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Monday

HOMECOMING WEEK!

Johnny Appleseed Day

Dress Up Day: Pajama Day at MS/HS, Neon Day at Elementary School

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sweet tots, bread sticks, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli or carrots, garlic toast, orange sherbet.

Birthdays: • Alan Strom • Heidi Krueger

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Boys Golf Regions at Madison Golf Course

4:00pm: Cross Country in Groton

4:30pm: JV FB hosts Roncalli

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

7:30pm: Homecoming Coronation

Tuesday

Crush a Can Day

Dress Up Day: Jersey Day at MS/HS, Pajama Day at Elementary School

1st Round of Soccer Playoffs: Girls soccer team at St. Thomas More

School Breakfast: Cheese omelet, fruit, juice or milk.

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, tater tots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

Birthdays: • Ellie Howard • Landal Leonhardt • Greg Kjellsen • Lori Bahr • Jesse Kurtenbach • Andy Ries

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: 8th gr FB hosts Aberdeen Central



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Groton City Council Meeting Minutes from Sept. 19

September 19, 2016

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at the Groton Community Center for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Fliehs, Peterson, and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Members absent were: Glover and Blackmun. Also present were: Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson, Paul Kosel, and Kathy Sundermeier.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by McGannon to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank 10,073.52 ss & wh; Consolidated Fed Cr Union 1,125.00 emp savings; Korbin Blackmun 17.50 umpiring; Aaron Severson 35.00 umpiring; Garrett Schroeder 17.50 umpiring; Full Circle Ag 7.63 discount; 1st National Bank 9,604.27 lagoon payment; AFLAC 749.62 emp ins; Dakota Supply Group 540.31 gasket, valve; Dearborn Natl Ins 88.00 life ins; Cannon Tech 936.36 LM receivers; Electric Co of SD 1,000.00 boring wire, vac valves; Farmers Union Coop 477.50 dsl; Groton Independent 180.82 rec bks, publishing; Guardian Ins 245.30 emp dent/vis ins; HD Supply 75.61 lube, adapter; Heartland Cons Power District 57,701.18 power; The IMT Group 50.00 notary bond; Fred & Melonie Johnson 300.00 HWH sales incentive; Lien Transportation 623.63 hot mix; Lori's Pharmacy 11.48 tape, batteries; Anita Lowary 443.40 med flex, mileage; McGannon Plumbing 1,770.28 repairs; Mike & Jos 479.90 repairs; NW Energy 1,089.95 nat gas; RDO-John Deere Cr 457.23 repairs; Roy Sport Shop 942.30 baseballs, equip; SD Supplement Retirement 1,360.00 emp retire; Taser International 3,373.27 tasers; Van Diest Supply 1,545.50 mosquito chemical; Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield 12,548.62 health ins; Western Area Power Adm 26,741.52 power

Moved by Peterson and seconded by Opp to table 2nd Reading of Ordinance 707, Designating the Finance Officer as Employee rather than Official until all Council members are present. All members present voted aye.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to amend and reissue the airport land rental agreement due to widening of the runway which reduced farmable acres, and authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign this agreement. All members present voted aye.

Hanlon, Opp, and Lowary reported on the meeting with Emergency Management on offering 211 service to Brown County.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by McGannon to renew the Glacial Lakes membership advertisement. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Fliehs to approve closing Main St from Railroad Avenue to 3rd Ave on Oct 14 for the Festival of bands and providing viewing stands. All members present voted aye.

McGannon reported on the Oct 8 Pumpkin Festival plans. Opp challenged all Council members and city employees to donate \$20 to help pay any festival expenses.

The 2017 Budget Meeting for Heartland Consumer Power District will be held in Langford on Oct 19.

Moved by McGannon and seconded by Opp to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the grant application to seek funding for a pump to be located at the southeast corner of the golf course to help move 4th St drainage downstream and off the course. All members present voted aye.

Opp reported that 3 of the 4 tombstones had been repaired at the cemetery.

Lowary announced the draft of the 2014-15 Audit had arrived and was being reviewed.

At 7:45pm the Council adjourned into executive session on a motion by Opp and seconded by Blackmun to discuss legal matters and personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (3). All members present voted aye. Council reconvened at 7:52pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer

The Groton Area School District has openings for a part time (morning) bus route and for a full-time bus route driver. Assistance in obtaining the proper licensure is available. Please contact Transportation Supervisor, Loren Bahr, at 397-8117 for more details.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



The smoking gun

By Richard P. Holm, MD

Mr. C, a 56-year-old fellow came into my office because he was experiencing shortness of breath with any exertion and was hoping we could fix it. He admitted that he has been smoking about one-and-a-half-packs a day for 40 years, and lately he's been trying to cut down. Multiplying 40 times one-and-a-half gives him a 60-pack-year history of smoking, which is a lot. Also he's inhaled a lot of hog and hay dust over all these years.

He said his symptoms have been coming on over the last five years and now his heart beats fast with any exertion. His cough is getting worse, and for a year he's been coughing up some pretty ugly stuff first thing in the morning, but the rest of the day he just can't get it up. Lately, he's been wheezing more and his chest gets tight, especially at night when he is trying to sleep.

Breathing tests demonstrated that he can inhale OK, but it takes some pushing and time to exhale. Blood tests showed high levels of hemoglobin, low levels of oxygen, and the chest X-ray showed over-expanded lungs. These are changes indicating the diagnosis of emphysema combined with chronic bronchitis, also called chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD. This is not good news for Mr. C. because COPD is the third leading cause of premature death in the U.S. and a major cause for a miserable disability.

Normally in the lungs, airway tubes branch out, multiply, and become progressively smaller until they reach tiny air sacks called alveoli, which are covered with microscopic blood vessels. It is here where inhaled air touches blood. It's the place of an almost magical switcheroo. Life giving oxygen is passed from air into blood in an exchange where the waste product carbon dioxide is passed from blood into air. With COPD, the walls of the tiny air sacks first lose their elasticity and then are destroyed leaving larger non-functioning cavities. Also, airways that are supposed to carry air to the alveoli become blocked because of inflammatory swelling and mucous.

Trying to help him, I encouraged Mr. C. to quit smoking, prescribed a medicine to help him quit, and provided an inhaler to turn off inflammation and dilate the bronchial tubes.

The end of this sad story is that he has a condition we can help, but not fix. And if he doesn't stop smoking, I predict that it won't be long before he will die, short of breath.

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Undoing Historical Wrongs to Our Native American Citizens

Imagine a scenario today in which the federal government, with no due process, forcibly removes children of a specific race from their homes and places them into a boarding school more than a thousand miles away from their family and friends. Or imagine the outcry if the federal government were to subject a certain race of citizens into forced labor as a condition of receiving benefits he or she has a treaty obligation to receive. Such patronizing superiority would not be tolerated in today's society, and there would be a public outcry against such blatant discrimination. Yet these are examples of federal laws which are still on the books today with regard to our Native American citizens. It is time to officially remove these historical wrongs from the books.

In April 2016, I introduced the Repealing Existing Substandard Provisions Encouraging Conciliation with Tribes Act, or the RESPECT Act, and it recently passed unanimously out of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. The RESPECT Act would reverse a list of outdated, offensive laws against Native American citizens in the United States. In addition to laws that would allow for the forced removal of Native American Children who can be forced into boarding schools and subjecting Indians into forced labor, a law currently exists today where the president is authorized to declare all treaties with such tribes "abrogated if in his opinion any Indian tribe is in actual hostility to the United States." Another statute calls for the "withholding of moneys or goods on account of intoxicating liquors," meaning Native Americans can be denied annuities, money or goods if they are found under the influence of alcohol.

These and other statutes that would be repealed under the RESPECT Act are a sad reminder of the hostile aggression and overt racism displayed by the early federal government toward Native Americans as the government attempted to "assimilate" them into what was considered "modern society." In many cases, these laws are more than a century old and do nothing but continue the stigma of subjugation and paternalism from that time period. Clearly, there is no place in our legal code for such laws. The idea that these laws were ever considered is disturbing, but the fact that these laws remain on our books – is at best – an oversight. I thank Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) for all he has done to move the RESPECT Act forward, as well as Rep. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.) for introducing companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

During a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing in June, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Chairman David Flute of South Dakota testified in support of the RESPECT Act, saying that "Native Americans should all be fully included in America as U.S. citizens and citizens of our Native Nations, with respect for our rights to Freedom, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." I could not agree more. While we can't change history, we should do everything we can to make the future better for all Americans. The RESPECT Act is but one long-overdue step we can take in that ongoing effort.

Worrel Pumpkin Patch



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Today in Weather History

September 26, 1965: A hard freeze hit most of Minnesota in the early morning causing the loss of millions of bushels of corn and soybeans. Some temperatures fell below 20 degrees far north in the state.

September 26, 1981: A tornado touched down in the early morning hours several times east of Vermilion. Two barns received extensive damage.

1955: On this date, the Atlantic reconnaissance aircraft, "Snowcloud Five" went down while investigating Hurricane Janet and was never heard from again. Lt. Comdr. Windham with a crew of 8 and two newspapermen reported that they were about to begin penetrating the main core of the hurricane. They were never heard from again.

1971: Project Stormfury was an attempt to weaken tropical cyclones by flying aircraft into them and seeding with silver iodide. The project was run by the United States Government from 1962 to 1983. Hurricane Ginger in 1971 was the last hurricane Project Stormfury seeded.

1936 - Denver, CO, was buried under 21.3 inches of snow, 19.4 inches of which fell in 24 hours. The heavy wet snow snapped trees and wires causing seven million dollars damage. (26th-27th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1950 - Residents of the northeastern U.S. observed a blue sun and a blue moon, caused by forest fires in British Columbia. (David Ludlum)

1963 - San Diego, CA, reached an all-time record high of 111 degrees. Los Angeles hit 109 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Santa Ana winds brought fires to Los Angeles County, and to points south and east. Half a million acres were consumed by the fires, as were 1000 structures. Twenty firemen were injured. (25th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1979 - In the midst of a hot September for Death Valley, California, the afternoon high was 104 degrees for the second of three days, the coolest afternoon highs for the month. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Freezing temperatures were reported in the Northern and Central Appalachians, and the Upper Ohio Valley. The morning low of 27 degrees at Concord NH tied their record for the date. Temperatures soared into the 90s in South Dakota. Pierre SD reported an afternoon high of 98 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Unseasonably warm weather prevailed across Florida. Afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Apalachicola and 95 degrees at Fort Myers were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Rain spread from the southeastern states across New England overnight. Cape Hatteras NC reported measurable rainfall for the fourteenth straight day, with 15.51 inches of rain recorded during that two week period. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 108 degrees, and a record 134 days of 100 degree weather for the year. Afternoon temperatures were only in the 40s over parts of northwest Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary)

2004 - After making its infamous loop east of the Bahamas, Hurricane Jeanne made landfall the night of September 26th, 2004. Jeanne came ashore as a major category 3 hurricane just a few miles away from where Hurricane Frances made landfall a few weeks before. Jeanne produced extensive damage along the east central Florida coast from Volusia County south to Martin County. The highest wind gusts occurred over extreme Southern Brevard County as well as Indian River County with 110 - 120 mph estimates at the peak of the storm. (NWS, Melbourne, FL)

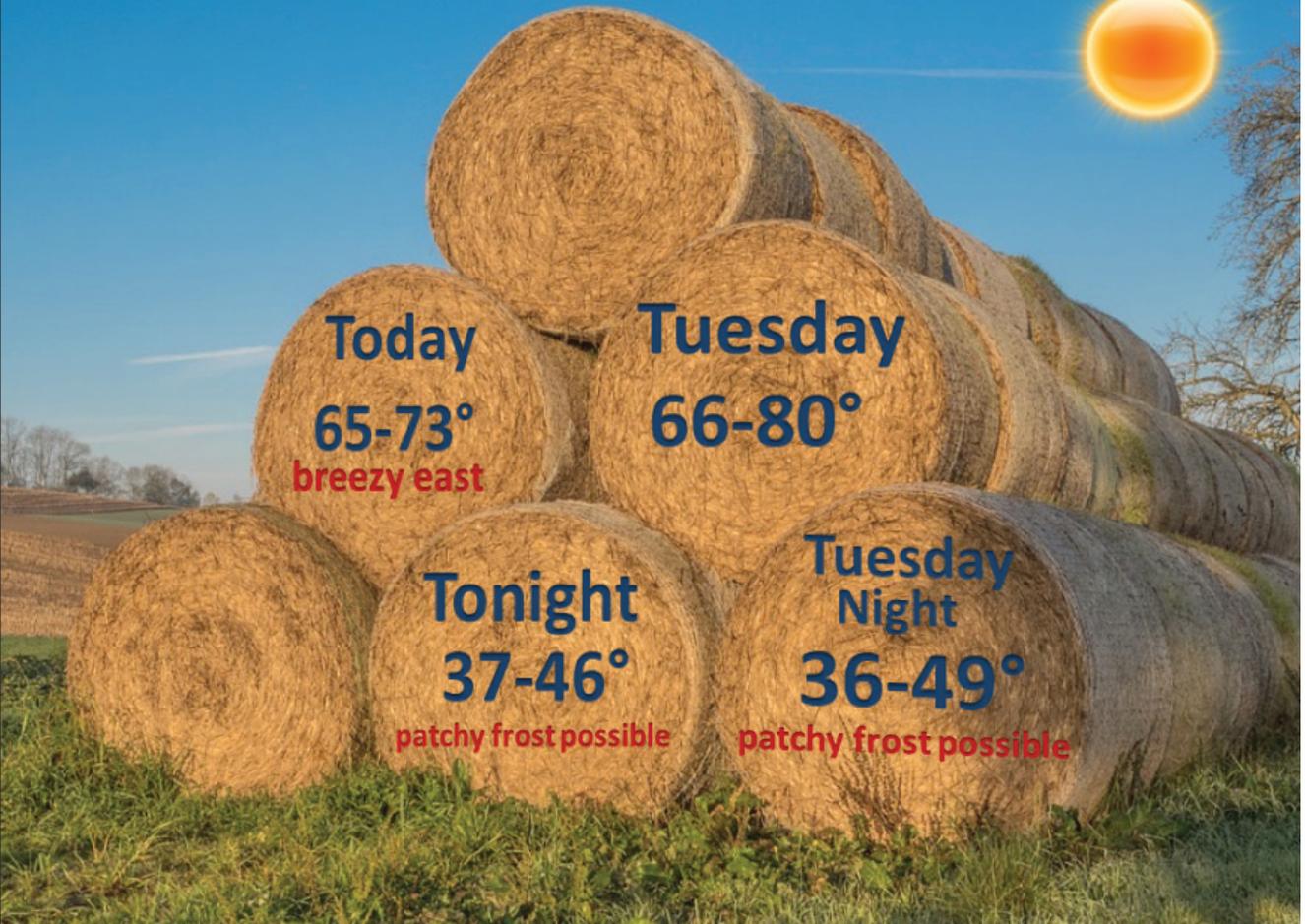
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Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night
						
Clear	Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Clear
Low: 38 °F	High: 69 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 73 °F	Low: 44 °F


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Dry, with gradual warming early this week



Today
65-73°
breezy east

Tuesday
66-80°

Tonight
37-46°
patchy frost possible

Tuesday Night
36-49°
patchy frost possible

Published on: 09/26/2016 at 5:04AM

Breezy conditions will linger across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota today, as we remain in between low pressure across Ontario and high pressure nearing from Wyoming and Montana. A ridge of high pressure will slide overhead Tuesday and Wednesday, with dry weather continuing. Another result will be cool nights, with overnight lows in the mid 30s and 40s tonight and Tuesday night. Patchy frost may be possible, especially across the James River Valley.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 65.1 F at 4:55 PM

Low Outside Temp: 49.0 F at 3:58 AM

High Gust: 35.0 Mph at 3:34 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1974

Record Low: 17° in 1939

Average High: 67°F

Average Low: 41°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.90

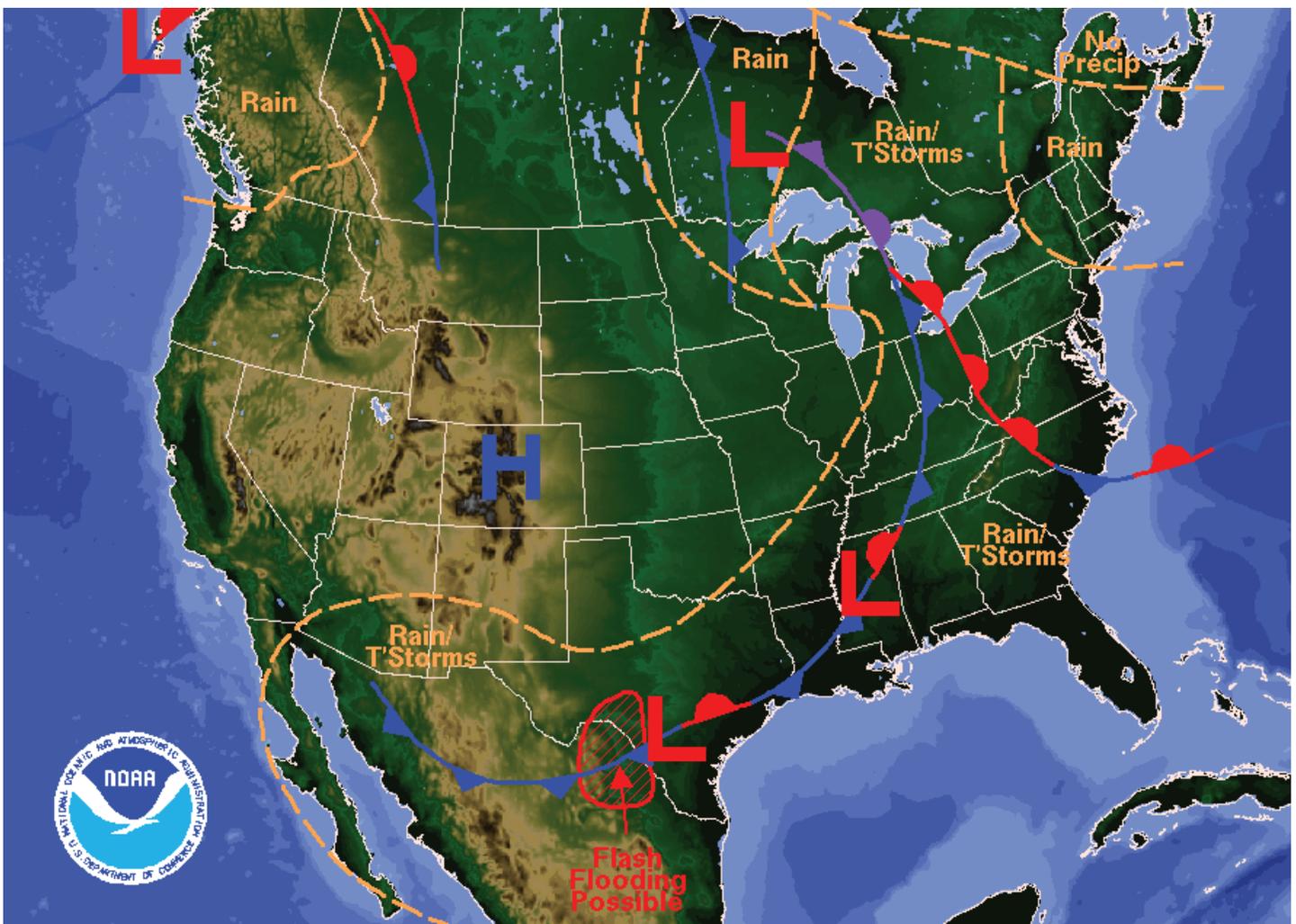
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54

Average Precip to date: 18.19

Precip Year to Date: 13.20

Sunset Tonight: 7:22 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:27 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Sep 26, 2016, issued 4:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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"WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK ME?"

Henry Ford was always a center of attention. It seemed that people could never get enough information about him or what he was doing. On one occasion he purchased a very large insurance policy. It made the headlines in a Detroit newspaper.

One of his friends, an insurance salesman, read the article and called Mr. Ford. "Why," he asked, "didn't you purchase the policy from me?"

"Because," came the answer, "you didn't ask me."

All of us have the same needs. No doubt that God "wired us" the same so we could understand one another's needs so we would know how to help each other. We are quick to help others when we know that they have physical or emotional needs. It comes naturally. But the greatest need that each of us has is a spiritual need: To know Jesus Christ as Savior. We must always be aware of the fact that everyone we see has this need that only Christ can meet.

It's difficult for most individuals to ask for help. However, when they do, it is a good place to begin to build a relationship to ask life's most important question: Do you know Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to be aware of the needs of others and in Your name help them when we can. But let us never forget their most important need: salvation. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 14:15-24 But they are alike began to make excuses...I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.

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News from the Associated Press

Storms damage 18 Oglala-area homes; 4 deemed unlivable

OGLALA, S.D. (AP) — Severe storms with strong winds over the weekend damaged 18 homes in the Oglala area.

The American Red Cross says most of the homes suffered minor damage to roofs, windows and siding, but four homes were deemed too damaged to be occupied. Those families are getting help with lodging.

Red Cross regional director Richard Smith says the agency is continuing to monitor the situation with Oglala Sioux emergency management officials.

Insurance change creates challenges for rural residents

By VICTORIA LUSK, Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — In 2010, Tana Wahl of Langford started her own insurance company and began to carry her own insurance plan.

More recently, however, she also accepted a position as a registered nurse at Sanford Health in Webster, where her benefits include an optional employee health plan.

Prior to the additional employment, Wahl doctored with Avera.

"Throughout the years, our area has pretty much been Avera," Wahl said. "Because of that, many people had established a primary Avera physician who they trust as a provider," she said.

That was the case for Wahl, her children and some of her clients.

"However, when Sanford first came, it opened more doors and it allowed people to really test the waters," she said.

Now, those in rural areas who are likely serviced by either Sanford or Avera might have to choose between the two providers.

That's after Sanford Health announced Aug. 23 that that it would no longer accept DakotaCare and Avera Health Plans.

Geographically, Langford is in a unique position. Residents can travel northeast to Britton, which offers Avera services, or southeast to Webster, which offers Sanford services.

Health care services can seem to be limited in rural areas, Wahl said. But technology, such as online charting and email correspondence, has been helping to change that.

Yet those features don't help in the case of an emergency, Wahl said. Emergency services aren't the only issue affected by the insurance decision. Because emergency responders will take patients to the closest facility — whether it be Avera, Sanford or somewhere else — they play the biggest role in rural care, Wahl said.

Insurance-wise, "that's a big consideration for people," she said.

Patients can often plan in advance procedures or operations. That's not the case with emergencies.

As an independent insurance agent, Wahl can't voice preference of insurance providers or hospitals. But she fields questions from many clients and others who are about concerned about the issue. Some of them express interest in moving to a Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan, which is accepted at both health care systems.

Because of the demand for Blue Cross Blue Shield, Wahl believes those rates could increase.

"It's going to be interesting to see how it affects health insurance in South Dakota specifically," she told the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2d4phWR>).

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There might be fewer concerns for communities in the region that are served by independent health care system — Bowdle, Faulkton, Mobridge and Oakes, N.D. Those unaffiliated hospitals accept various types of insurance coverage.

Sanford and Avera don't agree on the reasoning behind the Sanford's decision to no longer accept the insurance, which came roughly nine months after Avera purchased broad insurance network provider DakotaCare in November 2015.

However, both health care systems now assert that they will move forward in whatever ways are best for their patients, and they are seeing the same kind of response from those that carry their insurance plans.

Jesse Tischer, executive vice president for Sanford Health Network, said that, since the decision, Sanford has fielded questions about the reasoning.

But, he said, Sanford has had a lot of support once people understand why the decision was made. He said Sanford was essentially just asking for what Avera already had — broad network coverage.

Rob Bates, executive vice president for Avera Health, said Avera has received about 100 phone calls from DakotaCare members, providers, clients and agents who are seeking to better understand the transition.

"Most calls have been from members and the majority of calls have involved questions about continuing care for those in active treatment plans or help in transitioning to a participating DakotaCare provider," Bates said.

Sanford Health insurance agents are also seeing an influx of people and employers who are seeking to at least evaluate different options, Tischer said.

"(Those agents) are also hearing from some communities and patients where we have a Sanford-only provider and they might see an Avera doctor and they want to know where they will go to receive their care," he said.

That is the most common question Avera is being asked — whether or not a DakotaCare policyholder can continue to see a Sanford provider. While that choice is up to the policyholder, it will result in higher out-of-pocket expenses because after the transition Sanford will be considered an out-of-network provider.

However, Bates said, health conditions that require longer-term services such pregnancy or cancer that have already begun treatment with a Sanford provider will be treated as in-network until the treatment or process is complete.

Ultimately, choosing a provider comes down to making a decision about what services and what kind of care a person wants to receive, Tischer said.

Avera has more facilities in rural communities surrounding Aberdeen with established Avera Medical Groups. People with DakotaCare in those communities will not see any issues as DakotaCare considers Avera in-network, Bates said.

Because Avera's mission is to provide access to quality health care within its footprint, its goal is to always keep care within any community that its asked to come into, he said.

However, Sanford could increase its presence in rural communities in the future, as the health system's approach to going into new communities is also based on invitation, Tischer said. However, it is unlikely that smaller communities would have both health systems readily available. The economics — including demand and population — simply wouldn't sustain that.

Fortunately for patients, a brick-and-mortar location isn't necessarily required for rural health care.

"Acute care needs can be covered with virtual health," Tischer said, which is one way Sanford hopes to preserve access to rural care.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Wildlife officials remove brown trout from Spearfish Creek

By MARK WATSON, Black Hills Pioneer

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Spearfish Creek offers some of the best fishing in the Black Hills.

Well known for its ample brown, rainbow and even brook trout, the stream, with its clear, cool waters is the destination of many anglers year-round.

But with 2,000 to 4,000 fish per mile, the size of the fish may not be as large as in other area creeks. So, the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks removed approximately 3,000 brown trout this summer in hopes of enhancing the size of the fish.

"There is a strong population as far as numbers," said Jake Davis, area fisheries supervisor with the Game, Fish and Parks Department.

The population was greater than in other streams, and while they may have led to a good fishing experience, the fisheries personnel saw "red flags" with too much completion for the limited resources in the stream.

Few fish, brown nor rainbow trout, were greater than 14 inches long — most were in the 10- to 12-inch range, Davis said.

So, the department decided to remove fish in some areas to see if the lower number would lead to a healthier fishery.

"We do a lot of population manipulation with stocking fish; however, in this case we, in certain sections of the stream, would remove individuals from those sections with a goal of freeing up (food) resources for the remaining fish . and hopefully improve growth rate and also the size structure," Davis told the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2dek423>).

Fourteen areas of Spearfish Creek, in Spearfish and up Spearfish Canyon to Cheyenne Crossing, were identified and "electrofished" in late July and early August. Each was a quarter-mile long. Fisheries staff used equipment designed to send an electrical current into the water that stuns the fish causing them to float to the surface. Then other staff netted the trout marking some with radio transmitters as part of the population study.

In seven areas — the control areas — the stream was electrofished, and the fish were logged and released. In the other seven areas — the treatment areas — the fish were logged, but half were removed and later restocked in Iron Creek Lake. Only brown trout were removed.

Some of the trout were killed to identify their age, done by analyzing the ear bones of the fish.

For the next two years, a South Dakota State University student will monitor the population and will electrofish the creek each summer to determine if there is growth in the trout.

Davis said the rainbow trout population is also ample, but sizes also are smaller than in other streams. He said he hopes removing some of the brown trout will give the rainbows a boost in size as well. Davis said brown trout are generally more aggressive and will outcompete a rainbow population.

Anglers are required to release any rainbow trout caught in Spearfish Creek between the Maurice Intake and Hydro No. 2. Beyond those boundaries, anglers are limited to a combined creel of five trout daily and only one may be larger than 14 inches long.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Legion Lake improvements to bring better access, fishing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota state park lake is expected to have better access and improved fishing habitat after a shoreline rebuilding project is completed.

South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks officials began decreasing the water level in the 9.2-acre Legion Lake in the northern part of Custer State Park earlier this month, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2d6Ad8r>) reported.

Park engineer Jayme Severyn said one project led to another once the lake was lowered. She says the five-foot lowering of the lake's water level will make it easy to install new water and sewer lines.

"Once we committed to dropping the lake about five feet for the construction project, we started looking at the lake as a whole and what other things we could do during that time frame," Severyn said.

The water level in the lake will be lowered an additional 5 feet in order to dredge a sediment buildup and remove cattails on the north shoreline, then stabilize it with rock.

"Like any lake we have, once they start aging, you end up with cattail encroachment, sediment coming into the lake system," said John Carreiro, fisheries biologist with South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks. "We're just trying to create a better experience for the anglers."

A new sidewalk for pedestrian access is also planned for the northern shoreline. The current walkway is close to Highway 16A.

"The sidewalk is immediately adjacent to 16A," Severyn said. "We want to make a flat, level area, plant grass and move that sidewalk off the edge of the road."

Severyn added that visitors can expect access restriction to the beach, shoreline and the Legion Lake Trail during construction.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

VIEWER'S GUIDE: Trust and temperament key themes in debate

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most telling moments in presidential debates often come out of the blue — an offhand remark or unrehearsed gesture that helps to reveal the essence of a candidate who's already been poked, prodded and inspected for years.

Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump have competing missions heading into Monday night's leadoff debate of the general election campaign: Hers to overcome the trust questions that have bedeviled her for decades. His to convince voters that he has the good judgment and restraint required of a president.

Plenty of subtexts will play out as well over 90 minutes of must-see TV before an estimated audience of 75 million or more viewers — an outsized share of them disenchanted with both candidates.

Some things to watch for Monday night:

CLINTON vs. INTERNATIONAL MAN OF MYSTERY

Just who will show up to debate Clinton? Will it be the say-anything Trump who roiled the primary debates by dishing out a stream of insults and provocations? Or the rein-it-in Trump who's been trying to demonstrate of late that he has the maturity and measured temperament to be president? One possible clue: Watch to see whether Trump trots out the "crooked Hillary" nickname or puts it on ice for 90 minutes.

TAKE A DEEP BREATH

Expect Clinton to try to goad Trump into losing control, perhaps by questioning the size of his wealth

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and the success of his businesses or by highlighting his past incendiary statements about minorities, women and others. Trump is promising to "stay cool." But 90 minutes could be a long time for the master of improv and theatrics to hew to a script.

POLICY PITFALLS

Both candidates have policy gaps to fill in and changes in position to explain. At its best, the debate could help flesh out details of both candidates' platforms, highlighting similarities and differences. There are pitfalls here for Trump in particular: Weak on policy, he's vulnerable to slip-ups that could feed into the not-ready-to-govern line that Clinton is pushing. Trump has been studying up: You can bet he now knows what the nuclear triad is. (During the primary debates, he seemed not to understand that it represents weapons in silos, submarines and bombers.)

THOSE 'DAMN EMAILS'

Clinton largely got a pass during the Democratic primary debates on her use of a private email system when she was secretary of state. Primary rival Bernie Sanders, in their first debate, did Clinton a favor when he declared that "people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails." Don't expect Trump to cut Clinton a similar break. She also has more to answer for since the FBI concluded that she was "extremely careless" in her handling of classified material in the emails. Clinton has been struggling to find an effective explanation: Now would be a good time for her to nail it.

PUSH-UPS ANYONE?

They can't exactly drop to the floor for a one-armed pushups contest. But look for both candidates to more subtly project health and stability. After her much-publicized coughing fits and recent bout of pneumonia, Clinton will be out to show she's got the strength and stamina the White House job demands. As for Trump, critics have speculated he has any number of psychiatric disorders. It would be a good time to show a level head and solid grounding.

POINTERS AND PINCERS

He shrugs. She bobs her head. He waves his arms. She pinches her thumb and index finger. Every wink, nod and fidget on Monday will be analyzed for silent messages that can speak volumes. President George H.W. Bush caught grief for stealing a look at his watch during a 1992 debate. Al Gore's audible sighs in a 2000 debate were seen as discourteous to George W. Bush.

FACTIVISM

The candidates won't be the only ones under the microscope. Moderator Lester Holt of NBC News will be under enormous pressure to maintain control and act as an objective referee. In the lead-up to the debate, Trump maintained that it would be improper for Holt to try to fact-check the candidates' statements in real time. Clinton spokesman Brian Fallon tweeted that if debate moderators don't fact-check the candidates, "it is an unfair advantage to Trump, who is a congenital liar."

GENDER DYNAMICS

Gender politics will be afoot in the first general-election debate to feature a woman. Trump had trouble navigating this terrain in the primaries, when he tried to back away from a derogatory comment about rival Carly Fiorina's looks by declaring in one debate that she had a "beautiful face." Clinton will be ready. She said earlier this year: "I have a lot of experience dealing with men who sometimes get off the reservation in the way they behave and how they speak."

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WHAT TO WEAR

Call it frivolous, but people will check out what the candidates wear, especially Clinton. When comic Zach Galifianakis recently asked Clinton what she was going to wear, Clinton said she had no idea and scolded him for “this thing called the double standard.” As for what Trump will wear, Clinton said: “I assume he’ll wear that red power tie.” Alluding to questions about whether Trump is a racist, Galifianakis replied: “Or maybe a white power tie.”

POST-MORTEM

Even if you watch the whole debate, its impact may not be completely clear until the post-debate pontificating plays out. The analysis and selected clips that are highlighted after the debate can have a big influence on the millions of people who didn’t tune in — or who watched Monday Night Football instead. And why wait for the debate to end? Your Twitter feed will be filled with significant moments before you’ve even had time to digest them.

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10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. STAGE SET FOR CLINTON, TRUMP DEBATE SHOWDOWN

Tonight’s presidential debate — the first of three — comes as the candidates seek to improve their images even as large numbers of Americans hold negative views on both of them.

2. ‘A NIGHTMARE THAT TRAVELS WITH ME WHEREVER I GO’

That’s how Syria refugee Mohammed al-Haj, who now lives in Germany, describes the long civil war that plagues his home country.

3. WHO HAD A SERIES OF RUN-INS WITH THE LAW BEFORE SHOOTINGS

Arcan Cetin, accused of killing five people at mall south of Seattle, had previously faced charges of assaulting his stepfather, and drunk driving.

4. ARNOLD WAS ‘A PIONEER IN HIS SPORT’

Jack Nicklaus responds to the death of rival and close friend Arnold Palmer, a champion and golf ambassador who brought the sport to the masses.

5. WHERE THOUSANDS FLEE AHEAD OF FLOODWATERS

Several thousand residents of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, leave their homes as the rain-swollen Cedar River rises seven feet over flood stage.

6. COLOMBIA TO SIGN HISTORIC ACCORD

Colombia looks to emerge from five-decades of bloodshed when the government and the country’s largest rebel movement sign a peace deal.

7. PENSION CRISIS CONFRONTS DALLAS POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS

The retirement plan, which was tied to risky real estate investments, is just 45 percent funded and projected to run dry in 15 years.

8. WHY SOME GRADE SCHOOLS DROP HOMEWORK

They want to allow kids more time to play sports, spend time with families, read and sleep.

9. CHARISMATIC MARLINS ACE DIES IN BOATING ACCIDENT

Jose Fernandez, a two-time All-Star and former National League rookie of the year, is killed with two

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other people when their 32-foot vessel hits a jetty off Miami Beach, authorities say.

10. 9. SHARK INJURES TEEN SURFER AT SITE OF PREVIOUS FATAL MAULING

A shark lacerates the 17-year-old's thigh in the waters off the same Australian beach where a Japanese surfer was attacked and died in February 2015.

WHY IT MATTERS: Jobs

By **CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER, AP Economics Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — THE ISSUE: Tepid income growth and shrinking opportunities for blue-collar workers have kept many Americans anxious about jobs and the economy, seven years after the Great Recession ended.

The unemployment rate has fallen to a relatively low 4.9 percent. But many Americans are struggling to keep up with an economy that has been fundamentally transformed since the recession, and is very different from the one their parents experienced.

Most jobs with decent pay require more education than in the past. And some of the best-paying, fastest-growing jobs are in newer fields such as data analytics, computer network security, and software development. Such jobs typically require very specific skills.

WHERE THEY STAND

Trump wants to spur more job creation by reducing regulations and cutting taxes to encourage businesses to expand and hire more.

He also says badly negotiated free trade agreements have cost millions of manufacturing jobs. He promises to bring those jobs back by renegotiating the NAFTA agreement with Canada and Mexico, withdrawing from a proposed Pacific trade pact with 11 other nations, and pushing China to let its currency float freely on international markets.

Clinton has promised to spend \$275 billion upgrading roads, tunnels and modern infrastructure such as broadband Internet, to create more construction and engineering jobs. Trump has said in interviews he would spend twice as much.

Clinton also says she would make state colleges and universities tuition-free as well as community colleges. That would enable more Americans to qualify for higher-paying jobs. She plans to pay for these proposals by lifting taxes on wealthier Americans.

WHY IT MATTERS

For most Americans, the most obvious measure of the economy's health is whether they have a job, and whether their incomes are rising.

By those measures, the verdict is mixed. Hiring, while initially sluggish, has picked up since the recession ended in June 2009. Job gains in 2014 and 2015 were the highest in any two-year period since 1998-99.

Still, wages have been slower to recover. A typical household's annual income jumped in 2015 by the most in any year on records dating back to 1967, according to recent Census Bureau data. Yet incomes that year were still 1.6 percent below 2007 levels and 2.4 percent below the 1999 peak. Analysts at Sentier Research estimate that household income finally returned to pre-recession levels in July.

Average hourly pay is slowly rising but the growth rate is below levels that are consistent with a healthy economy.

One factor probably fueling anxiety about jobs and pay has been the disproportionate growth of jobs in lower-paying industries, such as fast-food restaurants, and higher-paying sectors, such as informa-

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tion technology. Middle-income jobs in areas like manufacturing and administrative support barely recovered.

Yet that trend appears to be reversing. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York has found that middle-income job growth — in areas such as trucking and construction — outpaced growth in higher- and lower-paying work in the past two years.

Still, sluggish pay may be one reason many Americans remain on the sidelines. The proportion of Americans working or looking for work has fallen sharply since the recession. It has leveled off in the past two years but remains near 40-year lows. About half that decline reflects increased retirements as the baby boomers age.

Other choices have also played a role, such as the increasing likelihood that young people are in school.

Yet the percentage of Americans in their prime working years — 25 through 54 — who are working or looking for work is about 1.5 percentage points below pre-recession levels. Many have become discouraged about their prospects for finding work and have given up looking. Others have joined the government's disability rolls. Neither group is counted in the unemployment rate.

That is one reason the economy feels less healthy to many Americans than a 4.9 percent unemployment rate would suggest.

This story is part of AP's "Why It Matters" series, which will examine three dozen issues at stake in the presidential election between now and Election Day. You can find them at: <http://apne.ws/2bBG85a>

Arnold Palmer dies at 87, made golf popular for masses

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

Arnold Palmer charged across the golf course and into America's living rooms with a go-for-broke style that made a country club sport popular for the everyman. At ease with presidents and the public, he was on a first-name basis with both.

Through his remarkable life, he never lost that personal touch. That's what made him the King.

Palmer died Sunday in Pittsburgh. He was 87.

"Arnold transcended the game of golf," Jack Nicklaus said. "He was more than a golfer or even great golfer. He was an icon. He was a legend. Arnold was someone who was a pioneer in his sport. He took the game from one level to a higher level, virtually by himself. Along the way, he had millions of adoring fans.

"He was the king of our sport and always will be."

Alastair Johnston, the CEO of Arnold Palmer Enterprises, said Palmer was admitted to the UPMC Hospital on Thursday for some cardiovascular work and weakened over the last few days.

The memories of Palmer went beyond his golf and to the people who couldn't take their eyes off him.

"He was an iconic American who treated people with respect and warmth, and built a unique legacy through his ability to engage with fans," Johnston said.

President Barack Obama tweeted about Palmer's death, saying: "Here's to The King who was as extraordinary on the links as he was generous to others. Thanks for the memories, Arnold."

Palmer ranked among the most important figures in golf history, and it went well beyond his seven major championships and 62 PGA Tour wins. His good looks, devilish grin and hard-charging style of play made the elite sport appealing to one and all. And it helped that he arrived about the same time as television moved into most households, a perfect fit that sent golf to unprecedented popularity.

"If it wasn't for Arnold, golf wouldn't be as popular as it is now," Tiger Woods said in 2004 when

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Palmer played in his last Masters. "He's the one who basically brought it to the forefront on TV. If it wasn't for him and his excitement, his flair, the way he played, golf probably would not have had that type of excitement.

"And that's why he's the king."

Beyond his golf, Palmer was a pioneer in sports marketing, paving the way for scores of other athletes to reap in millions from endorsements. Some four decades after his last PGA Tour win, he ranked among the highest-earners in golf.

"It is not an exaggeration to say there would be no modern-day PGA Tour without Arnold Palmer. There would be no PGA Tour Champions without Arnold Palmer. There would be no Golf Channel without Arnold Palmer," PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement.

On the golf course, Palmer was an icon not for how often he won, but the way he did it.

He would hitch up his pants, drop a cigarette and attack the flags. With powerful hands wrapped around the golf club, Palmer would slash at the ball with all of his might, twist that muscular neck and squint to see where it went.

"When he hits the ball, the earth shakes," Gene Littler once said.

Palmer rallied from seven shots behind to win a U.S. Open. He blew a seven-shot lead on the back nine to lose a U.S. Open.

He was never dull.

"I'm pleased that I was able to do what I did from a golfing standpoint," Palmer said in 2008, two years after he played in his last official tournament. "I would like to think that I left them more than just that."

He left behind a gallery known as "Arnie's Army," which began at Augusta National with a small group of soldiers from nearby Fort Gordon, and grew to include a legion of fans from every corner of the globe.

Palmer stopped playing the Masters in 2004 and hit the ceremonial tee shot every year until 2016, when age began to take a toll and he struggled with his balance.

It was Palmer who gave golf the modern version of the Grand Slam — winning all four professional majors in one year. He came up with the idea after winning the Masters and U.S. Open in 1960. Palmer was runner-up at the British Open, later calling it one of the biggest disappointments of his career. But his appearance alone invigorated the British Open, which Americans had been ignoring for years.

Palmer never won the PGA Championship, one major short of capturing a career Grand Slam.

But then, standard he set went beyond trophies. It was the way he treated people, looking everyone in the eye with a smile and a wink. He signed every autograph, making sure it was legible. He made every fan feel like an old friend.

Palmer never liked being referred to as "The King," but the name stuck.

"It was back in the early '60s. I was playing pretty good, winning a lot of tournaments, and someone gave a speech and referred to me as 'The King,'" Palmer said in a November 2011 interview with The Associated Press.

"I don't bask in it. I don't relish it. I tried for a long time to stop that and," he said, pausing to shrug, "there was no point."

Palmer played at least one PGA Tour event every season for 52 consecutive years, ending with the 2004 Masters. He spearheaded the growth of the 50-and-older Champions Tour, winning 10 times and drawing some of the biggest crowds.

He was equally successful off with golf course design, a wine collection, and apparel that included his famous logo of an umbrella. He bought the Bay Hill Club & Lodge upon making his winter home in

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Orlando, Florida, and in 2007 the PGA Tour changed the name of the tournament to the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The combination of iced tea and lemonade is known as an "Arnold Palmer." Pdraig Harrington recalls eating in an Italian restaurant in Miami when he heard a customer order one.

"Think about it," Harrington said. "You don't go up there and order a 'Tiger Woods' at the bar. You can go up there and order an 'Arnold Palmer' in this country and the barman — he was a young man — knew what the drink was. That's in a league of your own."

Palmer was born Sept. 10, 1929, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the oldest of four children. His father, Deacon, became the greenskeeper at Latrobe Country Club in 1921 and the club pro in 1933.

He had two loves as a boy — strapping on his holster with toy guns to play "Cowboys and Indians," and playing golf. It was on the golf course that Palmer grew to become so strong, with barrel arms and hands of iron.

"When I was 6 years old, my father put me on a steel-wheeled tractor," he recalled in a 2011 interview with the AP. "I had to stand up to turn the wheel. That's one thing made me strong. The other thing was I pushed mowers. In those days, there were no motors on anything except the tractor. The mowers to cut greens with, you pushed.

"And it was this," he said, patting his arms, "that made it go."

Palmer joined the PGA Tour in 1955 and won the Canadian Open for the first of his 62 titles. He went on to win four green jackets at Augusta National, along with the British Open in 1961 and 1962 and the U.S. Open in 1960, perhaps the most memorable of his seven majors because it defined his style. You could never count him out.

Palmer went head to head with Nicklaus two years later in a U.S. Open, the start of one of golf's most famous rivalries. It was one-sided. Nicklaus went on to win 18 majors and was regarded as golf's greatest champion. Palmer won two more majors after that loss, and his last PGA Tour win came in 1973 at the Bob Hope Classic.

Golf writer Tom Callahan once described the difference between Nicklaus and Palmer this way: It's as though God said to Nicklaus, "You will have skills like no other," then whispered to Palmer, "But they will love you more."

"I think he brought a lot more to the game than his game," Nicklaus said in 2009. "What I mean by that is, there's no question about his record and his ability to play the game. He was very, very good at that. But he obviously brought a lot more. He brought the hitch of his pants, the flair that he brought to the game, the fans that he brought into the game."

It made him a beloved figure, and brought riches long after he stopped competing.

That started with a handshake agreement with IMG founder Mark McCormack to represent Palmer in contract negotiations. Palmer's image was everywhere, from motor oil to ketchup to financial services companies. Even as late as 2011, nearly 40 years after his last PGA Tour win, Palmer was No. 3 on Golf Digest's list of top earners at \$36 million a year. He trailed only Woods and Phil Mickelson.

Palmer's other love was aviation. He piloted his first aircraft in 1956, and 10 years later had a license to fly jets that now are the standard mode of transportation for so many top players, even though the majority of them are merely passengers. Palmer flew planes the way he played golf. He set a record in 1976 when he circumnavigated the globe in 57 hours, 25 minutes and 42 seconds in a Lear 36. He continued flying his Cessna Citation 10 until he failed to renew his license at age 81, just short of 20,000 hours in the cockpit.

Through it all, he touched more people than he could possibly remember, though he sure tried. When asked about the fans he attracted at Augusta National, Palmer once said, "Hell, I know most of them

by name.”

Only four other players won more PGA Tour events than Palmer — Sam Snead, Nicklaus, Woods and Hogan.

Palmer’s first wife, Winnie, died in 1999. They had two daughters, and grandson Sam Saunders plays on the PGA Tour. Palmer married Kathleen (Kit) Gawthrop in 2005.

Details on a memorial service and burial will be announced later.

Palmer was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1997, which was caught early. He returned to golf a few months later, winking at fans as he waded through the gallery, always a smile and a signature for them.

“I’m not interested in being a hero,” Palmer said, implying that too much was made about his return from cancer. “I just want to play some golf.”

That, perhaps, is his true epitaph. Palmer lived to play.

Debate Night: Clinton, Trump set for high-stakes showdown

By **JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent**

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of tangling from afar, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump will confront each other face-to-face for the first time in Monday night’s presidential debate, laying out for voters their vastly different visions for the nation’s future.

The high-stakes showdown — the first of three presidential debates — comes as both candidates are viewed negatively by large numbers of Americans, with Democrat Clinton facing questions about her trustworthiness and Republican Trump struggling to convince many voters that he has the temperament and policy depth to be president.

Interest in the presidential race has been intense, and the campaigns are expecting a record-breaking audience to watch the 90-minute televised debate at suburban New York’s Hofstra University.

Clinton, a former senator and secretary of state, is banking on voters seeing her as a steady hand who can build on the record of President Barack Obama, whose popularity is rising as he winds down his second term in office. She’s called for expanding Obama’s executive orders if Congress won’t pass legislation to overhaul the nation’s immigration system and for broader gun control measures. Overseas, she’s called for a no-fly zone in Syria but has vowed to keep the military out of a large-scale ground war to defeat the Islamic State group.

For Clinton, victory in November largely hinges on rallying the same young and diverse coalition that elected Obama but has yet to fully embrace her.

“Hillary has recognized that she has a lot of work to do to earn people’s trust,” said Robby Mook, Clinton’s campaign manager. “We think this debate is a fantastic opportunity for her to present not just what she is going to do to make a difference in people’s lives, but she actually has a long history of getting this done.”

Trump has tapped into deep anxieties among some Americans, particularly white, working-class voters who feel left behind in a changing economy and diversifying nation. While the real estate mogul lacks the experience Americans have traditionally sought in a commander in chief, he’s banking on frustration with career politicians and disdain for Clinton to push him over the top on Election Day.

“He speaks a language that people out there can understand, and so I think that he’s going to have a good night,” Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said of Trump’s debate prospects.

The centerpiece of Trump’s campaign has been a push for restrictive immigration measures, including a physical wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and an early proposal to temporarily bar foreign Muslims

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from coming to the U.S. But he's been less detailed about other ideas, including his plan for stamping out the Islamic State group in the Middle East.

Clinton's camp is worried that Trump will be held to a different standard in the debate and is particularly concerned that the notoriously hot-headed businessman will be rewarded for simply keeping his cool. Clinton backers have been publicly pushing moderator Lester Holt of NBC News to fact-check Trump if he tries to mislead voters about his record and past statements.

"All that we're asking is that, if Donald Trump lies, that it's pointed out," Mook said.

Trump's advisers have indeed been urging him to keep calm on stage, mindful of voters' concerns about his temperament. On Saturday, Trump showed a glimpse of the traits his advisers want to keep in check, announcing on Twitter that he might extend a debate invitation to Gennifer Flowers, a woman who had an affair with Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton.

Trump's campaign said the candidate was responding to Clinton's decision to invite businessman and Trump critic Mark Cuban to the debate. And by Sunday morning, they said Flowers would not be attending.

Kellyanne Conway, Trump's campaign manager, said the candidate floated the invitation to "remind people that he's a great counterpuncher."

Trump was often a commanding presence in the Republican primary debates, launching biting personal attacks on his rivals. But at times, he appeared to fade into the background, especially during more technical policy discussions — something he'll be unable to do with just two candidates on stage.

Clinton has debated more than 30 times at the presidential level, including several one-on-one contests against Obama in 2008 and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders in 2016. But Monday's contest will be her first presidential debate against a candidate from the opposing party.

Mook and Conway spoke Sunday on ABC's "This Week." Priebus appeared on Fox New Channel's "Sunday Morning Futures."

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Protests remain peaceful outside Charlotte Panthers NFL game

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Nightly protests have shaken the city of Charlotte since the shooting death of a black man by police last week, but Sunday's NFL game between the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings was played without interruption.

A group of around 100 demonstrators gathered across the street from Bank of America Stadium to keep up the pressure in the aftermath of the death of Keith Lamont Scott. The 43-year-old man was shot and killed Tuesday after a confrontation with Charlotte police. Six nights of protests have followed, the first two of them violent.

On Sunday, protesters led by a man with a bullhorn across the street from Bank of America Stadium were surrounded by at least two dozen police officers on bicycles. Their message competed with the noise of fans streaming toward the stadium and an impromptu jazz band playing tunes less than a block away.

When the national anthem was played, the protesters all dropped to one knee as many NFL players have been doing for weeks to call attention to issues, including police shootings. Inside the stadium, Carolina safety Marcus Ball raised his fist during the anthem.

Later Sunday, protesters clambered onto Interstate 277 through the city's downtown and began to

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block traffic until police arrived. The protesters ran, but one fell in front of an all-terrain vehicle operated by a Greensboro police officer helping the Charlotte force, Charlotte-Mecklenburg police said. The protester, 26-year-old Donnell Jones of Missouri, was not hurt and was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, police said.

Video footage police released Saturday of the Scott shooting incident hasn't settled questions about whether he threatened authorities with a gun before he was felled by a black officer. Police Chief Kerr Putney said Saturday that Scott was "absolutely in possession of a handgun," adding that, while officers didn't break the law, the State Bureau of Investigation continues to pursue the case.

While police say Scott had a gun, residents contend he was unarmed. It's not apparent in the video if he's holding anything shortly before he was shot. The dramatic video released by Charlotte police shows officers with guns drawn surrounding the man just before the shooting.

Police also released photos on Saturday of what they said was a loaded handgun found at the scene, adding it bore Scott's DNA and fingerprints. They also said Scott had marijuana.

In the police vehicle dashboard camera video released Saturday night, Scott could be seen slowly backing away from his SUV with his hands down. Four shots are heard in quick succession, and he crumples to the ground mortally wounded.

Protests against Scott's fatal shooting were largely peaceful after the dashboard camera and police body-cam videos were released. Police blocked off downtown streets late into the night Saturday as they had throughout the day, allowing demonstrators to take over roadways without confrontations with vehicles.

Away from the marching, others said the videos increased their doubt about the police explanation that Scott's shooting was necessary and justified. Reda Burch, one of the dozens of people who stopped by a makeshift memorial near the site where Scott died, said she has watched the police videos and doesn't think Scott was threatening officers or that the shooting was justified.

"If he had a gun in his hand, I couldn't see it. If he had one, he never raised it," Burch said Sunday afternoon. "His hands never left his side. So no, I don't see a reason to kill him."

The videos changed the mind of Stacey Sizemore, who said that she worked in human resources for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department before leaving about six years ago. She said she knows police officers strive to protect the public, but the videos put new doubt into her mind that the shooting was necessary.

"If you're backing up, that's saying you don't want a fight. You don't want a confrontation. So that's the part that, kind of, didn't make it better for me."

Relatives and their attorney have also said what they saw on the partial police video footage left them wondering why Scott was killed.

"What we know and what you should know about him is that he was an American citizen who deserved better," said Ray Dotch, Scott's brother-in-law.

Charlotte has been on edge ever since Scott's death. The demonstrations reached a violent crescendo Wednesday before the National Guard was called in a day later to maintain order. Forty-four people were arrested after Wednesday's protests, and one protester who was shot died at a hospital Thursday. City officials said police did not shoot 26-year-old Justin Carr, and a suspect was arrested. A police report said Carr had been shot in the head.

The next three nights of protests were free of property damage and violence, with organizers stressing a message of peace at the end of the week. Mayor Jennifer Roberts lifted a curfew on the city Sunday evening.

Charlotte is the latest U.S. city to be shaken by protests and recriminations over the death of a black

man at the hands of police, a list that includes Baltimore, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York and Ferguson, Missouri.

Clinton, Trump buff foreign policy bona fides on debate eve

By LISA LERER and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump were meeting separately with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu Sunday, giving each candidate fresh foreign policy talking points on the eve of their first presidential debate.

Clinton met Sunday evening with Netanyahu for less than an hour in Manhattan, according to Clinton campaign officials. Her meeting came after Trump sat down with the prime minister at his residence in Trump Tower in the morning, Israeli and Trump campaign officials said.

Reporters were barred from covering either meeting.

Clintons' campaign said in a statement that the two had an "in-depth conversation." She stressed that "a strong and secure Israel is vital to the United States" and "reaffirmed unwavering commitment" to the relationship.

According to her campaign, Clinton stressed her support for the 10-year, \$38 billion military aid package signed between the two countries earlier the month and opposition to efforts to boycott Israel. They also discussed Iran, the conflict in Syria and other regional challenges, including her support for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict negotiated by the two parties — not an outside organization like the U.N. Security Council.

Trump and Netanyahu discussed "at length" Israel's use of a fence to help secure its borders, an example Trump frequently cites when he's talking about the wall he wants to build between the U.S. and Mexico.

"Trump recognized that Israel and its citizens have suffered far too long on the front lines of Islamic terrorism," the campaign said in a statement. "He agreed with Prime Minister Netanyahu that the Israeli people want a just and lasting peace with their neighbors, but that peace will only come when the Palestinians renounce hatred and violence and accept Israel as a Jewish State."

The meeting was designed to put Israel on good footing with the next U.S. president.

The Israeli leader has sought to project neutrality this time after perceptions arose that he favored Mitt Romney over President Barack Obama in 2012.

But it also served to showcase the candidates' expertise in foreign policy in the shadow of their first debate Monday, six weeks before Election Day. Clinton, a former senator and secretary of state, often says that Trump does not know enough about the world and lacks the temperament to be president. Trump has argued that he has extensive experience with foreign policy through his career as a business executive and blames Clinton for many of the nation's stumbles in foreign policy.

Meanwhile, the candidates deployed their top supporters to the Sunday shows to take early jabs at their opponents and lower expectations for a showdown expected to draw 75 million viewers — many of them disenchanted with both candidates, the least-popular presidential hopefuls in history.

Facts and who will determine them during the 90-minute debate seemed to be a top concern of the campaigns' strategists given Trump's habit of saying things that are untrue and the public's general distrust of Clinton.

Robby Mook, Clinton's campaign manager, told ABC's "This Week" that he is concerned Trump will continue his habit of sometimes saying things that aren't true and still get a passing grade. He called on moderator Lester Holt to correct any inaccuracies made by the candidates. But Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, said it's not the job of debate moderators to fact check.

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Trump's vice presidential running mate, Mike Pence, meanwhile, said that Gennifer Flowers will not attend the debate. Trump had tweeted that if frequent Trump critic Mark Cuban attended the show-down, he'd put Flowers, allegedly the former mistress of Clinton's husband, Bill, in the audience too. Conway said that Flowers had a right to be there if "somebody else gives her a ticket." But Pence drew a harder line.

"Gennifer Flowers will not be attending the debate tomorrow night," Pence said on "Fox News Sunday."

Conway on ABC defended the tweet, saying Trump "wants to remind people that he's a great counterpuncher."

The candidate was focused on other matters Sunday.

Trump's campaign said that during his meeting with Netanyahu, the Republican presidential nominee promised, "extraordinary strategic, technological, military and intelligence cooperation between the two countries" if he's elected.

The press was barred from covering the meeting between Netanyahu and Trump, but Trump's campaign said in a statement that the men, who have known each other for years, discussed "many topics important to both countries," including "the special relationship between America and Israel and the unbreakable bond between the two countries."

Among those topics: the nuclear deal with Iran, the battle against Islamic State militants, military assistance provided by the U.S. to Israel and other security issues.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

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Today is Monday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 2016. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1789, Thomas Jefferson was confirmed by the Senate to be the first United States secretary of state; John Jay, the first chief justice; Edmund Randolph, the first attorney general.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, New Jersey.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1937, the radio drama "The Shadow," starring Orson Welles, premiered on the Mutual Broadcasting System.

In 1945, Hungarian-born composer Bela Bartok, 64, died in New York City.

In 1957, the musical play "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the first-ever debate between presidential nominees took place as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon faced off before a national TV audience from Chicago.

In 1981, the twin-engine Boeing 767 made its official debut in Everett, Washington.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while An-

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tonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

In 1996, President Bill Clinton signed a bill ensuring two-day hospital stays for new mothers and their babies. Richard Allen Davis, the killer of 12-year-old Polly Klaas, was formally sentenced to death in San Jose, California.

In 2014, 43 students from a rural teachers college in Guerrero state in Mexico who had commandeered buses to attend a rally in Mexico City were detained by police in the city of Iguala and turned over to a crime gang; their fate remains unknown.

Ten years ago: A declassified version of a government intelligence report ordered released by President George W. Bush said the war in Iraq had become a "cause celebre" for Islamic extremists, breeding deep resentment of the U.S. that was likely to get worse before it got better. Former Enron chief financial officer Andrew Fastow was sentenced by a federal judge in Houston to six years in prison for his role in the fallen energy company's bankruptcy (Fastow was released in Dec. 2011). Iva Toguri D'Aquino, who was convicted and later pardoned for being World War II propagandist "Tokyo Rose," died in Chicago at age 90. World Golf Hall of Famer Byron Nelson died in Roanoke, Texas, at age 94.

Five years ago: Ending weeks of political brinkmanship, Congress advanced legislation to avoid a partial government shutdown. President Barack Obama appeared at a town hall meeting in Mountain View, California, hosted by the social networking company LinkedIn; the president plugged his jobs agenda in fielding questions on the employment picture, education, Medicare and Social Security.

One year ago: Visiting Philadelphia on the final leg of his six-day U.S. trip, Pope Francis extolled America's founding ideals of liberty and equality while warning that religious freedom was under threat around the globe. Speaking at a U.N. summit on new development goals, Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged billions in aid to the world's poorest countries and said Beijing would forgive debts of those worst-off.

Today's Birthdays: Retired baseball All-Star Bobby Shantz is 91. Actor Philip Bosco is 86. Actor Richard Herd is 84. South African nationalist Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is 80. Country singer David Frizzell is 75. Actor Kent McCord is 74. Television host Anne Robinson is 72. Singer Bryan Ferry is 71. Actress Mary Beth Hurt is 70. Singer Olivia Newton-John is 68. Actor James Keane is 64. Rock singer-musician Cesar Rosas (Los Lobos) is 62. Country singer Carlene Carter is 61. Actress Linda Hamilton is 60. Country singer Doug Supernaw is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Cindy Herron (En Vogue) is 55. Actress Melissa Sue Anderson is 54. Actor Patrick Bristow is 54. Rock musician Al Pitrelli is 54. Singer Tracey Thorn (Everything But The Girl) is 54. TV personality Jillian Barberie is 50. Contemporary Christian guitarist Jody Davis (Newsboys) is 49. Actor Jim Caviezel (kuh-VEE'-zuhl) is 48. Actress Tricia O'Kelley is 48. Actor Ben Shenkman is 48. Actress Melanie Paxon is 44. Singer Shawn Stockman (Boyz II Men) is 44. Music producer Dr. Luke is 43. Jazz musician Nicholas Payton is 43. Actor Mark Famiglietti (fah-mihl-YEH'-tee) is 37. Singer-actress Christina Milian (MIHL'-ee-ahn) is 35. Tennis player Serena Williams is 35.

Thought for Today: "The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what the man or woman is able to do." — Booker T. Washington, American educator and author (1856-1915).