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Legion State at Tabor

Anniversary: Tom and Nancy Cutler

Birthdays: Ryland Strom • Tony Madsen • Kalli Leonhardt • Lori Herron • Bill Schuelke

9:00am: Emmanuel Worship

9:00am: Presbyterian Bible Study

9:00am: SEAS Mass

9:00am: St. John's Worship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, worship

10:00am: Presbyterian Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00pm: Worship at Historic Church in Groton

Monday, July 28, 2014

Legion State at Tabor

Senior Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Parsley Buttered Carrots, Banana Cake/Icing, Whole Wheat Bread.

Anniv: Bob & Carolyn Snyder

Birthdays: Craig Weber • Blake Ronning • Jasmine Schaller • Julianna Kosel

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible study

5:30pm: Teeners at Britton

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Legion State at Tabor

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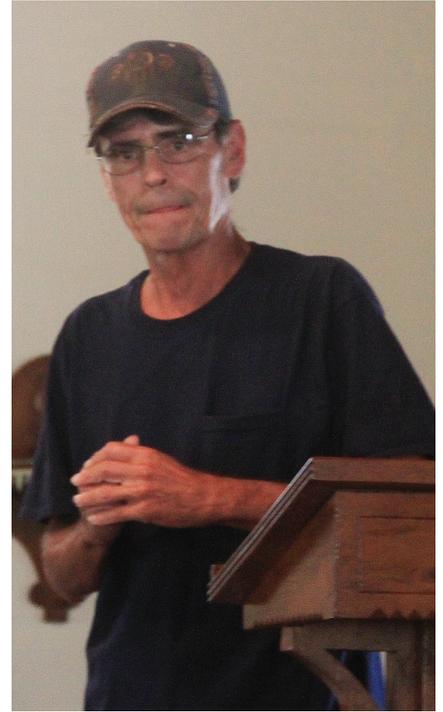
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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.



McAfferty talks about Chiefs Wanata and Drifting Goose

The Brown County Historical Society will host their summer program on Saturday, July 26th at the Historic Groton Episcopal Church, starting at 2 pm and Mike McAfferty, part time resident of Tacoma Park will be the speaker.

Mike McAfferty talked about the very early history of eastern Brown County and Tacoma Park...up until the 1870's, just before the first settlers came to this area. His presentation was done Saturday afternoon at the historic Groton Episcopal Church. He has researched the topic for seven years and is always learning something new. He talked about Native American Chiefs Wanata and Drifting Goose. He will also be sharing more information on a series of lectures he will be giving later this summer and early fall about the Tacoma Park area, that will be held at the Granary Rural Cultural Center. Currently there is an exhibit in Putney hall on Tacoma Park which Mike will include with these lectures.



Chief Goose Sioux D F Barry
1885 Native American Picture



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Today in Weather History

July 27, 1999: Golf ball size hail and high winds destroyed hundreds of acres of crops on a farm south-east of Ipswich. Golf ball size hail and high winds caused extensive damage to the Richland Wesley Church and to the pastor and associate pastor home. The hail poked numerous holes in the siding and shingles of the buildings and broke many windows. Several cars were damaged and a large tree was also downed. An F1 tornado snapped large branches off an oak and drove them into the ground. The tornado knocked down approximately 5 headstones in a small cemetery, and took a roof off a small outbuilding. It destroyed an empty grain bin, moved a grain auger 50 feet, and took off several large doors on a machine shed. The tornado also knocked down or snapped off numerous large trees in shelter belts and destroyed a barn and several outbuildings just north of Chelsea.

July 27, 2001: An F1 tornado damaged homes, public buildings, trees, and power lines in town of Lennox, Lincoln County. The American Legion building had its entire front facade ripped off, and its windows shattered. Several vehicles near the building sustained major damage from flying debris, and one was lifted and dropped partly onto another vehicle. Damage to homes included holes in permanent siding, several roofs heavily damaged, windows broken, fences blown down, garages damaged including at least one totally destroyed. Damage to public buildings included the pump house at the water tower being destroyed, the roof at the water plant was damaged, flag poles next to the ambulance building were broken, and an overhead door at the fire station was torn off. A fire truck at the fire station was dam-

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aged, and the station's window air conditioner was blown out along with some ceiling tiles inside. Power was lost to much of the city for at least an hour and a half because of the downed power lines.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday.
Yvonne Gibbs

I would like to extend a thank you to my family for hosting a surprise birthday party. This was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who came, for the cards and phone calls. Thanks again and God bless you!

Norman Townsend

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Breck to play fiddle at Trinity on Sunday

Betty Breck will be playing hymns with her fiddle at Sunday's (July 27) worship service at the Trinity Historic Church in Groton



at Third Ave. and Third Street. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday. You are invited to the service in the historic setting. Offering will be used to help maintain the church and to pay for insurance.

EMPLOYMENT

MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email ctyconde@nvc.net. The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Groton remains undefeated at State B Legion Tourney

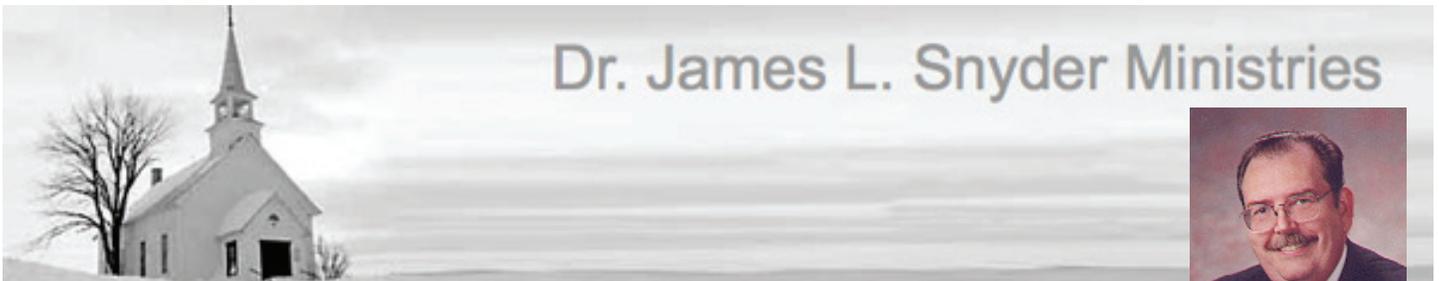
Mason Madsen started off the first inning with a two RBI home run in the top of the first inning. Kasey Kurtz then hit a double to score one and Groton took a 3-0 lead. In the second inning, Drew Planteen hit a single and Parker Rossow hit a two RBI home run to give Groton a 5-1 lead.

In the fourth inning, Drew Planteen hit a single and later scored on a passball as Groton upped its lead to 6-1. Groton would add another run in the top of the sixth inning as Spencer Knecht hit a home run.

Dakota Valley got a hit past Adam Herman to score two runs as Groton has a 7-3 lead after six innings. The seventh inning seen more runs for Groton. Kurtz reaches second on an error and would score on a double by Adam Herman. Wyatt Larson would hit a sacrifice bunt to move Herman to third and Herman would score on a single by Bennett Shabazz as Groton now holds a 9-3 lead. Dakota Valley would add a run in the seventh inning.

Dakota Valley did not help their cause as errors would give Groton more runs. Mason Madsen would reach third with the help of an error. He would score on an error by the shortstop as Dane Campbell went to third and Kasey Kurtz to second. A passball scores Campbell, Kurtz moves to third and Herman is walked with no one out. Shabazz would score Kurtz and Herman would score on an error by the pitcher as Groton took a 13-4 lead going into the bottom of the eighth inning. Campbell was pitching and was relieved by Alec Voss in the bottom of the eighth. Voss had a one-two-three inning for Groton.

Groton had a big ninth inning. Mason Madsen started off with a single up the middle and Dane Campbell reached base via an error. Kurtz would hit a two RBI single to make it 15-4. Groton would load the bases and as Bennett Shabazz would ground out, Kurtz would score to make it 16-4. Drew Planteen reaches base on an error and Herman scored. Knecht would hit a two RBI single to give Groton a 19-4 lead. Groton would go on to win, 19-4, and will now play Madison at 7 p.m. on Sunday.



Things I have learned in my lifetime

In celebrating my recent birthday, I found myself caught up in a case of nostalgia. I never imagined I would really get this old. Not that I am old, mind you, but I have reached the point in life I never thought I would when I was younger. Had I known I would get this old, I would have saved some of the energy I wasted during my teenage years.

How was I to know that as you got older your supply of energy began diminishing?

When I was younger, I could not sit still for long and no matter where I went, I ran. It was impossible for me just to walk. Often my mother chided me by saying, "Slow down, young man." But I never could. I have finally come to the point where I am in harmony with my mother's desire. The only problem is, I am not a young man anymore.

Today, I can sit in my easy chair for hours and not even move. I keep a little mirror on the stand next

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to my chair so my wife can periodically check to see if I am still breathing. Often, the only indication of life is the occasional snoring.

One thing I have learned in growing older is that my eyes are not quite what they used to be. For example, the mailbox used to be rather close to the front door of our house. Now, I can barely see it from the front door and it takes over an hour to reach it by walking. To be truthful, halfway to the mailbox I have to pause and catch my breath.

And, when I look at my checkbook, I can barely see to the end of the month. When I was young, I used to hear the saying, "A penny saved is a penny earned." Now, my eyes are so bad, I cannot see anything to buy for a penny.

Not only are my eyes going, but my hearing is not quite what it used to be when I was young. It is not as bad as it might seem. There is a good side to diminished hearing. When I am in a crowd with people talking, I can sit back, smile, nod my head occasionally and not have to be bored with what everybody is saying.

Experience has taught me that people are not really interested in hearing what I have to say. Rather, they want me listening to what they have to say. Usually, people have a lot to say and all they require are two ears. It does not have to be ears that hear, just ears that appear.

Most things heard in such circumstances are not worth hearing. Perhaps that is the genius of our ears. In aging, they develop a little bit of wisdom and after a while, they just give up, not hearing anything really worth hearing. I cannot remember the last time I heard something under such circumstances worth hearing the first time, let alone remembering.

This brings me to my memory. The best thing about memory is, you can remember things the way you want to remember them. After all, it is your memory and it should be up to you to remember what you want. My memory has a way of bringing out the positive to the absolute exclusion of the negative. And who wants to dwell on the negative?

Whoever said you cannot live in the past is probably not old enough to have any past worth remembering. And the marvelous thing about remembering things in the past is that you can remember them as you like. It is your version of the past. Some people write journals, I like to trust my memory.

As my memory has aged, it has become better, just like a fine wine. In fact, my memory is so good I can distinctly remember things that never happened. And the details I remember are simply astounding. Each time I recount a memory I remember new details.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has quite a different take on all of this. She remembers everything that actually happened. She has a photographic memory, whereas I have, according to her, a problematic memory. At her discretion, she can marshal all of the facts of the incident in the order in which it happened. Usually her memory throws my memory in a different light.

No matter how I recount my memory, she always has some correction to it. More than once, she has claimed I stretched the truth. But I believe, if the truth cannot handle some stretching what good is it in the first place? If it is so fragile and cannot handle a little bit of stretching, I am not sure it is worth remembering.

As my body gets weaker, my memory gets stronger.

In the Old Testament, David spoke often of the importance of memory. "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands" (Psalms 143:5 KJV). For David, in his old age his memory brought him a great deal of comfort. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread" (Psalms 37:25 KJV).

My goal is to live each day in such a way that years down the road I will have a good memory.

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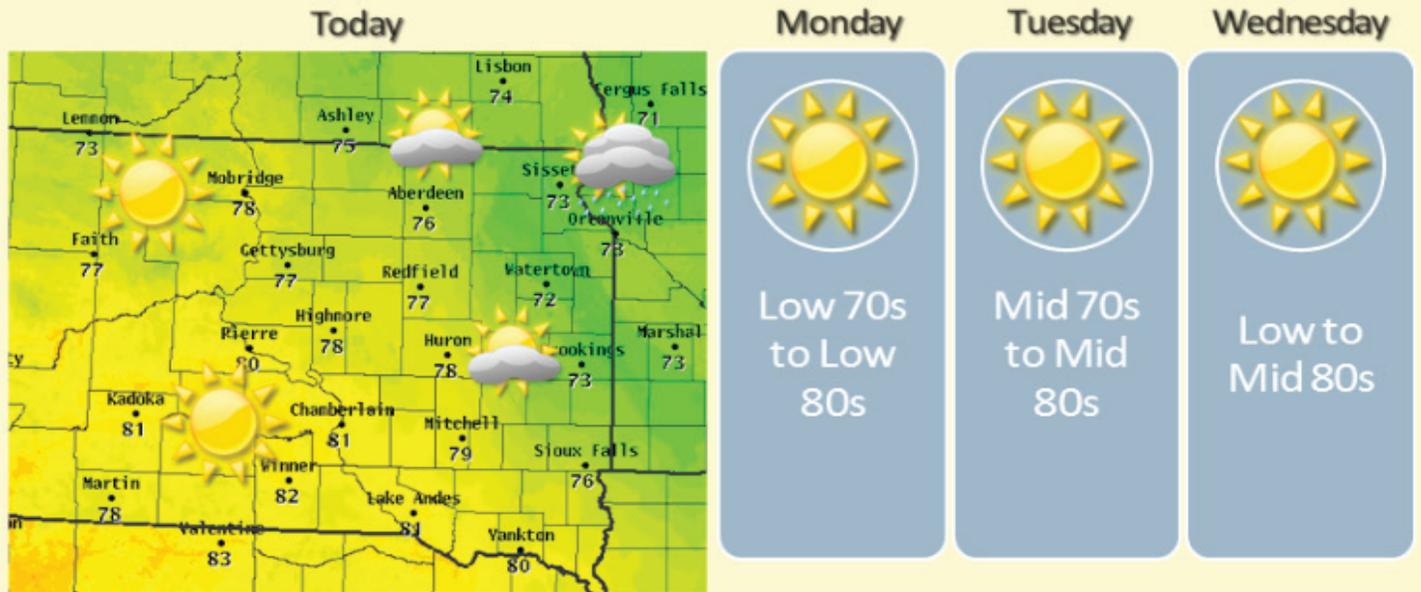
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Patchy Fog High: 83 °F	Breezy Low: 56 °F	Breezy High: 74 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 53 °F	Sunny High: 78 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 54 °F	Sunny High: 80 °F



Mild Temperatures Continue



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD


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 Updated: 7/27/2014 3:49 AM Central

A few weak showers will pass across far northeast South Dakota and western Minnesota today, but for the most part the region will remain dry and mild. Below normal temperatures and dry conditions will continue into mid-week.

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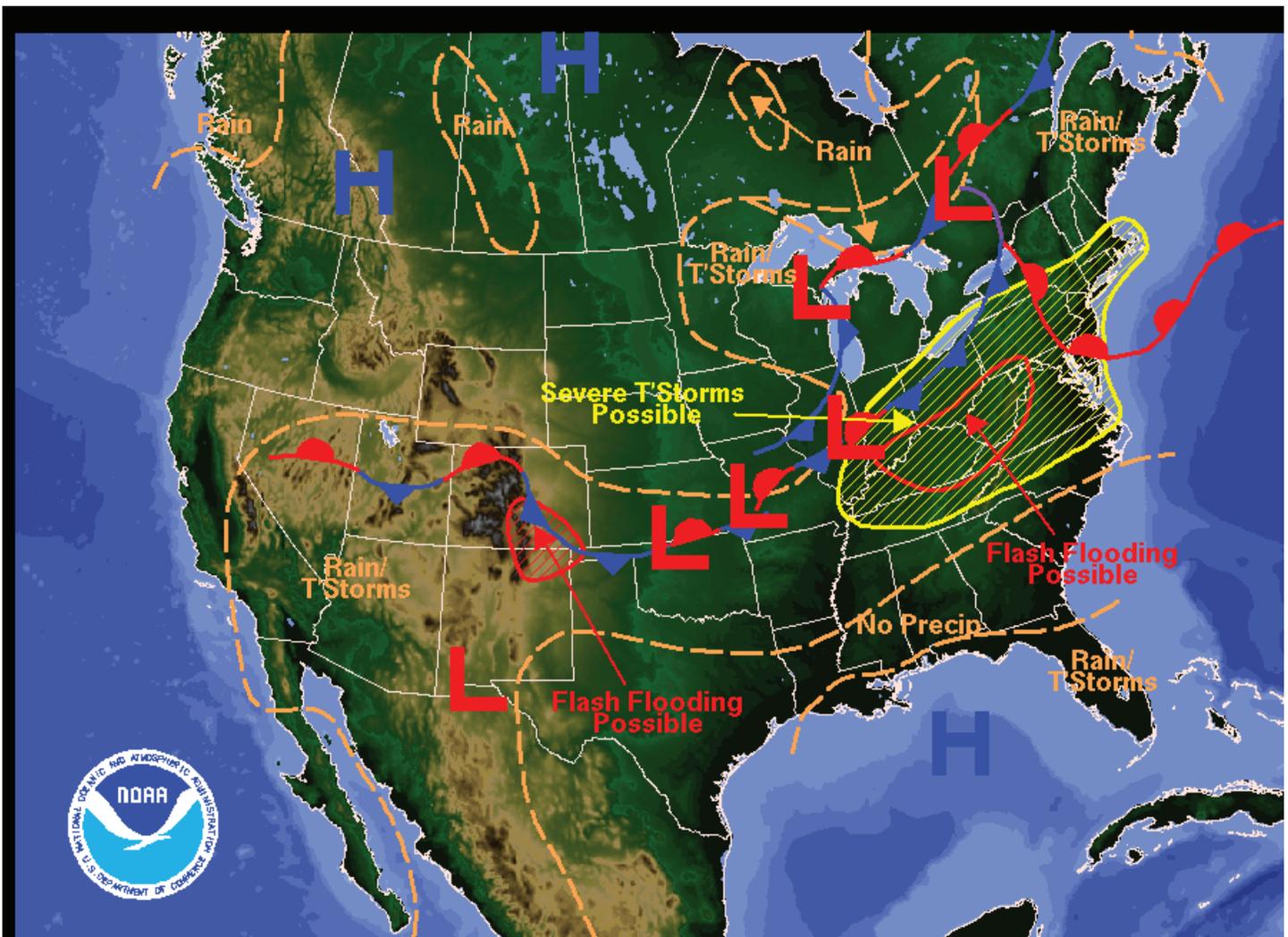
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.7°F at 4:51 PM
Heat Index: 85.0 at 4:40 PM
Low: 60.5°F at 6:29 AM
High Gust: 21 mph at 6:28 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 110° in 1931
Record Low: 41° in 2013
Average High: 84°F
Average Low: 59°F
Average Precip in July.: 2.60
Precip to date in July.: 0.15
Average Precip to date: 13.44
Precip Year to Date: 9.28
Sunset Tonight: 9:08 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:13 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Jul 27, 2014, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHY GOD FORGIVES

One of the most agonizing questions of all children comes in one word: Why?

That endless, searching, penetrating, obnoxious and even threatening question sometimes causes controversy, other times resentment, and even - would you believe it - anger.

Most of us do not enjoy having to give a reason for what we do or say. It disturbs our peace of mind and forces us to clarify our words or deeds. Many times it is a good question for the same reasons it is a disturbing question: we have to examine and explain things we had done in the past simply without thinking about or even taking time to evaluate them.

Although David did not ask the "why" question, he did answer it without thinking about it. "Why" would God forgive him? His love. And then he answered another "why" question without asking "why" - because our God is a "good" God.

"Why would You forgive me God?" As I understand it, God, it is according to, or consistent with, the fact that You love me. "Thank You for Your love God."

"But then, God, why would You love me when the sin I committed is horrible even in my own eyes?" And God answered, "Because I am good, David."

"Love" and "good" are two simple facts about the very character of God. But, they also go together. If God is love He also has to be good. Otherwise, His love could be selective. But because He is good, His love is for all of us.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for a love that does not depend on anything except the fact that You are good. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today:
Psalm 25:7b According to Your mercy remember me,

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. At the top left is a large taco. The text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. Below it, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. The name "Andover Bar & Grill" is in a large, bold, black font. To the right, "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a smaller black font. At the bottom right is another large taco.

News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls police investigating armed robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police are investigating an early-morning armed robbery and assault at a Sioux Falls convenience store.

The incident was reported at 4:18 a.m. Sunday at the Freedom Value Center. The male suspect allegedly pulled a black semi-automatic handgun from his coat pocket and demanded money from the clerk.

The clerk told police he was struck in the head with the handgun when he was unable to open the register. The clerk says he fell to the ground and the man fled the store.

South Dakota Highway 34 closing east of Howes

HOWES, S.D. (AP) — State transportation officials say a stretch of Highway 34 east of Howes will be closed for about five weeks.

The section to be closed is about halfway between Pierre and Sturgis, just east of the Highway 34 junction with Highway 73 North. The closure that will begin Aug. 11 blocks the most direct route for through traffic between those two cities.

Officials say crews will repair the damage caused by torrential rains.

Westbound travelers will be detoured north on Highway 63 to Highway 212, then west on Highway 212 to Highway 73 at Faith and south on Highway 73 back to Highway 34.

Eastbound travelers will be detoured north on Highway 63, east on Highway 212 and south on Highway 63 back to Highway 34.

Plane hits truck as it lands on Nevada highway

MARTIN GRIFFITH, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A small airplane with engine trouble struck a pickup truck during an emergency landing on a Nevada highway Saturday morning, authorities said.

At least two people were aboard the plane and two people were in the truck when the collision occurred about 9 a.m. on a rural, two-lane section of Nevada Route 445 about 20 miles north of Reno, Nevada Highway Patrol Lt. Kevin Honea said.

All four escaped with minor injuries, Honea said.

"Anytime you hear about a plane versus car, you're thinking the worst," Honea said. "I'm happy to report that nobody had to be transported to the hospital."

The truck was heading north on the 40-mile-long highway, which links the Reno area and a desert lake.

The plane, an experimental Thunder Mustang, was forced to land on the highway after losing power, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Allen Kenitzer said.

The crash occurred shortly after the plane left Reno Stead Airport en route to South Dakota, with a fuel stop planned for Wyoming.

The single-engine plane was made by Frederick Roscher in 2011 and was registered to 51 Aero Leasing of Cupertino, California, according to FAA records.

Roscher also was identified as the pilot. The names of the other three people were not immediately released.

Honea said the plane caught fire and was destroyed, but he was unsure of the extent of the damage to the truck. One of the people aboard the plane suffered cuts from glass, he added.

The crash is under investigation by the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board.

Fargo ranks first for business; Sioux Falls slips

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Forbes has ranked Fargo first on its list of the Best Small Places for Business in America.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, had held the No. 1 spot for nearly a decade until 2011.

The South Dakota city ranked fifth in the most recent list.

The Forbes list is produced based on rankings of cost of business, job growth, education and population.

AP News in Brief

Israel resumes Gaza offensive following Palestinian rocket attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel resumed its Gaza offensive on Sunday, calling off a unilateral extension of a humanitarian cease-fire after Palestinian militants fired several rockets at southern Israel.

The rocket fire began late Saturday after Gaza's Hamas rulers, who have demanded the lifting of an Israeli and Egyptian blockade on the territory and the release of prisoners, refused to extend the truce.

Israel's Cabinet had decided to extend the cease-fire for 24 hours, until midnight (2100 GMT) Sunday. However, it warned that the military would respond to any fire from Gaza and would continue to demolish cross-border tunnels used by militants to stage attacks.

The military said about a dozen rockets were fired toward Israel since midnight -- without causing casualties or damage -- and that as a result it would "resume its aerial, naval and ground activity in the Gaza Strip."

"Once again Hamas is cynically using the people of Gaza as a human shield," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

Dutch police travel to scene of Malaysian plane disaster to secure site

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Dutch police on Sunday set off for the scene of the Malaysian plane disaster in eastern Ukraine to secure the site, which investigators complain has already been compromised.

A dozen Dutch policemen in armored SUVs set off for the site late Sunday morning. Rebel interference and security concerns have limited international investigators' access to the area, which observers say is still strewn with remains.

Australian prime minister Tony Abbott announced Sunday that unarmed Australian police would be sent to the crash site as part of a Dutch-led police force to secure the area and help recover victims' remains.

Malaysian Airlines Flight 17 was shot down with a surface-to-air missile over a part of eastern Ukraine controlled by pro-Russian separatists last week, killing nearly 300 people on board. U.S. and Ukrainian officials say it was shot down by a missile from rebel territory, most likely by mistake.

Concerns about the integrity of the site were raised further on Saturday when an Australian couple visited the wreckage-strewn fields outside the village of Hrabove and even sat down on part of the debris.

AP Analysis: Putin likely to stay on offense in Ukraine in face of heavy pressure

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian President Vladimir Putin might be expected to hunker down into defense mode as he is besieged by accusations of Russian involvement in the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17. Instead he has stayed on offense and appears to be positioning for the long game.

In his televised appearances since last Thursday's crash, Putin's demeanor hasn't wavered from his usual steely determination. He has allowed Russian media to propound theories blaming Ukrainian forces or suggesting a U.S. hand in the crash, while refusing to deny such theories and indirectly placing responsibility on the Ukrainians.

Just hours after the crash, Putin laid the groundwork for this approach, saying at a meeting of economic officials that "the tragedy would not have happened" if Ukraine had not resumed its military actions against rebels in late June. "The state over whose territory this occurred bears responsibility for this awful tragedy," he said.

That argument neatly eludes a key issue: that the offensive was renewed after a 10-day unilateral ceasefire that the pro-Russia rebels ignored. Throughout the eastern Ukraine crisis, now in its fourth month, Putin and his officials have consistently portrayed the conflict as Ukraine's unprincipled assault on its own citizens, rather than as a move to take back a sizeable part of the country seized by heavily armed separatists.

The aim is to discredit the Kiev authorities without openly opposing them. Putin even spoke face-to-face in June with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, who had just been elected following the ouster of Viktor Yanukovich in the wake of months of mass protests. But on Tuesday, he stepped up the aspersions in a meeting with his security council.

Sympathies divided, Israel's Arab minority is caught in the middle of Gaza war

TIRA, Israel (AP) — Facing the threat of rocket fire along with the rest of Israel, residents in this central Israeli Arab town have found themselves caught in the middle between Jewish neighbors and their fellow Palestinians who are dying in growing numbers in the Gaza Strip.

The people of Tira, a town of some 25,000 people known for their warm relations with nearby Jewish communities, have Jewish friends, speak Hebrew fluently and are largely integrated into Israeli society. But with relatives in Gaza and the West Bank, they also empathize with the Palestinians.

That internal strain becomes especially hard during times of violence, and tensions have risen since the latest round of fighting between Israel and Hamas militants began on July 8.

"The Jews look at us like Arabs and the Arabs look at us like Jews," said Ahmad Nasser, 21. "We are in the middle."

The markets in Tira are usually packed on the weekend with Israeli shoppers. But business has slowed down to a trickle in the weeks since the conflict began, perhaps because Israeli-Arab relations have soured or simply because no one feels like going out in such times, said Mohammed Abdulchai, 52. He said the war has been bad for business, with the fear of rockets shared by everyone.

AP PHOTOS: North Korea marks 1950-53 war anniversary

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — The 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice, meaning the two Koreas remain technically at war. But in North Korea, the anniversary of the agreement ending the hostilities is commemorated as “Victory in the Fatherland Liberation War,” a major national holiday.

Sunday’s 61st anniversary was low-key. There were no large-scale military parades or public appearances by leader Kim Jong Un, who privately paid his respects just after midnight at the mausoleum where his father and grandfather lie in state.

Veterans, now in their 70s and 80s, many wearing uniforms laden with medals and clutching bouquets of flowers, were celebrated in patriotic events around the country.

In Pyongyang’s central plaza, Kim Il Sung Square, the aged veterans, some crying, told war stories. A mass chorus of schoolchildren sang odes to Kim Jong Un and a crowd of college students was exhorted to be “the new generation” in building North Korea under Kim’s leadership.

To lighten the mood, they were also treated to a show of square dancing and taekwondo. After watching the official events, many people in Pyongyang took the advantage of a sunny day off to enjoy family outings along the capital’s riverside promenades.

Lengthy Arizona execution rekindles debate over appropriate death penalty methods

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A third execution by lethal injection has gone awry in six months, renewing debate over whether there is a foolproof way for the government to humanely kill condemned criminals, and whether it’s even worth looking for one.

Death penalty opponents say any killing is an unnecessarily cruel punishment. Proponents may favor the most humane execution method possible, but many reject the idea that a few minutes or hours of suffering by a criminal who caused great suffering to others should send government back to the drawing board.

Thirty years ago, states and the federal government gave little thought to the condemned inmates comfort. Most executioners used electric chairs, but death row inmates were also hanged, put to death in the gas chamber or faced a firing squad.

Mistakes occurred. Inmates appeared to suffer in the gas chamber. Electric chairs caught fire or malfunctioned and didn’t kill. So a growing number of law enforcement officials, legislators and advocates began searching for a foolproof, constitutional method for executions.

In 1977, an Oklahoma medical director appeared to have found a solution. Dr. Jay Chapman came up with a three-drug combination that promised to put the inmate to sleep before painlessly and quickly drifting off to death. Chapman’s formula replaced the state’s use of the electric chair.

Death in Nigeria shows Ebola can spread by air travel; West Africa airports take precautions

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Nigerian health authorities raced to stop the spread of Ebola on Saturday after a man sick with one of the world’s deadliest diseases brought it by plane to Lagos, Africa’s largest city with 21 million people.

The fact that the traveler from Liberia could board an international flight also raised new fears that other passengers could take the disease beyond Africa due to weak inspection of passengers and the

fact Ebola's symptoms are similar to other diseases.

Officials in the country of Togo, where the sick man's flight had a stopover, also went on high alert after learning that Ebola could possibly have spread to a fifth country.

Screening people as they enter the country may help slow the spread of the disease, but it is no guarantee Ebola won't travel by airplane, according to Dr. Lance Plyler, who heads Ebola medical efforts in Liberia for aid organization Samaritan's Purse.

"Unfortunately the initial signs of Ebola imitate other diseases, like malaria or typhoid," he said.

Lawmakers in both parties gripe about poor, disjointed White House outreach to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's request for billions of dollars to deal with migrant children streaming across the border set off Democrats and Republicans. Lawmakers in both parties complained that the White House — six years in — still doesn't get it when it comes to working with Congress.

Top GOP leaders got no notice of the \$3.7 billion emergency request. The administration sent contradictory messages about what it wanted to deal with the border crisis. And as the proposal drew fierce criticism, the White House made few overtures to lawmakers in either party to rally support.

House and Senate lawmakers in both parties plus several senior congressional aides said this past week that the handling of the proposal by Obama and the White House is emblematic of the administration's rocky relationship with Congress: an ad hoc approach that shuns appeals to opponents and doesn't reward allies.

Combined with a divided Congress — GOP-led House and Democratic-controlled Senate — and election-year maneuvering, neither basic nor crisis-driven legislation is getting done.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., described the lack of communication between the White House and Congress as "stunning." He said he first learned many details of Obama's border request from news reports.

Comic-Con attendees get first look at 'Mockingjay' trailer, 'Hunger Games' capitol experience

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The trailer for the next film in the popular "Hunger Games" series is making its premiere at Comic-Con.

Fans gathered Friday at the Capitol Gallery in downtown San Diego, where holographic versions of two characters from the film offered visitors a silent welcome before the minute-long teaser trailer was shown.

The trailer opens with a hovership landing and a meeting between leaders of the rebellion, where Phillip Seymour Hoffman and a gray-haired Julianne Moore discuss Katniss Everdeen's role. Meanwhile, President Snow (Donald Sutherland) declares the Mockingjay symbol illegal.

Katniss (Jennifer Lawrence) is shown entering the underground bunker where refugees of Panem are hiding, and she agrees to take up their cause.

Being the first to see the trailer for "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part I" was only part of the Capitol Gallery experience, which occupied a portion of the Hard Rock Hotel. In an all-white setting inspired by President Snow's Capitol color scheme, visitors could enjoy treats from Peeta's bakery, witness colorful Capitol fashions, design souvenir T-shirts and have their photo taken with the holographic characters.

IHS Jane's study shows arms embargo wouldn't hurt Russia's military

LONDON (AP) — An arms embargo against Russia would be little more than symbolic because Russia is largely self-sufficient in supplying its armed forces, a report argued Sunday.

European Union countries exported \$583 million of military equipment to Russia last year, less than 1 percent of the nation's \$68 billion defense budget, according to a study by IHS Jane's, which provides analysis on the defense industry and security issues. The bulk of that was a \$521 million payment to France, which is building two Mistral class warships for Russia.

The propriety of arms sales to Russia was questioned last week as the U.S. and EU debated tougher sanctions against President Vladimir Putin's government because of its support for Ukrainian rebels, who are believed to have fired the missile that brought down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17, killing all 298 people on board.

Many of the existing arms deals are the product of a brief period between 2010 and 2012, when Russia sought Western help in modernizing its military, said Guy Anderson, a senior principal analyst for aerospace, defense and security at IHS Jane's. Putin reversed that strategy in 2012, when he decided that Russia should be self-sufficient once more and ordered the military to stop buying Western materiel.

"Russia's reason for doing this was security," Anderson said. "You could probably argue they saw something like this coming."

Today in History

Today is Sunday, July 27, the 208th day of 2014. There are 157 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1974, the House Judiciary Committee voted 27-11 to adopt the first of three articles of impeachment against President Richard Nixon, charging he had personally engaged in a course of conduct designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case. (In the days that followed, the Committee also adopted articles accusing Nixon of abuse of power and contempt of Congress.)

On this date:

In 1214, France prevailed in the Battle of Bouvines over the forces of the Holy Roman Empire and England.

In 1789, President George Washington signed a measure establishing the Department of Foreign Affairs, forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1861, Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan took command of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War.

In 1909, during the first official test of the U.S. Army's first airplane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myer, Virginia, for one hour and 12 minutes.

In 1921, Canadian researcher Frederick Banting and his assistant, Charles Best, succeeded in isolating the hormone insulin at the University of Toronto.

In 1942, during World War II, the First Battle of El Alamein in Egypt ended in a draw as Allied forces stalled the progress of Axis invaders. (The Allies went on to win a clear victory over the Axis in the Second Battle of El Alamein later that year.)

In 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

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In 1960, Vice President Richard M. Nixon was nominated for president on the first ballot at the Republican national convention in Chicago.

In 1967, President Lyndon B. Johnson appointed the Kerner Commission to assess the causes of urban rioting, the same day black militant H. Rap Brown said in Washington that violence was "as American as cherry pie."

In 1980, on day 267 of the Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60.

In 1984, actor James Mason, 75, died in Lausanne, Switzerland.

In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded at Centennial Olympic Park, directly killing one person and injuring 111. (Anti-government extremist Eric Rudolph later pleaded guilty to the bombing.)

Ten years ago: Democrats assailed President George W. Bush's handling of the Iraq war at their convention in Boston and painted a vivid portrait of John Kerry as a decorated Vietnam War hero. In a keynote address, Illinois State Sen. Barack Obama said Kerry had long made "tough choices when easier ones were available."

Five years ago: The presidents of Taiwan and China exchanged direct messages for the first time since the two sides split 60 years earlier. A sailboat with an estimated 200 Haitians aboard ran aground on a reef and sank off the Turks and Caicos Islands; authorities reported 119 survivors, 15 confirmed dead and dozens missing. Football player Michael Vick, suspended for bankrolling a dogfighting operation, was reinstated by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell.

One year ago: Security forces and armed men clashed with supporters of Egypt's ousted president, Mohammed Morsi, killing at least 80 people. More than a thousand inmates escaped a prison in Libya as protesters stormed political party offices across the country. Former Louisiana congresswoman Lindy Boggs, 97, died in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 92. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 83. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 75. Actor John Pleshette is 72. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 70. Actress-director Betty Thomas is 66. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 66. Singer Maureen McGovern is 65. Actress Janet Eilber is 63. Rock musician Tris Imboden (Chicago) is 63. Actress Roxanne Hart is 60. Country musician Duncan Cameron is 58. Comedian-actress-writer Carol Leifer is 58. Comedian Bill Engvall is 57. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 52. Country singer Stacy Dean Campbell is 47. Rock singer Juliana Hatfield is 47. Actor Julian McMahon is 46. Actor Nikolaj Coster-Waldau (NIH'-koh-lye KAH'-stur WAHL'-dah) (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 44. Comedian Maya Rudolph is 42. Rock musician Abe Cunningham is 41. Singer-songwriter Pete Yorn is 40. MLB player Alex Rodriguez is 39. Actor Seamus Dever is 38. Actor Jonathan Rhys (rees) Meyers is 37. Actor Blair Redford is 31. Actress Taylor Schilling (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 30. Singer Cheyenne Kimball is 24.

Thought for Today: "The sentimentalist ages far more quickly than the person who loves his work and enjoys new challenges." - Lillie Langtry, English actress (1853-1929).