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

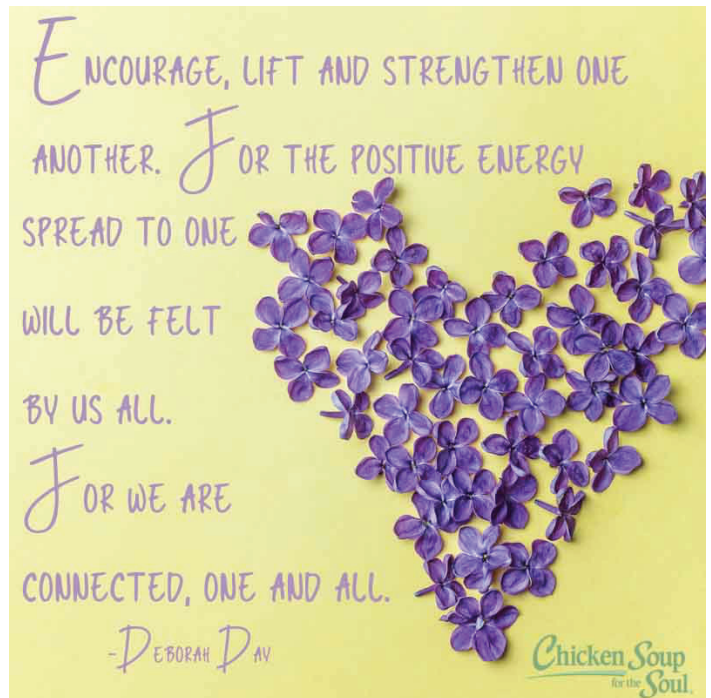
## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

### 1 - Sunday

Pool Hours: 1-4:50 open swim, 4:50-6:30 lap swim, 6:30-8:00 open swim)  
St. John's: Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 9 a.m.  
Emmanuel: Worship, 9 a.m.  
SEAS Catholic: service, 9 a.m.  
C&MA: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
UMC: Fellowship, 10 a.m.; Worship with Communion, 11 a.m.  
Presbyterian: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

### 2 - Monday

NO SCHOOL  
Pool Hours: 1-4:50 open swim  
Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.



### 3 - Tuesday

10 a.m.: Boys Golf at Lee Park  
6:30 p.m.: Volleyball at Ipswich (JV at 6:30)  
St. John's: Ladies Aid LWML, 1 p.m.  
UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.  
**Breakfast:** Mini Pancakes  
**Lunch:** Pizza Cruncher, Cooked Carrots  
**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, apricots, whole wheat bread.

It's Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Ipswich  
Tigers**

VS



**Groton Area Tigers**

Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2019

7:00 p.m. at Ipswich

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## Sunday Extras



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*Then he took his staff in his hand; and he chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he had, and his sling was in his hand. And he drew near to the Philistine.*

1 SAMUEL 17:40

*Detail of "Slinger from the Balearic Islands" by Johnny Shumate (2005)*

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**T**HE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG BY THE CHIMNEY WITH CARE, IN THE HOPES THAT THE RECESSION SOON WOULD BE THERE...



## BIBLE

## TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joseph in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Proverbs 22, what is foolishness bound in the heart of? *Wicked, Poor, Child, Foolish*

3. Who led the Israelites over the River Jordan? *Moses, Joshua, Aaron, Elijah*

4. Which Psalm begins, "O God, thou art my God"? *60, 63, 74, 117*

5. What was the name of Samson's father? *Noah, Manoah, Jesse, Levi*

6. Who wrote the book of Proverbs? *Jude, Moses, Solomon, Isaac*

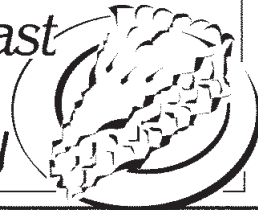
ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Child; 3) Joshua; 4) 63; 5) Manoah; 6) Solomon

*Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in stores and online.*

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## Comfort foods

Made fast  
and  
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

### Broccoli Harvest Salad

Summer is almost over. Winter will be here sooner than most of us want. Let's gather family and friends together for one last chance to have fun in the sun. We'll provide a tasty salad dish!

*2¾ cups chopped fresh broccoli*

*¼ cup raisins*

*1 cup unpeeled, cored and chopped Red Delicious apples*

*¼ cup finely chopped red onion*

*¼ cup bacon bits*

*⅓ cup shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese*

*½ cup fat-free mayonnaise*

*1 tablespoon white vinegar*  
*Sugar substitute to equal 2 teaspoons sugar*

1. In a large bowl, combine broccoli, raisins, apples and onion. Stir in bacon bits and Cheddar cheese.

2. In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar substitute. Add mayonnaise mixture to broccoli mixture. Mix well to combine.

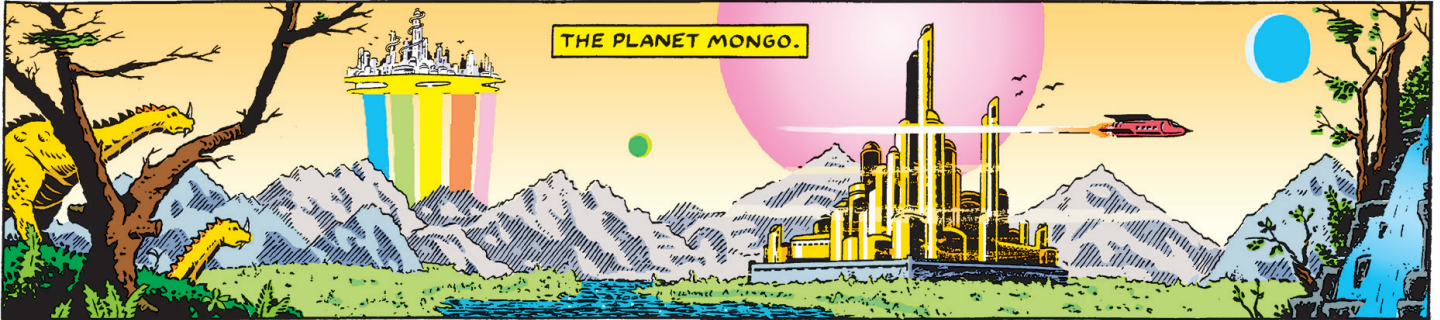
3. Cover and refrigerate for at least 20 minutes. Gently stir again just before serving. Makes 6 (2/3 cup each) servings.

• Each serving equals: 94 calories, 2g fat, 5g protein, 14g carb., 409mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 Fruit, 1 Vegetable.

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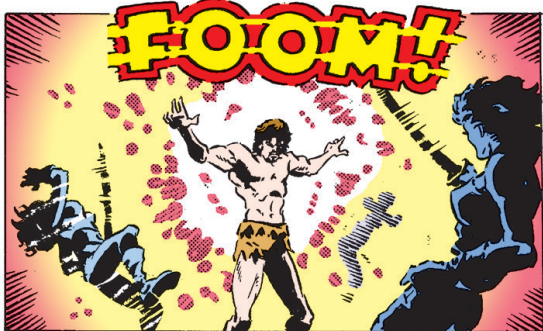
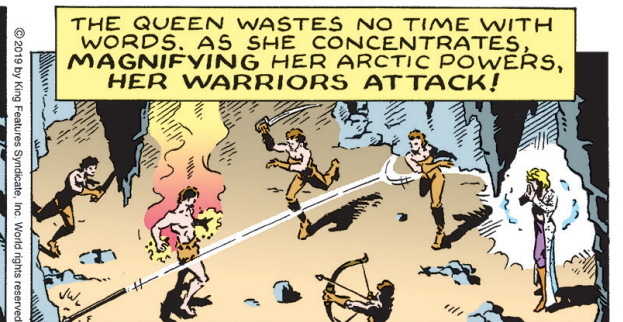
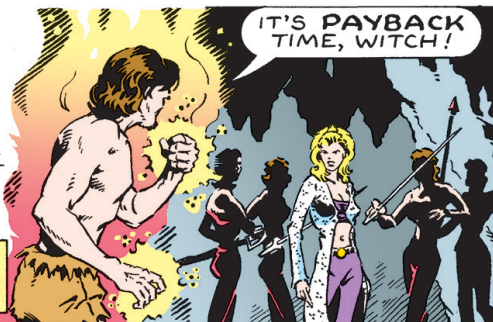
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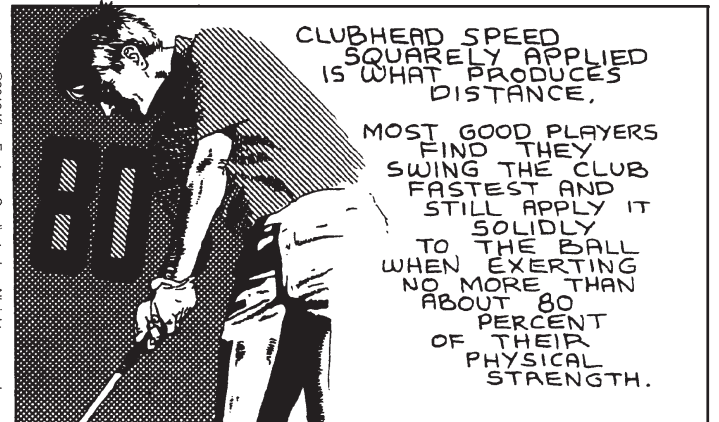
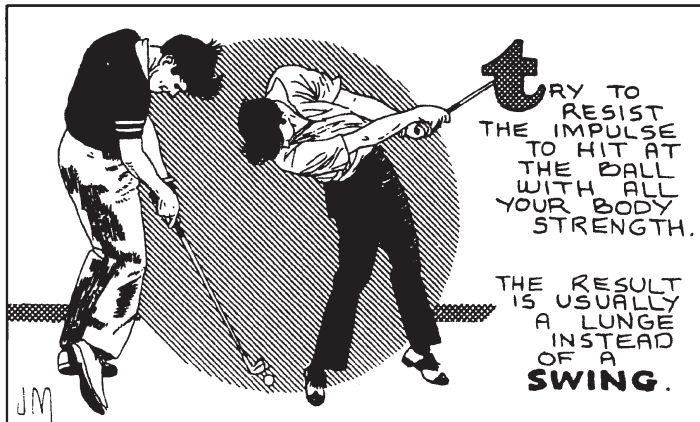
## FLASH GORDON

8-25 BY JIM KEEFE

CONFRONTED BY THE QUEEN, BLAZE BURNS WITH RAGE!



### Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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## Better to Sleep on Left Side or Right?

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I am a man in my late 50s. I now am told to sleep on my right side and not my left side, because it's better for the heart. However, my sinuses seem to open up and it's easier to breathe lying on my left side. What, if anything, will happen if I sleep on my left side? Can it damage the heart permanently or lead to an early death? — *M.N.*

**ANSWER:** Most people can sleep in whatever position they find comfortable without any problem. However, there are a few instances in which sleeping on the left side may potentially cause problems. One is in people with untreated obstructive sleep apnea, in which several studies have shown that sleeping on the left side leads to slightly more breathing problems than sleeping on the right. However, in people who are treated, that should not be a problem.

Pregnant women should sleep on the side. Although women have often been recommended to sleep on their left side, either side is fine for the baby. Left-sided sleeping may reduce swelling in the feet.

People with known severe congestive heart failure or coronary artery disease and who habitually sleep on the left side have a small increase in death compared with back or right-side sleepers. However, my opinion is that the benefit is so small that comfort and quality of sleep is more important.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have read that many runners drink too much

water and that this can be dangerous. What are the signs of drinking too much? — *H.C.*

**ANSWER:** Exercise-associated hyponatremia (“hypo” means “too little,” and “natremia” means “sodium in the blood”) is common for endurance athletes, such as long-distance triathletes and marathoners. It is caused by losing salt and water, mostly through sweat, and replacing it with only water. Most cases are mild and have few symptoms, but if there are symptoms, they are most commonly weakness, headache and dizziness. Severe cases cause disorientation and can lead to seizures and death. In a study of the Boston Marathon in 2002, 13% of finishers had hyponatremia, but only 1% had critical levels.

To avoid hyponatremia, you need to ignore the advice to “drink as much as possible” during exercise. Further, most sports drinks do not have enough sodium to protect against hyponatremia. As simple as the advice is, drinking when you are thirsty when you exercise is the best way of preventing hyponatremia while still preventing volume depletion or dehydration.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** You wrote last year about cod liver oil as a source of vitamin D and omega-3. Can you recommend a brand? — *M.E.T.*

**ANSWER:** I don't like to recommend specific brands unless there are scientific studies showing a difference between brands, which I can't find with cod liver oil. However, I would look for a brand that is labeled “certified USP,” meaning it is tested for contaminants, and one that has a low vitamin A level (below 10,000 IU daily). You also might want one with high (450 mg or greater) EPA plus DPA (the most commonly recommended omega-3 fats).

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*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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1. Who was “drinking a pina colada at Trader Vic's”?
2. Name the “love” song released by Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders (1965) and Tex Pistol/Ian Morris (1987).
3. What was the Bootleg Series of Basement Tapes?
4. Which band called themselves The Wonder Who from 1965 to 1967?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: “Our guardian star lost all its glow the day that I lost you.”

### Answers

1. A werewolf, in “Werewolves of London,” by Warren Zevon in 1978. Legend says that Zevon got the idea while watching a werewolf movie with Phil Everly.
2. “Game of Love.” The song was also covered by the Beach Boys and rapper Eminem.
3. Home recordings made in 1967 by Bob Dylan and other musicians as he recuperated in his basement from a motorcycle accident. The first release, in 1975, contained 24 songs. “The Bootleg Series Vol. 11: The Basement Tapes Complete” was finally released in 2014 and contained 138 tracks on eight discs.
4. The Four Seasons.
5. “Mr. Blue,” by The Fleetwoods in 1959. It was the group's second No. 1 hit that year. Numerous others have released covers over the years.

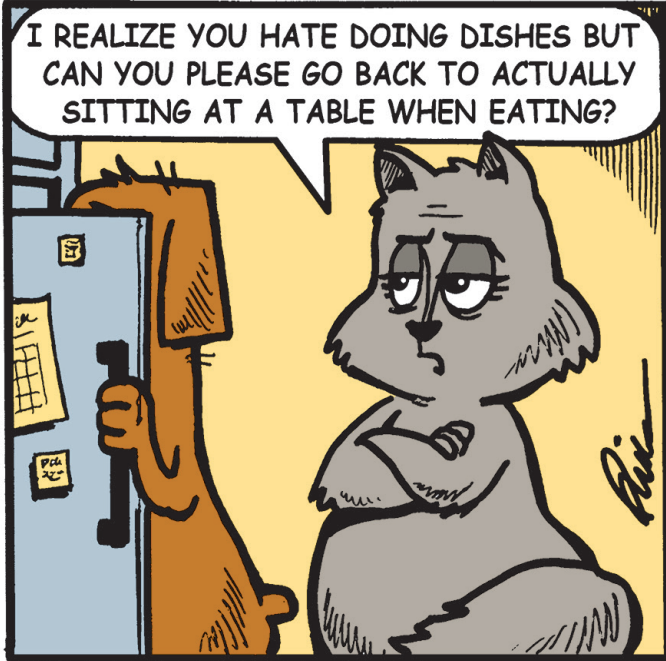
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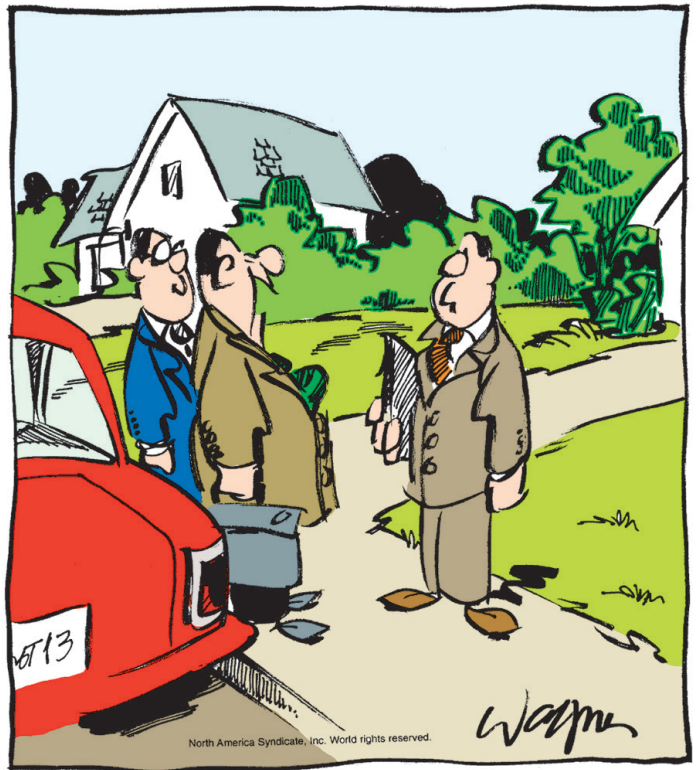
## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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## GRIN and BEAR IT <sup>Wagner</sup>

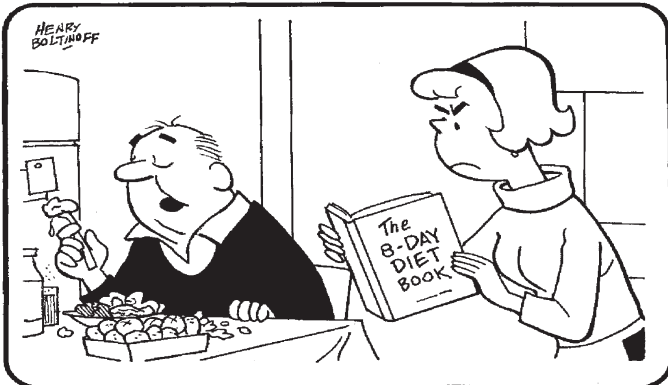


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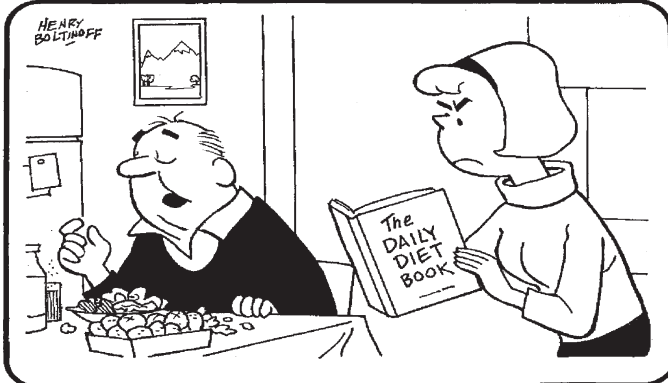
"You've been voted out of the car pool, Figby, but we'd like to keep your car."

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Book title is different. 2. Woman's hairdo has changed. 3. Picture is added to wall. 4. Man's fork is gone. 5. Woman's apron is missing. 6. Woman's right hand is hidden.



- Mirrors make a room feel larger, because they reflect space, essentially doubling the visual area. But for maximum impact, experts say to hang your mirror on the wall adjacent to your window, not across from it.

- Lunchbox season is here, finally. If you have an issue with odors remaining in your plastic food containers, here's a fix from B.P. in Alabama: "Fill container with hot water, and add a teaspoon of baking soda. This should remove smells. Let sit overnight if necessary."

- Here's a way to remove stickers, especially ones that don't tear off. Rub labels with straight white vinegar or soak a paper napkin with vinegar and lay it over the label. Let it sit for 10 minutes, then remove. You should be able to rub the adhesive right off. Reapply if necessary.

- Whether you recycle because of global warming, landfill overload or environmental issues, the planet thanks you. But remember that recycling is only one part of going green. "Reduce" and "re-use" are just as important. Choose products with less packaging. Have small appliances fixed instead of automatically replacing them. And keep recycling.

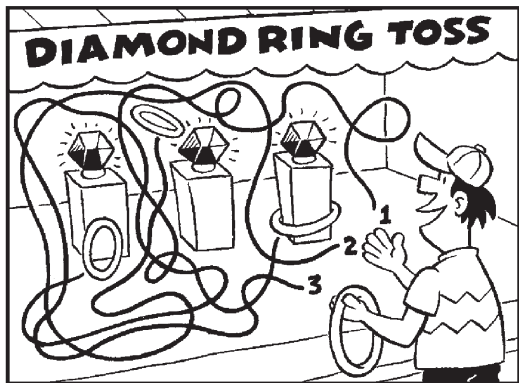
- Clean your coffeemaker this way: Fill your coffeepot with equal parts water and vinegar. Add to machine and run as normal. Halfway through the cycle, turn the pot off and let the heated mixture sit for an hour or more. Complete the cycle, and run another pot or two of plain water through to rinse.

- If you kids have gone wild with new school supplies, here's a tip from A.M. in Indiana to erase crayon marks from painted walls: "Make a paste of equal parts baking soda and water, and apply to the area. Then let it dry and wipe away." This works best on a white or very light wall, as dark colors may lose some color. Also, wipe gently, as baking soda is a mild abrasive.

*Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.*

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**JIMMY JUST WON** a genuine Fakeridium, almost-diamond ring. You have one guess to determine which toss was the lucky one.

Answer: Toss #1.

**X-RAY VISION!** Say to your friend, "I'll bet you that if you place a quarter in the palm of my hand, tails-side up, I can tell you what the date is just by looking at the back of the coin." After he places the coin on your hand, look at it for a moment, then tell him what today's date is. After all, you didn't say you'd tell him the *coin's* date!



**LET THE WORD GAMES BEGIN!** At right is a word square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below? All words used must read the same both across and down.

- Often worn on your sleeve.
- Something weird.
- Basketball building (given).
- Slippery places.
- To annoy or make fun of.

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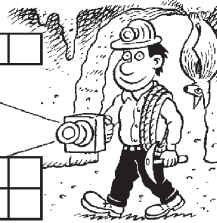
Answers: 1. Heart. 2. Eerie. 3. Arena. 4. Rinks. 5. Tease.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

IT'S SPELUNKING TIME!

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Let's go caving. In the grid to the left, there is room to enter seven words pertaining to cave exploration. Don't go "batty" looking for the right ones. The following hints should be of help:

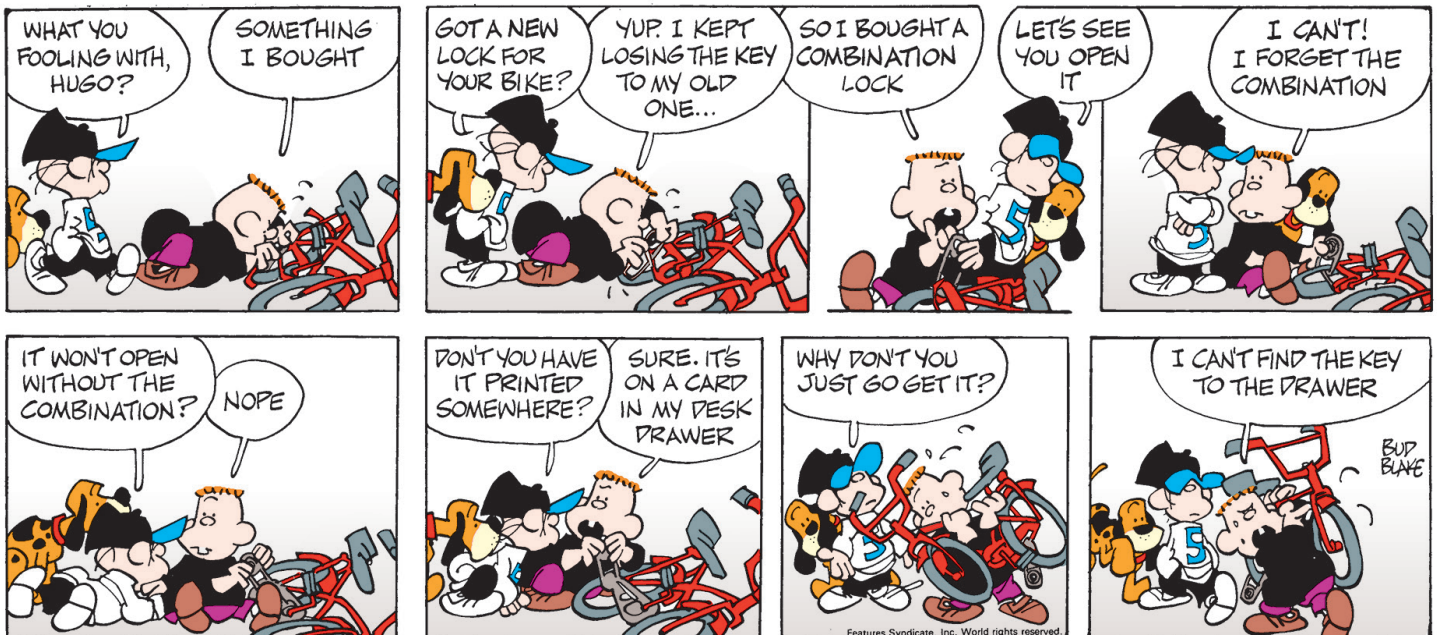
- A large cave room.
- A ceiling feature.
- Their pictures are often found on cave walls.
- All spelunkers should wear these.
- What you do in a cave.
- This is often the smallest part of a cave.
- Needed most when exploring a cave.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will tell you what the name of a famous cave is.

Answers: 1. Chamber. 2. Stalactite. 3. Animals. 4. Helmets. 5. Explore. 6. Entrance. 7. Flashlight. The dark framed column spells "Mammoth," the name of a famous cave in Kentucky.

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE





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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 "30 Rock" role
- 4 Dressed
- 8 Wrinkly fruit
- 12 Raw rock
- 13 Bigfoot's cousin
- 14 Bellow
- 15 Slight touch
- 16 Ski resort in the Poconos
- 18 Same
- 20 Vast expanse
- 21 Comfy footwear, for short
- 24 Make into law
- 28 Group of submarines
- 32 Continental coin
- 33 Alias abbr.
- 34 Decelerates
- 36 Kanga's kid
- 37 Deposited
- 39 Pancake
- 41 Hammerstein's contribution
- 43 God, in Grenoble
- 44 Upper limit
- 46 Getting on
- 50 Type of shoulder bag
- 55 Anti
- 56 "American —"
- 57 Pivot
- 58 Greek H
- 59 Roly- —
- 60 Layer

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- 61 Morning moisture
- 10 Varnish ingredient
- 35 House VIP
- 11 Annoy
- 38 In a pleasant way
- 17 Appomattox loser
- 40 Moonshine container
- 19 Bowling alley inits.
- 42 Automobile
- 22 A little lower?
- 45 "Hey, you!"
- 23 Berate
- 47 On the rocks
- 25 Emanation
- 48 Memorandum
- 26 Gator's cousin
- 49 Eat away (at)
- 50 With it
- 27 Snatched
- 51 Big bother
- 28 Partition
- 52 Encyc. portion
- 29 Fine
- 53 Foreman foe
- 30 Hideaway
- 54 Prompt
- 31 "The Bridge on the River
- 9 — long way
- "

### DOWN

- 1 Source of wealth
- 2 Mideastern nation
- 3 Ox of India
- 4 One-eyed beast
- 5 Grazing ground
- 6 24-hr. money provider
- 7 Conks out
- 8 Suave
- 9 — long way

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## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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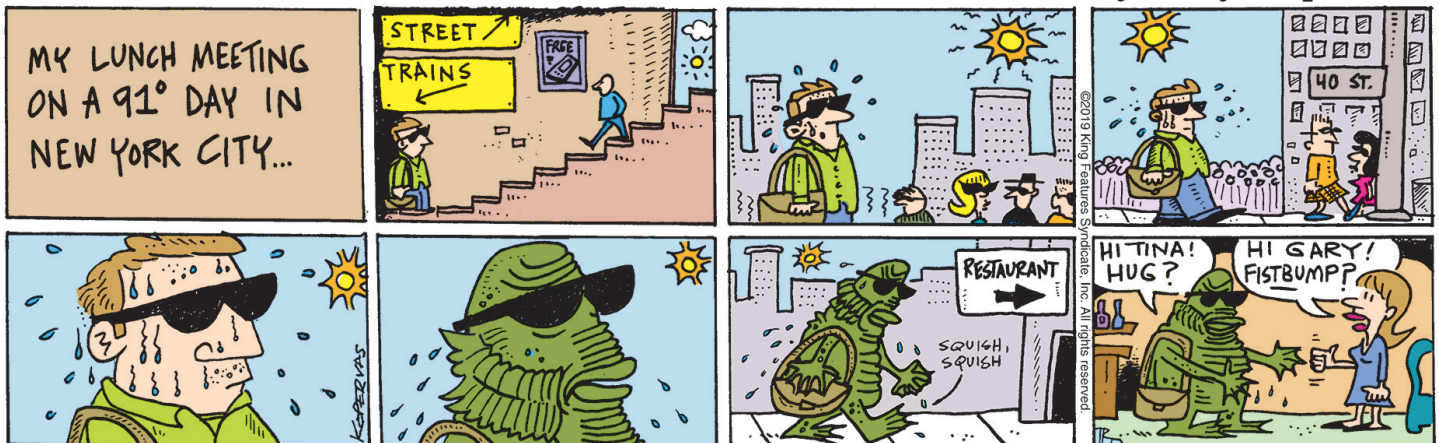
## LAFF - A - DAY



"I was going to borrow a little piece for a mustache."

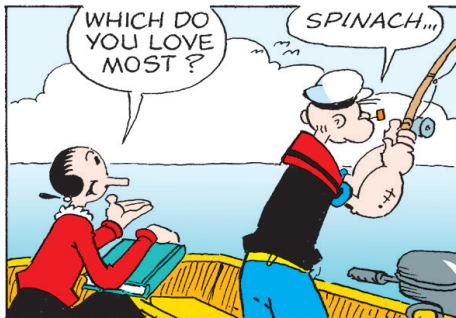
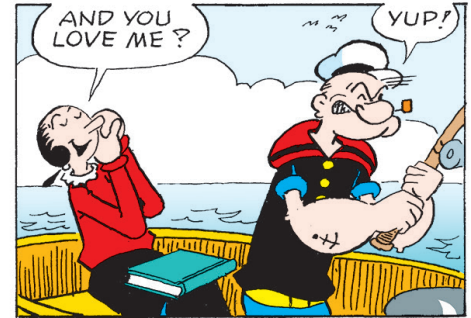
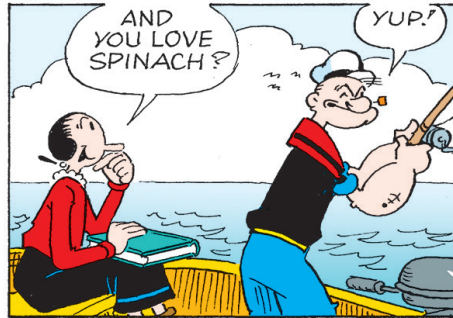
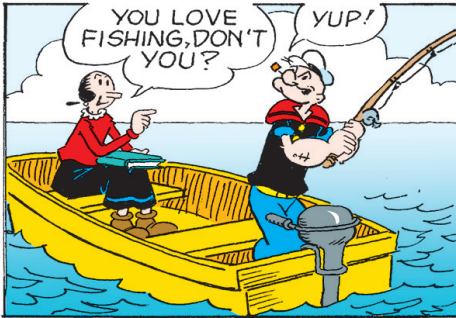
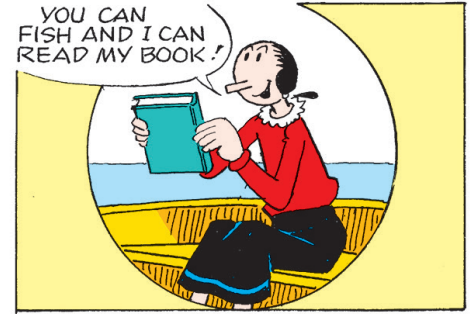
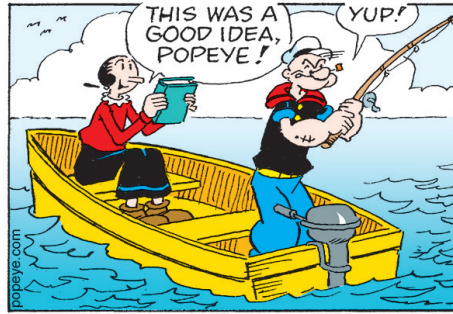
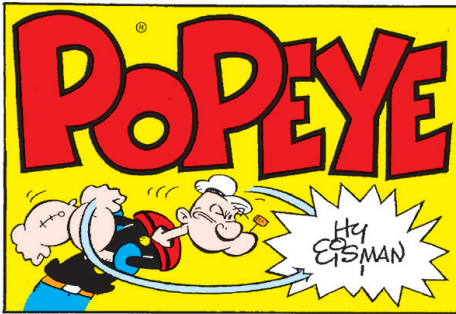
## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



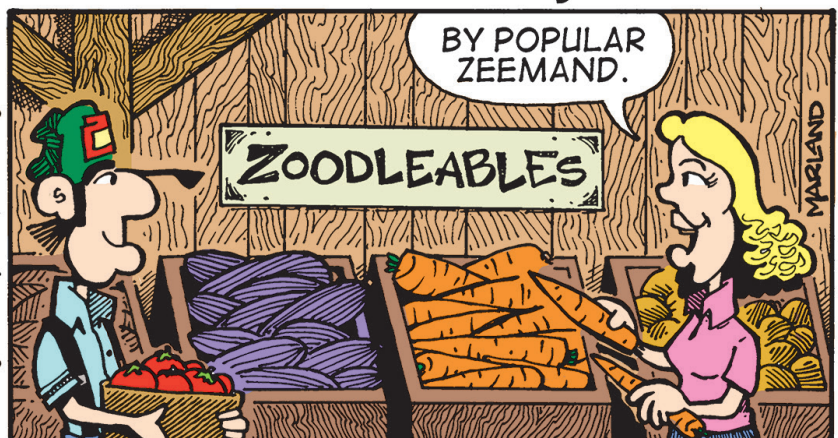
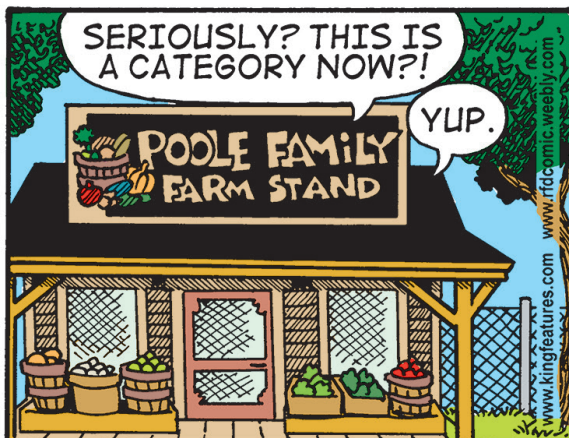
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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**Hal Foster's Prince Valiant**  
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ

**Our Story:**  
VAL, ALETA AND COMPANY DEPART AB'SABA AMIDST MUCH FARE AND TEARFUL ADIEUS. QUEEN MAKEDA HERSELF SEES OFF THESE NORTHERNERS, WHO, SO PROVIDENTIALLY, HELPED HER GAIN THE CROWN. SHE SAVES HER LAST WORDS FOR VAL ...

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...AND PRESENTS THE COURT OF PENDRAGON WITH ITS FIRST AMBASSADOR FROM AB'SABA: "AS WE HAVE DISCUSSED, THE MIGHTY WARRIOR BUKOTA WILL SERVE AS MY REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL THINGS."

BUKOTA IS THE LAST TO BOARD. ALETA, EVER THE ROMANTIC, BELIEVES SHE CATCHES A GLANCE OF DEEP LONGING AND REGRET PASS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS QUEEN. "FORBIDDEN LOVE?" SHE WONDERS.

VAL IS MORE CONCERNED WITH THE RECEPTION BUKOTA WILL FACE IN CAMELOT. WILL THE BROWN-SKINNED GIANT FIND A WARM WELCOME IN THE CLOISTERED COURT?

NEXT:  
Airing it out

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## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

MY FAVORITE COFFEE CUP IS MISSING!!

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I'VE BEEN MUGGED!!!

*PICKERING*

## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Staying at Home as You Get Older

Aging in place means that we remain in our home as we get older. Many of us want that ... to stay where we're comfortable and things are familiar. With enough advance planning and a few changes, it's possible, but it means anticipating what our needs will be as we face the challenges of age.

For example, if you know you'll be staying in your home, there are some things you'll need to do in advance, basics like moving the master bedroom to the first floor, making the outside safe with better lighting and adding grab bars in the shower.

What about all the daily tasks you'll no longer be able to handle — driving and mowing, meals and shopping — that you'll need to hire others to do.

But what if you want to move first because your current environment isn't what you'll need? Many of us are moving to aging-in-place communities. They're loaded with amenities to keep us happy and healthy: libraries, grocery stores, buses and rides, lawn services and maintenance, meals in a dining room if desired, medical facilities, clubs, churches, classes — and the ability to upgrade to an assisted-living situation should it become necessary.

If you're just now at the thinking stage, consider signing up for AARP's free e-newsletter, Livable Communities ([www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org)). While it's aimed toward community leaders and residents, it will give you some ideas about things you might want or need.

Look at the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging website ([www.n4a.org](http://www.n4a.org)) and put in your ZIP code to find aging resources near you. Call one or two to get more information. Ask for any to-do lists they have for aging in place.

Aging in place can work, but you need to plan for it.

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by Chris Richcreek

1. For how many major-league teams did pitcher Bartolo Colon win at least one game during his 21-year career?
2. Which Cincinnati Reds player had a .750 batting average (12 at-bats) in the 1990 World Series?
3. Who is the only UCLA football player to have won a Heisman Trophy?
4. Name the last rookie before Utah's Donovan Mitchell in 2018 to lead an NBA playoff team in scoring during the regular season.

5. When was the last time before 2019 that the Dallas Stars scored at least five goals in back-to-back NHL playoff games?

6. In 2019, Christian Pulisic became the youngest player in U.S. men's national soccer history to reach 10 international goals (20 years, 189 days). Who had been the youngest?

7. When was the last time before 2019 that the Kentucky Derby winner did not run in the Preakness?

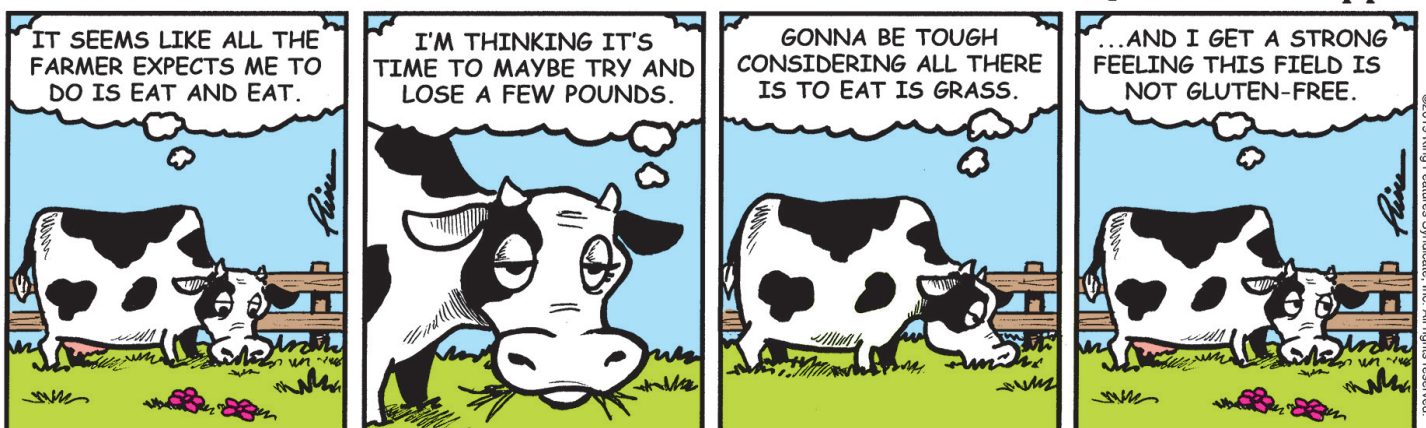
## Answers

1. Eleven teams.
2. Billy Hatcher.
3. Gary Beban, in 1967.
4. Denver's Carmelo Anthony, during the 2003-04 season.
5. It was 1991, when the franchise was located in Minnesota.
6. Jozy Altidore was 20 years, 337 days old when he did it in 2010.
7. It was 1996.

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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## Boys soccer team beats Vermillion; Vermillion girls win

Groton boys beat Vermillion 2-0 on Saturday. The score was 0-0 at halftime. The Tigers had several shots on goal and kept it up to score 2 second half. For the first goal Austin Jones beat the defense and scored with a nice assist from Piet Solling. The second goal was scored by Piet Solling on a penalty kick. Grady O'Neil had some great saves and all the boys played hard to secure a win. Groton is now 3-1 on the season and will host Tea Area next Saturday at 1 p.m.

Vermillion won the girls game, 6-0. It was 1-0 at half time. Vermillion had 27 shots on goal with seven corners for Vermillion. Groton had four shots on goal with two corners. Coach Chris Kucker said, "The girls played very tough throughout the game."



**Piet Solling is pictured above getting the penalty kick which was good. In the photo below left, Austin Jones' kick went right over the defender's hands for the goal.** (Photos by Marjae Schinkel)



**Pictured are Austin Jones, Goalie Grady O'Neill, Anthony Schinkel and Isaac Smith.** (Photo by Marjae Schinkel)

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**Jackson Cogley**

(Photo by Mindy Jones)



**Isaac Smith**

(Photo by Mindy Jones)



**Cade Guthmiller**

(Photo by Mindy Jones)



**Anthony Schinkel**

(Photo by Mindy Jones)



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The starters for Groton Area on Saturday were Grady O'Neill, Cade Guthmiller, Tucker Carda, Anthony Schinkel, Austin Jones, Isaac Smith, Garrett Schroeder, Jackson Cogley, Piet Solling, Jesse Zak and Jacob Zak. (Photo by Mindy Jones)



The starters for the girls game were Carly Guthmiller, Sydney Leicht, Ani Davidson, Emma Schinkel, Trista Keith, Allyssa Locke, Kaylin Kucker, Madeline Fliehs, Brooklyn Gilbert, Regan Leicht, Kenzie McInerney. (Photo by Tricia Keith)



Pictured are Jacob Zak and Braxton Imrie. (Photo by Dawn Imrie)

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**Pictured are Regan Leicht (25), Emma Schinkel (8) and Brooklyn Gilbert (23).** (Photo by Melissa Gilbert)



**Gretchen Dinger**  
(Photo by Tricia Keith)



**Kenzie McInerney**  
(Photo by Tricia Keith)



**Emma Schinkel**  
(Photo by Marjae Schinkel)

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## 2019 S.D. Farmers Union Day at the State Fair Supports South Dakota's Family Farmers & Ranchers & Rural Communities



**As one of the state's largest agriculture organizations, and a premier sponsor of the South Dakota State Fair, members of South Dakota Farmers Union recognized those who give back to rural communities across the state with the Rural Dakota Pride Award. The 2019 Rural Dakota Pride honorees, pictured here with Jr. Miss Rodeo Aberdeen, Gabrielle Rebelein (far left) and SDFU President Doug Sombke (far right), include (left to right) Jeannie Hofer, Huron; Angie Mueller, Ethan; Rich Bakeberg, Frederick; Franklin Olson, Pierpont and Jim Lane, Groton.** (Courtesy Photo)

HURON, S.D. - Recognizing rural heroes, awarding more than \$25,000 in scholarships, feeding more than 1,000 fairgoers and discussing industrial hemp with policy makers and much more – 2019 South Dakota Farmers Union Day at the State Fair, August 31, focused on supporting South Dakota's family farmers, ranchers and rural communities.

"We work all year to make this day's events relevant and educational for South Dakotans involved in agriculture and those who aren't," explains Karla Hofhenke, SDFU Executive Director.

As one of the state's largest agriculture organizations, and a premier sponsor of the South Dakota State Fair, members of the grassroots organization recognized those who give back to rural communities across the state with the Rural Dakota Pride Award. The 2019 Rural Dakota Pride honorees include Rich Bakeberg, Frederick; Jeannie Hofer, Huron; Jim Lane, Groton; Angie Mueller, Ethan and Franklin Olson, Pierpont.

"South Dakota's agriculture producers and their communities are closely connected. In good economic times they both prosper. When the economy is down, like today with the trade war, low commodity prices and extreme weather conditions, they both feel the pain," says Doug Sombke, SDFU President and fourth-generation Conde farmer. "The Rural Dakota Pride honor is one of many ways SDFU works to show our support for both."

Providing hands-on educational opportunities for fairgoers, SDFU hosted its annual Farmers Share Lunch and Team Up for Safety Quiz Bowl.

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**The South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation, in cooperation with Farmers Union Insurance, recognized recipients of the Insuring a Brighter Tomorrow \$1,000 scholarship. Over the past 12 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to students attending South Dakota post-secondary schools. Farmers Union Insurance agents throughout the state fund this scholarship program administered by the Farmers Union Foundation.** (Courtesy Photo)

Feeding more than 1,000, the lunch is designed to help those not involved in agriculture understand the gap between the price paid for food in the grocery store and what a South Dakota family farmer or rancher earns. The lunch, which would retail for \$12, only cost fairgoers 25 cents. Learn more, visit [www.sdfu.org](http://www.sdfu.org).

Educating youth about farm safety is a large part of SDFU educational programming. The organization's interactive Farm Safety Trailer is on display throughout the entire fair, and during Farmers Union Day. Four qualifying FFA teams put their farm safety knowledge to the test, competing in the Team Up for Safety Quiz Bowl. FFA Chapters competing included Wolsey Wessington, Hoven, Howard and Dell Rapids. Learn which team won by visiting [www.sdfu.org](http://www.sdfu.org).

Policy makers discuss industrial hemp

Industrial hemp has been on the minds of South Dakota legislators this summer as they work to develop a bill Governor Noem will sign in 2020. And today Farmers Union hosted two legislative members of the Summer Industrial Hemp Study to discuss with fairgoers what they learned from visiting with leaders from other states where the agriculture crop is legal.

"We're working to come up with legislation everyone can be comfortable with," explains Lee Qualm, House Majority Leader and Chair of Industrial Hemp Summer Study.

After the South Dakota Senate failed to override Governor Noem's veto of House Bill 1191, which would have legalized industrial hemp, a group of legislators, including Minority Whip and District 28A Representative, Oren Lesmeister began meeting with officials from states where industrial hemp is grown and processed, to learn how state departments of agriculture work with law enforcement, farmers and citizens.

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"We are seeing that these states have strict rules in place, but we also see that the fear industrial hemp is a backway to produce the drug, marijuana, is unwarranted," Lesmeister, a Parade rancher and small business owner explains. "We have also learned farmers can make money from this."

New marketing opportunities from the hardy crop that can be grown in nearly every region of South Dakota, are the reason Qualm and Lesmeister voted to legalize growing the crop during the 2019 Legislative Session.

"Industrial hemp is the first new crop that has come along in decades," says Qualm, a Platte farmer. "It provides the opportunity to add value to a crop before it leaves the state. We are so used to shipping out raw commodities instead of processing them here."

"Industrial hemp would give South Dakotans opportunities," adds Lesmeister. "I say South Dakotans, not just farmers or ranchers, because it's the business as a whole, through manufacturing opportunities that could benefit the entire state."

Support for legalizing industrial hemp became part of SDFU policy in 2018. The organization will continue to lobby Pierre to legalize the crop during the 2019 Legislative Session. Learn more about SDFU policy at [www.sdfu.org](http://www.sdfu.org).

## **Supporting rural youth through scholarships**

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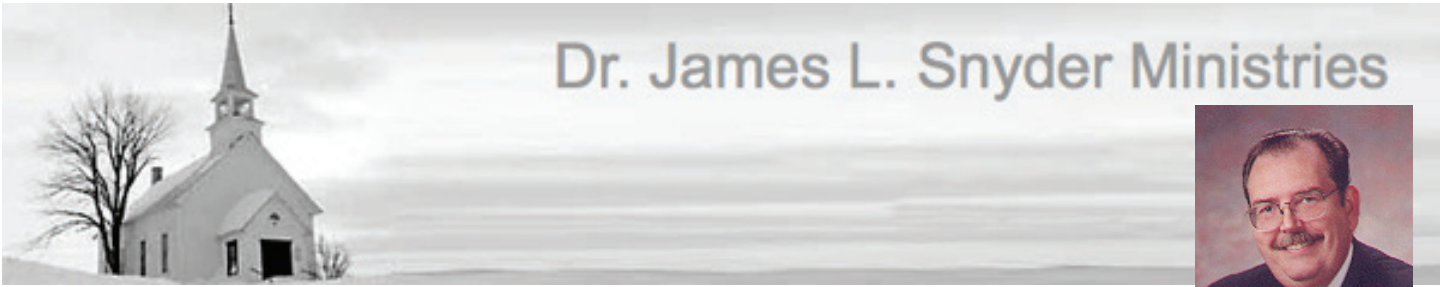
Over the past 12 years, the Foundation has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to students attending South Dakota post-secondary schools.

Farmers Union Insurance agents throughout the state fund this scholarship program administered by the Farmers Union Foundation. "Our insurance agents are committed to building a brighter future in South Dakota," says Jason Wells, Regional Manager of Farmers Union Insurance. "This is a remarkable group and they make me excited about the future of our great state. We're choosing to invest in these outstanding individuals to help them pursue their goals and aspirations.

Recipients include the following students: Abbie Bratland, daughter of Curwin & Kim Bratland, Willow Lake High School; Bayden Schneider, son of Jason & Velda Schneider, Chester Area High School; Benjamin Sees, son of Mike & Kris Sees, Irene-Wakonda High School; Brandon Volmer, son of Todd & Rona Volmer, Winner High School; Brittany Delzer, daughter of Glen & Cheryl Delzer, Sturgis Brown High School; Caleb Nugteren, son of Darin & Lisa Nugteren, Canistota High School; Conner Edelman, son of Kevin & Lisa Edelman, Menno Public High School; Elise Heesch, daughter of Loran & Yvette Heesch, Sisseton High School; Emily Buse, daughter of Gary & DeeAnna Buse, Lennox High School; Jaedyn Oplinger, daughter of Linda Oplinger, Menno Public High School; Justin Edelman, son of Del & Brenda Edelman, Menno Public High School; Justin Goetz, son of Trent & Goetz & Patricia Pudwill, Selby Area High School; Kaitlyn Carlon, daughter of Ronald & Nancy Carlon, Canton High School; Kendra Johnson, daughter of Wayne & Nancy Johnson, Webster Area High School; Kristin Kotes, daughter of Greg Kotes & Angel Eddy, Bridgewater-Emery High School; Liza Schoenbeck, daughter of Loren & Lisa Schoenbeck, Webster Area High School; Morgan Feddersen, son of Chris & Beth Feddersen, Jones County High School; Paydon Casper, son of Eric & Laurie Casper, Lake Preston High School; Spencer Lund, son of Brian & Kari Lund, St. Thomas More High School; Sydney Hoffman, daughter of Jeff & Deanna Hoffman, Bridgewater-Emery High School; Sydney Smith, daughter of Jay & Sherry Smith, Redfield High School; Tess Oplinger, daughter of Linda Oplinger, Menno Public High School; Tessa Menzel, daughter of CJ & Mandie Menzel, Philip High School; Trevor Frost, son of Travis & Kaylin Frost, Redfield High School and Trista Frost, daughter of Travis & Kaylin Frost, Redfield High School.

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## Stuck between a Virus and a Varmint



Normally, I'm not a superstitious sort of a person. But then again there is a good case to be made that I am really not normal. If you stop to think about it, (and I have), the average person is a composite of everybody and the description ends up to be that of nobody. That is exactly what I think about being normal.

I must confess, I do have a sliver of superstition running through me somewhere. Often I have the feeling that someone is looking over my shoulder and smiling rather sarcastically. I cannot prove it, of course, but I know it is there.

Several things happened this past week emphasizing this feeling of mine, and I am not at all convinced that it is simply coincidental. After all, is anything coincidental?

It all started when the computer at the church was viciously attacked by a computer virus. Who do you call when your computer has a virus? And, what in the world is a virus doing inside my computer? Doesn't it have something better to do?

I do not know all that is associated with this computer business but I do know the outcome of a computer virus. I was merrily working along on my keyboard when suddenly, out of nowhere (what is cyberspace anyway) my computer screen began to disintegrate before my eyes. By the time I had closed my mouth the whole business was over.

Now my problems were just beginning.

The computer had been attacked from somewhere, and there was not anything I could do to prevent it. There I sat with a ton of work to do and my computer had come down with a virus. I did not know what to do but I did know what I was tempted to do.

Nothing on my computer worked anymore. The best I could hope for was to take it to some computer repair shop and let them work on it for a week or two; meanwhile I'm not able to finish my work.

Then I had a brilliant idea. Actually, I am not sure it was a brilliant idea because I get so few ideas they all seem brilliant. I remembered something on the computer called the "restore point." If I could find this I could restore the computer to before the virus hit it. It was a long shot, but it was the only shot I had at the time.

After some finagling with the thingamajig (pardon the technical terms) I managed to find the Restore Point and in a few minutes, voilà (pardon my French), the computer was back to where it was before the virus hit it. I do not know how it works, all I know is it worked and I was elated.

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I was so proud of myself, which as everybody knows is the first step down. And I was about to go down.

I was back to my work schedule and quite pleased with myself and was riding pretty high when suddenly the lights flickered and then went out completely. There was no electricity in the church building.

The first thing to do when something goes wrong is to PANIC. Through the years, I have become an expert in this area of panic. I have had plenty of practice.

Once I have thoroughly worked my way through the panic stage, I thought perhaps the church did not pay the electric bill. Upon checking, I discovered the bill had been paid. But still no electricity.

It was my privilege to call our friendly energy company and request a service call. Usually, there is a seven-year wait for all service calls in our area. That is just how thorough our electric company really is. They will go on no call before their time. In the meantime, I am sitting in the dark hearing some spooky noises, if I say so myself.

To my delight within an hour, the service truck from the electric company arrived on the scene. After a thorough investigation, the repairman discovered the trouble. I was rather worried that there was a major problem inside the church building that would cost thousands of dollars to repair.

But I was to be delighted for the second time that day when the repairman informed me of the nature of the trouble. It seems the trouble was on the outside of the building. As everyone knows, that is the responsibility of the electric company.

The problem turned out to be of the varmint kind. A nut-challenged squirrel had eaten through one of the major electric lines on the outside of the building thus cutting off all electricity from going inside the building.

"Here's your problem, Rev," the repairman said with a big grin smeared on his face. With that, he held up a nicely fried squirrel.

With the electric back on and at my computer purring like a kitten, I thought of a verse of Scripture. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 KJV).

Sometimes little things can frustrate us. But no person is defined by any one day or one incident. These little problems are usually temporary and serve only as a reminder that we are not in charge of anything at all.

Does anybody have a recipe for fried squirrel?

## We need our farmers.

We need them physically strong. We need them mentally strong.

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**Northeastern Mental Health Center** is now offering counseling services for farmers and their families-**at no cost.**

With the current state of the industry, we understand that farm families can feel overwhelmed in times of stress, instability, and uncertainty.

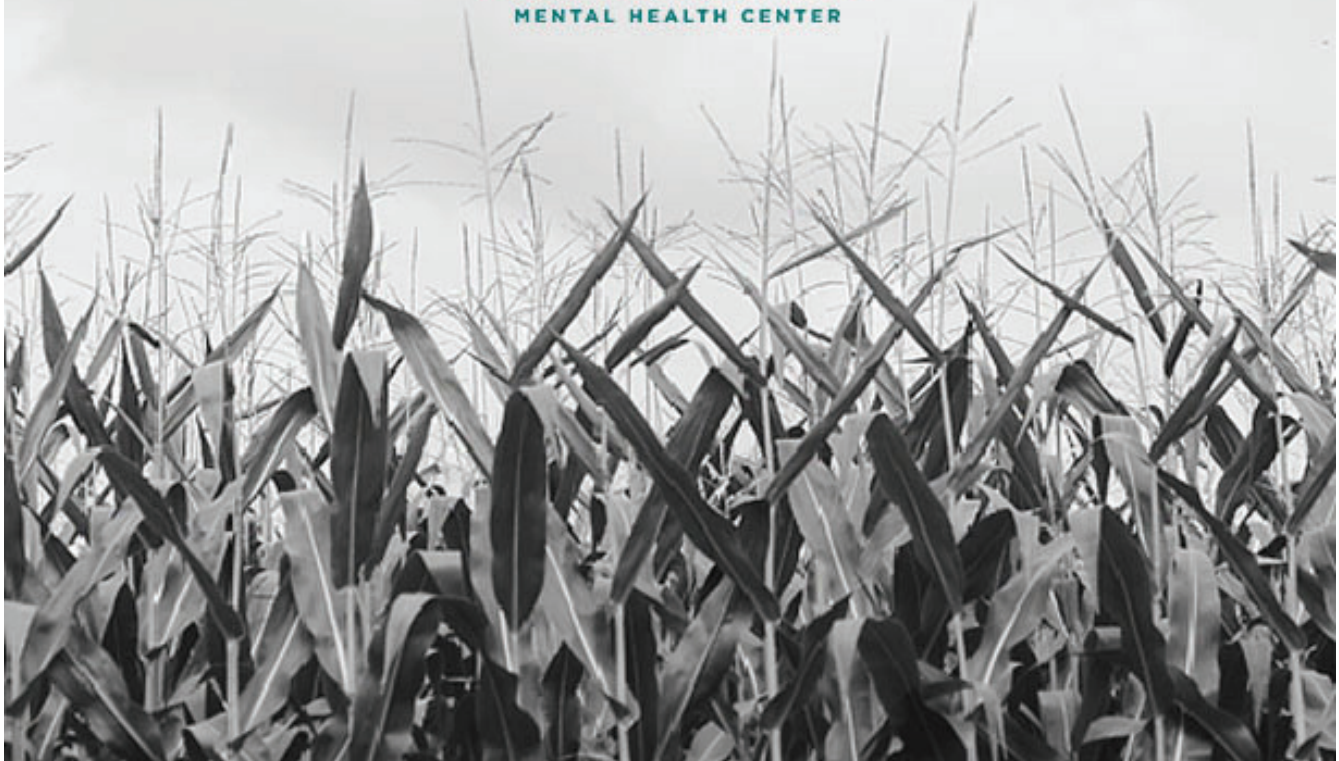
We're here to help.

**Call 605-225-1010 for more information.**

Northeastern Mental Health Center services the counties of Brown, Campbell, Day, Edmunds, Faulk, Marshall, McPherson, Potter, Spink and Walworth.



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**Sex Trafficking and Date Violence**

**November 6 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church:**

**Suicide and Bullying**

**Light Meal at 5:45 p.m. ~ Seminar begins at 6:30 p.m.**

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Today



Areas Fog  
then Mostly  
Sunny

High: 77 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 60 °F

Labor  
Day



Slight Chance  
T-storms

High: 81 °F

Monday  
Night



Chance  
T-storms

Low: 62 °F

Tuesday



Mostly Sun  
and Breez

High: 68 °

## Turning Warmer through Labor Day

Today

71-86°

Mostly dry with decreasing clouds  
And patchy morning fog.



Labor Day

80-95°

Breezy, warmer and more humid  
Chance of showers & storms,  
Severe possible afternoon/evening



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The clouds and patchy fog should gradually lift today, leading to warmer temperatures, and those warmer temperatures should persist through Monday. Showers and thunderstorms are possible, mainly late tonight and Monday. Severe storms are possible Monday afternoon and evening.

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## Today in Weather History

September 1, 1990: Several severe thunderstorms in northwest South Dakota dropped from penny to softball size hail during the afternoon and early evening hours. The hail caused a good deal of structural damage to houses and farm buildings. The largest hailstone of 4 inches in diameter was reported at Sorum in Perkins County. There was also a wind gust to 86 mph measured at Buffalo during a severe thunderstorm.

September 1, 2010: A couple of weak tornadoes touched down briefly in the late evening west of Tulare with no damage occurring.

1859: One of the largest geomagnetic storms on record occurred on this day in 1859



**Color lithograph "General Kearney's gallant charge," published by John Smith, 804 Market St, Philadelphia.** The image is courtesy of the Library of Congress.

1862: The Battle of Ox Hill (or Chantilly) is also known as the only major Civil War battle to have been fought during a storm. "A severe thunderstorm erupted, resulting in limited visibility and an increased dependence on the bayonet, as the rain soaked the ammunition of the infantry and made it useless." From Taylor, Paul. *He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning: The Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly), September 1, 1862.*

1869: Cleveland Abbe issued the first Weather Bulletin for the city of Cincinnati, Ohio. It contained a few observations telegraphed from distant observers and the "probabilities" for the next day. The bulletin was written by hand.

1894: The Great Hinckley Fire, which burned an area of at least 200,000 acres or perhaps more than 250,000 acres including the town of Hinckley, Minnesota occurred on this day. The official death count was 418 though the actual number of fatalities was likely higher.

1928: Leslie Gray from the Weather Bureau in San Francisco was the first weather forecaster to be deployed to a wildfire.

1952: A cold front brought damaging winds to Fort Worth, Texas, including the Carswell Air Force Base where thirty-five B-36 planes received damage. The anemometer indicated 90 mph winds before being smashed by debris.

1961: An F4 tornado traveled through parts of Butler and Bremer Counties in Iowa. Unfortunately, there is limited information in the Storm Data entry about this event. Per Thomas Grazulis in *Significant Tornadoes*, the tornado began NW of Dumont and ended NE of Horton. Several farms along the path were "leveled". It was reported at one farm that fruit jars were "sucked out of the basement" after the house was swept away. There were 7 injuries reported with this event and zero fatalities.

1974: Lt. Judy Neuffer became the first female to fly a Hurricane Hunter aircraft through the eye of a hurricane.

2017: The temperature at Downtown San Francisco reached 106° setting their all-time record high. The previous record was 103° on June 14th, 2000.

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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

**High Temp: 66 °F at 11:39 AM**

**Low Temp: 58 °F at 6:45 AM**

**Wind: 17 mph at 2:36 PM**

**Day Rain: 0.16**

**Record High: 102° in 1970**

**Record Low: 30° in 1893**

**Average High: 78°F**

**Average Low: 52°F**

**Average Precip in Aug.: 2.43**

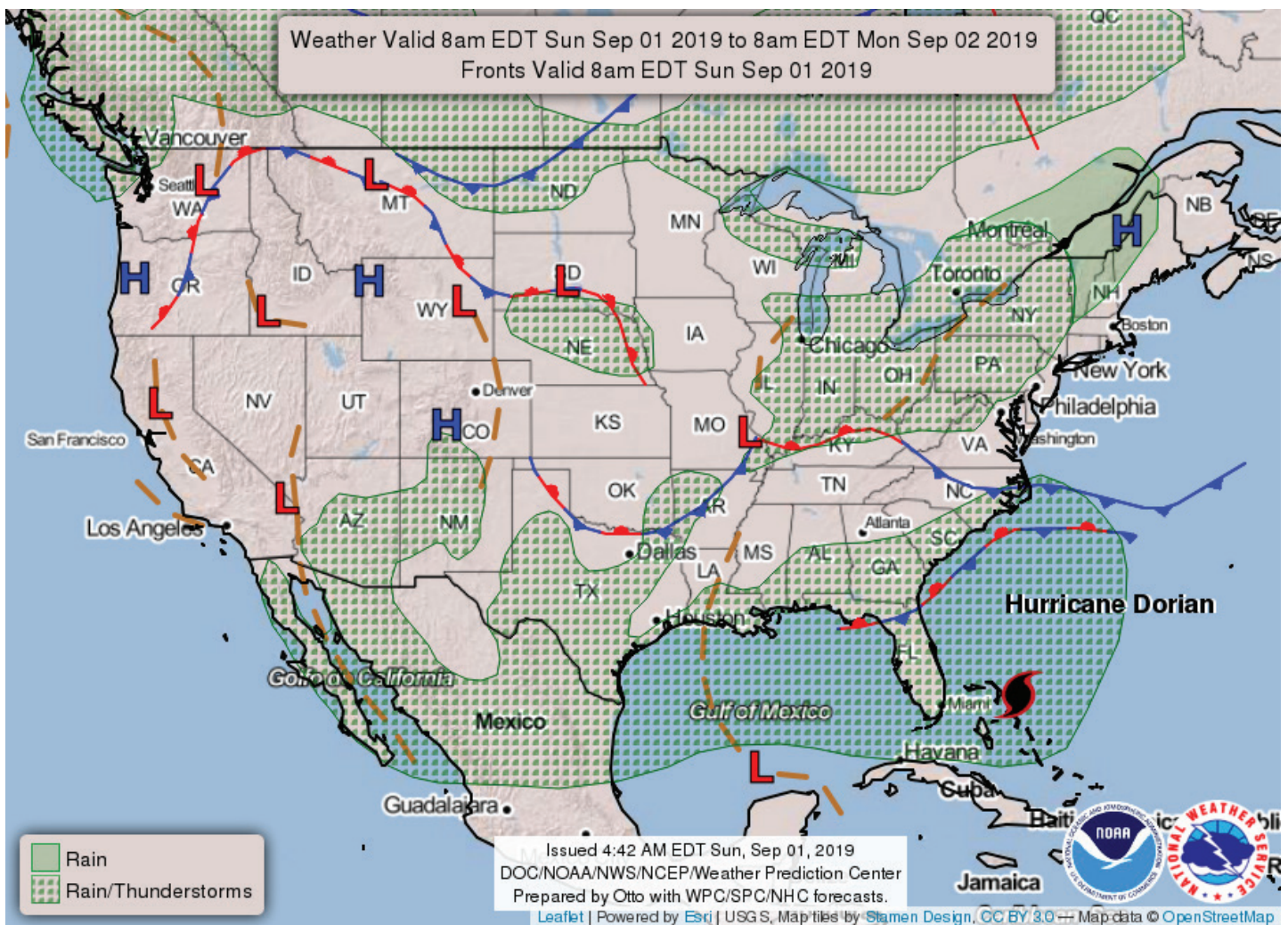
**Precip to date in Aug.: 3.17**

**Average Precip to date: 16.29**

**Precip Year to Date: 19.76**

**Sunset Tonight: 8:12 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:56 a.m.**



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## A CUP OF WATER

We had been traveling all night by train, moving rapidly toward our destination. Suddenly things turned upside down. Our passenger train was hit head on by a freight train. It was a frightening experience. Wreckage was all around us; people were screaming in pain. The crew was doing all they could to provide comfort until help arrived.

But God was protecting us, and we were uninjured. Fortunately, we were able to help others in their distress by doing whatever we could to assist those who were injured. Shortly after the accident, we discovered a little girl who was crying so we reached out to help her. She was pleading for water. Unfortunately, we had none. Suddenly, a man appeared out of the wreckage with a container of water and offered to share it with her.

As he gave her a cup of water, he said, I'm sorry I'm not a doctor and cannot bandage your wounds. And, I am sorry there is no medicine available to ease your pain. But, I am thankful that I can give you what I have: water. He gave her what he could, from what he had.

Jesus emphasized the importance of a cup of water. Read and hear Him say, If anyone gives a cup of water in the name of the Messiah, that one will be rewarded!

Our Lord did not ask us to do great things, just simple things. Jesus never left anyone with a need He could meet. He expects the same of us: Give to others as I have given to you!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, may our eyes, ears, and hearts be open to see and hear the needs of those around us. May we share Your love by sharing Your gifts. In Your Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today: Mark 9:41 If anyone gives a cup of water in the name of the Messiah, that one will be rewarded.

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## 2019 Groton SD Community Events

- 09/07/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 09/08/2019 Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12/2019 St. John's Lutheran Luncheon
- 09/20/2019 Presbyterian Luncheon
- 09/28/2019 Granary Living History Fall Festival
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/31/2019 Trunk or Treat/Halloween on Main (Halloween)
- 11/09/2019 Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/07/2019 Olive Grove Golf Course Holiday Party
- 12/07/2019 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services
- Bingo: every Wednesday at the Legion Post #39

## 2020 Groton SD Community Events

- 01/26/2020 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
- 04/04/2020 Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Sharp (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 04/25/2020 Fireman's Stag (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- 05/02/2020 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Saturday in May)
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
- 06/8-10/2020 St. John's VBS
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)  
Groton Hosting State B American Legion Baseball Tournament
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/14/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)

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## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash

04-06-12-14-31

(four, six, twelve, fourteen, thirty-one)

Estimated jackpot: \$97,000

Lotto America

14-15-21-45-46, Star Ball: 6, ASB: 4

(fourteen, fifteen, twenty-one, forty-five, forty-six; Star Ball: six; ASB: four)

Estimated jackpot: \$2.7 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$127 million

Powerball

14-41-50-56-57, Powerball: 18, Power Play: 5

(fourteen, forty-one, fifty, fifty-six, fifty-seven; Powerball: eighteen; Power Play: five)

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

### Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Rapid City Central, 25-23, 25-10, 25-23

Chamberlain def. Mobridge-Pollock, 17-25, 19-25, 25-9, 25-13, 16-14

Rapid City Stevens def. Pierre, 22-25, 19-25, 25-20, 25-22, 15-10

C-Hawk Invite

Pool Play

Pool A

Canton def. Garretson, 25-22, 25-18

Garretson def. Lennox, 32-30, 25-17

Lennox def. Canton, 25-21, 25-12

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Garretson, 25-18, 25-21

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Lennox, 25-18, 25-22

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Canton, 21-25, 25-17, 25-12

Pool B

Canistota def. Dell Rapids, 25-14, 25-20

Vermillion def. Dell Rapids, 25-23, 22-25, 25-10

Vermillion def. Canistota, 25-19, 25-21

Vermillion def. West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa, 25-21, 14-25, 25-19

West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa def. Canistota, 25-20, 25-21

West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa def. Dell Rapids, 25-18, 13-25, 25-21

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## Seventh Place

Garretson def. Dell Rapids, 24-26, 25-13, 25-23

## Fifth Place

Lennox def. Canistota, 26-24, 25-23

## Third Place

West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa def. Canton, 25-20, 25-17

## Championship

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Vermillion, 25-8, 25-17

## Custer Tournament

### Pool Play

#### Pool 1

Custer def. Red Cloud, 25-17, 23-25, 25-16

Hill City def. Rapid City Christian, 25-17, 25-15

New Underwood def. Edgemont, 25-23, 25-22

Newell def. Edgemont, 25-12, 19-25, 25-19

Rapid City Christian def. Custer, 25-18, 25-14

Rapid City Christian def. Red Cloud, 25-7, 25-16

#### Pool 2

Hill City def. Lead-Deadwood, 25-12, 25-21

Lead-Deadwood def. Moorcroft, Wyo., 25-21, 22-25, 25-20

## Huron Invitational

Brandon Valley def. Mitchell, 25-17, 25-9

Huron def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-13, 24-26, 25-20

Huron def. Brandon Valley, 17-25, 25-17, 25-20

Huron def. Douglas, 25-10, 25-13

Mitchell def. Sturgis Brown, 25-20, 28-26

Sioux Falls Christian def. Huron, 25-21, 26-24

Sioux Falls Christian def. Brookings, 25-17, 25-13

Sioux Falls Lincoln def. Brandon Valley, 25-18, 20-25, 25-19

Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Mitchell, 25-18, 25-13

Watertown def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-22, 25-16

Watertown def. Mitchell, 25-18, 25-19

Watertown def. Sturgis Brown, 25-21, 25-8

Watertown def. Spearfish, 25-13, 25-12

## Norfolk Invitational

### Pool Play

#### Pool A

Hastings, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-13, 25-13

Lincoln High, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-15, 25-20

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Seventh Place

Bennington, Neb. def. Yankton, 25-14, 23-25, 25-20

Parkston Tournament

McCook Central/Montrose def. Wagner, 25-15, 26-24

Northwestern def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-15, 26-24

Northwestern def. Wagner, 25-19, 25-11

Northwestern def. Parkston, 25-14, 25-10

Northwestern def. Arlington, 25-7, 25-9

Wagner def. Arlington, 25-18, 25-11

Wagner def. Parkston, 25-18, 18-25, 25-16

Wall Triangular

Bennett County def. Wall, 24-26, 25-19, 25-19, 25-22

Stanley County def. Bennett County, 25-17, 18-25, 25-15, 25-17

Wall def. Stanley County, 25-18, 25-19, 22-25, 25-14

Yellowstone Trail Conference Tournament

First Round

Leola/Frederick def. North Central, 12-25, 25-23, 25-16

Potter County def. McIntosh, 25-9, 25-8

Consolation Semifinal

McIntosh def. McLaughlin, 22-25, 25-21, 25-15

Semifinal

Leola/Frederick def. Sully Buttes, 25-12, 24-26, 25-7

Fifth Place

North Central def. McIntosh, 25-19, 25-16

Championship

Potter County def. Leola/Frederick, 25-12, 25-10

## Sneed has 4 TDs, leads Montana past South Dakota 31-17

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Dalton Sneed threw for a career-high 430 yards and had three passing touchdowns and another rushing to lead Montana to a 31-17 win over South Dakota in the season opener for both teams on Saturday.

Sneed was 37 of 52 with two interceptions. His 16-yard pass to Samori Toure put the Grizzlies up 7-3 and he followed with a 2-yard run to help build a 17-10 lead at the half. In the third quarter Sneed connected with Samuel Akem for a 43-yard score and Marcus Knight from 6 yards out.

Akem and Toure both had nine receptions, Akem for 158 yards and Toure for 142. Jerry Louie-McGee had eight catches to push his career total to 185 and is now seven shy of matching the school record.

Austin Simmons, who threw for 3,142 yards last year, was 22 of 23 for 246 yards and two touchdowns for the Coyotes. Kody Case had 11 catches for 144 yards with touchdown plays of 3 and 9 yards.

South Dakota had won 16 straight home openers while Montana had lost 10 straight road openers.

## Bandidos gang members charged with drug, gun offenses

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police say a member of the Bandidos motorcycle club was arrested on drug charges and more than 30 citations were issued to other gang members during two separate incidents in the city.

The Rapid City Journal reports citations were issued Thursday for following too closely, possession of marijuana, and possession of a concealed firearm on a motorcycle.

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Police say eight firearms also were seized.

Police say a 22-year-old New Mexico man was arrested on drug charges and commission of a felony with a firearm.

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

## Trains to Hong Kong airport suspended after violent protests

HONG KONG (AP) — Train service to Hong Kong's airport was suspended Sunday as pro-democracy demonstrators gathered there, while protesters outside the British Consulate called on London to grant citizenship to people born in the former colony before its return to China.

Hong Kong has been the scene of increasingly tense anti-government protests for nearly three months. They began in response to a proposed extradition law and have expanded to include other grievances and demands for more democracy and the resignation of the territory's leader.

On Saturday, protesters threw gasoline bombs at government headquarters. Police stormed a subway car and hit passengers with clubs and pepper spray.

On Sunday, several hundred protesters gathered at the airport on Chek Lap Kok island in the early afternoon and set up temporary barricades at a bus terminal. A dozen blue-uniformed

police officers in riot helmets formed a line across an entrance corridor to keep them out of the terminal.

The operator of the express train to the airport from downtown Hong Kong said service was suspended. MTR Corp. said trains into the city from the airport were still running.

Police issued a statement warning protesters were violating a court injunction against disrupting airport operations.

The protesters were mostly peaceful, but a government statement said some threw objects at police and airport employees. A separate statement said iron poles, bricks and rocks were thrown onto tracks of the airport train, "seriously obstructing" service.

Also Sunday, about 200 protesters outside the British Consulate in the city waved British flags and chanted "Equal rights now!" and "Stand with Hong Kong!"

A saxophonist in dark glasses played "God Save the Queen," the British national anthem.

Many wanted London to grant citizenship to people born in Hong Kong before 1997. The British government refused that, instead giving people in the colony "British National Overseas" passports they could use to travel abroad but not settle in the United Kingdom.

"I hope the British government can change its nationality law," said a protester, Gary Law.

Police had denied permission for a march Saturday to mark the fifth anniversary of a decision by China



**Passengers walk to airport as pro-democracy protesters blocked a road outside the airport in Hong Kong, Sunday, Sept.1, 2019. The operator of the express train to Hong Kong's airport has suspended service as pro-democracy protesters gathered there following a day of violent clashes with police. Protesters gathered at the airport after online calls to disrupt travel.** (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

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against fully democratic elections in Hong Kong, but protesters took to the streets anyway.

Two police officers fired two warning shots into the air "to protect their own safety" after being surrounded Saturday by protesters near Victoria Park, the government said. It was the second time police fired warning shots following an incident the previous weekend.

Protests erupted in early June in Hong Kong, whose 7.4 million people were promised a "high degree of autonomy" under an agreement between Beijing and London.

Opponents saw the proposed extradition bill as an erosion of that "one country, two systems" framework. It would have allowed crime suspects to be sent to the mainland, where the ruling Communist Party controls the court system.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam suspended work on the law but protesters want it withdrawn completely. They also have called for Lam's resignation and democratic elections.

## Northern Bahamas hunkers down as Hurricane Dorian closes in By RAMON ESPINOSA Associated Press

McLEAN'S TOWN CAY, Bahamas (AP) — A dangerous Hurricane Dorian closed in on the northern Bahamas early Sunday, threatening to batter islands with 150 mph (240 kph) winds, pounding waves and torrential rain as people hunkered down in schools, churches and other shelters.

Millions from Florida to the Carolinas kept a wary eye on Dorian, meanwhile, amid indications it would veer sharply northeastward after passing the Bahamas and track up the U.S. Southeast seaboard. But authorities warned even if its core did not make U.S. landfall and stayed offshore, the potent Category 4 storm would likely hammer U.S. coastal areas with powerful winds and heavy surf.

In the northern stretches of the Bahamas archipelago, hotels closed, residents boarded up homes and officials hired boats to move people from low-lying areas to bigger islands as Dorian approached.

Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Minnis warned that Dorian is a "dangerous storm" and said any "who do not evacuate are placing themselves in extreme danger and can expect a catastrophic consequence."

Small skiffs shuttled Saturday between outlying fishing communities and McLean's Town, a settlement of a few dozen homes at the eastern end of Grand Bahama island, about 150 miles (240 kilometers) from Florida's Atlantic coast. Most people came from Sweeting Cay, a fishing town of a few hundred people about 5 feet (1.5 meters) above sea level.

"We're not taking no chances," said Margaret Bassett, a ferry boat driver for the Deep Water Cay resort. "They said evacuate, you have to evacuate."

Over two or three days, the slow-moving hurricane could dump as much as 4 feet (1 meter) of rain,



**A woman walks along a beach before the arrival of Hurricane Dorian in Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas, Saturday Aug. 31, 2019. Hurricane Dorian is closing in on the northern Bahamas, threatening to batter the normally idyllic islands with fierce winds, pounding waves and torrential rain.** (AP Photo/Ramon Espinosa)

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unleash devastating winds and whip up a dangerous storm surge, said private meteorologist Ryan Maue, seconding some of the most reliable computer models.

Government spokesman Kevin Harris said Dorian was expected to impact some 73,000 residents and 21,000 homes. Authorities closed airports for The Abaco Islands, Grand Bahama and Bimini, but Lynden Pindling International Airport at the capital of Nassau remained open.

Jeffrey Allen, who lives in Freeport on Grand Bahama, said he had learned after several storms that sometimes predictions of damage don't materialize, but he still takes precautions.

"It's almost as if you wait with anticipation, hoping that it's never as bad as they say it will be. However, you prepare for the worst nonetheless," he said.

On average, the Bahamas archipelago gets a direct hit from a hurricane every four years, officials said. Construction codes require homes to have metal reinforcements for roof beams to withstand winds into the upper limits of a Category 4 hurricane, and compliance is generally tight for residents who can afford it. Risks are higher in poorer communities, which typically have wooden homes and are generally in lower-lying areas.

Early Sunday, Dorian was centered around 70 miles (110 kilometers) east of Great Abaco Island in the Bahamas and 255 miles (410 kilometers) east of West Palm Beach as it crept westward at 8 mph (13 kph).

The slow-crawling storm was predicted to take until Monday afternoon to pass over the Bahamas, and then turn sharply and skirt up the U.S. coast, staying just off Florida and Georgia on Tuesday and Wednesday and then buffeting South Carolina and North Carolina on Thursday.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis warned residents along that state's densely populated Atlantic coast, "We're not out of the woods yet."

He noted some forecast models still bring Dorian close to or even onto the Florida peninsula.

"That could produce life-threatening storm surge and hurricane force winds," DeSantis said. "That cone of uncertainty still includes a lot of areas on the east coast of Florida and even into central and north Florida, so we are staying prepared and remaining vigilant."

In Miami, Carmen Segura said she had installed hurricane shutters at her house, bought extra gas and secured water and food for at least three days. She felt well prepared and less worried, given the latest forecasts, but still was uneasy given the storm's unpredictability.

"Part of me still feels like: So, now what?" Segura said.

South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency, mobilizing state resources to prepare for potential storm effects. President Donald Trump already declared a state of emergency and was brief late Saturday about the storm.

The hurricane upended some Labor Day holiday weekend plans in the U.S.: Major airlines allowed travelers to change their reservations without fees, big cruise lines rerouted their ships and Cumberland Island National Seashore off Georgia closed to visitors. Disney World and Orlando's other resorts held off announcing any closings.

Sherry Atkinson, who manages a hotel on North Carolina's Outer Banks, said the hurricane wasn't spoiling holiday vacations for guests.

"So far, there hasn't even been a snippet of conversation about evacuations," she said.

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For AP's complete coverage of the hurricane: <https://apnews.com/Hurricanes>

## 5 dead after man stopped by Texas troopers goes on rampage

By PAUL J. WEBER AND JAKE BLEIBERG Associated Press

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — At least five people are dead in West Texas after a man stopped by state troopers for failing to signal a left turn opened fire and fled, shooting more than 20 people as he drove before being killed by officers outside a movie theater, authorities said.

The shooting began Saturday afternoon with an interstate traffic stop where gunfire was exchanged with police, setting off a chaotic rampage during which the suspect hijacked a mail carrier truck and fired at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland, two cities in the heart of Texas oil country more than 300 miles (483 kilometers) west of Dallas.

Police initially reported possible multiple shooters, but Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke later said there was only one male suspect in his 30s.

The suspect shot "at innocent civilians all over Odessa," according to a statement from Odessa police, which did not name the man or offer motive.

The terrifying chain of events began when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car mid-Saturday afternoon on Interstate 20 for failing to signal a left turn, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said. Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver "pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots" toward the patrol car stopping him. The gunshots struck one of two troopers inside the patrol car, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled and continued shooting. Two other police officers were shot before the suspect was killed. The condition of the three law enforcement officers injured was not immediately released.

Gerke said there were at least 21 civilian shooting victims. He said at least five people died. He did not say whether the shooter was included among those five dead, and it was not clear whether he was including the five dead among the at least 21 civilian shooting victims.

Shauna Saxton was one of the terrified drivers who said she encountered the gunman during his rampage, during which multiple witnesses described gunfire near shopping plazas and in busy intersections. Saxton was driving with her husband and grandson in Odessa and had paused at a stoplight when they heard loud pops.

"I looked over my shoulder to the left and the gold car pulled up and the man was there and he had a very large gun and it was pointing at me," she told TV station KOSA.

Saxton said she was trapped because there were two cars in front of her. "I started honking my horn. I started swerving and we got a little ahead of him and then for whatever reason the cars in front of me kind of parted," she said sobbing. She said she heard three more shots as she sped away.

Gerke did not go into detail about the chase, but the movie theater where the suspect was killed is more



**An Odessa police officer escort bystanders away from an area investigated for a shooting in Odessa, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, following a deadly shooting. Several people were dead after a gunman who hijacked a postal service vehicle in West Texas shot more than 20 people, authorities said Saturday. The gunman was killed and a few law enforcement officers were among the injured.** (Jacy

Lewis/Reporter-Telegram via AP)

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than 10 miles (16 kilometers) from where state troopers originally pulled over the gunman.

The shooting comes just four weeks after a gunman in the Texas border city of El Paso killed 22 people after opening fire at a Walmart. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott this week held two meetings with lawmakers about how to prevent more mass shootings in Texas. He said he would visit the area Sunday.

The shooting Saturday brings the number of mass killings in the U.S. so far this year to 25, matching the number in all of 2018, according to The AP/USATODAY/Northeastern University mass murder database. If it turns out the shooter is not among the five dead, the number of victims for this year has already reached 140, the level of all last year.

Seven people remained in critical condition at one hospital hours after the West Texas shooting, said Russell Tippin, CEO of Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. He said a child under 2 years old was transported to another hospital. He also said one person the hospital had received had died, although it was unclear if that victim was among the five dead that Gerke reported. Tippin said 13 shooting victims were being treated at the hospital Saturday.

Dustin Fawcett said he was sitting in his truck at a Starbucks in Odessa when he heard at least six gunshots ring out less than 50 yards (46 meters) behind him.

He spotted a white sedan with a passenger window that had been shattered. That's when he thought, "Oh man, this is a shooting."

Fawcett, 28, an Odessa transportation consultant, "got out to make sure everyone was safe" but found that no one had been struck by the gunfire nearby. He said a little girl was bleeding, but she hadn't been shot, and that he later found out she was grazed in the face.

Vice President Mike Pence said following the shooting that President Donald Trump and his administration "remain absolutely determined" to work with leaders in both parties in Congress to take such steps "so we can address and confront this scourge of mass atrocities in our country."

Pence said Trump had spoken to the attorney general and that the FBI was assisting local law enforcement.

Trump has offered contradictory messages in reacting to recent mass shootings. Days after the El Paso shooting he said he was eager to implement "very meaningful background checks" on guns and told reporters there was "tremendous support" for action. He later backed away, saying the current system of background checks was "very, very strong."

Most recently, Trump has called for greater attention to mental health, saying that new facilities are needed for the mentally ill as a way to reduce mass shootings. However, some mental health professionals say such thinking is outdated, that linking mental illness to violence is wrong, and that the impact of more treatment would be helpful overall but would have a minor impact on gun violence.

Paul Weber reported from Austin. Associated Press writers Courtney Bonnell in Phoenix, Tim Talley in Oklahoma City and Michael Balsamo in Washington contributed to this report.

## Justice Ginsburg reports she's on way to 'well' after cancer

By JESSICA GRESKO Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Saturday she's "alive" and on her way to being "very well" following radiation treatment for cancer.

Ginsburg, 86, made the comments at the Library of Congress National Book Festival in Washington. The event came a little over a week after Ginsburg disclosed that she had completed three weeks of outpatient radiation therapy for a cancerous tumor on her pancreas and is now disease-free.

It is the fourth time over the past two decades that Ginsburg, the leader of the court's liberal wing, has been treated for cancer. She had colorectal cancer in 1999, pancreatic cancer in 2009 and lung cancer surgery in December. Both liberals and conservatives watch the health of the court's oldest justice closely because it's understood the Supreme Court would shift right for decades if Republican President Donald Trump were to get the ability to nominate someone to replace her.

On Saturday, Ginsburg, who came out with the book "My Own Words" in 2016, spoke to an audience of

more than 4,000 at Washington's convention center. Near the beginning of an hour-long talk, her interviewer, NPR reporter Nina Totenberg, said: "Let me ask you a question that everyone here wants to ask, which is: How are you feeling? Why are you here instead of resting up for the term? And are you planning on staying in your current job?"

"How am I feeling? Well, first, this audience can see that I am alive," Ginsburg said to applause and cheers. The comment was a seeming reference to the fact that when she was recuperating from lung cancer surgery earlier this year, some doubters demanded photographic proof that she was still living.

Ginsburg went on to say that she was "on my way" to being "very well." As for her work on the Supreme Court, which is on its summer break and begins hearing arguments again Oct. 7, Ginsburg said she will "be prepared when the time comes."

Ginsburg, who was appointed by Democratic President Bill Clinton in 1993, did not directly answer how long she plans to stay on the court. Earlier this summer, however, she reported a conversation she had with former Justice John Paul Stevens, who retired from the court in 2010 at age 90. Ginsburg said she told Stevens: "My dream is to remain on the court as long as you did." Stevens responded: "Stay longer." He died in July at age 99.

Ginsburg said Saturday that she loves her job.

"It's the best and the hardest job I've ever had," she said. "It has kept me going through four cancer bouts. Instead of concentrating on my aches and pains, I just know that I have to read this set of briefs, go over the draft opinion. So I have to somehow surmount whatever is going on in my body and concentrate on the court's work."

Ginsburg's appearance Saturday was not her first following her most recent cancer announcement. Earlier this week she spoke at an event at the University at Buffalo, where she also accepted an honorary degree. At the time she talked only briefly about her most recent cancer scare, saying she wanted to keep her promise to attend the event despite "three weeks of daily radiation."

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**Supreme Court Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg speaks at the Library of Congress National Book Festival in Washington, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019.** (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

## Hong Kong police storm subway with batons as protests rage

By **KEN MORITSUGU** and **RAF WOBER** Associated Press

HONG KONG (AP) — Protesters in Hong Kong threw gasoline bombs at government headquarters and set fires in the streets, while police stormed a subway car and hit passengers with batons and pepper spray in scenes that seem certain to inflame tensions further in a city riven by nearly three months of pro-democracy demonstrations.

Police had denied permission for a march Saturday to mark the fifth anniversary of a decision by China

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against fully democratic elections in Hong Kong, but protesters took to the streets anyway, as they have all summer. They provoked and obstructed police repeatedly but generally retreated once riot officers moved in, avoiding some of the direct clashes that characterized earlier protests.

Late at night, though, video from Hong Kong broadcaster TVB showed police on the platform of Prince Edward subway station swinging batons at passengers who backed into one end of a train car behind umbrellas. The video also shows pepper spray being shot through an open door at a group seated on the floor while one man holds up his hands.

It wasn't clear whether all the passengers were protesters. Police said they entered the station to make arrests after protesters assaulted others and damaged property inside. The TVB video was widely shared on social

media as another example of police brutality during the protests. Angry crowds gathered outside Prince Edward and nearby Mong Kok station, where police said they made arrests after protesters vandalized the customer service center and damaged ticket machines.

Also Saturday, two police officers fired two warning shots into the air "to protect their own safety" after being surrounded by protesters near Victoria Park, the government announced. It was the second time police fired warning shots following an incident the previous weekend.

Protests erupted in early June in Hong Kong, a semi-autonomous Chinese territory of 7.4 million people. A now-shelved China extradition bill brought to the fore simmering concerns about what many in the city see as an erosion of the rights and freedoms that residents are supposed to have under a "one country, two systems" framework.

The mostly young, black-shirted protesters took over roads and major intersections in shopping districts on Saturday as they rallied and marched with no obvious destination in mind.

Authorities closed streets and a subway stop near the Chinese government office and parked water cannon trucks and erected additional barriers nearby, fearing protesters might target the building. The office would have been the endpoint of the march that police did not allow.

Instead, a group of hard-line protesters decided to take on police guarding government headquarters from behind large barriers that ring the building to keep demonstrators at bay.

While others marched back and forth nearby, a large crowd wearing helmets and gas masks gathered outside. They pointed laser beams at the officers' heads and threw objects over the barriers and at them. Police responded with tear gas, and protesters threw gasoline bombs into the compound.

Then came the blue water. A water cannon truck fired regular water, followed by repeated bursts of colored water, staining protesters and nearby journalists and leaving blue puddles in the street.

The standoff continued for some time, but protesters started moving back as word spread that police were headed in their direction. A few front-line protesters hurled gasoline bombs at the officers in formation, but there were no major clashes as police cleared the area.

Protesters regrouped and blocked a major commercial street by piling up barricades and setting a large



**A protestor uses a shield to cover himself as he faces policemen in Hong Kong, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019. Protesters and police are standing off in Hong Kong on a street that runs through the bustling Causeway Bay shopping district.**

(AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



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fire. Smoke billowed into the air as hundreds of protesters waited on the other side of the makeshift barrier, many pointing laser beams that streaked the night sky above them.

Firefighters made their way into the congested area on foot to put out the fire. Police in riot gear removed the barricades and moved in quickly. They could be seen detaining a few protesters, but by then, most had already left.

As police advanced east down Hennessey Road, protesters made another stand in the Causeway Bay shopping district. They threw gasoline bombs at police, who fired tear gas and water cannons.

Protesters built another fire, a smaller one, in front of Sogo department store. Police waited behind their riot shields while firefighters put out the smoldering fire with extinguishers. When police moved in, the protesters had again retreated.

Other groups crossed Hong Kong's harbor to the Tsim Sha Tsui district, where police said they set fires and threw gasoline bombs on Nathan Road.

Democratic Party lawmaker Lam Cheuk-ting said Hong Kong citizens would keep fighting for their rights and freedoms despite the arrests of several prominent activists and lawmakers in the past two days, including activist Joshua Wong.

Protesters are demanding the full withdrawal of the extradition bill — which would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be sent to mainland China to stand trial — as well as democratic elections and an investigation into police use of force.

"I do believe the government deliberately arrested several leaders of the democratic camp to try to threaten Hong Kong people not to come out to fight against the evil law," Lam said at what was advertised as a Christian march earlier Saturday.

About 1,000 people marched to a Methodist church and police headquarters. They alternated between singing hymns and chanting slogans of the pro-democracy movement. An online flyer for the demonstration called it a "prayer for sinners" and featured images of a Christian cross and embattled Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, who had proposed the extradition bill.

The Civil Human Rights Front, the organizer of pro-democracy marches that have drawn upward of a million people this summer, canceled its march after failing to win police approval. Police said that while previous marches have started peacefully, they have increasingly degenerated into violence.

The standing committee of China's legislature ruled on Aug. 31, 2014, that Hong Kong residents could elect their leader directly, but that the candidates would have to be approved by a nominating committee. The decision failed to satisfy democracy advocates in Hong Kong and led to the 79-day long Occupy Central protests that fall, in which demonstrators camped out on major streets in the financial district and other parts of the city.

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Associated Press video journalists Alice Fung and Johnson Lai contributed to this report.

## At least 5 dead in Texas shooting rampage after traffic stop

By PAUL J. WEBER Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — At least five people were dead in West Texas after a man who was stopped by state troopers when his vehicle failed to signal a left turn opened fire and fled, shooting more than 20 people as he drove before he was killed by officers outside a movie theater, authorities said Saturday. Three law enforcement officers were among the injured.

The shooting began with an interstate traffic stop in the heart of Texas oil country where gunfire was exchanged with police, setting off a chaotic afternoon during which the suspect hijacked a mail carrier truck and began firing at random as he drove in the area of Odessa and Midland.

Police initially reported that there could be more than one shooter, but Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke later said there was only one.

"The suspect continued shooting at innocent civilians all over Odessa," a statement from Odessa police said.

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Gerke described the suspect as a white male in his 30s. He did not name him or a motive but said he has some idea who the gunman is.

The terrifying chain of events began when Texas state troopers tried pulling over a gold car mid-Saturday afternoon on Interstate 20 for failing to signal a left turn, Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger said. Before the vehicle came to a complete stop, the driver "pointed a rifle toward the rear window of his car and fired several shots" toward the patrol car stopping him. The gunshots struck one of two troopers inside the patrol car, Cesinger said, after which the gunman fled "and continued shooting innocent people," including two police officers.

Gerke said that in addition to the injured officers, there were at least 21 civilian shooting victims. He said at least five people died. He did not say whether the shooter was included among those five dead, and it was not clear whether he was including the five dead among the at least 21 civilian shooting victims.

Shauna Saxton was one of the terrified drivers who said she was a target of the suspect during his rampage. She was driving with her husband and grandson in Odessa and had paused at a stoplight when they heard loud pops.

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The shooting comes just four weeks after a gunman in the Texas border city of El Paso killed 22 people after opening fire at a Walmart. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott this week held two meetings with lawmakers about how to prevent mass more shootings in Texas. He said he would visit the area Sunday.

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**A man prays outside of the Medical Center Hospital Emergency room in Odessa, Texas, Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, following a shooting at random in the area of Odessa and Midland. Several people were dead after a gunman who hijacked a postal service vehicle in West Texas shot more than 20 people, authorities said Saturday. The gunman was killed and a few law enforcement officers were among the injured.** (Mark Rogers/Odessa American via AP)

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Tippin said 13 shooting victims were being treated at the hospital Saturday evening but he did not give their conditions or other information about the victims. Social workers and professional counselors are at the hospital to provide support to the families of shooting victims, Tippin said. He also said the hospital has been locked down for that safety of the staff and patients.

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Fawcett said authorities responded quickly and when police pulled out their rifles and vests he knew that "this is not a drive-by. This is something else, this is something bigger."

Vice President Mike Pence said following the shooting that President Donald Trump and his administration "remain absolutely determined" to work with leaders in both parties in Congress to take such steps "so we can address and confront this scourge of mass atrocities in our country."

Pence said Trump has deployed the federal government in response to the shootings. He says Trump has spoken to the attorney general and that the FBI is already assisting local law enforcement.

Trump has offered contradictory messages in reacting to recent mass shootings. Days after the El Paso and Ohio shootings he said he was eager to implement "very meaningful background checks" and told reporters there was "tremendous support" for action. He later backed away from those changes, saying the current system of background checks was "very, very strong."

Most recently, Trump has called for greater attention to mental health, saying that new facilities are needed for the mentally ill as a way to reduce mass shootings. However, some mental health professionals say such thinking is outdated, that linking mental illness to violence is wrong, and that the impact of more treatment would be helpful overall but would have a minor impact on gun violence.

Odessa is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) southwest of Midland. Both are more than 300 miles (483 kilometers) west of Dallas.

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## Osaka consoles teary Gauff, 15, after beating her at US Open

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Naomi Osaka looked across the net after ending Coco Gauff's U.S. Open in the third round Saturday night and saw the tears welling in the 15-year-old's eyes.

Osaka also saw a bit of herself in the kid she'd just beaten 6-3, 6-0.

So the tournament's defending champion and No. 1 seed, who is only 21 herself, comforted Gauff with a hug and words of consolation, then encouraged her to address the 23,000 or so folks in the Arthur Ashe Stadium stands who were pulling for the young American. Knowing how tough it is to lose, Osaka told her: "You need to let those people know how you feel."

So Gauff obliged — a rare instance of a match's loser addressing the crowd from the court. And was appreciative of Osaka's gesture.

"She just proved that she's a true athlete. For me, the definition of an athlete is someone who on the court treats you like your worst enemy, but off the court can be your best friend," Gauff said later at her news conference. "I think that's what she did tonight."

It's that sort of maturity off the court, and a wise-beyond-her-years game on it, that has helped Gauff generate all sorts of attention already. She was the youngest woman since 1996 to win two matches at Flushing Meadows, her follow-up to a captivating run to the second week at Wimbledon in July.

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In this much-hyped showdown under the lights, Gauff often looked exactly like what she is: an immensely talented player who is still learning her way at tennis' top level.

"We definitely know what we've got to work on," Gauff's father, Corey, said. "She wanted to win the match. It wasn't, 'See how well you can do.'"

Gauff pounded serves at up to 119 mph but also double-faulted seven times.

She overcame a slow start to get within 4-3 in the opening set but also dropped the last eight games.

Don't forget: The U.S. Open was only the second Slam for Gauff, who was ranked No. 313 at the start of Wimbledon and is now No. 140.

Osaka's advantages in age and accomplishments — she is a two-time major champion, including at the Australian Open in January — played a role. So, too, did her on-target power, which resulted in a 24-8 edge in winners.

"For me, this is the most focused I've been since Australia," said Osaka, who's had an up-and-down season since earning that trophy and is wearing a black sleeve on the left knee that's been problematic lately.

Addressing Gauff, she said: "I'm so sorry for playing you (with) this type of mentality."

When it ended, after merely 65 minutes, Gauff began to bawl on the sideline. Osaka approached her and they spoke, briefly, then later cried, too, while addressing Gauff's parents on-court.

"For me, it's crazy to me to see how far she's come in such a little amount of time," said Osaka, who was born in Japan and moved to the U.S. when she was 3.

Both players are based in Florida now and have known each other for a few years. Their fathers are friends.

"She was crying; she won. I was crying. Everybody was crying," Gauff said. "I was like, 'You won the match!'"

Gauff acknowledged feeling some jitters at the outset, and Osaka produced the match's initial seven winners.

It took all of 10 minutes for Osaka to lead 3-0.

When Gauff did claim a game, she did so with a couple of exclamation points in the form of aces at 105 mph, then that one at 119 mph. Osaka slumped her shoulders. The crowd roared. It seemed, fleetingly, that this might be a competitive match.

"Next time I play her," Gauff said, "I'm going to try to come up with a different plan."

Soon enough, Osaka was edging ahead — and then pulling away, showing the same poise and power that carried her to the championship a year ago in a memorably chaotic final against Serena Williams that ended with spectators booing and both women in tears after the 23-time major champion got into a lengthy dispute with the chair umpire.

On this evening, Gauff's body language was getting worse and worse, whether it was a slap of her thigh or raising her racket overhead as if contemplating a spike or the palms-up glare toward her parents and others in a courtside guest box to ask why they weren't giving her more support.



**Coco Gauff, right, of the United States, wipes away tears while talking to Naomi Osaka, of Japan, after Osaka defeated Gauff during the third round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019, in New York.** (AP Photo/

Adam Hunger)

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Gauff's dad said afterward that his daughter might not appear on tour again until next year, because of age restrictions on the women's tour that limit how many tournaments someone who is 15 may enter.

Next for Osaka is a match Monday against 13th-seeded Belinda Bencic of Switzerland with a quarterfinal berth at stake. Other matchups Monday: American qualifier Taylor Townsend vs. No. 15 Bianca Andreescu of Canada, American wild-card Kristie Ahn vs. No. 25 Elise Mertens, and No. 23 Donna Vekic of Croatia vs. No. 26 Julia Goerges.

Moving into the men's fourth round were three-time champion Rafael Nadal and 2014 title winner Marin Cilic, who are the only past Grand Slam champs in their half of the draw and now must face each other. Cilic, the No. 22 seed, overcame his own 17 double-faults and withstood 40 aces from 14th-seeded American John Isner to win 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4. With Isner and Tennys Sandgren losing Saturday, zero American men reached the fourth round.

Other winners included No. 6 Alexander Zverev, No. 13 Gael Monfils, No. 24 Matteo Berrettini and unseeded Andrey Rublev, who beat the ever-combustible Nick Kyrgios 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Kyrgios is facing a possible suspension after calling the ATP "pretty corrupt" over a \$113,000 fine it levied for outbursts at a tuneup tournament. He was relatively subdued Saturday, other than calling a line judge a "whistleblower" for reporting him to the chair umpire for cursing.

There's always something with Kyrgios, who said afterward his eyes might have had trouble adjusting to the artificial lights in Ashe because he plays too many video games.

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## AP Explains: State of Mexico under President López Obrador

By AMY GUTHRIE undefined

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador delivers his first annual report on the state of the union Sunday, less than a year after he took office Dec. 1. The president sets the agenda most days with a morning press conference, delivered with a smile and often followed by visits to small towns where he is received by jubilant supporters. Approval ratings remain sky-high for López Obrador, who won office in a landslide July 2018 election. However, brutal violence and a flagging economy threaten to chip away at his popularity.

Here's how he's doing in key areas of governance:

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### VIOLENCE RISES TO NEW HEIGHTS

Cartel violence, once confined to a few northern cities, has spread throughout the country. And, increasingly, innocent bystanders such as restaurant patrons and children are being killed.

Homicides soared to nearly 35,000 last year, up from 27,000 during the 2011 peak of the government's confrontations with cartels. At least 40,000 Mexicans have been reported missing in recent decades; many believe their remains to be scattered across hundreds of makeshift graves dug in fields and the backyards of homes.

López Obrador's oft-repeated response to reports of violence, including against Mexican security forces, is "hugs not bullets" and "the people are good and wise."

The president acknowledges that violent crime is the most serious challenge he faces. The federal government has assembled a National Guard force to improve security, pulling recruits from the military and police.

Lisa Sánchez, director of Mexicans United Against Crime, views López Obrador's approach to crime as "more of the same," saying he has taken a militarized approach that reacts to crime rather than trying to prevent it.

But there aren't enough boots on the ground: even if the National Guard achieves recruiting goals, it

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would only have one officer for every 1,000 inhabitants of Mexico.

Their mission has also been diverted largely to immigration enforcement, as Mexico makes it more difficult for mostly Central American migrants to traverse the country en route to the U.S., under pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump.

## SLUGGISH ECONOMY

Mexico's economy tends to slow down at the beginning of each six-year presidential term as the outgoing government turns off the spending spigot and the incoming one finds its bearings.

But this change of guard has been more dramatic as López Obrador embarks on a philosophical overhaul that he calls the Fourth Transformation, comparing his rule to a shift of course on par with Mexico's independence from Spain.

The economy under López Obrador is flirting with recession. Gross domestic product growth was just 0.2% over the first half of 2019, down from 1.9% the previous year, and Mexico's central bank recently downgraded its annual growth forecast to the 0.2%-0.7% range.

Some factors hitting the economy are external, such as the ongoing trade war between the United States and China, which has thrashed global markets.

As recently as June, Trump also threatened to slap tariffs on Mexican imports despite having negotiated a new free trade agreement for North America last year. The Mexican congress has already ratified the deal, but U.S. legislators appear in no rush to sign off on it.

Some of López Obrador's own actions have bruised investor confidence, especially the cancellation of a \$13 billion new airport for Mexico City that was already one-third built. And his austerity program has slashed spending to the bone. Consumer spending has been weak amid widespread layoffs and salary cuts for government employees.

Valeria Moy, director of the think tank Mexico, Como Vamos, feels the country is going backward as the president unravels programs and institutions.

"The whole administration revolves around the figure of the president," she says. "How can you trust in a country where everything changes when the president changes?"

Analyst Alfredo Coutiño of Moody's Analytics warns that "if investors remain reticent," the economy could report no growth or a mild contraction in 2019.

## CORRUPTION A TOUGH WEED TO UPROOT

López Obrador campaigned on promises to staunch widespread corruption. It's a gargantuan task: Mexico scored 28 out of 100 points in Transparency International's 2018 Corruption Perceptions Index, where a



**FILE - In this July 1, 2019 file photo, Mexico's President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador arrives at a rally to celebrate the one-year anniversary of his election, in Mexico City's main square, the Zocalo. As President Obrador gets ready to give his state of the union address on Sunday, Sept. 1, Mexico's drug war has burst into flames again, the economy is flat, the health care system is creaking and, facing the wrath of U.S. President Donald Trump, he has cracked down on Central American migrants harder than ever.** (AP Photo/Fernando Llano, File)

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lower score indicates higher levels of corruption.

That puts Mexico on par with Russia and behind countries such as Bolivia and Honduras in clean business dealings.

Ricardo Alvarado, a researcher with civic group Mexicans Against Corruption and Impunity, says that while López Obrador was able to capitalize during the election on the anger and frustration in society over corruption, his administration has yet to put forth a concrete plan to address the issue.

"The fight against corruption is more in the president's discourse than in practice," says Alvarado.

The crackdowns that have occurred have been messy, with sometimes dire consequences.

The administration kicked off with a full-on confrontation in January against fuel thieves that tap pipelines, resorting to tanker trucks to transport gasoline. That led to widespread gas shortages. When gasoline began to flow again from one refinery in central Mexico, residents flocked to a pipeline gusher to fill buckets. The gusher exploded into flames, killing nearly 100 people.

The López Obrador administration has also taken a slash-and-burn approach to programs and expenditures, sometimes with a high cost for beneficiaries.

For instance, in response to suspected bribes being paid out for medicine sold to the national health care system, the government halted purchases, resulting in shortages of vaccines and lifesaving drugs for patients with conditions such as HIV.

The president vowed not to embark on a witch hunt against members of previous governments. Nonetheless, his administration has issued an arrest warrant for the former director of national oil company Pemex, for allegedly having received bribes in exchange for public contracts.

Also, the secretary of social development under the previous president, Enrique Peña Nieto, has been jailed pending investigations into the alleged diversion of \$260 million in public funds.

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## Latest US, Chinese tariff hikes take effect in trade war

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and China went ahead with their latest tariff increases on each other's goods Sunday, potentially raising prices Americans pay for some clothes, shoes, sporting goods and other consumer items in advance of the holiday shopping season.

The 15% U.S. taxes apply to about \$112 billion of Chinese imports. All told, more than two-thirds of the consumer goods the United States imports from China now face higher taxes. The administration had largely avoided hitting consumer items in its earlier rounds of tariff hikes.

But with prices of many retail goods now likely to rise, the Trump administration's move threatens the U.S. economy's main driver: consumer spending. As businesses pull back on investment spending and exports slow in the face of weak global growth, American shoppers have been a key bright spot for the economy.

As a result of Trump's higher tariffs, many U.S. companies have warned that they will be forced to pass on to their customers the higher prices they will pay on Chinese imports. Some businesses, though, may decide in the end to absorb the higher costs rather than raise prices for their customers.

In China, authorities began charging higher duties on American imports at midday Sunday, according to employees who answered the phone at customs offices in Beijing and the southern port of Guangzhou. They declined to give their names.

Tariffs of 10% and 5% apply to items ranging from frozen sweet corn and pork liver to marble and bicycle tires, the government announced earlier.

After Sunday's tariff hike, 87% of textiles and clothing the United States buys from China and 52% of shoes will be subject to import taxes.

On Dec. 15, the Trump administration is scheduled to impose a second round of 15% tariffs — this time on roughly \$160 billion of imports. If those duties take effect, virtually all goods imported from China will be covered.

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The Chinese government has released a list of American imports targeted for penalties on Dec. 15 if the U.S. tariff hikes take effect. In total, Beijing says Sunday's penalties and the planned December increases will apply to \$75 billion of American goods.

Washington and Beijing are locked in a war over U.S. complaints that China steals U.S. trade secrets and unfairly subsidizes its own companies in its drive to develop global competitors in such high-tech industries as artificial intelligence and electric cars.

To try to force Beijing to reform its trade practices, the Trump administration has imposed import taxes on billions of dollars' worth of Chinese imports, and China has retaliated with tariffs on U.S. exports.

Trump has insisted that China itself pays the tariffs. But in fact, economic research has concluded that the costs of the duties fall on U.S. businesses and consumers. Trump had indirectly acknowledged the tariffs' impact by delaying some of the duties until Dec. 15, after holiday goods are already on store shelves.

A study by J.P. Morgan found that Trump's tariffs will cost the average U.S. household \$1,000 a year. That study was done before Trump raised the Sept. 1 and Dec. 15 tariffs to 15% from 10%.

The president has also announced that existing 25% tariffs on a separate group of \$250 billion of Chinese imports will increase to 30% on Oct. 1.

That cost could weaken an already slowing U.S. economy. Though consumer spending grew last quarter at its fastest pace in five years, the overall economy expanded at just a modest 2% annual rate, down from a 3.1% rate in the first three months of the year.

The economy is widely expected to slow further in the months ahead as income growth slows, businesses delay expansions and higher prices from tariffs depress consumer spending. Companies have already reduced investment spending, and exports have dropped against a backdrop of slower global growth.

Americans have already turned more pessimistic. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index, released Friday, fell by the most since December 2012.

"The data indicate that the erosion of consumer confidence due to tariff policies is now well underway," said Richard Curtin, who oversees the index.

Some retailers may eat the cost of the tariffs. Target confirmed to The Associated Press that it warned suppliers that it won't accept cost increases arising from the China tariffs. But many smaller retailers won't have the bargaining power to make such demands and will pass the costs to customers.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 1, the 244th day of 2019. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1715, following a reign of 72 years, King Louis XIV of France died four days before his 77th birthday.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found not guilty of treason. (Burr was then tried on a misdemeanor charge, but was again acquitted.)

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1942, U.S. District Court Judge Martin I. Welsh, ruling from Sacramento, Calif., on a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Fred Korematsu, upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.

In 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an above-ground nuclear explosion in central Asia. A TWA Lockheed Constellation crashed shortly after takeoff from Chicago's Midway Airport, killing all 78 people on board.



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In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik (RAY'-kyuh-vik), Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of Game 21. An arson fire at the Blue Bird Cafe in Montreal, Canada, claimed 37 lives.

In 1983, 269 people were killed when a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 was shot down by a Soviet jet fighter after the airliner entered Soviet airspace.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

In 2004, more than 1,000 people were taken hostage by heavily armed Chechen militants at a school in Beslan in southern Russia; more than 330 people, more than half of them children, were killed in the three-day ordeal.

In 2005, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin issued a "desperate SOS" as his city descended into anarchy amid the flooding left by Hurricane Katrina.

Ten years ago: Vermont's law allowing same-sex marriage went into effect. Poland held ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the start of World War II. Death claimed award-winning conductor Erich Kunzel at age 74 and Wycliffe Johnson, a major figure in Jamaican music, at age 47.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, addressing a union crowd in Milwaukee, renewed his push for Congress to raise the minimum wage in a buoyant accounting of the economy's "revving" performance. The U.N.'s top human rights body overwhelmingly approved the Iraqi government's request for an investigation into alleged crimes against civilians committed by the Islamic State group in its rampage across northeastern Syria and parts of Iraq. Cole Hamels and three Philadelphia Phillies relievers combined to pitch a no-hitter, the fourth of the season, beating the Atlanta Braves 7-0.

One year ago: At a nearly three-hour memorial service for the late Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain in Washington, McCain's daughter and two former presidents led a public rebuke of President Donald Trump's divisive politics and called for a return to civility among the nation's leaders.

Today's Birthdays: Actor George Maharis is 91. Conductor Seiji Ozawa (SAY'-jee oh-ZAH'-wah) is 84. Attorney and law professor Alan Dershowitz is 81. Comedian-actress Lily Tomlin is 80. Actor Don Stroud is 76. Conductor Leonard Slatkin is 75. Singer Archie Bell is 75. Singer Barry Gibb is 73. Rock musician Greg Errico is 71. Talk show host Dr. Phil McGraw is 69. Singer Gloria Estefan is 62. Former White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers is 58. Jazz musician Boney James is 58. Singer-musician Grant Lee Phillips (Grant Lee Buffalo) is 56. Country singer-songwriter Charlie Robison is 55. Retired NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway is 53. Rap DJ Spigg Nice (Lost Boyz) is 49. Actor Ricardo Antonio Chavira is 48. Actor Maury Sterling is 48. Rock singer JD Fortune is 46. Actor Scott Speedman is 44. Country singer Angaleena Presley (Pistol An-nies) is 43. Actor Boyd Holbrook is 38. Actress Zoe Lister-Jones is 37. Rock musician Joe Trohman is 35. Actress Aisling (ASH'-ling) Loftus is 29.

Thought for Today: "There is little that can withstand a man who can conquer himself." — King Louis XIV (1638-1715).

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