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The JV football game with Roncalli on Monday, Sept. 8th has a new time and site. The game will be at 6pm at played at Presetation College.

The site for the JV Football game vs Red/Dol on Monday, Sept 29th is now at DOLAND!

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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **CLOSED**

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is 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.

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Birthdays: Alana Wolken • Dannielle Dobberpuhl • Faye Berndt • Kris Ferrington • Crystal Waage

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: Worship with Communion

10:00am: Couple Sunflower Golf Tourney (18 holes)

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: UMC School

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00pm: Worship at Historic Trinity Church

7:00pm: ELC Choir



Hanlon Brothers
Gravel Hauling

New & Cleaning of
Stockdams with our
60' reach trackhoe

605/395-6531

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

Groton School Board Agenda

September 8, 2014 – 7:30 PM – GHS Conference Room

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of August 11, 2014 school board meeting as drafted or amended.
2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.
3. Approval of August District bills for payment.
4. Approval of August Financial Report, Agency Accounts, and Investments.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.
2. School Board Committee Reports:
 - a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel
 - b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix Meeting on August 28, 2014 Meeting on September 3, 2014
 - c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith
3. First Reading of Recommended Policy Changes: BBFA Board Member Conflict of Interest (Amend); GBCA Staff Conflict of Interest (Amend); GBCBB Employee Use of Networking Sites (Amend); GBEB Employee Communicable Diseases (Amend); GBE Staff Health and Safety (Amend); GB General Reference Policy (Amend); GBK Smoking on School Premises (Amend); GBL Personnel Records (Amend); GCAA Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation Plans (Amend); GCBE Professional Staff Vacations and Holidays (Amend); GDC Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring/Posting of Vacancies (Amend); GCFA Mentor Teachers/Mentor Teacher Program (Amend); GCJ Professional Staff Time Schedules (Amend); GDBC Support Staff Fringe Benefits (Amend); GDI Support Staff Assignments and Transfers (Amend); GDJ Support Staff Time Schedules (Amend); JFCE Student Bullying (Amend); JFCK Cell Phones and Personal Technology Devices (Amend); JFC Student Conduct (Amend); JFEE Participation in Work Study Programs (Amend); JHD Student Psychological Services (Delete); JOA Student Recruitment (Amend); JO-N Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (Amend); JO Student Records (Amend); JHCDB Epinephrine Auto Injectors (Add); JNA Loaning of Textbooks (Amend); JGD/JGE Student Suspension/Expulsion (Amend); BDDE Rules of Order (Amend)
4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Report; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review list of unwanted inventory items. Make motion to declare items as surplus property for disposal [Mr. Weber will provide an itemized list at the meeting on Monday night.]
2. Declare 1998 International Bus and 2001 IHC Bus surplus and authorize business manager to advertise to accept bids on these vehicles.
3. Approve Student Teachers Field Experiences Agreement with South Dakota State University.
4. Amend contract for Julie Erdmann from BS+15 to BS+30 with salary increase of \$300.
5. Approve auxiliary staff work assignment changes [compilation will be provided].
6. Approve Justin Hanson as volunteer Boys Basketball Coach for 2014-2015.
7. Approve date change for JR/SR PROM from 4/18/14 to 4/25/14 due to ACT testing schedule.
8. Appoint ASBSD voting delegate.
9. Acknowledge receipt of Public School Exemption #15-04: Grades 1, 3, and 5

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10. Approve open enrollment application #15-14 (Grade 8) from Webster School District.
 11. Request for Out-of-District Bus Transportation for Open Enrollment Application #15-14.
 12. Approve open enrollment application #15-15 (Grade 6) and #15-16 (Grade 1) from Aberdeen School District.
 13. Approve open enrollment application #15-17 (Grade 5) from Warner School District.
 14. Change Time of September 22, 2014 School Board Meeting due to Homecoming Coronation.
 15. Other items, as may be appropriate or as deemed necessary.
- ADJOURN

City Council Special Meeting Agenda

From 6pm-7pm

- 1) Budget Discussion
- 2) 2nd Reading Ordinance #694-2015 Appropriation Ordinance

third annual
Ladies Night Out

Monday
September 8, 2014

Social 6:30 PM
Painting 7 PM

OLIVE GROVE GOLF COURSE

Featuring:

\$45

All you can
drink wine
& appetizers!

Cocktails
& Canvas

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It was another week of activities and travel as I have been all over the area to listen to constituents and to attend important meetings. We had good discussions concerning important topics

Tuesday: The Governor came to Aberdeen to discuss the results of the Workforce Summit. We know that workforce issues are extremely important as we try to grow our economy. Many business leaders are having a hard time finding the qualified workers needed for them to maintain and/or expand their business activities. The Governor put together some good ideas and reported that the State will help to support these activities with funds and other assistance. The disappointing part of the discussion was that low wages in SD was not addressed anywhere in this process. If we are going to attract people into the state we need high paying jobs. We are seeing the same problem in the field of education as teachers are looking elsewhere for teaching jobs or they are

leaving the field. Many of our leaders like to emphasize the quality of life and the lower cost of living in SD and that is true to a certain level. However if we are going to attract high quality individuals in all areas of employment we must be competitive with the surrounding states.

Thursday morning: I attended the Northeast Area Conference on Aging at Northern State University. We discussed numerous issues facing our aging population. We had good presentations on the state of services in the communities in NE South Dakota. Issues like transportation, Medicaid expansion, community-based services, the education requirements for individuals to work in area of gerontology, and the issues of licensure for long term care providers. One thing that is of grave concern is that because people are living longer we will have a big increase in the number of people with Alzheimer's and diabetes. Certainly the most contentious discussion dealt with Medicaid expansion. I support this because it would help 48,500 South Dakotans who can't afford to pay for health insurance and it would reduce the burden on hospitals and county governments who get stuck paying the bill when people don't pay for their healthcare.

Thursday evening: I went to Groton to attend a Department of Transportation meeting to listen to the information provided concerning proposed improvements on a section of Highway 37 that runs through Groton. It was a pretty positive crowd but there were a few concerns that were addressed by the DOT officials. This project is to begin in the spring of 2016. Of course all this depends on if we can get the issues with the Federal Highway Trust Fund worked out.

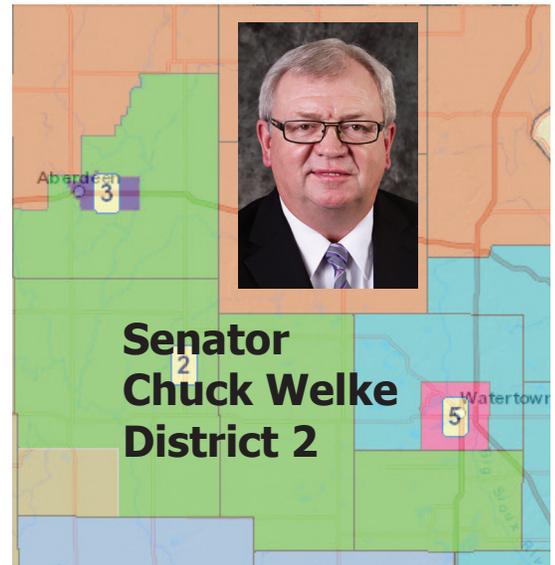
Friday: I attended the Fall Festival at the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield. It was a beautiful day as we started the ceremony outside and then moved inside. Highlights included presenting awards to employees and individuals who have met or surpassed their goals. There was a celebration to honor Dr. Ted Williams who is retiring after 38 years at the facility. In those 38 years Ted has touched the lives of many and he made many positive changes in terms of how we treat people with disabilities.

On Saturday I attended the 40th Anniversary celebration of 3M in Aberdeen. Tours of the facility were provided and refreshments were served. 3M has been a great business partner to the community and have done much to enhance the lives of people around the world. Some of their employees have worked at the plant for the full 40 years.

With the Homecoming season upon us I will be trying to get to as many parades and other activities that I can. However, I see that many of these occur on the same Friday so it will be impossible to make them all. It is an exciting time of the year and I look forward to seeing as many of you as I can.

Sincerely,

Chuck Welke, SD State Senate, PO Box 166 , Warner, SD 57479, 605-216-1467





Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Cleaning up Messes, Parsonage Style

Dr. James L. Snyder

Throughout the glorious years of our marriage, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and Yours Truly has had few disagreements. I suppose I could count them all on my one hand, but I am not sure if it is my right hand or my left hand so I will just leave it at that.

I hear, of course, of many couples who do nothing but bicker and fight from morning till night. I have always wondered what the purpose of all that was and what it ever accomplished. I think there is a better way to live together.

There are several phrases I have memorized and used throughout the years of our marriage that has kept me in good standing.

"Yes, dear." "You're right, dear." "I'll do it right away, dear."

I have found that if I include the word "dear," with all of my responses it fares better for me.

Of course, I am the kind of person that does not have to be right all the time, which makes me the perfect husband. Admitting you are wrong, even if you do not think you are, is really not the end of the world. In fact, it may be the beginning of a bright new world.

I said "few disagreements," and I need to explain what I meant by that.

The major disagreements that my wife and I have had throughout the years can be boiled down into one phrase, "It's a mess." Usually, actually all the time this phrase is being used, it is coming from the lips of my wife.

Our disagreement is in the definition of "mess." She has one definition and I have another definition, and the twain shall never meet. Mark my words on that.

If you would come into our home, you will discover that every room in the house is well organized and very neat. Well, not every room. The one room that does not come up to that criterion is the room in which I occupy. It is my space. My well-organized wife will walk by my room, pause, look in and say, "It's a mess."

It took me a long time to realize what she was talking about. Eventually, I got to the point where I understood that what she was referring to was "my space." Unfortunately, we did not share the same vision of my space. I am of the mindset that if I am working I need to have organized messes all around me.

I have tried explaining to my wife that I am a messologist. I had to explain to her that a messologist is someone who specializes in organizing intentional messes. I am not sure I have convinced her yet of this.

I really think that one person's mess is another person's workspace. I cannot really work efficiently unless there are intentional messes around me, protecting me, giving me the incentive I need to pursue

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the job at hand. My basic philosophy is simply this, if I cannot find what I need when I need it, I probably do not really need it. It has worked for me most marvelously.

The real trick of a messologist is knowing where to find what you need when you need it.

My wife can walk into my space and look around and be utterly confused by what she calls "a mess." Of course, it looks like a mess to her. It is not her mess! If it was her mess she would understand it and be comforted by it.

My wife is of the idea that organization has to do with numerical or alphabetical order. Now that works for some people, I suppose. But, as I keep telling her, that is not the only circus in town! I cannot tell how many times something new has developed in my thinking while I was searching for something I could not really find. That is the genius of a messologist.

Some people, like my wife, like to go from 1 to 2 to 3 to 4; or, A to B to C to D all the way to Z. To a normal person, and I am guessing my wife is normal, that makes a lot of sense. But to a messologist, that kind of thinking is rather confusing.

What I want to know is, what do you do when you come to the end of the alphabet? Where do you go from there? Then, it is rather important that you have the alphabet in alphabetical order. If I would ever try to do that I would end up being so confused, they would have to admit me in some rehab facility to clean my mind out.

So, the thing that makes our marriage so blissful is that we have an agreement and that she does things her way and I do things my way. This has been the recipe for blissfulness in our marriage. I do not make her do it my way and she cannot make me do it her way. We both have brains, but they tick after a different tock.

I then thought of a verse of Scripture that rather fit my situation. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

My way has to be in complete harmony with His way or my life will be completely destroyed.

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Groton Boys Soccer Defeats Tea Area Titans

The Groton Boys Soccer team defeated the Tea Area Titans on Saturday, September 6, 2014 by a score of 4-1. Groton scored the first goal at 21:13 with a header by Wyatt Kurtz off a corner kick by James Thompson. At 6:23 in the first half, Trevor Pray shot a bullet into the net with an assist by James Thompson. Tea scored at 3:06 when a penalty kick was awarded to the Titans due to a Groton foul in the box to make the half-time score 2-1 Groton. In the second half, Jacob Milbrandt made a great move in the box to score an unassisted goal. Later in the second half at the 34 minute mark, Jacob Milbrandt again scored (unassisted) to make the final score 4-1 Groton. Goalkeeper for Groton was Chance Strom. The Tigers are coached by Mike Becker and assisted by Craig Sternhagen. The Tigers play their next game in Huron against James Valley Christian on Thursday at 4:00 (JV at 6:00) and follow-up with a game against Sioux Falls Christian on Saturday, September 13 in Groton.



Left: Lane Weig

Right: Jacob Milbrandt

Bottom: Groton Defense Chance Strom (goalkeeper), Martin Rigg and Jacob Milbrandt.

Photos by Jodi Sternhagen



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Boys and Girls Soccer Parents Day Saturday, September 13th

The GHS Boys and Girls Soccer Teams will celebrate Parents Day on Saturday, September 13th in Groton. The Groton Girls play at 1:00 and the Groton Boys at 3:00. Boys and Parents will be announced at half time of the Girls Varsity game (approximately 1:40). Girls and Parents will be announced at half time of the Boys Varsity game (approximately 3:40). Players are asked to bring \$5 for a parent gift for Parents Day (give to Jodi Sternhagen).



Groton Offense Martin Rigg, Devon Poppen, Hunter Le-rew, Austin Jones



Stormy Bahr



Wyatt Kurtz

Trevor Pray

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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2014 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors

Betty Geist

Township Clerk

\$90,000 Hot Lotto with Sizzler Ticket Sold in Hot Springs

Pierre, S.D. – A Hot Lotto ticket sold in Hot Springs is worth \$90,000 following the September 6, 2014 drawing. The lucky ticket holder matched five of five white ball numbers but missed the Hot Ball to win the game's \$30,000 second prize but because they purchased the Sizzler option for an additional \$1, the prize was tripled to \$90,000.

Winning numbers are 1, 2, 3, 25, 30 and the Hot Ball is 19. The odds of winning the second prize in Hot Lotto are 1:1,619,158. The owner of the ticket is advised to sign the back of it immediately, put it in a safe place, and contact the Rapid City Lottery office at 605-394-5106 or the Pierre Lottery office at 605-773-5770 to make arrangements to validate the ticket and claim the prize. Winners have 180 days to claim their winnings.

Hot Lotto is played in the District of Columbia, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee and West Virginia. The jackpot currently sits at \$1 million for the next drawing on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.

**FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY**

Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

**Serving
5-9 p.m.**

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Help Wanted

Wheatcrest Hills - New Wage Scale - is hiring for PT and FT CNA positions. We are looking for caring compassionate individuals to join our team. CNA certification training class to start September 15 and we have benefit packages available. Please stop in for application or contact Kristin at 605/448-2251. (0826.0902)

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

Silver Skates Registration

Registration for the 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates will be on Sunday, September 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, and again on Monday, September 8th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Warming House in Groton. Be looking for your registration form coming to you via email and through the school as well. If you are going to be a participant in the Carnival, you MUST attend one of these registration dates to be measured for your costume. Thank you!!

Smith Open House

An Open House Bridal Shower honoring Laura Smith (bride to be of Taylor Anderson) will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

St. John's Luncheon

St. John's Lutheran Church is having its annual soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon (\$2.00 each) on Thursday, September 11th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with crafts and a bake sale. Supplemental funds have been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

JOIN US FOR
a LOCAL FOOD CELEBRATION!

Sunday, Sept. 7 • 4-7 p.m.

Granary Rural Cultural Center, rural Groton, S.D.
(find driving directions at dacotahprairiemuseum.com)

We'll start with a
**GRAND COMMUNITY
POTLUCK.**

Bring **local food** to share!

Drinks, plates and silverware provided.

- Presentation on the economics of local food •
 - Conversations on opportunities and challenges for local food •
 - **AND PERHAPS SOME MUSIC!** •
- Bring an instrument to join in an informal jam session.*

Farmers market vendors:
Bring your produce!
E-mail heidi@dakotafire.net for details.

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This event kicks off the

**Dakota
LOCAL
FOOD
CHALLENGE**
SEPTEMBER 6-19, 2014

THE DAKOTA LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE is a way for people in the Dakotas to get better connected to the land and the people who produce our food by eating food produced locally for two weeks in September.

Everyone who turns in a local food log will get a fun "I WENT LOCAL" T-shirt.

Sign up and get more info:
dakotafire.net/golocal

Today in Weather History

1961: A tornado struck a farm near the Mchperson-Brown county line, or about 10 miles east and 2 miles north of Leola, at around 825 pm cdt. All farm buildings were destroyed including two chicken coops, granary, machine shop, and two trailer homes. The house was pushed about a foot off it's foundation and had windows broken, plaster cracked, and part of the roof ripped. A farm truck and tractor were both blown about 500 feet and demolished. Rain up to 2.5 inches and hail accompanied the storm and caused minor damage.

1881 - The temperature soared to 101 degrees at New York City, 102 degrees at Boston MA, and 104 degrees at Washington D.C. (David Ludlum)

1888 - Much of the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast Region experienced freezing temperatures. Killer frosts resulted in a million dollars damage to crops in Maine. (David Ludlum)

1909 - Topeka, KS, was drenched with 8.08 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a record for that location. (6th- 7th) (The Weather Channel)

1955: An 8-day run of 100 degree heat in Los Angeles, CA finally came to an end after causing 946 fatalities.

1970 - A lightning bolt struck a group of football players at Gibbs High School in Saint Petersburg FL, killing two persons and injuring 22 others. All the thirty-eight players and four coaches were knocked off their feet. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Showers and thunderstorms produced 4 to 8 inch rains in three to six hours in Virginia, with totals across the state for the Labor Day weekend ranging up to fourteen inches. The Staunton River crested at 34.44 feet at Altavista on the 8th, its highest level since 1940. Damage due to flooding was estimated at seven million dollars around Bedford, Henry, and Franklin. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Fifty cities across the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 56 degrees at Mobile AL was their coolest reading of record for so early in the season. The mercury dipped to 31 degrees at Athens OH, and to 30 degrees at Thomas WV. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms in the central U.S. produced four inches of rain at Texamah overnight, and up to six inches of rain in southwestern Iowa. Evening thunderstorms in eastern Colorado produced golf ball size hail at Clear Creek and at Nederland. Late evening thunderstorms in Iowa drenched Harlan with more than four inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1991: A wild hailstorm moved across Calgary, Canada. The estimated \$342 million in damages set a record insurance loss for any single event in Canadian history at the time. Companies flew in adjusters to handle nearly 80,000 property claims. The 30 minute storm split trees, flooded basements, and broke windows. Raging sewers even blew off manhole covers.

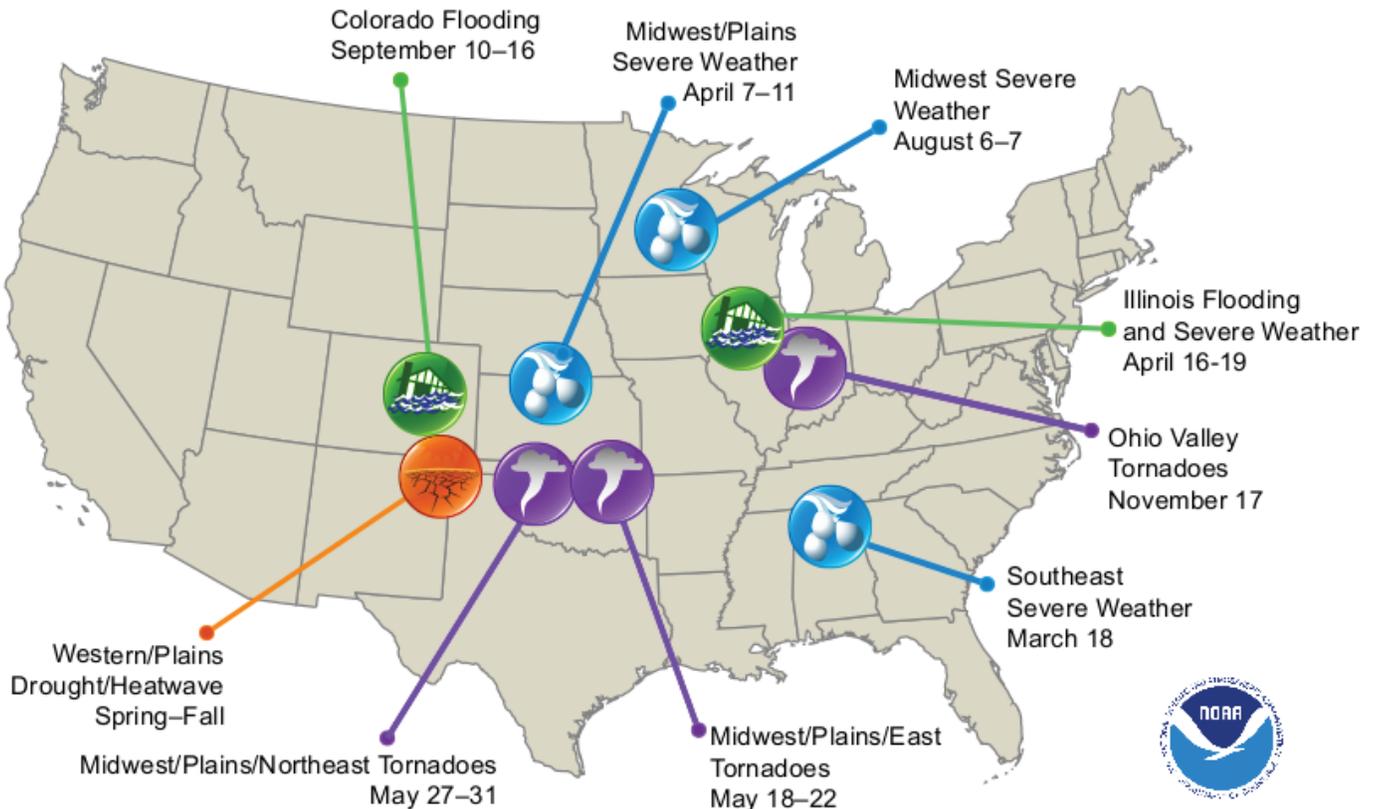
Billion-Dollar Weather/Climate Disasters: Overview

The National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) is the Nation's Scorekeeper in terms of addressing severe weather/climate events in their historical perspective. As part of its responsibility of monitoring and assessing the climate, NCDC tracks and evaluates climate events in the U.S. and globally that have great economic and societal impacts. NCDC is frequently called upon to provide summaries of global and U.S. temperature and precipitation trends, extremes, and comparisons in their historical perspective. Found here are the weather/climate events that have had the greatest economic impact from 1980 to 2013. The U.S. has sustained 170 weather/climate disasters since 1980 where overall damages/costs reached or exceeded \$1 billion (including CPI adjustment to 2013). The total cost of these 170 events exceeds \$1 trillion.

2013 in Context

In 2013, there were 9 weather/climate disaster events with losses exceeding \$1 billion each across the United States. These events included a drought event, 2 flooding events, and 6 severe storm events. Overall, these events resulted in the deaths of 113 people and had significant economic effects on the areas impacted.

U.S. 2013 Billion-dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



This map denoted the approximate location for each of the nine billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States during 2013.

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Methodology and Data Sources

In 2012, NOAA's National Climatic Data Center reviewed its methodology on how NCDC develops Billion-dollar Disasters. NCDC held a workshop with economic experts (May, 2012) and worked with a consulting partner to examine possible inaccuracy and biases in the data sources and methodology used in developing the loss assessments (mid-2013). This ensures more consistency with the numbers NCDC provides on a yearly basis and give more confidence in the year-to-year comparison of information. Another outcome is a published peer-reviewed article "U.S. Billion-dollar Weather and Climate Disasters: Data Sources, Trends, Accuracy and Biases". This research article found the net effect of all biases appears to be an underestimation of average loss. In particular, it is shown that the factor approach can result in an underestimation of average loss of approximately 10–15%. This bias was corrected during a reanalysis of the loss data to reflect new loss totals.

It is also known that the uncertainty of loss estimates differ by disaster event type reflecting the quality and completeness of the data sources used in our loss estimation. In 2013, three of the nine billion-dollar events (i.e., the drought and two flooding events) have higher potential uncertainty values around the loss estimates due to less coverage of insured assets. The remaining 6 events (i.e., severe local storms) have lower potential uncertainty surrounding their estimate due to more complete insurance coverage. To that end, we have temporarily rounded our loss estimates to the nearest billion dollars while developing research to define uncertainty and confidence intervals surrounding these estimates.

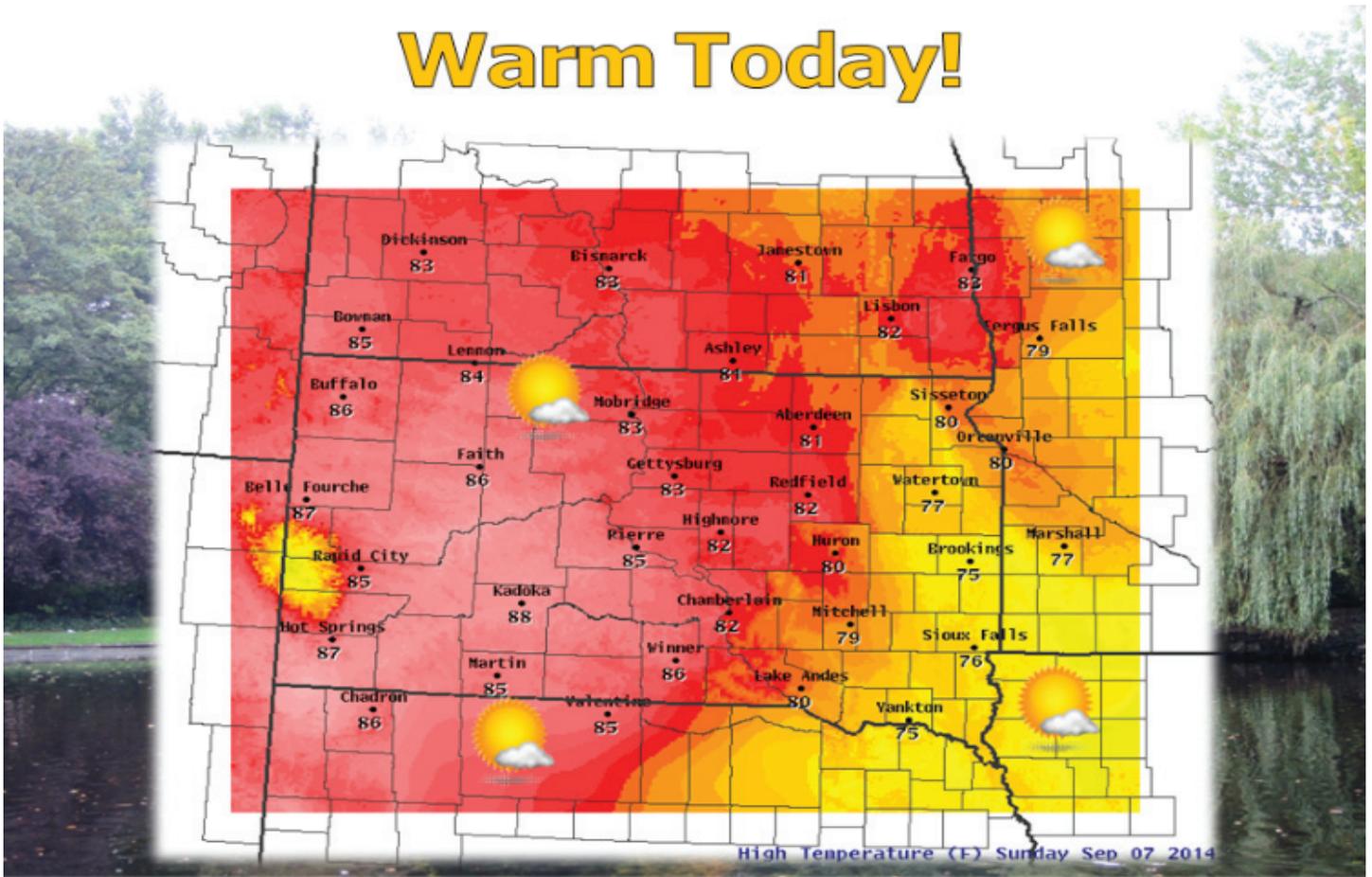
In performing these disaster cost assessments these statistics were taken from a wide variety of sources and represent, to the best of our ability, the estimated total costs of these events -- that is, the costs in terms of dollars that would not have been incurred had the event not taken place. Insured and uninsured losses are included in damage estimates. Sources include the National Weather Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, other U.S. government agencies, individual state emergency management agencies, state and regional climate centers, media reports, and insurance industry estimates.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY
						
Sunny High: 80 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 57 °F	Sunny High: 85 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 58 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 68 °F	Thunderstorms Likely Low: 48 °F	Chance Showers High: 50 °F

Warm Today!



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



Warm and dry today. A few storms possible tonight, mainly over southern parts of the forecast area.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.1°F at 5:37 PM

Low: 43.8°F at 3:55 AM

High Gust: 22 mph at 3:13 PM

Precip: 0.00

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Record High: 101° in 1897

Record Low: 29° in 1895

Average High: 76°F

Average Low: 50°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.45

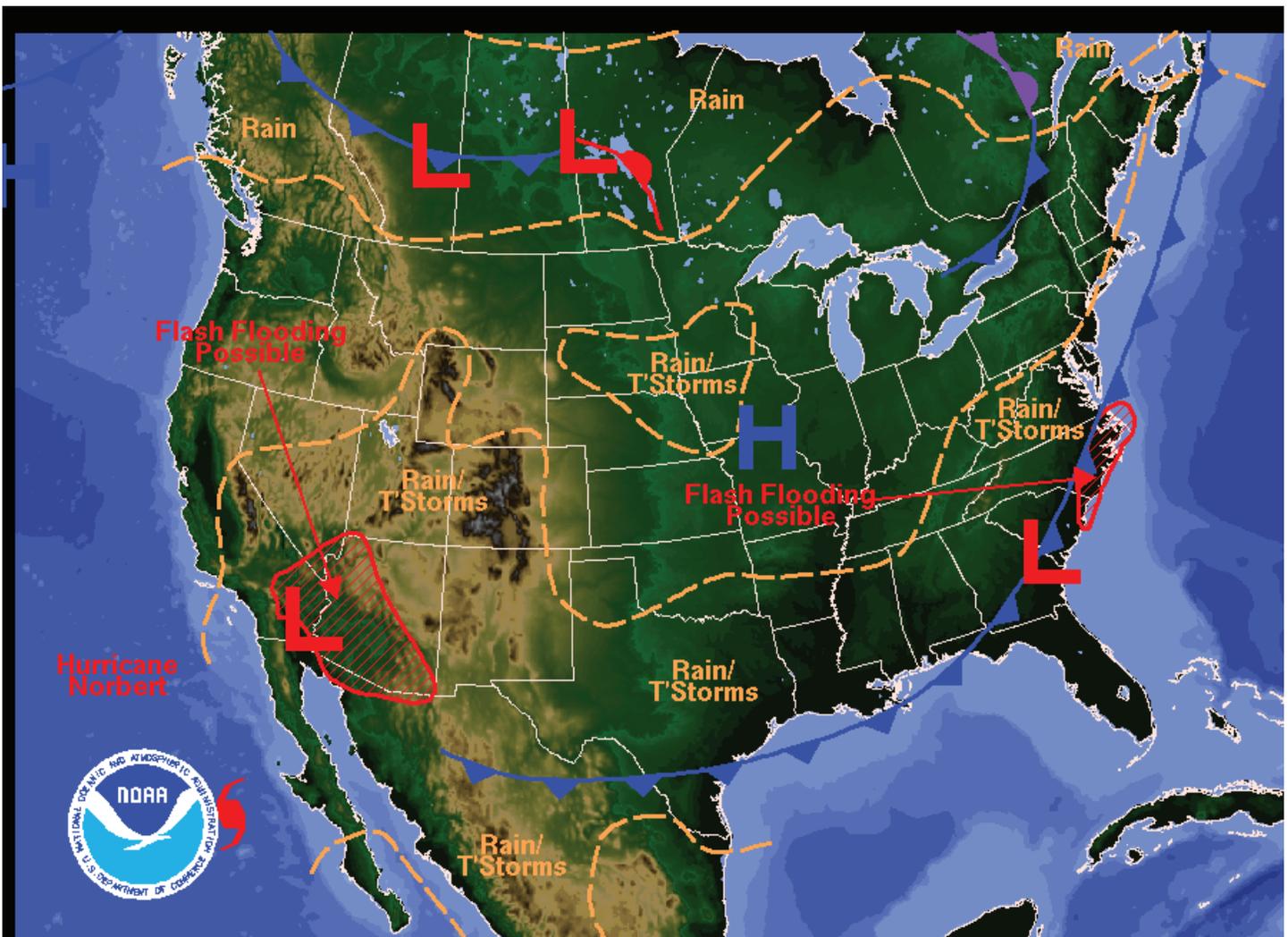
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 16.74

Precip Year to Date: 11.93

Sunset Tonight: 8:00 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Sep 07, 2014, issued 4:11 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A KING'S RESUME

Recently I was asked to write a resume. Since I had not written one in nearly 30 years, it presented a real challenge. As I thought about the many things I had done, some well and some not so well, I was grateful for the fact that the choice of what I would include was up to me.

Solomon did not write his resume. God did. Nor was he the last one to make a statement about who he was and what he had accomplished. God did that as well. (And, by the way, God will do the same for us.)

Even a casual review of his resume is impressive.

> Early Childhood Education:

Exposed to sages, philosophers, wise men

Observed troops preparing for battle

Studied large building construction

Accompanied his father in foreign affairs

Sang Psalms written by his father

Involved in worship, prayer and praise

>Major Life Achievements:

Third king of Israel

Built God's Temple in Jerusalem

Diplomat, trader, patron of the arts

Recognized as "wisest man who ever lived"

Author, sage and philosopher

>Final Notations:

Leadership accomplishments destroyed

Married pagan women, compromised his God

Enslaved God's children

What could have been never was. Sin won. God lost.

Prayer: One day, Father, we will all stand before You in judgment. May You bless us and say, Well done, Servant! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Nehemiah 13:26 Was it not because of marriages like these that Solomon king of Israel sinned? Among the many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel, but even he was led into sin by foreign women.

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News from the  Associated Press

New shooting complex opens near Pierre, Ft. Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A shooting complex that's been in the works since 2005 has just opened near Pierre and Fort Pierre.

The state says the Lower Oahe Downstream Shooting Complex has averaged nearly 24,000 users annually since 2002 when the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department took over management of the site from the Corps of Engineers.

The shooting complex is now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, has ten 100-yard shooting stations, two 50-yard shooting stations, two 300-yard shooting stations, two handgun bays with six shooting benches and room for standing shooting within the 25-yard handgun bays.

The site also includes a dedicated shotgun/trap area and 20 new concrete shooting benches.

Montana State routs Black Hills State 57-10

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Dakota Prukop threw two touchdown passes and ran for three more to lead Montana State to a 57-10 rout Saturday night of Division II Black Hills State.

In the first 8:12, Prukop ran for a 60-yard touchdown and connected with Justin Paige for a 43-yard score. Prukop had touchdown runs of 57 and 6 yards, and hit Tanner Roderick with a 33-yard strike in the second quarter.

Gunnar Brekke ran for a 1-yard touchdown to open the fourth quarter and cap the scoring for Montana State. The Bobcats (1-1) had 637 yards of total offense, the most since recording 646 against Sacramento State in 2010.

Phydell Paris had 12 carries for 76 yards and a 49-yard touchdown run to lead Black Hills State (0-1). It was the first meeting between the schools.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Brandon Valley 44, Huron 0

Edgemont 42, Newell 38

Harrisburg 52, Mitchell 7

Sioux Falls Lincoln 34, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 29

St. Thomas More 35, Hot Springs 7

VOLLEYBALL

Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis, 25-8, 25-2, 25-20

Bennett County def. Rapid City Christian, 25-15, 25-16, 18-25, 25-23

Bowman County, N.D. def. Bison, 29-27, 27-25, 16-25, 20-25, 15-8

Harrisburg def. Mitchell, 25-14, 25-22, 25-16

Hay Springs, Neb. def. Oelrichs, 16-25, 25-18, 25-20, 25-15

Newell def. Edgemont, 25-22, 13-25, 25-21, 25-20

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Sioux Valley def. Howard, 25-12, 25-11, 25-16
Sully Buttes def. James Valley Christian, 25-13, 25-13, 25-8
Watertown def. Brookings, 25-15, 25-21, 25-21
Yankton def. Pierre, 25-14, 25-19, 28-26

Clark-Willow Lake Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 3

Redfield/Doland def. Lake Preston, 25-19, 25-18

Redfield/Doland def. Britton-Hecla, 25-13, 25-14

Pool 4

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-27, 25-23, 25-15

Madison def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 26-24, 25-22

Gold Tournament

Redfield/Doland def. Webster, 25-17, 25-19

Redfield/Doland def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-19, 21-25, 25-21

Flandreau Tournament

Chester def. Tri-Valley, 25-10, 25-14

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

Flandreau def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-15, 19-25, 26-24

Tri-Valley def. Flandreau, 25-12, 25-12

Tri-Valley def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-17, 25-20

Flandreau Triangular

Chester def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-5, 25-11

Gregory Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 1

Colome def. Platte-Geddes, 25-18, 25-19

Colome def. Jones County, 25-19, 25-20

Gregory def. Colome, 21-25, 25-21, 25-23

Gregory def. Platte-Geddes, 25-12, 25-13

Jones County def. Platte-Geddes, 25-20, 25-18

Jones County def. Gregory, 25-12, 25-18

Pool 2

Bon Homme def. Lyman, 25-14, 25-15

Bon Homme def. Cody-Kilgore, Neb., 25-10, 25-13

Bon Homme def. South Central, 25-23, 25-9

Cody-Kilgore, Neb. def. South Central, 27-25, 15-25, 25-16

Lyman def. Cody-Kilgore, Neb., 25-6, 26-24

Lyman def. South Central, 19-25, 26-24, 25-9

Third Place: Jones County def. Lyman, 25-12, 25-14

Championship: Bon Homme def. Colome, 21-25, 25-15, 25-12

Sioux Falls Christian Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

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Northwestern def. Milbank, 25-17, 25-16

Sioux Falls Christian def. Northwestern, 25-20, 25-14

Sioux Falls Christian def. Milbank, 25-16, 25-18

Pool B

Sioux Falls Washington def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-16, 25-23

Sioux Falls Washington def. Warner, 25-23, 25-19

Warner def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-9, 25-6

Semifinal: Warner def. Northwestern, 25-20, 25-15

Fifth Place: Milbank def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 18-25, 25-16, 27-25

Third Place: Northwestern def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-20, 25-15

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SDSU struck first when Lujan tossed a 36-yard TD pass to Trevor Wesley with 7:22 left in the first quarter and Justin Syrovatka tacked on the PAT. It was Lujan's first career touchdown pass.

Cal Poly answered late in the quarter on Chris Brown's 7-yard run. But Stephen Pyle's PAT failed, leaving the Jackrabbits holding a 7-6 lead.

Brown led the Mustangs (0-2) with 104 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries, while completing 16 of 21 passes for 202 yards.

"They are a quick team and they come out of that no-huddle," Stiegelmeier said. "They gave us a bunch of new looks on offense and we had some new guys in there."

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AP News in Brief

US mounts new offensive near Iraq's Haditha Dam, launches airstrikes to push back insurgents

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — The U.S. military said Sunday it launched airstrikes around Haditha Dam in western Iraq, targeting Islamic State insurgents there for the first time in a move to prevent the group from capturing the vital dam.

The strikes represented a broadening of the U.S. campaign against the Islamic State militants, moving

the military operations closer to the border of Syria, where the group also has been operating.

Speaking in Georgia where he's meeting with government and defense officials, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said that if the dam were to fall into the militant's hands "or if that dam would be destroyed, the damage that that would cause would be very significant and it would put a significant additional and big risk into the mix in Iraq" including U.S. interests there.

At the same time, however, Hagel rejected the suggestion that the Haditha strikes opened up a new front in the war against the Islamic State group or that it represented an escalation of the U.S. military operations. He spoke at a press conference with Georgia Defense Minister Irakli Alasania.

Alasania, meanwhile, said Georgia expects to provide some assistance in the campaign against the Islamic State, saying that training and doing military exercises with the Iraqi forces are "things that come to our mind." He said Georgia can play a supporting role and plans to discuss the matter further.

Blasts heard in area near airport of Ukraine's largest rebel-held city

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Strong explosions were heard early Sunday on the outskirts of the main rebel-held city in eastern Ukraine near the airport, raising new fears that a cease-fire signed two days ago is on the verge of collapse.

Blasts powerful enough to be heard in downtown Donetsk came from the area near the airport, which has been under the control of government troops since May and has come under unremitting attacks from pro-Russia separatist rebels since then.

The cease-fire had appeared to be holding for much of the day on Saturday, but shelling started late at night. A rebel statement said Ukrainian forces violated the cease-fire by firing on their positions in six locations on Saturday, including near the Donetsk airport. The statement said several rebels were killed.

Witnesses told The Associated Press that heavy explosions were also coming from the eastern outskirts of the port city of Mariupol late Saturday, where Ukrainian troops retain defensive lines against the rebels.

The city council there said one serviceman was wounded when a checkpoint was hit and the volunteer Azov Battalion said on Facebook that their positions were hit by Grad rockets, but did not give details.

Health care, government shutdown a focus during first Colorado debate in key US Senate race

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Health care and the partial government shutdown underscored the first debate Saturday between U.S. Democratic Sen. Mark Udall and Republican U.S. Rep. Cory Gardner, who are deadlocked in a pivotal Colorado contest that could determine control of the Senate.

Gardner repeatedly tied Udall to the policies of President Barack Obama, frequently naming Udall and Obama in the same sentence, as well as referring to Udall's support for the nation's new health care law and his vote for the 2008 stimulus plan.

"Barack Obama and Mark Udall have put tremendous pressure on this country," Gardner said.

Udall countered by criticizing Gardner for siding with Republicans during the partial government shutdown in the aftermath of devastating floods in Colorado last year.

"You hurt the people of Colorado. You hurt the recovery," Udall said.

Joan Rivers funeral set for Sunday but it may be a more muted affair than the one she planned

NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Rivers' plans for an elaborate, over-the-top funeral may not be exactly what she will get, but it may be close.

The comedian detailed in her 2012 book "I Hate Everyone ... Starting With Me" that she hoped for "a huge showbiz affair with lights, cameras, action" and "Hollywood all the way." Instead of a rabbi talking, Rivers asked for "Meryl Streep crying, in five different accents" and "a wind machine so that even in the casket my hair is blowing just like Beyoncé's."

The actual event Sunday may be slightly more muted. Funeral services at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan will be private and neither the temple nor Rivers' personal publicist would give further details or divulge a guest list. It was not even known what time the funeral would start. But cameras and a media presence was very likely.

Rivers, who died Thursday at 81, was a trailblazer for all comics, but especially for women. The raspy-voiced blonde with the brash New York accent was a TV talk show host, actress, a fashion critic, and she sold a line of jewelry.

The cause of death was being investigated. Rivers had been hospitalized since Aug. 28 when she went into cardiac arrest during a routine procedure at a doctor's office. The New York state health department is investigating the circumstances.

Broken Salvador truce leaves country under tighter control by gangs

ILOPANGO, El Salvador (AP) — Marvin Gonzalez waves to shopkeepers as he enjoys a morning walk through the sunny, working-class resort of Ilopango. His cellphone rings nonstop with residents seeking his support for anything from dealing with a drunk who won't pay his bar bill to reporting an attempted rape.

Gonzalez is not a police chief, nor a politician. The 31-year-old plug of a man is the local leader of the Mara Salvatrucha, a gang formed by Central American immigrants in California and now designated by the U.S. as a transnational criminal organization.

But in Ilopango and communities across El Salvador, the Mara Salvatrucha and their arch rivals, the 18th Street Gang, are de facto rulers. A truce declared two years ago briefly tapered their bloody gang war, but the cease-fire had an unintended consequence: It gave the gangs breathing room to grow even stronger. Now, violence is on the rise again.

The murder rate has climbed since the truce unraveled in late 2013. Last month, the average was up to 10 a day compared to six during the truce.

This wasn't what was expected when gang leaders reached a truce in March 2012. Observers hailed the agreement as the start of a new era of peace for El Salvador, a model to be followed by other countries, and one that had taken cues from the peace process that, two decades earlier, ended El Salvador's 12-year civil war.

Water shortages give rise to 'tanker mafia' in New Delhi for Indians whose taps have run dry

NEW DELHI (AP) — Every summer, when Minoo Phakey's water runs out, she does what most people do in her middle-class neighborhood: She calls the mafia.

Within an hour, a man in a tanker arrives, carrying a load of dubious water drawn illegally from the city's groundwater. With India's capital gripped by its annual hot season water shortage, the city's so-called tanker mafia is doing a roaring trade. An estimated 2,000 illegal tankers ply New Delhi's roads every day, lifelines to millions whose taps have run dry, and symptoms of a much bigger problem — the city's desperately dysfunctional water system.

The tankers don't come cheap. But some Delhi-ites have no choice.

"You need water, you will pay anything, right?" says Phakey, a marketing executive.

She is hardly alone. In a city known for its vertiginous inequalities, the shortage affects people from both upscale gated communities and dust-blown slums, as every day, the city's supply falls more than 160 million gallons short.

Wife, son of US doctor infected with Ebola visit Nebraska Medical center

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A doctor who became infected with Ebola while working in Liberia visited Saturday with two of his family members at the Nebraska hospital where he's receiving treatment, a spokesman said.

Debbie Sacra and the couple's oldest son interacted with Dr. Rick Sacra for about 25 minutes Saturday via a video link, according to Nebraska Medical Center spokesman Taylor Wilson.

Sacra, 51, is the third American aid worker to be sickened with the virus and is being treated in a 10-bed special isolation unit.

Debbie Sacra said in a news release from the center that she was relieved to see her husband.

"He asked for something to eat and had a little chicken soup," she said, adding that he did not remember much from Friday, when he first arrived.

9/11 museum shows SEAL's shirt from bin Laden raid, CIA officer's coin marking manhunt's end

NEW YORK (AP) — The shirt a Navy SEAL wore in the raid that killed Osama bin Laden and a special coin given to a CIA officer who played a key role in finding him are being displayed at the Sept. 11 museum, adding potent symbols of the terrorist attacks' aftermath days before their anniversary.

The items are going on view Sunday at the ground zero museum, where leaders see them as an important and moving addition to a collection that often uses personal artifacts to explore the events and impact of 9/11.

"The death of Osama bin Laden is a huge part of the history, and we have an absolute obligation to tell it," National Sept. 11 Memorial Museum President Joe Daniels said Saturday. The display, he said, "allows millions of visitors the chance to recognize the extraordinary bravery of the men and women who sacrifice so much for this country at home and abroad."

The shirt and coin will join an existing display with a brick from the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where the terrorist at the helm of the attacks was captured and killed.

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The uniform shirt, tan with camouflage sleeves and an American flag patch — facing backward to invoke the historical role of a flag-bearer leading a charge into battle — belonged to a now-retired member of SEAL Team Six, which put an end to the long manhunt for the world's most wanted terrorist. The garment "connects us in a powerful and immediate way to that operation," Museum Director Alice Greenwald said.

Oprah Winfrey opens 8-city tour in Atlanta with "Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend"

ATLANTA (AP) — Oprah Winfrey and a team of guests on Saturday completed the first stop of an eight-city U.S. tour of "Oprah's The Life You Want Weekend," rocking an Atlanta arena where thousands danced, applauded and sought inspiration for transforming their lives.

Atlanta was the opening city and featured Oprah and such guests as authors Deepak Chopra and Elizabeth Gilbert, inspirational speaker Iyanla Vanzant and pastor Rob Bell. A statement released by organizers said the arena tour was intended as a catalyst for a wider movement to engage, encourage and empower women.

Winfrey spoke about identifying one's life purpose and led exercises on taking actions to reach those goals. At times there were funny reflections on life while other soul-searching moments led to crying as people considered areas in their lives they wished to change.

Thronged by thousands in a mostly female crowd, the Atlanta event that opened Friday was styled as somewhat of an intimate gathering with Oprah. She joked about how friends found it interesting that so many would attend her tour when she can't sing or dance. Her comments drew laughter from the crowd.

Organizers said that the tour is planning upcoming stops in Auburn Hills, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Newark, New Jersey; Houston; Miami; Seattle and a final date Nov. 15 in San Jose, California.

At 14, Japan's Kei Nishikori began a path to the US Open final and stardom

NEW YORK (AP) — Kei Nishikori's journey to the U.S. Open final began a decade ago, when he was spotted as a teen at a tryout in Japan and invited to move to Florida to attend a tennis academy.

Nishikori was among the first beneficiaries of a project to improve Japanese tennis funded by former Sony executive Masaaki Morita.

"Kei was just 14, and he didn't speak a word of English," said Nick Bollettieri, a member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame who coached players such as Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, Jim Courier and Monica Seles. "He was gifted. Great speed. Great eyes."

As Nishikori worked his way up the world rankings after turning professional in 2007, he became so well-known back home that it seemed less distracting to stay in Florida. On the rare occasions he plays in Japan, tournaments sell out within hours.

Now that he's the first man from Asia to make it to the final of a Grand Slam singles tournament, his profile — and that of his sport — figures to grow exponentially in his home country. Even though he hasn't lived there for years, the nation is watching as he heads into Monday's final against Marin Cilic.

Today in History

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The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, September 7, the 250th day of 2014. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 7, 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial for President Lyndon Johnson's election campaign aired on NBC-TV. (The ad, featuring a little girl plucking flower petals followed by footage of a nuclear explosion, was perceived as an attack on Republican nominee Barry Goldwater, who is never shown or mentioned.)

On this date:

In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich.

In 1812, the Battle of Borodino took place as French troops clashed with Russian forces outside Moscow. (The battle, ultimately won by Russia, was commemorated by composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture.")

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1907, the British liner RMS Lusitania set out from Liverpool, England, on its maiden voyage, arriving six days later in New York.

In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector."

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

In 1957, the original animated version of the NBC-TV peacock logo, used to denote programs "brought to you in living color," made its debut at the beginning of "Your Hit Parade."

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1968, feminists protested outside the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey. (The pageant crown went to Miss Illinois Judith Ford.)

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos (toh-REE'-hohs).

In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black clergyman to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

Ten years ago: An Associated Press tally showed that U.S. military deaths in the Iraq campaign had passed the 1,000 mark. Former Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice died in Jackson at age 70.

Five years ago: Addressing a Labor Day picnic in Cincinnati, President Barack Obama declared that modern benefits like paid leave, minimum wage and Social Security "all bear the union label" as he appealed to organized labor to help him win the health care fight in Congress. Three British Muslims were convicted in London of plotting to murder thousands by downing at least seven airliners bound for the U.S. and Canada. The Pittsburgh Pirates were assured of a record-breaking 17th straight losing season as they fell to the Chicago Cubs 4-2. (The Pirates would go on to have three more consecutive losing seasons before breaking the streak in 2013.)

One year ago: Tony Abbott's conservative Liberal-led party won a crushing victory in Australia against the center-left Labor Party which had ruled for six years. Tokyo was awarded the 2020 Summer Olympics, defeating Istanbul in the final round of secret voting by the International Olympic Committee.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 84. Actor Bruce Gray is 78. Singer Alfa Anderson

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(Chic) is 68. Actress Susan Blakely is 66. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 65. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 63. Actress Julie Kavner is 63. Rock musician Benmont Tench (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 61. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 60. Actor Michael Emerson is 60. Pianist Michael Feinstein is 58. Singer Margot Chapman is 57. Actress J. Smith-Cameron (TV: "Rectify") is 57. Actor W. Earl Brown is 51. Actor Toby Jones is 48. Model-actress Angie Everhart is 45. Actress Diane Farr is 45. Country singer Butter (Trailer Choir) is 44. Actress Monique Gabriela Curnen is 44. Actor Tom Everett Scott is 44. Rock musician Chad Sexton (311) is 44. Actress Shannon Elizabeth is 41. Actor Oliver Hudson is 38. Actor Devon Sawa (SAH'-wuh) is 36. Singer-musician Wes Willis (Rush of Fools) is 28. Actress Evan Rachel Wood is 27.

Thought for Today: "Nothing is more unpleasant than a virtuous person with a mean mind." - Walter Bagehot (BAJ'-uht), English editor and economist (1826-1877).