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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

16 - MONDAY HOMECOMING WEEK

Dress-up Day: MS/HS: Retro; Elementary: Tie-Dye Day
2 p.m.: Cross Country at Webster
4 p.m.: JH FB at Sisseton (7/8 combined at 4 p.m., JV game at 5:15)
7:30 p.m.: HC Coronation
St. John's: Christian Literature Circle, 7:30 p.m.
Emmanuel: Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
Breakfast: French Toast and Sausage
Lunch: Chicken Stir Fry, Egg Roll
Senior Menu: Beef tips in gravy over noodles, lettuce salad with dressing, peaches, whole wheat bread.

17 - Tuesday

10 a.m.: Boys Golf at Redfield
5 p.m.: JH FB hosts Redfield combined 7/8)
5 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Mobridge-Pollock (C/JV at 5:00)
UMC: Bible Study, 10 a.m.
Breakfast: Sausage and Cheese Frittata
Lunch: Taco Salad
Senior Menu: New England Ham Dinner, dinner roll, fruit cocktail cake and ice cream.
Dress-up Day: Elementary School: Camo Day, MS/HS: Twins Day

Death Notice: Deloris Knoll

Deloris Krueger-Knoll, 95, of Groton passed away Sunday, September 15, 2019 at Avantara Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

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

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Yard of the Week

The Joe and Jodi Schwan yard at 204 E. 7th Ave were chosen as the Yard of the Week for the week of September 8. The boys are Jordan and JD. The Yard of the Week is chosen by members of the Groton Garden Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

Girls Soccer

Coach Chris Kucker of the girls soccer team told the Groton Daily Independent about the game played Saturday at Sioux Falls Christian. "It was a very well played game by the girls. Lost 3-0, but played with passion. Defense drew nine offside calls, Kaylin had 12 saves. 15 shots on goal for them with four corners. We had three shots on goal with one corner."

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September Students of the Month

Back row left to right: Kristine Tank, sophomore; Jeslyn Kosel, seventh grade; Kaycie Hawkins, senior; and Isaac Smith, junior.

Front row left to right: Emily Clark, eighth grade; Jaedyn Penning, sixth grade; and Porter Johnson, freshman. (Courtesy Photo)

COMING UP ON GDILIVE.COM

GHS Homecoming

Coronation

Monday, Sept. 16

7:30 p.m.

Blood Vessel Disease

For years I cared for a young gentleman with recurrent leg swelling associated with redness, fever, pain and open sores between his toes and lower legs and the rash of athlete's foot. Once again, the emergency room doctor admitted the patient, and started him on intravenous antibiotics while the nurses put on support hose and encouraged him to elevate his legs.



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

There are two types of blood vessels making up "the vascular system." Going away from the heart, blood is pumped through arteries providing oxygen and nutrients to almost every cell in the body. Coming back to the heart, blood travels through veins, oxygen depleted and loaded with waste. When venous blood passes through the kidneys, liver and lungs, waste is removed.

When arterial flow is blocked, pain, loss of muscle strength and open sores develop. In contrast, when venous flow is blocked, swelling and congestion occur which can also reduce arterial flow. Most dangerous, poor venous flow can result in blood clots.

Reversible causes for arterial blockage include regularly eating too many calories, not getting enough exercise, smoking and failing to connect enough with people and nature (which is entirely under-rated). Others may talk about pills and supplements, but the plain truth is that nothing comes close to these healthy lifestyle habits in preventing premature obstruction of arteries.

A list of preventable or treatable causes for vein and venous obstruction with swelling in the legs is long. It includes congestive heart failure, inherited varicose veins, jobs that require prolonged sitting or standing in one place and leg trauma, all of which injure vein valves, make edema worse and increase the risk for clots. Clots developing in veins are dangerous. They can move to the lungs, threaten life and worsen swelling.

My young patient had a combination of foot fungus (athlete's foot) and bacterial infection growing in toe cracks and leg sores. He also had venous insufficiency (the valves in the veins were destroyed) and new blood clots, possibly triggered by the fungal and bacterial infections. His condition was complicated, indeed! We elevated his feet even higher, increased the pressure of his support hose and added medicines including a low dose diuretic, an anti-fungus medication and an anticoagulant. His leg swelling resolved and stayed that way, especially because he wore 20 pound below-the-knee compression hose.

Bottom line: The vascular system makes up an incredibly complex organ system. Please take measures to protect blood vessels by understanding the values of a healthy lifestyle and, when needed, wearing firm below-the-knee support hose.

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.prairedoc.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.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup

By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings are now 1-1 this season after losing to the Green Bay Packers 21-16 on Sunday. The Packers got the ball to start the game, and the Vikings' defense was on their heels from the very first play. The Vikings allowed the Packers to score on their first three possessions, and before anyone knew it the Vikings were down 21-0. The Vikings' defense regrouped after that, however, and didn't allow the Packers to score another point. The offense was another story. It was a game filled with sloppy play, penalties, and questionable flags by the officials. In the end, the Vikings' offense just didn't do enough to overcome the early deficit.

Quarterback Kirk Cousins had a rough day at Lambeau Field. His accuracy was erratic all game, and Cousins' decision making was even worse – even when he had a clean pocket to throw from. He ended the game with 230 yards and a touchdown to go along with a 44% (14/32) completion percentage, two interceptions and two fumbles. This was a big game, considering it was on the road against a division rival with first place in the NFC North on the line, so unfortunately it was no surprise to see Cousins give a horrible performance.

Dalvin Cook did all he could to provide a spark for the Vikings' offense. In the second quarter, with the Vikings down 21-0, Cook took a handoff on second down and turned on the jets for a 75-yard touchdown. It was a huge play, considering the Packers had all the momentum and the Vikings' offense had shown no life up until that point. Cook finished the game with 154 rushing yards on 20 carries, while adding another 37 yards on three catches.

After getting punched in the mouth in the first quarter, the Vikings' defense began to wake up. The Vikings entered the game without the services of starting slot corner Mackensie Alexander, so it was up to the pass rush to be the difference maker. Danielle Hunter led the team with nine tackles, while also tying for the team lead in sacks (1), QB hits (3), and tackles for a loss (2). The most worrisome player on the Vikings' defense was Xavier Rhodes, who was consistently burned by Devonte Adams (he finished the game with seven catches for 106 yards).

The player of the game on offense should really be Dalvin Cook, but he was the POTG last week, so instead I'm going to give some props to the offensive line. They weren't perfect against the Packers, but they are starting to show signs they could be effective enough to not be a weakness this season. The offensive line was the main reason Cook and company were able to run for 198 yards on 27 carries for an average of 7.3 yards per carry. Cousins was also only sacked once on Sunday.

The player of the game on defense was Harrison Smith. The All-Pro safety is the leader of the defense, but instead of yelling and trying to pump up his teammates, Smith prefers to let his play do the talking. He was the first player on defense to start making plays, and before long the rest of the team followed in his footsteps.

Looking ahead, the Vikings return home and prepare to square off with the Oakland Raiders. The game will once again be on Fox and will start at noon (CT) on September 22. This is a game the Vikings should win, and win convincingly. ESPN gives the Vikings a 76% chance to leave the match with a 2-1 record. However, as we learned last year from the Buffalo Bills, the Vikings can't take any opponent lightly. I believe Zimmer will light a fire under his team this week, so I expect the Vikings to come out strong in this one and be too much for the Raiders to handle. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL)

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GHS Comprehensive Stats from Sisseton Game by Tom Woods

SR vs GT (FIRST)
(09/13/19 at Perry W Doney Field)
Groton, SD

TEAM	SR (VISITOR)	GT (HOME)
First Downs	17	12
--Rushing	14	9
--Passing	2	3
--Penalty	1	0
Rushing Attempts	46	27
Yards Gained Rushing	253	187
Yards Lost Rushing	23	31
Net Yards Rushing	230	156
Net Yards Passing	52	125
--Passes Attempted	10	16
--Passes Completed	4	7
--Had Intercepted	0	0
Total Offensive Plays	56	43
Total Net Yards	282	281
--Average Gain Per Play	5.0	6.5
Fumbles: Number / Lost	2 / 2	2 / 1
Penalties: Number / Yards	5 / 25	8 / 56
Number of Punts / Yards	2 / 53	5 / 151
--Average Per Punt	26.5	30.2
Punt Returns: Number / Yards	4 / 48	0 / 0
Number of Kickoffs / Yards	4 / 193	3 / 110
--Average Per Kick	48.3	36.7
--Touchbacks	2	0
Kickoff Returns: Number / Yards	2 / 37	2 / 25
Interception Returns: Number / Yards	0 / 0	0 / 0
Fumble Returns: Number / Yards	0 / 0	1 / 4
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	00:00	00:00
Third Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Fourth Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Sacks By: Number / Yards	2 / 19	1 / 15

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Groton Tigers HOME

No	Rushing	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Long
6	Jonathan Doeden	19	145	12	133	2	53
20	Kaden Kurtz	8	42	19	23	0	17
Total		27	187	31	156	2	53

No	Passing	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sacks
20	Kaden Kurtz	16	7	0	125	0	45	2
Total		16	7	0	125	0	45	2

No	Pass Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Long
34	Brodie DeHoet	5	77	0	45
3	Thomas Cranford	1	35	0	35
5	Pierce Kettering	1	13	0	13
Total		7	125	0	45

No	Punting	No	Yds	Avg	TB	I20	Long
32	Peyton Johnson	5	151	30.2	0	0	38
Total		5	151	30.2	0	0	38

No Returns*		Punt			Kickoff			Int.Pass		
No	Returns*	No	Yds	LP	No	Yd	LP	No	Yds	LP
17	Andrew Marzahn	0	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	0
6	Jonathan Doeden	0	0	0	1	0	15	0	0	0
Total		0	0	0	2	25	25	0	0	0

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No	Kickoffs	No	Yds	Avg	TB	FC	OB
24	Jackson Cogley	3	110	36.7	0	0	0
Total		3	110	36.7	0	0	0

No	All-Purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
6	Jonathan Doeden	133	0	0	0	0	133
34	Brodie DeHoet	0	77	0	0	0	77
3	Thomas Cranford	0	35	0	0	0	35
17	Andrew Marzahn	0	0	25	0	0	25
20	Kaden Kurtz	23	0	0	0	0	23
5	Pierce Kettering	0	13	0	0	0	13
Total		156	125	25	0	0	306

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No	Player Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yds	FR/Yds	
59	Morris,Alex	2	9	11	-	1.0/5.0	-	
6	Doeden,Jonathan	5	4	9	-	1.0/3.0	-	
62	Gengerke,Trey	2	7	9	-	-	-	
18	Jones,Austin	4	4	8	1.0/15.0	1.0/15.0	-	
20	Kurtz,Kaden	3	5	8	-	-	-	
54	O'Neill,Grady	2	4	6	-	-	1/0	
32	Johnson,Peyton	3	2	5	-	-	-	
3	Cranford,Thomas	3	1	4	-	-	-	
64	Pharis,Kale	0	3	3	-	-	-	
5	Kettering,Pierce	2	0	2	-	-	-	
34	DeHoet,Brodie	1	1	2	-	-	1/4	
21	Larson,Chandler	0	2	2	-	-	-	
Total		27	42	69	1.0/15.0	3.0/23.0	2/4	

SACKS through Sisseton Game

Player	# of Sacks	Yards Lost
Alex Moris	4	19
Austin Jones	3	26
Darien Shabazz	2	22
Kaden Kurtz	2	5
Peyton Johnson	1	2

Groton Photography

will be doing photo sessions at the



No appointments are necessary, but if you want to set up a time, Call/Text Paul at 605/397-7460

e-mail paperpaul@grotonsd.net

Message on Facebook - theGDI

Sitting Fee: \$10

8x10 - \$8.00

5x7 - \$5.00

4x6 - \$4.00

Digital File E-mailed to you - \$10.00

Photo Button: \$5.00

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"Gospel Solutions to Social Issues"

sponsored by Groton Churches

"Sex Trafficking and Dating Violence Seminar"

October 9th, 6:30pm at Groton C&MA Church

706 N. Main, Groton, SD

Light Supper served at 5:45pm, text 377-0709 for large groups.

No charge, free will offering will be taken.

Topics include : What are the signs of human trafficking and dating violence and who is at risk?

Speaker-Lisa Heth has worked in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault for over 27 years on the Crow Creek reservation at Wicroni Wawokiya, Inc. (Helping Families) a 501c3 non-profit organization. Ms. Heth recieved the prestigious 2015 National Victims of Crime Award from the Department for her work in the field for serving victims of crime. In 2015 Ms. Heth founded Pathfinder Center, a long term shelter for victims of human trafficking. Ms. Heth has three grown children and eight grand children.

For more info on Pathfinder: <https://youtu.be/GzyxbFiUbYI>

Speaker- Kasey Cadwell has worked in the field of domestic violence and sexual assault for eight years. Ms Cadwell is the Victim Coordinator for Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc. Ms Cadwell specializes in working with youth in schools providing education and awareness on teen dating violence, sexual assault, child sexual abuse and by-stander intervention. Ms Cadwell has two sons in high school and one daughter in middle school.

Suggested ages 5th grade -Adult

For more information text 377-0709 or email : glennaremington@hotmail.com

Please keep this evangelistic event in your prayers.

Future Seminar- Suicide and Bullying

Nov. 6th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 6:30pm

Light supper at 5:45pm

Groton Churches Committee

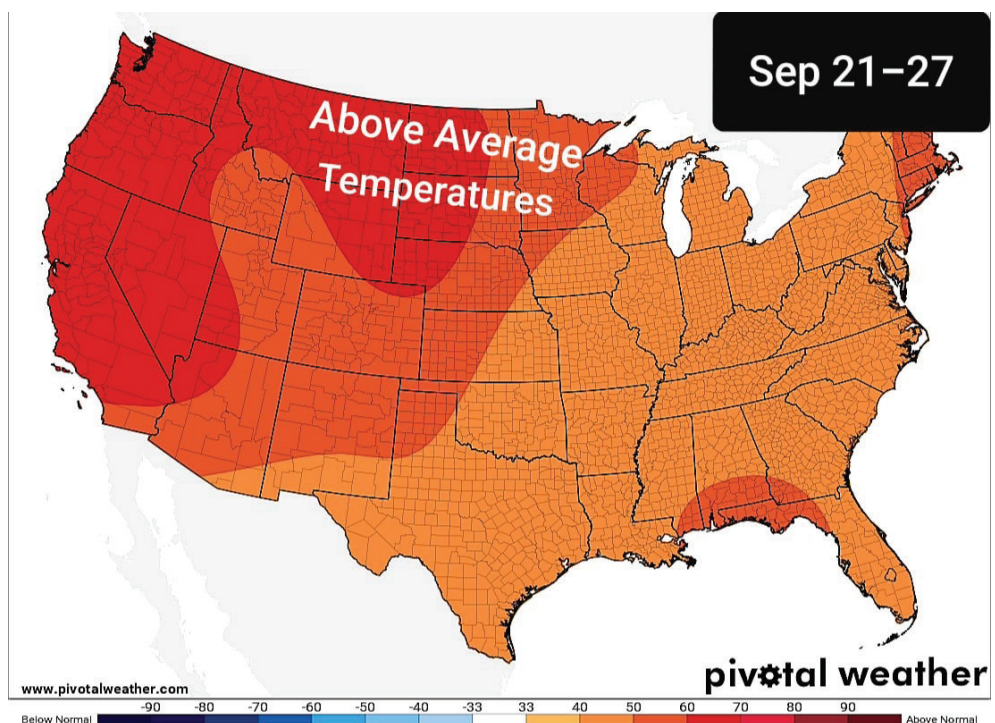
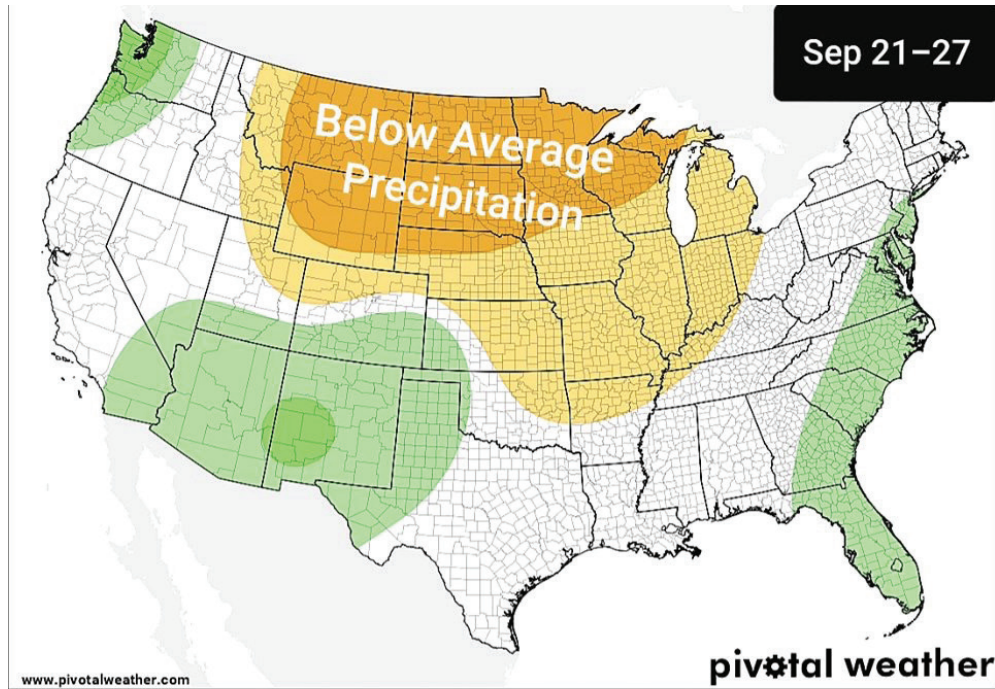
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Warmer, drier weather coming soon

The Climate Prediction Center is expecting above average temperatures and below average precipitation for the Northern Plains.

A fairly potent Low Pressure system will move through parts of eastern Montana and the Dakotas on the 21st. Heavy rain is possible, but nothing significant after its passage.



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Roberts County Democratic Party

is hosting a

STEAK FRY DINNER

Friday, September 20, 2019 • 6:30 p.m.

Valley View Golf Course

Speaker will be Joel Heitkamp

KFGO morning show "News & Views"

TICKET PRICE: \$50

To purchase tickets call: Gary Hanson 268-0448

Jason Frerichs 605-949-2204, Dave Gleason 237-1923

Groton Class of '69 50th Year Reunion

Saturday, Sept 21st

Olive Grove Golf Course

The public is invited to attend after
6:30 to renew acquaintances
with OLD friends



2019 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds September 24 and 25

Parents of children age 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to either confirm their screening time or set up a time. Letters will be send out the week of September 16. If your child is already receiving services or enrolled at Groton Elementary School they will not need to be screened. If your child has already been screened but you have concerns please contact the elementary school. If you are new to the district and have a child under the age of 5, we also ask you to contact the elementary school.

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



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Langford Front Porch Help Wanted



Immediate opening for a FT General Manager at The Front Porch Bar & Grill, Langford SD. This person will ensure a profitable and efficiently run restaurant/bar operation through innovative

menus, events, staff management and business operations. Wage DOE. Must be 21 years old. Contact Paula Jensen at (605) 228-5963 or email resume by September 30, 2019 to langfordfrontporch@venturecomm.net.

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*Tribute to 100
years of the
American Legion*



*Coffee and
Birthday
Cake*

THE AMERICAN LEGION

1919 100 2019
Years
*Please help us celebrate a Century
of the American Legion*

VETERANS STILL SERVING AMERICA

Friday, Sept 20, 2019 ~ 3:30 p.m., Groton Legion Post #39

1 free drink to any Veteran

Program to include

Legion history

Local performers singing songs from the following periods

WW I ~ WW II ~ Korea ~ Vietnam to present time

MILITARY RITES AT THE CONCLUSION IN HONOR OF OUR DECEASED COMRADES PERFORMED BY GROTON POST #39

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Today



Mostly Sunny
then Mostly
Sunny and
Breezy

High: 89 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy

Low: 70 °F

Tuesday



Sunny and Breezy

High: 87 °F

**Tuesday
Night**



Partly Cloudy

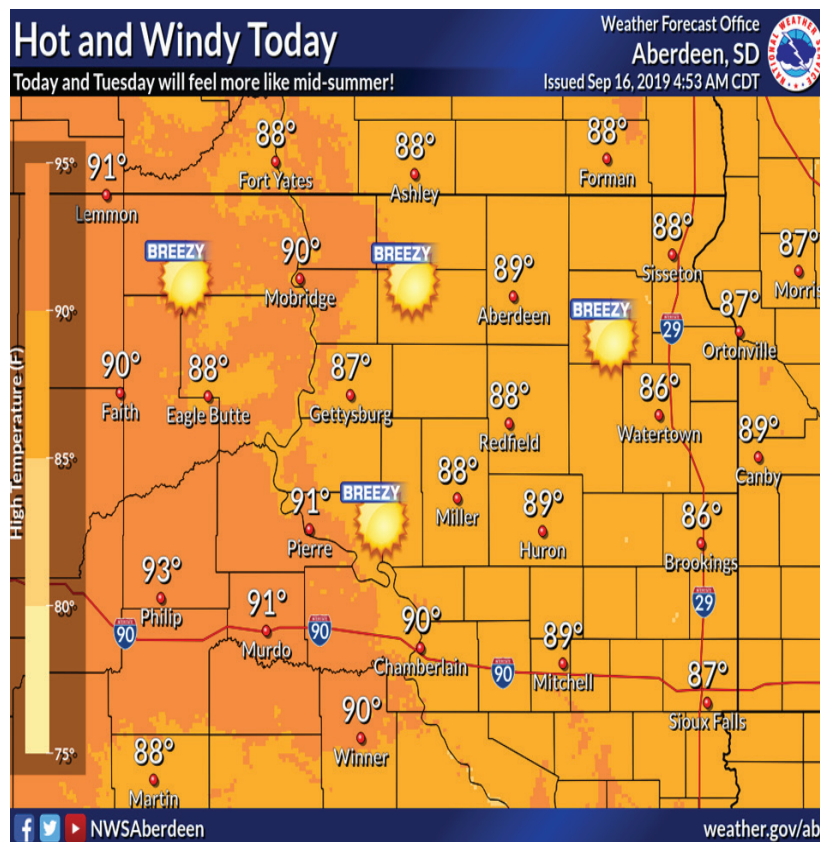
Low: 60 °F

Wednesday



Sunny

High: 77 °F



Published on: 09/16/2019 at 1:02AM

Expect rather warm temperatures today, with highs in the upper 80s to low 90s. Breezy and gusty southerly winds will be felt through the day as well. The above normal temperatures will continue into Tuesday with 80s and low 90s once again for high temperatures. Precipitation chances over the next couple days will be confined to northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota late tonight, then again Tuesday night - but only scattered in coverage. Will also be watching for storm potential across central South Dakota Tuesday evening.

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Today in Weather History

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Today's Info

High Temp: 86 °F at 4:21 PM

Low Temp: 57 °F at 5:46 AM

Wind: 19 mph at 4:34 PM

Day Rain: 0.00

Record High: 96° in 1925, 1895

Record Low: 20° in 1916

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.13

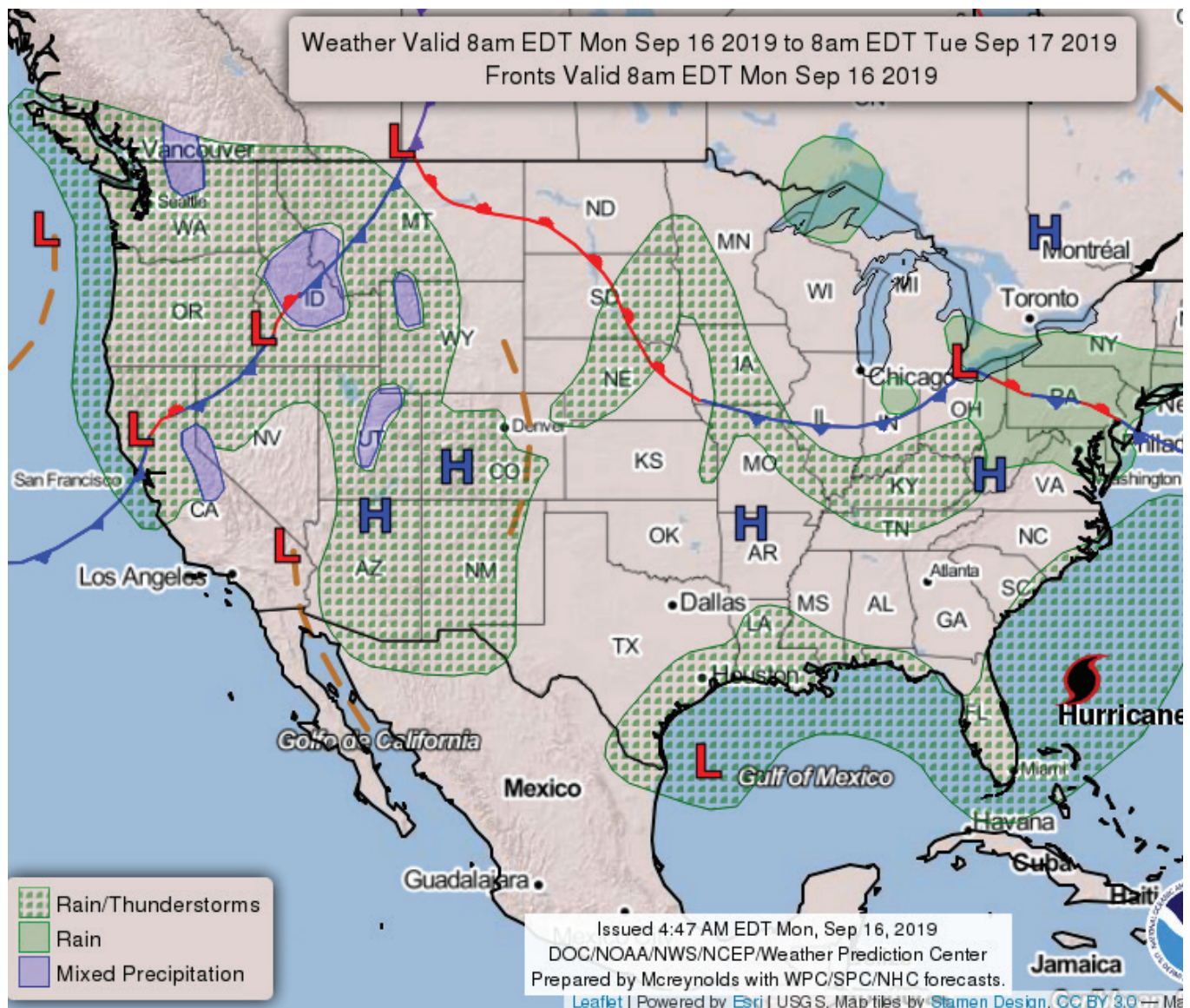
Precip to date in Sept.: 4.86

Average Precip to date: 17.42

Precip Year to Date: 24.62

Sunset Tonight: 7:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.



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LET GO AND LET GOD

An elderly man was taken for his very first plane ride. When it was over and he was safely on the ground, his wife asked him, "Well, Sam, how did you like that?"

"Pretty good," came the reply. " Only problem was that I couldn't let all of my weight down on the seat and relax."

Sometimes we Christians have difficulty laying down or letting go of the burdens we carry. While we may have many excuses, there is no real reason why we cannot let go of our fears and failures, problems and pressures, worries and woes, and trust the Lord.

Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

The burdens Jesus came to relieve us of are not only physical burdens, but spiritual and emotional and mental burdens as well.

There are times when we fear that our sins may not have been forgiven because we believe that they are too horrible for God's grace and mercy. But He promised us that "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Perhaps we become fearful that we are not doing enough for God or have missed His will for our lives. Again, the verse echoes in our ears, "If you become humble...pray...seek... turn...I will forgive." God's willingness and ability are as good as His Word. The problem belongs to us – not Him. Remember the verse: "Lord, help my unbelief!" He can...and will!

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to take You at Your Word, and to cast all our cares on You. It's not that You can't do it. It's that we can't believe how great You are! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today Matthew 11:28 Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

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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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In 100th year, Aberdeen's municipal band is timeless

By KELDA J.L. PHARRIS Aberdeen American News

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Musicians' salaries and daily gigs are of a by-gone era, but timeless are the music and friendships that have fueled the Aberdeen Municipal Band through its centennial season.

"Because we've had support from the community, the city council and the Parks and Recreation Department. It's a good, fun, entertaining way to listen to good music in a park setting," director Jerome Letcher told the Aberdeen American News. "I hope it never goes out of style."

Howard C. Bronson formed the band in 1919 with its first concert on June 1 of that year. "Out-of-town musicians" arrived by the 3 p.m. showtime at Aldrich Park on North Main Street, and 25 performed in total. Bronson had been a lieutenant and bandmaster

with the first field artillery band for U.S. Army. His experience dotted the setlist with marches, one with Masonic origins. The performance finished with the then-105-year-old "Star Spangled Banner," according to a story that ran May 31, 1919, in the Aberdeen Daily News.

A century and two all-but-forgotten bandshells later, about 42 volunteer performers don black and white and raise instruments to the ready Thursday evenings at Melgaard Park through the summer season. It's a tight group and, although volunteer, it can be a tough one to break into.

"Every summer we just kind of look at each other. 'You going to be back next year?'" said Sue Gates, mimicking the annual conversation she'll have with one of her fellow flute players.

There are five flutists, and Gates and two others have "been there forever," she said.

"The gal on the other side is turning 50. I remember celebrating her 21st birthday," she said.

Gates said long-time members have seen each other get married, have babies and have watched those children get married.

"You only see them through the organization, but that connection is important almost as much as the music is. So there's a core group that's been around," Gates said.

"Turnover rate is pretty small. We try to keep a balance. Saxophones, there are two alto, one tenor, one bari(tone)," Letcher said. "We haven't changed tenor since I've been here, the others once or twice."

Letcher tries to keep the band balanced in selecting brass, woodwind and percussion players. Usually a potential member will spend a season as a fill-in or substitute in a section before becoming an official member. Letcher has been around for about 25 years, conducting the band, arranging music choices and handling special events like the Fourth of July concert at Wylie Park.

Gates was the first female member of the band.

"Our high school band director, Orville Evenson, was director of the (municipal) band. He'd asked several other students to play," she said.



In this July 18, 2019 photo, residents gathered in Melgaard Park to listen to the Aberdeen Municipal Band in Aberdeen, S.D. (John Davis/Aberdeen American News via AP)

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The fact she was a teenage girl attending Central High School didn't seem to matter. Evenson just wanted good musicians. Gates estimated it was around the summer of 1968 or 1969.

She's gone on to play off and on for 50 years.

"I played through college, then got married, moved away, I commuted for a little while but it got to be too much. Then I came back in 1988 and said if you've got an opening I'm available. It's been a while. I'm not the longest running one in there," she said.

Esther Thistle, a trombonist, just hung up her instrument last year after 45 years with the band and was featured in a 2018 American News story. The longevity of the players gives the band continuity, consistency and flexibility, making Letcher's job that much easier, he said.

Aberdeen might be a misnomer in the band's name. Dedicated out-of-town members still contribute to its sound. Those players coming from places like Redfield or Langford don't always have the easiest commute to the weekly rehearsal- performance sessions.

"It's 120 miles," said Julie Borr, a clarinetist.

"One way," she clarifies of her trip from Pollock.

Borr's been with the band since 1986 except for one year when she was pregnant and doctor visits sent her to Bismarck, N.D. During her tenure and the related driving, she's seen some horrendous storms with blinding lighting and near blackout rain. She's come across deer and, one time, horses, which was a first to her. But she's never hit anything, at least not on her band trips.

"I usually come in and get some shopping done. Usually there's a group of us college friends. We get together for supper before rehearsal. Now with the earlier concert times I get home about midnight," she said. "It keeps me performing. I love playing. It keeps me involved with other teachers and other musicians in the area. I enjoy the friendships I've made being part of this organization. Obviously I wouldn't be driving it if it wasn't really worth it."

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Track's 'Coach Greeno' gets a sculpture

By JOE SNEVE Argus Leader

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The late Rich Greeno, known more commonly as Coach Greeno, is returning to the place where he led hundreds of students up and down rolling hills during cross country workouts on his way to creating a high school dynasty.

The longtime Sioux Falls educator who passed away at age 88 in 2017 is being memorialized with a life-size bronze sculpture that will sit along the east bank of the river greenway between Tuthill and Paisley parks, an area familiar to Lincoln High School track and cross country athletes.

"The sculpture depicts the well-known, loved coach," said Russ Sorenson, an urban planner with the city who oversees public art placement in Sioux Falls, told the Sioux Falls Argus Leader. "Coach Greeno is depicted as



In this Tuesday, May 14, 2019 photo, Darwin Wolf sculpts a full-size likeness of late cross country coach Rich Greeno in his home studio in Sioux Falls, S.D. Works-in-progress of firefighter and soldier memorials stand just behind. (Erin

Bormett/The Argus Leader via AP)

running as he trained and encouraged his team."

South Dakota artist Darwin Wolf created the sculpture, which will stand about 8 feet tall with the pedestal. It was commissioned by the Rich Greeno Memorial Committee, formed following the coach's death to carry on his legacy and inspire others to stay active, said co-chair Zon Tran, who ran for Greeno at Lincoln from 1984 to 1988.

"It didn't matter what your ability was," Tran said. "His thing was everybody was important on the team whether you're slow, fast or a superstar. He cared more about you as a person than your ability, encouraging you no matter who you were."

During his stint as coach at Lincoln from 1965 to 1990, Greeno led the Patriots to 11 state boys cross country titles and eight track crowns, before moving on to coach at the University of Sioux Falls.

Greeno is a member of both the South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame and the National High School Sports Hall of Fame.

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Cook sets career rushing high in Vikings' loss to Packers

By ANDREW SELIGMAN AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Dalvin Cook gave the Minnesota Vikings hope. He just couldn't quite carry them past Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

Cook ran for a career-high 154 yards and a long a touchdown to help the Vikings make it close after they looked as though they were going to get blown out in a 21-16 loss Sunday.

"It was just keep fighting," he said. "That's a tough team we've got. We've got some fighters. Smart, physical players and that's the type of locker room we've got. We just wanted to keep fighting, and I think as long as the scoreboard says some time on it, we think we've got a chance to win the football game."

It looked as if they had no chance, trailing 21-0 thanks to two touchdown throws by Rodgers in the first quarter and a 2-yard run by Aaron Jones two plays into the second after Kirk Cousins lost a fumble on a sack in Vikings territory.

But Minnesota stuck with the ground game despite the big deficit. And Cook helped make things at least interesting after combining to run for just 67 yards in two games against Green Bay last year.

On the second play from scrimmage after Jones scored, he broke off a 75-yard touchdown that was the longest run of his career. It was also the second-longest ever by a Minnesota player against the Packers.

Cook burst through a hole in the middle and avoided a lunging Darnell Savage near midfield as he turned toward the right side on the way to the end zone.

"The O-line gave me a crease on the backside," he said. "I just hit it with all I had. It was just one of



Minnesota Vikings' Dalvin Cook breaks away from Green Bay Packers' Darnell Savage for a touchdown run during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, in Green Bay, Wis. (AP Photo/Mike Roemer)

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those plays, I was close to being hit a couple of times today. That was the time that I had to take full advantage of it right there.”

The Vikings are banking on big things from Cook in his third season after injuries limited him to 15 games through his first two. His emergence would give them a better run-pass balance and provide a big lift coming off a disappointing year.

The Vikings thought they had a Super Bowl contender in 2018 after signing Cousins, only to miss the playoffs at 8-7-1.

It was no surprise they made some changes in the offseason, with Kevin Stefanski taking over as offensive coordinator and bringing in former Denver Broncos coach Gary Kubiak as an offensive adviser. They also made some adjustments on the line.

The Vikings are trying to make Cook a key weapon to go with one of the best receiving tandems in Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs.

“We knew he was an explosive back, and you give him any kind of space, if one guy messes up, he’s going to see the crease, he’s going to see the gap opening, and he’s going to cut it back and make a play,” Packers nose tackle Kenny Clark said. “You saw a little bit of that today.”

Cook carried 20 times against Green Bay after running for 111 yards in a season-opening win over Atlanta. That gave him back-to-back games with 100 or more for the first time in his career and four in all.

“Having a back like that definitely makes it easier up front,” guard Dakota Dozier said. “If you can get your guy for just a split second, he can get through the hole, make some big plays. I definitely love blocking for him.”

The Vikings stuck with the run on a day when Cousins was off target — 14 of 32 with 230 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

They also committed eight penalties for 100 yards, including an offensive interference call on Cook late in the half that wiped out a 3-yard touchdown pass to Diggs. Minnesota settled for a field goal.

“I feel great,” Cook said. “There’s still a lot of stuff we can improve on. There’s still a lot of stuff we are going to improve on. We’ve just got to get better each and every week. I think we are. This team right here is all about work. That’s all we want to do.”

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3 teens killed in 3-vehicle crash in South Dakota

WOONSOCKET, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say three teenagers were killed in a three-vehicle crash in east-central South Dakota.

The Department of Public Safety says the crash happened Saturday night near Woonsocket.

The three boys, ages 14 to 15, were passengers in an Oldsmobile Alero. All died at the scene. The 14-year-old boy who was driving suffered serious injuries.

Authorities say the Alero was eastbound on South Dakota 34 and was preparing to turn north onto South Dakota 37. The car collided with a Chevrolet Trailblazer that was westbound on Highway 34. The Alero spun and collided with a Chevrolet Impala that was at a stop sign.

The 46-year-old woman who was driving the Trailblazer also suffered serious injuries. The two people in the Impala were not hurt.

Names of the victims were not released.

Family of woman found dead in Missouri offers \$10,000 reward

BOONVILLE, Mo. (AP) — The family of a South Dakota woman who was found shot to death in Missouri last winter is offering a \$10,000 reward for information in the case.

Forty-year-old Melissa Peskey, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was found dead on Interstate 70 near Boonville in December 2018.

Her two children, ages 5 and 11, were alive in the backseat.

An autopsy indicated she had been killed by a shot fired from outside her vehicle.

In an interview with NBC's "Dateline," in April, Penskey's sister, Kara Renken, said she was talking to Penskey on the phone about a vehicle that was swerving all over the road and a semi that had gone into the ditch before she went silent.

Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop F posted the reward information Friday.

Energy prices spike after Saudi oil attack, US blaming Iran

By JON GAMBRELL Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Global energy prices spiked on Monday after a weekend attack on key oil facilities in Saudi Arabia caused the worst disruption to world supplies on record, an assault for which President Donald Trump warned that the U.S. was "locked and loaded" to respond.

U.S. officials offered satellite images of the damage at the heart of the kingdom's crucial Abqaiq oil processing plant and a key oil field, alleging the pattern of destruction suggested the attack on Saturday came from either Iraq or Iran — rather than Yemen, as claimed by Iranian-backed Houthi rebels there.

Iran for its part called the U.S. allegations "maximum lies."

The Houthis on Monday warned of more attacks on Saudi oil facilities and urged foreign companies doing business in the kingdom to stay away from its energy sites. Yahia Sarie, a rebel spokesman, said facilities such as the Abqaiq oil processing plant and the oil field hit this weekend could again "be targeted at any time."

In Vienna, U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry condemned what he called "Iran's attack on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" in an address to the International Atomic Energy Agency's general conference.

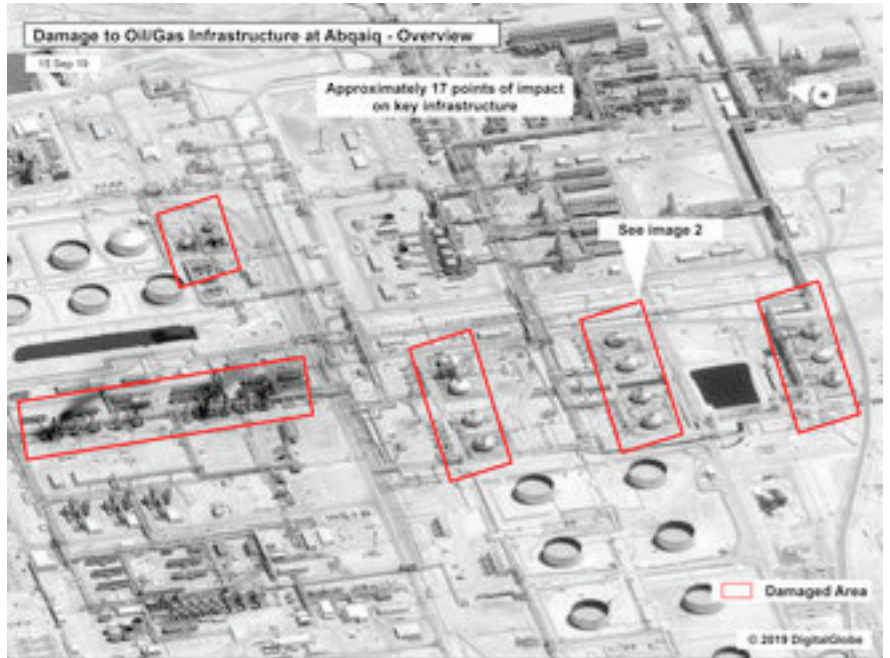
"This behavior is unacceptable and they must be held responsible," Perry said of Iran. "Make no mistake about it, this was a deliberate attack on the global economy and the global energy market."

He added that "despite Iran's malign efforts, we are very confident that the market is resilient and will respond" and said that Trump has authorized the release of strategic oil reserves should the U.S. need them.

But actions on any side could break into the open a twilight war that's been raging just below the surface of the wider Persian Gulf in recent months.

Already, there have been mysterious attacks on oil tankers that America blames on Tehran, at least one suspected Israeli strike on Shiite forces in Iraq, and Iran has shot down a U.S. military surveillance drone.

Benchmark Brent crude gained nearly 20% in the first moments of trading Monday before settling down to over 8% higher as trading continued. A barrel of Brent traded up \$5.33 to \$65.55.



This image provided on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, by the U.S. government and DigitalGlobe and annotated by the source, shows damage to the infrastructure at Saudi Aramco's Abaqaiq oil processing facility in Buqyaq, Saudi Arabia. The drone attack Saturday on Saudi Arabia's Abqaiq plant and its Khurais oil field led to the interruption of an estimated 5.7 million barrels of the kingdom's crude oil production per day, equivalent to more than 5% of the world's daily supply. (U.S. government/Digital Globe via AP)

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That spike represented the biggest percentage value jump in Brent crude since the lead up to the 1991 Gulf War that saw a U.S.-led coalition expel Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait.

U.S. benchmark West Texas crude was up around 8%. U.S. gasoline and heating oil similarly were up over 8% and 7% respectively before markets opened in New York.

Saturday's attack halted production of 5.7 million barrels of crude a day, more than half of Saudi Arabia's global daily exports and more than 5% of the world's daily crude oil production. Most of that output goes to Asia.

At 5.7 million barrels of crude oil a day, the Saudi disruption would be the greatest on record for world markets, according to figures from the Paris-based International Energy Agency. It just edges out the 5.6 million-barrels-a-day disruption around the time of Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, according to the IEA.

Saudi Arabia has pledged that its stockpiles would keep global markets supplied as it rushes to repair damage at the Abqaiq facility and its Khurais oil field.

Trump said the U.S. had reason to believe it knows who was behind the attack — his secretary of state had blamed Iran the previous day. He assured his Twitter followers that "we are ... locked and loaded" depending on verification and were waiting to hear from the Saudis as to who they believe was behind the attack and "under what terms we would proceed!"

The tweets followed a National Security Council meeting at the White House that included Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

A U.S. official said all options, including a military response, were on the table, but said no decisions had been made Sunday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the internal deliberations.

Trump's "locked and loaded" comment mirrors similar remarks he made following Iran shooting down a U.S. military surveillance drone in June. However, the president said he pulled back from retaliating against Iran at the last minute.

U.S. officials also offered highly detailed satellite photos of the Saudi sites that show damage suggesting the attack came from the north, where Iran or Iraq are, rather than from Yemen to the south. Iraq's prime minister has denied the attack came from his country, where Iranian-backed Shiite rebels operate. Iraqi Premier Adel Abdel-Mahdi said he received a call Monday from Pompeo, without elaborating.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Mousavi on Sunday called U.S. allegations "blind and futile comments."

"The Americans adopted the 'maximum pressure' policy against Iran, which, due to its failure, is leaning toward 'maximum lies,'" Mousavi said.

On Monday, Mousavi dismissed as mere "speculation" media reports about a possible meeting between Trump and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly later in September. The U.S. has said it will remain open for talks with Iran but Mousavi said a Trump-Rouhani meeting was not on the agenda.

The U.S. satellite photos appear to show the attack on Abqaiq may have struck the most-sensitive part of the facility, its stabilization area. The Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies has said the area includes "storage tanks and processing and compressor trains — which greatly increases the likelihood of a strike successfully disrupting or destroying its operations."

Stabilization means processing so-called sour crude oil into sweet crude. That allows it to be transported onto transshipment points on the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea, or to refineries for local production.

The attack "damaged five to seven spheroids and five out of ten stabilization towers," said Fernando Ferreira, the director of geopolitical risk at the Washington-based Rapidan Energy Group.

Five "or so stabilization towers appear to be destroyed and will have to be rebuilt — this will take many months," Ferreira said. "The sophisticated attack now seems likely to reduce Abqaiq's 7 (million barrels of crude oil a day) capacity for an indefinite period" measured in months.

Saudi Aramco did not respond to questions from The Associated Press regarding damage at Abqaiq and the satellite images.

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No Deal: Auto workers strike against GM in contract dispute

By TOM KRISHER and MIKE HOUSEHOLDER Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — More than 49,000 members of the United Auto Workers walked off General Motors factory floors or set up picket lines early Monday as contract talks with the company deteriorated into a strike.

Workers shut down 33 manufacturing plants in nine states across the U.S., as well as 22 parts distribution warehouses.

It wasn't clear how long the walkout would last, with the union saying GM has budged little in months of talks while GM said it made substantial offers including higher wages and factory investments.

It's the first national strike by the union since a two-day walkout in 2007 that had little impact on the company.

GM workers joined striking Aramark-employed janitors assigned to GM facilities on the picket lines Sunday night at a sprawling factory on the border between Detroit and the small town of Hamtramck.

Worker Patty Thomas said she wasn't scheduled to picket, but came out to support her colleagues at the car plant, which GM wants to close.

She's heard talk that GM may keep the factory open and start building electric pickup trucks there, but she's skeptical.

"What are they going to take away?" she asked. "That's the big issue."

She said workers gave up cost-of-living pay raises to help GM get through bankruptcy, and workers want some of that back now that the company is making profits.

Striking GM employees were joined on the picket lines by workers from Ford and Fiat Chrysler, who are working under contract extensions.

Night shift workers at an aluminum castings factory in Bedford, Indiana, that makes transmission casings and other parts shut off their machines and headed for the exits, said Dave Green, a worker who transferred from the now-shuttered GM small-car factory in Lordstown, Ohio.

Green, a former local union president, said he agrees with the strike over wages, plant closures and other issues.

"If we don't fight now, when are we going to fight?" he asked. "This is not about us. It's about the future."

UAW Vice President Terry Dittes, the union's top GM negotiator, said a strike is the union's last resort but is needed because both sides are far apart in negotiating a new four-year contract. The union, he said Saturday, does not take a strike lightly.

"We clearly understand the hardship that it may cause," he said. "We are standing up for fair wages, we are standing up for affordable quality health care, we are standing up for our share of the profits."

GM, however, said it offered pay raises and \$7 billion worth of U.S. factory investments resulting in 5,400 new positions, a minority of which would be filled by existing employees. GM would not give a precise



United Auto Workers members picket outside the General Motors Detroit-Hamtramck assembly plant in Hamtramck, Mich., early Monday, Sept. 16, 2019. Roughly 49,000 workers at General Motors plants in the U.S. planned to strike just before midnight Sunday, but talks between the UAW and the automaker will resume. (AP Photo/Paul Sancya)

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number. The company also said it offered higher profit sharing, "nationally leading" health benefits and an \$8,000 payment to each worker upon ratification.

Because public statements from both sides conflict, it's hard to tell how long the strike will last, said Kristin Dziczek, vice president of labor and industry at the Center for Automotive Research, an industry think tank. The length "depends on how far apart they really are and where the lines in the sand are drawn," she said.

Talks were scheduled to resume at 10 a.m. EDT on Monday.

The union's contract with GM expired Saturday night, but pacts with the company's crosstown rivals, Ford and Fiat Chrysler, were extended indefinitely. The union has picked GM as its target company this year, and any deal it negotiates will be used as a template for the others. GM was picked because it's the most profitable of the three, and because its plans to close four U.S. factories have angered union members.

On Sunday, about 200 plant-level leaders voted unanimously to strike against GM if no deal could be reached by Sunday night. Although talks were halted over the weekend, UAW spokesman Brian Rothenberg said there was still dialogue.

Before the talks broke off, GM offered to build a new all-electric pickup truck at a factory in Detroit that is slated to close next year, according to a person who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The person wasn't authorized to disclose details of the negotiations.

The automaker also offered to open an electric vehicle battery plant in Lordstown, Ohio, where it has a huge factory that has already stopped making cars and will be closed. The new factory would be in addition to a proposal to make electric vehicles for a company called Workhorse, the person said.

It's unclear how many workers the two plants would employ. The closures, especially of the Ohio plant, have become issues in the 2020 presidential campaign. President Donald Trump has consistently criticized the company and demanded that Lordstown be reopened.

Rothenberg said UAW was striking for fair wages, affordable health care, profit sharing, job security and a path to permanent employment for temporary workers.

GM has factories in Michigan, Ohio, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas.

A strike would bring to a halt GM's U.S. vehicle and parts production, and would likely stop the company from making vehicles in Canada and Mexico as well. That would mean fewer vehicles for consumers to choose from on dealer lots, and it would make it impossible to build specially ordered cars and trucks.

Analysts at Cox Automotive said GM has enough vehicles on dealer lots to last about 77 days at the current sales pace. That's well above the industry average of 61. But supplies of the Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban large SUVs, which generate big money for the company, are well below the industry average.

The talks this year have been overshadowed by a growing federal corruption probe that snared a top union official on Thursday. Vance Pearson, head of a regional office based near St. Louis, was charged in an alleged scheme to embezzle union money and spend cash on premium booze, golf clubs, cigars and swanky stays in California. It's the same region that UAW President Gary Jones led before taking the union's top office last year. Jones himself has been touched by the investigation, leading some union members to call for him to step down, but he hasn't been charged.

This year's talks between the union and GM were tense from the start, largely because of GM's plan to close four U.S. factories, including the one on the Detroit border with the enclave of Hamtramck, as well as Lordstown and factories in Warren, Michigan, and near Baltimore.

Here are the main areas of disagreement:

— GM is making big money, \$8 billion last year alone, and workers want a bigger slice. The union wants annual pay raises to guard against an economic downturn, but the company wants to pay lump sums tied to earnings. Automakers don't want higher fixed costs.

— The union also wants new products for the four factories slated to close. GM currently has too much U.S. factory capacity, especially to build slower-selling cars.

— The companies want to close the labor cost gap with workers at plants run by foreign automakers. GM pays \$63 per hour in wages and benefits compared with \$50 at the foreign-owned factories. GM's gap is the largest at \$13 per hour, according to figures from the Center for Automotive Research.

— Union members have great health insurance plans and workers pay about 4% of the cost. Employees at large firms nationwide pay about 34%, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Automakers would like to cut costs.

Biden on racism: White people 'can never fully understand'

By BILL BARROW Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Visiting a black church bombed by the Ku Klux Klan during the civil rights era, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden framed current racial tensions as part of an enduring struggle that is older than the nation.

"In a centuries long campaign of violence, fear, trauma, brought upon black people in this country, the domestic terrorism of white supremacy has been the antagonist of our highest ideals since before the founding of this country," Biden told the 16th Street Baptist Church congregation in downtown Birmingham on Sunday as they commemorated the 56th anniversary of the bombing that killed four black girls in 1963.

"It's in the wake of these before-and-after moments," Biden added, "when the choice between good and evil is starkest."

Biden's appearance comes at an inflection point for Democrats' 2020 leader in the polls. He is trying to capitalize on his strength among older black voters while navigating criticism from some African American and other nonwhite leaders, particularly younger ones, who take a skeptical view of the 76-year-old white man's willingness and ability to address systemic racism.

During his 20 minutes at the pulpit, Biden condemned institutional racism as the direct legacy of slavery and lamented that the nation has "never lived up to" the ideals of equality written into its founding documents. But then he added a more personal note — perhaps the closest he would come to addressing his detractors. "Those who are white try," Biden said, "but we can never fully understand."

The former vice president called out the names of the bombing victims — Addie Mae Collins, Denise McNair, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley — and he drew nods of affirmation as he warned that "the same poisonous ideology that lit the fuse on 16th Street" has yielded more recent tragedies, including in 2015 at a black church in South Carolina, in 2018 at a Jewish synagogue in Pittsburgh and in August at an El Paso, Texas, Walmart frequented by Latino immigrants.

The Birmingham church, Biden said, offers an example to those communities and a nation he said must



Former Vice President and presidential candidate Joe Biden, center left, joins Sen. Doug Jones and Birmingham Mayor Randall Woodfin at a wreath laying after a service at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. Visiting the black church bombed by the Ku Klux Klan in the civil rights era, Democratic presidential candidate Biden said Sunday the country hasn't "relegated racism and white supremacy to the pages of history" as he framed current tensions in the context of the movement's historic struggle for equality. (Ivana Hrynkiw/The Birmingham News via AP)

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recommit itself to "giving hate no safe harbor — demonizing no one, not the poor, the powerless, the immigrant or the 'other.'"

From his long time in government, first as a senator and then vice president to Barack Obama, the first black president, Biden has deep ties in the black community. Though Biden didn't mention President Donald Trump in his remarks, he has made withering critiques of the president's rhetoric and policies on race and immigration a central feature of his candidacy.

Yet Biden sometimes draws searing appraisals from younger nonwhite activists who point to complexities in his record. That includes his references to working productively alongside segregationist senators in the 1970s to distrust over his lead role in a 1994 crime law that critics frame as partially responsible for mass incarceration, especially black men.

The dynamics flared up again Thursday after Biden, during a Democratic debate, offered a sometimes incoherent answer when asked how the nation should confront the legacy of slavery. At one point, Biden suggested nonwhite parents use a play a record player to help their children with verbal and cognitive development. That led to a social media firestorm and commentary that Biden takes a paternalistic view of black and brown America even as he hammers Trump for emboldening more obvious forms of racism.

Author Anand Giridharadas called Biden's answer "appalling — and disqualifying" for "implying that black parents don't know how to raise their own children."

Biden's audience Sunday seemed more to reflect his relative popularity with black voters.

Parishioners wielded their cellphones when he arrived with Alabama Sen. Doug Jones, a white politician beloved in the church for his role as the lead prosecutor who secured convictions decades after the bombing occurred. The congregation gave Biden a standing ovation when he completed his remarks.

Alvin Lewis, a 67-year-old usher at 16th Street Baptist, said the welcome doesn't necessarily translate to votes. But as Lewis and other congregants offered their assessment of race relations in the United States under Trump, they tracked almost flawlessly the arguments Biden has used to anchor his campaign.

"Racism has reared its head in a way that's frightening for those of us who lived through it before," Lewis said, recalling that he was at home, about "20 blocks from here" when the Klan bomb went off at 10:22 a.m. on Sept. 15, 1963. "No matter what anyone says, what comes out of the president of the United States' mouth means more than anything," Lewis added, saying Trump "has brought out some nastier times in this country's history."

Antoinette Plump, a 60-year-old who took in the service alongside lifelong member Doris Coke, 92, said racism "was on the back burner" until Trump "brought out all the people who are so angry."

Coke, who was at the church on that Sunday in 1963, said, "We've come a long way." But she nodded her head as Plump denounced Trump.

Nearby sat Fay Gaines, a Birmingham resident who was in elementary school in 1963 — just a few years younger than the girls who died.

Gaines said she's heard and read criticisms about Biden. Asked whether she'd seen his "record players" answer in the debate, she laughed and said she did. But he remains on her "short list" of preferred candidates.

"I think there may just be a generational divide," she said of the reaction. "People who lived through all these struggles maybe can understand how to deal with the current situation a little better."

That means, she said, recognizing a politician's core values.

"I trust Joe Biden," she said. "History matters. His history matters."

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After bankruptcy filing, Purdue Pharma may not be off hook

By GEOFF MULVIHILL Associated Press

OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma and its owners expressed sympathy but not responsibility for the nation's opioid crisis as the company filed for bankruptcy protection late Sunday night, part of a move to settle some 2,600 lawsuits — most from state and local governments.

"Like families across America, we have deep compassion for the victims of the opioid crisis," Sackler family members said in the statement, which called the settlement plan a "historic step towards providing critical resources that address a tragic public health situation."

But the filing may not get either the drugmaker or the Sacklers off the legal hook.

About half the states and lawyers representing at least 1,000 local governments have agreed to the tentative settlement, which the company says could be worth \$10 billion to \$12 billion over time and would include at least \$3 billion from the Sackler family. The deal also calls for handing the company over to trustees and giving future profits from OxyContin and drugs in development to creditors.

But some of the states that are holding out made it clear last week that they intend to object to the deal in bankruptcy court and seek to continue their lawsuits against members of the Sackler family in state courts.

"My office is prepared to hold the Sackers accountable, regardless of whether or not Purdue declares bankruptcy," Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said in a statement last week.

It will be up to the Robert Drain, the federal bankruptcy judge in White Plains, New York, to sort out what happens now — including whether those state lawsuits against Sackler family members can continue. Even if he stops them, he could consider the claims they raise in his court.

For Purdue and the Sacklers, the effort revolves around getting more states to agree to the settlement, which could make a settlement more likely.

"We are hopeful that in time, those parties who are not yet supportive will ultimately shift their focus to the critical resources that the settlement provides to people and problems that need them," the families of late company owners Mortimer and Raymond Sackler said in their statement. "We intend to work constructively with all parties as we try to implement this settlement."

The Sackler family was listed by Forbes magazine in 2016 as one of the 20 wealthiest in the U.S. In a court filing last week, the New York attorney general's office contended that the family had transferred \$1 billion to itself through a Swiss and other hidden bank accounts.

As some states agreed to the deal last week, others expressed frustration amount of money, saying the family should guarantee more — and that the tentative settlement didn't hold the family or company sufficiently accountable for their roles in causing an opioid crisis that has killed more than 400,000 Americans



FILE - In this April 2, 2018, file photo, a pharmacist in San Francisco poses for photos holding a bottle of OxyContin. In court papers filed in New York on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019, Purdue Pharma, the drug's manufacturer, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, File)

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in the last two decades.

In court filings, the family and the company have pushed back against accusations that the company played a central role in causing the national crisis by overselling the benefits of its powerful prescription painkillers and downplaying the addiction risk. The company's drugs represent a small fraction of the prescription opioids shipped over the years — and most fatal overdoses have been linked to illegal opioids such as heroin and illicitly made fentanyl.

Steve Miller, chairman of Purdue's board of directors, said on a conference call with reporters that an admission of wrongdoing is not part of the deal.

"The alternative is to not settle but instead to resume the litigation," he said.

He said as legal battles linger, the company's costs grow, leaving less for the plaintiffs in lawsuits.

"The resumption of litigation would rapidly diminish all the resources of the company and would be lose-lose-lose all the way around," he said. "Whatever people might wish for is not on the table now."

One likely result of the company's filing is that it will be removed from the first federal trial over the toll of opioids, scheduled to start Oct. 21 in Cleveland. After a series of smaller settlements, claims remain in place against drugmaker Johnson & Johnson and its subsidiaries along with drug distributors and one pharmacy chain, Walgreens.

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Vapes spiked with illegal drugs show dark side of CBD craze

By HOLBROOK MOHR Associated Press

Jay Jenkins says he hesitated when a buddy suggested they vape CBD.

"It'll relax you," the friend assured.

The vapor that Jenkins inhaled didn't relax him. After two puffs, he ended up in a coma.

That's because what he was vaping didn't have any CBD, the suddenly popular compound extracted from the cannabis plant that marketers say can treat a range of ailments without getting users high. Instead, the oil was spiked with a powerful street drug.

Some operators are cashing in on the CBD craze by substituting cheap and illegal synthetic marijuana for natural CBD in vapes and edibles such as gummy bears, an Associated Press investigation has found.

The practice has sent dozens of people like Jenkins to emergency rooms over the last two years. Yet people behind spiked products have operated with impunity, in part because the business has boomed so fast that regulators haven't caught up while drug enforcement agents have higher priorities.

AP commissioned laboratory testing of the vape oil Jenkins used plus 29 other vape products sold as CBD around the country, with a focus on brands that authorities or users flagged as suspect. Ten of the 30 contained types of synthetic marijuana — drugs commonly known as K2 or spice that have no known medical benefits — while others had no CBD at all.

Among them was Green Machine, a pod compatible with Juul electronic cigarettes that reporters bought in California, Florida and Maryland. Four of those seven pods contained illegal synthetic marijuana, but which chemical varied by flavor and even location of purchase.

"It's Russian roulette," said James Neal-Kababick, director of Flora Research Laboratories, which tested the products.

Vaping in general has come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks because hundreds of users have developed mysterious lung illnesses, and several have died. The AP's investigation focused on yet another set of cases, in which psychoactive chemicals are added to products presented as CBD.

The results of AP's lab testing echo what authorities have found, according to a survey of law enforcement agencies in all 50 states. At least 128 samples out of more than 350 tested by government labs in nine states, nearly all in the South, had synthetic marijuana in products marketed as CBD. Gummy bears

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and other edibles accounted for 36 of the hits, while nearly all others were vape products. Mississippi authorities also found fentanyl, the powerful opioid involved in about 30,000 overdose deaths last year.

Reporters then bought brands that law enforcement testing or online discussions identified as spiked. Because testing by both authorities and AP focused on suspect products, the results are not representative of the overall market, which includes hundreds of products.

"People have started to see the market grow and there are some fly-by-night companies trying to make a quick buck," said Marielle Weintraub, president of the U.S. Hemp Authority, an industry group that certifies CBD cosmetics and dietary supplements.

Synthetic marijuana is a concern, according to Weintraub, but she said the industry has many reputable companies. When products turn up spiked, the people or companies behind them often blame counterfeiting or contamination in the supply and distribution chain.

CBD, short for cannabidiol, is one of many chemicals found in cannabis, a plant known more commonly as marijuana. Most CBD is made from hemp, a cannabis variety cultivated for fiber or other uses. Unlike its more famous cousin THC, cannabidiol doesn't get users high. Sales of CBD have been driven in part by unproven claims that it can reduce pain, calm anxiety, increase focus and even prevent disease.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved one CBD-based medicine for treating seizures associated with two rare and severe forms of epilepsy, but says it cannot be added to food, drinks or dietary supplements. The agency is now clarifying its regulations, but aside from warning manufacturers against making unproven health claims, it has done little to stop the sale of spiked products. That's the job of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, but its agents are focused on opioids and other narcotics.

Now there are CBD candies and beverages, lotions and creams, and even treats for pets. Suburban yoga studios, big-name pharmacies and Neiman Marcus department stores carry beauty products. Kim Kardashian West had a CBD-themed baby shower.

But it's hard for consumers to know how much CBD they are really getting, if any at all. As with many products, federal and state regulators rarely test what's inside — for the most part, quality control is left to manufacturers.

And there's a financial incentive to cut corners. One website advertises synthetic marijuana for as little as \$25 per pound — the same amount of natural CBD costs hundreds or even thousands of dollars.



This May 2018, photo provided by Joseph Jenkins shows his son, Jay, in the emergency room of the Lexington Medical Center in Lexington, S.C. Jay Jenkins suffered acute respiratory failure and drifted into a coma, according to his medical records, after he says he vaped a product labeled as a smokable form of the cannabis extract CBD. Lab testing commissioned as part of an Associated Press investigation into CBD vapes showed the cartridge that Jenkins says he puffed contained a synthetic marijuana compound blamed for at least 11 deaths in Europe. (Joseph Jenkins via AP)

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'YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE'

Jay Jenkins had just wrapped up his freshman year at The Citadel, a South Carolina military college, when boredom led him to try what he thought was CBD.

It was May 2018 and he said his friend bought a cartridge of blueberry flavored CBD vape oil called Yolo! — the acronym for “you only live once” — from the 7 to 11 Market, an austere, white board-and-batten building in Lexington, South Carolina.

Back in the car, Jenkins tried it first. Things “got hazy,” then terrifying.

Jenkins said the nerves in his mouth felt like they were “multiplied by 10.” Vivid images including a circle engulfed by darkness and filled with colorful triangles filled his mind. Before he drifted out of consciousness, he realized he couldn’t move.

“I thought that I actually was already dead,” Jenkins said.

His friend raced to the hospital where Jenkins suffered acute respiratory failure and drifted into a coma, his medical records show.

Jenkins came out of the coma and was released the next day. Hospital staff sealed the Yolo cartridge in a biohazard bag and handed it back.

Lab testing AP commissioned this summer found a type of synthetic marijuana that has been blamed for at least 11 deaths in Europe.

State and federal authorities never identified who made Yolo, which sickened not just Jenkins but also at least 33 people in Utah.

According to documents filed in a California court by a former company bookkeeper, a business called Mathco Health Corporation sold Yolo products to a distributor with the same address as the 7 to 11 Market where Jenkins stopped. Two other former employees told AP that Yolo was a Mathco product.

Mathco CEO Katarina Maloney said in an interview at company headquarters in Carlsbad, California, that Yolo was handled by her former business partner and she did not want to discuss it.

Maloney also said Mathco does not “engage in the manufacture, distribution or sale of any illegal products.” She said the Yolo products in Utah “were not purchased from us” and the company can’t control what happens to products once they are shipped. AP-commissioned testing of two CBD vape cartridges marketed under Maloney’s Hemp Hookahzz brand found no synthetic marijuana.

As part of an employment complaint filed in court records, the former bookkeeper said Maloney’s former business partner, Janell Thompson, was the “exclusive salesperson” of Yolo. Reached by phone and asked about Yolo, Thompson hung up.

“If you want to speak with somebody you can talk to my attorney,” Thompson later texted without providing a name or contact information.

When a reporter visited the 7 to 11 Market in May, Yolo was no longer for sale. Asked for something similar, the clerk suggested a cartridge labeled Funky Monkey and then turned to a cabinet behind the counter and offered two unlabeled vials.

“These are better. These are the owner’s. This is our top seller,” she said, referring to them as 7 to 11 CBD. “These here, you can only get here.”

Testing showed that all three contained synthetic marijuana. The store owner did not respond to messages seeking comment.

WHAT’S IN ‘JUNGLE JUICE’?

The people behind spiked vapes leave few clues about who makes them or what’s inside.

Packaging doesn’t identify the companies and their brands have little online presence. Newcomers can simply design a label and outsource production to a wholesaler that deals in bulk.

The opaque system of manufacturing and distribution hampers criminal investigations and leaves victims of spiked products with little recourse.

The AP bought and tested Green Machine pods in flavors including mint, mango, blueberry and jungle juice. Four of the seven pods were spiked and only two had CBD higher than a trace level.

Mint and mango pods bought in downtown Los Angeles contained one type of synthetic marijuana. But

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while mint and mango pods sold by a vape shop in Maryland were not spiked, a “jungle juice” flavored pod was. It had yet a different synthetic marijuana compound — one health authorities blame for poisoning people in the U.S. and New Zealand. A blueberry flavored pod sold in Florida also was spiked.

Green Machine’s packaging says it’s made with industrial hemp, but there’s no information about who is behind it.

When a reporter returned to CBD Supply MD in a Baltimore suburb to discuss testing results, co-owner Keith Manley said he was aware of online chatter that Green Machine might be spiked. He then had an employee pull all remaining Green Machine pods from store shelves.

Through interviews and documents, AP tracked Green Machine pods that reporters bought to a warehouse in Philadelphia and then a Manhattan smoke shop and the entrepreneur behind the counter, Rajinder Singh, who said he is Green Machine’s first distributor.

Singh, who is currently on probation for a federal synthetic marijuana conviction, said he purchased Green Machine pods with cash or in exchange for merchandise such as hookah pipes from a man he knew as “Bob” who drove a van down from Massachusetts. To substantiate his account, he provided a phone number associated with a man who died in July.

Singh pleaded guilty in 2017 to federal charges he sold a smokable “potpourri” that he knew contained synthetic marijuana. He said that experience taught him a lesson and blamed counterfeit products for the synthetic marijuana detected in Green Machine.

“100 percent, what you tested is a duplicated product,” he said.

‘EMERGING HAZARD’

The American Association of Poison Control Centers considers CBD an “emerging hazard” due to the potential for mislabeling and contamination.

One case last year involved an 8-year-old boy from Washington who was hospitalized after taking CBD oil his parents ordered online in hopes it would help his seizures, according to a case study in the journal Clinical Toxicology published in May. Instead, synthetic marijuana sent him to the hospital with symptoms including delirium and a rapid heart rate.

Other clusters of illnesses happened in Mississippi and around military bases in North Carolina.

Labeling of many CBD products has been documented as inaccurate. A 2017 study in the Journal of the American Medical Association found 70% of CBD products were mislabeled. Researchers used an independent lab to test 84 products from 31 companies.

Fake or spiked CBD is enough of a concern that leaders of the U.S. Hemp Authority industry group developed a certification program for CBD skin and health products. Vapes are not covered.

But local and state authorities have limited ability to pursue problem products to their roots.

After several Georgia high school students passed out from vaping last year, authorities began scrutinizing local tobacco shops. One of the CBD vape brands they targeted was called Magic Puff.

The drug enforcement team in Savannah and surrounding Chatham County arrested a shop owner and two employees. But they couldn’t follow the investigation further because it appeared the products were being manufactured elsewhere, possibly overseas. The team’s assistant deputy director, Gene Harley, said they provided a report to federal drug agents who handle such cases.

Magic Puff was still on shelves at a Florida store this summer, and AP testing showed blueberry and strawberry cartridges contained synthetic marijuana. Preliminary results also suggested the presence of a toxin produced by a fungus.

Because CBD is the active ingredient in an FDA-approved drug, the FDA is responsible for regulating its sale in the U.S. But if CBD products are found to contain narcotics, the agency considers the investigation a job for the DEA, an FDA spokesman said.

The DEA says it is focused on drugs responsible for killing thousands of Americans like fentanyl and methamphetamines.

“These are going to be bigger priorities on enforcement,” DEA spokeswoman Mary Brandenberger said.

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Experts such as Michelle Peace, a forensic scientist at Virginia Commonwealth University who has found synthetic marijuana in her own testing of CBD vapes, said the federal government should act quickly to protect the public.

"As long as it remains unregulated like it currently is," Peace said, "you just give a really wide space for nefarious activity to continue."

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People experiencing problems with a product labeled as CBD can reach a local poison control center by calling 1-800-222-1222.

Amid settlement talks, opioids keep taking a grim toll

By MICHAEL RUBINKAM Associated Press

As the nation's attorneys general debate a legal settlement with Purdue Pharma, the opioid epidemic associated with its blockbuster painkiller OxyContin rages on in state after state, community after community, killing tens of thousands of people each year with no end in sight.

In Pennsylvania's York County, the coroner investigated eight suspected overdose deaths in a single week of August — four in 24 hours. "This is a battle that's not going to end easily, and it will be something we are fighting for a while," Coroner Pam Gay said. "It's going to take a while to see a significant decline."

York resident Ed Bojarsky got an oxycodone prescription to manage pain from his kidney disease and became addicted, taking "an ungodly amount" of the powerful drug as his illness progressed, his step-mother said.

"You don't need all that medication," Tina Bojarski would tell him. But he "didn't want to hear it," she



FILE - In this July 17, 2019 file photo, Eddie Davis steps up to the gravestone of his son Jeremy, who died from the abuse of opioids in Coalton, Ohio. While the nation's attorneys general debate a legal settlement with Purdue Pharma, the opioid epidemic associated with the company's blockbuster painkiller OxyContin rages on. The drugs still kill tens of thousands of people each year with no end in sight. (AP Photo/John Minchillo, File)

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said. "Because once you have it, you need it."

And when he couldn't get it, Tina Bojarski said, he turned to the streets. Last month, the 36-year-old died of a suspected overdose.

"These doctors do this to people. This medication does this to people. And then what are they supposed to do?" his stepmother said.

Purdue has entered a proposed settlement with about half the states and 2,000 local governments, but attorneys general in Pennsylvania and many other states have come out against the deal, calling it insufficient. They vowed to continue litigation against the company and the family that owns it. Days after reaching the tentative settlement that could be worth up to \$12 billion over time, Purdue filed for bankruptcy in White Plains, New York late Sunday night. The chairman of the board of directors said in a statement that the company would work with the plaintiffs "to finalize and implement this agreement as quickly as possible," but several states plan to object to settlement in bankruptcy court.

In the meantime, communities are struggling with the personal toll wrought by the crisis as well as a ballooning tab for drug treatment, social services and law enforcement. Since 1999, opioids have killed about 400,000 Americans. U.S. drug overdose deaths climbed year after year for decades, topping 70,000 in 2017 before falling slightly last year.

The coroner serving the Columbus, Ohio, area reported nine overdose deaths in just 48 hours in July. Police in Norwalk, Connecticut, responded to eight overdoses — five fatal — over a six-day period in August and September.

In Wilson, North Carolina, where Purdue has a manufacturing plant, Jonathan Cannon took opioids before moving on to heroin. He died of an overdose at 26. At Cannon's 2015 funeral, his father, Mike Cannon, warned Jonathan's friends — who were also using — to go to rehab or risk meeting the same fate.

One of them did wind up in rehab, and she continues battling addiction, said her mother, Elizabeth Fenner.

Fenner said her 31-year-old daughter, Ashley, became addicted to Percocet so quickly after taking it at a party that she began shooting heroin within a month. Ashley has been in recovery for three years, but Fenner remains wary of the "manipulator" who once stole her valuables to support her habit.

"That's just who she is," said Fenner, who had known Mike Cannon since high school. "I really accept that she has the addiction, and I accept that it's a disease. But I'm trying to work on the anger that comes out of this. I just don't understand parts of it and I never, ever, ever will because I haven't been there."

After their son's death, Cannon and his wife launched a nonprofit group aimed at helping addicted people, but he said Purdue has never stepped up.

"Where I really struggle more than anything is they realize they're a major contributor to the problem, but they're not rolling up their shirt sleeves and saying, 'Hey, let me get in here and help,'" Cannon said.

State and local governments aren't waiting on potential Purdue settlement money before taking action, promoting "warm handoff" policies that connect overdose survivors to immediate drug treatment, dramatically expanding distribution of the life-saving overdose-reversal drug naloxone and keeping better tabs on opioid prescribing.

In the wake of at least 16 fatal overdoses, Elk Grove Village, a community of 32,000 outside Chicago, launched a program in which addicted people can ask police officers and other municipal workers for

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help without fear of arrest, even if they have illegal drugs or paraphernalia. Drug treatment is offered regardless of ability to pay, and local employers commit to hiring graduates of the program.

Mayor Craig Johnson, who helped create the program, said 32 people have taken part, and 21 are "still clean and sober."

One of the success stories is Tom, a 54-year-old who owned a construction company before breaking his hip and leg in a fall and becoming addicted to painkillers. He eventually lost his company and his house.

"All you do is spend your days looking for meds off the street because you don't want to detox. It was horrifying," said Tom, who has since completed Elk Grove Village's recovery program and landed work with a catering company. He did not want his last name used because he's now seeking a job in the medical field.

Gay said nearly all of the overdose deaths in York County this year involved heroin and fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that's 50 to 100 times more powerful than morphine. In almost every case, the overdose victim started with prescription painkillers like OxyContin, she said.

"You can see from their medical records how they were on prescription drugs for chronic sports injuries, pain," she said. "Which is why so many counties are going after Big Pharma."

In Virginia, Scott Zebrowski became addicted to opioids after being prescribed OxyContin for a back injury.

On Feb. 28, 2017, Zebrowski, who was young, fit and managed a gym, took a pain pill a friend had given him. He didn't know it was laced with fentanyl. Zebrowski dropped dead in the parking lot of a Starbucks.

Jill Zebrowski, Scott's twin sister, who lives in Midlothian, Virginia, said she holds Purdue and other pharmaceutical companies responsible.

"I think they knowingly did this. They've caused such pain and heartache for my family and so many others."

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Aramco attacks show company entanglement in Saudi politics

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The weekend drone attack on the world's largest crude oil processing plant in Saudi Arabia that dramatically cut into global oil supplies is the most visible sign yet of how Aramco's stability and security is directly linked to that of its owners — the Saudi government and its ruling family.

The strikes, which U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo blamed on Iran despite staunch denials by Tehran, led to suspension of more than 5% of the world's daily crude oil production, bringing into focus just how vulnerable the company is to Saudi Arabia's conflicts outside the country's borders, particularly with regional rival Iran.

That matters greatly because Aramco produces and exports Saudi Arabia's more than 9.5 million barrels of oil per day to consumers around the world, primarily in Asia.

It also comes as the state-owned company heads toward a partial public sale. To prepare for an initial public offering, the company has recently taken steps to distance itself from the Saudi government, which is controlled by the Al Saud ruling family.

The plan to list part of Aramco is key to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's economic diversification

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efforts that are aimed at preparing the kingdom for a future less reliant on oil exports for revenue.

As he races to overhaul the economy, he's also led Saudi Arabia as its defense minister into a war in Yemen that appears to have made the kingdom, and by extension Aramco, more vulnerable to attacks.

The pre-dawn attacks Saturday were claimed by Iranian-backed Yemeni rebels, although there are questions about whether the drones were launched from Yemen. Saudi Arabia has been at war with the Houthi rebels in Yemen since early 2015, but this is by far the most infrastructurally devastating attack inside the kingdom since the conflict began.

Eurasia Group notes that Saudi Arabia's air defense systems are designed to defend against traditional threats but are ill-equipped to tackle asymmetrical aerial threats from drones.

The attacks targeted Abqaiq processing facility and the Khurais oil field. Abqaiq is home to the world's largest oil processing facility and crude oil stabilization plant, where oil is made safe for transport on ships.

Aramco's handling of the incident is being watched closely, particularly amid reports of a local listing of 1% of the company as soon as November.

The public first learned of the attacks from residents of the area who uploaded videos and photos of the massive fires at the processing facility in the eastern city of Buqyaq.

It wasn't until 22 hours later that Aramco issued its own statement, acknowledging its plants had been attacked and that daily production of 5.7 million barrels of crude had been disrupted.

Aramco CEO Amin Nasser was quoted in the brief statement as saying work was under way to restore production and a progress update would be provided in around 48 hours. The Wall Street Journal cited Saudi officials as saying a third of output would be restored on Monday, but a return to full production may take weeks.

What commodity traders are most looking for now is how long the suspension of production will last. Aramco has not said what that timeframe might be.

Crude oil futures shot up 9.5% to \$60 after trading opened Sunday evening in New York, a dramatic increase.

The sustainability of the rally will hinge on an assessment of the magnitude and duration of the supply shortfall, said Vandana Hari, founder of Singapore's Vanda Insights.

Hari said potential investors in Aramco are going to be looking at the company's transparency and communication practices in this current crisis.

"Having said that, it's clear that Aramco does not operate independently from the government and is not free to manage its own messaging," she said.

The loss of more than 5% of the world's oil supply - no matter for how many days - is not an internal Saudi matter, she said. "It is the whole world's concern. With that in view, the official communication on



Storage tanks are seen at the North Jiddah bulk plant, an Aramco oil facility, in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, Sunday, Sept. 15, 2019. The weekend drone attack in Buqyaq on one of the world's largest crude oil processing plants that dramatically cut into global oil supplies is the most visible sign yet of how Aramco's stability and security is directly linked to that of its owner -- the Saudi government and its ruling family. (AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

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the matter has fallen woefully short so far.”

Hasnain Malik, head of equity strategy research at the Tellimer investment research and advisory firm, said the attacks demonstrate the security risks “which should be baked into the valuation of Aramco.”

The Saudi crown prince has set Aramco’s valuation at around \$2 trillion, but many estimates put it at closer to \$1.5 trillion.

Ranjith Raja, a lead analyst at Refinitiv, said a major disruption to Aramco’s processing plant will have an effect on the company’s ability to meet client expectations and contract requirements.

Already, ship tracking data shows some 16 tankers that can carry 2 million barrels of crude anchored off Saudi Arabia’s eastern coast until further notice. About four ships are loaded each day from Saudi Arabia’s main eastern port, but since the attack only two have been loaded and left their docks, Raja said.

The security and stability of Saudi Arabia as one of the world’s largest and most vital oil producers was emphasized by U.S. President Donald Trump in a call with the crown prince “to offer his support” to the kingdom after the attacks.

The U.S. Energy Department has also said it stands ready to release crude from its Strategic Petroleum Oil Reserves if necessary to offset any disruptions to oil markets.

Energy expert Ellen Wald said despite this setback and threats to Saudi Arabia’s security, “Aramco is secure.”

“It has incredible built-in redundancies in its oil infrastructure and stored oil to compensate for any outages,” said Wald, who is president of Transversal Consulting and author of “Saudi Inc.” about Aramco.

“In addition, Aramco has vast stores of oil both in Saudi Arabia and elsewhere in the world that it can and is drawing on to ensure that all of its customers receive their oil shipments on time,” she added.

Malik of Tellimer said the attacks provide Aramco with an opportunity to demonstrate its resilience by minimizing disruption to customers.

“In terms of the timing of the IPO, this event is unhelpful but only very optimistic and opportunistic pricing of the deal would have ignored this risk,” he said.

Dem presidential candidates call for Kavanaugh’s impeachment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several Democratic presidential candidates on Sunday lined up to call for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh in the face of a new, uninvestigated, allegation of sexual impropriety when he was in college.

Kavanaugh was confirmed last October after emotional hearings in the Senate over a sexual assault allegation from his high school years. The New York Times now reports that Kavanaugh faced a separate allegation from his time at Yale University and that the FBI did not investigate the claim. The latest claim mirrors one offered during his confirmation process by Deborah Ramirez, a Yale classmate who claimed Kavanaugh exposed himself to her during a drunken party.

When he testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee last year, Kavanaugh denied all allegations of impropriety .

Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., said after the new report that “Brett Kavanaugh lied to the U.S. Senate and most importantly to the American people.” She tweeted: “He must be impeached.”

A 2020 rival, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, tweeted that “Confirmation is not exoneration, and these newest revelations are disturbing. Like the man who appointed him, Kavanaugh should be impeached.”

Former Texas Rep. Beto O’Rourke asserted in a tweet, “We know he lied under oath. He should be impeached.” He accused the GOP-run Senate of forcing the FBI “to rush its investigation to save his nomination.”

Their comments followed similar ones from Julian Castro, a former U.S. housing secretary, on Saturday night. “It’s more clear than ever that Brett Kavanaugh lied under oath,” he tweeted. “He should be impeached and Congress should review the failure of the Department of Justice to properly investigate the matter.”

Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont didn’t refer to impeachment by name in a tweet Sunday, but said he

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would "support any appropriate constitutional mechanism" to hold Kavanaugh "accountable."

Later Sunday, Sen. Cory Booker tweeted: "This new allegation and additional corroborating evidence adds to a long list of reasons why Brett Kavanaugh should not be a Supreme Court justice. I stand with survivors and countless other Americans in calling for impeachment proceedings to begin."

Democrats control the House, which holds the power of impeachment. If the House took that route, a trial would take place in the Senate, where Republicans now have a majority, making it unlikely that Kavanaugh would be removed from office.

Trump, who fiercely defended Kavanaugh during his contentious confirmation process, dismissed the latest allegation as "lies."

In a tweet Sunday, Trump said Kavanaugh "should start suing people for libel, or the Justice Department should come to his rescue." It wasn't immediately clear how the Justice Department could come to the justice's defense.

Trump added that they were "False Accusations without recrimination," and claimed his accusers were seeking to influence Kavanaugh's opinions on the bench.



FILE - In this Oct. 8, 2018, file photo, Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh stands before a ceremonial swearing-in in the East Room of the White House in Washington. At least two Democratic presidential candidates, Kamala Harris and Kamala Harris are calling for the impeachment of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh in the face of a new, uninvestigated, allegation of sexual impropriety when he was in college. (AP Photo/Susan Walsh, File)

Precarious spot for mobile home owners as investors swoop in

By JONATHAN DREW and THOMAS PEIPERT Associated Press

ASPEN, Colorado (AP) — When the time came for her to sell the mobile home park she and her son owned near Aspen, 89-year-old Harriett Noyes had two big offers and an even bigger decision: Take nearly \$30 million from a developer who would likely evict her family and friends to build luxury homes, or sell to the county for a fraction of that to preserve affordable housing in one of the most expensive areas in the United States.

She chose family and friends.

"I could see the need for the people to have a place to live, and this was their life and they had homes," said Noyes, who has lived in the Phillips Mobile Home Park for more than four decades. "I just didn't have the heart to just jerk it out from under 'em."

Carved into a red-rock hillside along the banks of the Roaring Fork River in the mountains of western Colorado, the park is one of the last bastions of affordable housing in the area, which takes pride in its world-class skiing and is a veritable playground for the rich and the famous. Noyes and her son Hyrum, 61, sold the 76-acre park to Pitkin County for \$6.5 million in 2018 with the promise of upgrades and to keep the community affordable. The deal preserved as affordable housing 35 mobile homes, four cabins and an old ranch house, according to The Aspen Times.

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Across the country, mobile home parks are an attractive investment. Tenants own their homes but not the land they sit on, and because the homes aren't actually easy to move, are at the mercy of landlords, who can increase rents or sell the land out from under them.

Some states are passing laws to increase protections for mobile home owners, while nonprofit groups are also stepping in to help residents facing rent hikes or evictions.

Here's an explanation of the situation:

A PRECARIOUS POSITION

Advocates say mobile homes are often necessary for people who can't afford to buy a traditional home, especially in rural areas with fewer affordable housing options. But mobile homes typically depreciate quickly, rather than increasing in value like a traditional house. Residents can be caught in a tough position if their asset loses value at the same time as their lot rent rises, said Nicole Mueller, a lawyer with Legal Aid of North Carolina who has represented mobile home owners facing rent hikes and eviction.

"You know as soon as they buy them, it's just like a car basically, except that the car is chained to a piece of property and is really expensive to move," Mueller said.

It's a common arrangement for mobile home residents to own the mobile home but not the land underneath, paying rent or "lot fees" to a landlord who owns the park where they live. Mueller said that if lot rents rise too quickly, residents can be caught in an unfortunate position of having to pay thousands to move their unit to another park -- if they can find one.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?

In recent years, a number of how-to sites have popped up to encourage mobile home investors. One Colorado-based site, Mobile Home University, says "Affordable Housing is the hottest arena in commercial real estate right now," as apartment rents rise and comparatively cheaper mobile homes remain in demand for many residents.

In an article entitled "Why Invest In Mobile Home Parks," the site explains: "It costs around \$5,000 to move a mobile home, so virtually no tenants can ever afford to move. As a result, the revenues of mobile home parks are unbelievably stable. But what happens when a tenant cannot afford to continue to pay their rent? Then they normally abandon the home, and the park owner ends up with title under abandoned property laws." A representative of the site didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Advocates say that very arrangement can make residents more vulnerable. Over the past 20 years, mobile home parks that were once owned by local landlords have increasingly been bought by corporations, private-equity firms or other out-of-state investors, according to the California-based advocacy group Manufactured Housing Action. If that owner is driven by profit, the group says, they could raise rents and put residents in a tough spot.

"Residents are stuck, choosing between paying increasing rent, sometimes at the expense of food or medicine, or abandoning their homes," the site says.



The Eagle River Village mobile home park is shown in Edwards, Colo., on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2019. The Park is less than 10 miles from world-class skiing at Beaver Creek Resort and represents one of the last bastions of affordable housing in the area. An estimated 100,000 people live in about 900 mobile home parks across Colorado. (AP Photo/

Thomas Peipert)

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WHAT STATES ARE DOING

Colorado, where lawmakers estimate 100,000 people live in mobile homes in approximately 900 parks, enacted legislation this year to expand protections for mobile home residents, including more time to sell their home or move after eviction and longer to resolve late payments.

"Over the last several years, serious concerns have been raised by Colorado's mobile home owners over mistreatment from park owners," bill sponsor Rep. Edie Hooton, D-Boulder, said in a statement when the bill was signed by the governor in May. "This bill will give more tools to help protect Coloradans who are being exploited by relatively loose regulatory structures."

Washington, which has longstanding law governing mobile homes, also made changes this year to expand situations in which residents are eligible for relocation assistance.

Arizona has also enacted legislation in recent years to govern mobile home lots.

WHAT MOBILE HOME OWNERS CAN DO

Mobile home owners facing rent hikes or otherwise caught in a tough position are urged to read the rent notices carefully, familiarize themselves with the law and consider their options. In Vermont, for example, mobile home residents can seek mediation from the state for rent hikes above a certain level, according to a website run by Vermont Legal Services and Vermont Legal Aid.

In North Carolina's Robeson County, James Lesane said he faced a dramatic rent increase on his mobile home lot earlier this year that he said was impossible to pay on a fixed income. The rent increase came after the mobile home park was bought by the Florida-based company Time Out, which says on its website that it owns more than two-dozen properties in North Carolina and Illinois.

In July, Lesane was hit with an eviction notice. Mueller, the Legal Aid lawyer representing Lesane, said they're arguing in court that Time Out made mistakes in its paperwork and the case is moving slowly. Meanwhile, she said, Lesane and another client of hers served with an eviction notice are trying to save money to move to another park.

Time Out said in a statement that it invested millions to make its communities clean and safe. The rent rates were woefully behind true market valuations, they said, meaning mobile home parks lacked the funds to maintain the communities and many fell into disrepair.

"Without Time Out and its efforts to make these communities both safe and financially viable, many would likely be sold and redeveloped into a more lucrative commercial use, thus robbing the community of much-needed affordable housing," Time Out said in a statement. "Raising rents to market rates not only improves the quality of the community, but protects it from re-development and ensures that safe, affordable housing choices are available to more families."

In Colorado, tenants were lucky that the park's owner was willing to sell to the county. And even though the Noyeses are now millionaires, they still live in the mobile home park they sold, they don't plan to leave anytime soon.

"I didn't want to feel above the people. I was one of them that was just a common, ordinary person making a living and had the same problems they did," Harriett Noyes said of her decision to pass up more than \$23 million and stay put. "And we shared our problems. ... They turned into being my family."

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New York moves to enact statewide flavored e-cig ban

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NEW YORK (AP) — New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo is pushing to enact a statewide ban on the sale of flavored e-cigarettes amid growing health concerns connected to vaping, especially among young people.

The Democrat announced Sunday that the state health commissioner would be making a recommendation this week to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council. The council can issue emergency regulations that would go into effect as soon as they are voted on and start being enforced in as soon as two weeks, following a short grace period for retailers, officials said.

In announcing the action, Cuomo sharply criticized the flavors that are for sale, like bubble gum and cotton candy.

"These are obviously targeted to young people and highly effective at targeting young people," he said.

Officials pointed to a significant increase of e-cigarettes by young people, which they said was driven by the flavors.

According to data from the state health department, nearly 40% of high school seniors and 27% of high school students overall in the state use e-cigarettes. High school use went from 10.5% in 2014 to 27.4% in 2018.

Nationwide, the 2019 National Youth Tobacco Survey showed traditional cigarette usage continuing to fall for students in 6th to 12th grade but vaping continuing to surge higher.

The biggest player in the industry, Juul Labs Inc., said it was reviewing the announcement, but agreed with the need for action.

The ban would not impact tobacco- and menthol-flavored e-cigarettes, but Cuomo said the Department of Health would continue evaluating and that could change.

Not including menthol brought criticism for Cuomo from some quarters.

Cuomo "had the opportunity to take decisive action, but instead left menthol e-cigarettes on the marketplace," said Harold Wimmer, president and CEO of the American Lung Association, in an email statement. "While today's announcement was well-intentioned, it will drive our youth to use menthol flavored products in even greater numbers."

Cuomo signed legislation earlier this year raising the statewide smoking age to 21, and earlier this month signed a mandate that requires state anti-tobacco campaigns to also include vaping.

Vaping is also under a federal spotlight, as health authorities look into hundreds of breathing illnesses reported in people who have used e-cigarettes and other vaping devices.

In his first public comments on vaping, President Donald Trump proposed a similar federal ban last week.

The FDA has been able to ban vaping flavors since 2016, but hasn't taken the step, with officials looking



FILE- In this Jan. 29, 2019 file photo, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo holds a news conference in the Red Room at the state Capitol in Albany, N.Y. Cuomo says he's directing state health officials to ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes, citing the risk of young people getting addicted to nicotine. The Democrat announced Sunday, Sept. 15 that the state health commissioner would be making a recommendation this week to the state Public Health and Health Planning Council. (AP Photo/Hans Pennink, File)

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into whether flavors could help cigarette smokers to quit.

The global market is estimated to have a value of as much as \$11 billion. The industry has spent a lot of money in states around the country to lobby against state-level flavored e-cigarette bans, in states including Hawaii, California, Maine and Connecticut.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer earlier this month ordered that state's health department to come out with emergency rules to prohibit flavored e-cigarette sales.

Juul reiterated Sunday the agreeable stance it had taken following Trump's proposal.

In an emailed statement, spokesman Austin Finan said, "We strongly agree with the need for aggressive category-wide action on flavored products," and "will fully comply with local laws and the final FDA policy when effective."

Pineiro's 53-yard field goal lifts Bears past Broncos 16-14

By ARNIE STAPLETON AP Pro Football Writer

DENVER (AP) — Eddy Pineiro won Chicago's nerve-wracking kicking competition.

Now, he's winning over Bears fans and teammates who suffered through the double-doink miss by Cody Parkey that sent them home from the playoffs.

Pineiro kicked a 53-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Bears a wild 16-14 win Sunday over the Broncos and their former defensive coordinator Vic Fangio, whose gutsy 2-point call 31 seconds earlier had given Denver the lead.

"Well, that was a crazy one," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "Absolutely crazy. Just a whirlwind of emotions going back and forth."

Like the game.

"It's not how you draw it up," Bears QB Mitchell Trubisky said. "It's definitely not."

The Broncos, who are off to their first 0-2 start since 1999, thought they'd survived and that time had expired when cornerback Chris Harris Jr. tackled Allen Robinson after he hauled in a 25-yard pass on fourth-and-15 from Trubisky at the Denver 35.

The clock showed all zeroes and both teams milled around on the field not knowing whether to celebrate a win or lament a loss. Then referee Adrian Hill announced there was 1 second remaining and Chicago was using its last timeout.

Pineiro's third field goal, a day after his 24th birthday, sent the Bears (1-1) streaming back onto the field in celebration of a victory that seemed so unlikely after they'd surrendered the lead moments earlier.

"I knew deep down in my heart that it was going in," Khalil Mack said. "You put that pressure on that guy, Eddy P., the birthday man. He came out and nailed it. That's how you want to play ball. Kudos to everyone else sticking in there and believing. I'm glad to get the win and get the hell up out of here."

In a whipsaw of emotion, cornerback Kyle Fuller, whose goal-line interception with five minutes left seemingly sealed Chicago's win, surrendered a 7-yard tiptoe TD to Emmanuel Sanders. Sanders barely got both feet down in the right corner of the end zone.

That made it 13-12, and the Broncos lined up for 2. A delay pushed them back 5 yards and Fangio sent Brandon McManus out instead for the extra point from the 20-yard line and the tie. But McManus was wide right and the Bears went wild.

Hold on: a flag on Chicago.

Buster Skrine was offside and the Broncos moved up to the 1. Out came their offense again, and with an empty backfield, Joe Flacco backpedaled and hit Sanders at the goal line in front of Fuller to give Denver a 14-13 lead.

For the second straight game, the Broncos failed to get a sack, but linebacker Bradley Chubb came close, hitting Trubisky just as he got off a throw to tight end Trey Burton for 10 yards. A debatable roughing call on Chubb tacked on 15 yards and the Bears were suddenly in business at the Broncos 45.

"We had our chances to win there," Fangio said. "Obviously, the critical penalty at the end of the game there, the roughing call was huge because it stops the clock, saves their timeout and gives them 15 yards."

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Three incompletions were followed by a 12-men-in-the-huddle infraction, however, and the Bears were facing fourth-and-15 from their 40 with 9 seconds remaining.

Trubisky stepped up and found Robinson over the middle in the nick of time. Harris' tackle came 1 second too early for the Broncos, who saw their 13 home game September winning streak snapped.

"Tough call, tough game," said Von Miller, who remains stuck on 98 career sacks.

PAY DIRT

Chicago finally reached the end zone — by the nose of the football — with 1:14 left in the third quarter when running back David Montgomery scored from a yard out on the Bears' sixth snap from inside the 5 and fifth straight from the 1 or 2. That put them ahead 13-3.

HOLD ON

"I'm going to turn this around," promised Broncos left tackle Garrett Bolles, the team's top draft pick in 2017, who was whistled for holding a career-worst four times.

That gave him an NFL-high 34 flags in 34 career starts.

"Garrett's going to learn from this game," Fangio said. "They have some good players, and he's going to learn from it. But he's our left tackle and he's going to be our left tackle — and he needs to play without holding."

Bolles had 10 holding calls his rookie season, nine last year and already five this season, when he seems to have actually regressed under Hall of Famer Mike Munchak.

HOMEcoming KING

Bears linebacker Danny Trevathan, who won a Super Bowl ring in Denver, had a dozen tackles in his homecoming.

INJURIES:

Bears starting DT Bilal Nichols was knocked out with a hand injury in the third quarter. ... Broncos starters ILB Todd Davis (calf) and CB Bryce Callahan (foot) were held out for the second straight week.

NEXT UP:

Chicago: visits Washington on Sept. 23.

Denver: visits Green Bay on Sunday.

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Newcomer Brown scores as Patriots beat Dolphins 43-0

By STEVEN WINE AP Sports Writer

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — When Antonio Brown celebrated his first touchdown with the New England Patriots by vaulting into a first-row luxury box, he didn't linger.

The Patriots had a job to finish.

Determined to play to the final gun after allowing a miracle comeback at Miami last year, the Patriots beat the Dolphins 43-0 Sunday.

Coach Bill Belichick had Tom Brady still throwing at the end.

"We're playing 60 minutes," Belichick said.

The Pats did that. They scored twice on interception returns in a two-minute fourth-quarter span, and registered their first shutout since Week 3 of 2016.

Brown helped get them going. The Patriots were 18½-point favorites but led only 7-0 late in the first half before Brady hit his newest target for a 20-yard score.

They connected four times in all.

"It was a good start," Brady said. "I was just trying to find an open guy. He was snapping off some routes and did a great job."

Brown, who signed Monday, made an 18-yard catch on his first play and finished with 56 yards receiving,

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all in the first half. He won raves from teammates for his debut.

"It was awesome," receiver Julian Edelman said. "A lot of energy. He's a playmaker."

One thing Brown didn't do was talk to reporters after the game. The NFL allowed the four-time All-Pro receiver to play despite a civil lawsuit filed Tuesday by his former trainer accusing him of sexually assaulting her on three occasions. Brown has denied the allegations.

New England's defense outscored Miami with interception returns for touchdowns of 54 yards by Stephon Gilmore and 69 yards by Jamie Collins Sr. The Patriots totaled seven sacks and four interceptions and earned their most lopsided win in the 108-game history of the series.

"The defense was spectacular," Brady said.

He threw for 264 yards and two scores for the Pats, who are 2-0 for the first time since 2016, winning by a combined score of 76-3.

The Dolphins are 0-2 for only the second time since 2012, with their losses by a combined score of 102-10.

"It's never fun to be embarrassed," Miami quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick said, "especially two weeks in a row at home."

Fitzpatrick threw for 89 yards and was intercepted three times. Josh Rosen replaced him and went seven for 18 for 97 yards and one interception.

Coach Brian Flores hedged when asked if Fitzpatrick remains the starter.

"We'll evaluate things over the course of the week," Flores said, "and as of right now, Ryan is still the starter."

NO MERCY

Belichick didn't let up against Flores, his former assistant. Brady's passing sparked a 59-yard drive for the final touchdown with 2:10 left.

"Last year it came down to 60 minutes of football," Brady said. "We were talking about 60 minutes of football, and that's what it took."

The defending Super Bowl champions won for only the second time in their past seven trips to Miami, and avenged a loss in 2018 on a last-second pass and double lateral.

Brady tied George Blanda for the second-most regular-season wins in the NFL with 209. Adam Vinatieri began the weekend first with 215 wins.

HOW DO YOU DO?

Brown celebrated his touchdown by leaping into the seats, where he landed on an 18-year-old college student wearing a Brady jersey.

"I was really excited," said the spectator, Jenna Saadah, attending her first football game. "The fact that it was the Patriots team that scored a touchdown, it was mind-blowing."

INJURIES

The Patriots' battered offensive line was dealt another blow when left tackle Isaiah Wynn left in the first half with a foot injury. Marshall Newhouse replaced him.

DISGRUNTLED DEFENDER

Minkah Fitzpatrick started at safety for the Dolphins even though he has requested and received permission to seek a trade. He made six tackles.

"There's a saying: 'I never lose, I just learn.'" Fitzpatrick said. "That's just what we've got to do right now."

BAD DAY

Patriots kicker Stephen Gostkowski missed two extra points and a 48-yard field-goal try. He has missed three extra points in the past two seasons, all in Miami.

UP NEXT

The Patriots play host to the Jets next Sunday. New England has won the past six meetings.

The Dolphins continue their race to the bottom Sunday at the Dallas Cowboys, who have won their past three meetings.

"There's not going to be anybody in this league that's going to feel sorry for us," Fitzpatrick said. "So we have to continue to try to get better every day."

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2019. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Sept. 16, 2001, President George W. Bush, speaking on the South Lawn of the White House, said there was "no question" Osama bin Laden and his followers were the prime suspects in the Sept. 11 attacks; Bush pledged the government would "find them, get them running and hunt them down."

On this date:

In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.

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

In 1910, Bessica Medlar Raiche of Mineola, N.Y., made the first accredited solo airplane flight by a woman in the United States.

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

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

In 1976, the Episcopal Church, at its General Convention in Minneapolis, formally approved the ordination of women as priests and bishops.

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

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

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

In 2005, President George W. Bush ruled out raising taxes to pay the massive costs of Gulf Coast reconstruction in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, saying other government spending had to be cut to pay for the recovery effort.

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

In 2013, Aaron Alexis, a former U.S. Navy reservist, went on a shooting rampage inside the Washington Navy Yard, killing 12 victims before being shot dead by police.

Ten years ago: Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mt., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, unveiled sweeping legislation to remake the nation's costly health care system. Mary Travers, 72, one part of the folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary, died in Danbury, Connecticut.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama declared that the Ebola epidemic in West Africa could threaten security around the world and ordered 3,000 U.S. troops to the region in emergency aid muscle. After a day of public pressure from angry fans and concerned sponsors, the Minnesota Vikings reversed course

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and placed star running back Adrian Peterson on the exempt-commissioner's permission list while he addressed a felony charge of child abuse in Texas. (The Vikings had initially decided that Peterson could play with the team while the legal process played out; Peterson later pleaded no contest to misdemeanor reckless assault for physically disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.)

One year ago: At least 17 people were confirmed dead from Hurricane Florence, and the North Carolina city of Wilmington was cut off by still-rising waters as catastrophic flooding spread across the Carolinas. Some Republican senators considering the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh expressed concern over a woman's allegation that a drunken Kavanaugh had groped her and tried to take off her clothes at a party when they were teenagers.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 97. Actor George Chakiris is 87. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 84. Movie director Jim McBride is 78. Actress Linda Miller is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 75. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 71. Actress Susan Ruttan is 71. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 71. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 70. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 69. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 68. Actor Mickey Rourke is 67. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 66. Actor Kurt Fuller is 66. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 66. Actor Christopher Rich is 66. TV personality Mark McEwen is 65. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 64. Magician David Copperfield is 63. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 61. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 61. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 61. Baseball Hall of Famer Tim Lincecum is 60. Actress Jayne Brook is 59. Singer Richard Marx is 56. Comedian Molly Shannon is 55. Singer Marc Anthony is 51. News anchor/talk show host Tamron Hall is 49. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 48. Actress Toks Olagundoye (tohks oh-lah-GOON'-doh-yay) is 44. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 44. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sihk) is 42. Actor Michael Mosley is 41. Rapper Flo Rida is 40. Actress Alexis Bledel is 38. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 35. Actress Madeline Zima is 34. Actor Ian Harding is 33. Actress Kyla Pratt is 33. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 32. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 31. Actress-dancer Bailey De Young is 30. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 27. Actress Elena Kampouris is 22.

Thought for Today: "Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them." — Laurence J. Peter, Canadian writer (born this date in 1919, died 1990).

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