said the Houthis sent 10 drones to attack an oil processing facility in Buqyaq and the Khurais oil field.

He warned attacks by the rebels against the kingdom would only get worse if the war in Yemen continues.

Sarie said: "The only option for the Saudi government is to stop attacking us."

A Saudi-led coalition has been battling the rebels since March 2015.

9:10 a.m.

Saudi Arabia says drones attacked two major oil facilities in the kingdom, sparking fires.

The kingdom did not say who was behind the attacks Saturday. Yemen's Houthi rebels have launched similar attacks, but did not immediately claim the latest assaults.

The ministry said investigations were ongoing.

One attack struck a major oil facility in Buqyaq, which is near Dammam in the kingdom's Eastern Province. Online videos apparently from the area showed a massive blaze on the horizon, with the apparent sound of gunfire in the background.

The ministry identified the other area targeted as its Khurais oil field.

6:55 a.m.

A Saudi-owned satellite news channel is reporting an explosion and fire at a Saudi Aramco facility in the kingdom's east, without offering a cause for the blaze.

The Dubai-based broadcaster Al-Arabiya reported the fire early Saturday morning in Buqyaq, which is near Dammam in the kingdom's Eastern Province.

The channel did not elaborate.

Online videos showed a massive blaze on the horizon, with the apparent sound of gunfire in the background.

State media in Saudi Arabia did not immediately report on the incident. Requests for comment to Aramco and officials in the kingdom were not immediately acknowledged.

Decks collapse during firefighter event; at least 22 injured

WILDWOOD, N.J. (AP) — A home's multilevel deck collapsed Saturday evening at the Jersey Shore during an event weekend, trapping people and injuring at least 22, including some children, officials said. No deaths were reported.

The collapse happened around 6 p.m. Saturday in Wildwood during the annual New Jersey Firemen's Convention.

It was unclear how many people were on or under the decks at the time, or how many were firefighters, but authorities said those who were trapped were quickly removed.

The annual convention attracts thousands of current and former firefighters to the resort town. Firefighters were likely among those hurt or trapped.

Cape May Regional Health System said 21 people were taken there, at least three of them children. Eleven patients had been released by 10 p.m., including all the children who were admitted, hospital spokeswoman Susan Staeger said.

AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City said at least one additional person was taken there. The conditions of the remaining hospitalized people wasn't known.

Photos and video on social media showed firefighters trying to lift a piece of decking. Images showed multiple levels of decking ripped away from the building and reduced to beams and splintered wood.

The decks appeared to have been attached to a three-story building and topped by a fourth-floor overhang. The second and third levels appeared to have pancaked onto a first-floor deck. The overhang looked intact.

Nearby resident Joann Devito saw the collapse from a deck across the street.

"I was sitting on the deck up there, and I heard this noise, so I turned and looked and saw the whole thing caving in," she said. "I saw two women running and screaming. It was horrible."

Wildwood Fire Chief Daniel Spiegel said authorities would not make a statement Saturday amid attempts to clean up and investigate. More information is likely on Sunday, he said.



First responders work the scene of a building structure damage in Wildwood, N.J., Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. Officials say several people were injured when decks collapsed on one another at the three-story residence on the Jersey Shore. (Ahmad Austin/The Press of Atlantic City via AP)/The Press of Atlantic City via AP

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2019. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

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On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1887, the city of Philadelphia launched a three-day celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, during the World War II Battle of Britain, the tide turned as the Royal Air Force inflicted heavy losses upon the Luftwaffe.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul (sohl).

In 1959, Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet head of state to visit the United States as he arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington.

In 1961, the United States began Operation Nougat, a series of underground nuclear explosions in the Nevada Test Site, two weeks after the Soviet Union resumed testing its nuclear weapons.

In 1972, a federal grand jury in Washington indicted seven men in connection with the Watergate break-in.

In 1981, the Senate Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to approve the Supreme Court nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor.

In 1985, Nike began selling its "Air Jordan 1" sneaker.

In 2001, President George W. Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the Sept. 11 attack. Beleaguered Afghans streamed out of Kabul, fearing a U.S. military strike against Taliban rulers harboring Osama bin Laden.

In 2008, on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 504.48, or 4.42 percent, to 10,917.51 while oil closed below \$100 a barrel for the first time in six months amid upheaval in the financial industry as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection and Merrill Lynch & Co. was sold to Bank of America.

Ten years ago: Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the worst recession since the 1930s was "very likely over," although he cautioned that pain — especially for nearly 15 million unemployed Americans — would persist. An unrepentant Muntadhar al-Zeidi (MOON'-tuh-dahr ahl-zay-EE'-dee), the Iraqi reporter who'd thrown his shoes at President George W. Bush in December 2008, was freed from prison.

Five years ago: U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Paris for an international meeting of diplomats, said he wouldn't shut the door on the possibility of working with Iran against a common enemy in the Islamic State militant group, but that the two nations would not coordinate on military action. Hurricane Odile blazed a trail of destruction through Mexico's Baja California Peninsula that leveled everything from ramshackle homes to luxury hotels and big-box stores. Two Vietnam War soldiers received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama in a White House ceremony, nearly 50 years after they'd thrown themselves into harm's way to protect their brothers in combat. (Army Command Sgt. Maj. Bennie G. Adkins survived his injuries; Army Spc. Donald P. Sloat did not.)

One year ago: Emergency workers in North Carolina went door-to-door, urging people to flee the rising floodwaters from Hurricane Florence; the storm had come to a virtual standstill over land while dumping heavy rain, raising fears of disastrous flooding. A U.S. Border patrol supervisor, Juan David Ortiz, was arrested in Laredo, Texas, in the deaths of four women and an assault on a fifth woman who managed to escape. A 26-year-old Massachusetts man, Arthur Medici, was bitten by a shark in the water off a Cape Cod beach and died later at a hospital, becoming the state's first shark attack fatality in more than 80 years.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Forrest Compton is 94. Comedian Norm Crosby is 92. Actor Henry Darrow is 86. Baseball Hall of Famer Gaylord Perry is 81. Actress Carmen Maura is 74. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 74. Writer-director Ron Shelton is 74. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 73. Movie director Oliver Stone is 73. Rock musician Kelly Keagy (KAY'-gee) (Night Ranger) is 67. Actor Barry Shabaka Henley is 65. Director Pawel Pawlikowski is 62. Rock musician Mitch Dorge (Crash Test Dummies) is 59. Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino is 58. Actor Danny Nucci is 51. Rap DJ Kay Gee is 50. Actor Josh Charles is 48. Singer Ivette (EE'-veht) Sosa (Eden's Crush) is 43. Actor Tom Hardy is 42. Actress Marisa Ramirez is 42. Pop-rock mu-

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sician Zach Filkins (OneRepublic) is 41. Actor Dave Annable is 40. Actress Amy Davidson is 40. Britain's Prince Harry is 35. TV personality Heidi Montag is 33. Actress Kate Mansi is 32.

Thought for Today: "It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous that you realise just how much you love them." — Dame Agatha Christie (1890-1976).

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Northern Football Rushes Past Minot State on the Road

Minot, N.D. – The Northern State University football team recorded their first win of the season and in North Division play on Saturday afternoon at Minot State. It was a ground attack day for the Wolves who tallied 214 of their 365 yards of total offense via the rush.

THE QUICK DETAILS

Final Score: NSU 14, MINOT 10

Records: NSU 1-1 (1-1 North), Minot 0-2 (0-2 North)

HOW IT HAPPENED

- The Wolves took an early 14-0 lead in the first half with two rushing touchdowns from Hunter Trautman and Preston Barr
- The scores were the first of the season for the pair, with Trautman notching a 7-yard at 5:40 in the first and Barr recording a 2-yard run at 6:33 in the second
- Minot State answered back as the first half ticked down with a rushing touchdown of their own at 2:03 and then closed out the scoring with a 21-yard field goal
- Both teams recorded 16 first downs, however the Wolves tallied more yards rushing and passing than the Beavers with 214 and 151 respectively
- NSU averaged 5.5 yards per rush and 5.4 yards per reception, with 365 yards of total offense in the win
- The Wolves went a perfect 2-for-2 in the redzone and converted on 5-of-14 third downs
- Defensively NSU had five players with five tackles or more and combined for two tackles for a total loss of eight yards

NORTHERN STATE STATISTICAL STANDOUTS

- Trautman: 15 completions in 28 attempts, 151 yards passing, 16 yards rushing, 1 rushing touchdown
- Isaiah Cherrier: 70 yards rushing, 15-yard long, 5.0 yards per carry
- Preston Barr: 65 yards rushing, 19-yard long, 1 touchdown, 4.1 yards per carry
- Dakota Larson: 59 yards receiving, 39-yard long, 31 yards rushing
- AJ Frazier: 7 tackles, 1 break-up
- Zach Mohs: 5 tackles, 1 tackle for a loss (2 yds)
- Hunter Hansen: 4 tackles, 1 tackle for a loss (6 yds), 1 forced fumble, 1 break-up
- Zach Bohnenkamp: 2 tackles, 1 interception, 1 break-up

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

- The Wolves continue their win streak versus Minot State, with their eighth in the Dosch-era
- NSU is now 16-5-1 all-time versus Minot State

UP NEXT

Northern State returns home to Swisher Field next Saturday to host MSU Moorhead at 6 p.m., following the volleyball match versus Wayne State. The Wolves Club will be hosting their second of three member only tailgates prior to the contest.