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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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**The Boys Soccer match scheduled for Tuesday, Sept 12th vs Mitchell Christian/Mt. Vernon in Groton has been CANCELLED.**

## 11 - Patriot Day

**Senior Menu:** Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, spinach salad, baked apple slices, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Pancake on stick, fruit, milk and juice.

**School Lunch:** Chicken legs, fries, carrots and dip, fruit.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.

**School Board:** 7 p.m.

**Cross Country:** at Webster, 4 p.m.

**JH Volleyball:** at Ipswich, 7th grade at 4:30 p.m. followed by 8th grade.

**JV Football:** hosts Redfield-Doland, 5 p.m.

**City Council:** 7 p.m. at City Hall

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**Senior Menu:** Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, 3-bean salad, blueberry cobbler, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Cheese omelette, fruit, milk and juice.

**School Lunch:** Lasagna hot dish, corn, broccoli and dip, fruit.

**Emmanuel Lutheran:** Church Council, 7 p.m.

**Boys Golf:** at Redfield, 10 a.m.

**JH Football:** host Redfield-Doland; 7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade at 5 p.m.

**Volleyball:** hosts Moberidge-Pollock, C/JV at 5 p.m. followed by varsity match.

**United Methodist:** Bible Study at 10 a.m.; Girl Scouts, 3:30 p.m.

**Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance:** Ladies Bible Study, 10 a.m.

**Olive Grove:** Bridge Party at noon.

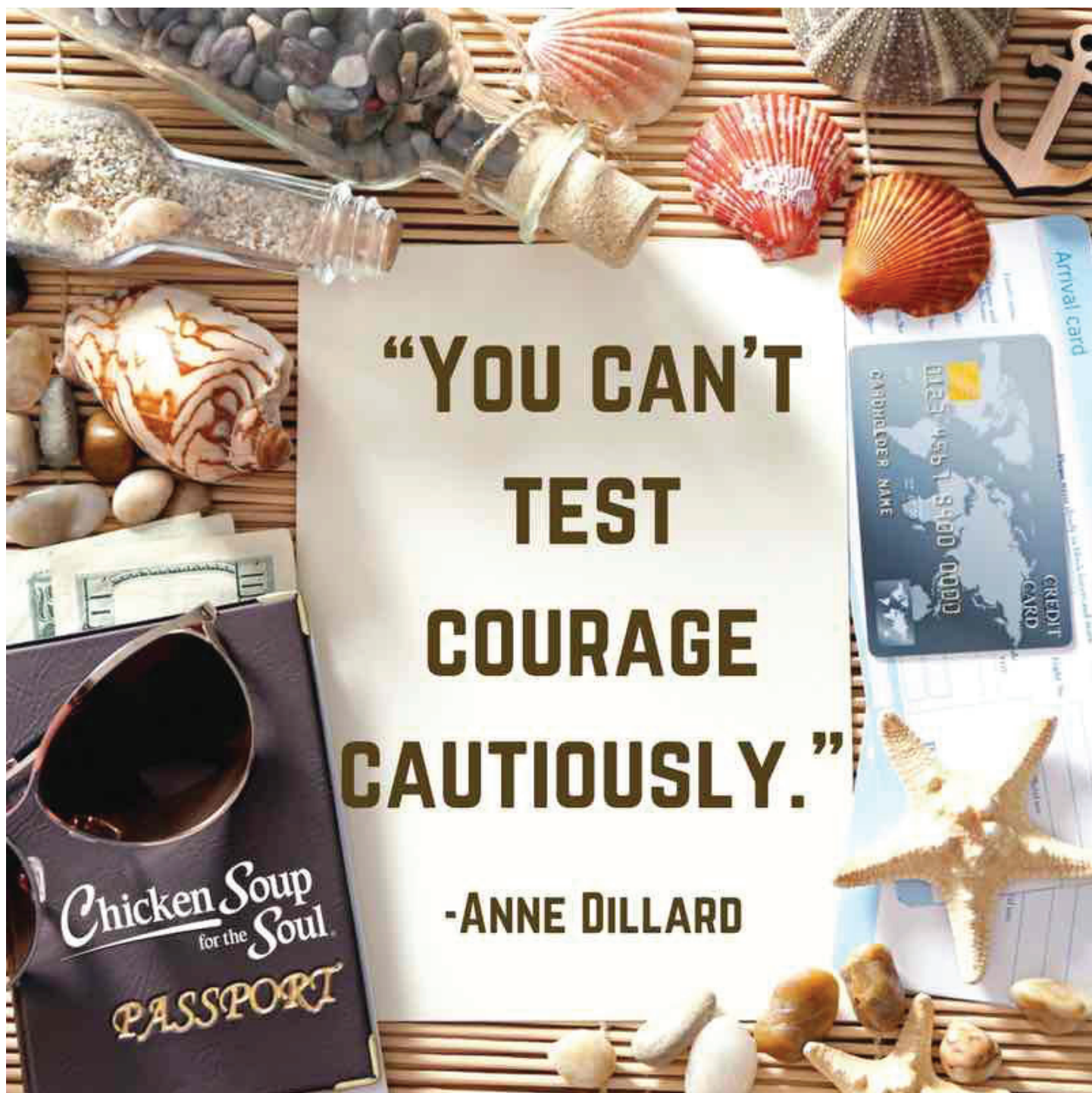
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TEST  
COURAGE  
CAUTIOUSLY.”**

**-ANNE DILLARD**

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There were about 25 dogs that were brought to the Groton Pool on Sunday for the season finale of the pool season.



**Soup, Pie,  
& Sandwich  
\$2.00 per item**

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Groton, SD  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Craft Items - Baked Goodies -  
Garden Produce

Soups available:  
Chili, Wild Rice,  
Potato, Ham & Bean

**For take-out orders, please call  
397-2386 at 10:30 a.m. or after.**

Coming up Today on

**GDILIVE.COM**

Click on image to watch the event

## **Groton City Council**

**Monday, Aug. 11**

**7 p.m.**

**Groton City Hall**

## **Groton School Board**

**Monday, Aug. 11**

**7 p.m.**

**GHS Conference Room**

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All auto owners!  
**Save \$2-\$4 /tank**  
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94 octane, more power,  
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maintenance costs,  
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genotoxic, carcinogenic  
tailpipe emissions;  
\*see sdfu.org's E30 tab for  
info, E30 prices/locations.

**\*Farmers Union's  
PSA: Courtesy Merle  
Anderson (Merle is 94  
year old founder of Ace  
and legendary ethanol  
supporter... "because it is  
the right thing to do")**

## Sunflower Classic

Sept. 10- sponsored by Groton Ford  
Olive Grove Golf Course

### Championship Flight

- 70- Brad and Dar Larson
- 72- Duncan Ferreira and Laura Stoebn
- 74- Doug and Vicki Jorgensen
- 74- Randy and Sue Stanley
- 75- Tim and Barb Gillick
- 77- Tom Mahan and Ranae Ball
- 79- Brad and Brenda Waage

### First Flight

- 75- Mark and Kari Herman
- 80- Walt and Helen Plummage
- 81- Rich and Tami Zimney
- 82- Steve and Betty Dunker
- 86- Rolfe and Char Ludtke
- 86- Roger and Sharon Zastrow
- 86- Bob and Vicki Walter

### Second Flight

- 80- Tony and Mandy Grohs
- 83- Rod Kluess and Carmen Ferguson
- 83- Larry Frohling and Deb Fredrickson
- 86- Jonathan and Mandalyn Fliehs
- 87- Lorin and Julie Fliehs
- 96- Rick and Donna Cowan

Closest to Pin #4: Vicki Jorgensen

Closest to Pin #8: Brad Larson

Longest Putt #9: Randy Stanley

## Help Wanted

Full- or part-time for the following positions:  
Healthcare workers for Nurse's-RN or LPN, and  
Nursing Assistants, Dietary Cook and assistant,  
and Housekeeper. (12 hour shifts/rotating weekends for  
nurses and C.N.A.s)

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## The Sad Truth About Sadness

By Richard P. Holm, MD



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



In my many years of caring for the sick, I have encountered several individuals caught in the joy starvation of depression. I have seen the resulting devastation affect not only the afflicted, but also those around them. For those 18 to 45 years of age, depression is the number one cause of disability, resulting in an estimated 200 billion dollars of lost earnings per year. I stand aghast when the condition results in such helplessness that the patient chooses to escape life with suicide. There are about 40,000

deaths per year to suicide, which is approximately equal to the number of deaths caused by breast cancer. Despite a similar mortality rate, the money invested in depression research is about 1% of that spent studying breast cancer.

It remains unclear as to the exact causes of depression are, as they can vary from one case to another. There are many factors which can contribute to depression, including genetic predisposition, a troubled childhood and adolescence, stressful environments, sad situations, addiction, traumatic experiences, or even not getting enough sun. Most of us periodically have what is called "situational depression," such as the appropriate sadness that follows severe loss or death of a loved one. This type of depression is normal and will usually fade with time as we heal emotionally. The time to be concerned is when there is depression without a "situation"—no apparent reason for it to happen, no sad story to explain why one is filled with sadness. When the patient says, "I don't know why I feel this way", then the clinician knows there is a problem.

Diagnosing clinical depression is not always easy. However, there are often associated symptoms that point us physicians in the direction of an accurate diagnosis. We suspect depression when people experience chronic pain, find it hard to concentrate, are without energy, have flares of temper, sleep too much or too little, have a loss of appetite or have over-eating binges, have unexplained crying spells, or become filled with anxiety for minimal reasons. People can often make things worse by covering up depression with alcohol, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medications, or substance abuse, making the diagnosis even more difficult.

Sadly, two-thirds of people with depression do not seek or receive help, often because they are ashamed or feel without hope. This is unfortunate, as 80% of those who do get help will begin to see improvement in as little as four to six weeks. There is help and hope for those with this miserable condition, but people need to be open to the possibility of such a problem (men are usually the worst deniers). There are several low-cost, highly effective treatments available for depression. They typically involve either meeting regularly with a behavioral specialist, taking a minimal side-effect medication, or a combination of the two. There are several other things that can aid in fighting depression as well, like getting adequate sleep and exercising regularly—even if it's only walking for 30 minutes each day.

If you are possibly struggling with depression, please get help. The treatments can be very effective and drastically improve your quality of life. It is not a condition to be ashamed of. If you can't do it for yourself, at least do it for those around you.

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## Today in Weather History

September 11, 1978: High winds to 65 mph damaged the roofs of several barns outside of Watertown during the early evening.

1900: The remnants of the Great Galveston Hurricane were located over central Iowa on this day. Eastern Nebraska, northwest Iowa, and southern Minnesota show four-plus inches of rain from this storm.

1949 - An early snowstorm brought 7.5 inches to Helena MT. In Maine, a storm drenched New Brunswick with 8.05 inches of rain in 24 hours, a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Very large and slow moving Hurricane Carla made landfall near Port Lavaca TX. Carla battered the central Texas coast with wind gusts to 175 mph, and up to 16 inches of rain, and spawned a vicious tornado which swept across Galveston Island killing eight persons. The hurricane claimed 45 lives, and caused 300 million dollars damage. The remnants of Carla produced heavy rain in the Lower Missouri Valley and southern sections of the Upper Great Lakes Region. (David Ludlum) (Storm Data)

1976 - Up to five inches of rain brought walls of water and millions of tons of debris into Bullhead City AZ via washes from elevations above 3000 feet. Flooding caused more than three million dollars damage. Chasms up to forty feet deep were cut across some roads. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Thunderstorms caused flash flooding and subsequent river flooding in central Lower Michigan. Up to 14 inches of rain fell in a 72 hour period, and flooding caused 400 million dollars damage. (Storm Data)

1987 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Texas, and spawned three tornadoes. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 70 mph at Goodnight TX. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Snow blanketed parts of the Central Rocky Mountain Region and the Central Plateau, with ten inches reported at Mount Evans in Colorado. Smoke from forest fires in the northwestern U.S. reached Pennsylvania and New York State. Hurricane Gilbert, moving westward over the Caribbean, was packing winds of 100 mph by the end of the day. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Nine cities in the north central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Havre MT with a reading of 23 degrees. Livingston MT and West Yellowstone MT tied for honors as the cold spot in the nation with morning lows of 17 degrees. Thunderstorms produced hail over the Sierra Nevada Range of California, with two inches reported on the ground near Donner Summit. The hail made roads very slick, resulting in a twenty car accident. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: Hurricane Iniki struck the island of Kaua'i with winds of 145 mph and a central pressure of 27.91 inches of mercury, making it a Category 4 hurricane. Iniki is the strongest hurricane to strike the Hawaii Island in recent history.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Slight Chance Showers then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance Showers	Partly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers
High: 84 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 80 °F

## Hot & Dry Next Few Days

*Today:*

*Highs Low 80s To 90*

*Tuesday:*

*Highs Mid 80s to Mid 90s*

*Wednesday:*

*Highs Mid 80s to Mid 90s*



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 9/11/2017 4:38 AM Central

Published on: 09/11/2017 at 4:41AM

Hot and dry conditions are expected for the first half of the work week with readings some 10 to 20 degrees above average. A cooling trend will occur for the latter half of the work week and possibly the upcoming weekend.



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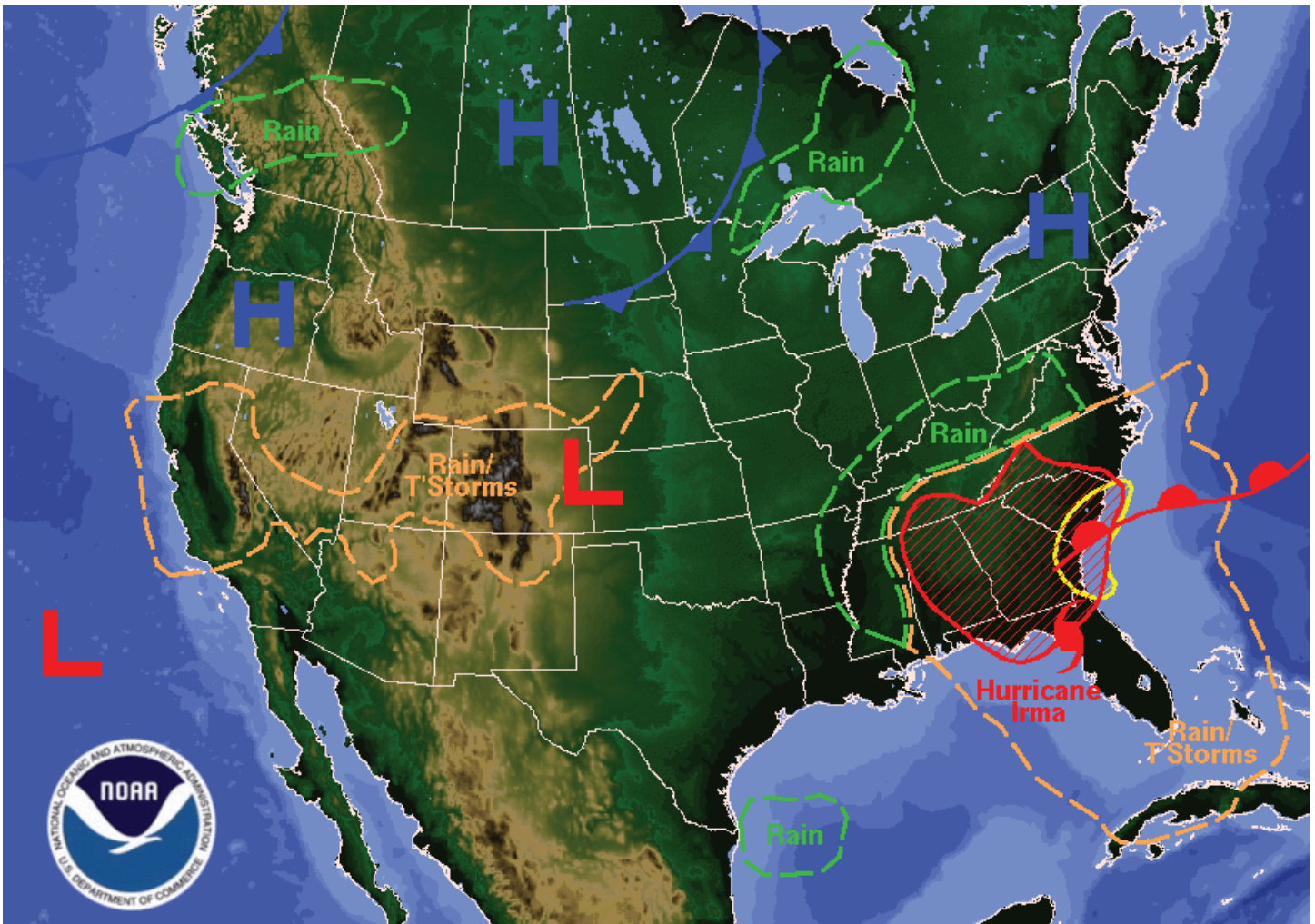
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 84.3**  
**Low Outside Temp: 65.4**  
**High Gust: 30**  
**Precip: 0.00**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 100° in 1927**  
**Record Low: 28° in 1940**  
**Average High: 74°F**  
**Average Low: 48°F**  
**Average Precip in Sept: 0.83**  
**Precip to date in Sept: 0.11**  
**Average Precip to date: 17.12**  
**Precip Year to Date: 9.63**  
**Sunset Tonight: 7:51 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:08 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Sep 11, 2017, issued 4:50 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)  
Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)  
Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)  
Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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## LOOKING FOR GUIDANCE?

Chris came home from school with a note describing his involvement in a fight with his best friend Will. They had a major disagreement over whose turn it was at bat and ended up in the principal's office.

Embarrassed, his mother was lecturing him about the importance of settling disagreements without fighting. "I want you to be good!" she demanded.

Looking her in the eye he said, "But I don't want to be good if I can't have my way! That's being a sissy!"

Many have an attitude like Chris'. It's my way or no way. But there was one man who chose to be different. "Send forth Your light and Your truth, and let them guide me...to the place where you dwell."

The Psalmist was in a difficult situation. He had strayed from God and was well aware of his need for restoration. He had lost his close and personal relationship with God who had been his stronghold. He was struggling in a life filled with darkness. He was well aware that the "light" that guided him was gone from his life and he was wandering aimlessly looking for forgiveness and direction. No matter what he possessed or who he knew there was only One who could help him.

In his heart of hearts he knew that he needed God's light to be his guiding light and His truth to lead him to his Redeemer. Without His light to lead him and His truth to transform and restore him he had no hope. Finally, in desperation He asked God to give him His light and His truth that would lead him into His presence and he would once again enjoy His salvation.

This Psalm begins with "O God" – a God who seems far and distant. It ends with "My God" – one who is in his heart!

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for being the light of our life and the giving us Your truth that leads us to dwell with You in peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 43:3 Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Garth Brooks and his \$12.5 million economic impact**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates the local economic impact of Garth Brooks' performances during the next two weekends at \$12.5 million.

The singer has nine shows scheduled Sept. 15-17 and Sept. 22-24 at the Sanford Premier Center. Hotels, restaurants and bars will all benefit from the additional spending by concert goers.

City finance director Tracy Turbak tells KELO-TV that besides the sales tax, Sioux Falls has an entertainment tax that brings in about \$7 million annually. That tax is on restaurants, alcohol, hotel stays and ticket sales.

It's been 20 years since Brooks last performed in Sioux Falls.

Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

### **South Dakota archery center project on tight deadline**

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An expansion project at an archery center in South Dakota could come down to the wire.

The National Field Archery Association's Easton Yankton Archery Center was represented at an entrepreneur meeting last month, the Press and Dakotan reported. Spokeswoman Nancy Wenande discussed the efforts to expand the facility as well as talk about the upcoming 2018 World Archery Indoor Championships.

Officials hope the center is completed by the start of the archery championships in February. Wenande said that with rain delays, the deadline for completion is tight.

The center began its construction of a 24,000-square-foot addition to the facility a couple months ago. The addition is meant to help accommodate more archery and branch out for an air rifle program and indoor tennis courts.

"It is ginormous," Wenande said. "We'll be incorporating a brand new air rifle program. There's 10,000 square feet that's going to be dedicated to that program. There are also going to be indoor tennis courts in there."

She said the facility can be used as other events are being held in the main archery center.

"This building, you could rent it or utilize it independently from (the original archery center), but they will be connected on the interior as well," she said. "If we're doing rentals or other events, this gives us an opportunity to do a little bit more multitasking within the facility."

Wenande said Yankton is in a position that other archery centers aren't quite in because it has a supportive community.

"It's actually really unique that we have a community that's so willing to partner," she said. "We've talked to other archery centers, and they don't have the type of support or the open-mindedness in their communities that we have here in Yankton."

Information from: Yankton Press and Dakotan, <http://www.yankton.net/>

### **Former professor writing books to build library in Uganda**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A retired South Dakota State University physiology professor has taken the first steps toward his goal of building a library in his childhood home of Masaka, Uganda.

Henry Kayongo-Male says Masaka has more than 100,000 residents but no public library, the Argus Leader reported. He said he hopes to change that by raising money through the sale of children's books he's writing based on African stories he heard as a kid.

"They've never left me," Kayongo-Male said of the stories.

Kayongo-Male came from Masaka to the U.S. for graduate school in the 1980s. He started working at

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the university in 1985 and stayed for about 30 years as a physiology professor.

"His teaching is just legendary," said Mary Jo Benton Lee, who has worked at SDSU for 29 years and is a close friend of Kayongo-Male's family.

She said Kayongo-Male's passion for teaching touched the lives of many students, so it's no surprise that he's approaching his library project with the same enthusiasm and commitment.

"He really isn't retired," Lee said. "He's just kind of changed his work."

Kayongo-Male's first book, "The Rat Family," was published last month, and another, "The Lioness and Her Cubs," is due for publication in October. He has several more stories planned for the future.

Kayongo-Male plans to use the proceeds from book sales as the starting funds for the library, something he says the community dearly needs.

"You don't want to see young people wanting to learn, and they have no resources," he said.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

## Weakened but dangerous Irma lashes Florida with wind, rain

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

TAMPA, Florida (AP) — A weakened but still dangerous Hurricane Irma pushed inland Monday as it hammered Florida with winds and floodwaters that created hazards even for rescuers trying to help beleaguered residents.

Irma continued its slog through Florida, while its outer bands were blowing wind and rain into Georgia. With rough conditions persisting across Florida, many communities in the storm's wake feared what destruction would be revealed when daylight came.

Winds knocked a utility pole and power lines onto a sheriff's cruiser late Sunday in Polk County east of Tampa, illustrating the dangerous conditions for emergency personnel. A deputy and a paramedic, who had just escorted an elderly patient to safety, were trapped for two hours until a crew could free them. Both were unhurt.

And more than 120 homes were being evacuated early Monday in Orange County, just outside the city of Orlando, as floodwaters started to pour in. Firefighters and the National Guard were going door-to-door and using boats to ferry families to safety. A few miles away, 30 others had to be evacuated when a 60-foot sinkhole opened up under an apartment building. No injuries were reported in either case.

In Redington Shores west of Tampa, attorney Carl Roberts spent a sleepless night riding out Irma in his 17th floor beachfront condo. After losing power late Sunday, he made it through the worst of the storm shaken but unhurt.

"The hurricane winds lashed the shutters violently, throughout the night," he wrote in a text message, "making sleep impossible."

As morning broke, he couldn't open the electric shutters to see outside.

"It's so dark in here," he said.

Nearly 4.5 million homes and businesses across Florida lost power, and utility officials said it will take weeks to restore electricity to everyone. More than 100,000 were in the dark in Georgia.

Irma's center was about 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Tampa early Monday, though in a much-weakened state. While it arrived in Florida a Category 4 hurricane, it was down to a Category 1 with winds of 75 mph (120 kph). The monster storm has toppled at least three construction cranes — two over downtown Miami and one in Fort Lauderdale.

Continued weakening was forecast, and Irma was expected to become a tropical storm later Monday.

People in the heavily populated Tampa-St. Petersburg area had feared a first direct hit from a major hurricane since 1921, but the storm weakened to a Category 2 as it approached that area.

Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn said the situation was not as bad as it could have been, but warned residents that dangerous storm surge continued. He described downed power lines and other debris.

"What we feared the most was the surge," he said in an interview on MSNBC. "The surge is yet to be

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finished.”

Meanwhile, rescue efforts ramped up in the evacuated neighborhood near Orlando as Guardsmen in helmets and fatigues rolled through standing water in a high-clearance vehicle. Firefighters rescued a puppy from one of the homes there and leashed the anxious dog to the front of one of their trucks to give it water and snacks.

As the sun rose in Orlando, many tried to survey the damage, but authorities warned that conditions remain dangerous and asked people not to venture outside because of a curfew.

No deaths in Florida were immediately linked to the storm. In the Caribbean, at least 24 were people were killed during Irma’s destructive trek across exclusive islands known as the vacation playground for the rich.

In one of the largest U.S. evacuations, nearly 7 million people in the Southeast were warned to seek shelter, including 6.4 million in Florida alone. More than 200,000 people waited in shelters across Florida.

In the coming days, Irma is expected to push into Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and beyond. A tropical storm warning was issued for the first time ever in Atlanta, where many schools canceled classes.

Bryan Koon, Florida’s emergency management director, said late Sunday that authorities had only scattered information about the storm’s toll.

“I’ve not heard of catastrophic damage. It doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist. It means it hasn’t gotten to us yet,” Koon said.

In the low-lying Keys, where a storm surge of over 10 feet (3 meters) was recorded, appliances and furniture were seen floating away, and Monroe County spokeswoman Cammy Clark said the ocean waters were filled with navigation hazards, including sunken boats.

The county administrator, Roman Gastesi, said crews would begin house-to-house searches Monday morning to check on survivors.

Curfews were imposed overnight in Miami, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale and much of the rest of South Florida, and some arrests of violators were reported.

About 30,000 people heeded orders to leave the Keys as the storm closed in, but an untold number refused, in part because, to many storm-hardened residents, staying behind in the face of danger is a point of pride.

John Huston, who stayed in his Key Largo home, watched his yard flood even before the arrival of high tide.

“Small boats floating down the street next to furniture and refrigerators. Very noisy,” he said by text message. “Shingles are coming off.”

Irma made landfall Sunday morning at Cudjoe Key, not far from Key West. It then rounded Florida’s southwestern corner and hugged the coast closely as it pushed north.

Irma once was the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the open Atlantic, a Category 5 with a peak wind speed of 185 mph (300 kph). For days, forecasters had warned Irma was taking dead aim at the Miami area and the rest of Florida’s Atlantic coast. But then Irma made a westward shift and lost some of its punch while crossing Cuba’s northern coast — just before a crucial turn into Florida’s Gulf Coast.

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Associated Press writers Seth Borenstein in Washington; Terry Spencer in Palm Beach County; Gary Finout in Tallahassee; Terrance Harris and Claire Galofaro in Orlando; and Jason Dearen and David Fischer in Miami contributed to this report.

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HURRICANE NEWSLETTER — Get the best of the AP’s all-formats reporting on Irma and Harvey in your inbox: <http://apne.ws/ahYQGtb>

## Aid on the way for Irma-battered Caribbean resort islands

By ANDREA RODRIGUEZ and DESMOND BOYLAN, Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — With ports mended and weather cleared, officials sent in more aid and arranged stepped-up evacuations Monday in remote Caribbean islands devastated and cut off by Hurricane Irma.

Many in the chain of Leeward Islands known as the playground for the rich and famous have criticized governments for failing to respond quickly to the disaster caused by the Category 5 hurricane.

The storm stripped the islands' formerly lush green hills to a brown stubble and flattened buildings, then swamped much of Cuba's coastline, including Havana's iconic Malecon seawall.

At least 24 people died in Anguilla, Barbuda, the French-Dutch island of St. Martin, St. Barts, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the British Virgin Islands. Among them was a 2-year-old boy swept away when his home filled with water.

Residents have reported shortages of food, water and medicine, and many have complained of looting.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson defended his government's response to what he called an "unprecedented catastrophe" and promised to increase funding for the relief effort. Britain has sent a navy ship and almost 500 troops to help people on the British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and the Turks and Caicos islands that were pummeled by the hurricane.

The U.S. government said it was sending a flight Monday to evacuate its citizens from one of the hardest hit islands, St. Martin. Evacuees were warned to expect long lines and no running water at the airport.

A Royal Caribbean Cruise Line ship was expected to dock near St. Martin to help in the aftermath, and a boat was bringing a 5-ton crane capable of unloading large shipping containers filled with aid. A French military ship was scheduled to arrive Tuesday with materials to build temporary housing.

Some 70 percent of the beds at the main hospital in the French portion of St. Martin were severely damaged, and more than 100 people in need of urgent medical care have been evacuated. Eight of the territory's 11 pharmacies were destroyed, and Guadeloupe was sending medication.

On Tuesday, French President Emmanuel Macron was scheduled to arrive in St. Martin to bring aid and fend off criticism that he didn't do enough to respond to the storm's wrath.

Interior Minister Gerard Collomb said the "whole government is mobilized" to help and the pillaging that hit the island in the immediate aftermath of the storm had stopped.

Macron promised to go to the region as soon as weather conditions allowed. Soon after Irma left 10 dead on St. Martin, Category 4 Hurricane Jose threatened the area, halting evacuations for hours before heading out to sea and causing little additional damage.

Also hit hard was Cuba, where central Havana neighborhoods along the coast between the Almendares River and the harbor suffered the brunt of the flooding. Seawater penetrated as much as a half-kilometer (one-third of a mile) inland in places.

There were no reported fatalities in Cuba, and government officials credited their disaster preparedness and evacuation of more than 1 million people from flood-prone areas.

Hector Pulpito recounted a harrowing night at his job as night custodian of a parking lot that flooded five blocks from the sea in Havana's Vedado neighborhood.

"This was the worst of the storms I have been through, and the sea rose much higher," Pulpito said. "The trees were shaking. Metal roofs went flying."

Cuban state television reported severe damage to hotels on the northern keys off Ciego de Avila and Camaguey provinces.

The Communist Party newspaper Granma reported that the Jardines del Rey airport serving the northern keys was destroyed and posted photos to Twitter showing the shattered terminal hall littered with debris.

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Associated Press writer Andrea Rodriguez reported this story in Havana and AP writer Desmond Boylan reported from Caibarien, Cuba. AP writer Danica Coto in San Juan, Puerto Rico, contributed to this report.

inbox: <http://apne.ws/ahYQGtb>

## Trump and first lady prepare to commemorate Sept. 11

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is preparing to preside over his first 9/11 commemoration in office, a solemn and nonpartisan occasion in which he will be joined by first lady Melania Trump.

The Trumps plan to observe a moment of silence at the White House on Monday in remembrance of the nearly 3,000 people who were killed when hijackers flew commercial airplanes into New York's World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The morning remembrance is scheduled for about the time the first plane struck one of the Twin Towers on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

Trump and his wife also are to pay their respects at a Pentagon ceremony led by Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The observances come as Trump grapples with the death and destruction caused by two hurricanes in three weeks.

Vice President Mike Pence is to represent the administration at an observance at the 9/11 memorial in Shanksville.

A native New Yorker, Trump has a mixed history with 9/11. He frequently uses the terrorist strikes to praise the city's response but also makes unsubstantiated claims about what he did and saw on that day.

Trump often lauds the bravery of New York police officers, firefighters and other emergency responders who rushed to the Twin Towers, in some cases knowing they probably wouldn't make it out alive, as an example of the resilience of the city where he made a name for himself.

But Trump has criticized President George W. Bush's handling of the attacks, accusing his fellow Republican of failing to keep Americans safe.

Trump has also made dubious claims about Sept. 11, particularly saying when talking about Muslims that "thousands of people were cheering" in Jersey City, New Jersey, across the Hudson River from lower Manhattan, as the towers collapsed. There is no evidence in news archives of mass celebrations there by Muslims.

Trump has also said he lost "hundreds of friends" in the attack and that he helped clear rubble afterward. Trump has not provided the names of those he knew who perished in the attack, but has mentioned knowing a Catholic priest who died while serving as a chaplain to the city's fire department.

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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. IRMA ZEROES IN ON TAMPA BAY AREA

The massive Category 1 storm is racing northward after hammering much of Florida with roof-ripping winds, gushing floodwaters and widespread power outages.

### 2. IRMA-BATTERED CARIBBEAN IN RECOVERY MODE

With mended ports and clearing weather, officials are sending in more aid and arranging stepped-up evacuations in the remote islands devastated and cut off by the hurricane.

### 3. US COMMEMORATES 9/11; THOUSANDS EXPECTED AT GROUND ZERO

The U.S. marks the 16th anniversary of the terror attacks with ceremonies at the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon and the Flight 93 crash site in Pennsylvania.

### 4. TRUMP'S MIXED HISTORY WITH 9/11

The president frequently uses the terrorist strikes to praise New York City's response but also makes unsubstantiated claims about what he did and saw on that day.

### 5. WHAT PYONGYANG IS THREATENING

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North Korea says it will make the U.S. pay a heavy price if a proposal to impose the toughest sanctions ever on the isolated country is approved by the U.N. Security Council.

## 6. 'THE SOLDIERS JUST STARTED FIRING'

An overwhelmed Bangladesh hospital is struggling to cope with violent injuries inflicted on Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar.

## 7. AT LEAST 8 DEAD AFTER SHOOTING IN NORTH TEXAS

Police say that a shooting of this magnitude is unusual for Plano, especially in such a quiet neighborhood.

## 8. APPLE MAY TEST BOUNDS OF IPHONE LOVE WITH \$1,000 MODEL

The tech giant is thrusting the market into a new financial frontier that will test how much consumers are willing to pay for a device that has become an indispensable part of modern life.

## 9. NEW MISS AMERICA FEARS NO TWEET

Cara Mund of North Dakota isn't worried that she may start her reign in a Twitter war with Trump, who she says shouldn't have pulled the U.S. out of the Paris climate accord.

## 10. EZEKIEL ELLIOTT SHINES IN COWBOYS WIN

Two days after a judge blocked the NFL's six-game suspension of the star running back in a domestic violence case, he rushes for 104 yards in a 19-3 win over the Giants.

## US calls for Monday vote on new North Korea sanctions

By EDITH M. LEDERER, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States called for a vote Monday on new U.N. sanctions against North Korea, though exactly what measures would be in the resolution remained a mystery.

Security Council diplomats, who weren't authorized to speak publicly because talks have been private, said the U.S. and China were still negotiating the text late Sunday.

Previous U.N. sanctions resolutions have been negotiated between the United States and China — North Korea's main trading partner and ally — and have taken weeks, and in some cases months, to finalize.

But the Trump administration adopted a totally new approach with this resolution, presenting its draft to China and all other Security Council members last Tuesday and demanding a vote in six days. Diplomats said China's U.N. ambassador, Liu Jieyi, who was on a Security Council trip to Ethiopia, flew back to New York on Thursday to take part in negotiations.

North Korea's Foreign Ministry issued a statement early Monday saying it was watching the United States' moves closely and warned that it was "ready and willing" to respond with measures of its own. It said the U.S. would pay a heavy price if the sanctions proposed by Washington are adopted.

Ethiopia's U.N. mission, the current Security Council president, said late Sunday that members would vote on a North Korea resolution following a meeting Monday afternoon on implementing existing sanctions against the North Korean government.

The draft circulated by the United States called for imposing the toughest-ever U.N. sanctions on North Korea, including a ban on all oil and natural gas exports to the country and a freeze of all foreign financial assets of the government and its leader, Kim Jong Un.

The U.S. is also seeking to ban all countries from hiring workers from North Korea and from importing textiles from the northeast Asian nation — two key sources of foreign currency.

In another key measure, the U.S. draft identified nine ships that have carried out activities prohibited by previous U.N. sanctions resolutions. The draft would authorize the 192 other U.N. member states to stop these ships on the high seas to check their cargo without their consent. It would permit the use of "all necessary measures," which in U.N. language includes force, to carry out an inspection and direct the vessel to a port.

Whether those provisions would remain in any resolution put to a vote Monday remained to be seen.

In Beijing on Monday, foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said China supports new U.N. measures in response to North Korea's latest nuclear test in the hope that they would promote a political resolution "through peaceful means."



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Geng also urged a renewal of talks with North Korea, in keeping with longstanding Chinese policy, and said Beijing opposed unilateral measures such as those imposed by the U.S. that would punish Chinese persons or entities without a U.N. mandate.

Beijing and Moscow have called for a resolution that focuses on a political solution and proposed a freeze-for-freeze that would halt North Korean nuclear and missile tests in exchange for the U.S. and South Korea stopping their joint military exercises. That initiative was rejected by the Trump administration.

Russia argues that sanctions aren't working and President Vladimir Putin expressed concern last week that a total oil cutoff could hurt the North Korean people.

Britain's U.N. ambassador, Matthew Rycroft, backed the tough U.S. measures and demand for a speedy vote, saying Thursday that "maximum possible pressure" must be exerted on North Korea to change course and give diplomacy a chance to end the crisis.

Professor Joseph DeThomas of Pennsylvania State University, a former U.S. ambassador and State Department official who dealt with North Korea, told The Associated Press on Friday that the U.S. demand for quick council action was "an indicator of how the administration thinks time has run out."

"My sense is they believe that they don't have time for a delicate diplomatic dance," he said. "The other possibility ... is they want to see the color of China's money. They're putting down the marker here and saying, 'OK, are you prepared to do what is necessary to put pressure on North Korea at a moment when we're simply out of time?'"

Christopher Bodeen in Beijing contributed to this report.

## TV correspondents face danger they told others to avoid

NEW YORK (AP) — It's a paradox of hurricane coverage: people on television spend days warning the public to get out of harm's way, then station their correspondents squarely in the middle of howling wind and rain and hope they don't get hurt.

That was the case throughout Sunday's gripping coverage of Hurricane Irma's assault on Florida. Journalists were the shock troops allowing the nation to experience the storm from the comfort of their living rooms. Networks all brought their top teams in on the weekend for special coverage, non-stop on the news channels.

Yet when a huge tree limb crashed to the ground behind NBC's Gabe Gutierrez, forcing him to scurry away during a live shot, it illustrated the danger many journalists faced. Network executives were one flying projectile away from a tragedy that would have them facing hard questions about whether they were placing a quest for exciting TV and ratings above common sense and public safety.

Several journalists stationed outside sought the relative security of building balconies that blocked some of the wind or, like NBC's Kerry Sanders, a concrete parking garage. Yet many felt they couldn't truly convey the storm's power without showing themselves getting buffeted by the elements.

The rain "does seem like it's getting shot through a fire hose at you," said CNN's Chris Cuomo, assigned to Naples, Florida, as the intense eye wall passed over him.

NBC's Miguel Almaguer had a yellow tow line, one end wrapped around his waist and the other around a concrete pillar, to steady him as he did a live shot. ABC's Gio Benitez also employed a rope as he stood on a balcony. CNN's Kyung Lah gripped a metal railing.

Other correspondents frequently struggled to keep their footing. "I'm just taking a knee for a second," said Sanders said when the wind got too intense. NBC's Jo Ling Kent seemed fearless walking around Miami Beach. CBS' Elaine Quijano spied some debris blowing her way; fortunately it proved only to be some palm fronds.

The wind blew The Weather Channel's Mike Bettes four or five steps as he stood outside in Naples. But for a nerdy meteorologist, there was a payoff when he spotted a glimpse of the sun as the hurricane's eye passed over him.

"After getting beaten and bruised and battered, there is the eye," he said. "That is nice."

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Bettes' Weather Channel colleague Mike Seidel, stationed in Miami, seemed a gust away from real danger as he stationed himself on a dock overrun by water, as wind whipped around. He eventually thought better of it.

"We're going to be packing up and moving to higher ground," he said.

Fox News Channel's Steve Harrigan earned the assignment to stand outside in a hurricane on his birthday.

"I'm just sorry for old people, I'm sorry for people on oxygen," he said. "I'm sorry for people out here who are scared. You know, we've been through them, we're not scared. I just consider it a technical challenge trying to stay up and to stand here."

After a couple of hours getting water blown in his face, CNN's Cuomo was comfortable enough to offer advice to a colleague on positioning himself for a live shot: don't stand with your back to the wind.

Cuomo's experience passing through the Irma's eye offered some of the coverage's most fascinating moments. Only minutes after getting hit by the worst of the winds, he found himself standing on a Naples street during a period of eerie calm. The palms stood limp beside him. He consulted with meteorologist Chad Myers, who was stationed in a dry studio reading maps and estimating how many minutes Cuomo had until the wind would return, this time from the opposite direction.

"Now I get why people get lulled into a false sense of security," he said, "because it does feel like it's over."

It wasn't. The danger hadn't passed for journalists or Florida, particularly as the challenge to capture storm surge added a fresh layer of risk.

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## AP Interview: Priyanka Chopra urges more Syria refugee help

By KARIN LAUB, Associated Press

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — The world must do more to help Syrian refugee children get an education, actress Priyanka Chopra said after chatting and joking with young refugees at an after-school center in Jordan's capital.

Individuals can make a difference with donations if governments don't step up, said Chopra, a UNICEF goodwill ambassador and Bollywood and Hollywood star.

"We need to take it into our own hands because this is our world and we only have one of it," Chopra told The Associated Press at the end of her first day in Jordan.

"I think the world needs to understand that this is not just a Syrian refugee crisis, it's a humanitarian crisis," she said in an interview Sunday.

Without sufficient support, "this can be an entire generation of kids that could turn to extremism because they have not gotten an education," she said.

Some 5 million Syrians have fled civil war in their homeland since 2011, many settling in nearby Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt. The influx has overburdened host countries, including their schools. More than half a million Syrian refugee children of school age — or one-third of the total — are not enrolled in school or informal education in the host countries. Meanwhile, U.N. and aid agencies supporting the refugees routinely face large funding gaps.

On Sunday, Chopra, a light gray scarf slung over her hair, visited a UNICEF-backed children's center in Jordan's capital of Amman. The U.N. child welfare agency supports more than 200 such "Makani" centers — Arabic for "my space" — in Jordan, along with other refugee education programs.

In the center, preteen girls and boys sat around low table or on the ground, coloring or gluing glitter on paper. Only a few children knew who she was, but easily engaged with her.

A young boy told her he wanted to become an actor. She told him that one of the prerequisites is not to be shy and then challenged him to a staring contest. They locked eyes until she stopped, laughing.

Chopra later said she was moved by the hopefulness of the children she met.

"Some of them want professional careers, some of them want to go back to their countries and rebuild,"

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she said. "Parents ... want that for their children."

Chopra, 35, shot to fame as Miss World in 2000 and has acted in several dozen Indian movies and is increasingly making her mark in the United States.

She stars in "Quantico," a TV drama about FBI trainees on ABC, now entering its third season. She appeared in the "Baywatch" movie and has two more coming out, "Isn't It Romantic" with Rebel Wilson, Adam DeVine and Liam Hemsworth, as well as "A Kid Like Jake" with Claire Danes, Jim Parsons and Octavia Spencer.

Chopra said that she didn't realize until working in America that it's "difficult for a woman of color" to be cast in a wide range of roles.

She said change will come when "people like me and other people, other actors that are coming in from other parts of the world, in global entertainment ...we dig our feet in and say I don't want to only play the stereotype of what you expect me to be."

"It's a fight, it's a battle, and I am not afraid to fight it," she said.

She recalled being insecure about her looks as a teenager.

"I was considered darker toned, so in my head, I was not pretty and that's the ideology," said Chopra, who once did an ad for a skin lightening cream, a decision she later regretted. At the same time, she said she's seen "a lot of girls who are light-skinned in America who say, 'I am too pale, I'm not pretty'."

In India, she has become selective, preferring more complex roles to the pretty girl parts of her early days.

Chopra is also producing films in regional languages, to create an outlet for artists who might otherwise be overlooked by the dominant Hindi-language movie industry. The latest is a film about two refugee children who come from Nepal to India.

## Weakened Irma lashes much of Florida; full impact unknown

By JENNIFER KAY and FREIDA FRISARO, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Hurricane Irma gave Florida a coast-to-coast pummeling with winds up to 130 mph Sunday, swamping homes and boats, knocking out power to millions and toppling massive construction cranes over the Miami skyline.

The 400-mile-wide (640-kilometer-wide) storm blew ashore Sunday in the mostly cleared-out Florida Keys, then marched up its western coast, its punishing winds extending clear across to Miami and West Palm Beach on the Atlantic side.

Irma's core was near the heavily populated Tampa-St. Petersburg area early Monday, moving inland in a much-weakened state. While it arrived in Florida a Category 4 hurricane, by nightfall it was down to a Category 2 with winds of 100 mph (160 kph). Meanwhile, more than 160,000 people waited in shelters statewide as Irma headed up the coast.

There were no immediate reports of deaths in Florida. In the Caribbean, at least 24 were people were killed during Irma's destructive trek.

Bryan Koon, Florida's emergency management director, said late Sunday that authorities had only scattered information about the storm's toll, but he remained hopeful.

"I've not heard of catastrophic damage. It doesn't mean it doesn't exist. It means it hasn't gotten to us yet," Koon said.

In the low-lying Keys, where a storm surge of over 10 feet (3 meters) was recorded, appliances and furniture were seen floating away, and Monroe County spokeswoman Cammy Clark said the ocean waters were filled with navigation hazards, including sunken boats. But the full extent of Irma's wrath there was not clear.

The county administrator, Roman Gastesi, said crews would begin house-to-house searches Monday to check on survivors. And an airborne relief mission, led by C-130 military cargo planes, was gearing up to bring emergency supplies to the Keys.

Storm surge was a big concern. The National Hurricane Center said a federal tide gauge in Naples re-

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ported a 7-foot (more than 2-meter) rise in water levels in just 90 minutes late Sunday.

Many streets were flooded in downtown Miami and other cities.

In downtown Miami, two of the two dozen construction cranes looming over the skyline collapsed in the wind. A third crane was reported down in Fort Lauderdale. No injuries were reported.

A Miami woman who went into labor was guided through delivery by phone when authorities couldn't reach her because of high winds and street flooding. Firefighters later took her to the hospital.

An apparent tornado spun off by Irma destroyed six mobile homes in Palm Bay, midway up the Atlantic coast. Flooding was reported along Interstate 4, which cuts across Florida's midsection.

Curfews were imposed in Miami, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale and much of the rest of South Florida, and some arrests of violators were reported. Miami Beach barred outsiders from the island.

Fort Lauderdale police arrested nine people they said were caught on TV cameras looting sneakers and other items from a sporting goods store and a pawn shop during the hurricane.

More than 3.3 million homes and businesses across the state lost power, and utility officials said it will take weeks to restore electricity to everyone.

While Irma raked Florida's Gulf Coast, forecasters warned that the entire state was in danger because of the sheer size of the storm.

In one of the largest U.S. evacuations, nearly 7 million people in the Southeast were warned to seek shelter elsewhere, including 6.4 million in Florida alone.

About 30,000 people heeded orders to leave the Keys as the storm closed in, but an untold number refused, in part because, to many storm-hardened residents, staying behind in the face of danger is a point of pride.

John Huston, who stayed in his Key Largo home, watched his yard flood even before the arrival of high tide.

"Small boats floating down the street next to furniture and refrigerators. Very noisy," he said by text message. "Shingles are coming off."

Irma made landfall just after 9 a.m. at Cudjoe Key, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) outside Key West. During the afternoon, it rounded Florida's southwestern corner and hugged the coast closely as it pushed toward Naples, Sanibel, Fort Myers and, beyond that, Sarasota, at 14 mph (23 kph).

Forecasters warned some places could see a storm surge of up to 15 feet (5 meters) of water.

Gretchen Blee, who moved with her husband to Naples from Long Island, New York, after Superstorm Sandy in 2012 heavily damaged their beach home, took cover in a hotel room as Irma raged.

"I said, 'Let's go and live the good life in paradise,'" she said. "And here we are."

Some 400 miles (640 kilometers) north of the Keys, people in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area started bracing for the onslaught. The Tampa Bay area, with a population of about 3 million, has not taken a direct hit from a major hurricane since 1921.

"I've been here with other storms, other hurricanes. But this one scares me," Sally Carlson said as she snapped photos of the waves crashing against boats in St. Petersburg. "Let's just say a prayer we hope we make it through."

Along the Gulf Coast, two manatees became stranded after Hurricane Irma sucked the water out of Sarasota Bay, in Florida's Manatee County. Several people posted photos of the mammals on Facebook amid reports rescuers were able to later drag them to deeper water.

After leaving Florida, a weakened Irma is expected to push into Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and beyond. A tropical storm warning was issued for the first time ever in Atlanta, some 200 miles (320 kilometers) from the sea.

President Donald Trump approved a disaster declaration for Florida, opening the way for federal aid.

"Once this system passes through, it's going to be a race to save lives and sustain lives," Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Brock Long said on "Fox News Sunday."

Florida's governor activated all 7,000 members of the Florida National Guard, and 10,000 guardsmen from elsewhere were being deployed.

Irma at one time was the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the open Atlantic, a Category 5 with

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a peak wind speed of 185 mph (300 kph), and its approach set off alarm in Florida.

For days, forecasters had warned Irma was taking dead aim at the Miami area and the rest of the state's Atlantic coast. But then Irma made a more pronounced westward shift — the result of what meteorologists said was an atmospheric tug-of-war between weather systems that nudged Irma's crucial right turn into Florida's Gulf Coast.

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## Crossing Trump on climate, new Miss America fears no tweet

By WAYNE PARRY, Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Cara Mund is not worried that she may begin her year-long reign as Miss America by starting a Twitter war with the nation's Tweeter-In-Chief.

The 23-year-old Miss North Dakota won the crown Sunday night in Atlantic City after saying in an onstage interview that President Donald Trump was wrong to pull the United States out of the Paris climate accord.

Mund topped a field of 51 contestants to win in the New Jersey seaside resort, where most of the 97 Miss Americas have been selected.

She will take the traditional winner's morning-after dip in the Atlantic City ocean Monday morning outside Boardwalk Hall, where she was crowned.

In one of her onstage interviews, Mund said Trump, a Republican, was wrong to withdraw the U.S. from the climate accord aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming.

"It's a bad decision," she said. "There is evidence that climate change is existing and we need to be at that table."

Meeting with reporters after winning the crown, Mund stood her ground, saying she wanted first and foremost to give a real answer to the question.

"I wasn't really afraid if my opinion wasn't the opinion of my judges," she said. "Miss America needs to have an opinion and she needs to know what's happening in the current climate."

She's not concerned about any pushback from Trump, who said the Paris accord was a bad deal economically for the United States and who also called global warming a hoax.

Trump had not mentioned Mund or her comment on the Paris accord on Twitter as of early Monday morning.

"He is our president and we need to support him," Mund said. "I may not agree with all of his opinions, but that doesn't mean I'm not going to support the president."

In an interview with The Associated Press before preliminary competition began, Mund, who lives in Bismarck, North Dakota, said her goal is to be the first woman elected governor of her state.

She said she wants to see more women elected to all levels of government.

"It's important to have a woman's perspective," Mund, who had an internship in the U.S. Senate, told the AP. "In health care and on reproductive rights, it's predominantly men making those decisions."

An Ivy League graduate from Brown University who is headed to law school, Mund went to high school with Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz.

"I said, 'If Carson Wentz can do it, Miss North Dakota Cara Mund can become Miss America,'" she said after winning the title.

She is the first contestant from her state to win the Miss America crown.

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## Myanmar accused of laying mines, causing Rohingya injuries

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP) — Myanmar's military has been accused of planting land mines in the path of Rohingya Muslims fleeing violence in its western Rakhine state, with Amnesty International reporting two people wounded Sunday.

Refugee accounts of the latest spasm of violence in Rakhine have typically described shootings by soldiers and arson attacks on villages. But there several cases that point to anti-personnel land mines or other explosives as the cause of injuries on the border with Bangladesh, where 300,000 Rohingya have fled in the past two weeks.

AP reporters on the Bangladesh side of the border on Monday saw an elderly woman with devastating leg wounds: one leg with the calf apparently blown off and the other also badly injured. Relatives said she had stepped on a land mine.

Myanmar has one of the few militaries, along with North Korea and Syria, which has openly used anti-personnel land mines in recent years, according to Amnesty. An international treaty in 1997 outlawed the use of the weapons; Bangladesh signed it but Myanmar has not.

Lt. Col. S.M. Ariful Islam, commanding officer of the Bangladesh border guard in Teknaf, said on Friday he was aware of at least three Rohingya injured in explosions.

Bangladeshi officials and Amnesty researchers believe new explosives have been recently planted, including one that the rights group said blew off a Bangladeshi farmer's leg and another that wounded a Rohingya man. Both incidents occurred Sunday. It said at least three people including two children were injured in the past week.

"It may not be land mines, but I know there have been isolated cases of Myanmar soldiers planting explosives three to four days ago," Ariful said Friday.

Myanmar presidential spokesman Zaw Htay did not answer phone calls seeking comment Sunday. Military spokesman Myat Min Oo said he couldn't comment without talking to his superiors. A major at the Border Guard Police headquarters in northern Maungdaw near the Bangladesh border also refused to comment.

Amnesty said that based on interviews with eyewitnesses and analysis by its own weapons experts, it believes there is "targeted use of land mines" along a narrow stretch of the northwestern border of Rakhine state that is a crossing point for fleeing Rohingya.

"All indications point to the Myanmar security forces deliberately targeting locations that Rohingya refugees use as crossing points," Amnesty official Tirana Hassan said in a statement Sunday. She called it "a cruel and callous way of adding to the misery of people fleeing a systematic campaign of persecution."

The violence and exodus began on Aug. 25 when Rohingya insurgents attacked Myanmar police and paramilitary posts in what they said was an effort to protect their ethnic minority from persecution by security forces in the majority Buddhist country.

In response, the military unleashed what it called "clearance operations" to root out the insurgents. Accounts from refugees show the Myanmar military is also targeting civilians with shootings and wholesale burning of Rohingya villages in an apparent attempt to purge Rakhine state of Muslims.

Bloody anti-Muslim rioting that erupted in 2012 in Rakhine state forced more than 100,000 Rohingya into displacement camps in Bangladesh, where many still live today.

Rohingya have faced decades of discrimination and persecution in Myanmar and are denied citizenship despite centuries-olds roots in the Rakhine region. Myanmar denies Rohingya exist as an ethnic group and says those living in Rakhine are illegal migrants from Bangladesh.

## Sporting a black eye, pope urges Colombians to reconcile

By NICOLE WINFIELD and ALBA TOBELLA, Associated Press

CARTAGENA, Colombia (AP) — Pope Francis wrapped up his Colombia trip Sunday by honoring a fellow Jesuit who ministered to African slaves and urging Colombians today to follow his lead in working for a

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more peaceful future.

Francis' visit to Cartagena got off to a rocky start when he bonked his head on his popemobile when it stopped short amid swarms of well-wishers. Francis, who had only a hip-high bar to hold onto, lost his balance and suffered a bruised, black left eye and a cut on his eyebrow that dripped blood onto his white cassock.

The cut was quickly bandaged with a butterfly patch and Francis carried on without incident with his program, sporting a shiner that got increasingly dark as the day wore on.

The highlight of the day was a very personal stop for the Jesuit pope: He prayed at the tomb of St. Peter Claver, the 17th century missionary who ministered to hundreds of thousands of African slaves who were brought through Cartagena's port during Spanish colonial times to be sold.

Francis, known for his own simple and austere style, said Claver was "austere and charitable to the point of heroism."

Claver, the self-described "slave of the slaves forever," has been revered by Jesuits, popes and human rights campaigners for centuries for having insisted on recognizing the inherent dignity of slaves, treating them as children of God when others considered them mere merchandise to be bought and sold.

Francis said the legacy of the Spanish priest should serve as a model for the Catholic Church today to "promote the dignity of all our brothers and sisters, particularly the poor and the excluded of society, those who are abandoned, immigrants and those who suffer violence and human trafficking."

And he cited Claver's courageous and controversial example in urging Colombians to take a courageous first step to reconcile with one another after a half-century of armed conflict.

"Colombia, your brothers and sisters need you. Go out to meet them. Bring them the embrace of peace, free of all violence.

"Be slaves of peace forever," he said in a final appeal at the end of Mass in Cartagena's port.

It was a final appeal to Colombians to overcome divisions that linger after the government last year reached a peace deal with leftist rebels hoping to end Latin America's longest-running armed rebellion. Francis traveled to Colombia to help solidify the deal and encourage Colombians to reconcile.

For the second day in a row, Francis also made an off-the-cuff denunciation of drug dealers and traffickers, condemning them as unscrupulous merchants of death who "cut short so many hopes and destroy so many families."

"You can't play with the lives of our brothers or manipulate their dignity," he said.

Francis had refrained until Sunday from speaking out about the political and humanitarian crisis next door in Venezuela. But in remarks added into his Sunday prayer, Francis called for an end to political violence in Venezuela and protection for the poor who have been most hurt by the crisis.

While the appeal was welcomed, many in the crowd were more taken by Francis' mishap on the popemobile and his bruised and bloody eye.

"This holy blood is staying in Colombia," said Ricardo Morales, a lawyer who lined up outside St. Peter Claver's church for a glimpse of the pope. "He made a great effort to be here and from now on it's our obligation to make a similar effort to thank him for everything he has done."

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## Irma set records; luckily, late weakening dampened its power

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

Before crashing into Florida, Hurricane Irma set all sorts of records for brute strength as it flattened Caribbean islands and swamped the Florida Keys. Irma's assault — so soon after Harvey's deluge of Houston — marked the first time the U.S. was hit by two Category 4 storms in the same year.

Irma hit the Sunshine State as a big wide beast, though not quite the monster it once was shaping up to be. Earlier, it was the most powerful recorded storm in the open Atlantic. But as the once-Category 5 storm neared the U.S. mainland, it lost some oomph after running into the northern coast of Cuba.

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Winds dropped to a quite potent 115 mph (185 kph) by the time Irma made landfall on Marco Island, on the Florida peninsula, still a major and dangerous hurricane yet not near its 185 mph (297 kph) former self when it set a record Tuesday for the most powerful storm in the open Atlantic. And on top of that, Irma avoided what could have been its most destructive paths along the Florida peninsula — over Miami and the heavily developed Atlantic seaboard. Still, at about 400 miles (640 kilometers) wide, it raked much of the state with devastating storm surge, destructive winds and drenching rains.

"There's a huge difference between a (Category) 3 and 5 when it makes landfall," said private meteorologist Ryan Maue of WeatherBell Analytics. "Barbuda is an example of that. It was wiped."

"This is obviously not the worst case scenario for Florida overall," Maue said. Had the center of Irma hit Florida 20 to 30 miles (32-50 kilometers) to the east "it would have been much worse."

Florida can thank Cuba, where it did hit as a Category 5 storm, said Maue and Jeff Masters, meteorology director for Weather Underground.

Irma would probably have hit Florida as a Category 5 hurricane if it had missed Cuba, Masters told The Associated Press.

The storm briefly trekked over Cuba's low populated coast Friday evening through Saturday afternoon. That weakened Irma enough that when upper level winds from the west eroded some of the storm's top and also blew in dry air, it had the combined effect of making Irma more ragged, Masters said. It was at that, he said, that Irma's southwest eyewall sort of came apart, no longer a perfect circle on satellite imagery.

Slightly weakened from Cuba, the storm got caught up in competing weather systems a little longer, delaying its northward right turn into Florida. And that delay pushed the track further west, making it more of a threat to Florida's west coast than its east.

Florida's west coast has about \$1 trillion in property at risk to a storm, compared to \$1.5 trillion on the east, according to insurance computer modeling firm AIR Worldwide. The company estimates insured losses for Irma will be between \$15 billion and \$50 billion.

And even another 20 to 30 miles (32-50 kilometers) would have put the nasty and stronger northeast quadrant of stronger winds, storm surge, rainfall and tornadoes more directly in Miami, Maue said. And even hitting the Tampa region from land to the south instead of from open water will reduce storm surge ever so slightly, Masters said.

Despite all that, Masters predicts that when Irma is done it will go down as one of the five costliest hurricanes in U.S. history, but not up with the top three of 2005's Hurricane Katrina, 2012's Sandy and this year's Harvey. Still, he guessed, it will be grouped with two other South Florida storms: 1992's Andrew and 2005's Wilma.

Irma's two U.S. landfalls were unusually powerful. When Irma passed over the Florida Keys Sunday morning its central pressure was the seventh lowest for a smack into the United States. Only the 1935 Labor Day storm, 1969's Camille, Katrina, Andrew, an 1886 Indianola, Texas, storm, and a 1919 Florida Keys storm were more intense based on atmospheric pressure. Irma ties the killer 1928 Lake Okeechobee hurricane.

Irma's second landfall on Marco Island, taken by itself, still would rank among the top couple dozen landfalls in intensity, slightly weaker than Harvey.

Irma set plenty of records, according to a two-page list compiled by Colorado State University researcher Phil Klotzbach:

--Its 185 mph (297 kph) winds were the highest on record for the open Atlantic ocean, outside the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean sea. Only one other storm in the entire Atlantic basin — 1980's Allen — was stronger.

--It spent three consecutive days as a top-of-the-scale Category 5 hurricane, the longest in the satellite era.

-- It generated the second most Accumulated Cyclone Energy — a key measurement that combines strength and duration — in the satellite era. Irma generated about as much as energy as entire normal Atlantic hurricane season.

--It was the strongest storm to hit the Leeward Islands.



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--It's the first Category 5 hurricane to hit Cuba, which regularly gets assaulted by hurricanes, in nearly 100 years.

"This storm is the real deal," Klotzbach said.

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## Sweet 16: After 2 rough years, Nadal back on top at US Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Rafael Nadal entered the 2017 Grand Slam season on a 2½-year drought without so much as one appearance in a major final, let alone a title. He ends it having reasserted himself, capped by a U.S. Open final that shaped up as quite a mismatch — and turned out to be exactly that.

His game at a higher level than it needed to be by the end of an unusually easy path through the field, Nadal overwhelmed Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday to win his third championship at Flushing Meadows.

"Of course, after a couple of years without competing at this very high, high level," Nadal said, "very happy to be back."

The No. 1-ranked Nadal collected his 16th Grand Slam trophy overall and at his news conference, he wore a white T-shirt listing the date and site of each one. Among men, only Roger Federer has more, with 19. Each of those two longtime rivals won two of the four majors this season, marking their return to the heights of their sport.

Nadal has dealt with knee and wrist problems, both likely a result of his physical brand of play, over his career, but 2015 and 2016 were his first seasons without reaching at least one Grand Slam final since 2004, when he was still a teenager.

Seems safe to say that, at age 31, he is once again the Nadal of old.

"I mean, I've always said he's one of the, obviously, greatest players of our sport, obviously feeling very confident," Anderson said. "He seems to have turned around a lot of those injuries he's experienced the last couple of years. I guess time will tell on that."

At No. 32, Anderson was the lowest-ranked U.S. Open men's finalist since the ATP computer rankings began in 1973. The 31-year-old South African never had been past the quarterfinals at any major tournament in 33 previous appearances, so when he won his semifinal on Friday, he climbed into the stands to celebrate.

There would be no such joy for him on this day.

Nadal added to his U.S. Open triumphs in 2010 and 2013 and improved to 16-7 in Grand Slam finals. For the first time since 2013, he appeared in three in a single season, losing to Federer at the Australian Open in January, then beating Stan Wawrinka for his record 10th French Open trophy in June.

Nadal's career haul also includes two trophies from Wimbledon and one from the Australian Open. All of his big victories have come while being coached by his uncle, Toni, who is now stepping aside. The U.S. Open was the last Grand Slam event of their partnership.

It was not as daunting as usual.

Not since Pete Sampras at Wimbledon in 2000 had a man won a Slam tournament without facing any opponents ranked in the top 20. In New York, the bracket was weakened by the injury withdrawals of three of the top five men: past champions Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Wawrinka.

Plus, Nadal did not need to deal with Federer: The potential for a semifinal, which would have been their first U.S. Open meeting, was dashed when Juan Martin del Potro eliminated Federer in the quarterfinals. Nadal then beat del Potro, the 2009 champion but now ranked 28th, in the semis.

Much like Nadal's 6-2, 6-3, 6-1 win against Wawrinka at Roland Garros, the only beauty of this match was not in its competitiveness — not by a long shot — but in an appreciation for one participant's absolute superiority.

Forehands whipped up the line. Two-handed backhands ripped cross-court with ferocity. The spinning,

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back-to-the-net returns of serves that darted in at him at more than 130 mph (210 kph) and helped him break Anderson four times.

"I learned a lot of lessons," Anderson conceded. "It was a difficult match, up against somebody who has been on that stage over 20 times before."

Nadal even came up with some terrific volleys, winning the point on all 16 of his trips to the net. Anderson, meanwhile, finished 16 for 34 in that category. Another difference-maker: Nadal never faced a break point, although that was more a reflection of his talent once the ball was in play than any particularly dominant serving.

With Nadal standing way back to receive serves, nearly backing into the line judges, he neutralized Anderson's most effective skill. Anderson came in having won 103 of 108 service games across six matches, but Nadal accumulated break points at will from the get-go — two in a six-deuce game at 1-all, another two in a five-deuce game at 2-all.

Anderson began trying to end points quickly with a volley. Two problems with that: Anderson is not usually a serve-and-volleyer and so is no expert at that tactic; Nadal is superb at summoning passing shots at extreme speeds and angles, especially when facing the sort of target provided by the 6-foot-8 (2.03-meter) Anderson, the tallest Grand Slam finalist in history.

At 3-all, 30-all, Anderson double-faulted to offer up Nadal's fifth break point of the match, then badly pushed a forehand wide.

That only made the score 4-3, but the statistics were telling: Anderson had 21 unforced errors, Nadal just four. A pattern had been established.

"That," Nadal said, "changed the rest of the match."

When he broke to lead 4-2 in the second set, that was pretty much that.

"I always accepted all the challenges that my career present to me. The good news and the negative news, I accepted in the same way, in a very natural way. I am a person that I don't have much ups and downs," Nadal said. "When I am in a negative moment, I don't go very down. When I am in a positive moment, probably like now, I don't believe that I am that good."

Rest assured, Rafa. You're good.

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## Sooner Surge: Oklahoma up to No. 2 behind Alabama in AP poll

By RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer

Oklahoma moved up to No. 2 in The Associated Press college football poll behind Alabama after the Sooners scored the most impressive victory of week two.

Three of the top six teams from last week defeated other ranked teams on Saturday, creating an early shake-up near the top of the AP Top 25. The Sooners jumped three spots after winning 31-16 at Ohio State. The last time the Sooners were this close to being No. 1 was 2011.

The Buckeyes slipped from No. 2 to eighth.

Clemson held its spot at No. 3 after beating Auburn and Southern California moved up two places to sixth following a victory against Stanford. Penn State is No. 5.

The Crimson Tide received 59 first-place votes. Oklahoma has two and Clemson one.

POLL POINTS

DOWN

The Buckeyes have their lowest ranking November of the 2014 season. Ohio State hopes this season takes a similar path.

In 2014, the Buckeyes lost at home to Virginia Tech and fell from No. 8 to No. 22 in the rankings. The Buckeyes did not lose again and won the national championship in Urban Meyer's third season as coach

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in Columbus.

The Buckeyes did extend their streak of 41 polls ranked in the top 10, which dates back to the Nov. 9, 2014.

OUT

Notre Dame's stay in the Top 25 lasted one week. The Fighting Irish lost 20-19 at home to Georgia, which moved up two spots to No. 13. The Irish were the only team to fall out of the rankings.

IN

UCLA followed up its remarkable comeback victory in week one against Texas A&M with a more routine blowout of Hawaii and landed at No. 25 in the latest rankings. The Bruins moved into the rankings for the first time since starting 2016 at No. 16.

The Bruins stumbled to a four-win season last year, but quarterback Josh Rosen and the offense seem to be blossoming under new offensive coordinator Jedd Fisch.

CONFERENCE CALL

SEC — 6

ACC — 5

Pac-12 — 5

Big 12 — 4

Big Ten — 4

American — 1

RANKED VS. RANKED

No. 3 Clemson at No. 14 Louisville. Lamar Jackson and the Cardinals nearly beat the eventual national champions in Death Valley last season. Can the Tigers' ferocious defensive front slow down the Heisman Trophy winner?

No. 23 Tennessee at No. 24 Florida. Assuming this game is played after Hurricane Irma passes through Florida, both the Vols and Gators come in with plenty of questions to answer.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2017. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 11, 2001, nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaida hijackers seized control of four jetliners, sending two of the planes into New York's World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania.

On this date:

In 1297, Scottish rebels led by William Wallace and Andrew Moray defeated English troops in the Battle of Stirling Bridge during the First War of Scottish Independence.

In 1714, the forces of King Philip V of Spain overcame Catalan defenders to end the 13-month-long Siege of Barcelona during the War of the Spanish Succession.

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon militiamen aided by Paiute Indians.

In 1936, Boulder Dam (now Hoover Dam) began operation as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a

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key in Washington to signal the startup of the dam's first hydroelectric generator.

In 1941, groundbreaking took place for the Pentagon. In a speech that drew accusations of anti-Semitism, Charles A. Lindbergh told an America First rally in Des Moines, Iowa, that "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were pushing the United States toward war.

In 1954, the Miss America pageant made its network TV debut on ABC; Miss California, Lee Meriwether, was crowned the winner.

In 1967, the comedy-variety program "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1974, Eastern Airlines Flight 212, a DC-9, crashed while attempting to land in Charlotte, North Carolina, killing 72 of the 82 people on board.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds cracked career hit number 4,192 off Eric Show (rhymes with "how") of the San Diego Padres, eclipsing the record held by Ty Cobb. (The Reds won the game, 2-0).

In 1997, Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

Ten years ago: A new Osama bin Laden videotape was released on the sixth anniversary of 9/11; in it, the al-Qaida leader's voice is heard commemorating one of the suicide hijackers and calling on young Muslims to follow his example by martyring themselves in attacks. China signed an agreement to prohibit the use of lead paint on toys exported to the United States.

Five years ago: A mob armed with guns and grenades launched a fiery nightlong attack on a U.S. diplomatic outpost and a CIA annex in Benghazi, Libya, killing U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. President Barack Obama and Republican rival Mitt Romney toned down the campaign rhetoric and pulled negative ads amid commemorations of the 9/11 attacks, saying it was not a day for politics.

One year ago: The U.S. marked the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with the solemn roll call of the dead at ground zero. Hillary Clinton abruptly left after feeling "overheated," according to her campaign, and hours later her doctor disclosed that the Democratic presidential nominee had pneumonia. Stan Wawrinka wore Novak Djokovic (NOH'-vak JOH'-kuh-vich) down and beat the defending champion 6-7 (1), 6-4, 7-5, 6-3 for his first U.S. Open title and third Grand Slam trophy overall. Savvy Shields of Arkansas was crowned Miss America 2017 at the pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Daniel Akaka, D-Hawaii, is 93. Actor Earl Holliman is 89. Comedian Tom Dreesen is 78. Movie director Brian De Palma is 77. Singer-actress-dancer Lola Falana is 75. Rock musician Mickey Hart (The Dead) is 74. Singer-musician Leo Kottke is 72. Actor Phillip Alford is 69. Actress Amy Madigan is 67. Rock singer-musician Tommy Shaw (Styx) is 64. Sports reporter Lesley Visser is 64. Actor Reed Birney is 63. Singer-songwriter Diane Warren is 61. Former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh (jay) Johnson is 60. Musician Jon Moss (Culture Club) is 60. Actor Scott Patterson is 59. Rock musician Mick Talbot (The Style Council) is 59. Actress Roxann Dawson is 59. Actor John Hawkes is 58. Actress Anne Ramsay is 57. Actress Virginia Madsen is 56. Actress Kristy McNichol is 55. Musician-composer Moby is 52. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad is 52. Business reporter Maria Bartiromo is 50. Singer Harry Connick Jr. is 50. Rock musician Bart Van Der Zeeuw is 49. Actress Taraji (tuh-RAH'-jee) P. Henson is 47. Actress Laura Wright is 47. Rock musician Jeremy Popoff (Lit) is 46. Blogger Markos Moulitsas is 46. Singer Brad Fischetti (LFO) is 42. Rapper Mr. Black is 40. Rock musician Jon Buckland (Coldplay) is 40. Rapper Ludacris is 40. Rock singer Ben Lee is 39. Actor Ryan Slattery is 39. Actress Ariana Richards is 38. Country singer Charles Kelley (Lady Antebellum) is 36. Actress Elizabeth Henstridge is 30. Actor Tyler Hoechlin (HEK'-lihn) is 30. Actress Mackenzie Aladjem is 16.

Thought for Today: "I have seen gross intolerance shown in support of tolerance." — Samuel Taylor Coleridge, English poet and author (1772-1834).