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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**

### **8- Sunday**

Sunflower Classic at Olive Grove Golf Course  
James Valley Threshing Show, Andover  
St. John's: Bible Study, 8 a.m.; Worship, 9 a.m.;  
Sunday school, 10 a.m.

Emmanuel: Worship/Rally Sunday/Communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 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, 11 a.m.

Presbyterian: Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.

### **9 - Monday**

4 p.m.: JH FB Hosts Webster

7 p.m.: School Board Meeting

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

UMC: Girl Scouts, 3:30 p.m.

Breakfast: Eggs and Hash Browns

Lunch: \* New Item\* Burritos, Rice

Senior Menu: Chicken alfredo, lemon buttered broccoli, fruit dessert.



## Sunday Extras



### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

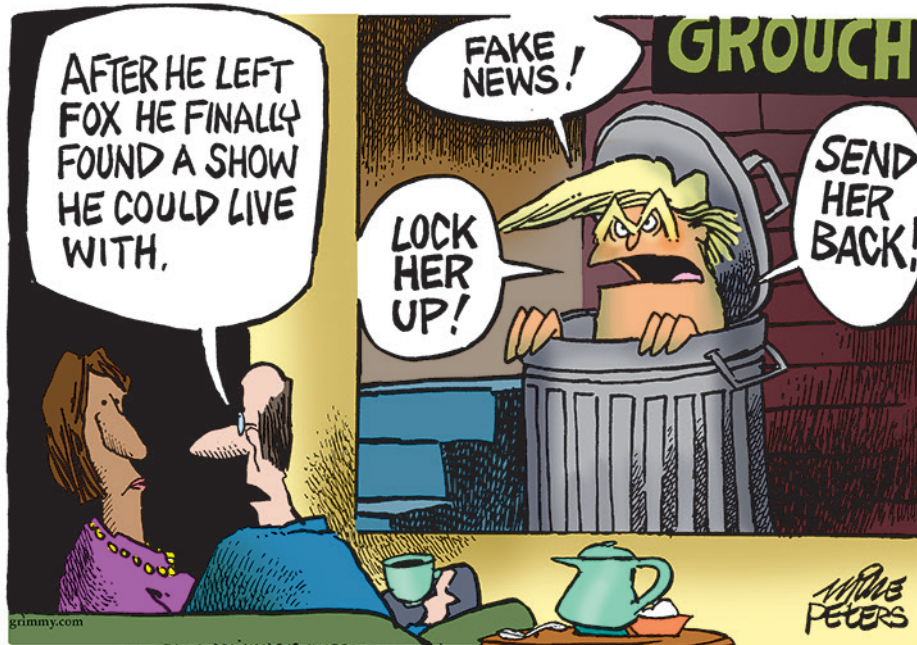
*Let the beauty of the Lord  
our God be upon us,  
And establish the work  
of our hands for us;  
yes, establish the work  
of our hands.*

PSALM 90:17

*Detail of "Cumaean Sibyl in a Landscape"  
by Agostino Veneziano (1516)*



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## BIBLE

## TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Timothy in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Who said, "Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars but the ark of the covenant ... remaineth under curtains."? *David, Nathan, Saul, Solomon*

3. From Numbers 12, why was Miriam shut out of camp for seven days? *Ungodly act, Leprous, Fasting, Lent*

4. Who took David in as his own after the slaying of Goliath? *Jonathan, Solomon, Saul, Eliakim*

5. From Mark 10:27, Jesus said, "For with God all things are ... ." *Righteous, Forthcoming, Pure, Possible*

6. Upon which mountain did Aaron die? *Kor, Carmel, Pisgah, Sinai*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) David; 3) Leprous; 4) Saul; 5) Possible; 6) Kor

*Comments? More Trivia? Visit [www.TriviaGuy.com](http://www.TriviaGuy.com)*

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## Comfort foods

Made fast  
and  
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

### End of Summer Chili

A filling soup is a welcome change from the same old sandwiches, wouldn't you agree? Well then, spice up your day by savoring a bowl of this at lunchtime!

- 8 ounces extra-lean ground turkey or beef
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 10 ounces (one 16-ounce can) red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup (one 8-ounce can) tomato sauce
- 2 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons chili seasoning

1. In a large saucepan sprayed with olive oil-flavored cooking spray, brown meat, green pepper and onion. Stir in kidney beans, tomato sauce, tomatoes and water. Add chili seasoning. Mix well to combine.

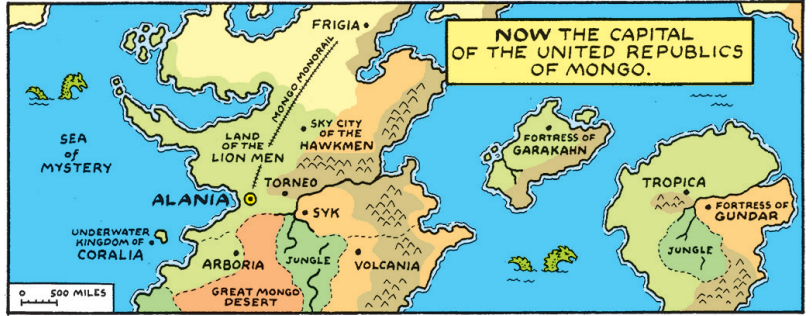
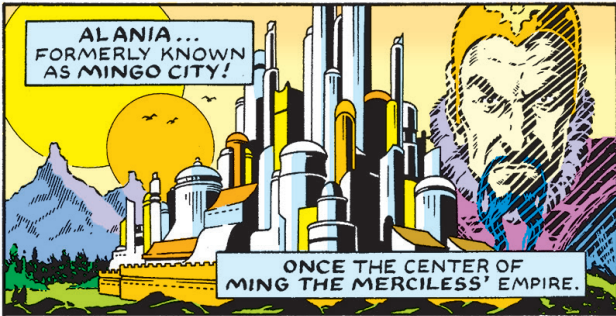
2. Bring mixture to a boil. Lower heat and simmer for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Freezes well. Makes 4 (1-1/2 cup) servings.

• Each serving equals: 189 calories, 5g fat, 15g protein, 21g carb., 464mg sodium, 7g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetables, 1/2 Meat, 1 Starch.

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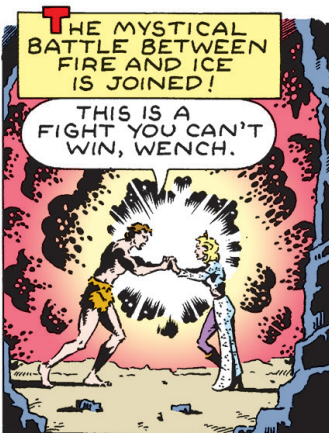
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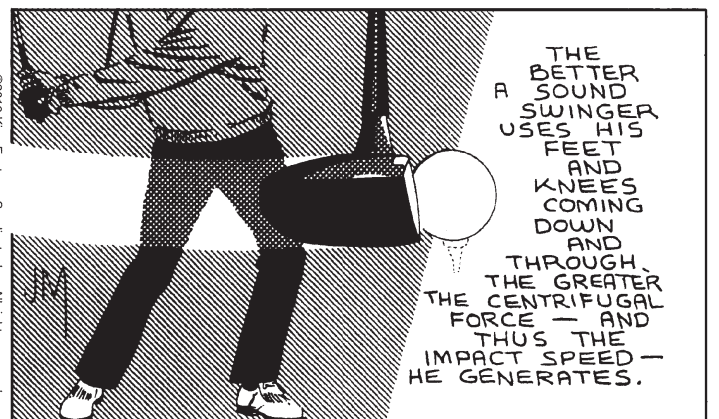
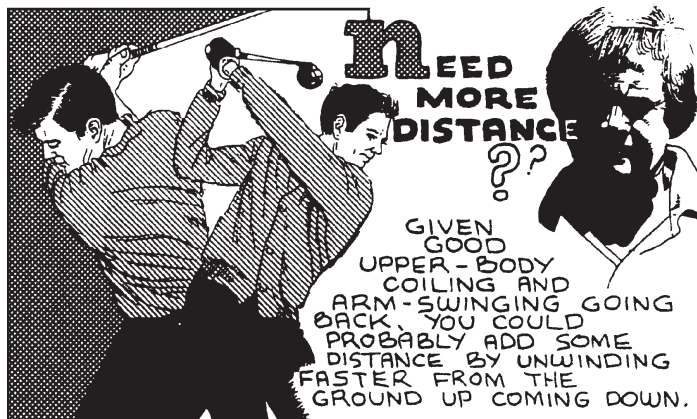


## FLASH GORDON

9-1 BY JIM KEEFE



## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS







## Heart Attack Symptoms Not Always Painful

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My very healthy husband collapsed and died on the way to the hospital. They worked on him for a long time but could not revive him. They didn't do an autopsy, and they declared his death as "atherosclerotic vascular disease." He was 79 years old and had no health problems. He came into the house and said that something was in his throat and he couldn't swallow. He tried to cough it up, but nothing came up. He then collapsed. He had no pain. I am still puzzled by that symptom of a heart attack. Have you ever heard of that? I am really curious and still in shock. I hope you can explain. — *T.S.*

**ANSWER:** I am very sorry to hear about your husband. I think he likely did have a heart attack, which is the leading cause of death in the industrialized world.

Although many people have symptoms of heart disease that they ignore, some people have no symptoms until sudden death. Atherosclerosis, hardening of the arteries due to cholesterol plaque and calcium in the blood vessels of the heart, almost always is present in people with a heart attack.

The initial symptom of a heart attack varies widely. Throat discomfort is not rare. Cough is a common symptom, as the heart becomes damaged and the pressure in the lungs increases. The classic symptom of chest pain certainly does happen, but there are many variations. Both men and women can have atypical presentations.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** My husband has Parkinson's disease. He also has a stent in his heart. We have been to many doctors to address a breathing problem: fast breathing. He experiences this daily, and we are told that it is anxiety. It is difficult to watch him go through this. It sometimes happens before he is due for his Sinemet, but other times right after taking it.

He has been prescribed Xanax, clonidine, cannabidiol-infused gummies and a few others. One doctor says it is from Parkinson's, but the rest say it is anxiety. — *E.W.*

**ANSWER:** Shortness of breath can have many causes, but someone with Parkinson's disease has an unusual possibility, called "respiratory dyskinesia" (which just means "abnormal movement of the muscles of breathing"). This is an involuntary rapid breathing that causes distress, and it usually happens an hour after taking a medication like Sinemet. Changing the dose can help with diagnosis, and working with a neurologist to adjust the dose of the Sinemet (which comes in fast-acting and slow-release formulations) can solve the problem. I would start with an expert on Parkinson's. Keeping a diary of when he takes his medication and when the breathing trouble starts and stops will be helpful, as would a video of what it looks like when happening.

Having Parkinson's doesn't make someone less likely to have other causes of shortness of breath, and anyone with a stent in the heart (meaning a history of blockages of at least one heart artery) is at risk of developing further blockages. Poor blood flow to the heart is another potential cause. Get the Parkinson's evaluation first.

I would not recommend anti-anxiety medications unless there is clear evidence of benefit. Ascribing a physical symptom like shortness of breath to anxiety without a thorough workup is unwise.

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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. What artist released "Let the Little Girl Dance"?
2. Which song was used as the theme song for the 12th James Bond film in 1981?
3. Name the R&B singer and producer who has a 25-mile stretch of I-65 named after him.
4. Which Carly Simon song ended up in a condiment commercial?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "They all tell me sing to him, swing with him, and just do anything for him, and tell him he's the one."

### Answers

1. Billy Bland, in 1960. After offering suggestions to another artist in a studio, it was Bland's version that was recorded.
2. "For Your Eyes Only," by Sheena Easton. Blondie also wrote a theme song by the same name, but the studio went with Easton singing another version by the film's composer.
3. Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. The section is in Indianapolis, where he was born.
4. "Anticipation," in 1971. From the 1970s into the '80s, the song was used to promote a thick ketchup that poured very slowly.
5. "Easier Said Than Done," by The Essex in 1964. The Essex were active-duty Marines who first met while stationed in Okinawa. Group member William Linton wrote the song to the rhythm of the teletype machine in his office.

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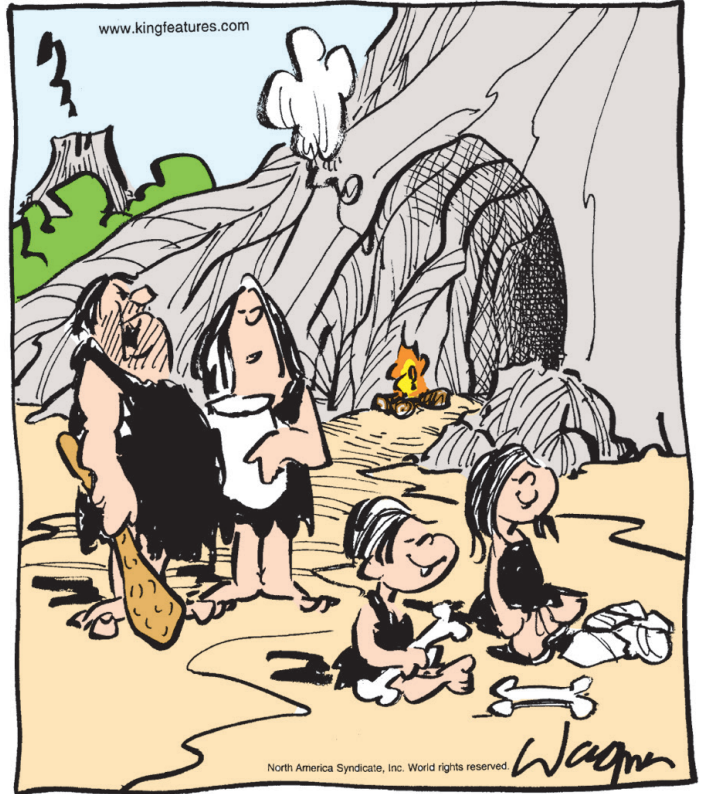
## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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

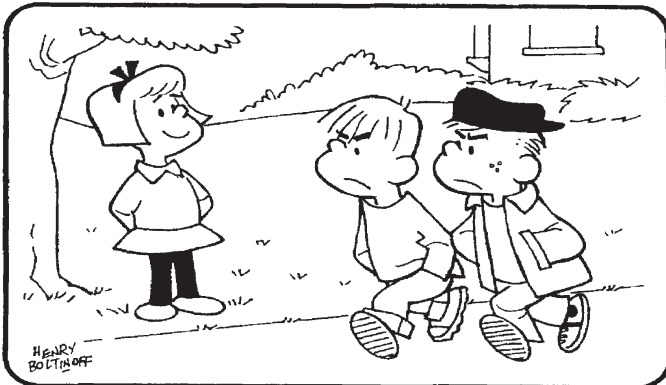


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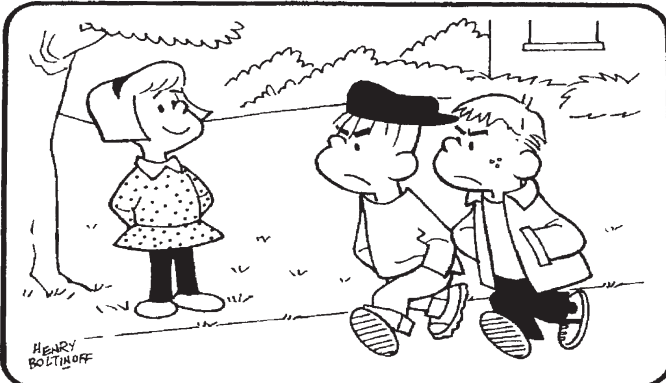
"Kids today have it too easy!"

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Dress is dotted. 2. Jeans are black. 3. Different boy is wearing cap. 4. Bushes have been added. 5. Girl's bow is gone. 5. Side window is gone.



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• Y.L. in North Carolina writes: “I was sorting out tools in the shed and didn’t realize that rust had gotten all over my T-shirt and shorts. Any tips?” You can try this, Y.L., and remember never to machine dry an item until the stain is gone, as it may set the stain. For rust, apply lemon juice to the stain, and then sprinkle with cream of tartar from your kitchen and rub it into the fabric. Allow the clothing to sit until the stain is gone, and then launder as usual. Good luck!

• “Oh, that grease buildup on top of the cabinets is terrible. But you can make cleaning up a snap with this tip: All you need to do to keep the tops of your cabinets clean is line them with waxed paper. Some people use newspaper, but I like waxed paper.” — *W.T. in Kentucky*

• “When you shop for shoes, go in the evening. Feet swell and expand throughout the day, so if you buy shoes in the morning, the fit might not feel too good later in the day.” — *A.T. in Louisiana*

• Can’t seem to get organized in the kitchen? Start with baby steps. For instance, every time you put away groceries, check your fridge and freezer to see if there are any expired items that are ready for the refuse bin. Also, pull items from the freezer that have been in there for a while, and defrost them. Now, that’s what’s for dinner!

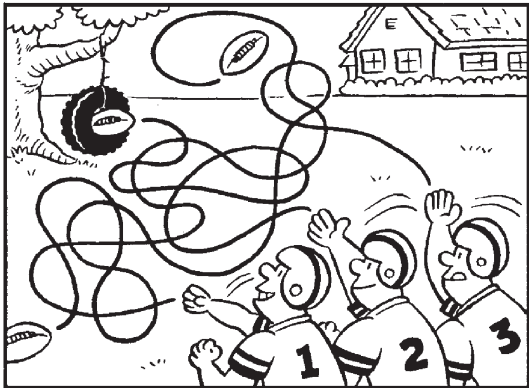
• “To give rooms the illusion of extra height, hang curtains from a spot very near the ceiling. The long vertical lines of the fabric draw the eye up. It can be enough to make a very small room look and feel a little more spacious.” — *R.*

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

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**THE STARTING QUARTERBACK** was decided by the player who first threw a pass through the practice tire. Who was it?

Answer: Player number 2.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### SOME 'QUICK CHANGE' WORD PUZZLES!

In this type of puzzle you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed CAPE to HERO in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves.

1. BIRD to HAWK
2. GOAT to BELL
3. PAIN to WELL
4. NOSH to DINE
5. FADE to OUTS

**A SINGULAR WORD!** Can you help Professor Flunkum find the only four-letter word in the English language that, when printed in capital letters, reads the same when turned upside down as it does right side up?



Answer: The word is NOON.

**FIND THE SEVEN WORDS PUZZLE!** In the word square at the right, we've removed six of the letters to spell out the word "BEATEN." See if you can replace these letters in the squares so that you will have four three-letter words across and three four-letter words down. The time limit is 60 seconds.

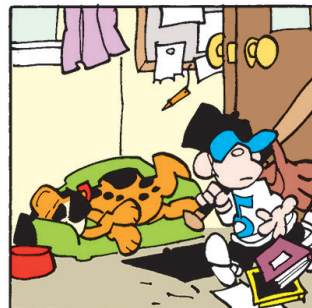
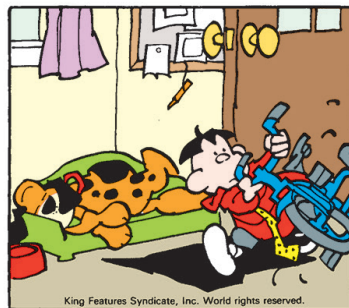
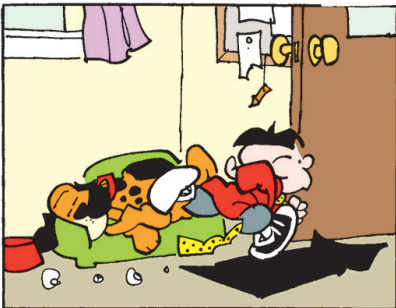
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Answers: (Across): Ban, one, ate, red; (Down): Boar, ante, need

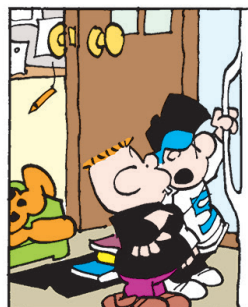
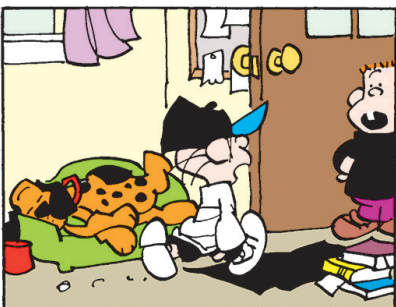
Answers:  
 1. BIRD, BARD, HARD, HARK, HAWK.  
 2. GOAT, BOAT, BEAT, BELL.  
 3. PAIN, PAIL, FALL, WALL, WELL.  
 4. NOSH, NOSE, NONE, DONE, DINE.  
 5. FADE, FATE, FATS, OATS, OUTS.

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Old love boat
- 4 Cattle comments
- 8 Dispatch
- 12 Luau side dish
- 13 Reed instrument
- 14 Inlet
- 15 Small
- 17 Enthusiastic
- 18 Eviscerate
- 19 Soon
- 21 Rook
- 24 Potential syrup
- 25 Roman
- 26 Thanksgiving veggie
- 28 Pass along
- 32 Ricelike pasta
- 34 — Mahal
- 36 Cannonball, maybe
- 37 Color workers
- 39 High-pitched bark
- 41 A mere handful
- 42 Mimic
- 44 Bets
- 46 Poetic feet
- 50 Existed
- 51 Tangelo trademark
- 52 Do some firing
- 56 Sandwich cookie

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- 57 Great Lake
- 58 Londoner's letter
- 59 Cut, as logs
- 60 Tear to bits
- 61 Type measures
- 7 Prophets
- 8 Resold for big profits
- 9 Corporate symbol
- 10 Shakespeare's river
- 11 Safecracker
- 16 Historic boy king
- 20 Listener
- 21 LummoX
- 22 Ethereal
- 23 Dine on
- 27 Has permission
- 29 Of natural dimensions
- 30 State with certainty
- 31 Some evergreens
- 33 Speech
- 35 Mandible
- 38 Agent
- 40 Hocked
- 43 Church leader
- 45 Petrol
- 46 Twosomes
- 47 City in India
- 48 Ball of yarn
- 49 Angry
- 53 Triumph
- 54 Buddhist sect
- 55 Wood and Wynn

### DOWN

- 1 Smartphone download
- 2 Marseilles monarch
- 3 Huge
- 4 Pretty much
- 5 Japanese sash
- 6 Leak slowly

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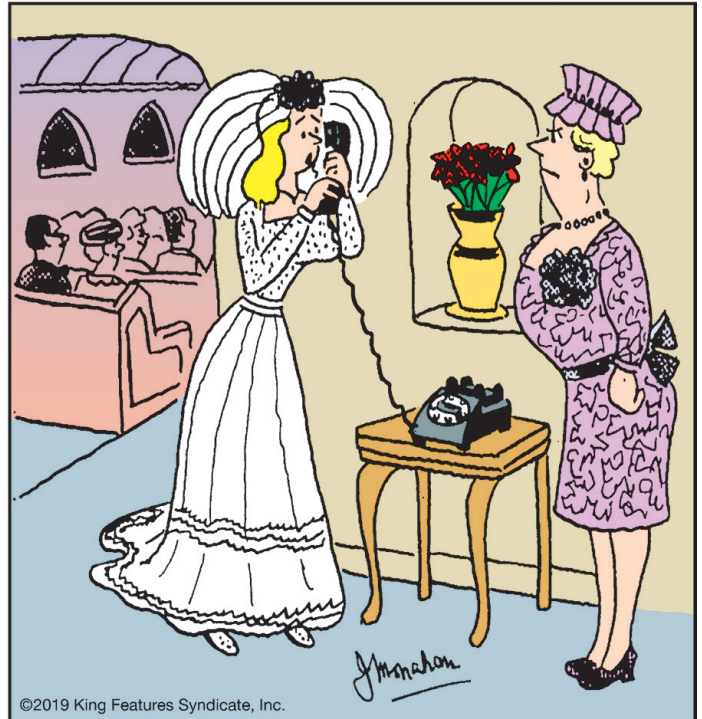
## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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## LAFF - A - DAY



"He said he enjoyed the bachelor party so much last night that he decided to remain a bachelor!"

## Out on a Limb

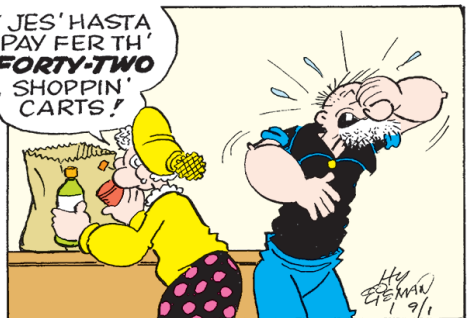
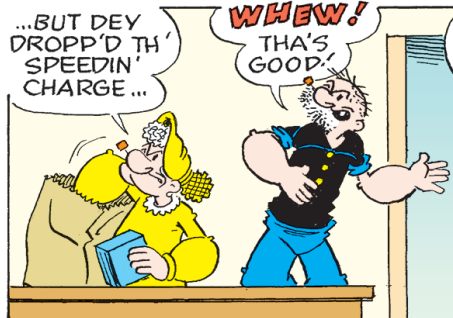
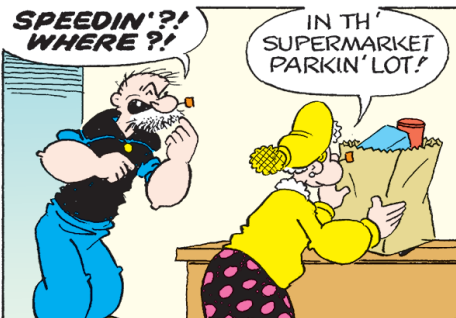
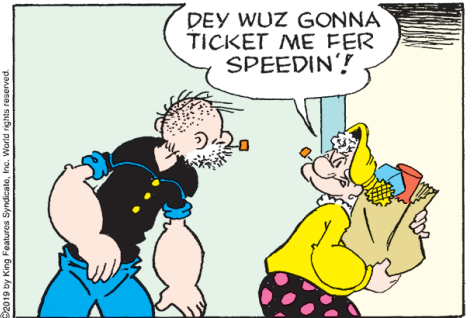
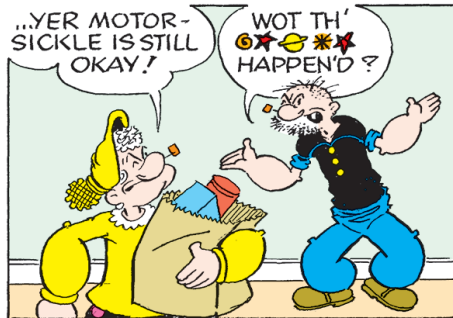
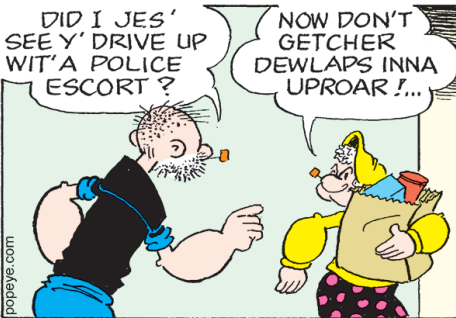
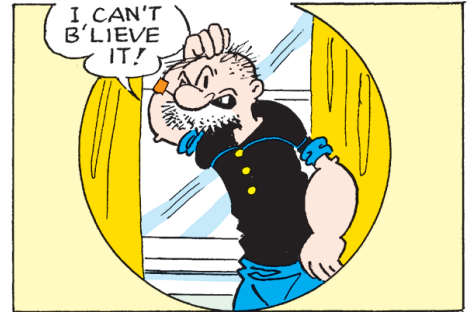
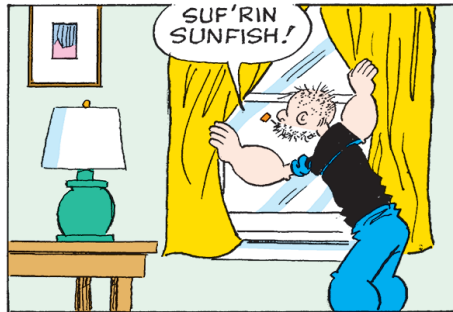
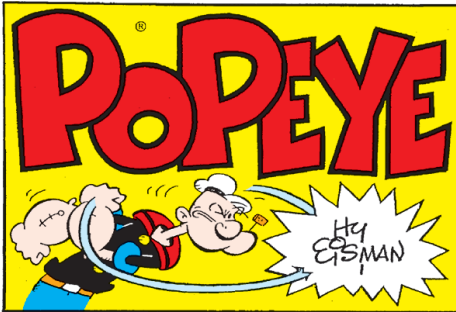
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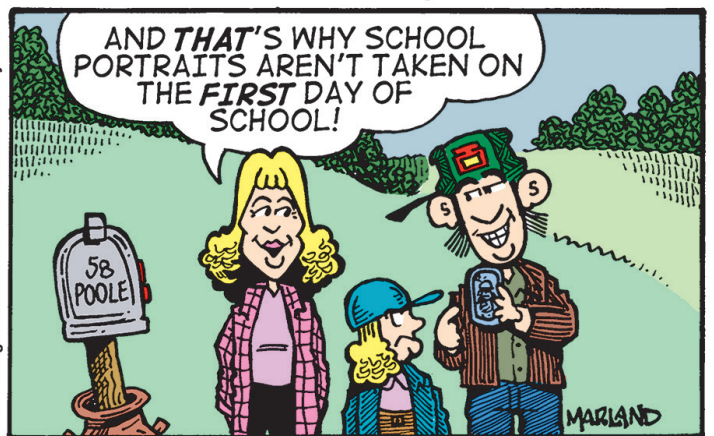
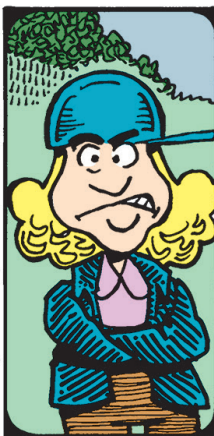
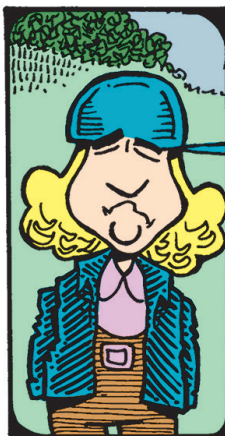
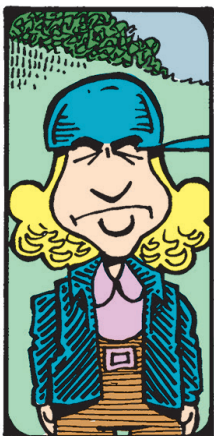
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## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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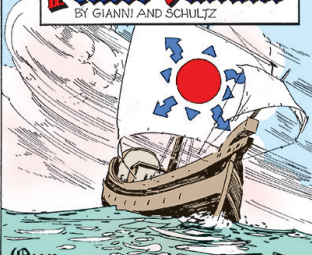
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Hal Foster's  
**Prince Valiant**  
BY GIANNI AND SCHULTZ




**Our Story:**  
VAL AND ALETA'S VESSEL DEPARTS AB'SABA ON CALM WATERS BEFORE FAIR WINDS. ABOARD, HOWEVER, THE MOOD IS STORMY.

THE ROYAL COUPLE IS AT WAR. IT IS PAINFULLY OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT VAL'S EXTENDED ABSENCE HAS CREATED MUCH TENSION.

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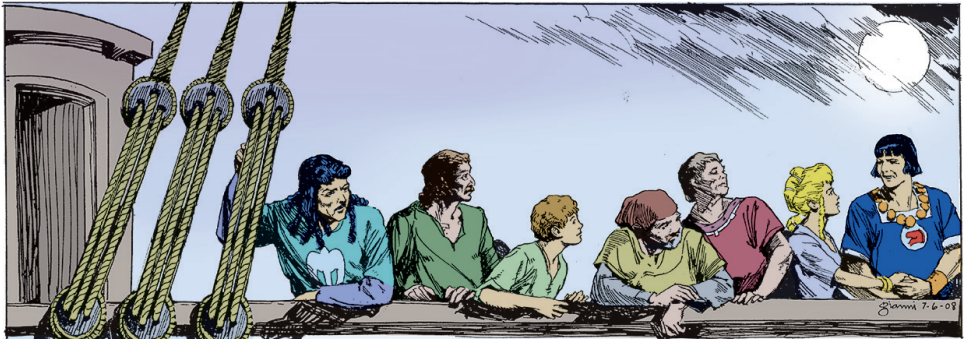


PRIVACY IS LIMITED AT SEA - THE DOMESTIC TENSION BECOMES OPPRESSIVE, BEFORE ALETA SUDDENLY DRAGS HER HUSBAND BELOW DECK AND BOLTS THE DOOR. SUCH IS THE PRIVILEGE OF QUEENS.



THE MATTER OF KEEPING THE SHIP SHIPSHAPE CONTINUES IN A MUCH MORE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE, AS THE DOOR REMAINS BARRED FOR HOURS ...

... AND HOURS ...

... UNTIL, VERY LATE IN THE DAY, IT OPENS TO DISGORGE A COUPLE VERY MUCH IN LOVE, JUDGING BY THE DAFFY GRINS PLASTERED ON BOTH FACES.

NATHAN, GAWAIN AND THE ENTIRE COMPANY BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF. THE STORM HAS PASSED.

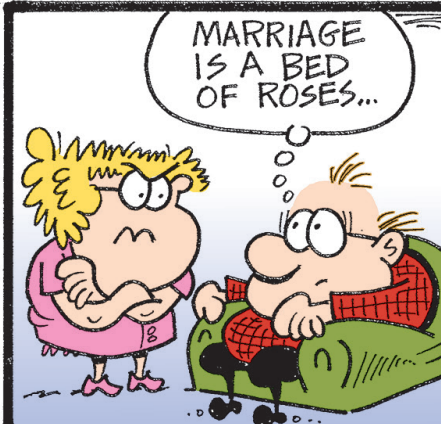
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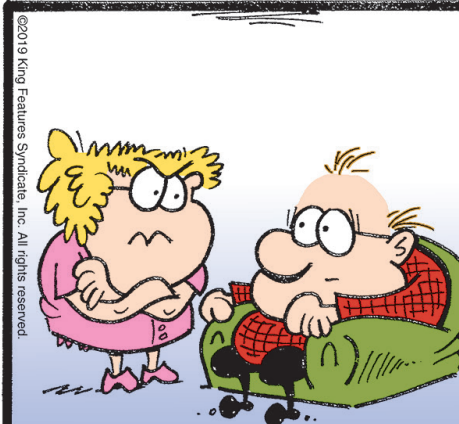
## The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



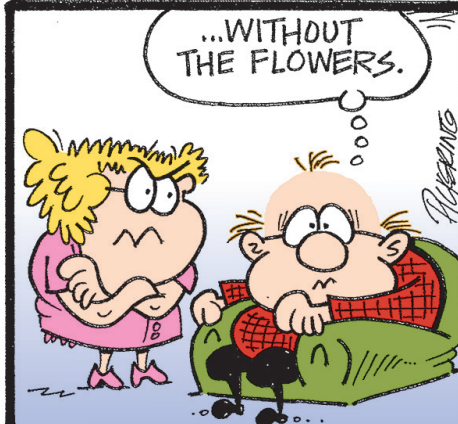
MARRIAGE IS A BED OF ROSES...

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...WITHOUT THE FLOWERS.

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## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### Online Lotharios' Only Love Is Money

Think you're immune from getting scammed in an online romance? Think again.

Authorities recently charged 80 people with running scams around the world designed to defraud women of money. Only 17 of those crooks have actually been arrested as authorities try to hunt down the rest — no easy feat when it comes to dealing with other countries.

In one scam, a Japanese woman fell for a man she believed was a U.S. soldier in Syria. She hooked up with him through an online pen pal site. In reality, he was in Los Angeles and was part of a whole crew of thieves. In less than a year she sent him \$200,000 — money she had to borrow.

There were quite a few warning signs she didn't acknowledge. She and her new love never talked on the phone, and he wanted her to do some business for him. In this case, it was to manage a shipment of diamonds he claimed to have found. Meanwhile, as the scam progressed, he kept asking her for more and more money.

One problem is that these investigations take so long. The one above started in 2016. You can't start an online relationship and two weeks later decide to check the news to see if there is a current investigation or string of arrests. It might take years, and meanwhile you're in danger of losing your money.

Some things to think about: These online scammers are experts at what they do. They follow cleverly written scripts when they woo women. They look for your weak points. If you send someone money, understand that you'll never see it again.

If anyone asks you to send money, make a report to the authorities. Yours might be the clues the police need.

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by Chris Richcreek

1. In 2018, Boston's Craig Kimbrel became the fastest pitcher to 300 career saves (330th opportunity). Who had held the mark?
2. Gleyber Torres, in 2018, became the youngest New York Yankee to hit a walk-off home run (21 years, 144 days). Which Yankee Hall of Famer had been the youngest?
3. In the highest-scoring playoff game in NFL history, was the point total over 100 or under it?
4. Since being in the NCAA championship game in 1998, how many games has Utah's men's basketball team won in the NCAA Tournament?

5. Name the last Calgary Flames player before Johnny Gaudreau in 2019 to have a six-point NHL game.

6. Sifan Hassan set a women's record in 2019 for running the mile in 4 minutes, 12.33 seconds. How long had the previous world record stood?

7. Only three PGA golfers in the past 30 years have won at least one major three years in a row. Name two of them.

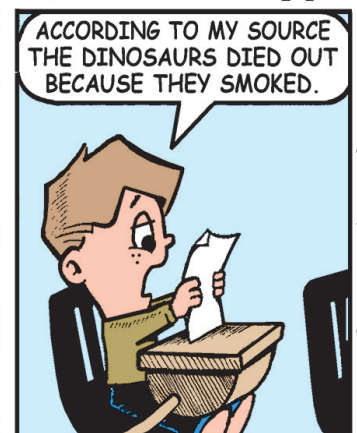
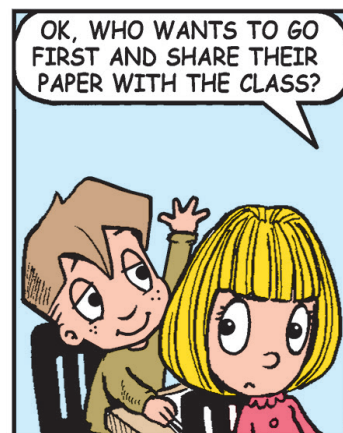
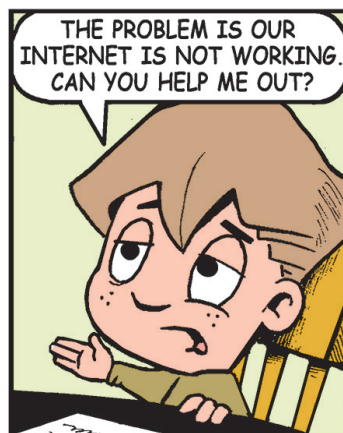
## Answers

1. Joe Nathan got his 300th save in his 335th save opportunity in 2013.
2. Mickey Mantle, who did it at 21 years, 185 days old.
3. Under; Arizona and Green Bay combined for 96 points in a playoff game in 2010.
4. Eight, the last coming in 2016.
5. Al MacInnis did it in 1994.
6. It stood for 23 years — Russia's Svetlana Masterkova set the previous mark of 4:12.56 in 1996.
7. Brooks Koepka, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods.

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





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## Your Voice Matters

School is back in session, which means so is Congress. I spent the last six weeks in South Dakota for the summer in-state work period. I've said it before – I don't think Congress needs a six-week break. We have work to do in Washington. However, my time spent in the state was valuable. When Congress is in session, I typically try to cram my weekends full of meetings and visits with constituents or local businesses, so it was refreshing to have more time to meet with many of the community leaders and constituents I haven't sat down with yet.

I began my stint of summer meetings with a town hall in Rapid City. Maybe you've seen my "Inside Scoop" announcements on social media or in your local paper. I believe elected officials should be accessible and unfortunately, too many politicians hide in their offices. If we expect to better our country and influence real change, we need to sit face-to-face with the folks that elected us. Politicians get a bad rap because they become disconnected from the bosses – the constituents. These town halls allowed me to engage with hundreds of constituents – Republicans and Democrats – and because of these discussions on immigration, the economy, and discourse in politics, I will head back to Washington with a clearer understanding of where South Dakotans stand on specific issues.

It was a top priority of mine to visit our state's reservations this summer. I visited a total of seven and appreciated the opportunity to meet with tribal leadership to discuss concerns and priorities. When I visited Rosebud, I toured the addiction treatment program on the reservation. The death rate for Native Americans from opioid and meth overdoses is the highest of any racial demographic. There's no doubt the work of the Rosebud Treatment Center is crucial to tribal wellness and combating drug abuse.

The bulk of my August work period was spent touring small businesses and meeting with community leaders across the state. Small businesses are the backbone of our state's economy, so I sat down with a range of businesses - fertilizer operations, communications operations, machinery stores, and plastic manufacturers. According to the Small Business Administration, small businesses employ more than 59% of the workforce in South Dakota. Many of our state's business owners, farmers, and producers have been impacted by ongoing trade negotiations with China. Our state's community leaders are looking for the light at the end of the tunnel – they want trade negotiations resolved and they want to see the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement passed as soon as possible. In fact, I can't recall a single meeting this summer where trade did not come up.

As I travel back to Washington for the month of September, I can't help but feel grateful for these last six weeks at home. I appreciate the time people took to attend a town hall, give me a tour of their business, or just say hello when I stopped in at the local coffee shops. I'm ready to hit the ground running and fight for winning trade deals as I spend the next several weeks in Washington.

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## Great Things Come from Humble Beginnings

(Betsey DeLoache believes that there are about 11 public (not on colonies) rural schools operating in South Dakota.)

Transportation to school had four legs instead of four wheels.

The late South Dakota Gov. Walter Dale Miller rode a Shetland pony to and from the rural school he attended from 1931 to 1939. Red Top School was located three-quarters of a mile from his home north of New Underwood. Several generations of the Miller family received their elementary school education in the rural school, named for the red shingles on the roof.

In 1931-32, when Miller started school, there were approximately 4,731 one-room schools operating in South Dakota, according to "One-Room Country School: South Dakota Stories" edited by Norma C. Wilson and Charles L. Woodard. This was down from a peak of 5,011 in 1916. In a typical one-room school, also known as country or rural schools, one teacher taught academic basics to elementary-age boys and girls.

Betsey DeLoache, now of South Carolina and formerly of Pierre, has published two volumes containing memories and experiences of pupils and teachers from rural schools, with a third volume to be published later this year. Almost 1,000 people, the majority of them from South Dakota, have shared their stories with her.

"I think it was an exceptionally nice way of educating kids," DeLoache said of rural schools. "The people who told me their stories became leaders. Going to a country school gave kids a sense of confidence. They learned life skills."

Miller's school day, as recorded in "Country Schools: Past and Present" by DeLoache, began with students raising the flag. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, according to DeLoache. There was a recess in the morning, lunch recess and afternoon recess. The teacher called students in from recess by ringing a hand bell.

Miller brought a lunch of sandwiches, fruit and cake in a paper sack or syrup pail.

Miller recalled that the teacher would read stories such as "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Red Top School had shelves for a few books and a traveling library came from the county to rotate the books. A stove in the rear of the school kept it warm. The school board delivered coal to a coalhouse near the water pump, and one of the students' chores was to get coal and wood for the stove. Pupils also cleaned the blackboards and erasers, and pumped drinking water from the well. At the end of the school day, students lowered the flag and properly folded it.

At recess, Miller and other pupils played on the teeter-totter and swing set and played games such as "Annie-I-Over." In winter they made snow forts and played "Fox and Geese."

Gail Ferris of Pierre began attending South Star School in Jones County in 1953. The school's water supply was one of the memories she shared with DeLoache.

"We were perfectly unsanitary ... we all drank from the same dipper, put in the same crock of water dipped from the cistern. We weren't taught to wash our hands (I was at home, however) as water was in short supply there!" Ferris said.

While she and other students at South Star played games such as "Red Rover" and "Annie-I-Over," they had one other special form of entertainment.

"We'd pile up boards, bricks, big rocks ... whatever ... to make a base, lay a board over it and then ... one kid would stand on one end and another kid or two would jump on the other end, catapulting the one kid into the air! That could have ended badly, but it didn't," Ferris told DeLoache.

Students studied spelling, reading, arithmetic, history, geography and writing. They practiced penmanship using the Palmer Method by making ovals and slashes over and over again on paper printed with special lines that ensured the height of letters. Many schools had a piano that the teacher or students played. Some schools would have an art afternoon on Fridays.

The Young Citizens League was part of Miller's education. YCL was a program to teach citizenship and develop leadership and character.

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In DeLoache's book, DeAnn Hilmoe of Pierre told about an annual school event that brought the whole community together: the school Christmas program. Hilmoe attended Tuthill School in Bennett County from 1960-1968.

"Every year we would memorize and rehearse poetry, songs, and plays or musicals for our Christmas program. The bigger kids would bring the stage materials and curtains from the basement, and we'd set it up in the week before the program. Some years, the Nativity story was an important part of the program, and other times they were more secular, but still Christmas themed," Hilmoe said.

The last day of school usually meant a field day of playing games, and students received their report cards informing them if they were ready to advance to the next grade.

"What I think about most now is how flexible and diverse the teachers needed to be to teach a range of eight grades!" Ferris said. "Preparing lesson plans to suit the county school superintendent and dealing with the various emotions of such different aged kids! We all learned to play together, protect each other and probably learned from each other."

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at [www.sdhsf.org](http://www.sdhsf.org). Contact us at [info@sdhsf.org](mailto:info@sdhsf.org) to submit a story idea.

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**The photo is of a school in Faulk County in approximately 1942.** (South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives Photo)

## From the Carnival of Silver Skates Committee

We are again planning for the 2020 Carnival of Silver Skates! Please check your child's backpacks for registration forms coming home from school. Forms will also be available in the high school office and at Lori's Pharmacy.

Important upcoming date --- Registration and costume measurement will be Sunday, Sept 15 from 11:00 - 3:00 p.m. or Monday, Sept 16 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the warming house. The skater must be present for measuring.

Other important dates:

- Jan. 10 - costume handout
- Jan. 11 - specialty act sign-up
- Jan. 12 - specialty act tryouts
- Jan. 18 - Silver Skates pictures
- Jan. 19 - dress rehearsal
- Jan. 26 - Carnival of Silver Skates

We are excited for the upcoming skating season!

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## Preparing For A Good Death

In 40 years of practice, I have seen how the final moments of one's life can be inspiring or agonizing, no matter the manner of death. As I see it, the fear of death is a greater enemy than death itself. This has brought me to make the following recommendations for approaching our final moments.



By Richard P. Holm, MD ~ Prairie Doc® Perspectives

### Be prepared

Scientific advances, along with health care providers' driven desire to save lives, have wrought lifesaving techniques that sometimes cause suffering (an unintended consequence). To correct this, making an advanced directive (living will) can help prevent great suffering. Going without is like arriving at the airport with no plans as to where you are going. Remember, a written advance directive is a tool to encourage discussions about end-of-life expectations. When you reach your end-of-life situation, do you want antibiotics, intravenous (IV) fluids, feeding tubes, resuscitation? (I don't.) Speak to your family members about your wishes now in case you later lose your memory and ability to speak for yourself.

Also, there has been a growing emphasis and payment for hospice and palliative (comfort) care. Why not welcome these added financial benefits from Medicare and insurance if you or your family member qualifies? (These you control and can be stopped at any time.) When death is eminent, comfort care can be a blessing as it brings less emphasis on intervention which might cause suffering. Talk to your doctor and family about your choices.

### Dehydration can be our friend

When a person has a terminal condition, is no longer wanting or able to take oral feedings or fluid, I see it as cruel to force artificial fluids through IV or feeding tube means. Without fluids, the patient's internal pain relievers (endorphins) turn on while setting the stage for living only about ten more days. Dehydration does NOT cause suffering. Considering the prolonged suffering that can result from artificial fluids, dehydration can be our friend.

### Reconciliation brings harmony

As we get closer to our own time of death, it is prudent to say to those who matter, this wisdom phrase, originating from Hawaii, called "Ho'oponopono," and made popular by Dr. Ira Byock. "I am thankful for you, forgive me, I forgive you and I love you." This can help restore harmony with others and with oneself.

**Bottom line:** The fear of death can keep us from making important plans for an advanced directive and hospice, can trap us on a feeding tube and can keep us from finding harmony with the ones we love. A good death requires the courage to be prepared.

Richard P. Holm, MD is founder of The Prairie Doc® and author of "Life's Final Season, A Guide for Aging and Dying with Grace" available on Amazon. For free and easy access to the entire Prairie Doc® library, visit [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org) and follow Prairie Doc® on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show streaming on Facebook and broadcast on SDPTV most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.



## 2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honoree, Rich Bakeberg, Frederick



When the Cenex station in Frederick closed, the closest fueling option was 12 miles away in Ellendale, N.D. So, members of the Frederick Development Corporation began searching for other options.

The plan they finally went with was a creative one. The Development Corporation built a self-service fuel station and lease the facility to Agtegra. The local cooperative takes care of everything else.

"After going without a local gas station for quite a while, this was a big success for us and our community," explains Rich Bakeberg, volunteer chair of the Development Corporation and a 2019 recipient of South Dakota Farmers Union Rural Dakota Pride honor.

A longtime resident of Frederick, Rich donates his time to projects that help make Frederick a community welcoming to young families. Like he and his wife, Gayle, were when they moved to town to raise their family 44 years ago.

"Our focus is to keep Frederick thriving and growing – any opportunities we can create to get new families to the community we will work to do," explains Rich, who retired four years ago, and then went back to work part-time when Frederick needed a part-time Maintenance manager.

For more than four decades he has served as a volunteer firefighter and spent 25 years with the volunteer ambulance service. For years he kept score for high school basketball games, and when the school needed a bus driver for away games, Rich passed the test so he could do the job.

"I figured, I have three sons and this way I get to watch every game courtside. I was blessed, we got to watch eight Class B State Tournaments while I was volunteer score keeper," Rich, a veteran, shares. "Frederick is a good place to live and it was a good place to raise my family, and our school system is terrific. We have smaller class size, so students don't get lost in the crowd."

In fact, the Frederick Area School has such a good reputation, students from 30 miles away in Aberdeen choose to open enroll. To make it an easy decision for families, the school funds a bus to pick up and drop off students.

"We hope that some of the students' families will be impressed enough with Frederick that they want to move here," he says.

In fact, some student's families have inquired about moving to Frederick, but housing availability was an obstacle. Fortunately, increasing housing options is another project the Development Corporation has undertaken since Rich joined the board more than two decades ago. Currently the organization manages eight apartments, and this summer they will fund the building of a four-bedroom home.

"I get to work with a lot of great people," Bakeberg explains. "In small towns, we all need to volunteer and help out wherever we can. For me, Frederick is my number one priority."

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## 2019 Rural Dakota Pride Honoree, Franklin Olson, Pierpont



When Franklin Olson commits to something, he follows through. As a little boy he decided he would farm. As a young man, he expanded his dream, determining to farm 1,000 acres – even though he and his wife, JoAnne had to start from scratch.

Through hard work and tenacity, they expanded and eventually Franklin was farming 1,000 acres and milking a herd of milk cows.

For nearly 65 years, Franklin applied the same dedication to the many organizations he has served. He was only 18 when Farmers Union Independence Local 923 asked him to serve as their Secretary/Treasurer and he said “yes,” and never missed a meeting until he left town for two years to serve in the Army. When he returned, he resumed his role, and went on to serve several terms as Day County Farmers Union President.

He served several years on the Brown/Day/Marshall Rural Water System and as well as the State Rural Water Board, helping guide them through several phases of development; served on the board of directors for FSA board as well as the board of the Strand Kjorsvig Living Center and served on the Farmers Union Oil Company board of directors for 35 years – missing only two meetings. Franklin recently completed six years of service, representing District 3 on the South Dakota Farmers Union State Board of Directors.

“It’s always easy to work hard for something you thoroughly believe in,” Franklin says. “I’m glad that a lot of the things I was involved in turned out to be good and successful.”

A strong advocate for Farmers Union and cooperatives, Franklin says both have played a vital role in supporting South Dakota’s farmers. “If we didn’t have cooperatives in our country right now, farmers would not have a local place to do business. Farmers Union is the number one farm organization. We have always fought for family farmers, fair prices and education programs,” he said. “Like agriculture, our cooperative has evolved quite a bit. I have watched it grow from a small cooperative to merge with a cooperative in a neighboring community to better serve farmers throughout our region.”

Because Franklin began serving at such a young age, he had to fit meetings and service activities into his already busy farm and dairy schedule. “Some mornings I got up early, and some nights I worked late. JoAnne was always a great support,” says Franklin, noting that his typical workday began at 5 a.m. since they milked the cows at 6. “People who milk cows do things on time.”

## 2019 South Dakota State Fair FFA Results

Members of the South Dakota FFA participated in a wide range of educational activities during the 2019 South Dakota State Fair held August 29-September 2nd in Huron. At the State Fair, there were a record 358 FFA members who exhibited 1121 exhibits.

### GOAT SHOW

Market Meat Goat Showmanship – 3rd: Tessa Erdmann, Groton; 5th: Travis Townsend, Groton

### DAIRY SHOW

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## The Parsonage Kitchen Shutdown Threat

A certain situation has been building in the Parsonage for the last several months. At first, I did not think it too serious but alas, we have reached a terrible impasse. Quite frankly, I'm not exactly sure what to do.

It started a few months ago when I came home, walked into the house and was hit in the face so hard I almost passed out. At the time, I was hoping I would pass out, but no such luck.

I think everybody knows what it is like to be hit unexpectedly by something you do not actually expect. I guess that is why it is called unexpectedly. It happened to me and I am not sure I am over it yet.

Even though I have been married 48 years, of which most has been happily, I did not see this one coming. Just when you think you have your spouse figured out, they do something off the radar. Every husband knows exactly what I am talking about.

This makes it hard to buy Christmas and birthday presents. What they liked last year is not what they like this year. I remember buying my wife a watch one year for Christmas. She was so delighted that for the next four years I bought her a watch for Christmas. I do not hit the relationship lotto that often. How was I supposed to know she only wanted one watch!

I think we hit one of those impasses.

Walking into the house, I was hit with the horrific smell of broccoli cooking on the stove. I do not know if you ever smelled such a smell, but if you are not prepared for it and even if you are, it can smack you in the face like you have never been smacked in the face before.

When I came to myself and gathered what little composure I could find, I queried the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage who was in the kitchen.

"What is that awful smell?"

"I don't know, have you taken a shower yet?"

After being married for 48 years, I know when to respond to a question and when not to. I knew if I responded to this question the way I wanted to, the smell of broccoli would be the least of my worries at the time.

"No," I said, gathering a little bit of manliness about me, "Something in this house smells dreadful. I smelled it as soon as I walked in the door."

Then she chuckled. I hate it when she chuckles.

"Oh, that must be the wonderful aroma of broccoli cooking on the stove. Isn't it marvelous?"

Adhering to my rules about questions, I tossed that one aside and opted for another one.

"You're not cooking broccoli for supper tonight, are you?"

I was hoping she would catch my attitude of disdain and disgust in this question. Obviously, for whatever reason, she did not catch the drift.

"Yes," she said as chipper as I have ever heard her chip, "I thought I would surprise you with a wonderful dish of broccoli for supper tonight, to go along with our pork chops."

Can you live with a person for so long and not know what they like or do not like? Nobody has to be around me for five minutes before they will understand that broccoli and I have had a feud that has been going on since before the Hatfield's and McCoy's.

"But I thought you knew I do not like broccoli?"

"Oh, that," she said with another chuckle, "I just thought you were joking."

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Nobody jokes about broccoli, especially me.

Then a brilliant idea reverberated between my ears. I thought I could take advantage of this situation and sneak in something forbidden in our kitchen and house for that matter, a rare delicacy.

"I will then run to the store and get some fresh Apple Fritters for our dessert."

I figured if she wants to put in front of me broccoli the least she can do is allow me an Apple Fritter or two.

In a moment, all the chipper drained from her person and looking at me said, "Apple Fritters are not allowed in this house."

"Let's negotiate," I said as calmly as I have ever been in my life. "I will allow you to eat broccoli tonight if you allow me an Apple Fritter for my dessert."

I wonder if there is a husband living today, that has ever successfully negotiated with his wife.

"This is how we will negotiate, we will have broccoli tonight without any Apple Fritter. I am only thinking of your health."

The way she glared at me, I knew negotiations were off the table now and in its place was some steaming broccoli.

What I am going to do is sneak behind her back and eat two, not one, but two Apple Fritters and I will savor every bite.

If only we could act like grownups, come together, voice our differences and strike a compromise. After all, our government works that way.

I thought about this and came to a certain conclusion. The Christian life is not really negotiating your preference, but rather honoring Christ. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

When self is at the center of my negotiations, Christ is never honored.



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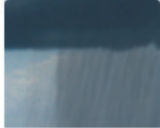

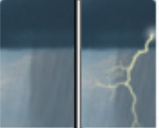


**Suicide and Bullying**



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



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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
				
70% → 40%	40%	90%   90%	60%	
Showers Likely and Patchy Fog then Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Showers then T-storms	T-storms Likely	Mostly Sunny
High: 58 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 73 °F





## *Umbrella Weather*




**Today:** Lingering Showers East. Cloudy & Cool. Highs: 55-63F.

**Outlook:** Showers and Isolated Storms Monday-Thursday.

**\*\*\* Isolated Severe Storms Possible Monday Afternoon/Evening \*\*\***



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Showers will linger across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota today. Skies will remain cloudy which will keep temperatures rather cool for another day. The next system will organize to the west by tonight and spread rain chances back across the area late tonight and Monday. A few storms could be strong to severe in parts of the area Monday afternoon and evening as warmer air pushes back into the region.

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## Today in Weather History

September 8, 1959: High winds and areas of blowing dust occurred across parts of central South Dakota from Walworth to Mellette. During the evening, wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph affected the counties either side of the Missouri River. Low visibility in blowing dust was blamed for a four-car crash near Pierre, injuring five persons, another accident near Mobridge injured one person. Barn buildings were blown over or unroofed near Delmont in Douglas County. Lightning started grass fires and burned several thousand acres of rangeland in Mellette and Lyman counties. In the late afternoon, high winds associated with a cold front gusted to 70 mph and destroyed six buildings on a farm north and east of Reliance. At 500 pm, winds ripped a camper off a pickup truck 12 miles south of Pierre. Winds were measured at 68 mph at Pierre. At 6 pm CDT winds gusting to 70 mph damaged many trees in the Watertown area, power lines, and some buildings. A trailer and truck, twelve miles north of Watertown, were blown over while traveling on Interstate 29. A large oil tank was also destroyed.

1900 - The greatest weather disaster in U.S. records occurred when a hurricane struck Galveston TX. A tide fifteen feet high washed over the island demolishing or carrying away buildings, and drowning more than 6000 persons. The hurricane destroyed more than 3600 houses, and total damage was more than thirty million dollars. Winds to 120 mph, and a twenty foot storm surge accompanied the hurricane. Following the storm, the surf was three hundred feet inland from the former water line. The hurricane claimed another 1200 lives outside of the Galveston area. (8th-9th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A tropical depression off the coast of South Carolina brought another round of heavy rain to the Middle Atlantic Coast Region and the Upper Ohio Valley. Showers and thunderstorms produced extremely heavy rain in eastern Pennsylvania, where flooding caused more than 55 million dollars across a seven county area. The afternoon high of 97 degrees at Miami FL was a record for the month of September. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Eighteen cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Roanoke VA with a reading of 42 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced very heavy rain in the central U.S. Thunderstorms during the late morning and afternoon produced five to nine inches of rain around Lincoln NE, with an unofficial total of eleven inches near Holmes Park. Up to six and a half inches of rain soaked northern and western Iowa. Eighty to ninety percent of the homes in Shenandoah IA, where 5.89 inches of rain was received, reported basement flooding. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1998: A severe thunderstorm developed over the southern end of the Las Vegas Valley in Nevada. The storm moved north bringing damaging winds and heavy rain mainly across the eastern half of the metro area. Henderson Executive Airport recorded wind gusts of 80 mph. Air traffic control personnel temporarily evacuated the airport tower. Approximately 15 homes and trailers in Moapa were severely damaged by thunderstorm winds estimated at 80 to 90 mph.

2012: Severe storms impacted the New York City area, forcing a delay of the United States Open. A tornado hit a beach club in Queens, and another brought damage to Canarsie, Brooklyn, New York.



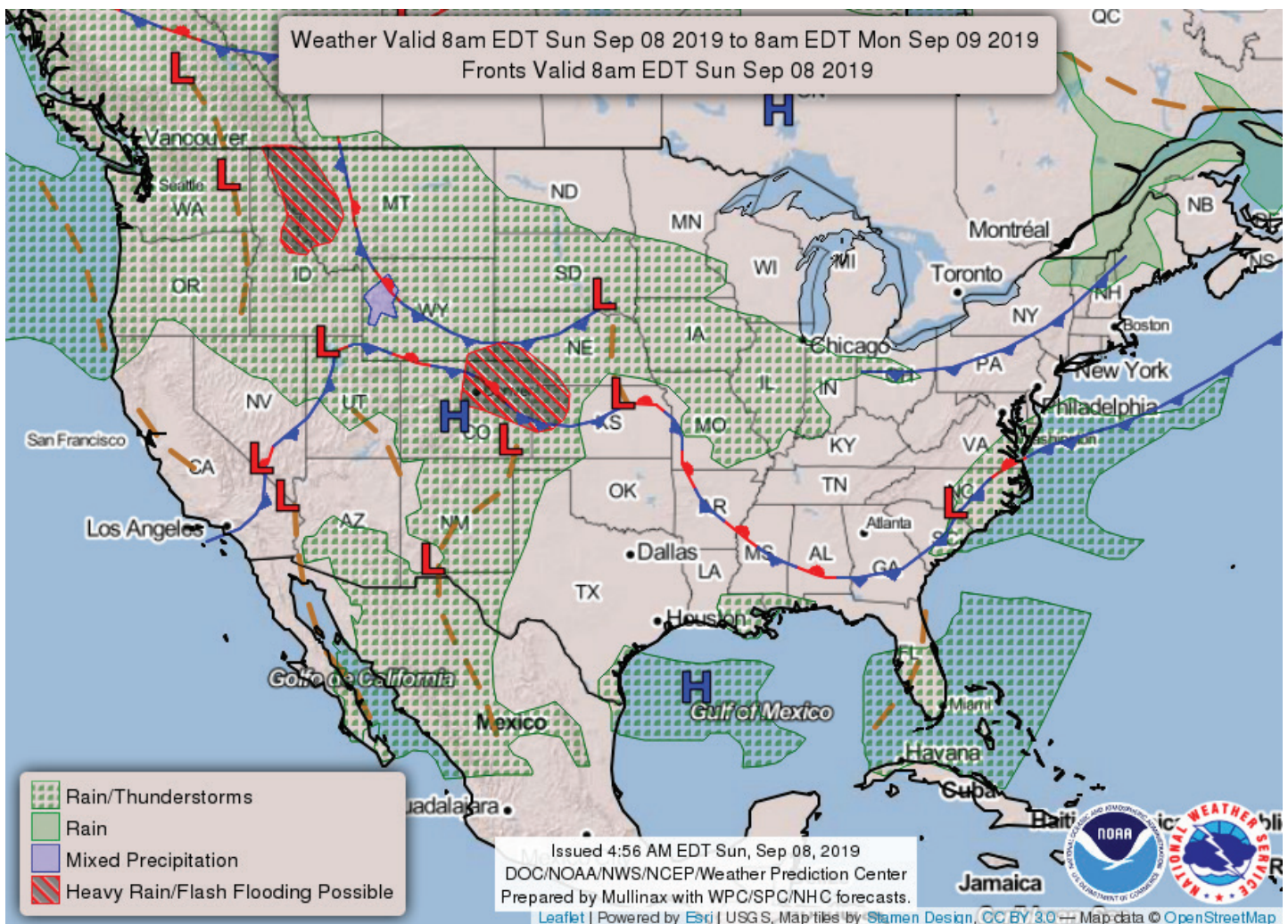
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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

**High Temp: 63 °F at 3:44 AM**  
**Low Temp: 52 °F at 10:23 PM**  
**Wind: 19 mph at 2:36 PM**  
**Day Rain: 1.38**

**Record High: 101° in 1933, 1931**  
**Record Low: 32° in 1992**  
**Average High: 76°F**  
**Average Low: 49°F**  
**Average Precip in Sept.: 0.52**  
**Precip to date in Sept.: 1.38**  
**Average Precip to date: 16.81**  
**Precip Year to Date: 21.14**  
**Sunset Tonight: 7:59 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:05 a.m.**





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## DO YOU CARE?

An elderly lady asked a young child, How do you do, my dear?

Fine, thank you, came the reply.

There was a pause, and finally the lady asked, Why dont you ask me how I am doing?

After thinking for a moment, the child replied, You know, I really dont care how you are doing!

Demonstrating care for others is an important responsibility of the Christian. In fact, the first century Christians were recognized by the saying, My, how they love one another! Sadly, that is not true today. Some churches are more like a wrestling match than a worship center.

In His wisdom, God has connected all of us together, believers and nonbelievers. No one is self-sufficient or able to act independently of others and never require help from anyone. We must never think that we are ever excused from the responsibility of giving help to those in need. Its Gods way, especially for Christians, to show His love to those who are unsaved.

We read in Gods Word that we will reap whatever we sow. As someone once said, You cant plant corn and expect to get a crop of watermelons. Although we may not want to believe it, we will only get what we have planted. We see this truth in the laws of nature, and find evidence of it in the laws of God as well. Everything we do has predictable results. If we sow comfort, we can be assured of receiving care. Christians must always live Gods love.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to be alert to the needs of others and sow Your love and grace. May we share the gifts You give us with others, and bless them in Your Name, for Your sake. Amen.

Scripture For Today: Galatians 6:1-10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

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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 undefined

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

Dakota Cash

04-10-27-29-35

(four, ten, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty-five)

Estimated jackpot: \$111,000

Lotto America

03-07-10-22-34, Star Ball: 1, ASB: 2

(three, seven, ten, twenty-two, thirty-four; Star Ball: one; ASB: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$154 million

Powerball

11-20-41-42-56, Powerball: 6, Power Play: 2

(eleven, twenty, forty-one, forty-two, fifty-six; Powerball: six; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

### Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL(equals)

Brandon Valley 40, Sioux Falls O'Gorman 16

Red Cloud 58, Lower Brule 48

Tiospa Zina Tribal 18, Marty Indian 14

Some high school football scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

Saturday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Sturgis Brown, 25-15, 25-18, 25-13

Cheyenne East, Wyo. def. Rapid City Central, 25-15, 25-16

Pierre def. Spearfish, 25-14, 25-13, 25-14

Rapid City Christian def. Bennett County, 25-14, 25-13, 25-5

Sioux Falls Washington def. Watertown, 18-25, 15-25, 25-21, 25-22, 15-12

Estelline/Hendricks Tournament

Pool Play

Pool A

Estelline/Hendricks def. Wilmot, 25-12, 25-16

Estelline/Hendricks def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-15, 25-17

Gold Tournament

Estelline/Hendricks def. Colman-Egan, 25-23, 25-22

Hamlin def. Estelline/Hendricks, 25-23, 25-23

Rapid City Central def. St. Thomas More, 25-16, 27-25

Gillette, Wyo. Tournament



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Gold Tournament

First Round

Rapid City Stevens def. Campbell County, Wyo., 25-20, 26-24

Semifinal

Casper Kelly Walsh, Wyo. def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-16, 25-15

Third Place

Billings West, Mont. def. Rapid City Stevens, 25-23, 23-25, 25-21

Silver Tournament

First Round

Rapid City Central def. Laramie, Wyo., 25-15, 25-16

St. Thomas More def. Cheyenne South, Wyo., 25-12, 18-25, 25-22

Semifinal

Gering, Neb. def. St. Thomas More, 25-17, 22-25, 25-22

Third Place

Cheyenne Central, Wyo. def. Rapid City Central, 25-20, 25-19

Gregory Tournament

Pool Play

Pool 2

Boyd County, Neb. def. Chamberlain, 25-21, 25-21

Boyd County, Neb. def. St. Francis Indian, 25-20, 25-14

Boyd County, Neb. def. Lyman, 25-20, 25-14

Chamberlain def. Lyman, 25-20, 25-11

Chamberlain def. St. Francis Indian, 25-13, 25-9

Montevideo Tournament

Pool Play

Litchfield, Minn. def. Milbank Area, 25-13, 25-11

Renville County West, Minn. def. Milbank Area, 25-16, 25-18

Southwest Minnesota Challenge

Consolation Bracket

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Andover, Minn., 25-23, 25-17

Semifinal

New Prague, Minn. def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-18, 25-16

17th Place

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. LeSueur-Henderson, Minn., 25-23, 25-16

Wheaton Tournament

Lac qui Parle Valley, Minn. def. Sisseton, 25-17, 25-21

Park Christian, Minn. def. Sisseton, 25-14, 25-15

West Central, Minn. def. Sisseton, 15-25, 25-17, 15-12

Wheaton/Herman-Norcross, Minn. def. Sisseton, 19-25, 25-13, 15-11

## Hurts throws 3 TD passes, No. 4 Oklahoma routs South Dakota

By CLIFF BRUNT AP Sports Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma worked out a few kinks against an overmatched South Dakota squad. Jalen Hurts passed for 259 yards and three touchdowns in just over two quarters and fourth-ranked Oklahoma rolled past the Coyotes 70-14 on Saturday night. It was the Sooners' highest points total since scoring 79 in a victory over North Texas in 2007.

CeeDee Lamb had six catches for 144 yards and a touchdown, and Rhamondre Stevenson ran for 104 yards and a score for Oklahoma (2-0), which gained 733 yards against the Coyotes (0-2).

The Sooners wanted to work on the connection between Hurts and Lamb after a few misfires in the

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opener against Houston. They connected for gains of 48, 32 and 27 yards against South Dakota, plus a 3-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

"We've always been on the same page, but for it to show out in a game is a big confidence boost," Lamb said. "He did a great job distributing the ball all over. I can't wait to keep it going all year."

The Sooners had 423 yards passing and 310 yards rushing. It was too much for the Coyotes, an FCS program that lost to Montana the previous week.

"They're just so multiple," South Dakota coach Bob Nielson said. "You've got a tremendously deep group of really good wide receivers, you've got a couple of NFL-caliber running backs and a really talented quarterback who can make big plays with his feet and throw it. Put that together with a good offensive line, and I'm not sure there's going to be a lot of teams that do a good job defending them throughout the course of the year."

Austin Simmons passed for 244 yards and two touchdowns for South Dakota, but he threw two interceptions. Kody Case had six catches for 68 yards and a touchdown.

The Sooners led 28-0 at halftime. Oklahoma's defense got into the act early in the third quarter when Brendan Radley-Hiles scored on a 30-yard interception return. Radley-Hiles also had a fumble recovery.

Oklahoma forced three turnovers after failing to force any in its season-opening victory over Houston. It was a step forward in the Sooners' second game under defensive coordinator Alex Grinch.

"We're progressing on the scheme, but the most important thing to me is the mentality," Oklahoma coach Lincoln Riley said. "Do we play with the edge and the aggression, the physicality and the fundamentals that a great defense should play with? And I see us doing that more and more right now. It's certainly not there, but we are doing it more and more."

#### THE TAKEAWAY:

South Dakota: The Coyotes forced Oklahoma into a three-and-out to start the game, but that was about it for their highlights.

Oklahoma: The Sooners got to put their young talent on display. Redshirt freshman Tanner Mordecai threw two touchdown passes in relief. Freshman receivers Theo Wease, Jadon Haselwood and Trejan Bridges all caught touchdown passes.

"Man, I was like a proud father out there," Lamb said. "I'm just happy. Jumping and screaming across the sidelines."

#### NOT RATTLED

Oklahoma's Spencer Rattler, the consensus top quarterback in the class of 2019, made his debut against South Dakota and didn't disappoint. He completed all four of his passes for 50 yards and a touchdown and ran twice for 15 yards.

"I told him, 'You go out and do what you do and showcase yourself,'" Lamb said. "The sky is the limit for this guy. A lot of the hype he had coming into college is all true. He's a baller. He knows what he is doing."



**Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts (1) carries in the second quarter of an NCAA college football game against South Dakota Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, in Norman, Okla.** (AP

Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

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## LAMB'S 20th TD

Lamb caught his 20th career touchdown pass, making him the ninth player in school history to catch at least that many. Dede Westbrook and Malcolm Kelly are tied for seventh in school history with 21 receiving touchdowns.

## POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Sooners likely won't lose any ground after dominating as expected. There was little to gain against an FCS program.

## UP NEXT

South Dakota: Hosts Houston Baptist on Saturday.

Oklahoma: At UCLA on Saturday.

More AP college football: <https://apnews.com/Collegefootball> and [http://www.twitter.com/AP\\_Top25](http://www.twitter.com/AP_Top25)

## South Dakota State roughs up D-I newcomer Long Island

Associated Press

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Kanin Nelson threw a touchdown pass and ran for a score and South Dakota State welcomed Long Island to Division I play with a 38-3 victory on Saturday afternoon.

Nelson staked the Jackrabbits (1-1), ranked third in the FCS coaches' poll, to a 7-0 lead with a 2-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

Long Island (0-1), which will play in the Northeast Conference, got on the scoreboard for the first time as a D-I school when Briant DeFelice kicked a 27-yard field goal to cap a 12-play drive, pulling the Sharks within 7-3 with 6:50 left in the second quarter. Jaxon Janke returned a punt 77 yards for a touchdown to put the Jacks up 14-3 with 2:47 remaining before halftime. SDSU added another score after Clay Beathard sacked Sharks QB Quinton Hicks and recovered a fumble at the Long Island 31-yard line. Pierre Strong Jr.'s 1-yard run capped a six-play drive and gave the Jackrabbits a 21-3 lead.

SDSU put the game out of reach in the third quarter on Mikey Daniels' 1-yard TD run and a 34-yard scoring strike from Nelson to Blake Kunz. Chase Vinatieri, the nephew of the NFL's all-time leading scorer, kicker Adam Vinatieri, booted a 22-yard field goal in the final quarter to wrap up the scoring.

South Dakota State held the Sharks to 123 yards of offense, including just 52 yards rushing on 32 carries.

## AP Explains: How Trump upended US-Taliban peace talks

By CARA ANNA Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — With a series of tweets, President Donald Trump has upended nearly a year of U.S.-Taliban negotiations on ending America's longest war. He has "called off" the talks and asserted that a planned secret meeting between him and Taliban leaders at Camp David, set for Sunday just days before the 9/11 anniversary, is now canceled. The Taliban have not immediately commented, raising questions about whether Trump's dramatic move was a face-saving attempt after the deal his envoy said had been reached "in principle" faced serious challenges in recent days.

Here's a look at the negotiations on a deal that Trump had wanted quickly, calling it "ridiculous" that the U.S. was still in Afghanistan after nearly 18 years and billions of dollars spent.

The Taliban, who ruled Afghanistan with a harsh version of Islamic law from 1996 to 2001 and hosted Osama bin Laden as he masterminded the 9/11 attacks, say they no longer seek a monopoly on power. But militant group now controls or holds sway over roughly half of the country. Many fear a full withdrawal of some 20,000 NATO troops would leave the weak and corrupt Afghan government vulnerable to collapse, or unleash another round of fighting in a war that has killed tens of thousands.

## A DEAL WITH FEW DETAILS

The talks between Afghan-born U.S. envoy Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban leaders in Qatar, where the insurgent group has a political office, have been so closely guarded that last week Afghan President Ashraf



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Ghani was shown — not given — the final draft. The Afghan government has been sidelined because the Taliban refuse to negotiate with what they call a U.S. puppet.

The Taliban negotiators have been led by Abdul Ghani Baradar, one of the group's founders who was released by Pakistan last year after eight years in prison, apparently upon a U.S. request. He is believed to command enough respect to sell a deal to tens of thousands of fighters.

The deal once final would begin a U.S. troop withdrawal with the first 5,000 leaving within 135 days, Khalilzad announced on Monday. That would leave 8,600 troops who train and support Afghan forces after their combat role ended in 2014. In return the Taliban would guarantee that Afghanistan would not be a launching pad for global terror attacks by groups including a local affiliate of the Islamic State organization and the remains of al-Qaida.

But problems quickly emerged. Even as Khalilzad explained the deal

to the Afghan people during a nationally televised interview, the Taliban detonated a car bomb targeting a foreign compound in Kabul. Ghani's office then raised loud objections, agreeing with several former U.S. ambassadors who warned that a hasty U.S. withdrawal without Taliban guarantees on ending violence could lead to "total civil war." Far from guaranteeing a ceasefire, the deal includes only a reduction in violence in Kabul and neighboring Parwan province, where the U.S. has a military base.

Then on Thursday, a second Taliban car bomb exploded in Kabul and killed 12 people including a U.S. service member — which Trump blamed for his decision to cancel the talks. Khalilzad abruptly returned to Qatar for at least two days of negotiations. One Afghan political analyst, Waheed Muzhda, said he believes Khalilzad invited the Taliban to Camp David to sign the agreement but they rejected that location, angering Trump.

More than 2,400 U.S. service members have been killed in nearly 18 years of fighting in Afghanistan, and some observers are asking why the latest death would derail the U.S.-Taliban negotiations on the apparent brink of a deal. The Taliban have said the attacks strengthen their negotiating position.

"A difficulty created by announcing that the U.S.-Taliban deal was completed in advance of actually announcing the terms of the deal or being ready to sign is that space has been created for those unhappy with it — in Kabul or Washington — to try to modify or disrupt it," Laurel Miller, Asia director for the International Crisis Group, said shortly before Trump's announcement.

## WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

It is not clear. It seems no one had anticipated a Camp David meeting between Trump and the leaders of an insurgent group that just months ago Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had described as "Taliban terrorists."



**An Army carry team moves a transfer case containing the remains of Sgt. 1st Class Elis Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Morovis, Puerto Rico, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, at Dover Air Force Base, Del. According to the Department of Defense, Ortiz was killed in action Sept. 5, when a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Kabul, Afghanistan. Ortiz was supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel.** (AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

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The Taliban seemed just as bewildered, with spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid telling The Associated Press he could not immediately confirm the U.S. president's account. "We are waiting for our leaders and will update you," he said. On Saturday night the Taliban spokesman in Qatar, Suhail Shaheen, made no indication the process had collapsed, tweeting about possible locations on the intra-Afghan talks on the country's political future that were meant to follow a U.S.-Taliban deal.

The Afghan government did not directly comment on Trump's announcement but repeated its plea for an end to violence and said it believed the U.S.-Taliban talks had stopped at least for now. "We have always said that a real peace will come when the Taliban stop killing Afghans and implement a ceasefire and start direct negotiations with the Afghan government," it said in a statement.

That prospect still looks challenging, as Trump's tweets noted he had planned to meet "separately" with Taliban and Afghan leaders at Camp David.

President Ashraf Ghani now might see a clear path to a Sept. 28 presidential election that he has insisted must go forward despite the U.S. pressure for the intra-Afghan talks, including the Taliban, to begin as soon as possible. Those talks were thought to carry the possibility of forming an interim government instead. The Taliban have urged Afghans to boycott the vote and said polling stations would be targets.

Afghans would welcome any agreement that brings improved security and governance. But many have feared the U.S. would settle for an agreement that breaks down as soon as the last American soldier leaves. The prospect of a Taliban return has especially worried Afghan women, who secured new freedoms after 2001 but are still heavily restricted in the deeply conservative country.

"At the end of the day, this is a bilateral accord between the U.S. government and the Taliban. The Afghan government is not a party to it," said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia program at the Wilson Center, ahead of Trump's announcement. "This suggests the Trump administration may reach a point where it decides to sign off on the deal even if it still faces opposition from Kabul."

But the Trump administration walking away from a deal is a development that all parties are now hurrying to digest.

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Associated Press writer Rahim Faiez in Kabul contributed.

## In NH, Biden lacks enthusiasm to match front-runner status

By **STEVE PEOPLES** and **JULIE PACE** Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — When Joe Biden took the stage in New Hampshire, he was greeted with the respect that comes with being a former vice president.

Some of his closest rivals were greeted more like rock stars.

The scene at New Hampshire's Democratic convention on Saturday highlighted one of the riddles of Biden's candidacy: He maintains a lead in nearly every poll, but his campaign events often lack the look and feel of a front-runner. His crowds are warm, but rarely high-energy. His organization is solid, but doesn't always show up in force at key events that help shape the perceptions of political power brokers.

Biden's team insists such optics are overrated as indicators of a candidate's strength. The former vice president, they argue, is unique in the Democratic field because of a reservoir of goodwill from a broad group of supporters who know him so well they don't necessarily need to see him campaign or otherwise demonstrate their support in public.

"I think people can be fooled by the crowd size," said Terry Shumaker, a staunch Biden supporter in New Hampshire. Shrugging off "lots of noise for some candidates," Shumaker compared Biden's support to an iceberg, where only one-seventh is visible.

But after the 2016 campaign, enthusiasm is on the minds of Democrats. The party downplayed the large crowds at Donald Trump's high-octane rallies throughout that campaign, predicting it wouldn't translate into an Election Day victory. Hillary Clinton, meanwhile, headlined smaller events and ultimately struggled to match Republican enthusiasm.

Heading into 2020, there is no question that Democrats are highly energized at the prospect of ousting Trump, but far less clear is whether Biden is the vessel for that enthusiasm.

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On Saturday in New Hampshire's largest city, the contrast between Biden and some of his Democratic rivals — particularly Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren — was striking.

A sea of rowdy sign-waving Warren volunteers lined the sidewalks to greet convention attendees outside a Manchester sports arena before 7 a.m. They chanted, "L-I-Z, she's got a plan for me" as a band played.

Rival campaigns grumbled privately that Warren, who represents neighboring Massachusetts, was benefiting from a home-field advantage. At least some of Warren's supporters came to New Hampshire from out of state, according to social media posts and interviews, as did other candidates' backers, including Biden's.

Biden's team was more muted outside the venue, where the campaigns worked to flex their organizational muscle for one of the state's largest political gatherings. And inside, Biden's campaign appeared to get off to a slow start, with volunteers still scrambling to hand out campaign signs as the former vice president spoke.

By the time Warren took the stage hours later, her campaign had distributed hundreds of noise-making thundersticks and packed the arena with cheering supporters. The crowd gave her an ovation that spanned two full minutes.

To be sure, the weekend convention was full of Democratic activists who are not necessarily representative of the average primary voter. Independent voters, for example, are allowed to vote in New Hampshire's February first-in-the-nation presidential primary and may be a strong source of support for Biden. They were not a significant presence at the partisan convention.

Still, the event marked a significant test for each campaign, according to Lucas Meyer, president of the New Hampshire Young Democrats.

"It's an opportunity to show how strong your organization is," said Meyer, noting that some campaigns were at the convention site at 11 the night before preparing for what was one of the largest gathering of New Hampshire Democrats of the year.

Meyer said Warren's strength was "irrefutable," but added that Biden is well known and popular across the state as well. The former vice president headlined the Young Democrats' July event, the largest in the organization's history.

And Biden was not exactly snubbed at the convention. The crowd of activists and political power brokers, many of whom have known him for years, cheered him for 30 seconds before he opened his speech.

Yet, there was a noticeable uptick in enthusiasm for several other candidates who followed, including New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, Texan Beto O'Rourke, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and 37-year-old Pete Buttigieg, who has urged voters to elevate a new generation of leaders.

"Every time we've tried to play it safe with established and Washington-tenured figures, every single time we've come up short," Buttigieg told reporters after his remarks.

Biden bristles when asked about his support on the campaign trail, where his crowd sizes are often



**Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during the New Hampshire state Democratic Party convention, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, in Manchester, NH.** (AP Photo/Robert F. Bukaty)



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smaller than his top-tier rivals.

"What I'm trying to do is go around from town to town and I'm drawing as big of crowds, or bigger than anybody," Biden said last month after an event in Prole, Iowa, that drew about 130 people. "Have you seen anybody draw bigger crowds than me in this state?"

In fact, some of his rivals have drawn bigger crowds, both in Iowa and elsewhere. Warren in particular has seen a surge in her crowds, drawing about 12,000 people in Minneapolis and 15,000 in Seattle over the summer.

And the Democrats' ultimate 2020 opponent, Trump, has consistently filled stadiums in battleground states across the country, including the same arena that hosted the weekend Hampshire convention. The arena was at least one-third empty on Saturday even during its most crowded moments.

That didn't seem to bother Biden, who cast himself as best positioned to defeat Trump during his convention remarks.

"We cannot, and I will not, let this man be reelected president of the United States of America," he declared.

## China's trade with US shrinks as tariff war worsens

By JOE McDONALD AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP) — China's trade with the United States is falling as the two sides prepare for negotiations with no signs of progress toward ending a tariff war that threatens global economic growth.

Imports of American goods tumbled 22% in August from a year earlier to \$10.3 billion, customs data showed Sunday. Exports to the United States, China's biggest market, sank 16% to \$44.4 billion.

Both sides have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's imports in the fight over complaints about Beijing's trade surplus and technology development plans. The United States, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those violate Chinese market-opening commitments.

U.S. and Chinese negotiators are preparing for talks in October. Despite that, the two governments escalated their fight on Sept. 1, imposing or increasing penalties on billions of dollars of goods. President Donald Trump plans another increase Oct. 15.

Chinese exporters also face pressure from weakening global consumer demand. That hurts efforts to find markets to replace the United States.

"The tit-for-tat escalation shows how unlikely a trade deal and de-escalation have become," said Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics in a report. "Meanwhile, the global trade weakness looks set to linger, which will continue to weigh on demand for China's exports."



**In this Aug. 6, 2019, file photo, a woman walks by a money exchange shop decorated with different countries currency banknotes at Central, a business district in Hong Kong. China's trade with the United States fell sharply in August as a tariff war that threatens global economic growth worsened.** (AP Photo/Kin Cheung, File)

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The conflict has disrupted trade in goods from soybeans to medical equipment, battered traders on both sides and fueled fears in financial markets of a global economic slowdown.

China's politically sensitive trade surplus with the U.S. narrowed to \$31.3 billion in August from \$27 billion a year earlier.

China's global exports fell 3% to \$214.8 billion, while imports were up 1.7% at \$180 billion. For the first eight months of 2019, exports were off 1% from a year earlier and imports were down 5.6%.

China's global trade surplus rose 25% from a year earlier to \$34.8 billion.

Exports to the European Union rose 3% from a year earlier to \$38.3 billion.

U.S.-Chinese negotiations broke down in May over how to enforce any agreement. Beijing says Trump's punitive tariffs must be lifted once an agreement takes effect. Washington says some must stay to ensure Beijing carries out any promises it makes.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed in June to resume negotiations, though neither side shifted its position. Talks in Shanghai in July ended with no indication of progress.

The governments agreed to meet again in September but that was postponed to October. They have yet to announce a date.

Washington imposed 15% tariffs on Sept. 1 on \$112 billion of Chinese imports and plans to hit another \$160 billion on Dec. 15. That would extend penalties to almost everything the United States buys from China.

Beijing responded by imposing duties of 10% and 5% on a range of American imports. More increases are due on Dec. 15 in line with the U.S. penalties.

U.S. tariffs of 25% imposed previously on \$250 billion of Chinese goods are due to rise to 30% on Oct. 1.

China has imposed or announced penalties on an estimated \$120 billion of U.S. imports. Some have been hit with increases more than once, while about \$50 billion of U.S. goods is unaffected, possibly to avoid disrupting Chinese industries.

Beijing also has retaliated by canceling purchases of soybeans, the biggest single U.S. export to China.

The Chinese government has agreed to narrow its trade surplus with the U.S. but is reluctant to give up development strategies it sees as a path to prosperity and global influence.

Some analysts suggest Beijing is holding out in hopes Trump will feel pressure to make a more favorable deal as his campaign for the 2020 presidential election picks up. Trump has warned that if he is reelected, China will face a tougher U.S. negotiating stance.

## Silence, devastation mark Bahamas town; but some are staying

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN Associated Press

MARSH HARBOUR, Bahamas (AP) — The streets are filled with smashed cars, snapped power cables, shattered trees and deep silence.

At the airport and dock, hundreds of people clamor for seats on airplanes and berths on ships arriving with aid and departing with people who lost their homes when deadly Hurricane Dorian struck the Bahamas.

Nearly a week after disaster roared in from the sea, the rest of Marsh Harbour on Abaco island felt empty Saturday. A hot wind whistled through stands of decapitated pine trees and homes that collapsed during the most powerful hurricane in the northwestern Bahamas' recorded history.

Rescue teams were still trying to reach some Bahamian communities isolated by floodwaters and debris after the disaster that killed at least 43 people. Prime Minister Hubert Minnis says 35 people died on Abaco and eight on Grand Bahama island.

The U.S. Coast Guard said it has rescued a total of 290 people in the northern Bahamas following the hurricane. Six MH-60 Jayhawk helicopters and nine cutters are helping in the aid effort, the Coast Guard said.

The United Nations said eight tons of food supplies were on the way by ship. Some 14,700 ready-to-eat meals as well as logistical and telecommunications equipment are being delivered, said Herve Verhoosel,

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spokesman for the U.N. World Food Program.

"The needs remain enormous," Verhoosel said.

No official figures were available, but much of the population of Marsh Harbour, home to most of the roughly 20,000 residents of Abaco, seemed to have already left. Many were staying with relatives in the capital, Nassau, others with family in Florida and other parts of the United States.

In Marsh Harbour's Murphy Town neighborhood, on a hill overlooking the azure sea, Jackson Blatch and his son-in-law were already rebuilding. In a blazing midday sun they stripped damaged shingles from Blatch's roofs and tossed them into his truck, parked below the eaves of a home he built by hand.

Like a few other Abaco residents, Blatch is staying on an island pulverized by nature.

"Everybody says, 'Leave.' Leave and go where?" Blatch asked. "My plan is to rebuild this island. I have a lot to offer."

Unlike almost every other home on Abaco, Blatch's house had little damage. He is a builder who prides himself on quality work. When mixing concrete, he never skimps, always precisely blending the recommended amounts of cement, sand and gravel for floors, columns and ceilings.

When he poured his walls and floors, he laced them thick with rebar, constructing a powerful skeleton that resisted the storm.

Instead of using the manufacturer-provided clips on his hurricane shutters, he used long screws on as many as possible to fix the shutters tight to the window frame.

When Dorian hit, it only managed to rip away the shutters with store-bought clips, and a few sections of shingles, leaving some of the Blatch family's possessions wet but the structure and furnishings intact.

So Blatch has power from a generator, drinking water, food and the help of his son-in-law, 25-year-old Moses Monestine.

"I don't have a mortgage. I don't want to go to Nassau," he said. "I don't want to go to the United States. I don't want to depend on anyone."

Abacoans, as island residents are known, describe themselves as a self-sufficient and resourceful, used to making their living from the sea. Blocks and even entire neighborhoods are taken up by extended families — a cousin next door to a brother next door to a sister-in-law, forming instant support networks that went into action ahead of the storm.

Many Abacoans work on ships or docks, others at the second homes that wealthy Americans have built throughout the long, curving island.

Brian Russell, 55, is a marine engineer who has lived through three hurricanes on sea and many others on land.

In his home in the Dundas Town neighborhood, he has six months of drinking water and four months of water for bathing. He has a generator, and months of food.

The destruction doesn't deter him.

"I've been around a long time," he said. "It doesn't bother me. Anywhere you go, life is what you make



**Jackson Blatch starts repairs on the roof of his home in Marsh Harbor, Abaco Island, Bahamas, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 after Hurricane Dorian hit.** (AP Photo/Fernando Llano)



of it.”

Once the water contaminated by the storm is clean, Russell said, he can live on fishing and gardening. His little garden of onion, tomato and banana plants was destroyed, but he plans to replant, and even add soursop, mango and sugar apple.

Others were more stuck than determined.

Sterling McKenzie, a 67-year-old retired equipment operator, is living in his sister’s house with other relatives whose homes were destroyed. They are surviving on water and food donated by Bahamian officials and aid workers who pass by daily.

“We might as well stay here and battle it out,” he said. “I ain’t got no choice.”

For more of AP’s coverage of Hurricane Dorian, go to: <https://apnews.com/Hurricanes>

## Pope presses need for dignity of work for Madagascar’s poor

By NICOLE WINFIELD and TRISHA THOMAS Associated Press

ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (AP) — Pope Francis is pressing for the poor to have the dignity of work with a visit Sunday to a hilltop rock quarry in Madagascar where hundreds of people toil rather than scavenge in the biggest dump of the Indian Ocean nation’s capital.

After celebrating an open-air Mass before an estimated 1 million people, Francis heads to Akamasoa village, the brainchild of an Argentine priest who was so overwhelmed by the abject poverty of Madagascar that he set about creating ways for the poor to earn a living.

Over 30 years, the Akamasoa quarry has produced the stones that built the homes, roads, schools and health clinics that now dot the pine-covered hillside of Antananarivo. Founder the Rev. Pedro Opeka said the low salaries he can pay are “an injustice” — about 1 euro a day — but they are at least more than the dump scavengers earn, and enough for parents to send their children to school.

“Akamasoa is a revolt against poverty, it is a revolt against fatality,” Opeka told The Associated Press ahead of the pope’s visit. “When we started here it was an inferno, people who were excluded from the society.”

Opeka, a charismatic, bearded figure who is beloved by many in this city, grew up in Francis’ native Buenos Aires and even studied theology at the same seminary where the future pope studied and taught. A member of the Lazarist religious order, he was working as a missionary in Madagascar when he was inspired to create Akamasoa after witnessing the wretched life led by parents and children who lived off the dump scraps.

The Akamasoa project, which is funded by donors around the world and recognized by the Madagascar government, says it has built some 4,000 homes in more than 20 villages serving some 25,000 people since



**Pope Francis walks with the pastoral staff as he celebrates a mass in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019. Francis is in Madagascar for the second leg of his weeklong trip to Africa.** (AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino)

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its foundation in 1989. About 700 people work in the rock quarry, using simple mallets to chop chunks of granite into cobblestones or pebbles, while others work as carpenters or attend training classes. It says 14,000 children have passed through its schools.

Despite Madagascar's vast and unique natural resources, it is one of the poorest countries in the world. The World Bank says 75% of its 24 million people live on less than \$2 a day; only 13% of the population has access to electricity.

Francis, the first pope from the global south, has long preached about the dignity of work, and the need for all able-bodied adults to be able to earn enough to provide for their families. He is expected to deliver a prayer for workers during a visit to the rock quarry in one of the highlights of his weeklong Africa pilgrimage.

Susane Razanamahaso, 65, has worked in the quarry for 20 years, 9½ hours a day, to provide for her six children. She said the pope's visit recalled the dedication to the poor of St. Francis of Assisi, his namesake.

"He is an extraordinary man and the fact that he has taken the name Francis after St. Francis of Assisi means he is thirsty to live like St. Francis," she said during a break in her work. "I am so full of joy that he is coming."

Francis began his day with a Mass on a dusty field in the capital, where the faithful who attended an evening vigil spent a cold, windy night securing spots for the Sunday service.

They roared and waved plastic Madagascar and Holy See flags as Francis looped through the crowd before Mass on his popemobile, kicking up red dust in his wake. Citing local organizers, the Vatican said an estimated 1 million people were on hand.

In his homily, Francis told the crowd to not work only for their own personal agendas and goals, but for others.

"As we look around us, how many men and women, young people and children are suffering and in utter need!" he said. "This is not part of God's plan. How urgently Jesus calls us to kill off our self-centeredness, our individualism and our pride!"

On Monday, Francis travels to the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius on the final day of his weeklong, three-nation Africa trip.

## **Email: Opioid talks fail, Purdue bankruptcy filing expected**

**By GEOFF MULVIHILL and MARK GILLISPIE Associated Press**

CLEVELAND (AP) — OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma is expected to file for bankruptcy after settlement talks over the nation's deadly overdose crisis hit an impasse, attorneys general involved in the talks said Saturday.

The breakdown puts the first federal trial over the opioid epidemic on track to begin next month, likely without Purdue, and sets the stage for a complex legal drama involving nearly every state and hundreds of local governments.

Purdue, the family that owns the company and a group of state attorneys general had been trying for months to find a way to avoid trial and determine Purdue's responsibility for a crisis that has cost 400,000 American lives over the past two decades.

An email from the attorneys general of Tennessee and North Carolina, obtained by The Associated Press, said that Purdue and the Sackler family had rejected two offers from the states over how payments under any settlement would be handled and that the family declined to offer counterproposals.

"As a result, the negotiations are at an impasse, and we expect Purdue to file for bankruptcy protection imminently," Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery and North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein wrote in their message, which was sent to update attorneys general throughout the country on the status of the talks.

Purdue spokeswoman Josephine Martin said, "Purdue declines to comment on that in its entirety."

A failure in negotiations sets up one of the most tangled bankruptcy cases in the nation's history. It would leave virtually every state and some 2,000 local governments that have sued Purdue to battle it out

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in bankruptcy court for the company's remaining assets. Purdue threatened to file for bankruptcy earlier this year and was holding off while negotiations continued.

It's not entirely clear what a breakdown in settlement talks with Purdue means for the Sackler family, which is being sued separately by at least 17 states.

Those lawsuits are likely to continue but face a significant hurdle because it's believed the family — major donors to museums and other cultural institutions around the world — has transferred most of its multibillion-dollar fortune overseas.

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who was one of the four state attorneys general negotiating with Purdue and the Sacklers, said Saturday he intends to sue the Sackler family, as other states have.

"I think they are a group of sanctimonious billionaires who lied and cheated so they could make a handsome profit," he said. "I truly believe that they have blood on their hands."

In March, Purdue and members of the Sackler family reached a \$270 million settlement with Oklahoma to avoid a trial on the toll of opioids there. The Sacklers could not immediately be reached for comment Saturday.

Under one earlier proposed settlement, Purdue would enter a structured bankruptcy that could be worth \$10 billion to \$12 billion over time. Included in the total would be \$3 billion from the Sackler family, which would give up its control of Purdue and contribute up to \$1.5 billion more by selling another company it owns, Cambridge, England-based Mundipharma.

Shapiro said the attorneys general believed what Purdue and the Sacklers were offering would not have been worth the reported \$10 billion to \$12 billion.

In their latest offers, the states also sought more assurances that the \$4.5 billion from the Sacklers would actually be paid, according to the message circulated Saturday: "The Sacklers refused to budge."

In their message, Tennessee's Slatery and North Carolina's Stein said the states have already begun preparations for handling bankruptcy proceedings.

"Like you, we plan to continue our work to ensure that the Sacklers, Purdue and other drug companies pay for drug addiction treatment and other remedies to help clean up the mess we allege they created," they wrote.

The nearly 2,000 lawsuits filed by city and county governments — as well as unions, hospitals, Native American tribes and lawyers representing babies who were born in opioid withdrawal — have been consolidated under a single federal judge in Cleveland.



**In this Friday, Aug. 17, 2018, file photo, Christine Gagnon of Southington, Conn., protests with other family and friends who have lost loved ones to OxyContin and opioid overdoses at Purdue Pharma LLP headquarters in Stamford, Conn. Gagnon lost her son Michael 13 months earlier. OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma is expected to file for bankruptcy after settlement talks over the nation's deadly overdose crisis hit an impasse, attorneys general involved in the talks said Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, in a message to their counterparts across the country.** (AP Photo/Jessica Hill, File)



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Most of those lawsuits also name other opioid makers, distributors and pharmacies in addition to Purdue, some of which have been pursuing their own settlements.

Purdue also faces hundreds of other lawsuits filed in state courts and had sought a wide-ranging deal to settle all cases against it.

The company has been the most popular target of state and local governments because of its OxyContin, the prescription painkiller many of the government claims point to as the drug that gave rise to the opioid epidemic. The lawsuits claim the company aggressively sold OxyContin and marketed it as a drug with a low risk of addiction despite knowing that wasn't true.

The impasse in the talks comes about six weeks before the scheduled start of the first federal trial under the Cleveland litigation, overseen by U.S. District Judge Dan Polster. That trial will hear claims about the toll the opioid epidemic has taken on two Ohio counties, Cuyahoga and Summit.

A bankruptcy filing by Purdue would most certainly remove the company from that trial.

The bankruptcy judge would have wide discretion on how to proceed. That could include allowing the claims against other drugmakers, distributors and pharmacies to move ahead while Purdue's cases are handled separately. Three other manufacturers have already settled with the two Ohio counties to avoid the initial trial.

Mulvihill reported from New Jersey.

## **AP: Women facing restrictions seek abortions out of state**

**By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY Associated Press**

ATLANTA (AP) — Thousands of women in the U.S. have crossed state lines for an abortion in recent years as states have passed ever stricter laws and the number of clinics has declined.

Although abortion opponents say the laws are intended to reduce abortions and not send people to other states, at least 276,000 women terminated their pregnancies outside their home state between 2012 and 2017, according to an Associated Press analysis of data collected from state reports and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In New Mexico, the number of women from out of state who had abortions more than doubled in that period, while Missouri women received nearly half the abortions performed in neighboring Kansas.

While abortions across the U.S. are down, the share of women who had abortions out of state rose slightly, by half a percentage point, and certain states had notable increases over the six-year period, according to AP's analysis.

In pockets of the Midwest, South and Mountain West, the number of women terminating a pregnancy in another state rose considerably, particularly where a lack of clinics means the closest provider is in another state or where less restrictive policies in a neighboring state make it easier and quicker to terminate a pregnancy there.

"In many places, the right to abortion exists on paper, but the ability to access it is almost impossible," said Amy Hagstrom Miller, CEO of Whole Women's Health, which operates seven abortion clinics in Maryland, Indiana, Texas, Virginia and Minnesota. "We see people's access to care depend on their ZIP code."

Thirteen states saw a rise in the number of out-of-state women having abortions between 2012 and 2017, according to the analysis of data from 41 states. Counts from nine states, including highly populated California and Florida, and the District Columbia were not included either because they were not collected or reported across the full six-year period.

New Mexico's share of abortions performed on women from out of state more than doubled from 11% to roughly 25%. One likely reason is that a clinic in Albuquerque is one of only a few independent facilities in the country that performs abortions close to the third trimester without conditions.

In Illinois, the percentage of abortions performed on non-residents more than doubled to 16.5% of all reported abortions in 2017. That is being driven in large part by women from Missouri, one of six states with only a single abortion provider.

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Even that provider, in St. Louis, has been under threat of closing after the state health department refused to renew its license. Missouri lawmakers also passed a law this year that would ban almost all abortions past eight weeks of a pregnancy, although it faces a legal challenge.

It was one of 58 abortion restrictions passed by lawmakers this year primarily in the Midwest, Plains and South — almost half of which would ban all, most or some abortions, according to the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights.

Abortion opponents say the intent of laws limiting the procedure is not to push women to another state but to build more time for them to consider their options and reduce the overall number of abortions.

"I have been insistent in telling my pro-life colleagues that's all well and good if the last abortion clinic shuts down, but it's no victory if women end up driving 10 minutes across the river to Granite City, Illinois, or to Fairview Heights," said Sam Lee, director of Campaign Life Missouri and a longtime anti-abortion lobbyist.

Before the recent wave of legislation focused on limiting when an abortion can be performed, opponents largely worked to regulate clinics. Critics say these regulations contributed to more clinics closing in recent years, reducing access to abortion in parts of the country and pushing women farther for care.

Nationwide, 168 independent abortion clinics have closed since 2012, and just a handful opened over that time, according to the Abortion Care Network, a clinic advocacy group. But not all closures are tied to restrictive laws. Some result from provider retirements and an overall decline in unplanned pregnancies.

Advocates say that if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the latest restrictive laws, it will become more common for women to seek an abortion in another state.

"The intent of these lawmakers is to completely outlaw abortion and force people not to have abortions. But in reality, it pushes people farther and wider to access the care they want and need," said Quita Tinsley, deputy director of Access Reproductive Care Southeast, a group that supports women seeking abortions in six states.

A third of women calling the group's hotline for assistance end up traveling out of state for abortions, Tinsley said.

Georgia's share of abortions involving out-of-state women rose from 11.5% to 15%, while North Carolina saw its share increase from 16.6% to 18.5%. North Carolina had one of the highest shares of out-of-state abortions in 2017. While both states have passed restrictive laws, experts and advocates say they are slightly more accessible than some of their surrounding states.



**In this Aug. 29, 2019, photo, Hevan Lunsford poses for a photo with her son's ultrasounds and footprints and handprints of her son, in Prattville, Ala. Lunsford found out when she was five months pregnant that the baby she would later name Sebastian was severely underdeveloped and had only half of a heart. Lunsford said she felt the only way to guarantee her son would not suffer would be to end the pregnancy and was told she would need to travel to Georgia for the procedure. Lunsford is one of thousands of women across the U.S. in recent years who have crossed state lines for an abortion.** (AP Photo/Vasha Hunt)

Hevan Lunsford, a nurse in Alabama, was five months pregnant when a doctor told her that her fetus was severely underdeveloped and had only half of a heart. She was told the boy, whom she and her husband decided to name Sebastian, would need care to ease his pain and several surgeries. He may not live long, they were told.

Lunsford, devastated, asked about ending the pregnancy. But the doctor said Alabama law prohibits abortions after five months. He handed Lunsford a piece of paper with information for a clinic in Atlanta, a roughly 180-mile (290-kilometer) drive east.

"The procedure itself was probably the least traumatic part of it," Lunsford said. "Most of the laws I navigated, there was no reason for them. None of them prevented my abortion. It just made it where I had to travel out of state."

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## **NOAA assailed for defending Trump's Hurricane Dorian claim**

**By SETH BORENSTEIN AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former top officials of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are assailing the agency for undermining its weather forecasters as it defends President Donald Trump's statement from days ago that Hurricane Dorian threatened Alabama.

They say NOAA's action risks the credibility of the nation's weather and science agency and may even risk lives.

Dismay came from those who served under Republican and Democratic presidents alike as leaders in meteorology and disaster response sized up a sustained effort by Trump and his aides to justify his warning that Alabama, among other states, was "most likely" to be hit hard by Dorian, contrary to forecasts showing Alabama was clear.

That effort led NOAA to repudiate a tweet from the National Weather Service the previous weekend assuring Alabamans — accurately — that they had nothing to fear from the hurricane. The weather service is part of NOAA and the tweet came from its Birmingham, Alabama, office.

"This rewriting history to satisfy an ego diminishes NOAA," Elbert "Joe" Friday, former Republican-appointed director of the National Weather Service, said on Facebook. He told The Associated Press on Saturday: "We don't want to get the point where science is determined by politics rather than science and facts. And I'm afraid this is an example where this is beginning to occur."

Alabama had never been included in hurricane advisories and Trump's information, based on less authoritative graphics than an official forecast, was outdated even at the time.

In the tempestuous aftermath, some meteorologists spoke on social media of protesting when the acting NOAA chief, Neil Jacobs, is scheduled to speak at a National Weather Association meeting Tuesday — in Huntsville, Alabama.

Former officials saw a political hand at work in NOAA's statement disavowing the Birmingham tweet. The statement was issued by an anonymous "spokesperson," a departure from the norm for federal agencies that employ people to speak for them by name.

"This falls into such uncharted territory," said W. Craig Fugate, who was Florida emergency management chief under Republican Gov. Jeb Bush and director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Democratic President Barack Obama. "You have science organizations putting out statements against their own offices. For the life of me I don't think I would have ever faced this under President Obama or Governor Bush."

Jane Lubchenco, NOAA administrator during the Obama administration said: "It is truly sad to see political appointees undermining the superb, life-saving work of NOAA's talented and dedicated career servants."



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Scientific integrity at a science agency matters.”

The White House declined to comment Saturday when asked if it had directed NOAA to release the statement. NOAA officials also didn't respond to requests for comment. After spending the morning at his Virginia golf club, Trump tweeted that he'd like to move on from the matter but the news media "won't leave it alone."

In an effort to address the wounds, leaders at the National Weather Service on Saturday sent a memo to employees praising their work and asserting that "we continue to embrace and uphold the essential integrity of the entire forecast process as it was applied by ALL NWS offices," an emphasis no doubt directed at forecasters chastised by the NOAA statement.

Retired Adm. David Titley, former NOAA operations chief during the Obama administration and a former meteorology professor at Pennsylvania State University said NOAA's leadership showed "moral cowardice" and officials should have resigned instead of issuing the statement. Joe Friday said he would have quit had he been in top officials' shoes.

Titley said the episode might feed distrust of forecasts that help people make life-or-death decisions whether to evacuate.

"For people who look for excuses not to take action when their lives or property are threatened ... I think this can potentially feed that," Titley said.

Former NOAA deputy administration Monica Medina, who served in the Obama and Clinton administrations, said "it will make us less safe as a country."

And Justin Kenney, who headed the agency's communications in the Obama administration, said "by politicizing weather forecasts, the president ... puts more people — including first responders — in harm's way."

Bill Read, who became director of the National Hurricane Center director during the Republican George W. Bush administration, said on Facebook the NOAA statement showed either an embarrassing lack of understanding of forecasting or "a lack of courage on their part by not supporting the people in the field who are actually doing the work. Heartbreaking."

A retired chief of the center's hurricane forecasting desk, James Franklin, said on Twitter that the NOAA statement had thrown the Birmingham office "under the bus" — a phrase several ex-officials used. He said the Birmingham office's tweet was "spot-on and an appropriate response to the President's misleading tweet that morning."

The American Meteorological Society said NOAA's criticism of the Birmingham office was unwarranted and the forecasters "should have been commended for their quick action based on science in clearly communicating the lack of threat to the citizens of Alabama."

Last Sunday, Trump tweeted : "In addition to Florida - South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, will most likely be hit (much) harder than anticipated. Looking like one of the largest hurricanes ever. Already category 5."



**President Donald Trump looks at his notes during a briefing on Hurricane Dorian in the Oval Office of the White House, Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, in Washington.** (AP Photo/

Evan Vucci)

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At the time, the hurricane center's forecast path — including a large cone of uncertainty — did not go farther west than the eastern third of Georgia.

The weather service in Birmingham quickly followed up with its tweet, which one meteorologist there said was prompted by residents' concerns about what to do. It said: "Alabama will NOT see any impacts from #Dorian. We repeat, no impacts from Hurricane #Dorian will be felt across Alabama. The system will remain too far east."

NOAA verified that day that the "current forecast path of Dorian does not include Alabama" and an agency spokesman, Christopher Vaccaro, put his name to that.

NOAA's disavowal of the Birmingham tweet came late Friday. It said its forecasters "spoke in absolute terms that were inconsistent with probabilities from the best forecast products available at the time."

The highest percentage that tropical force storm winds — not stronger hurricane-force winds — would hit somewhere in Alabama was 11%, according to hurricane center charts, and the chances were briefly between 20% and 30% according to a graphic that was not a forecast and that was outdated by the time of Trump's warning.

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## Dorian topples crane, knocks out power in eastern Canada

By **ROB GILLIES** and **BEN FINLEY** Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Dorian arrived on Canada's Atlantic coast Saturday with heavy rain and powerful winds, toppling a construction crane in Halifax and knocking out power for hundreds of thousands of people a day after the storm wreaked havoc on North Carolina's Outer Banks.

Residents of Nova Scotia braced for heavy rainfall and potential flooding along the coast, as officials in Halifax urged people to secure heavy objects that might become projectiles. Businesses were encouraged to close early in Halifax, the provincial capital and home to 400,000 people.

A crane toppled and crashed into the side of a downtown apartment building under construction. In the city's south end, a roof was ripped off an apartment complex, and firefighter Jeff Paris said several apartment buildings were being evacuated. With the collapsed crane and all the down trees and power lines, it's fortunate there are no significant injuries or deaths, he said.

"The power went out hours ago, but we were well prepared," said Tim Rissesco, who lives on the east side of Halifax harbor in Dartmouth. "We've got snacks and food and we're hunkered down in the house playing board games and watching the rain and the wind."

As Canada prepared for Dorian, floodwaters receded Saturday from North Carolina's Outer Banks, leaving behind a muddy trail of destruction. The storm's worst damage in the U.S. appeared to be on Ocracoke Island, which even in good weather is accessible only by boat or air and is popular with tourists for its undeveloped beaches. Longtime residents who waited out the storm described strong but manageable winds followed by a wall of water that flooded the first floors of many homes and forced some to await rescue from their attics.

"We're used to cleaning up dead limbs and trash that's floating around," said Ocracoke Island resident and business owner Philip Howard. "But now it's everything: picnic tables, doors, lumber that's been floating around."

Howard said by phone Saturday that flooding at his properties on the North Carolina island is 13 inches (0.3 meters) higher than the levels wrought by a storm in 1944, which he said had long been considered the worst. He raised his home higher than the 1944 flood level and still got water inside.

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"It's overwhelming," said Howard, who owns the Village Craftsmen, a store that sells handcrafted pottery, glass and kitchen items. He said much of the merchandise on the lower shelves is ruined. Pieces of pottery were floating around inside.

Inside his house, the floorboards were buckling and curling up after being warped by the water, he said.

Gov. Roy Cooper said about 800 people had remained on the island to wait out Dorian. The storm made landfall Friday morning over the Outer Banks as a far weaker storm than the monster that devastated the Bahamas. Yet despite having been downgraded to a Category 1 storm, it still sent seawater surging into homes on Ocracoke, many for the first time in memory.

More than 1,100 Bahamians arrived in Palm Beach, Florida, after being evacuated by cruise ship from their hurricane-battered islands.

The Grand Celebration cruise ship returned to its home port after setting sail Thursday for Freeport, Grand Bahama, to deliver more than 112 tons of supplies and ferry dozens of health workers and emergency crews.

The storm made landfall Saturday evening near Sambro Creek, about 15 miles (24 kilometers) south of Halifax with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph (161 kph).

Dorian swept across the Canadian Maritimes and forecasters expected it to pass near or over western Newfoundland on Sunday.

Canadian officials prepared for the possibility of flooding, washouts and storm surges, and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said the military was mobilizing to assist Nova Scotia.

Nova Scotia Power Inc. reported more than 300,000 customers were in the dark by 7 p.m. (6 p.m. EDT), with power out in parts of Halifax, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. Karen Hutt, the utility's chief executive, said Dorian is the largest weather event the company had ever responded to, and 1,000 workers were ready to restore power once it's safe.

Hurricanes in Canada are somewhat rare in part because once the storms reach colder Canadian waters, they lose their main source of energy. Canadian Hurricane Centre meteorologist Ian Hubbard said the last hurricanes to make landfall in Canada were Hurricane Igor and Hurricane Earl in September, 2010.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Dorian was officially a post-tropical cyclone, not a hurricane, though it still packed hurricane-force winds.

Dorian lashed the eastern tip of Maine with heavy rain, strong winds and high surf as the storm passed offshore. Several hundred homes and businesses lost power.

In North Carolina, the governor said officials were aware of no serious injuries on the Outer Banks from the storm. About 200 people were in shelters and 45,000 without power as of mid-day Saturday, according to the governor's office. Emergency officials transported fuel trucks, generators, food and water to Ocracoke.

At least five deaths in the Southeast were blamed on Dorian. Four were men in Florida or North Carolina



**An unidentified man raises his arms in the winds from Hurricane Dorian along the Halifax harbor in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Canada, on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019.** (Andrew

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who died in falls or by electrocution while trimming trees, putting up storm shutters or otherwise getting ready for the hurricane. North Carolina officials said a 67-year-old man died Friday in Pamlico County after he collapsed while cleaning storm debris.

Dorian slammed the Bahamas at the start of the week with 185 mph (295 kph) winds, killing at least 43 people and obliterating countless homes. From there, it swept past Florida and Georgia, then sideswiped the Carolinas on Thursday, spinning off tornadoes that peeled away roofs and flipped recreational vehicles.

Ocracoke resident and restaurant owner Jason Wells said he lost three vehicles and a golf cart to floodwaters, and he has \$5,000 worth of food in a freezer on an island that still lacks power. He said by text message Saturday that he and family members were already bleaching and disinfecting their houses, but he feared weeks could pass before electricity returned to most houses because of wiring problems caused by floodwaters.

"We are a close knit community. We will power on," Wells wrote. "We will persevere. We are family. Time to get to work."

Finley reported from Nags Head, North Carolina. Contributing to this report were Associated Press writers Gary D. Robertson and Jonathan Drew in Raleigh, North Carolina; Tom Foreman Jr. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Seth Borenstein in Washington.

The spelling of Nova Scotia Power has been corrected.

For more of AP's coverage of Hurricane Dorian, go to: <https://apnews.com/Hurricanes>

## Andreescu's 1st Slam title at US Open prevents Serena's 24th

By HOWARD FENDRICH AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Bianca Andreescu knew this would happen, because she knows all about Serena Williams. Looked up to her. Dreamed of playing her.

Andreescu knew Williams would not go quietly. Knew Williams would not make things easy. And so as a big lead in the U.S. Open final dwindled Saturday, as she stuffed fingers in her ears to drown out the decibels from the delirious thousands filling Arthur Ashe Stadium, Andreescu knew she needed to be just as bold, and hit just as big, as she did earlier in the match — and as Williams has done for years.

Displaying the same brand of in-your-face tennis Williams seemed to invent, replete with strong serves, gutsy groundstrokes and "Come on!" cries, the 19-year-old Andreescu regained the upper hand and pulled out a 6-3, 7-5 victory at Flushing Meadows to win her first Grand Slam title and keep Williams from collecting a record-tying 24th.

"I'm sure I'm not the only person that's looked up to her. She's an inspiration to many, many people, not only athletes. What she's done off the court, too. She's truly a champion. Above all, she's very kind-hearted. She came up to me in the locker room, she said some really nice things, which I'll cherish for a really, really long time," Andreescu said about the 37-year-old Williams.

"I've really strived to be like her," Andreescu said. "Who knows? Maybe I can be even better."

That's quite a heady goal.

Still, this was certainly a good place to start.

Andreescu is the first woman in the Open era, which began in 1968, to win the championship in New York in her tournament debut; a year ago, she couldn't even make it into the field, because she lost in the first round of qualifying. She is the first woman since Monica Seles in 1990 to lift the trophy in only her fourth Grand Slam tournament. She is the first player from Canada to win a Grand Slam singles title.

This is the second year in a row that Williams has lost in the final at Flushing Meadows. This one had none of the controversy of 2018, when she got into an extended argument with the chair umpire while being beaten by Naomi Osaka.

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Williams has now been the runner-up at four of the seven majors she has entered since returning to the tour after having a baby two years ago. The American remains stuck on 23 Grand Slam singles titles, one shy of Margaret Court's mark for the most in history.

"I'm not necessarily chasing a record. I'm just trying to win Grand Slams. It's definitely frustrating, you know," Williams said.

She gave credit to Andreescu for playing well, but also said: "I honestly didn't play my best today. I could have played better. That's the only solace that I can take right now."

Williams double-faulted eight times in all, including three times on break point, part of her 33 unforced errors, nearly double Andreescu's total of 17.

There were other ways in which Williams was not at her best, seemingly unsure of herself, including one odd-looking check-swing on a backhand in the second set that then let Andreescu put a shot away to go up 4-1.

Soon, Andreescu held a match point while serving at 5-1, 40-30. Williams erased that by snapping a forehand return winner off a 105 mph serve.

That launched a four-game run for Williams, who broke Andreescu again to make it 5-all.

"It was expected. She's a champion. That's what champions do. She's done that many, many times throughout her career," said Andreescu, perhaps aware that Williams has a winning record even when dropping the opening set of Grand Slam matches. "But I just tried to stay as composed as I could. It's hard to just block everything out, but I think I did a pretty good job at that."

Sure did. She steeled herself against Williams, against any nerves, against a loud bunch of spectators and took the last two games.

"Things just start slipping away. You can feel that Serena is finding a little bit of rhythm. She's finding herself. She's getting more solid. The crowd is roaring, just getting into it. It's very easy to say from the sideline, 'Stay focused, blah, blah, blah.' But this is overwhelming. There's no other word," said Andreescu's coach, Sylvain Bruneau. "So for her to be able to just, like, reset at 5-all when it's now anybody's match, that's pretty special, I think. Very, very special. It shows a lot."

She is 34-4 in 2019, 8-0 against top-10 opponents, and without a loss in a completed match since March 1. Andreescu missed a chunk of time in that span with a shoulder injury, which clearly is no longer hindering her.

Andreescu took it to Williams, figuratively and literally. Andreescu produced the kind of power Williams is more accustomed to dishing out than dealing with from the other side of the net. One shot went right at Williams, who leaped to avoid the ball at the baseline.

And Andreescu was fearless, always pushing, always aggressive.

"We're really similar," Williams said, "in terms of we both are fighters and we both are really intense."

Talk about a compliment.

Andreescu agreed. To a point.

"We like to keep the points short with our aggressive game style. We like to use our serve to our advantage," Andreescu said. "I think we fight really, really hard."



**Bianca Andreescu, of Canada, lays on the court after defeating Serena Williams, of the United States, during the women's singles final of the U.S. Open tennis championships Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019, in New York.** (AP Photo/Sarah Stier)

"But at the same time," she said, "I want to make a name for myself."

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## Cut by Raiders, Brown becoming a Patriot on eve of opener

By JOSH DUBOW AP Pro Football Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Randy Moss. Josh Gordon. And now Antonio Brown.

A dozen years after Bill Belichick took a chance on Moss when the talented but troubled diva had worn out his welcome in Oakland, the Patriots picked up Brown on Saturday hours after he was released by the Raiders without ever playing a game for them.

Brown's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, confirmed to The Associated Press that the four-time All-Pro receiver has agreed to terms with New England, going from the NFL's cellar to the defending Super Bowl champions despite talking and tweeting his way out of two teams in one offseason.

Brown had been scheduled to earn up to \$50 million from Oakland over the three-year deal. Instead, the Patriots guaranteed him \$9 million this season, with the potential to earn as much as \$15 million.

If Brown can behave, he would make up for the loss of tight end Rob Gronkowski, who retired at the age of 29. After the signing was reported, New England became the oddsmakers' favorite to win the Super Bowl. A Patriots spokesman did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The deal was first reported by ESPN, and it became Instagram official minutes later when Brown posted a photoshopped picture of himself in a Patriots uniform. The post was soon liked by New England receiver Julian Edelman, who already was sharing quarterback Tom Brady's attention with one troublemaking receiver, Josh Gordon.

But Belichick has a history of gambling on other teams' problems — or at least bringing them in at little cost — to give them a second, third or fourth chance.

In 2007, the Patriots acquired Moss after both Minnesota and Oakland tired of his attitude. He caught an NFL-record 23 touchdown passes in his first season and gave New England three straight seasons of 1,000 receiving yards to rehabilitate a career that landed him in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Belichick also took a chance in 2004 on running back Corey Dillon, who had fallen out of favor in Cincinnati; he ran for 1,635 yards and helped New England win its third Super Bowl in four seasons. (Some other moves, like Albert Haynesworth, didn't work out.)

Gordon dragged Cleveland through a series of suspensions before the Browns traded him to the Patriots last September. Belichick was rewarded with 40 catches for 720 yards and three touchdowns before Gordon was suspended Dec. 20 for violating the league's drug policy.

New England opens the season against the Steelers on Sunday night, when the Patriots will raise their



**In this Aug. 20, 2019 file photo, Oakland Raiders' Antonio Brown smiles before stretching during NFL football practice in Alameda, Calif. Brown was released by the Raiders, Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019.** (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)



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sixth Super Bowl championship banner. Brown is not eligible to be officially signed until Monday, but even his presence on the Patriots' sideline adds a new wrinkle to his tumultuous tenure in Pittsburgh.

A four-time All-Pro who caught 837 passes over nine seasons with the Steelers, the team tired of Brown's antics and traded him to Oakland in March. But he never made it onto the field in a Raiders uniform.

Instead of providing them with a marquee star in their final season in Oakland before moving to Las Vegas, Brown gave them months of headaches, from a bizarre foot injury to a fight over his helmet to the blowups this week that ended his career there before it began.

The Raiders granted the disgruntled but talented receiver his Saturday morning, two days before their season opener.

"We just exhausted everything," coach Jon Gruden. "We tried every way possible to make it work. All I'm going to say is, it's disappointing."

Brown asked for the release after he was upset about his latest team fine over an outburst during practice at general manager Mike Mayock. That fine allowed the Raiders to void more than \$29 million in guarantees over the next two years in Brown's contract if he wasn't on the team.

The Raiders traded two mid-round draft picks to Pittsburgh for the game's most prolific receiver and gave him a three-year contract worth \$50.1 million that now is void; Brown could still file a grievance to recover the guaranteed money.

The moves on Saturday follow a week in which Brown posted a letter on social media detailing \$54,000 in fines for missing team activities. (ESPN reported that he would be fined \$215,073 for conduct detrimental to the team.)

Brown was banished for one day, then returned to the team and apologized in a meeting and in a brief public statement. Gruden said the plan was for Brown to play in the opener Monday night against Denver, but that changed after Brown requested and was granted his release.

"It's been crazy," Oakland receiver Tyrell Williams said. "We feel how everybody else feels. It's been wild, it's been crazy, it's been unexpected. But we're going to go out there and play regardless. He made that decision. We're going to go out there and play how we're going to play."

The Raiders had been counting on Brown to spark an offense that lacked playmakers a year ago. Brown had 686 catches and 9,145 yards receiving the past six seasons in Pittsburgh, the best marks ever for a receiver in a six-year span.

But now they must move on without him.

"It's been an emotional thing for me," Gruden said. "I was very hopeful about what he could bring here. Unfortunately, it's not going to happen. He's a good guy. He's misunderstood by a lot of people but he's a good guy, a great player and I hope he gets what he's looking for."

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## Nevada, SC, Kansas GOP drop presidential nomination votes

By MEG KINNARD Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Republican leaders in Nevada, South Carolina and Kansas have voted to scrap their presidential nominating contests in 2020, erecting more hurdles for the long-shot candidates challenging President Donald Trump.

"What is Donald Trump afraid of?" asked one of those rivals, former Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld.

Canceling primaries, caucuses and other voting is not unusual for the party of the White House incumbent seeking a second term. Doing so allows Trump to try to consolidate his support as Democrats work to winnow their large field of candidates.

A spokesman for the South Carolina Republican Party, Joe Jackson, confirmed that the state party voted Saturday against holding a presidential primary next year. A similar move followed in Nevada, where party

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spokesman Keith Schipper said, "The vote to opt out of the caucus has passed. We will vote to endorse and bind the delegates to the President at a later date."

In Kansas, the state GOP tweeted on Friday that it will not organize a caucus "because President Trump is an elected incumbent from the Republican Party." Its state committee planned to approve rules for an "internal party process" for selecting convention delegates, according to Kelly Arnold, the party's former state chairman, and Helen Van Etten, a member of the Republican National Committee.

Challengers have emerged to Trump, including Weld and Joe Walsh, a former Illinois congressman. Others may join them.

Weld, in a statement, said voting is "the ultimate right of speech in America, and Trump's machine in South Carolina has just told the people of South Carolina that they don't need to be heard. Donald Trump wants to be treated as a monarch, but we rejected that idea 200 years ago."

Walsh told CNN after the South Carolina vote that his campaign would "fight South Carolina and any other state that considers doing this." He also noted that Trump complained during the 2016 election "about how the Democrats were rigging the system to get Hillary (Clinton) elected. Well, look what he's doing now. You talk about rigging a system."

Primary challenges to incumbents are rarely successful, and Trump's poll numbers among Republican voters have proved resilient. Nonetheless, Trump aides are looking to prevent a repeat of the convention discord that highlighted the electoral weaknesses of Presidents George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter in their failed reelection campaigns.

"As the chairman of the Nevada Republican Party, my job is to ensure not only President Trump's victory in Nevada, but also to elect more Republicans down the ballot," state party Chairman Michael J. McDonald said. "It would be malpractice on my part to waste money on a caucus to come to the inevitable conclusion that President Trump will be getting all our delegates in Charlotte. I am excited that our central committee has agreed with this proposal and voted to give us a way to bypass the caucus process."

Since last year, Trump's campaign has worked to monitor and at times control the process by which delegates to next year's Republican National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, are selected. His campaign wants the convention to be a four-night "infomercial" for Trump by sidelining the president's detractors within the party.

The effort is an acknowledgment that Trump hasn't completely cemented his grip on the GOP and might not coast to the nomination without some opposition. To that end, the campaign has worked over the past year to scuttle any attempts at a Trump challenge by party dissidents, mindful that a serious primary opponent could weaken Trump heading into the general election.

In January, the Republican National Committee voted to express its "undivided support" for Trump and his "effective presidency."



**In a Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016 file photo, then-Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks in Charlotte, N.C. States are expected to begin canceling GOP presidential caucuses or primaries as part of the party's effort to shut out the Trump primary challengers, one door at a time.** (AP Photo/ Evan Vucci, File)

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In years past, both Republicans and Democrats have cut state nominating contests when an incumbent president from their party ran for a second term. In 1984, South Carolina GOP leaders opted to call off their primary as President Ronald Reagan sought a second term. In 2004, the GOP again canceled the state's primary with leaders deciding instead to endorse President George W. Bush's reelection bid.

The South Carolina Democratic Party didn't hold presidential primaries in 1996 or in 2012, when Presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama were their incumbents.

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## AP Top 25 Takeaways: LSU's masterpiece, Michigan's mess

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Much was made in the offseason about two high-profile programs trying to revamp their offenses.

On Saturday, Michigan's makeover looked like a mess and LSU's like a masterpiece.

The sixth-ranked Tigers won the game of the day at No. 9 Texas, with Joe Burrow becoming the first LSU quarterback with a 400-yard passing game since Rohan Davey in the 2002 Sugar Bowl. Three Tigers receivers had 100-yard receiving games.

LSU needed every bit of Burrow's big night because Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger practically matched him.

The Tigers brought in Joe Brady, a former Saints assistant who turns 30 later this month, to recreate a passing offense that has been mostly stuck in the stone age for years. He has transformed Burrow from a gritty game manager into a possible NFL prospect.

It's early but LSU fans have to be giddy. You can't win national championships without playing a high-level passing offense in today's college football and the Tigers just might be a legitimate contender.

Then there is No. 7 Michigan, which went to double overtime with Army.

It was the second straight season the Cadets took a top-10 opponent to OT on the road and lost.

Unlike last year, when Oklahoma survived the Black Knights' brilliant game of keepaway, this seemed more an indictment of the Wolverines and whatever coach Jim Harbaugh is trying to do with that offense. Army only held the ball three more minutes in regulation and Michigan finished with 10 more offensive plays.

Michigan was supposed to be modernizing its offense with new coordinator Josh Gattis, a highly respected young coach plucked from Alabama but with no experience as a play-caller. Against an Army defense that is tough and well-coached but overmatched athletically and physically at pretty much every position, the Wolverines averaged 4.5 yards per play. Michigan gave away three fumbles in the first half and was stopped on fourth-and-2 twice in the fourth quarter.

Instead of Michigan taking advantage of its athletes in the open field, the Wolverines were getting whooped up front. It will be interesting how much of the blame for this falls on quarterback Shea Patterson, who is already ceding some time to Dylan McCaffrey.

"The entire football game we made mistakes offensively — penalties, and turnovers, and turnovers on downs," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said.

As if to emphasize Michigan's issues, Ohio State had one of the most impressive performances of the day, beating Cincinnati 42-0 behind another stellar performance by quarterback Justin Fields.

Michigan was a popular pick to win the Big Ten and finally get over the hump against Ohio State this year, with their rivalry game at the Big House on Thanksgiving weekend. But the hype had a lot to do with the uncertainty of the Buckeyes breaking in a new quarterback and coach, Ryan Day. That doesn't look like it's going to be much of an issue.

The Wolverines get a week off to fix stuff before a trip to No. 17 Wisconsin in a couple weeks, but for now that gap between Michigan and Ohio State seems as wide as ever.



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## SAME AS IT EVER WAS

Not surprisingly, Clemson's defense still looks ferocious after saying goodbye to four defensive linemen taken in the last NFL draft, including three in the first round. The Christian Wilkins-led Power Rangers are gone, but a new set of superheroes is already emerging. Against Texas A&M, No. 1 Clemson allowed only 4.2 yards per play and kept the Aggies out of the end zone until 6 seconds were left in the game.

End Xavier Thomas is the type of pass rusher who could develop into a first overall draft pick. Freshman defensive tackle Tyler Davis has already worked his way into the starting lineup and against A&M he put a few Aggies' offensive linemen on skates. The talent never seems to run out at Clemson and, of course, there is one constant: defensive coordinator Brent Venables. Clemson has upped his pay to more than \$2 million per year, but the return on investment is still high for coach Dabo Swinney.

"The opposing teams are fortunate because they have to play Coach V once," Clemson co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott said. "We have to play him year-round.

## AROUND THE NATION

Another terrible week for the second-year coaching trio of Chip Kelly at UCLA, Scott Frost at Nebraska and Florida State's Willie Taggart, who is not scoring many points with a skeptical fan base by needing a missed extra point in overtime to beat Louisiana-Monroe. The Seminoles avoided starting 0-2 for the first time since 1973 ... There was some discussion in the offseason about which assistant coaches had the most influence over Alabama's offense last year after three of them — Mike Locksley (head coach Maryland), Dan Enos (offensive coordinator Miami) and Gattis — scattered. Not sure whether the results of those teams this year proves anything definitively, but Locksley's Maryland team has scored 142 points in two games after blitzing No. 21 Syracuse. ... The Orange cost Syracuse a chance to host ESPN's "College GameDay" for the first time and took a whole bunch of luster out of next Saturday's prime-time game against Clemson. The 43-point beatdown by Maryland was the most lopsided loss for a ranked team to an unranked team since Oklahoma beat No. 13 Texas A&M, 51-13 in 1999. ... Syracuse's missed opportunity could be Ames, Iowa's good fortune. "GameDay" could be at Iowa State for the first time when the No. 25 Cyclones host No. 20 Iowa. If Iowa State stays ranked (it was tied for 25th this week and did not play) it will be the first CyHawk game matching ranked teams after 66 meetings dating to 1894. ... Wisconsin has opened the season on a 110-0 run. Badgers star Jonathan Taylor has scored eight touchdowns in two games, including the first three TD receptions of his career. ... USF's losing streak hit eight with a tough loss to Georgia Tech. The Bulls started last season 7-0 and it has been so bad since it could soon be time to start wondering if Charlie Strong is in danger of losing his job. ... Akron has a turnover pencil and it almost poked out an eye.

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## Call NFL preseason games what they are: exhibitions

By BARRY WILNER AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — There was a time when NFL games played in August were called exactly what they are: exhibitions.

In recent years, the league has stuck to describing them as being part of the preseason. What they need to be is extinct.

Well, that might be a bit overstated: There actually are reasons to play some practice games, which will be outlined below. But four of them?

Uh, no.

No less a personage than Roger Goodell agrees.

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"I feel what we should be doing is always to the highest quality, and I'm not sure preseason games meet that level right now," Goodell said in June. "I'm not sure, talking with coaches, that four preseason games is necessary anymore to get ready for a season to evaluate players, develop players. There are other ways of doing that, and we've had a lot of discussions about that."

Those discussions will ramp up over the next few months, with the NFL perhaps formulating a plan to present to the players' union that could include an expansion of the playoffs (adding a wild-card team in each conference) and the deletion of one exhibition game.

Even cutting the exhibitions to three contests wouldn't achieve what needs to be done — unless team owners are willing to slash ticket and parking and concession prices for these pretend matches in which the only glimpses of Le'Veon Bell or J.J. Watt figure to be with them in civvies on the sideline.

Teams already have begun the process of making the August games significantly less important by staging joint practices and scrimmages. Under such a controlled environment, the likes of Drew Brees and Philip Rivers, Aaron Donald and Khalil Mack get their reps.

"You get a whole different type of intensity," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said after his team scrimmaged with Buffalo. "You get a whole new look for an opponent. We didn't game-plan anything, so you really need to use our stuff and really follow your rules as players."

Maybe those owners should consider opening up a series of such workouts to the public, sell their merchandise and food there, and let fans actually see the stars in some sort of action.

"As an NFLPA rep, I really do think you're going to see this league transitioning into what we're sort of doing, what a lot of other teams are doing: joint practices and not playing in the game," Bears quarterback Chase Daniel said.

Although the labor agreement has another two seasons to run, waiting until the 2021 season to adjust the schedule would be counterproductive. Besides, if Goodell wants something, he usually finds a way to get it done — see replay reviews of pass interference for this season, and heavier discipline for egregious hits that was adopted a few years ago.

Once the CBA is discussed, a further decrease in the preseason schedule could come. NFL owners still want more regular-season contests, though adding two seems far-fetched for a variety of reasons, many of them safety-oriented. A 17th game might be used as a bargaining chip — every team would play a neutral-site game, enhancing the international popularity the commissioner covets — with the union getting more jobs with increased roster spots.

Despite the obvious pitfalls of the preseason, none of this is simple. The coaching fraternity, unhappy since the 2011 CBA settlement that took away practice time, finds value in the exhibitions. The games provide opportunities to evaluate backups, and backups to the backups. Though skeptics will ask just how much is gained from appraising guys who might make the roster as they play against guys in the same situation, any on-field action with hitting is a benefit, according to coaching staffs.

Ezekiel Elliott, Jadeveon Clowney and Melvin Gordon might disagree as they avoided the entire exhibition slate by holding out. But the opportunities to make a roster for lower-end draft choices, undrafted free agents and fringe players come in the exhibitions in which some will play deep into the games.

"Because of how much we're restricted in the spring and, quite honestly, what we're restricted in training camp," Saints coach Sean Payton said, "I know the challenge oftentimes is that fourth preseason game, but I can't think of a season here where that fourth preseason game didn't mean something to a handful of players that were in it."

Still, the value of exhibition games for a handful of players doesn't measure up to justifying the lack of substance and quality that now plagues the NFL preseason.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2019. There are 114 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion." It went: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

### On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, a Louisiana Democrat, was shot and mortally wounded inside the Louisiana State Capitol; he died two days later. (The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.)

In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

In 1943, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower announced Italy's surrender; Nazi Germany denounced Italy's decision as a cowardly act.

In 1964, public schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia, reopened after being closed for five years by officials attempting to prevent court-ordered racial desegregation.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted a "full, free, and absolute pardon" to former President Richard Nixon covering his entire term in office.

In 1985, Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds tied Ty Cobb's career record for hits, singling for hit number 4,191 during a game against the Cubs in Chicago.

In 1986, "The Oprah Winfrey Show" began the first of 25 seasons in national syndication.

In 1994, USAir Flight 427, a Boeing 737, crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma regained Category 5 status, battering Cuba with 160-mph winds and taking aim on the Miami area; the death toll across the Caribbean climbed past 20. In one of the country's largest evacuations, officials in Florida told more than 5 million people to leave their homes ahead of the hurricane; parts of interstates 75 and 95 northbound were bumper-to-bumper. Singer Troy Gentry, half of the country music duo Montgomery Gentry, died in a helicopter crash in Medford, New Jersey; pilot James Robinson was also killed.

Ten years ago: In a nationally broadcast pep talk from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Virginia, President Barack Obama challenged the nation's students to take pride in their education. Justice Sonia Sotomayor ceremonially took her seat at the Supreme Court in front of a packed courtroom that included President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. A U.N.-backed commission said it had found "convincing evidence" of fraud in Afghanistan's presidential election. Veteran Hollywood columnist Army Archerd, 87, died in Los Angeles.

Five years ago: The European Union shied away from slapping new economic sanctions on Russia right away over its actions in eastern Ukraine, saying the punitive measures would come into force "in the next few days" depending on how well a cease-fire agreement in eastern Ukraine held. Croatia's Marin Cilic (CHIHl'-ihch) won his first Grand Slam title by beating Japan's Kei Nishikori 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 at the U.S. Open. Ray Rice was let go by the Baltimore Ravens and suspended indefinitely by the NFL after a video was released showing the running back striking his then-fiancee, Janay Palmer, in an elevator in February 2014. S. Truett Cathy, the billionaire founder of the Chick-fil-A restaurant chain, died in suburban Atlanta at age 93.

One year ago: Serena Williams lost the U.S. Open women's final to Naomi Osaka; Williams was penal-



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ized a game for calling the chair umpire a thief during an extended argument after the umpire issued a warning to Williams for receiving coaching. Former president Barack Obama, in a speech in southern California, said the November midterm elections would give Americans "a chance to restore some sanity in our politics." A New York City subway station reopened for the first time since it was destroyed in the World Trade Center attack 17 years earlier.

Today's Birthdays: Ventriloquist Willie Tyler is 79. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., is 78. Actor Alan Feinstein is 78. Pop singer Sal Valentino (The Beau Brummels) is 77. Author Ann Beattie is 72. Former Secretary of Defense James Mattis is 69. Cajun singer Zachary Richard (ree-SHARD') is 69. Musician Will Lee is 67. Actress Heather Thomas is 62. Singer Aimee Mann is 59. Pop musician David Steele (Fine Young Cannibals) is 59. Actor Thomas Kretschmann is 57. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gordon (Levert) is 55. Gospel singer Darlene Zschech (chehk) is 54. Alternative country singer Neko (NEE'-koh) Case is 49. TV personality Brooke Burke-Charvet is 48. Actor Martin Freeman is 48. Actor David Arquette is 48. TV-radio personality Kennedy is 47. Rock musician Richard Hughes (Keane) is 44. Actor Larenz Tate is 44. Actor Nathan Corrdry is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Pink is 40. Singer-songwriter Eric Hutchinson is 39. Actor Jonathan Taylor Thomas is 38. Rapper Wiz Khalifa is 32. Actor Gaten Matarazzo (TV: "Stranger Things") is 17.

Thought for Today: "We shall seek the truth and endure the consequences." — Charles Seymour, American educator and historian (1884-1963).

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