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Chicken Soup
for the Soul

“We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.”

- Tim McGraw



Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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Groton Area Schedule of Events

Monday, September 17, 2018

3:00pm: Golf: Boys JH Meet @ Groton Area High School

4:00pm: Cross Country: Varsity Meet vs. Deuel @ Clear Lake Golf Course

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

4:30pm: Football: Boys 7th/8th Game vs. Milbank @ Groton Area High School, Doney Field

4:30pm: Volleyball Warner at Groton Area: 7th grade and C match at 4:30 p.m., 8th grade and JV match at 6 p.m. followed by varsity match.

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Trista Keith with the throw in. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Allyssa Locke with the header. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Ani Davidson with the first touch. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Regan Leicht controls the ball against Garretson. (Photo by Tricia Keith)

Boys win, girls lose in soccer

In soccer action Saturday, Groton Area girls hosted Garretson as the visitors defeated Groton Area, 3-0.

Meanwhile at Freeman Academy, the boys defeated the host team, 1-0. Cade Guthmiller scored the winning goal with five minutes left in the game on a side kick by Hunter Schaller.

The boys will host James Valley Christian on Thursday at 4 p.m. and the boys and girls will go to Tea Area on Saturday, Sept. 11.

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Cade Guthmiller #1 and Evan Nehls on right.
(Courtesy photo)



Issac Smith with ball. (Courtesy photo)



Jace Kroll with some fancy footwork with the soccer ball. (Courtesy photo)



Hunter Schaller give the ball a swift kick.
(Courtesy photo)



Austin Jones heading the ball with Anthony Schinkel to left and Isaac Smith on right. (Courtesy photo)

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The Groton Area soccer teams showed their support of Team Ava - No One Fights Alone. Ava would have been an eighth grader at GHS this year.

Support for Ava Tunheim

Hundreds of miles away in a hospital in Texas, Ava Tunheim has been fighting for her life as she is being treated for Philadelphia chromosome-positive (Ph+) acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). Here is the latest update from her dad's Facebook Page on Sept. 10.

Update on Ava!

You guys, Ava and her family are needing your prayers more than ever!!!!

Since our last update, Ava has been battling more infection, E-coli, and adenovirus. Her kidneys took a hit from all the antibiotics. She lost all of her white blood cells and as a result, her ANC is zero and has not recovered. She has gained 25 pounds in fluid and her legs are covered in dots, it looks like someone splattered purple ink all over them from her capillaries leaking tiny amounts of blood.

Her family sits and waits since that is all they can do. More than ever, they are needing your prayers and support!!! The world keeps turning as Ava is in the hospital; Mom still has to go to work, driving back and forth and Dad is still driving back and forth to stay with and visit her. Your donations help make this possible for them as the overwhelming bills pile up and we all cannot thank you enough for every single donation!!!

I was going to add something about sending her uplifting mail and fun activities to keep her busy but Nathan said she doesn't really want anything but to feel better. I do know that she likes shopping on Amazon and if you'd like to send her anything, he gave me permission to share her mailing address:

Ava Tunheim
PO Box 396
Lindsay, Tx 76250

As always, THANK YOU to the generous people out there who have financially supported Ava's journey and THANK YOU to all of you who are keeping her in your thoughts and prayers. Maybe throw in some good vibes to send her way as well, the whole family could use them.

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Please Come to a Meet & Greet & Campaign Fundraiser

with



**Monday, Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Groton American Legion Hall**

Hors d'oeuvres and walking tacos will be served

Co-Hosted by:

**Mike & JoAnn Nehls ~ Doug & Mel Sombke
Dennis & Shirley Larson ~ Dale & Susan Kurth**

BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2018 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors reminds all landowners and tenants that the road right-of-way extends 33 feet from the center of the township road. This ditch is to be maintained and mowed. Any crops planted in the road right-of-way will be mowed and charged to the landowner. Landowner is responsible for spraying all noxious weeds.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

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The Monarch butterflies are making their trek south for the winter. Joyce Grenz took this picture with butterflies on one of their trees. (Photo from Joyce Grenz' facebook page)

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KIWANIS CLUB

Roger Rix, past president, led the short business session for Groton Kiwanis Club, last Wednesday noon. Lee Schinkel introduced Brett Schwan, elementary principal; who gave handouts and gave a very informative talk on updates at the elementary school. Enrollment is up from last year, K-12.



2018 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds September 19

Parents of children age 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 10. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

The Developmental Screening will take place at Groton Area Elementary School.





Cheering on Father-Son GHS football players

Tom Woods (center) has been the football statistician for many years. He now has had the honor of cheering on not only the fathers of football teams, but now their sons as well. This photo, from Tom and Patty Woods Facebook page take Friday after the Chamberlain game, features Toby and Jonathan Doeden on the left and Kale and Kevin Pharis on the right.

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Wolves comeback falls short in road loss to MSU Moorhead

Moorhead, Minn. – The Northern State University football team fell behind early on Saturday afternoon versus MSU Moorhead, and was unable to mount a comeback. The Wolves dropped the North Division contest with a score of 42-28, falling to 1-2 overall this season.

The Dragons scored early and often in the opening half, notching 14 points in the first quarter, and another 21 in the second. The Wolves cut into the lead at the 10:53 mark in the second on a 29-yard touchdown pass from Hunter Trautman to Dakota Larson, the first of Larson's NSU career. The Wolves defense held MSUM at bay in the second half, giving up just one touchdown in 30 minutes of action. The offense however was unable to overcome the first half deficit.

Larson added his second touchdown of the game at the 10-minute mark in the third, this time by virtue of an 8-yard rush. Trautman then rattled off two more passing scores, and 6-yard strike to Jacob Streit in the third and a 23-yard connection to Larson in the fourth.

Northern tallied 27 first downs to the Dragons 26, and recorded 523 yards of total offensive to their 456, however three turnovers made a large difference in the game. The Wolves combined for 126 yards rushing and 397 yards passing converting on 6-of-16 third downs and 3-of-4 fourth downs.

Trautman threw for his second straight career high outing with 397 total yards, completing 32-of-53 passing attempts. The sophomore tallied three touchdowns, as well as 47 yards rushing. Larson added a team second best 32 yards rushing and one touchdown, while leading the team with a career high 139 yards receiving and two touchdowns. He added a 30-yard long reception and 24-yard long rush for the Wolves. Larson added to his career day averaging 23.17 yards per reception and 16.0 yards per rush.

Streit was second on the team with 80 yards receiving, followed by Jelani Davis with 55. Davis led the team with a 33-yard reception, and averaged 13.75 yards per catch. Jacob Wiedrich averaged 34.2 yards per punt in front of his hometown crowd, with a 50-yard long and 171 total yards. He also added 200 yards off kickoffs with one touchback.

Preston Droessler led the Wolves defense with ten total tackles, followed by Brady Thielges with nine. The Wolves combined for five tackles for a total loss of 14 yards, including an 8-yard sack by Jacob Cross. Chance Olson forced the lone fumble of the game for NSU, while Etienne Ezeff led the team with two pass break-ups. A total of 17 Wolves notched two tackles or more in the contest.

Northern returns to action next Saturday with a 1 p.m. match-up versus St. Cloud State from Swisher Field.

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Busch's double-double leads Wolves over Minnesota Crookston

Aberdeen, S.D. – For the 11th time this season, the No. 2 Northern State University volleyball team swept their opponents. The Wolves defeated Minnesota Crookston with set scores of 25-9, 25-11, and 25-12 on Saturday afternoon, improving to 13-0 overall and 5-0 in the NSIC.

Northern hit .410 in the match, recording their fifth contest this season hitting above .400. They tallied 49 kills, averaging 16.33 per set, 66 digs, averaging 22.0 per set, and six aces. The Golden Eagles hit a mere .047 in the match, with just 22 kills and 17 total hitting errors.

Hailey Busch and Laura Snyder led the Wolves offense with 16 and ten kills respectively, averaging 5.33 and 3.33 per set. Snyder hit a team best .625 in the match with zero attack errors, while Busch hit at a .424 clip. Morgan Baufield and Jenna Reiff were both second on the team recording a .438 hitting percentage, while adding nine and eight kills respectively. Sally Gaul rounded out the offensive total for the Wolves with six kills.

Ashley Rozell only improved on her showing from Friday evening average 16 assists per set, with 48 total in the win. The junior also tallied a team high two aces, and added six digs. Baufield, Reiff, Gaul, and Snyder each recorded a block assist for the Wolves at the net.

Bry Goar led four Wolves in double figures with 15 digs, averaging 5.0 per set, followed by Busch with 14, as the senior tallied her second double-double of the season. Lexi Boesl and Jaiden Langlie followed with 12 and 11 digs respectively. Langlie matched Rozell with two aces of her own, while Goar and Boesl each grabbed one.

Northern returns to action next Friday and Saturday on the road at St. Cloud State and No. 6 Minnesota Duluth. Match time is set for 6 p.m. versus the Huskies and 2 p.m. against the Bulldogs.

We Are Hiring!

Housekeeping

Laundry

Stop in or call

We are an equal employment opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law.

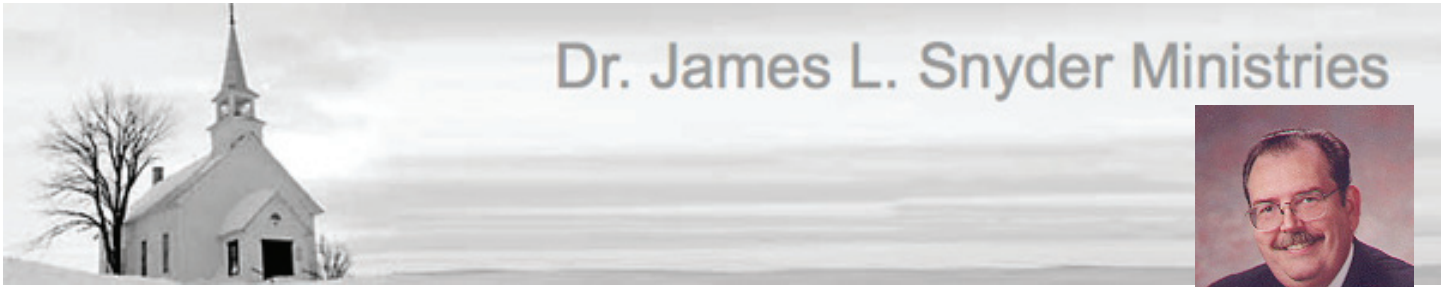


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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



Where's Sherlock Holmes When You Need Him?

I, like so many people, love a good mystery. I have read all of the Sherlock Holmes stories, the Father Brown stories and other good mystery novels. I just like trying to solve a good mystery.

A good mystery does not reveal the mystery until the very end. All the way through the story, importance evidence points to that person and the other person and so forth. However, you must read the end of the story to find out the answer to the mystery.

Mysteries do not just exist in novels for short stories. In my case, mysteries are all through my life. I cannot manage one day without some kind of a mystery.

It is not because I am getting older either. As I remember my younger days, it too was filled with mysteries. I remember that one Christmas Eve when I was going to solve the mystery of Santa Claus. I heard about this mysterious person, but I had never seen him and this Christmas, I promised myself, I am going to see who this Santa Claus really is.

That night my parents sent me and my brother and sister to bed early because it was Christmas Eve. We had our little party around the Christmas tree and admired where all the Christmas gifts should be come morning.

Then at the strike of 10 o'clock, we were sent to our bedrooms to await the coming of Santa Claus and the Christmas gifts. I decided to stay up and just see how Mr. Santa Claus worked his mystery on Christmas Eve.

Hiding in the shadows, I could see my mother and father around the Christmas tree drinking some Christmas punch, talking and laughing. They seemed to be having a good time. I was a little irritated because they were having a good time at my expense.

Then I heard my mother say, "Don't you think it's about time?"

My mother and father looked at each other and giggled one of those hilarious giggles. My father said, "It sure is. Let's go and get them."

At the time, I really did not understand what he was talking about. What were they supposed to go and get? Why won't they get out of the way so Santa Claus can come and do his "thing?"

They soon disappeared and I got excited because I figured the next person coming into the living room would be Santa Claus himself.

I faintly heard from the hall, "Shhhhhh, we don't want to wake up the kids."

Then I saw something I never anticipated my whole life. My mother and father came into the living room carrying Christmas gifts and carefully placed them under the Christmas tree. They made several trips and it was not long before the Christmas tree was loaded with all kinds of Christmas gifts.

I just could not believe my eyes. For years, my parents told us the tale of Santa Claus along with Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. They told it in such a way that I believed every word. Now, before me was evidence that what they were telling me all these years presented as a mystery, was not a mystery at all.

I just solved the biggest mystery in my life up to that point. My parents were Santa Claus. It was hard for me to swallow that information. It was not the mystery I wanted to solve.

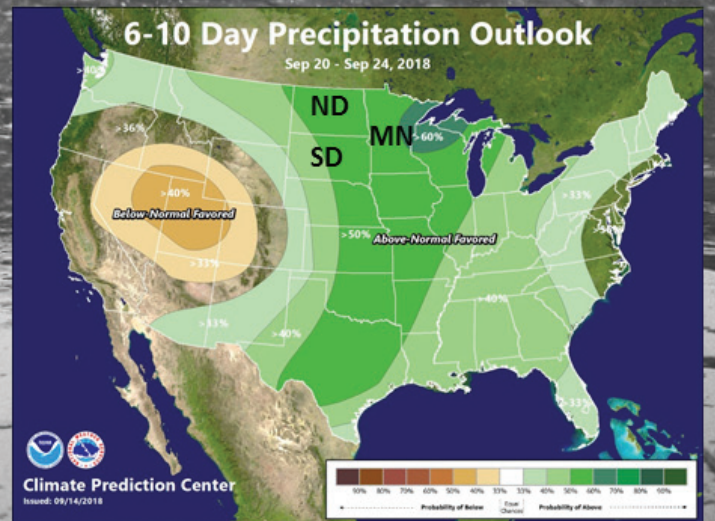
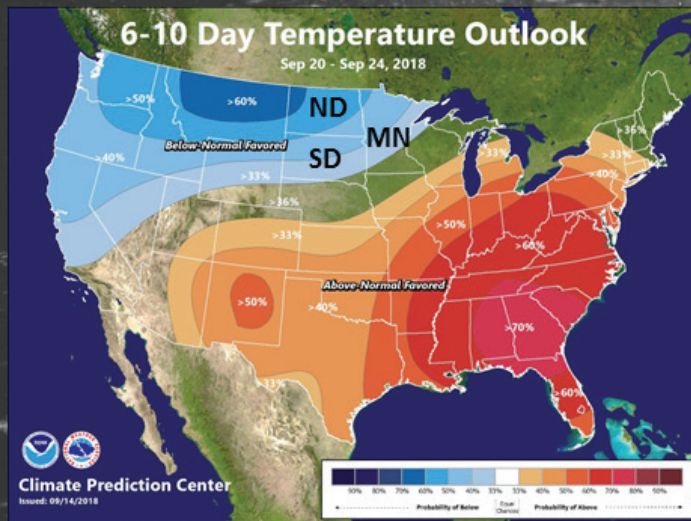
Now I had another mystery on my hands. Do I tell my brother and sister that I had solved the biggest mystery we had in our home?

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To reveal the mystery to them would give me great satisfaction.
On the other hand, to reveal the mystery to them would greatly disappoint them.
Now that I have solved that mystery, what do I do? Do I go for my satisfaction or do I protect my siblings from being disappointed?
It was then that I had solved the biggest mystery in life. That being, every mystery you solve presents a bigger mystery you cannot solve. That seems to be the way of life.
I am glad I learned that when I was young because it has been beneficial to me down through the years. I have learned to live with mysteries with no desire to uncover those mysteries.
When I say, "no desire," I do not mean that literally. Yes, there have been many mysteries I have wanted to solve. But my biggest discipline is to let a mystery be a mystery.
This is so helpful to me, especially since I became a husband.
Every husband knows that his wife, as wonderful as she is, is a basket full of mysteries.
When I first got married, I thought my job was to solve every one of those mysteries. I learned very quickly that solving a marital mystery, particularly on the feminine side, is rather a dangerous venture with no good marks behind it.
Some things are better left in the mystery basket of life.
Paul understood this when he wrote, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory" (1 Timothy 3:16).
Some mysteries are too sacred to try to solve, rather we should rejoice in the mysteries associated with our Father which art in heaven.

Cooler, Wetter Weather Ahead



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After a steamy weekend, generally cooler and wetter weather is expected to develop.

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Record Highs Possible Today

Listed below are cities with the forecast temperature, the record temperature, and the year of the record temperature.

...Central and Northeast South Dakota...

City.....	Forecast Temp...	Record Temp...	Year Set
Aberdeen.....	95.....	96.....	1925
Watertown.....	92.....	90.....	1925
Pierre.....	94.....	98.....	2000
Mobridge.....	85.....	95.....	2002
Sisseton.....	94.....	94.....	1948
Kennebec.....	94.....	102.....	1910
Timber Lake.....	85.....	98.....	1926

...West Central Minnesota...

City.....	Forecast Temp...	Record Temp...	Year Set
Wheaton.....	94.....	95.....	1955

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Record high temperatures are possible today in advance of a cool front.

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Today in Weather History

September 16, 1965: A heavy snow event brought widespread snowfall across the region with snowfall accumulations of 1 inch in Colony and Devils Tower, 2.6 inches at the Rapid City Airport, 4 inches in Oelrichs, 5.1 inches in Redig, and 8 inches in Lead, Spearfish, and Sundance.

September 16, 2006: Two weak tornadoes touched down briefly west and north of Clark in the late afternoon. No damage occurred.

1881: Iowa's earliest measurable snow of record fell over western sections of the state. Four to six inches was reported between Stuart and Avoca.

1888: An estimated F2 tornado struck Washington, DC. The tornado first touched down on the south side of the city then moved up Maryland Avenue. The National Museum and Botanical Gardens were damaged before the tornado lifted off the ground.

1928 - Hurricane San Felipe, a monster hurricane, which left 600 dead in Guadeloupe, and 300 dead in Puerto Rico, struck West Palm Beach FL causing enormous damage, and then headed for Lake Okeechobee. When the storm was over, the lake covered an area the size of the state of Delaware, and beneath its waters were 2000 victims. The only survivors were those who reached large hotels for safety, and a group of fifty people who got onto a raft to take their chances out in the middle of the lake. (David Ludlum)

1984 - The remains of Tropical Storm Edourd began to produce torrential rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Port Isabel reported more than 21 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Overnight rains soaked Arkansas, with 5.25 inches reported at Bismarck. In the town of Malvern, up to four feet of water was reported over several downtown streets, with water entering some homes and businesses. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Lufkin with 4.30 inches of rain in just three hours. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Missouri. A small tornado near Kirksville lifted a barn thirty feet into the air and then demolished it. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hurricane Gilbert moved ashore into Mexico. The hurricane established an all-time record for the western hemisphere with a barometric reading of 26.13 inches. Winds approached 200 mph, with higher gusts. Gilbert devastated Jamaica and the Yucatan Peninsula. (The Weather Channel) Hurricane Gilbert made landfall 120 miles south of Brownsville TX during the early evening. Winds gusted to 61 mph at Brownsville, and reached 82 mph at Padre Island. Six foot tides eroded three to four feet off beaches along the Lower Texas Coast, leaving the waterline seventy-five feet farther inland. Rainfall totals ranged up to 8.71 inches at Lamar TX. Gilbert caused three million dollars damage along the Lower Texas Coast, but less than a million dollars damage along the Middle Texas Coast. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento CA was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours. At Phoenix AZ, the afternoon high of 107 degrees marked a record seventy-six days with afternoon highs 105 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004: Hurricane Ivan turned northward over cooler waters, and made landfall in southern Alabama on September 16 as a Category 3 storm. Hurricane Ivan had a very unusual track almost making a very large circle.

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Today



Hot and Breezy

High: 95 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 53 °F

Monday



Chance Showers

High: 67 °F

Monday Night



Partly Cloudy

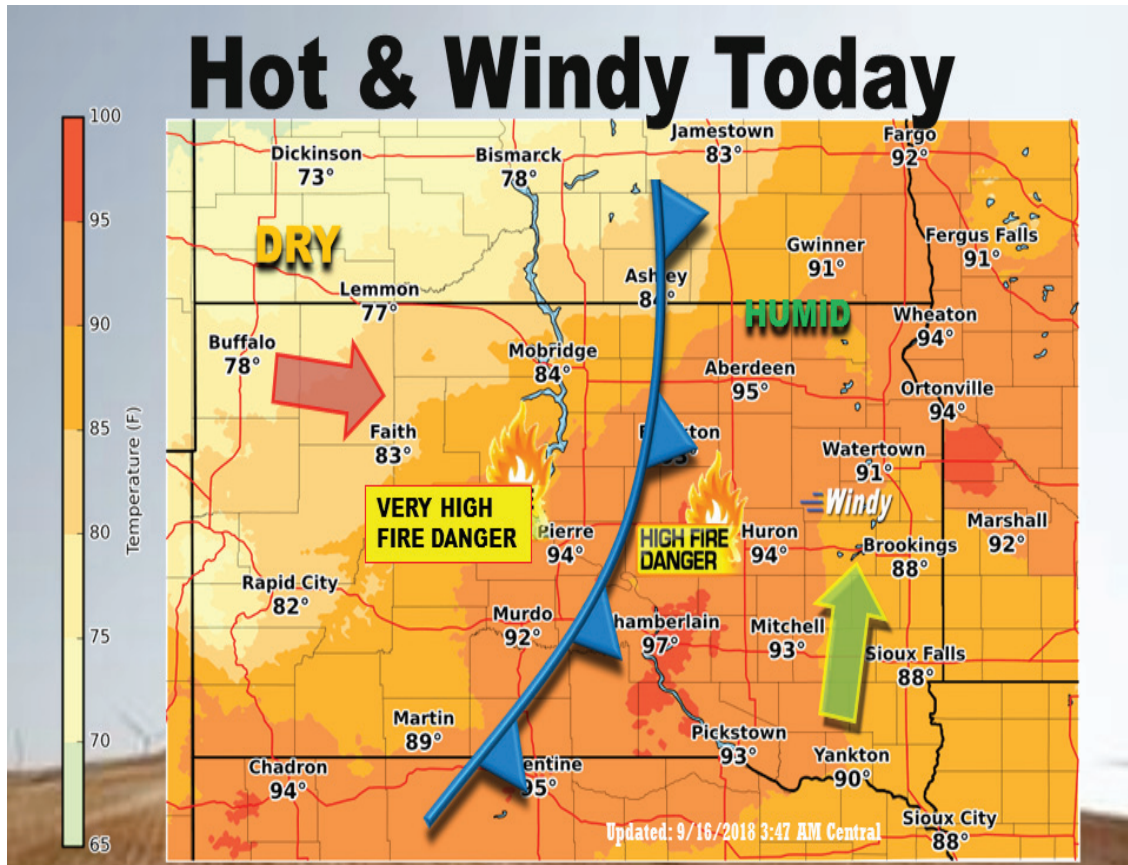
Low: 48 °F

Tuesday



Slight Chance Showers

High: 69 °F



Published on: 09/16/2018 at 3:50AM

A head of a frontal boundary it will turn hot and windy today, with near record highs possible. High to very high fire danger will also develop this afternoon, especially along and west of the Missouri River valley. Cooler temperatures move in tonight, and then stick around through most of the upcoming work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 87 F at 4:30 PM

Low Outside Temp: 60 F at 7:00 AM

High Gust: 28.0 Mph

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 96° in 1925, 1895

Record Low: 20° in 1916

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.13

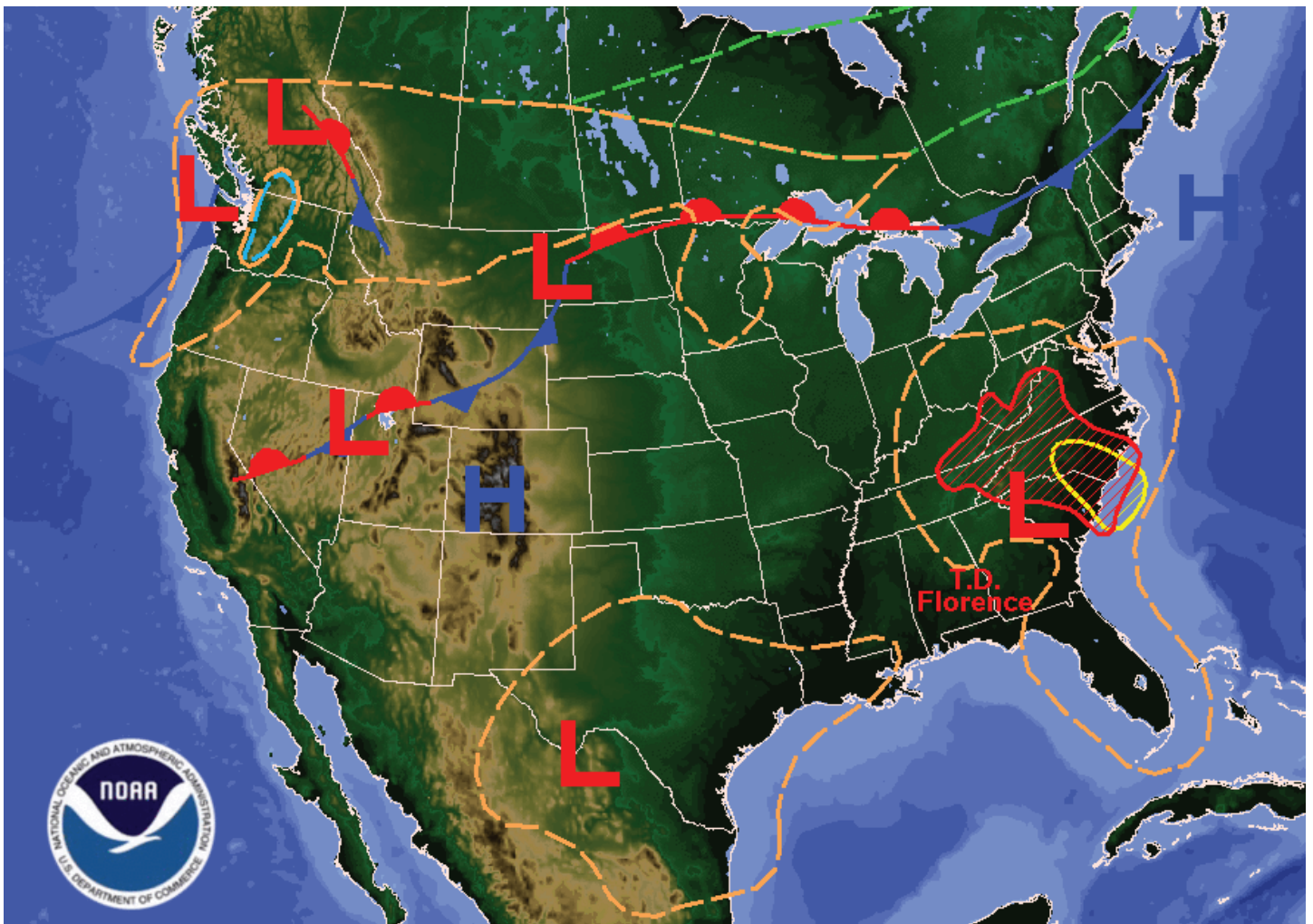
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.10

Average Precip to date: 17.42

Precip Year to Date: 11.36

Sunset Tonight: 7:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:15 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Sep 16, 2018, issued 4:40 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

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

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AN UNUSUAL PRESCRIPTION

There was a physician in Wales who had an unusual remedy for some of his patients. If someone came to him with no specific symptoms other than being unhappy or unsatisfied, discouraged or disgruntled, he would give them his Thank You Cure.

He would write on a prescription pad, For the next six weeks I want you to get up in the morning say, Thank You God for this new day ten times before doing anything else. And then before you get into bed at night, you are to say, Thank You God for being with me today. And in between getting up in the morning and going to bed at night, whenever anyone does something for you, you are to pause and say, Thank you for...

When most of the patients returned after completing the Thank You Cure, they were happier and healthier.

The thank you cure is a great prescription for each of us: not for six weeks or six months, but every day of our lives. Imagine a successful, powerful, wealthy king who said, Every day I will praise You, and extol Your name forever and ever.

Every day? Yes, every day! Days could be filled with glory or gloom, sunshine or shadows, pleasure or pain, happiness or horror - it did not matter. The king would fill each day, every day, all day with words of praise to God for His blessings and goodness.

When we pause and thank someone for an act of kindness or a deed showing us thoughtfulness, we are, in fact, praising God for His blessing us through their deeds.

Prayer: Lord, You have given us far more than we ever deserved. However, we ask for one more thing: a thankful heart! In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 145:2 Every day I will praise You, and extol Your name forever and ever.

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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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News from the Associated Press

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Bowman County, N.D. def. Bison, 25-19, 25-17, 25-18

Mitchell def. Spearfish, 25-10, 25-11, 25-10

Pierre def. Douglas, 25-7, 25-13, 25-12

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-21, 22-25, 25-11, 25-21

Wilmot def. Clark/Willow Lake, 26-24, 18-25, 25-18, 25-21

Big Dakota Conference Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Miller def. McLaughlin, 25-3, 25-4

Miller def. Todd County, 25-8, 25-10

Todd County def. McLaughlin, 25-15, 25-14

Pool B

Stanley County def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-19, 25-17

Winner def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-10, 25-16

Pool C

Chamberlain def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-16, 25-19

Chamberlain def. Crow Creek, 25-19, 26-24

Mobridge-Pollock def. Crow Creek, 25-21, 25-20

Bon Homme Cavalier Clash Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 1

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Platte-Geddes, 25-6, 25-20

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Custer, 25-23, 25-17

Northwestern def. Platte-Geddes, 25-6, 25-8

Northwestern def. Andes Central/Dakota Christian, 25-13, 25-17

Northwestern def. Custer, 25-6, 25-5

Platte-Geddes def. Custer, 25-19, 29-27

Pool 2

Gayville-Volin def. Centerville, 25-8, 25-10

Parker def. Centerville, 25-5, 25-9

Parker def. Gayville-Volin, 25-17, 25-13

Parker def. Wagner, 25-22, 19-25, 25-22

Wagner def. Centerville, 25-3, 25-9

Wagner def. Gayville-Volin, 25-16, 25-17

Pool 3

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Bon Homme, 25-6, 25-7

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Gregory, 25-11, 25-10

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Vermillion, 26-28, 25-17, 25-15

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SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash

14-16-17-22-23

(fourteen, sixteen, seventeen, twenty-two, twenty-three)

Estimated jackpot: \$293,000

Lotto America

22-33-46-47-50, Star Ball: 3, ASB: 3

(twenty-two, thirty-three, forty-six, forty-seven, fifty; Star Ball: three; ASB: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$7.83 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$252 million

Powerball

02-18-19-24-34, Powerball: 3, Power Play: 3

(two, eighteen, nineteen, twenty-four, thirty-four; Powerball: three; Power Play: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$147 million

S. Dakota St. sets school scoring record in 90-6 win

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Taryn Christian threw for 332 yards and five touchdowns and South Dakota State set a school record for points in a 90-6 victory over Arkansas Pine-Bluff on Saturday night.

The 90 points broke the Jackrabbits' previous best that came in an 85-0 win over Columbus College in 1922. The Jackrabbits had 926 yards total offense. Davidson beat Guilford 91-61 on Thursday with an FCS record 964 total yards.

Christian was 13-of-14 passing with 332 of the Jackrabbits' 557 yards passing as he became the Missouri Valley Football Conference's career leader with 81 TD throws, passing Matt Brown of Illinois State, who had 78 (2009-12).

Cade Johnson had five catches for 162 yards and two scores, including a 71-yarder, and Adam Anderson 128 yards on four catches with a touchdown. Isaac Wallace rushed for 192 of South Dakota State's 369 yards on the ground with two touchdowns, his longest 79 yards, on just five carries. Zy Mosley led the defense with two interceptions.

The Jackrabbits (2-0), ranked third in the FCS, led 49-6 at halftime and 70-6 after three quarters.

The victory was the 150th for coach John Stiegelmeier, who has a 150-97 record over 21 seasons, all with the Jackrabbits.

The Golden Lions fell to 1-2.

Vikings D preparing for all scenarios with Rodgers, Packers

By GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — For the Minnesota Vikings, it's more about whether Aaron Rodgers will have his full bag of tricks while playing with a knee injury than if he'll be playing at all.

The Vikings are thoroughly convinced the Green Bay Packers quarterback will be in uniform Sunday when they visit Lambeau Field.

"I don't know if he's mobile. I don't know if he can run. We don't know anything," Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen said. "We're just going to go in with a game plan, that he's running and we're going to go out there and execute our assignment."

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The game before the game between these NFC North rivals involved discerning the status of the Packers' two-time NFL MVP. Rodgers returned to practice on Saturday after being held out to focus on rehab at midweek with what the quarterback said was a sprained left knee.

Coach Mike McCarthy said he would be evaluated each day after Rodgers got hurt in the second quarter of last week's win over the Chicago Bears. He was listed as questionable for Sunday, and McCarthy said Rodgers playing "is no layup."

One of Rodgers' many strengths is his mobility, which allows him to extend plays outside the pocket. The knee injury limited Rodgers' movement against Chicago. He still carved up the secondary operating in a shotgun or pistol formation, and without a huddle.

"I think as you saw the other night, just because I wasn't escaping the pocket, I was still moving in the pocket — subtle movements on the throw to (receiver Davante Adams) up in the pocket, and subtle movements on the throw to (Randall Cobb) on the last touchdown of the game," Rodgers said.

The quick-pace offense looked unstoppable. It doesn't mean that's all the Packers will do with a limited Rodgers.

"Doesn't mean you have to get the ball out right away. We're playing a great defense, but no, I don't think it makes you go all quick game," he said.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer recognized the differences in Rodgers in that game. He also won't underestimate him.

"But our biggest thing is that you have to prepare for every scenario," Zimmer said. "If he looks like he's moving pretty well, then we have to adjust to some other parts of the game plan."

Some other notes and things to watch:

SMALL CLUB

Rodgers has thrown only six interceptions in 19 games as a starter against the Vikings, including one playoff game. Over the last seven seasons, the Vikings have picked him off three times in 13 games: Harrison Smith in 2012, Xavier Rhodes in 2015 and Trae Waynes in 2016.

"When he's moving around, he's not always moving around to run, he's moving around and freeing up guys down the field," Smith said.

SHOULDERING LOAD

Adams, the Packers' top receiver, was also held out of practice on Wednesday with a shoulder injury suffered during the Bears game before returning as a limited participant on Thursday. Adams, who is questionable on the injury report, said it was a precaution and that he thought he would play. The injury doesn't appear serious, but still bears watching given how important Adams is to the offense, particularly with Rodgers also hurt.

"So we're just taking it light a little bit just so we can build up and be ready for Sunday," Adams said.

DISRUPTION ON D

The Vikings made their biggest splash of the offseason by signing quarterback Kirk Cousins in free agency, but the following day they made another significant addition with Sheldon Richardson. The sixth-year defensive tackle, after a quiet preseason, immediately made his presence felt in his first real game for Minnesota with six tackles, a half-sack and a team-high three hits on San Francisco quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo. During a sack by defensive end Danielle Hunter, Richardson pushed Garoppolo off his spot and steered him toward his teammate.

With Richardson and nose tackle Linval Joseph capable of stuffing inside running plays and collapsing the pocket on a consistent basis, Hunter and fellow defensive end Everson Griffen ought to have more opportunities for sacks.

DEFENSIVE TURNAROUND

A Packers defense in its first game under new coordinator Mike Pettine also stepped up in the comeback over Chicago, holding the Bears to two field goals in the second half. Cousins doesn't have a lot of film to study the Packers' tendencies under Pettine.

"It's not easy; I think you do the best you can," Cousins said. "Trust your eyes, trust your rules and try

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to make good decisions.”

OUT WIDE

Packers rookie cornerbacks Jaire Alexander and Josh Jackson, along with second-year cornerback Kevin King, will be tested by the Vikings' standout receiving duo of Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs. Thielen, who had a career-best 12 catches for 202 yards and two scores at Lambeau in December 2016, is looking forward to playing in Green Bay early in the season.

“It will be nice actually playing on a good field,” Thielen said.

AP Pro Football Writer Dave Campbell contributed to this report.

More AP NFL: <https://apnews.com/tag/NFL> and https://twitter.com/AP_NFL

New volleyball facility to lure athletes to Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Construction work has begun on a new Aberdeen volleyball facility as the sport gains popularity in the area.

The new Matchbox Sport Recreation Center under development at Centennial Commons will bring volleyball competitors to Aberdeen. Local volleyball players usually had to travel outside the city to compete in club tournaments, Aberdeen American News reported.

Members travel from across northeastern South Dakota and North Dakota to compete, said Alexz Smith, Matchbox owner and club director.

The private 12,000-square-foot center will primarily host the Matchbox volleyball club, but there will also be opportunities to host camps, clinics, private lessons and tournaments.

“The concept in itself is pretty confusing to people. It’s a private athletic facility, not a school, with the ability to offer independent sports instruction,” Smith said.

Last year was the club’s first season, which runs January through June. Nearly 200 players ages 8 to 18 participated, but Smith hopes the group will expand once it finds its home.

“Right now, we practice wherever we can. A lot at (Presentation College) or wherever we can get it. Wherever we can find space, we try to snag it up,” Smith said.

Smith is hopeful that more Aberdeen athletes will join the volleyball club once the new facility is built.

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

Sanford invests \$10M in Sioux Falls biopharma company

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The latest target of Sioux Falls billionaire philanthropist T. Denny Sanford is a biopharmaceutical company based in the city.

Sanford is investing \$10 million in SAB Biotherapeutics Inc. The investment closed on Aug. 17 and was made through a new entity called Sanford Therapeutics LLC, the Argus Leader reported.

SAB announced that its treatment recently provided 100-percent protection against a lethal dose of the Ebola virus in an animal study. The company develops human antibodies that are replicated by specially cloned animals and not humans. The method means SAB can develop and produce therapies in as few as 75 days, making the company a potential key factor in the battle against emerging epidemics.

“SAB Biotherapeutics has made great strides in a relatively short timeframe,” Sanford said. “They have reached key milestones, collaborated with prominent partners, developed a robust product pipeline and are working on near-term solutions to health conditions like cancer and Type 1 diabetes.”

The company expects to enter two new trials during the next 18 months for severe hospitalized influenza and Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus, or MERS-CoV.

“This investment provides a significant boost to our capital strategy as we enter phase two clinical trials and accelerate development of new commercial targets,” said Dr. Eddie Sullivan, SAB’s president and CEO.

Sanford is best known locally for his benevolence that fuels Sanford Health, which is also an investor in

the biopharma company. A representative for the businessman will join SAB's board.

"We're excited to have Mr. Sanford ... demonstrate his confidence in our novel technology, company and team," said Dr. Edward Hamilton, co-founder of SAB. "This investment will accelerate the advancement of the platform, capacity building, company growth and help to catalyze a vibrant biotech industry in South Dakota while we begin to realize the significant impact we can all bring to the global health community."

Sanford Health bills itself as one of the largest health systems in the nation with facilities in several states, including the Dakotas and Minnesota.

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

Woman charged in connection with false gun threat at school

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A woman accused of making a false gun threat that sent 18 officers to a Rapid City elementary school is facing four charges.

Authorities say 29-year-old Rick Peck, of Rapid City, was charged Friday with three counts of false reporting and one count of disturbance of a school in connection with the Wednesday incident. Peck has pleaded not guilty.

The threat prompted officials at Pinedale Elementary to put the school in lockdown status.

Police say Peck is prone to seizures and has a history of erratic behavior and hallucinations. Her next court date is Sept. 28.

Border agent charged in killing of 4 women, attempt on 5th

By JUAN A. LOZANO, Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas authorities charged a U.S. Border Patrol supervisor with murder following what they described as the serial killing of four female sex workers and a possible attempt on the life of a fifth woman who escaped at a gas station and found help.

Juan David Ortiz, 35, an intel supervisor for the Border Patrol, was charged with four counts of murder and aggravated assault and unlawful restraint, Webb County District Attorney Isidro Alaniz said in a tweet.

Ortiz was arrested after the fifth woman managed to flee. State troopers found Ortiz hiding in a truck in a hotel parking lot in Laredo at around 2 a.m. Saturday. The border city about 145 miles (235 kilometers) southwest of San Antonio.

"We do consider this to be a serial killer," Alaniz said.

Alaniz said that after the suspect picked up the fifth woman she quickly realized that she was in danger.

"When she tried to escape from him at a gas station that's when she ran into a (state) trooper," Alaniz said.

He said that authorities believe Ortiz had killed all four women since Sept. 3. The names of the victims were not immediately released. Alaniz said two of them were U.S. citizens but the nationalities of the other two were not yet known. All of them were working as prostitutes and one was a transgender woman, he said.

"The manner in which they were killed is similar in all the cases from the evidence," said Alaniz.

He declined to discuss the evidence or say how the women were killed.

Alaniz said investigators are still trying to determine a motive for the killings. Authorities said they believe Ortiz acted alone.

"It's interesting that he would be observing and watching as law enforcement was looking for the killer, that he would be reporting to work every day like normal," Alaniz said.

Ortiz was a 10-year veteran of the Border Patrol. U.S. Customs and Border Protection issued a statement saying that it was fully cooperating with the investigation.

"Our sincerest condolences go out to the victims' family and friends. While it is CBP policy to not comment on the details of an ongoing investigation, criminal action by our employees is not, and will not be tolerated," the agency said.

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The Texas Department of Public Safety, whose Texas Rangers are investigating, did not return several messages seeking comment.

Fearsome new stage begins as Florence floods inland rivers

By ALLEN G. BREED, Associated Press

NEW BERN, N.C. (AP) — As the death toll from Florence mounted and hundreds of people were pulled from flooded homes, North Carolina is bracing for what could be the next stage of a still-unfolding disaster: catastrophic, widespread river flooding.

After blowing ashore as a hurricane with 90 mph (145 kph) winds, Florence virtually parked itself much of the weekend atop the Carolinas as it pulled warm water from the ocean and hurled it onshore. Storm surges, flash floods and winds scattered destruction widely and the Marines, the Coast Guard, civilian crews and volunteers used helicopters, boats and heavy-duty vehicles on Saturday to conduct rescues.

The death toll from the hurricane-turned-tropical depression climbed to 11.

Rivers are swelling toward record levels, forecasters now warn, and thousands of people have been ordered to evacuate for fear that the next few days could bring the most destructive round of flooding in North Carolina history.

Stream gauges across the region showed water levels rising steadily, with forecasts calling for rivers to crest Sunday and Monday at or near record levels: The Little River, the Cape Fear, the Lumber, the Neuse, the Waccamaw and the Pee Dee were all projected to burst their banks, possibly flooding nearby communities.

Authorities ordered the immediate evacuation of up to 7,500 people living within a mile (1.6 kilometers) of a stretch of the Cape Fear River and the Little River, about 100 miles (160 kilometers) from the North Carolina coast. The evacuation zone included part of the city of Fayetteville, population 200,000.

John Rose owns a furniture business with stores less than a mile (1.6 kilometers) from the river. Rain-soaked furniture workers helped him quickly empty more than 1,000 mattresses from a warehouse in a low-lying strip mall.

"It's the first time we've ever had to move anything like this," Rose said. "If the river rises to the level they say it's going to, then this warehouse is going to be under water."

On U.S. Route 401 nearby, rain rose in ditches and around unharvested tobacco crops along the road. Ponds had begun to overflow, and creeks passing under the highway churned with muddy, brown water. Farther along the Cape Fear River, grass and trees lining the banks were partly submerged, still well below a highway bridge crossing it.

"It's hard to believe it's going to get that high," says Elizabeth Machado, who came to the bridge to check on the river.

Fayetteville's city officials, meanwhile, got help from the Nebraska Task Force One search and rescue team to evacuate 140 residents of an assisted-living facility in Fayetteville to a safer location at a church.

Already, more than 2 feet (60 centimeters) of rain has fallen in places, and forecasters are saying there could be an additional 1½ feet (45 centimeters) before Sunday is out.

"I cannot overstate it: Floodwaters are rising, and if you aren't watching for them, you are risking your life," Gov. Roy Cooper said.

Officials were warning residents not only to stay off the roads but also to avoid using GPS systems.

"As conditions change, GPS navigation systems are not keeping up with the road closures and are directing people onto roads that are confirmed closed and/or flooded," the state Transportation Department said on Twitter.

Florence weakened to a tropical depression early Sunday and was crawling west at 8 mph (13 kph). At 5 a.m., the storm was centered about 20 miles (35 kilometers) southwest of Columbia, South Carolina. Its winds were down to 35 mph (55 kph).

In Goldsboro, North Carolina, home of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, roads that frequently flood were already closed Saturday by rushing water. Dozens of electric repair trucks massed to respond to damage

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expected to hit central North Carolina as rainwater collected into rivers headed to the coast. Hundreds of thousands of outages have been reported.

A creek that feeds into the Neuse was rushing over a road near Phil Eubanks' home Saturday. Another creek backed up into their basement Friday, but based on past experience Eubanks and his wife think the worst is over for them.

"I didn't sleep last night. It was creeping up those steps" from the basement, said his jittery wife, Ellen. "It came up. It went down today. I think we're OK."

On Saturday evening, Duke Energy said heavy rains caused a slope to collapse at a coal ash landfill at a closed power station outside Wilmington, North Carolina. Duke spokeswoman Paige Sheehan said about 2,000 cubic yards (1,530 cubic meters) of ash were displaced at the Sutton Plant and that contaminated storm water likely flowed into the plant's cooling pond.

Sutton was mothballed in 2013 and the company has been excavating ash to remove to safer lined landfills. The ash left behind when coal is burned contains toxic heavy metals, including lead and arsenic.

In New Bern, along the coast, homes were completely surrounded by water, and rescuers used inflatable boats to reach people Saturday.

Kevin Knox and his family were rescued by boat from their flooded brick home with the help of Army Sgt. Johan Mackie, whose team used a phone app to locate people in distress.

"Amazing. They did awesome," said Knox, who was stranded with seven others.

New Bern spokeswoman Colleen Roberts said 455 people were safely rescued in the town of 30,000 residents. She called damage to thousands of buildings "heart-wrenching."

Spirits were high, though, at the Trent Park Elementary School in New Bern, where 44-year-old Cathy Yolanda Wright took shelter after being rescued from her flooded home Saturday. Wright, who sings in the choir at Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist, led residents at the shelter in an energetic singalong.

People clapped and shouted, "Amen!" and "Thank you, Lord."

Across the Trent River from New Bern, Jerry and Jan Andrews returned home after evacuating to find carp flopping in their backyard near the porch stairs.

Coast Guard helicopters took off across the street to rescue stranded people from rooftops and swamped cars.

The Marines rescued about 20 civilians from floodwaters near Camp Lejeune, using Humvees and amphibious assault vehicles, the base reported.

The dead included a mother and baby killed by a falling tree in Wilmington, North Carolina. South Carolina recorded its first death from the storm, with officials saying a 61-year-old woman was killed when her car hit a tree that fell across a highway.

Three died in one inland county, Duplin, because of water on roads and flash floods, authorities said. A husband and wife died in a storm-linked house fire, officials said, and an 81-year-old man died after falling while packing to evacuate.

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For the latest on Hurricane Florence, visit <https://www.apnews.com/tag/Hurricanes>

Israeli lawmaker to PM: Dismiss US envoy over aide scandal

By ARON HELLER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — An opposition Israeli lawmaker on Sunday called on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to dismiss his ambassador to the United States for failing to report sexual assault allegations against a top Netanyahu aide, ballooning an already embarrassing scandal for the Israeli leader.

Karin Elharrar of the centrist Yesh Atid party said Ron Dermer should be recalled from Washington for not reporting the warnings he received about David Keyes, Netanyahu's spokesman to foreign media. She also lashed out at Netanyahu himself for staying mum on an issue that has engulfed his close associates.

"His silence is thundering. I would expect from the prime minister a clear condemnation, if not at least a mention that the allegations were being looked into," Elharrar told The Associated Press. "Who if not the prime minister should be an example on this matter? It's time that this issue of sexual harassment be at the top of his agenda."

Last week, Julia Salazar, a candidate for New York's state senate, accused Keyes of sexually assaulting her five years ago. Wall Street Journal reporter Shayndi Raice tweeted she too had a "terrible encounter" with Keyes before he became Netanyahu's spokesman. She described him as a "predator" and someone who had "absolutely no conception of the word 'no.'"

At least a dozen other women have since come forward with varying allegations, some of which are said to have been committed since Keyes took up his current position in early 2016. Keyes, 34, denies the allegations, saying all "are deeply misleading and many of them are categorically false." Keyes says he has taken a leave of absence amid the uproar to try and clear his name.

But the scandal has since spread to the rest of Netanyahu's inner circle, which has previously been rocked with accusations of sexual improprieties. Natan Eshel, a former top aide, was forced to resign in 2012 after allegations emerged that he harassed and intimidated a woman in the prime minister's office, including taking pictures up her skirt. Earlier this year, Netanyahu's son Yair came under fire after a recording emerged of him joyriding at taxpayer expense to Tel Aviv strip clubs and making misogynistic comments about strippers, waitresses and other women.

Over the weekend, Dermer, who was perhaps Netanyahu's closest associate before taking office in Washington, confirmed he was warned in late 2016 by New York Times columnist Bret Stephens, then of the Wall Street Journal, about Keyes' aggressive behavior toward women. The New York Times reported that Stephens, who said he had barred Keyes from visiting the Wall Street Journal opinion section because of harassment complaints women there made against him, warned Dermer that "Keyes posed a risk to women in Israeli government offices."

Dermer said he did not report this further since he did not consider the harassment allegations criminal.

But Elharrar noted in a formal letter to Netanyahu that Dermer was unqualified to judge this. Under Israeli law, sexual harassment is a crime and public servants are required to report any knowledge of it. Dermer, as an Israeli ambassador, is subject to its laws even on American soil, Elharrar said, and therefore she demanded his dismissal since "it is unreasonable that someone holding such a prominent position would violate the law so blatantly."

"I'm sure that if it were any other diplomatic or even gossipy issue he would have reported it further," she told the AP. "We need to make clear that the issue of sexual harassment is no less important."

Media reports in recent days have included the testimonies of various women detailing what they called aggression on the part of Keyes, where in some cases he coerced them into sexual acts. The New York Times reported that in addition to Stephens' move, some organizations Keyes worked for himself took measures to keep him away from interns because of his history of unwanted advances.

Salazar, a Democratic socialist who went on to win her New York state senate primary last week after an ugly campaign that scrutinized her past, said she only decided to go public with her allegations against Keyes after a conservative news outlet planned to out her.

Netanyahu has yet to comment on the affair and made no mention of it in comments given at his weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday.

Michal Rozin, a legislator with the opposition Meretz party, said his silence could be interpreted as toler-

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ance of the alleged acts and she demanded he take a clear stance against sexual assault and harassment.

Rozin, who formerly headed Israel's umbrella organization for victims of sexual violence before elected to parliament, has appealed to Israel's Civil Service Commissioner asking for the allegations against Keyes to be investigated because of the "serious concern of serial behavior." She demanded Dermer's conduct be examined as well.

It's not the first case the #metoo phenomenon has erupted in Israeli public life. Last year, shortly after the allegations against Harvey Weinstein rocked Hollywood and sparked a flurry of allegations in other American industries, a senior Israeli TV journalist revealed on air that Israeli media mogul and International Olympic Committee member Alex Gilady had made an "indecent" proposal to her during a job interview 25 years ago. A well-known columnist then added that Gilady exposed himself to her during a 1999 business meeting at his home and two other women later came forward saying Gilady had raped them.

He denied the rape accusations, but Gilady, a former sports executive at NBC, soon stepped down as president of the local Keshet broadcasting company he founded.

When veteran Israeli media personality Gabi Gazit addressed the allegations dismissively on his daily radio show, it prompted Dana Weiss — another prominent local TV journalist — to accuse him of just such behavior. Weiss said Gazit had randomly kissed her on the mouth during chance encounters in TV studios. Gazit denied the accusations but three other women came forward with similar stories and he was forced to take leave from his show.

Even before the #metoo era, Israel confronted the sexual assault of women by powerful men. A former president, Moshe Katsav, was sentenced and jailed for rape.

Typhoon lashes south China after killing 36 in Philippines

By VINCENT YU and JIM GOMEZ, Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Typhoon Mangkhut barreled into southern China on Sunday after lashing the northern Philippines with strong winds and heavy rain that left at least 36 people dead and dozens more feared buried in a landslide.

More than 2.4 million people had been relocated in southern China's Guangdong province by Sunday evening to flee the massive typhoon and nearly 50,000 fishing boats were called back to port, state media reported. The gambling enclave of Macau closed casinos for the first time and the Hong Kong Observatory warned people to stay away from the Victoria Harbour landmark, where storm surges battered the sandbag-reinforced waterfront.

Mangkhut made landfall in the Guangdong city of Taishan at 5 p.m., packing wind speeds of 162 kilometers (100 miles) per hour. State television broadcaster CGTN reported that surging waves flooded a seaside hotel in the city of Shenzhen.

Groceries flew off the shelves of supermarkets in the provincial capital of Guangzhou as residents stocked up in preparation for being confined at home by the typhoon, China's official Xinhua News Agency said.

Authorities in southern China had issued a red alert, the most severe warning, as the national meteorological center said the densely populated region would face a "severe test caused by wind and rain" and urged officials to prepare for possible disasters.

Hundreds of flights were canceled. All high-speed and some normal rail services in Guangdong and Hainan provinces were also halted, the China Railway Guangzhou Group Co. said.

In Hong Kong, a video posted online by residents showed the top corner of an old building break and fall off while in another video, a tall building swayed as strong winds blew.

The storm also broke windows, felled trees, tore bamboo scaffolding off buildings under construction and flooded areas with sometimes waist-high waters, according to the South China Morning Post.

The paper said the heavy rains brought storm surges of 3 meters (10 feet) around Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Security Minister John Lee Ka-chiu urged residents to prepare for the worst.

"Because Mangkhut will bring winds and rains of extraordinary speeds, scope and severity, our preparation and response efforts will be greater than in the past," Lee said. "Each department must have a sense

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of crisis, make a comprehensive assessment and plan, and prepare for the worst.”

Hong Kong’s Cathay Pacific said all of its flights would be canceled between 2:30 a.m. Sunday and 4 a.m. Monday. The city of Shenzhen also canceled all flights between Sunday and early Monday morning. Hainan Airlines canceled 234 flights in the cities of Haikou, Sanya, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Zhuhai scheduled this weekend.

In Macau, next door to Hong Kong, casinos were ordered to close from 11 p.m. Saturday, the first time such action was taken in the city, the South China Morning Post reported. Macau suffered catastrophic flooding during Typhoon Hato last year, leading to accusations of corruption and incompetence at its meteorological office.

In Macau’s inner harbor district on Sunday, the water level reached 1.5 meters (5 feet) and was expected to rise further. The district was one of the most affected by floods from Typhoon Hato, which left 10 people dead.

In the northern Philippines, about 40 to 50 people, mostly small-scale miners and their families, were feared to have been trapped by a landslide in the far-flung village of Ucab in Itogon town in Benguet province, Itogon Mayor Victorio Palangdan said by phone.

Palangdan said three villagers who nearly got buried by the huge pile of mud and rocks told authorities they saw residents rush into an old three-story building, a former mining bunkhouse that has been transformed into a chapel, at the height of the typhoon’s onslaught Saturday afternoon.

“That was not an authorized evacuation center,” Palangdan said, but expressed sadness that the villagers, many of them poor miners, had few options to survive in a region where big corporations have profited immensely from gold mines.

Police Superintendent Pelita Tacio said rescuers pulled out seven bodies from the huge mound of mud and rocks. She said they were scrambling to pull out the body of another victim before she left the area Sunday.

“It’s very sad. I could hear villagers wailing in their homes near the site of the accident,” Tacio said by phone.

Rescuers stopped their search intermittently because of heavy rain, and the search and rescue operation was suspended at nightfall and will resume at daybreak Monday, Palangdan said.

Overall, at least 36 people have died in typhoon-related incidents in the Philippines, mostly from landslides and collapsed houses.

Mangkhut made landfall on Saturday on the northeastern tip of Luzon island in the Philippines with sustained winds of 205 kilometers (127 mph) and gusts of 255 kph (158 mph).

The Philippines appeared to have been spared the high number of casualties many had feared. In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan left more than 7,300 people dead or missing, flattened villages and displaced more than 5 million in the central Philippines. A massive evacuation ahead of Mangkhut helped lessen potential casualties, with about 87,000 people evacuating from high-risk areas, officials said.

Philippine National Police Director General Oscar Albayalde told The Associated Press that 20 people died in the Cordillera mountain region, four in nearby Nueva Vizcaya province and another outside of the two regions. Three more deaths were reported in northeastern Cagayan province, where the typhoon made landfall.

The typhoon struck at the start of the rice and corn harvesting season in the Philippines’ northern breadbasket, prompting farmers to scramble to save what they could of their crops, Cagayan Gov. Manuel Mamba said.

Gomez reported from Manila, Philippines. Associated Press writers Aaron Favila and Joeal Calupitan in Tuguegarao, Philippines, and Gillian Wong in Beijing contributed to this report.

Before and after a storm, the supply stores are critical

By CURT ANDERSON, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Before and after a hurricane, Ace is the place. And Home Depot and Lowe's. And many other hardware and building supply outlets.

Not surprisingly, these companies plan for storms such as Hurricane Florence all year. Much like the Federal Emergency Management Agency, supplies are pre-positioned and trucks loaded and ready to go with everything from batteries to gas cans to tarps to chainsaws.

Here's the thing: the government can only do so much. Most people must fend for themselves at some point, and the local hardware or building supply store is where they go. Not everything is available easily online. Try to buy some drywall that way.

"It's a year-round thing for us," said Margaret Smith, spokeswoman for Atlanta-based Home Depot. "When it's hurricane season, we are operating 24 hours a day."

As Florence bore down on the Southeast coast this week, Ace Hardware manager Tom Roberts watched as an employee finished five of the busiest days they have ever seen in their store in the tiny village of Calabash, North Carolina.

They sold hundreds of gas cans and ran out of generators, but still had bottled water, sand bags and other items, Roberts said.

"We're going to be just as busy with clean up once this thing is gone," he said.

Home Depot and Mooresville, North Carolina-based Lowe's, the two biggest home supply companies, both activated sophisticated emergency command centers that bring together various divisions to work on everything from shipping logistics to ensuring employees in hurricane zones get back on their feet. They have their own meteorologists on duty and are in contact with government agencies.

The key is making sure the right supplies are ready at the right time, said Jennifer Thayer, Lowe's vice president for store operations in North and South Carolina. For example, people might need more gas cans and plywood before a hurricane and more wet/dry vacuum cleaners or tarps for damaged roofs after the storm, she said.

And wind is one thing, while flooding is another in terms of what customers need.

"We plan it out pre-storm. And then we start shifting into post-storm," Thayer said. "We have the ability to put merchandise strategically in the stores. It depends on the event."

Smith said Home Depot has about 1,100 trucks loaded and ready to respond to its stores in the Carolinas and Georgia once Florence passes through. Lowe's says on its website it has shipped some 2,700 truckloads of supplies to the area threatened by Florence.

Both companies plan to open stores in the storm zone as soon as possible.

"Our communities count on us in storm prep and then recovery in a very big way," Smith said.

Many of these chains can also bring in employees from other regions to substitute for those in storm-stricken areas, giving them time to deal with their own personal home damage or other issues from a storm. Sometimes the local workers can get financial assistance.

For example, Smith said Home Depot will often provide grants to help pay for hotels or to fill gaps in insurance coverage for damage to an employee's home. Thayer said Lowe's has an employee relief fund for such circumstances.

"People can request funds to help them if they can't afford to get back on their feet," Thayer said.

In 2017, Home Depot had revenue of more than \$100 billion. Lowe's earned about \$68 billion. Sales of hurricane-related materials spike before and after storms, but the profit is beside the point, Thayer said.

"At the end of the day, it's about the community, it's about the stores," she said.

Associated Press writer Jeffrey Collins in Calabash, North Carolina, contributed to this story.

US hurricane, Asian typhoon: 1 brings water, the other, wind

By SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nature expresses its fury in sundry ways. Two deadly storms — Hurricane Florence and Typhoon Mangkhut — roared ashore on the same day, half a world apart, but the way they spread devastation was as different as water and wind.

Storms in the western Pacific generally hit with much higher winds and the people who live in their way are often poorer and more vulnerable, Princeton University hurricane and climate scientist Gabriel Vecchi said Saturday. That will likely determine the type of destruction.

Mangkhut made landfall Friday on the northeastern tip of Luzon island in the Philippines with top-of-the-scale Category 5 winds of 165 mph. Florence had weakened to a Category 1 storm with 90 mph winds by the time it arrived at North Carolina's coast.

Yet a day after landfall the faster-moving Mangkhut was back out over open water — weakened, but headed across the South China Sea toward China. Florence, meanwhile, was still plodding across South Carolina at a pace slower than a normal person walks. By Saturday morning, it had already dumped more than 30 inches (76 centimeters) of rain, a record for North Carolina.

Experts say Mangkhut may well end up being the deadlier storm. As of Saturday afternoon, the death count in the Philippines was a bit higher, although still far below that of other storms that have hit the disaster-prone island nation. And with Mangkhut now headed toward the densely populated southeast coast of China, it is likely to cause more death and destruction. But Florence's watery insured damage total will eventually be higher, Ernst Rauch, head of climate research for the world's largest reinsurer Munich Re, told German media.

That's because of a combination of geography, climatic conditions and human factors.

The western Pacific has two-and-a-half times more storms that reach the minimum hurricane strength of 74 mph. It has three-and-a-half times more storms that reach major hurricane strength of 111 mph, and three times more accumulated energy out of those hurricanes, an index that measures not just strength and number of storms but how long they last, according to more than 65 years of storm data .

So far this year there have been 23 named storms in the western Pacific and 10 in the Atlantic, both regions more than 30 percent busier than average years. Hurricanes and typhoons are the same type of storm; both are tropical cyclones, but those that occur in the Pacific west of the International Date Line are called typhoons.

The water in the western Pacific is warmer, and warm water fuels storms. There are also only a few pieces of land to get in the way and weaken them, said University of Miami hurricane researcher Brian McNoldy.

"If we are ever going to have a Category 6 (a speculated-on level that's above current measurement tools), the western Pacific is where it's going to be," said meteorologist Ryan Maue of weathermodels.com.

The Philippines tends to get hit nearly every year, the Carolinas far less frequently though with lots of close calls, Maue said. That shows another big difference in the storms. Mangkhut formed further south and stayed south — over warmer water. Florence was out of the tropics when it hit land.

Because of that, Florence was weakened by the dry air and upper level winds of the higher latitudes. Not so the more southerly Mangkhut, which Maue said, "essentially had a perfect environment to intensify to a Category 5 and stay there."

"Mangkhut and Florence are certainly different animals," said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach. Because Florence is moving so slowly, he said, it will dump more rain than Mangkhut, which is named for the Thai word for the mangosteen fruit.

Both storms have lasted a long time, especially Florence which formed all the way over near Africa 15 days before landfall, McNoldy said. Both storms cover a large area, but Mangkut still dwarfs Florence. Mangkhut's tropical storm force winds stretched more than 325 miles from the center, while Florence's spread about 195 miles, Klotzbach said.

Economics also play a role in a storm's impact. As a developing country, the Philippines is much poorer than the southeastern United States, which means houses tend to be less sturdy and first responders less well equipped, among other factors. This is one reason why, when disaster does strike, the effects can be

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devastating. In 2013, one of the most powerful storms on record, Typhoon Haiyan, killed 7,300 people and displaced more than 5 million when it swept across the islands of the central Philippines.

Straddling the famous Pacific Ring of Fire, the Philippines is also bedeviled by volcanoes and earthquakes, and while there are considerable patches of poverty in North and South Carolina, it is not the same as the rural area where Mangkhut hit.

Munich Re's Rauch said about 30 to 50 percent of storm damage is usually insured in the United States but often less than 10 percent in developing countries, meaning nine-tenths of the people hit will end up shouldering a bigger economic burden.

In the United States, "you can't move houses, but people can move out of the way," reflecting mounting damages from storms and often lower losses in life, Vecchi said.

As the world warms from the burning of fossil fuels, the globe will see both more extremely intense storms like Mangkhut and wetter storms like Florence, Vecchi said.

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Police: Man dies after shark attack off Cape Cod

By SUSAN HAIGH, Associated Press

WELLFLEET, Mass. (AP) — A man was bitten by a shark Saturday in the water off a Cape Cod beach and died later at a hospital, becoming the state's first shark attack fatality in more than 80 years.

The man, identified by Cape and Islands Assistant District Attorney Tara Miltimore as 26-year-old Arthur Medici of Revere, was attacked around noon off Newcomb Hollow Beach, police said.

Joe Booth, a local fisherman and surfer, said he was on shore when he saw the man and his friend boogie boarding when the attack happened.

He said he saw the man aggressively kick something behind him and a flicker of a tail from the water. He realized what was happening when the friend came ashore dragging his injured friend.

"I was that guy on the beach screaming, 'Shark, shark!' Booth said. "It was like right out of that movie 'Jaws.' This has turned into Amity Island real quick out here."

Booth said others on the beach attempted to make a tourniquet while others frantically called 911.

Hayley Williamson, a Cape Cod resident and former lifeguard who was on the beach at the time, was in disbelief after the man was rushed into an ambulance.

"We've been surfing all morning right here and they were just further down," she said of the two boogie boarders. "Right spot, wrong time, I guess."

Life-saving measures were attempted on the beach before the man was taken to Cape Cod Hospital in Hyannis, where he was pronounced dead, State Police spokesman David Procopio said. The beach on the side of the cape facing the Atlantic Ocean has been closed to swimming.

The family of the victim was notified of the death but his name was not released, Procopio said.

It was the first fatal shark attack in Massachusetts since 1936, and the second shark attack this season.

A 61-year-old New York man was severely injured Aug. 15 after fighting off a shark off Truro, about 4 miles north of Saturday's attack. He's currently recovering in a Boston hospital.

"Today is just keeping everyone out of water," Wellfleet Police Lt. Michael Hurley said. "There'll be a determination later about what the town wants to do with the beaches going forward."

Beachgoers said the Wellfleet beach is popular with surfers, and with sunny skies and warm temperatures

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Saturday it was busy, even though the summer season was over and lifeguards were no longer on watch.

There have been frequent shark sightings this summer along the outer Cape, often leading to beach closings. The National Park Service, which manages many of the beaches, said it had closed beaches for at least an hour about 25 times by the end of August this year — more than double the annual average.

A Cape Cod politician said officials who did not take more aggressive action against sharks bore some responsibility for the fatal attack. Barnstable County Commissioner Ron Beaty said he had warned something like this could happen and urged measures to reduce the number of white sharks.

“It is my personal belief that the responsibility for this horrible shark attack rests squarely upon the shoulders of the aforementioned officials for their utter lack of attention and inaction regarding the growing shark problem on Cape Cod of the last few years,” he said.

The state’s last shark attack fatality was on July 25, 1936, when 16-year-old Joseph Troy Jr. was bitten in waters off Mattapoisett.

Troy, of Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood, was visiting an uncle and was swimming about 50 feet offshore when the shark attacked.

Associated Press reporter Philip Marcelo contributed from Boston.

Gunmen wearing mariachi garb kill 5, wound 8 in Mexico City

By AMY GUTHRIE, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexicans heading into the weekend’s Independence Day celebrations were jolted by a brazen shooting by men dressed as mariachi musicians who killed five people and wounded eight in Garibaldi Plaza, an iconic square in the capital where the bands serenade tourists.

The Mexico City prosecutors’ office said at least one foreigner was among those wounded in Friday night’s attack, which local media said was staged by three gunmen. Four people died initially and a fifth died of her wounds at a hospital Saturday afternoon, authorities said.

The news outlet La Silla Rota circulated surveillance video of the alleged assailants wearing traditional embroidered jackets and pants as they fled on motorcycles.

The shooting cast a bloody pall over Independence Day festivities. Many Mexicans will wear mariachi costumes, a symbol of national pride, on Saturday night to commemorate the launch of the revolt against Spanish rule on Sept. 16, 1810. It is also the busiest time of year for Garibaldi Plaza, a beloved but seedy square that draws heavily on Mexican folklore.

Lisa Sanchez, director of Mexicans United Against Delinquency, described the shooting as a “piercing portrait” of Mexico. The shooting in a crowded public square demonstrates that impunity prevails in the country, she said.

The prosecutors’ office said investigators were trying to find those responsible for the attack. Few crimes in Mexico are solved.

On Saturday night, President Enrique Pena Nieto is to shout “Viva Mexico” — or “Long Live Mexico” — shortly before midnight from a balcony of the National Palace. Thousands crowd into Mexico City’s central Zocalo square every year to hear the shout, and the celebration usually spills into Garibaldi Plaza.

Business quickly resumed around the square following the shooting. Videos circulating on social media showed musicians in the plaza playing their music around the time of the shooting, without skipping a beat.

In one video, a man plucking a large harp continues to belt out the Mexican civil war anthem “La Cucaracha” as dozens of gunshots can be heard in the background.

In another, brass instruments and melancholic voices fill the air as the flashing lights of police vehicles descend on the plaza. Patrons continued to down tequilas and tuck into tacos.

At the Tenampa cantina, which bills itself as having first brought mariachi troupes to the plaza in the 1920s, a manager said it was business as usual Saturday.

“We haven’t had any reservations cancelled and we continue to book tables,” he said, asking that his name not be published for fear of retaliation by criminal groups.

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Crimes and scams have plagued Garibaldi Plaza for years. Malcolm X's grandson Malcolm Shabazz was found beaten to death outside a bar there in 2013 after a dispute over a bill.

A Mexican security expert, Alejandro Hope, said the Friday shooting appeared to be a hit by an organized crime group. Garibaldi Plaza borders the gritty Tepito neighborhood, home to the Union Tepito gang that has been extorting businesses across the capital.

The suspected head of Union Tepito, a man known as "El Betito," was arrested in August. That arrest may have set off a battle for leadership and turf. A rival gang called the Anti-Union Force is believed to hang around Garibaldi.

Hope said the shooters targeted a specific restaurant on the plaza in what may have been a shakedown for protection money or a hit on rivals.

"It was not random," he said.

Niece: Family won't take in Elizabeth Smart's kidnapper

By LINDSAY WHITEHURST, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Once an accomplished organ player in Salt Lake City, Wanda Barzee became a disturbing figure for members of her own family after she helped in the 2002 kidnapping of then-teenager Elizabeth Smart.

Days before the 72-year-old woman is released from prison, looming fears about whether she remains a threat and calls to keep her off the streets bring up deep-rooted questions about mental-health treatment in the nation's prisons, an expert said.

And details of the crime still horrify Barzee's niece, Tina Mace.

"It just makes you ill. How could anyone do that?" she said.

Her aunt played the organ at her wedding decades ago, before Barzee joined Mitchell as he acted on his so-called revelations from God.

Like Smart, Mace is alarmed by the surprise announcement this week by Utah authorities, who said they had miscalculated her aunt's sentence and would release her from prison on Sept. 19.

"From what I know, no family can take her in or would take her in," Mace said.

Federal agents have found a place for Barzee to live when she starts her five-year supervised release, said Eric Anderson, the deputy chief U.S. Probation Officer for Utah.

He declined comment on whether she will be in a private home or a facility, but she "will not be homeless," he said.

Barzee has served the 15-year sentence she got in a plea deal the year she testified against street preacher Brian David Mitchell, her then-husband who kidnapped the girl from her bedroom at knifepoint.

During her months in captivity, Smart said the older woman sat nearby and encouraged her husband as he raped the teenager.

Smart is now a 30-year-old speaker and activist who said Thursday she's deeply concerned that Barzee remains a threat, citing her refusal to cooperate with mental-health treatment in prison and reports that she may still harbor Mitchell's beliefs.

Smart called for authorities to consider carefully whether inmates have been successfully treated before they are released.

But large-scale changes requiring rehabilitation could pose troubling questions, said Rebecca Weiss, an assistant professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. "We could be incarcerating someone indefinitely who has served their sentence," she said.

Treating the disproportionate number of people with mental illness in U.S. prisons — many of whom are not violent — is among the system's biggest challenges. While there is a need to protect the public, inmates also have the right to refuse treatment.

"The degree to which our prisons succeed in rehabilitation is questionable," Weiss said. "We're putting a lot on a system that is overloaded with fairly unclear goals."

Repeat violent sex offenders can be civilly committed in the federal system, but that requires a series

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of evaluations and a judge's decision that they pose an imminent risk, Anderson said.

Barzee's lawyer has maintained she's not a threat. Attorney Scott Williams did not immediately return a message seeking comment. Prison officials declined to discuss her behavior behind bars or relay an interview request.

She was treated at the Utah State Hospital for about five years following her arrest. She testified in 2010 against Mitchell.

Barzee described a "hellish" first year of marriage that eased after she "learned to be submissive and obedient," and his later pronouncement that it was "God's will" they sell their possessions and travel the country wearing long robes.

Eventually, Mitchell kidnapped then-14-year-old Smart, forced her into a polygamous "marriage" and raped her almost daily.

She was found nine months later, while walking with Barzee and Mitchell on a street in the Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy.

Barzee's testimony against him seemed like a turning point, but her mental state appears to have changed in her subsequent years in federal and state prisons, Mace said.

Mitchell is serving a life sentence.

Looking back on the captivity, Smart said Thursday that she believes the older woman who treated her as a "handmaiden" and a "slave" was manipulated by her husband at times. "But she, in her own right, abused me as much as he did."

Former Colorado nuke site opens to public as wildlife refuge

By DAN ELLIOTT, Associated Press

DENVER (AP) — Cyclists and hikers explored a newly opened wildlife refuge at the site of a former nuclear weapons plant in Colorado on Saturday, while a protester in a gas mask brought signs warning about the dangers of plutonium.

With no fanfare, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service opened the gates of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge on the perimeter of a government factory that made plutonium triggers for nuclear bombs for nearly four decades.

Spread across a rolling, wind-swept plateau 16 miles (26 kilometers) northwest of downtown Denver, the refuge is a rare oasis of tallgrass prairie, with bears, elk, falcons, songbirds and hundreds of other species. The refuge offers sweeping panoramas of the Rocky Mountain foothills and Denver's skyscrapers.

"You get these incredible views," said Jerry Jacka, who spent two hours mountain biking at the refuge Saturday.

Jacka said he was not worried about his safety, despite lawsuits and protests by people who argued the government has not tested the refuge thoroughly enough to make sure people are safe using it.

"I don't believe that they're covering up any sort of information about pollutants and radioactive elements and stuff in the soil," Jacka said.

The government built plutonium triggers at Rocky Flats from 1952 to 1989, a history marred by fires, leaks and spills. The plant was shut down after a criminal investigation into environmental violations.

The U.S. Energy Department, which oversaw the plant, said it found 62 pounds (28 kilograms) of plutonium stuck in exhaust ducts of buildings.

Rockwell International, the contractor then operating the plant, was fined \$18.5 million after pleading guilty in 1992 to charges that included mishandling chemical and radioactive material.

The weapons complex covered 2 square miles (5 square kilometers) at the center of the site. It was cleaned up at a cost of \$7 billion but remains off-limits to the public. The 8-square-mile (21-square-kilometer) buffer zone surrounding the manufacturing site was turned over to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a refuge.

About 10 miles (16 kilometers) of trails are now open at the refuge. Visitors are told to stay on the paths and not wander the grasslands.

State and federal health officials say the site is safe, but some people worry that plutonium particles

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cluded the cleanup and could be sprinkled over the refuge, where hikers and cyclists could stir them up or track them home. At least seven Denver-area school districts have barred school-sanctioned field trips to refuge.

If inhaled, plutonium can lodge in lung tissue, where it can kill lung cells and cause scarring, which in turn can cause lung disease and cancer, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You have a situation where you still have plutonium in the soil being disturbed by the wildlife and the weather," said Stephen Parlato, his voice muffled by the gas mask he wore at a refuge trailhead Saturday.

Parlato said the mask had a filter capable of blocking plutonium particles and that he wore it for protection, not for show.

"You even have school districts that have gone on the record to say they do not allow their students to come on trips here. This is an ongoing danger," he said.

Jon Simon, another cyclist who rode the refuge trails Saturday, said he doubted he would develop plutonium-related health problems in his lifetime, but worried that children might be vulnerable.

"I wouldn't want to walk my kid through here every day in the morning for our morning walk or something like that," he said. "But I'm old enough.... That's not what's going to get me."

The opening was in the works for months but was thrown into doubt Friday afternoon when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who oversees the Fish and Wildlife Service, said he wanted to wait for more information about safety.

An hour later, the Interior Department said a review was complete and the refuge would open.

Department spokeswoman Faith Vander Voort did not respond to an email seeking more information about the review.

This story has been corrected to show the amount of plutonium found in the plant ducts was 62 pounds, not 57 pounds.

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Manafort plea deal raises key question: What does he know?

By ERIC TUCKER, CHAD DAY and MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Trump associates folded one by one over the last year under the pressure of federal investigators, there was always Paul Manafort.

Until suddenly there wasn't.

Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, who for months stood resolute in his innocence and determined to fight charge upon charge even as fellow onetime loyalists caved, reached an extraordinary plea agreement with special counsel Robert Mueller's office on Friday that requires him to assist the Russia investigation and converts him into a potentially vital government cooperator.

The deal, struck in Washington just days before Manafort was to have faced a second trial, is tied to Ukrainian political consulting work and unrelated to the Trump campaign.

The question remains what information Manafort, 69, is able to provide about the president, as well as whether the Trump election effort coordinated with Russia.

Manafort's leadership of the campaign at a time when prosecutors say Russian intelligence was working to sway the election, and his involvement in episodes under scrutiny, may make him an especially insightful witness.

Manafort was among the participants in a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting in New York with Russians and Trump's oldest son and son-in-law that was arranged for the campaign to receive derogatory information about Democratic president nominee Hillary Clinton.

He was also a close business associate of a man who U.S. intelligence believes has ties to Russian intelligence. While he was working on the campaign, emails show Manafort discussed providing private briefings for a wealthy Russian businessman close to Vladimir Putin.

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"The expectations around Manafort's cooperation are likely at a level beyond anyone else to date who has agreed to cooperate," said Jacob Frenkel, a Washington lawyer not involved in the case. "Whether those expectations will be met is the great unknown."

Manafort had long resisted the idea of cooperating even as prosecutors stacked additional charges against him in Washington and Virginia. Trump had saluted that stance, publicly praising him and suggesting Manafort had been treated worse than gangster Al Capone. Trump's lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, had suggested a pardon might be a possibility after the investigation was concluded.

Then came Friday's development.

Manafort agreed to provide any information asked of him, testify whenever asked and even work undercover if necessary. The cooperation ensures the investigation will extend far beyond the November elections despite entreaties from the president's lawyers that Mueller bring it to a close.

The agreement makes Manafort the latest associate of Trump, a president known to place a premium on loyalty among subordinates, to admit guilt and work with investigators in hopes of leniency.

Mueller had already secured cooperation from a former Trump national security adviser who lied to the FBI about discussing sanctions with a Russian ambassador; a Trump campaign aide who broached the idea of a meeting with Putin; and another aide who was indicted alongside Manafort but ultimately turned on him. Trump's former personal lawyer has separately pleaded guilty in New York.

Manafort was convicted last month of eight financial crimes in a separate trial in Virginia and faces an estimated seven to 10 years in prison in that case. The two conspiracy counts he admitted to on Friday carry up to five years, though Manafort's sentence will ultimately depend on his cooperation.

"He wanted to make sure that his family was able to remain safe and live a good life. He's accepted responsibility. This is for conduct that dates back many years and everybody should remember that," Manafort attorney Kevin Downing said outside court.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders insisted the Manafort case was unrelated to Trump. Giuliani said he spoke to Trump on Friday about Manafort's plea.

"The president was OK with it," he said. "In a way, it's another indication there is no evidence of collusion. All of these charges predate the time Paul spent with the president. And there's nothing in what he pleaded about collusion."

It's unclear how the deal might affect any Manafort pursuit of a pardon from Trump, though Giuliani told Politico before the deal that a plea without a cooperation agreement wouldn't foreclose the possibility of a pardon.

Under the terms of the deal, Manafort was allowed to plead guilty to just two counts, though the crimes he admitted largely overlap with the conduct alleged in an indictment last year. He abandoned his right to appeal his sentences in Washington and Virginia and agreed to forfeit homes in New York, including a condo in Trump Tower.

But the guilty plea spares Manafort the cost of a weekslong trial that could have added years to the prison time he's already facing following the Virginia guilty verdicts. A jury there found him guilty of filing false tax returns, failing to report foreign bank accounts and bank fraud. Jurors deadlocked on 10 other counts.

Prosecutors on Friday presented new information about allegations they were prepared to reveal at trial, which was to have focused on Manafort's political consulting and lobbying work on behalf of former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich and the pro-Russian Party of Regions.

That case alleged that Manafort directed a large-scale U.S. lobbying operation for Ukrainian interests but never registered with the Justice Department as a foreign agent despite being required to do so under the law, and that he concealed millions of dollars in income for the consulting work from the IRS.

He also failed to disclose his involvement in lobbying efforts made through a group of former European politicians, known as the Hapsburg Group, who pushed policies beneficial to Ukraine, prosecutors said Friday.

In 2013, one of the politicians and his country's prime minister met with then-President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden in the Oval Office. Manafort was later sent an email that the politicians had

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"delivered the message of not letting 'Russians Steal Ukraine from the West.'"

Another allegation revealed Friday concerns Manafort's efforts to peddle stories to discredit Yanukovich's opponent, Yulia Tymoshenko, and undermine U.S. government support for her.

Prosecutors said he spread stories and secretly coordinated with an Israeli government official to publicize the idea that a U.S. Cabinet official was an anti-Semite for supporting Tymoshenko, "who in turn had formed a political alliance with a Ukraine party that espoused anti-Semitic views," court documents said.

"I have someone pushing it on the NY Post. Bada bing bada boom," Manafort wrote to a colleague, prosecutors say.

Online: Read the charges against Manafort: <http://apne.ws/M1oQRia>

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2018. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 16, 1987, two dozen countries signed the Montreal Protocol, a treaty designed to save the Earth's ozone layer by calling on nations to reduce emissions of harmful chemicals by the year 2000.

On this date:

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

In 1857, the song "Jingle Bells" by James Pierpont was copyrighted under its original title, "One Horse Open Sleigh." (The song, while considered a Christmastime classic, was actually written for Thanksgiving.)

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1964, the rock-and-roll show "Shindig!" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1994, a federal jury in Anchorage, Alaska, ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez (val-DEEZ') oil spill (the U.S Supreme Court later reduced that amount to \$507.5 million). Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in ten years.

In 2001, President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was "no question" Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would "find them, get them running and hunt them down."

In 2007, contractors for the U.S. security firm Blackwater USA guarding a U.S. State Department convoy in Baghdad opened fire on civilian vehicles, mistakenly believing they were under attack; 14 Iraqis died. O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison; he was released in 2017.)

Ten years ago: Gen. David Petraeus stepped aside as Gen. Ray Odierno took over as the top American commander of the Iraq war. President George W. Bush got a firsthand look at the fury that Hurricane Ike had unleashed on the Gulf Coast with stops in Houston and Galveston, Texas, and a helicopter tour.

Five years ago: Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the

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Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 victims before being shot dead by police.

One year ago: Tropical Storm Maria, which would batter the Caribbean as a powerful hurricane, formed in the Atlantic. British police said they had arrested an 18-year-old man in connection with the bomb that partially exploded a day earlier in a London subway car. California lawmakers voted to move the state's presidential primary up by about three months to March, a move that would force candidates to mount expensive campaigns earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 96. Actor George Chakiris is 86. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 83. Movie director Jim McBride is 77. Actress Linda Miller is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 74. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 70. Actress Susan Ruttan is 70. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 70. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 69. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 68. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 67. Actor Mickey Rourke is 66. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 65. Actor Kurt Fuller is 65. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 65. Actor Christopher Rich is 65. TV personality Mark McEwen is 64. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 63. Magician David Copperfield is 62. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 60. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 60. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 60. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum is 59. Actress Jayne Brook is 58. Singer Richard Marx is 55. Comedian Molly Shannon is 54. Singer Marc Anthony is 50. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 47. Actress Toks Olagundoye (tohks oh-lah-GOON'-doh-yay) is 43. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 43. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sihk) is 41. Actor Michael Mosley is 40. Rapper Flo Rida is 39. Actress Alexis Bledel is 37. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 34. Actress Madeline Zima is 33. Actor Ian Harding is 32. Actress Kyla Pratt is 32. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 31. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 30. Actress-dancer Bailey Buntain is 29. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 26. Actress Elena Kampouris is 21.

Thought for Today: "You can love a person deeply and sincerely whom you do not like. You can like a person passionately whom you do not love." — Robert Hugh Benson, English author and clergyman (1871-1914).