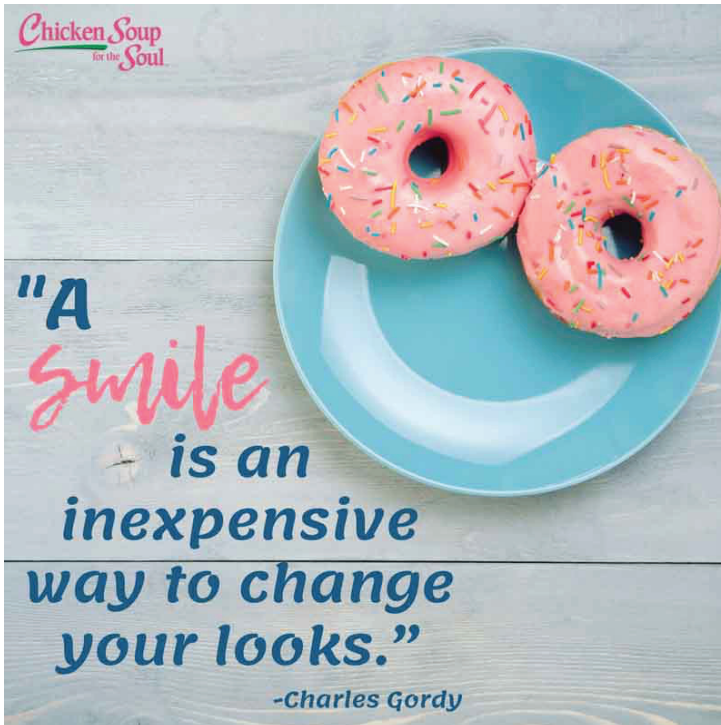


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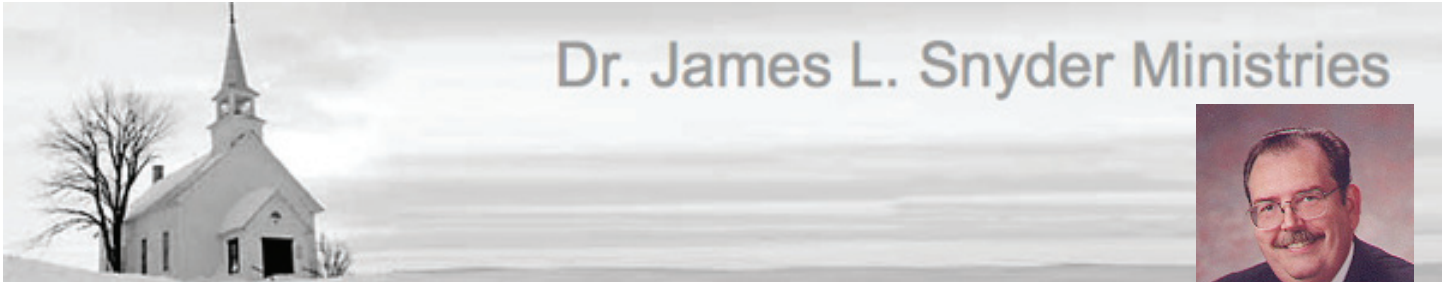
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



How to Live with a Veggie-Holic

In our house, not many conflicts expose themselves. For the most part, it is a very quiet and serene home occupied by two lovebirds.

I am not saying we are perfect. For we are not. The imperfect side of this marvelous relationship is Yours Truly. I was born imperfect and I have honored my birthright ever since.

I do not care what some may say about crazy people, I have enjoyed my craziness all my life. When you are perfect, you have to be careful that you do not make any mistake or act crazy.

When, however, you are imperfect and tilt towards the crazy side of life, your life is a joy. If you make a mistake, well, that is part of life. But on the positive side, when you do something right, you become the amazement of people around you.

So, our relationship in the Parsonage has been a very wonderful relationship. At least, from my side of the room. What the other resident says may be quite different.

We do make a great team, though. I can break anything and she can fix anything. How much better do you need to be?

When I make a mistake, she can correct me even in front of people. Now that is what I like. I would hate people to think I am stupid, crazy is one thing but stupid is something altogether different. And it is the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that consistently rescues me from being stupid.

Being a non-perfectionist, I can enjoy every day of my life, no matter what happens or what doesn't happen.

I cannot imagine what life is like for that person who is a perfectionist, like my wife.

She sees something that needs fixing, and she is busy trying to fix it.

If something is out of place, she is the first one to put it in its place. She has put me in my place for many years.

Few things we disagree on but there is one thing on top of that list. They can be boiled down into one word, Vegetables.

My wife loves vegetables almost as much as I love apple fritters. I do not think since the day she was born a day has passed without her consuming some kind of vegetable. She knows vegetables like I know apple fritters. There is not a vegetable known to mankind that she has not consumed.

Even for breakfast, she likes to sneak in some kind of vegetable. With my oatmeal, for example, she likes to sneak in a carrot. What in the world do carrots

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have to do with breakfast?

Her response to this is simply, "Vegetables are good for you and it's good to start the day off with a vegetable."

For her sake, I will grudgingly put up with some vegetables. Some vegetables, however, I will not put up with, I have made my stand strong through the years and I have not moved. Leading the list would be Broccoli.

Yes, I know all of the benefits of eating broccoli. My wife has told me this over and over throughout the years and I can repeat it verbatim.

My problem is, I do not believe what anybody says about broccoli. First, broccoli looks like a miniature tree that has not grown up yet. Who likes to eat trees?

There is no way to prepare broccoli that my wife does not already know. For years, she tried to entice me and con me into eating broccoli. I will fall for just about anything, except broccoli.

Every once in a while my wife will say, "What would you like for supper tonight?"

I do not pause, but immediately say, "Anything but broccoli."

I have the same apprehension for broccoli as she does for apple fritters.

I believe that an Apple fritter is basically "a fruit."

Once when I was trying to explain to her that an Apple fritter was a fruit she replied in disgust, "Anybody that believes that is just fruity."

What she does not realize is, I do not mind being fruity. I would rather be fruity than eat any broccoli.

The question here is how do you live with someone who is such a veggie-Holic?

There could not be any bigger span of separation than between a veggie-holic and an Apple fritter fan.

Recently we have come to an amicable agreement, which simply is, she does not talk about broccoli and I do not talk about apple fritters. She does not believe what I say about apple fritters anyway. And, I do not believe what she says about broccoli.

So, we have learned to respect each other's differences. That is what makes a relationship good. The only question I have is, and I don't bring it up very often, does an Apple fritter smell as bad as broccoli cooking on the stove?

Looking back over our relationship very few things we disagree on and the things we disagree on are not that important that it should affect our relationship.

I love what that wise old prophet in the Old Testament said, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

It is not what we disagree on; rather, it is what we agree on that is important. If you are going in one direction, you must have the same opinion that it is the direction you are going.

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South Dakota Governor
Dennis Daugaard



Be The One

Suicide is a growing problem in South Dakota. Last year we had the highest number of suicides on record. It was the ninth leading cause of death and the second leading cause of death for individuals age 10 to 34.

Around 5 percent of the population experiences thoughts of suicide each year. Even more alarming, a 2015 survey of South Dakota found that those thoughts are more prevalent for high schoolers, with 1 in 6 students having suicidal thoughts or tendencies. A recent Center for Disease Control report found over half of the individuals who died by suicide did not have any known mental health issues. Although depression and mental illness can be the underlying cause, relationship issues or other obstacles in life may lead someone to consider suicide.

One of the ways to prevent suicide is to talk about it. We can empower those who struggle by letting them know they're not alone. Many people experience thoughts of despair, and there is help out there.

At the state level, we are talking about it as much as we can. Through a campaign called BeThe1SD, we are spreading the word about warning signs and where to find help. We have a 24/7 Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK), Community Mental Health Centers that offer mental health services and supports across the state, and a whole host of resources at sdsuicideprevention.org. On the website you can find toolkits for local groups and information about suicide and support groups for survivors and family members who have lost loved ones.

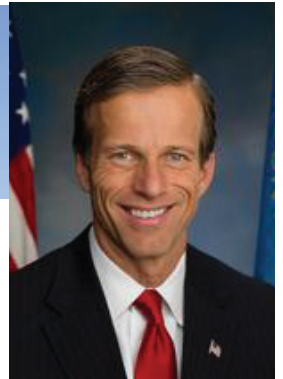
I'm encouraging South Dakotans to talk about suicide as well. I have challenged community groups to hold events during the month of September, which is Suicide Prevention Month. Reaching out to someone can make all the difference, but how do we start the conversation? How do we identify the warning signs? When should we ask, "Are you okay?" I hope schools, churches, clubs, families and circles of friends throughout our state will engage in the fight to save lives by leading these kinds of discussions.

A couple of weeks ago, five South Dakota Department of Transportation employees made headlines as they went above and beyond their duties. Gary, Adam, Chris, Curt and Jordan were north of Sioux Falls when they got word of a young man headed toward the Marion Road overpass on I-90. The young man was in despair and had the intention of taking his own life. When he climbed onto the overpass, the five men from DOT rushed to him. They stopped traffic, broke the young man's fall and prevented him from running into traffic.

Their actions saved this young man's life.

Never underestimate the immense value of your life or the impact you can have on someone else. Have the courage to be the one. One question, one smile, one conversation, one instance of going above and beyond could save a life.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Remembering the Maverick

Until John McCain's passing, I had the distinct honor of serving alongside him for the entirety of my Senate career. And while John loved the Senate and a good, fiery debate (I know firsthand, having been on the receiving end of a few of them myself), he loved nothing more than his friends, family, and the country for which he fought and served for the better part of his life.

There aren't enough words to truly describe John and what he meant to everyone who knew him – even those who didn't, but who, having known John's story, always felt like they did. He was smart, thoughtful, witty, courageous, and he was always humble enough to admit when he was wrong or had made a mistake. He was true to himself, and he embodied the American spirit.

Highlighting that embodiment, in his farewell letter to the nation, John wrote, "We believe always in the promise and greatness of America because nothing is inevitable here. Americans never quit, we never surrender, we never hide from history. We make history." If there was ever a motto for John's life and love of country, those three sentences were it.

To John's family, he was a beloved son, husband, father, and grandfather. To the nation, he was a soldier, a public servant, and a true patriot. To his colleagues in Congress, myself included, he was a dear friend. At the end of the day, to know John was to know America.

Shortly after I got to the Senate, I read his book, "Faith of My Fathers." It didn't take long before I realized that some of the dates and places he described started to sound familiar. After some research, we discovered that it was Admiral John McCain – Sen. McCain's grandfather – who awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to my father Harold. To say it's a small world would be an understatement.

John knew service and sacrifice better than most, which is what bonded him to service members young and old. I shared with him the story about his grandfather and my dad, and it created a special friendship between us. He'd always tell me, "John, we've got to call your dad," which is exactly what we eventually did. A phone call I'll never forget.

I traveled to Arizona to attend John's funeral service and pay my respects to a man who was larger than life. I found it altogether fitting that as John's casket left the church, Frank Sinatra's "My Way," seemingly a ballad of John's life, played in the background: "I've lived a life that's full. I've traveled each and every highway. But more, much more than this, I did it my way."

When discussing how he would like to be remembered, John humbly said, "I want, when I leave, that the ceremony is at the Naval Academy, and we just have a couple of people that stand up and say, 'This guy, he served his country.'" I can think of few finer epitaphs than that to honor a man like John McCain.



Finding a Level Playing Field

Around 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside our borders. If we can't reach foreign consumers on a level playing field, our growth is limited.

For years, China has exploited its massive purchasing power, often at the expense of American farmers, ranchers and manufacturers. When the Trump administration set out to rebalance this trading relationship, China retaliated. I recently invited Scott VanderWal, a Volga-area farmer and president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, to testify at a congressional hearing on trade. He explained, "The problem is [China] knows just where to punch us back in a dispute: by targeting our agriculture products. Through no fault of our own, and unintentionally, [the agriculture] industry ends up being used for leverage."

The undue burden agriculture is bearing is something I've worked to impress upon the administration. After numerous conversations with President Trump and administration officials, I was pleased to see the USDA announce a \$12 billion aid package this summer that gives South Dakota producers an added safety net.

The proposal takes a three-pronged approach: Give producers a boost, expand a USDA food-buying program to increase demand, and develop new global market opportunities. I'm hopeful this package will offer some breathing room for farmers and ranchers.

But talk to almost any producer, and they'll tell you they want trade, not aid.

While China dominates the global market for commodities, Canada and Mexico are some of America's most important trading partners. For more than two decades, NAFTA has set the rules of trade on the North American continent, but when President Trump took office, he launched a renegotiation process to modernize the deal.

This August, the U.S. renegotiation team reached a preliminary agreement with Mexico, which imports around 39 percent of American ag products. According to the White House, the pact includes a continuation of zero tariffs on agricultural products, new standards for ag biotechnology, improved transparency, and more. It's a promising development that I'm hopeful will help drive Canada to the table and once again offer producers greater certainty in trade.

Of course, agriculture isn't the only industry that's confronted trade challenges in recent months. This January, in response to a claim that Canada was unfairly dumping paper into U.S. markets, the Commerce Department applied heavy tariffs while the agency investigated the claims. South Dakota's local newspapers rely on this imported paper because U.S. paper mills are already running at full capacity and can't provide all the paper needed to keep prices low. The tariffs increased newsprint costs by nearly 30 percent.

All but one U.S.-based paper mill opposed the tariffs, and small-town South Dakota newspapers told me the costs were too much to bear, so I pushed back. I introduced the PRINT Act, which would have temporarily suspended the tariffs in order to give the Commerce Department time to investigate the impact. I also joined Sens. Thune and Rounds in a letter to David Johanson, Chairman of the International Trade Commission (ITC), urging him to reject the tariffs. In late August, the ITC agreed to our request and nullified the tariffs, delivering an important victory for hometown newspapers, for the small-town businesses who advertise in those papers, and for consumers in South Dakota.

As we look at ongoing trade negotiations, it's important that we continue to strive for a level playing field. Americans produce some of the world's best products, and those goods ought to be sold in a marketplace that is fair, open, and competitive.

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Affordable Energy for South Dakota

In South Dakota, we have scorching hot summers and frigid winters. This means we require reliable, affordable energy to keep our homes and businesses at a comfortable temperature year-round. Thanks to the Missouri River, South Dakota produces and uses a significant amount of renewable hydroelectric power. We are also one of the largest wind power resources in the nation. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, wind power provided around 30 percent of our total net electricity generation in 2016. Hydroelectric power provided more than two-fifths of South Dakota's net electricity generation last year, the largest share of any energy source in the state. According to the Department of Energy, almost 94 percent of the energy we produce in South Dakota is renewable.

Additionally, our neighboring states provide us with natural gas and clean coal. We rely on this diverse array of energy sources to power our lives. Maintaining steady, balanced energy production allows us to meet our own energy needs, export energy around the world, create jobs here at home, grow our economy and strengthen our national security.

Since being elected to the Senate, I have served on the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee. One of our committee's roles is to oversee the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During the previous administration, the EPA overstepped its boundaries by attempting to implement the Clean Power Plan, or CPP, by regulatory fiat. I was firmly against this plan, which would have resulted in sky-high energy costs for consumers, all with very little benefit to the environment. It threatened job creation and economic growth. CPP was a prime example of 'government-knows-best' rulemaking in which government regulators attempted to circumvent Congress and implement this costly new plan. Fortunately, the Supreme Court blocked the implementation of CPP after more than two dozen states called for it to be stopped, and President Trump signed an executive order in March 2017 to suspend it as well.

The EPA recently announced their proposal to replace CPP, called the Affordable Clean Energy rule, or ACE. This proposed rule, which is open for public comment and has not yet been finalized, respects the rights of individual states in setting energy policies that work best for them. I support this administration's goal of providing reliable, affordable, clean energy to South Dakota families and businesses while at the same time working to protect our environment and natural resources.

According to the EPA, the proposed ACE rule would establish emissions guidelines for states to develop their own plans to limit greenhouse gas emissions. This means that South Dakota will have a strong voice when it comes to federal energy rules that affect us. During the previous administration, rules and regulations were promulgated with very little regard for the businesses and individuals who would have to abide by them. I appreciate that the current administration is attempting to regulate thoughtfully, and is taking into consideration the needs of the people who will have to follow their regulations.

I will continue working to promote South Dakota's energy priorities, and am happy to work with the EPA as they seek to protect our environment and natural resources while providing reliable, inexpensive energy to families across the country.

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This week in State Government

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m. CDT, Brookings – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will speak at the Daktronics 50th anniversary open house at 201 Daktronics Drive, Brookings, Bldg. 6.

Tuesday, September 5, 8:30 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Corn Utilization Council will be holding a meeting at 4712 S. Technopolis Drive. A full agenda can be found at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=217>. For more information, please contact the council at 605-334-0100.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 8:30 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Governor's Tourism Advisory Board will have a meeting at the De Smet Event and Wellness Center in De Smet. For more information contact Katlyn Richter, Media and Public Relations Director, South Dakota Department of Tourism, at 605-773-3301 or katlyn.richter@travelsouthdakota.com.

Thursday, September 6, 8:30 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Real Estate Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules at the Missouri River Plaza, 123 W. Missouri Ave. More information on the public hearing can be found at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=84>.

Thursday, September 6, 8:45 CDT, Pierre – The Real Estate Commission will hold a meeting at the Missouri River Plaza, 123 W. Missouri Ave. Meeting materials can be found at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=84>. For more information, please contact Melissa Miller at 605-773-3600.

Thursday, September 6, 10:30 a.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The Department of Social Services' Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals will hold a board of directors meeting at Park Place Center, 3101 W. 41st St in the conference room. Public input will begin at 11 a.m. For more information please contact Tina Nelson at 605-332-6778. To view the agenda, please visit <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=29>.

Thursday, September 6, 2018, 2:00 pm CDT, Pierre – The REDI (Revolving Economic Development and Initiative) credit committee will meet on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 2 pm at 711 E Wells Ave in Pierre.

Friday, September 7, 9:30 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday, September 7, starting at 9:30 a.m. CDT at the Cultural Heritage Center, 900 Governors Dr., in Pierre. For more information call Jay D. Vogt, Society Director, at 605-773-3458.

Friday, September 7, 10 a.m. CDT – The scheduled Cosmetology Commission meeting via conference call has been canceled.

Friday, September 7, 1 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The Department of Social Services' Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee will hold a meeting at 500 E. Capitol, Capitol Building DDN, Rm. CAP A. For more information and to view the agenda, please visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=204>.

You Might Also Be Interested To Know:

Tuesday, September 4 to Thursday, September 6 - The South Dakota Department of Agriculture will be

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collecting pesticide containers at the following locations. For a full schedule of container pick up times and locations, please visit http://sdda.sd.gov/ag-services/pesticide-program/container-recycling-waste-pesticide-collection-program/Gallery/2018collections_Final.pdf. For more information on these collections, please contact SDDA at 605-773-4432.

Tuesday, September 4 – Martin, Bennett Co. Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. MDT

Wednesday, September 5 – Belle Fourche, SD DOT Yard, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MDT

Thursday, September 6 – Rapid City, Central States Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. MDT

Thursday, September 6 – Wall, Dakota Mill & Grain, 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. MDT.

Tuesday, September 4, to Thursday, September 6: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Tuesday, September 4:

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, Eagle Butte – Tribal Office 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306
- 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Webster – 711 W. 1st St. 605-280-4306

Wednesday, September 5:

- 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – 101 1st Ave. SE, Suite 100 605-280-4306
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. MDT, Martin – 105 E. Hwy 18 605-280-4308

Thursday, September 6:

- 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Leola – 421 Grant St. 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306

Tuesday, September 4, to Thursday, September 6 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at www.sdjobs.org. Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, September 4, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, De Smet – Kingsbury County Courthouse, 101 2nd St. SE. For more information during these hours, call 605-854-3309 or 605-688-4350 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

· Tuesday, September 4, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. MDT, Rapid City – At Western Dakota Technical Institute, Lewis & Clark Hall, Room L212. For more information on programs and services, call Kevin Dary, Lynette Engle or Melanie Garstenschlager at 605-718-2956 during these office hours. Additional information available at www.sdjobs.org.

· Wednesday, September 5, 12 – 3 p.m. CDT, Mobridge – At the Mobridge Economic Development Office, 205 2nd St. E., Suite 1, or call 605-380-8930 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

· Thursday, September 6, 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Britton – At Marshall County Community Hall, or call 605-380-8930 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

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Tuesday, September 4, to Thursday, September 6, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at the Sioux Falls Job Service, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., at 811 E. 10th St. Positions include production workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, September 4, to Wednesday, September 5 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

· Tuesday, September 4, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – At 2330 N. Maple Ave. For more information, call 605-394-2296 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, September 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Pierre – At 116 W. Missouri Ave. For more information, call 605-773-3372 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, September 4, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Sanford Health will be conducting an employer information session at the Sioux Falls Job Service Office, 811 E. 10th St. Positions are available for environmental service technicians, food service assistants and nursing assistants. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, September 4 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT
De Smet, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Miller, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
Wagner, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

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Britton, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
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Plankinton, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Lower Brule, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT

Friday, September 7, 4 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – The South Dakota Department of Human Services Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired will hold a public forum on September 7 at the Country Inn and Suites located at 200 E. 8th St. For more information or to request accommodations for the meeting contact Gaye Mattke at (605) 773-4644.

Office hours for DLR's North Sioux City Job Service have changed. The office is open from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday through Friday, and 1 – 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Call 605-677-6900 for more information.

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Today in Weather History

September 2, 1962: From 315 to 445 pm, hail fell in and around the Mobridge area. The hail ranged from 1 1/2 to 4 inches in diameter. The ground was covered up to 3 inches deep with drifts of 2-3 feet. At this time, the storm was one of the worst in recent history for damage.

September 2, 1983: A tornado touched down in the late afternoon 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Polo in Hand County damaging buildings, machinery, and trees. The roof of a hog house was torn off, and the north side of the building was destroyed. A barn was pulled several inches off of its foundation, and numerous trees were destroyed. At a nearby farm, two outbuildings were destroyed, with two cows injured along with two calves killed.

September 2, 1985: Intense thunderstorms moved from south central South Dakota to northeast South Dakota during the evening. Winds gusted to 60 to 70 mph over the area. Southwest of Presho, three small buildings were destroyed, and barns were damaged. Power lines and other property were damaged near Vayland, Miller, Wessington, Wolsey, Kimball, White Lake, Armour, and Castlewood. Large hail caused considerable damage to crops.

1775: The 1775 Newfoundland hurricane, also known as the Independence Hurricane, was a storm that hit the Colony of Newfoundland. It is believed to have killed at least 4,000 people, making it one of the deadliest Atlantic hurricanes of all time. The death toll in Virginia and North Carolina was 163 lives.

1935: The 1935 Labor Day Hurricane was the strongest and most intense hurricane to make landfall in the United States and the Atlantic Basin in recorded history. A central pressure of 892 mb (26.35 inHg) suggests winds between 188.7 mph – 186.4 mph. The death toll from this hurricane is between 408 to 600 individuals.

2002: An F3 tornado destroyed much of the downtown area of Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Overall damage was estimated at \$20 million, but there were no fatalities.

1950 - The temperature at Mecca, CA, soared to 126 degrees to establish a U.S. record for the month of September. The low that morning was 89 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi MS. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Late evening thunderstorms in the Northern Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jordan MT, and a ""hot flash"" at Redig SD. The temperature at Redig rose from 66 degrees at 10 PM to 86 degrees at 11 PM as thunderstorm winds gusted to 36 mph. Nine cities in the Upper Ohio Valley, the Tennessee Valley and the Central Gulf Coast States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV with a reading of 38 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Olympia WA, 98 degrees at Seattle WA, 105 degrees at Portland OR, and 110 degrees at Medford OR, established records for the month of September. Quillayute WA equalled their September record with an afternoon high of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Eight cities in the Gulf Coast Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. Houston TX and Port Arthur TX hit 99 degrees. Late evening thunderstorms, developing ahead of a cold front, produced wind gusts to 63 mph at Dickinson ND, and golf ball size hail in North Dakota and Nebraska. Winds along the cold front itself gusted to 62 mph at Buffalo SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today



Mostly Sunny

High: 76 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 52 °F

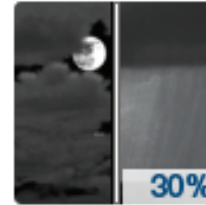
Labor Day



Mostly Sunny

High: 80 °F

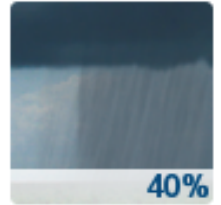
Monday Night



Mostly Cloudy then Chance Showers

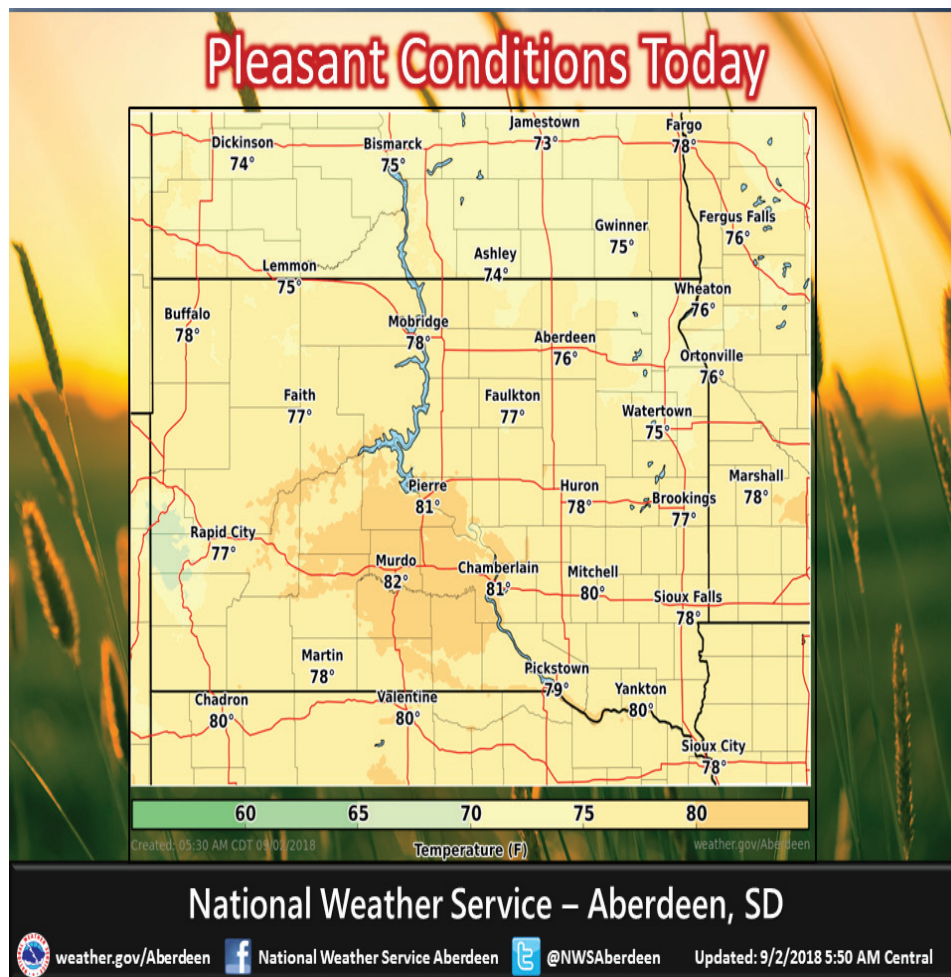
Low: 63 °F

Tuesday



Chance Showers

High: 75 °F



Published on: 09/02/2018 at 6:10AM

A surface high pressure will bring less humid conditions into the region today. High temperatures will generally range in the 70s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 82.8 F at 6:01 PM

Heat Index:

Low Outside Temp: 53.0 F at 7:25 AM

High Gust: 19.0 Mph at 1:06 PM

Precip: 0.10

Today's Info

Record High: 104° in 1913

Record Low: 35° in 1896

Average High: 78°F

Average Low: 52°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.08

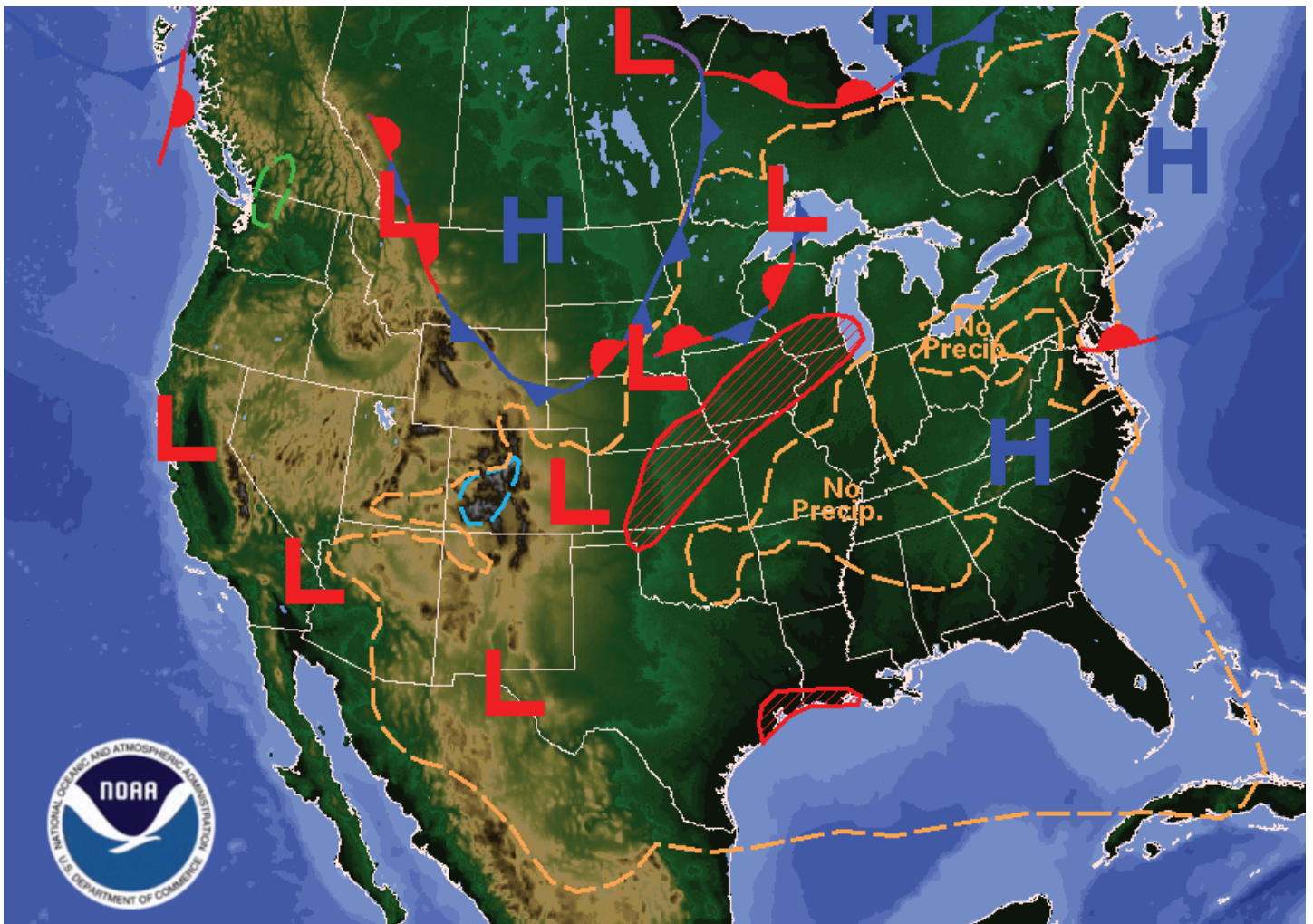
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.10

Average Precip to date: 16.37

Precip Year to Date: 11.36

Sunset Tonight: 8:09 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Sep 02, 2018, issued 4:59 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong 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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JUSTICE FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

Have you ever been told the reason an ostrich hides its head in the sand is that it is frightened? If you have and you believe it, you have been led astray. They do, however, run in circles when they are frightened. And, the male ostrich will dig a hole that is six feet by eight feet where the female ostrich lays her eggs. Perhaps this nesting story is the source of the idea of an ostrich hiding its head.

There are times, however, when most of us feel like hiding our heads underneath a pillow or standing behind an object where no one can see us. Often we are filled with a sense of inadequacy or beneath others because everyone seems to have more than we have or be more capable of doing things than we are. Or, perhaps, we feel poor in the sense that we have not been blest by God as much as others.

David had a solution for this feeling: I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor, and upholds the cause of the needy. In other words, David wants us to know that things are like they are because God designed them as they are for His purpose. If we feel poor - or lacking, - God will make things right because He is ultimately responsible for everyones wellbeing and treated equally with justice. Our God is a just God and will not allow His own to suffer unfairly. He is at work completing His ultimate purpose for our lives.

David also wrote that God will uphold the needy. It may be that when our wants exceed our resources, He is asking us to evaluate our priorities. His love always surrounds us and directs us as His plan to make us Christ-like unfolds.

Prayer: Lord, when things arent right, it does not mean that You are treating us wrong. It means it is time to trust You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 140:12 I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor, and upholds the cause of the needy.

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party

- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis, 25-13, 25-22, 25-9

Rapid City Christian def. Bennett County, 25-22, 25-18, 25-3

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Harrisburg, 25-19, 25-27, 25-14, 25-16

Gillette, Wyo. Tournament

Gold Tournament

First Round

Cheyenne Central, Wyo. def. Rapid City Central, 25-23, 18-25, 25-22

Rapid City Stevens def. Laramie, Wyo., 25-16, 25-16

Consolation Semifinal

Rapid City Central def. Green River, Wyo., 25-21, 25-19

Fifth Place

Casper Kelly Walsh, Wyo. def. Rapid City Central, 25-18, 25-14

Silver Tournament

First Round

Rawlins, Wyo. def. St. Thomas More, 25-8, 25-8

Consolation Semifinal

Cheyenne South, Wyo. def. St. Thomas More, 25-13, 15-25, 25-17

Seventh Place

St. Thomas More def. Thunder Basin JV, Wyo., 25-16, 29-27

Gregory Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 1

Cody-Kilgore, Neb. def. Lyman, 25-17, 25-14, 28-26

Cody-Kilgore, Neb. def. Gregory, 25-20, 25-15

Cody-Kilgore, Neb. def. Edgemont, 25-19, 25-21

PREP FOOTBALL(equals)

Brandon Valley 29, Sioux Falls Lincoln 28, OT

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 32, Harrisburg 15

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 29, Sioux Falls Washington 0

Kansas State scores 2 late TDs, edges South Dakota 27-24

By ANDREW HAMMOND, Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Saturday night's game was not going the way most Kansas State fans, players and coaches had anticipated. Fans were booing the offense and making a quick exit, not just in fear of seeing a season-opening upset, but mostly in sheer disgust at the way things were going.

Then Isiah Zuber's late punt return changed everything, sparking a two-touchdown fourth quarter and a 27-24 Kansas State victory over South Dakota.

After struggling to gain any footing for a majority of the game, the Kansas State offense seemed to have hit rock bottom as South Dakota punted the ball away early in the fourth quarter to Zuber, who returned it 85 yards for a touchdown to pull the Wildcats to 24-19. The score woke up a sleepy and agitated Bill Snyder Family Stadium, which saw fans head toward the exits just minutes before Zuber's punt return.

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However, Zuber was not done making plays.

After Kansas State forced the Coyotes to another punt, Skylar Thompson connected with Zuber for a 10-yard touchdown pass and the game-winning score with 7:21 remaining.

Zuber led the Wildcats in receiving with five catches for 68 yards and one touchdown.

Although the Wildcats picked up their first victory of the season, Kansas State coach Bill Snyder was not happy afterward describing his emotions.

"Well I am, you know all of them," Snyder said. Angered, disappointed, etc. But it goes back again, well, we can say all we want about anything but I just don't have them prepared to play. If they were ready to play the way we wanted them to, which is my responsibility, we would have probably fared a little bit better than what we did."

South Dakota, which had led for a majority of the game, was given new life with just 50 seconds left after forcing an Alex Barnes' fumble deep in Coyote territory.

The Coyotes drove down the field and set up for what would have been a game-tying field goal, but Mason Lorber missed a 51-yard attempt as time expired.

"Unfortunately, we had the ball and with a little bit of a breeze we wanted to get it down around the 25-yard line and try to get a field goal attempts in the low forties," Coyotes coach Bob Nielson said.

"We had a play call to run one of those hitch routes and take a timeout. Then we had the false start penalty and we were really on the far outside of the goal. He (Mason) has made them in practice, he obviously did not hit that one very good."

South Dakota's Austin Simmons was 24-of-56 passing for 257 yards and a touchdown.

THE TAKEAWAY

Kansas State: With new coordinators on both sides of the ball, it would be expected the Wildcats would have some struggles, but the only positives on the night were out of kicker Blake Lynch and Zuber. Both Thompson and Alex Delton had ample opportunities to make their claim for the starting quarterback job, but neither could gain any ground by the end of the game.

South Dakota: The Coyotes were not able to come up with a win over an FBS opponent for the second straight season, but one solid takeaway is how well the Coyotes were in control for much of the game. They did a great job limiting the Kansas State offense for three quarters and had many Kansas State fans, players and coaches frustrated throughout the night.

TURNOVER WOES

One of the more surprising events of the evening was Kansas State running back Alex Barnes struggling to hold on to the football. He coughed it up three times, the last time while the Wildcats were attempting to ice the ballgame. Snyder said he had never seen Barnes fumble this many times.

BAD CATS

For the first time since 2016 against Florida Atlantic, the Wildcats went over 100 yards in penalties. Whether they be of the drive-killing variety on offense or saving a South Dakota drive, Kansas State was not their usually disciplined selves and that could loom troublesome with No. 18 Mississippi State coming into town next week.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kansas State's calling card for years has been in the special teams and tonight was no exception. Four made field goals by Blake Lynch and a punt return for a touchdown by Isaiah Zuber were the difference against South Dakota.

Meanwhile, South Dakota missed two field goals, including the game winner, and also gave up a punt return for a touchdown.

STAT OF THE NIGHT

In his first career start, Kansas State kicker Blake Lynch netted four field goals from 22, 24, 38 and 44 yards as well as an extra point.

UP NEXT

Kansas State hosts Mississippi State on Saturday.

South Dakota hosts Northern Colorado on Saturday.

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SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash
04-05-11-28-29
(four, five, eleven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine)
Estimated jackpot: \$246,000

Lotto America
01-08-14-31-39, Star Ball: 10, ASB: 3
(one, eight, fourteen, thirty-one, thirty-nine; Star Ball: ten; ASB: three)
Estimated jackpot: \$7.08 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$167 million

Powerball
11-54-55-61-66, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 3
(eleven, fifty-four, fifty-five, sixty-one, sixty-six; Powerball: nine; Power Play: three)
Estimated jackpot: \$90 million

Iowa State's opener canceled because of lightning

By LUKE MEREDITH, AP Sports Writer

A night of miserable and dangerous weather put a damper on one of the most highly anticipated season openers in recent memory at Iowa State.

The game against South Dakota State was canceled on Saturday night after a 2 1/2-hour delay caused by lightning.

The Cyclones made the announcement just before 10 p.m. local time after the teams were able to get less than five minutes of play in. Iowa State said there were no immediate plans to reschedule the game since the teams' bye weeks don't line up. The game will be counted as a "no contest" per NCAA rules, and all the accrued statistics will be voided.

"At the end of the day, player safety is of the utmost importance. After talking to coach (Matt) Campbell and to their head football coach, both coaches agreed that given what we saw on the radar, staying and prolonging probably the inevitable wasn't in the best interests of either team," Iowa State athletic director Jamie Pollard said.

For five minutes, the Cyclones showed why their fan base is so fired up for this fall.

Deshaunte Jones worked his way through SDSU's defense to reel in a 55-yard touchdown pass from Kyle Kempt, giving Iowa State a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter.

But bad weather in the area — the Akron vs. Nebraska game in Lincoln, Nebraska, 225 miles away, was also called off by poor conditions — prompted a delay that never ended.

Iowa State's bye comes on the weekend of Oct. 20, and Pollard said that it's possible that the Cyclones will find a team to play at home that Saturday.

"I'm going to guess there's probably a whole host of FCS opponents around the Midwest are in the same boat we're in, that they're going to lose a game. So we'll have ample time to work on that over the next

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several weeks to possibly schedule somebody else," Pollard said.

Still, the cancellation was a bummer for an Iowa State program coming off one of its best seasons in decades.

The Cyclones went 8-5 in 2017, beating two top-five teams and Memphis in the Liberty Bowl. Campbell signed a new six-year contract instead of looking for greener pastures.

With a host of returning starters on both sides of the ball, there's a feeling in Ames that 2018 might rank among the best in school history. Instead, it started with the first cancellation for the Cyclones since 1963, when their game at Drake was called off because of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The lack of game action could also hinder Iowa State as it prepares to travel to rival Iowa next weekend. After that date, the home opener will now be a daunting one: No. 7 Oklahoma, which opened the season by throttling Florida Atlantic 63-14.

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2018's most volatile candidate (it's Trump) isn't on ballot

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **CATHERINE LUCEY**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Heading into the midterm elections, the most volatile candidate this year isn't on the ballot.

But President Donald Trump still loves to take his freewheeling political stylings on the road on behalf of his fellow Republicans and he's raring to go for the sprint to Nov. 6.

His eagerness to campaign for candidates — and protect his political flank — has led Republican officials and Trump's political team to devise a strategy for managing the president's time. It's designed to keep him in places where he can be helpful.

They're also determined to try to manage his unpredictability so the party's strongest asset in turning out core GOP voters doesn't end up doing damage instead.

There's a constant effort to keep him on best behavior.

This past week, Trump heeded pleas from advisers and Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, head of the GOP Senate campaign committee, to refrain from picking a favorite in the fractious Arizona primary, waiting until after the results were in to back the winner. Later, at a rally in Indiana for Senate candidate Mike Braun, the president largely stuck to his script, promoting his agenda and criticizing Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.

"Senate Republicans will not get to where they need to go without the president this fall. That means doing exactly what he's been doing," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "The great danger in a midterm is an enthusiasm gap and there is nobody who can close the enthusiasm gap quite like the president."

Aides believe Trump's drawing power is critical to a strong turnout among the most loyal GOP voters, which is helpful in many statewide contests. But his presence could be counterproductive in many House districts where incumbents are struggling to hold onto voters in the center.

But this is a celebrity-turned-president who hardly is a selfless leader of his adoptive party. He launched his own re-election campaign weeks after his swearing-in last year, rather than waiting until after the midterm elections, as did his predecessors. With Democrats increasingly optimistic about retaking the House, Trump is motivated by self-protection. He's keenly aware of the threats and investigations that could come his way if Democrats hold a majority in either the House or Senate.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing, and Trump created an unnecessary political firestorm with his delayed and muted response to the death of Sen. John McCain. Still, aides think he generally has grown more focused and disciplined entering the final push to the fall elections.

At his Indiana rally Thursday night, Trump stuck to familiar themes, talking about tax cuts and trade tariffs, slamming high-tech companies, railing against the Justice Department and calling MS-13 gang members animals. But he did not mention McCain, avoiding recounting the well-worn tale about the senator's pivotal vote against the president's health care bill.

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After a week in which aides pushed Trump to rise above his personal grudges against McCain, the mere fact that Trump kept the senator out of his remarks was notable.

While Trump's White House remains marked by turbulence, insiders said the political shop has managed to impose some discipline. On potential endorsements, for example, political director Bill Stepien and adviser John DeStefano bring Trump detailed binders on candidates' voting records, including their past comments on Trump, where they have broken with the president and other details.

While Stepien and DeStefano have gained influence, they must compete with other power centers. Vice President Mike Pence and the White House office of legislative affairs weigh in at times, and Donald Trump Jr. has proved a powerful influence.

Some races have proved complicated, as in the Arizona Senate race, where Kelly Ward and former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio both promoted their ties to Trump, as did establishment favorite Rep. Martha McSally. Trump stayed out of the race and McSally handily defeated the two more controversial candidates, averting what GOP operatives believed could have been a disaster for the party this fall.

In the Tennessee governor's race, Rep. Diane Black also pushed for an endorsement. Trump stayed out of that race, which she lost, on the advice of staff.

But the president could not be persuaded to stay silent in other cases.

He supported Foster Friess in the GOP gubernatorial primary in Wyoming. Friess, who lost, was strongly backed by Trump Jr. Aides also had pushed Trump not to endorse Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach in his bid to be governor, but Trump did at the last minute, helping put Kobach over the top in the primary but making the race in November more competitive for Democrats.

Aides said they pick their battles with the president, prioritizing races that could swing the balance of congressional control.

For political travel, White House staffers, who are coordinating with party aides, have divided the electoral map into places Trump can be helpful and places where it's better to send in others such as Pence, Cabinet secretaries or members of the first family.

"He's prioritizing places where he's performed well and where there's a strong network of grassroots support," said South Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows, chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus.

When Trump makes a political trip, aides try to make sure the candidate meets the president at the airport, has time with him in the car and gets the right sound bites on stage. That script was followed Thursday with Braun; Trump called him a "special guy" and promised that Braun would "be a truly great senator."

On Friday, as he praised a pair of North Carolina Republican candidates at both an official and political event, Trump was effusive in his praise before turning the spotlight on his own accomplishments.

Trump's rallies also have served as a boost to the GOP's massive email and voter contact database. Attendees are entered into the party's system within 48 hours.

Republican National Committee staffers gather signatures on petitions from people waiting in line and register voters at the event. Within five days, those that have expressed an interest in volunteering are contacted to schedule their first session.

Challenge for Congress: Consider Kavanaugh, keep lights on

By KEVIN FREKING and MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Keep the government running and confirm Brett Kavanaugh as the next Supreme Court justice. Those are the big-ticket items that Republican leaders in Congress hope to accomplish as lawmakers look to wrap up their work and head home to campaign for the November elections.

Democrats want to keep the government open, but they also are fighting to derail the nomination of Kavanaugh, the second Supreme Court nominee from President Donald Trump.

Other items on the agenda when Congress returns Tuesday: passing a farm bill, renewing federal aviation programs, and grilling social media executives about foreign interference in their operations and whether they are biased against conservatives, as Trump has alleged.

A look at what's coming up on Capitol Hill:

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REPLACING JUSTICE KENNEDY

The Senate Judiciary Committee begins confirmation hearings for Kavanaugh, a federal appeals court judge, on Tuesday with his introduction and opening statements from lawmakers. Questioning of the nominee will begin the next day and testimony from the American Bar Association, outside legal experts and those who know him best will follow.

Trump nominated Kavanaugh to succeed Justice Anthony Kennedy, considered the swing vote on some of the most important issues decided in recent years. Democrats are worried that Kavanaugh's confirmation will cement a right-leaning court for many years to come. They contend his elevation could lead the court to restrict a woman's right to choose an abortion, equal rights for gays and lesbians and environmental protections.

With liberal advocacy groups adamantly opposed to Kavanaugh and Democrats wanting to fire up their base for the coming election, Senate questioning will be aggressive and opening statements forceful. But Republicans with their 50-49 majority have the edge.

KEEPING THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

Lawmakers face a Sept. 30 deadline to pass spending bills to keep the government open.

The House and Senate have both approved a series of measures, but have not agreed on a unified bill that could go to the president's desk.

Lawmakers hope to approve at least three compromise bills that fund a large portion of the government, including the military and most civilian agencies, before the new budget year begins Oct. 1.

In a shift from previous years, the Senate has approved nine of 12 mandatory spending bills, enough to fund nearly 90 percent of the government. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., called that "an important step forward" and evidence that "Congress is in good hands" under GOP majorities in the House and Senate.

Still, lawmakers from both parties remain wary of a government shutdown, which Trump has threatened unless he gets a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border. Democrats have resisted Trump's plan to spend \$25 billion to fulfill that key Trump campaign promise.

A shutdown just weeks before the November elections would be the third under unified Republican control of Washington, following stoppages in January and February. That prospect has provoked widespread anxiety among Republicans facing tough re-election fights.

Trump has called a possible shutdown "a great political thing, because people want border security."

NEGOTIATING A FARM BILL

Congress has until Sept. 30 to reauthorize farm programs that, among other things, provide payments to farmers when prices for major crops decline. Pleas from farm groups for action come as they deal with the Trump administration's decision to use tariffs as leverage in trade disputes; major trading partners have responded with tariffs of their own on farm products from the U.S.

The farm bill also would extend food aid for low-income Americans. House-passed legislation significantly tightens existing work requirements for aid recipients, an approach Trump has said he hopes makes it into the final bill. But the Senate version takes a more bipartisan approach and makes only modest changes to the food stamps, formally known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Led by Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., House Republicans have dug in on retaining work requirements in the bill. The two sides will begin hammering out a solution on Wednesday, when lawmakers start negotiating a compromise that can pass both chambers.

SOCIAL MEDIA EXECUTIVES IN THE HOT SEAT

Executives at some of the biggest social media companies will be on the hot seat in separate hearings this month.

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey and Facebook's chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg are scheduled to testify

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Wednesday before the Senate intelligence committee. Lawmakers want to know how their companies are dealing with efforts by Russia and other countries to influence social media platforms and interfere in U.S. elections.

Dorsey is set to testify later Wednesday before the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which wants to know how Twitter monitors and polices content. Conservatives complain that Twitter is limiting their reach on the web, a cry that Trump has taken up.

The first hearing is part of the Senate committee's Russia investigation. The committee is expected to issue additional reports in the coming weeks, including one on Russia's interference on social media.

The committee has so far delayed a report on whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia; that report could come by the end of the year.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Congress also has until Sept. 30 to extend FAA programs that fund airport and air traffic system improvements.

If the FAA's authority were to expire, it would still continue to operate the nation's air traffic system and controllers would work without pay. But some of the agency's other work would come to a halt.

The House passed a bill extending FAA activities for five years back in April, but action stalled in the Senate amid a dispute over rules for meals and rest breaks for truckers. The chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., said lawmakers were pursuing "all potential avenues to get the bill on the president's desk" and signed into law before the deadline.

The Senate bill includes new consumer protections, authority for developing new drone policies, safety enhancements and funding for aviation infrastructure.

Associated Press writer Juliet Linderman contributed to this report.

Aretha's lack of a will could make things rocky for heirs

By **ANDREW DALTON, AP Entertainment Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Aretha Franklin was so hard-nosed in her business dealings that she demanded to be paid in cash before performing. Her heirs won't have it so simple.

Though she lived to 76 and was terminally ill with pancreatic cancer, the Queen of Soul died without a will.

As her four sons and other family members move on from Friday's funeral in Detroit, they're left with the potentially tall task of finding out how many millions she was worth, and divvying it up, a process that could take years and is likely to play out in public.

Estate law experts expressed surprise but not shock that a wealthy person like Franklin would put off making a will until it was too late. At least one of the singer's attorneys says he urged her repeatedly over the years to draft one.

"I tried to convince her that she should do not just a will but a trust while she was still alive," says Don Wilson, a Los Angeles lawyer who worked on entertainment matters for Franklin for nearly 30 years. "She never told me, 'No, I don't want to do one.' She understood the need. It just didn't seem to be something she got around to."

Laura Zwicker, an attorney who specializes in estate planning but is not affiliated with the Franklin estate, says she sees it happen all too often in her work.

"People don't like to face their own mortality," Zwicker says. "I had a client who had a \$70 million real estate portfolio who had had end-stage diabetes. He had plenty of conversations with me about estate planning but would not sign the documents."

Papers filed in Michigan's Oakland County court last week by David J. Bennett, the lawyer who worked most closely with Franklin, lay out the few known basics:

She was not married and left four sons, ages 48 to 63: Clarence Franklin, Edward Franklin, Kecal Franklin and Ted White Jr. Clarence, Aretha's eldest, is incapacitated and is represented by a guardian. And a niece

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of hers has accepted the role of executor.

Under Michigan law, as in most states, the sons will equally divide their mother's assets in the absence of a will, and so far no signs of conflict have emerged among family members. Bennett did not respond to phone and email messages seeking comment.

Aretha Franklin's friend Ron Moten, a Michigan businessman, gave the four sons some guidance in his speech at Friday's funeral.

"Remember your family, and friends that have been with you for years," Moten told the men. "Because you are about to meet a lot of people who will now want to be your new best friend. You will also meet some people that will have the best investments in the world for you. My advice? Go slow, be careful and be smart."

The documents make no mention of the value of Franklin's estate. The figure almost certainly runs into the tens of millions, but there will probably be widely varying estimates as her attorneys seek to downplay her wealth for tax purposes and the IRS tries to maximize the amount for its own reasons.

Franklin maintained ownership of the songs she wrote and did well by them, Wilson says, though of her major hits, "Think" is the only one that's her own composition. She also wrote some lesser hits, such as "Rock Steady."

Though her records were played millions of times, she earned little in radio royalties from smashes like 1967's "Respect" because such payments go overwhelmingly to the song's author, not the performer. In the case of "Respect," the royalties go to the estate of Otis Redding, even though the song owes nearly all its popularity to Franklin.

"I would imagine she probably felt she was entitled to more, but probably received more than a lot of artists from the time, especially African-American artists," Wilson says.

Among Franklin's more tangible assets are several pieces of property in the Detroit area that according to tax assessors' estimates are worth at least \$2 million, with a market value that could easily be twice that.

Once the value is established — a process that could take years — the IRS will take any back taxes Franklin owed, then will tax her estate at 40 percent for any assets beyond \$11.2 million.

Kenneth Abdo, an attorney who specializes in probate law and has worked on the estate of Prince, who also died without a will, says the IRS will conduct an audit of her holdings.

Wilson, her entertainment attorney, says she would not have wanted to see her finances publicly aired: "She was a private person."

As for why some clients don't make out a will, Zwicker said some heirs, like Franklin's son Clarence, may need more than others, and that can be a difficult and touchy decision for a parent.

"One arrangement may be fitting for one child, where other people need more help," Zwicker said. "To accept that and put it on paper can be hard for a parent."

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Study shows health, reaction-time declines in firefighters

By KEITH RIDLER, Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Randy Brooks' son had a request three years ago: What could his dad do to make wildland firefighting safer?

To Brooks, a professor at the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources who deals with wildland firefighting, it was more of a command.

His son, Bo Brooks, is a wildland firefighter who a few days earlier during that 2015 fire season fled a wall of flames that killed three of his fellow firefighters in eastern Washington.

The result of the conversation was an online survey that drew some 400 firefighters who mostly identi-

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fied mental and physical fatigue as the primary cause of injuries to firefighters who are often confronted with a changing, dangerous environment.

But a self-selecting online survey is not necessarily representative of what's happening in the field. So Randy Brooks decided to apply some science.

That led to an ongoing health-monitoring study involving wrist-worn motion monitors and body composition measurements that last year found health declines and deteriorating reaction times among firefighters as the season progressed.

"A lot of them face peer pressure to perform all the time," Brooks said. "Others feel pressured to protect natural resources and structures at all costs."

About 19,000 firefighters are currently in the field fighting nearly 40 large wildfires. Fourteen firefighters have died this year as wildfires have scorched about 3,500 square miles (9,000 square kilometers) and destroyed about 3,000 homes.

The study last year found firefighters lost muscle mass but gained fat based on body-composition testing before and after the season.

The firefighters also wore a wrist device called a Readiband from a company called Fatigue Science. The device keeps track of how many hours of sleep a person gets. Formulas developed by the U.S. military then calculate fatigue, based on a lack of sleep. That's used to predict alertness and reaction times, which get worse as fatigue levels rise.

Firefighters in the field can get as little as six hours of sleep or less each night. The devices found that not only did reaction times falter as firefighters remained longer on a fire before getting a mandatory break, Brooks said, but firefighters also tended to take longer to recover as the season progressed. Sometimes, fatigue levels reached a level that suggested reaction times slowed down so much it took firefighters twice as long to react.

Brooks said his initial thoughts are that wildland firefighters might need better nutrition to stay fit and mentally sharp. But last year's study had only nine firefighters. Brooks this year has expanded the study to 18 firefighters, 16 men and two women. They're smokejumpers, meaning they parachute from airplanes to fight fires.

Brooks said that next year he hopes to have about 100 firefighters and include hotshot crews, a ground-based wildland firefighter that can, like smokejumpers, be deployed on a national basis.

Smokejumpers in the study often eat pre-made meals. Brooks wants to find out if maybe those meals are behind some of the puzzling results from last year's study, such as a loss in muscle mass.

Hotshots, meanwhile, can return to a central spot where they get prepared food supplied by the U.S. Forest Service. That agency has done extensive research on what it takes to keep wildland firefighters fueled, and contractors who supply the meals must meet Forest Service nutritional guidelines.

Forest Service health experts have even followed firefighting crews to take blood samples to check glucose levels, which can indicate alertness.

Joe Domitrovich, an exercise physiologist with the Forest Service's National Technology and Development Program in Missoula, Montana, said that experiment led the agency to change gears and recommend firefighters snack during their shifts to keep glucose levels up.

"It's critical for cognitive function as well as physical movement," he said.

The agency declined to comment on the University of Idaho study.

Brooks said at this point in his study there are more questions than answers. For example, one question is why so many firefighter deaths are due to falling branches or trees. The deaths of three of the 14 firefighters who died last year were due to what are called hazard trees. At least one firefighter was killed by a falling tree this year, and several more have been injured.

"What I'm trying to figure out is what is causing these accidents," Brooks said.

A fair number of wildland firefighters also die of heart attacks during the season. Brooks said he wants to know if there's something about the demanding seasonal job that puts wildland firefighters at greater risk of heart attacks.

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Brooks wonders about the smoke firefighters inhale while doing physically demanding work. Many cities in the Pacific Northwest this year issued health alerts due to smoky air.

Ultimately, firefighters themselves might be part of the problem when it comes to calculating risks while protecting natural resources and property.

"There's a little bit of a hero culture," said John Freemuth, a Boise State University environmental policy professor and public lands expert. "There is a bonding with everybody. It can create a culture of where you kind of collectively ignore things you shouldn't ignore."

McCain ends 81-year journey with burial at Naval Academy

By LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — John McCain is being laid to rest at the U.S. Naval Academy after a five-day procession that served as a final call to arms for a nation he warned could lose its civility and sense of shared purpose.

The private ceremony in Annapolis, Maryland, was as carefully planned as the rest of McCain's farewell tour, which began in Arizona after he died Aug. 25 from brain cancer and stretched to Washington.

On Saturday, speeches by his daughter Meghan and two former presidents — Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Barack Obama — remembered McCain as a patriot who could bridge painful rivalries. But even as their remarks made clear their admiration for him, they represented a repudiation of President Donald Trump's brand of tough-talking, divisive politics.

"So much of our politics, our public life, our public discourse can seem small and mean and petty, trafficking in bombast and insult and phony controversies and manufactured outrage," Obama said. "It's a politics that pretends to be brave and tough but in fact is born in fear. John called on us to be bigger than that. He called on us to be better than that."

McCain was gone, said Bush, who called his 2000 rival for the GOP presidential nomination a friend.

"John's voice will always come as a whisper over our shoulder — we are better than this, America is better than this," Bush said.

But it was Meghan McCain's emotional remarks that most bluntly rebuked Trump, who had mocked her father for getting captured in Vietnam. At the pulpit of the spectacular cathedral, with Trump's daughter Ivanka in the audience, McCain's daughter delivered a broadside against the uninvited president.

"The America of John McCain," she declared with a steely stare, "has no need to be made great again because America was always great."

The audience of Washington's military, civilian and other leaders burst into applause.

With that, McCain's family, including his 106-year-old mother, Roberta, is escorting his remains to Annapolis on Sunday.

McCain's choice of burial location was as deliberate as the other details of his procession. He picked the historic site overlooking the Severn River over the grandeur of Arlington National Cemetery, where his father and grandfather, both admirals, are buried. Larson, McCain's beloved friend from their Class of 1958, had reserved four plots at the storied cemetery — two for McCain and himself, and two for their wives, now widows. Larson died in 2014, and McCain wrote in his recent memoir that he wanted to be buried next to his friend, "near where it began."

Trump was to remain in Washington. He spent Saturday tweeting and golfing in Virginia.

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13 hurt and 2 missing after boats collide on Colorado River

MOABI REGIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Two recreational boats collided head-on Saturday in a stretch of the Colorado River marking the California border with Arizona that was crowded with people enjoying the Labor Day weekend, sinking one boat and leaving 13 people injured, authorities said. Another two people were missing and "presumed submerged."

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The crash happened in Moabi Regional Park, a popular water recreation area along the border about 290 miles (467 kilometers) east of Los Angeles.

Eric Sherwin, spokesman for the San Bernardino County Fire District, said one person sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to University Medical Center in Las Vegas. Six others were transported to local hospitals with less serious injuries. Another six had minor injuries and only one of them requested to go to a hospital.

Sherwin said the depth of the water on the river can range from shallow to 30 feet (9 meters) deep. Rescuers had to call off the search for the missing until Sunday morning because it was too dangerous to put divers in the flowing water after dark. Some of those onboard the boats apparently were thrown into the water by the force of the collision or jumped, and were swept down the river.

"We had victims of this collision that were located 3 to 5 miles downstream from the original point of impact," Sherwin said.

Sonar of the submerged boat did not appear to show either of the missing persons on board, he said. The other boat was badly damaged by the impact but remained afloat.

Other recreational boats converged on the scene and downstream to help rescue victims, Sherwin said.

Trump visits golf course while Washington mourns McCain

By CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

STERLING, Va. (AP) — For President Donald Trump, it was just like any other Saturday.

As political dignitaries gathered in Washington to memorialize Sen. John McCain, the president tweeted familiar grievances and headed to the golf course.

McCain's family had made clear the president was not welcome at the funeral for the six-term senator and decorated war veteran at the Washington National Cathedral. Seated in the pews were three former presidents, a host of lawmakers, and top officials from around the world. Speakers at the service did not mention Trump by name but repeatedly drew contrasts between McCain's record of service and the divisive politics of the day.

The White House did not answer questions about whether Trump played golf or if he watched the service from afar.

Dressed in a white polo shirt and baseball hat, Trump left the White House in the morning as the late senator's daughter, Meghan McCain, delivered an emotional address that served as a direct rebuke of Trump and his policies. The tributes still underway, the presidential motorcade whisked him to Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia.

Throughout the day, Trump tweeted gripes about trade talks with Canada and the Justice Department. By midafternoon he had not named McCain, who had been an infuriating foil in a long-running feud that did not end with the senator's illness and death. Earlier in the week, Trump drew sharp rebukes for offering a terse statement about McCain's death under pressure following two days of near-silence.

The feelings of many at the memorial were quite clear. Meghan McCain drew applause when she said, "The America of John McCain has no need to be made great again because America was always great."

As the memorial service unfolded, some Trump allies jumped to his defense.

"@realDonaldTrump ran for @POTUS ONE time and WON! Some people will never recover from that," tweeted Katrina Pierson, an adviser to Trump's re-election campaign.

Trump has frequented his golf courses in Virginia, New Jersey and Florida throughout his presidency, though the White House often will not say if he plays. Trump repeatedly blistered President Barack Obama during the 2016 campaign for golfing, telling cheering supporters that as president he'd be far too busy working for them.

"I'm not gonna have time to go play golf," he would shout.

Trump's visit to the course drew some direct commentary. When the president left his club in the midafternoon a small group of protesters greeted him. Their signs read "Lock Him Up" and "RIP John McCain, a hero."

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McCain Notebook: Tributes, memories, tears, civility lessons

By LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Memories mixed with humor, grief and lessons on civility marked Sen. John McCain's memorial service Saturday at Washington National Cathedral, the last event in Washington of the five-day farewell tour. A few scenes:

THE RESPECT OF RIVALS

Keep on talking, even to rivals. That was the message of two former presidents McCain asked to testify that reconciliation, even amid the knife fight of national politics, is an effort worth making.

George W. Bush, who defeated McCain's bid for the GOP presidential nomination in 2000, recalled "a hard-fought personal journey."

"In recent years, we sometimes talked of that intense period like football players remembering a big game," Bush said from the pulpit. "In the process, rivalry melted away. In the end, I got to enjoy one of life's great gifts: the friendship of John McCain. And I will miss him."

Barack Obama, meanwhile, said he and McCain "didn't advertise it," but they would meet almost weekly in the Oval Office to talk about policy and also their families.

"And our disagreements didn't go away during these private conversations. Those were real and they were often deep," Obama said. "But we enjoyed the time we shared away from the bright lights and we laughed with each other and we learned from each other and we never doubted the other man's sincerity or the other's patriotism — or that when all was said and done, we were on the same team."

SEATMATES

If Hillary Clinton and Dick Cheney could sit next to each other, could there be hope for the divided nation, or Middle East peace?

Unclear. But the McCainesque pairing of people who have never been close raised eyebrows.

The Democratic presidential nominee and Republican former vice president were among the luminaries and their spouses seated in the front row during McCain's memorial service.

Clinton, of course, was there as the wife of former President Bill Clinton. Cheney was there because he had been Bush's vice president. But at a service McCain designed to break down rivalries and encouraged civility, Clinton and Cheney, two of their parties' sharpest partisans, drew stares.

It's not clear if the two exchanged any words.

MORE LESSONS ON CIVILITY

Bush and Michelle Obama did.

Seated elsewhere in McCain Row 1, the former Republican president at one point could be seen handing the former first lady, wife of Bush's Democratic successor, something — which she accepted. It was too far away in the massive cathedral to say for sure. But that didn't stop Twitter from speculating that the object might have been candy, or a tissue.

During Obama's speech, Mrs. Obama and Bush turned to each other, smiled and nodded.

Retiring Arizona Sen. Jeff Flake tweeted a photo of the front row with the caption, "Decency wins."

GOLF

President Donald Trump stuck to his Saturday routine — heading to the golf course — as political dignitaries gathered at Washington National Cathedral.

Trump left the White House as the late senator's daughter Meghan McCain delivered an emotional rebuke to Trump without mentioning his name.

Dressed in a white polo shirt and baseball hat, he entered his motorcade, which whisked him to Trump National Golf Club in Sterling, Virginia.

The president did not offer any commentary on McCain's memorial service. The White House did not

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respond to questions about whether he was watching.

A TWEET FROM TRUMPWORLD

Trump campaign spokeswoman Katrina Pierson tweeted her own contrast with McCain.

"@realDonaldTrump ran for @POTUS ONE time and WON! Some people will never recover from that. #SorryNotSorry Yes, #MAGA," she tweeted during McCain's service.

She appears to be alluding to McCain's two unsuccessful presidential bids, in 2000 and 2008, but lost the general election to Obama. Pierson pinned her tweet to the top of her feed, so it would not be buried under future tweets.

BIPARTISAN PALLBEARERS

Every aspect of the senator's weeklong memorial carried political and personal significance, including his pall bearers Saturday.

Among them, former Vice President Joe Biden, actor Warren Beatty, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Russian democracy advocate Vladimir Kara-Murza, Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., and former Sens. Russ Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat; Phil Gramm, a Texas Republican; and Gary Hart, a Colorado Democrat.

The group sat together near the side of the altar.

A WAVE OF GRIEF

McCain's wife, Cindy, was composed during most of the service and other events throughout the five-day farewell to her husband. But she broke down at Saturday's memorial service as opera singer Renee Fleming sang "Danny Boy" at the request of the music-loving late senator.

During the performance, Mrs. McCain shut her eyes and put her hand over her mouth. She then rested her head on the shoulder of her son Jack. Tears streamed down her face, which she wiped away as Fleming finished.

Associated Press writers Lisa Mascaro and Catherine Lucey contributed to this report from Sterling, Virginia.

Blasts from area of military airport shake Syrian capital

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A string of powerful blasts from the direction of a military airport in Damascus lit up the skies and shook the capital city in the early morning hours on Sunday, residents and state TV reported.

The explosions were seen and heard coming from the direction of the Mezzeh airport, southwest of the capital. The airport has been targeted in a number of airstrikes in recent years that the government has blamed on Israel.

The state-run Al-Ikhbariya TV station showed what appeared to be hand-held footage shot by residents of the capital capturing a string of bright explosions lighting up the night sky.

The TV station reported, citing an unnamed military source, that the explosions did not come from inside the airport but from a nearby munitions depot. The station said an electrical short circuit was to blame, and reported that emergency services were at the scene.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said the explosions came from inside the Mezzeh air base and said they were likely caused by an Israeli missile strike.

Israel rarely acknowledges strikes inside Syria but has said it would use military action to prevent weapons transfers to its enemies. Israel is alarmed by the the expansion of operations by Iran and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah to support President Bashar Assad in Syria's seven-year-long civil war.

The blasts come at a tense moment, as Syrian government forces prepare to attack the last refuge of the opposition in the northwest of the country. The U.S. is warning Damascus against using chemical

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weapons in the battle, while Damascus alleges that the U.S. is preparing to falsify a chemical attack to justify military operations on Syria.

The U.S., France, and the U.K. struck military installations around Damascus in April this year after a chlorine gas attack against rebels under siege outside the capital.

German police end march envisioned as far-right springboard

By ADAM PEMBLE and KIRSTEN GRIESHABER, Associated Press

CHEMNITZ, Germany (AP) — Police in eastern Germany brought an early close Saturday to an anti-migrant march that far-right activists hoped would launch a nationwide movement to challenge the political establishment, with the fatal stabbing of a German citizen as the catalyst.

A trio of nationalist groups held separate rallies in the city of Chemnitz over the Aug. 26 slaying for which a Syrian and an Iraqi citizen were arrested. The two largest groups also organized their first joint march, a display of unity meant to build on other protests since the killing and a potent force to take hold.

Saxony state police cited security concerns for halting the march after more than an hour, producing screams and whistles from demonstrators as officers moved in to clear the streets but no violence or vandalism as the crowd dispersed.

The progress of the far-right march had been interrupted several times before then as counter-protesters blocked the route and the sizeable police contingent on hand rushed to keep them and the marchers apart.

Saxony police estimated the event had 4,500 participants and 4,000 counter-protesters. If attendance is any gauge, the numbers revealed a movement in an early embryonic stage at best rather than approaching a mainstream arrival that could be hastened by well-timed pushes.

The emboldened far-right activists had reason to be optimistic and local authorities to be worried after the opposing camps clashed in Chemnitz on Monday, the day after the 35-year-old German man's death. Scenes of vigilantes chasing foreigners in the city's streets have shocked people in others parts of Germany since then.

Police, at times, were unable to control the earlier protests and clashes.

Leaders of the two groups that combined forces on Saturday night cultivated a different image for the "mourning march," wearing dark suits and carrying white roses.

However, the mood at the event bringing together previously isolated clusters of nationalists — from lawmakers to Hitler-saluting skinheads — darkened as the sun set. People from both ends of the political spectrum could be seen drinking beer and shouting slurs at police.

The tension in the air reflected the polarization over Germany's ongoing effort to come to terms with an influx of more than 1 million refugees and migrants seeking jobs since 2015.

The right blames Chancellor Angela Merkel's decision to allow in hundreds of thousands of asylum-seekers from war-torn countries like Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan for multiple problems. Some far-right supporters argued before the killing in Chemnitz that migrants are responsible for an increase in serious crimes, especially attacks on women.

The anti-migrant sentiment has been particularly strong in Saxony state, traditional strongholds of groups that sought to inspire a nationwide movement on Saturday night: the Patriotic Europeans Against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, and the far-right Alternative for Germany party, which has won seats in federal and state parliaments with an anti-Muslim platform.

While the share of foreigners residing in Saxony remains below Germany's national average and displays of Nazi symbols are outlawed across the shame-marked country, far-right sympathizers mobilized with exceptional speed on the night of the Chemnitz slaying and the days after.

German Justice Minister Katarina Barley said Saturday that authorities should investigate the role of networks from the radical far right in spearheading the week's protests.

"We do not tolerate that right-wing extremists infiltrate our society," Barley told weekly newspaper Bild am Sonntag. "It's about finding out who's behind the mobilization of far-right criminals."

Local police appeared to have been caught unprepared when the slaying triggered the protests, which

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attracted crowds openly engaging in Nazi veneration and devolved into violence.

The protests were sparked by a fatal stabbing early Sunday morning of a 35-year-old German man, Daniel Hillig. Two asylum-seekers, a 22-year-old Iraqi and a 23-year-old Syrian, have been arrested on suspicion of manslaughter.

German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer, known for his anti-migrant stance, said Saturday that he understood why "the people in Chemnitz and elsewhere are upset about the brutal killing" but added "there's no excuse for violence," Funke Media Group reported.

"We need a strong state and we have to do everything politically to overcome the polarization and division of our society," Seehofer stressed.

While anti-migrant protests took place in Germany before, especially during the early 1990s, a strong and vocal opposition usually was there to provide a counterforce. Artists organized concerts to raise awareness, and ordinary citizens lined up in miles-long human chains to protest violence against newcomers.

Chemnitz, a city known for its hardened neo-Nazi scene, at first attracted a comparatively weak response to the recent anti-migrant activity. Some 70 left-leaning and pro-migrant groups organized the "Heart not Hatred" rally that got in the way of Saturday's far-right march.

"I've a lot of experience with far-right protests in Chemnitz," Tim Detzner, a member of the Left Party in Chemnitz, said, noting that the street riots this week "reached a level of aggression, brutality and willingness to use violence that we haven't known before."

Grieshaber reported from Berlin. Frank Jordans contributed from Berlin.

Amsterdam: 'Terrorist motive' alleged in attack on Americans

By MIKE CORDER, Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — A 19-year-old Afghan citizen had a "terrorist motive" for allegedly stabbing two Americans at the main train station in Amsterdam, city authorities in the Dutch capital said Saturday.

Amsterdam police shot and wounded the suspect after the stabbings Friday at Central Station. The local government said hours later it appeared the people injured weren't targeted for a specific reason, but added that investigators had not ruled out terror as an aim or any other possibilities.

After the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands identified the victims as American tourists Saturday, Amsterdam City Hall gave an update.

"Based on the suspect's first statements, he had a terrorist motive," the city administration said in a statement that did not elaborate on what the statements were or how they showed intent.

The wounded Americans were recovering in a hospital from what police termed serious but not life-threatening injuries. Their identities have not been released. The suspect, who was identified only as Jawed S. in line with privacy rules in the Netherlands, also remained hospitalized.

Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte confirmed on Twitter that the investigation focused Saturday on exploring the extremist ideas that allegedly inspired the train station attack.

The Netherlands' counter-terror chief, Dick Schoof, tweeted that the country's threat level would remain at number four on a scale that tops out at five.

"Sadly, this reprehensible act fits into the current threat assessment," he said.

W. had a residency permit from Germany. German authorities searched his home and seized data storage devices that would be analyzed as part of the investigation, the city government statement said.

He was scheduled to be arraigned during a closed-door hearing with an investigating judge on Monday. Dutch officials did not disclose the charges he could face.

A statement issued late Friday by Amsterdam's city council said the Americans did not appear to have been victims of a targeted attack. Amsterdam authorities also said Friday that it appeared from initial inquiries that the victims weren't chosen for a clear reason.

The local government said Saturday it had no immediate plans to beef up security in the city, saying the swift action by police "shows that Amsterdam is prepared for this kind of incident."

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A passerby's dramatic photo showed two police officers pointing guns at a man in blue jeans and sneakers lying on the ground inside a train station tunnel.

Earlier Saturday, the U.S. ambassador to the Netherlands confirmed that the two people injured Friday were Americans visiting the Netherlands when they were stabbed at the station.

Ambassador Pete Hoekstra issued a written statement saying U.S. Embassy officials had been in touch with the victims or their families.

"We wish them a speedy recovery and are working closely with the City of Amsterdam to provide assistance to them and their families," Hoekstra said.

Central Station is a busy entry and exit point for visitors to Amsterdam, with regular trains linking it to the city's Schiphol Airport. Friday is one of the busiest days of the week for train travel as tourists arrive for the weekend.

The station is patrolled by armed police and other security staff.

Today in History **By The Associated Press**

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2018. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1930, the first nonstop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, New York, aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1944, during World War II, Navy pilot Lt. (jg) George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. (Bush was rescued by the crew of the submarine USS Finback; his two crew members, however, died.)

In 1960, Wilma Rudolph of the United States won the first of her three gold medals at the Rome Summer Olympics as she finished the 100-meter dash in 11 seconds.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers. "The CBS Evening News" with Walter Cronkite was lengthened from 15 to 30 minutes, becoming network television's first half-hour nightly newscast.

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable. The first automatic teller machine (ATM) to utilize magnetic-striped cards was opened to the public at Chemical Bank in New York. (Called a "Docuteller," it was developed by Donald C. Wetzel.)

In 1996, Muslim rebels and the Philippine government signed a pact formally ending a 26-year insurgency that killed more than 120-thousand people.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

In 2004, President George W. Bush pledged "a safer world and a more hopeful America" as he accepted his party's nomination for a second term at the Republican National Convention in New York.

In 2005, A National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans four days after Hurricane Katrina. Scorched by criticism about sluggish federal help, President George W. Bush toured the Gulf Coast and met with state and local officials, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin; at one point, Bush praised FEMA Director Michael Brown, telling him, "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

Ten years ago: Republicans assailed Barack Obama as the most liberal, least experienced White House

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nominee in history at their convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, and enthusiastically extolled their own man, John McCain, as ready to lead the nation. President George W. Bush briefly addressed the convention by satellite from the White House. A gunman in Skagit County, Washington, killed six people and injured four others; a suspect, Isaac Zamora, later pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity to two murders and guilty to the remaining four, and is being held in a mental hospital. Jaguars offensive tackle Richard Collier was left paralyzed in a shooting outside an apartment building in Jacksonville, Florida; a suspect, Tyrone Hartsfield, was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Five years ago: France released an intelligence report alleging chemical weapons use by Syria that dovetailed with similar U.S. claims, as President Bashar Assad warned that any military strike against his country would spark an uncontrollable regional war. On her fifth try, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage.

One year ago: President Donald Trump visited with survivors of Hurricane Harvey, touring a Houston shelter housing hundreds of displaced people and meeting with emergency responders in Lake Charles, Louisiana; it was Trump's second visit to the region in the wake of the storm. Astronaut Peggy Whitson returned to Earth after 288 days on the International Space Station; the trip gave Whitson a total of 665 days in space, a record for any American and any woman worldwide.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 99. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 87. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 81. Actor Derek Fowlds (TV: "Yes, Minister"; "Yes, Prime Minister") is 81. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 80. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 79. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 75. Singer Joe Simon is 75. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 70. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 70. Actor Mark Harmon is 67. Former Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 67. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 66. Actress Linda Purl is 63. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 60. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 59. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 58. Actor Keanu Reeves is 54. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 53. Actress Salma Hayek is 52. Actor Tuc Watkins is 52. Actress Kristen Cloke is 50. Actress Cynthia Watros is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 49. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 45. Actor Michael Lombardi is 44. Actress Tiffany Hines is 41. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 41. Actor Jonathan Kite is 39. Actress Allison Miller is 33. Rock musician Spencer Smith is 31. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 29.

Thought for Today: "If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that." — Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (GU'-tuh), German poet, dramatist and author (1749-1832).