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"Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON



SABER SHRED HELP WANTED

Now hiring full or part-time positions. Tire handler, responsible for assisting in unloading tires from semi trailers, feeding the tire shredder and general cleanup tasks. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Starting pay \$16/hr. Contact Robert Wegner at 605-397-7579. Saber Shred Solutions (formerly New Deal Tire Groton, SD)

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located west of the city shop. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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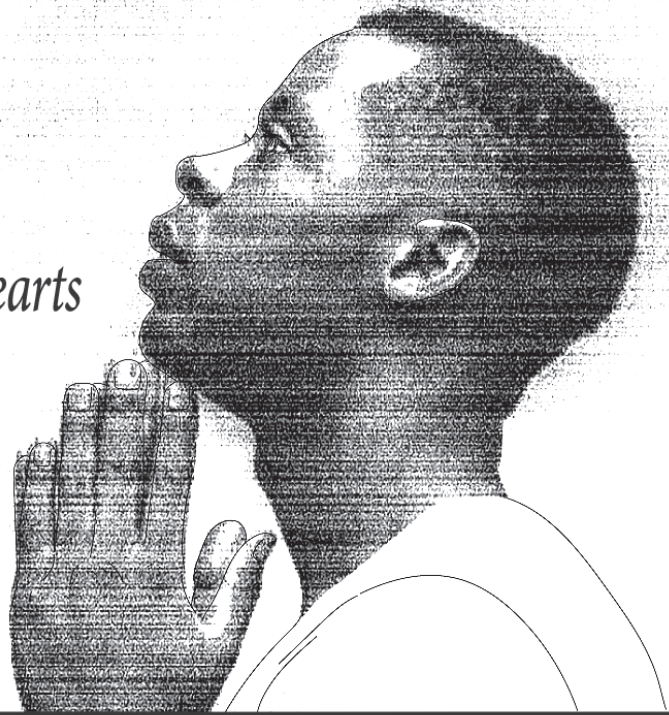
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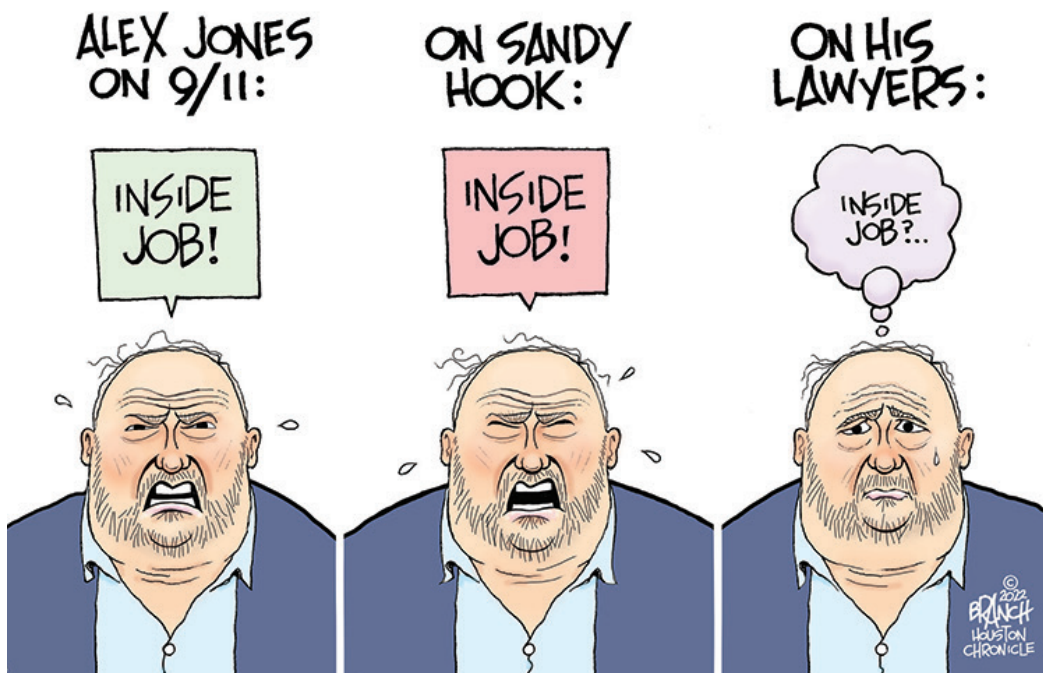
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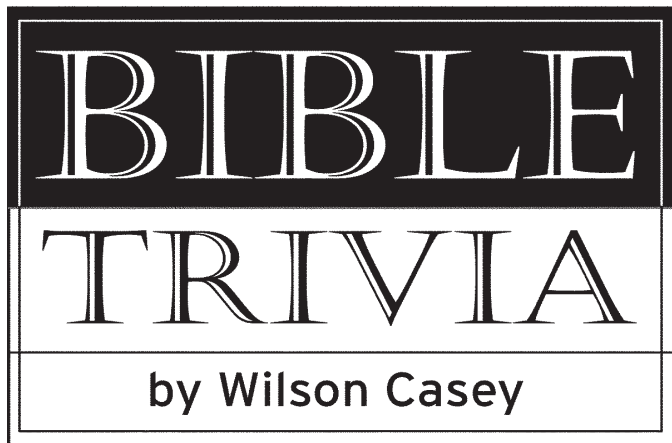
*For the eyes of the Lord
range throughout the earth
to strengthen those whose hearts
are fully committed to him.*

2 CHRONICLES 16:9 



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

2. From Luke 13, where was the tower that killed 18 people when it collapsed? *Babel, Shechem, Hananeel, Siloam*

3. Which biblical Philistine city is often heard today with the word "strip"? *Sunset, Corinth, Gaza, Derbe*

4. From 1 Samuel 16, how many boys did Jesse have? *4, 8, 11, 14*

5. Which apostle did Satan enter into? *Judas, Thomas, James, Peter*

6. Uriah had what occupation? *Servant, Carpenter, Shepherd, Soldier*

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Siloam, 3) Gaza, 4) 8, 5) Judas, 6) Soldier

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French Onions and Rice

If you enjoy French Onion Soup, then you'll enjoy this easy side dish, too!

2 cups chopped onion

1 (14 1/2-ounce) can beef broth

1 1/3 cups uncooked instant rice

1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or 1 teaspoon dried parsley flakes

1/4 cup grated reduced-fat Parmesan cheese

1. In a large skillet sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute onion for 8 to 10 minutes or until onions are golden brown. Stir in beef broth. Bring mixture to a boil.

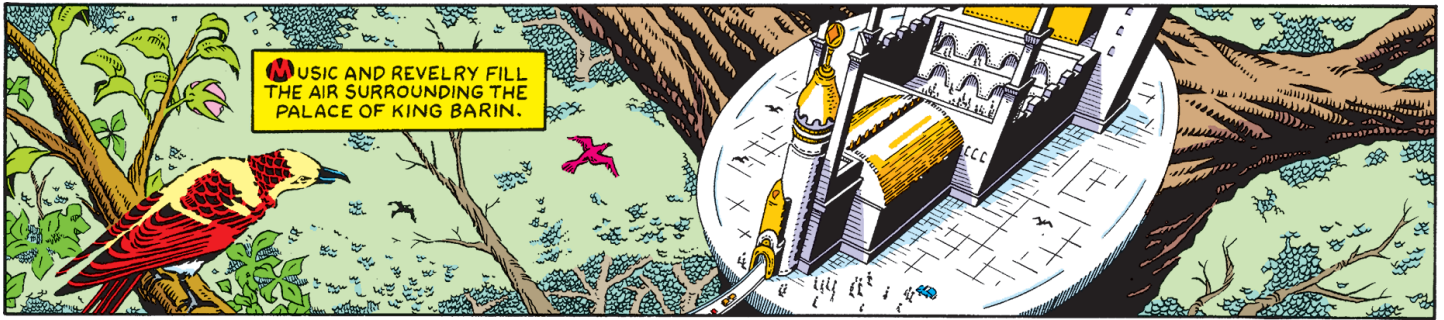
2. Add uncooked rice, parsley and Parmesan cheese. Mix well to combine. Cover, lower heat, and simmer for 10 minutes or until rice is tender and most of liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Serve at once. Makes 4 (1 cup) servings.

* Each serving equals: 156 calories, 0g fat, 5g protein, 34g carb., 444mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Vegetable.

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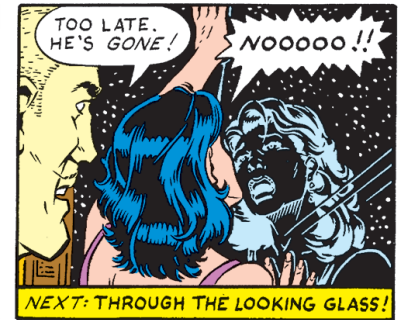
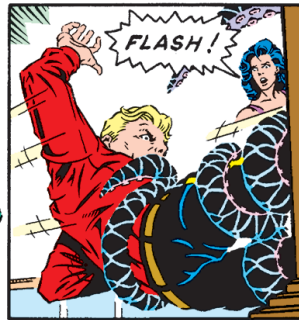
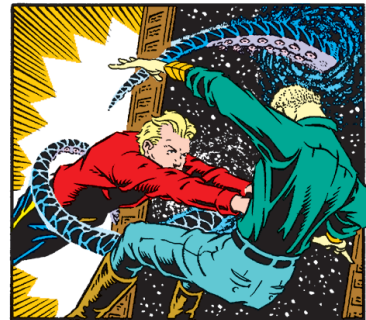
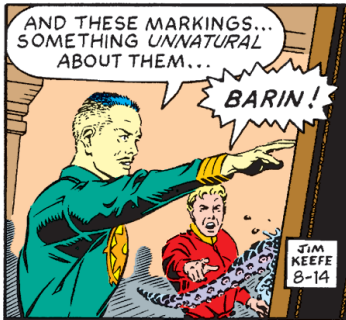
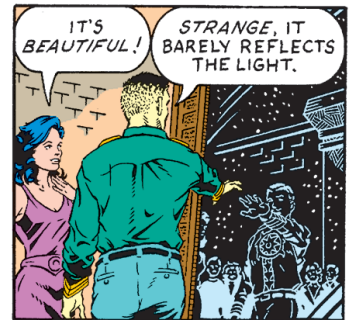
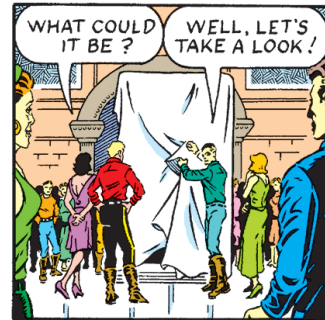
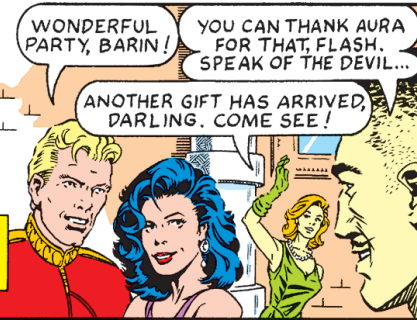
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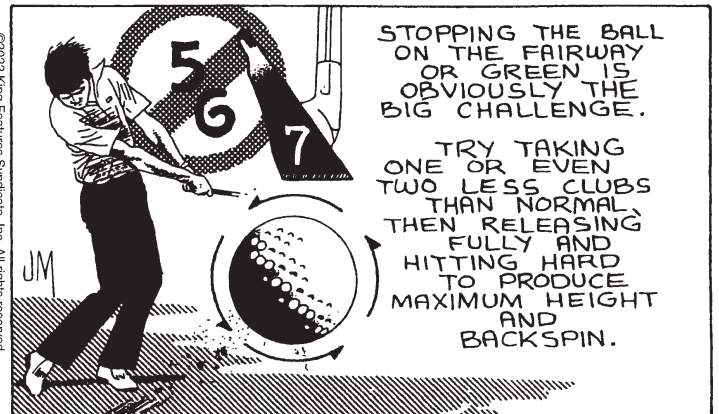
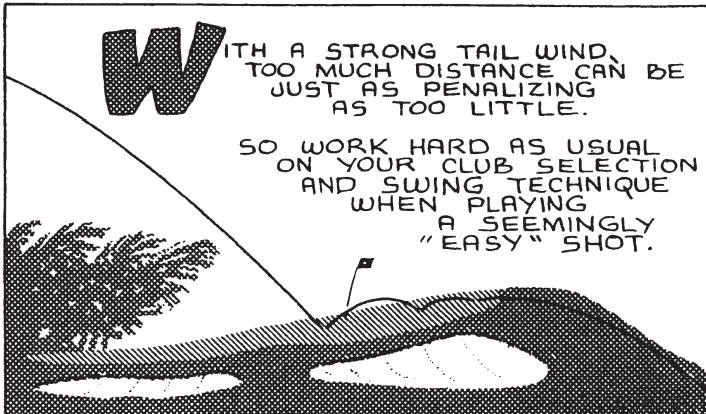
FLASH GORDON

FLASH AND DALE ATTEND A GALA BALL IN HONOR OF KING BARIN'S BIRTHDAY.

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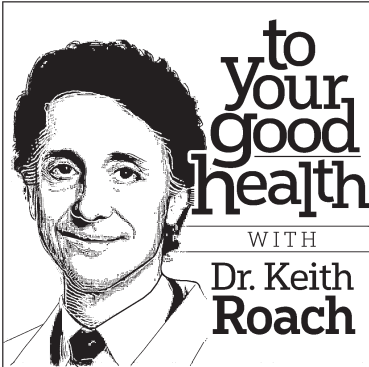


Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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The Continued Use of Bactrim Creates Resistance in Treatment



DEAR DR. ROACH: As a 90-year-old man in mostly good health, I have been taking one Bactrim (sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim) pill per day for several years now, preventatively for recurrent urinary tract infections. I am very pleased with this successful treatment. However, my urologist has mentioned that I might have to relinquish the Bactrim at some point without a full explanation of why. Is there any danger in the habitual use of Bactrim? -- J.M.

ANSWER: Both men and women who get recurrent urinary infections are sometimes treated with prophylactic antibiotics, such as the sulfa-based antibiotic you are taking. The main risk is not toxicity of the medicine, it is that you might acquire a bacterial strain that is resistant to the antibiotic treatment. You are fortunate that you have gone several years without this developing, and you may go many more successfully, but other people periodically need to change the antibiotic they are taking.

Prophylactic antibiotics are not the first-line treatment to prevent recurrent infection. Urologists, the specialists for the urinary tract, will evaluate the urinary system to try to identify a correctible condition. I trust your urologist has considered other options before prescribing your current treatment.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have a question about smoking. I smoke cigarettes, but now I want to stop. I want to use Velo to break this habit. Are Velo pouches harmful for health? Are there any side effects? -- Z.

ANSWER: Velo is a brand of synthetic nicotine (there are many now) designed simply to provide nicotine without smoking. The nicotine is derived from tobacco, but there is no actual tobacco in the product. The health risk is much lower compared to smoking tobacco, and much less than chewing tobacco. They come in lozenges and pouches (which are placed under the lip); many are flavored. Nicotine does not cause cancer, but there is still potential to harm your health, especially in the mouth, particularly for gum disease.

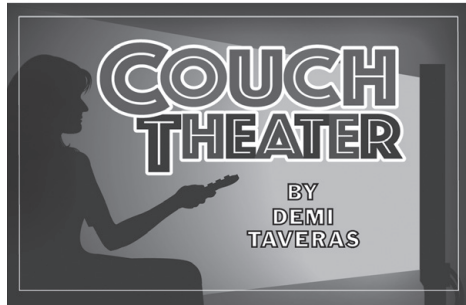
Unlike nicotine replacement products, such as patches, gum and inhalers, that are intended to help people quit smoking and then gradually taper off, these nicotine products are intended to be used long-term. These should never be used by a person who does not smoke or use other forms of nicotine, as nicotine can make a person very ill if they are not accustomed to it. It can cause nausea and vomiting, but also abdominal pain, headache, and irritation in the mouth.

I would strongly recommend you quit tobacco with the help of behavioral support through group sessions or counseling, as well as considering medications such as varenicline (Chantix) or bupropion (Wellbutrin or Zyban) in addition to nicotine replacement therapy. There is not enough information to say how effective a nicotine product like Velo would be to help you quit smoking. For people who successfully quit smoking but continue to need nicotine, long-term nicotine is not ideal, but it still has far fewer health risks than smoking.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Sarah Greene, Sharon Horgan and Eve Hewson star in "Bad Sisters." Courtesy of AppleTV+

"Disobedience" (R) -- Ronit (Rachel Weisz), a photographer in New York, travels to London after the sudden passing of her father, the Rav Krushka. Arriving back at the Orthodox Jewish community that she has been estranged from for so long, Ronit reunites with two of her old friends, Dovid (Alessandro Nivola) and Esti (Rachel McAdams), who now happen to be married to each other. As Ronit attempts to tie up her late father's loose ends, she and Esti become very close, just like they were when they were young girls, in a way that is completely unacceptable within their community. A slow burn at first, this romantic drama dives into themes of forbidden love, religious and societal ideals, and learning to accept one's true self. Premieres Aug. 26. (Netflix)

"House of the Dragon" (TV-MA) -- Three years after the series finale of one of the biggest TV shows of all time, the first episode of the prequel series to "Game of Thrones" has now premiered on streaming services. Set 300 years before the time of the beloved Mother of Dragons, Daenerys Targaryen, "House of the Dragon" mainly focuses on the history leading up to the end of the Targaryens' rule over the Iron Throne. When the question emerges of who is to assume power after the current king, Viserys I, three potential candidates -- the king's firstborn child, his brother and his cousin -- make their respective stances. But, only one will win the war to rule the Iron Throne. (HBO Max)

"Samaritan" (PG-13) -- There once was a man named Samaratin, whose feats were so incredible that he was well known throughout his city as a superhero -- that was, until he went missing and was pronounced dead in battle. Twenty-five years later, a young boy named Sam is in the middle of getting jumped on the street by neighborhood bullies when Joe, a garbage man, comes to his rescue and sends the bullies running for the hills. Sam's convinced Joe is actually Samaratin and, when proved right, hesitantly gets taken under the irritable old man's wing. But, little does Joe know, all it can take is one kid to show him that Samaratin shouldn't have to hide anymore. Starring Sylvester Stallone and Javon Walton ("Euphoria"), this action film premieres on Aug. 26. (Prime Video)

"Bad Sisters" (TV-MA) -- Some people would do anything to protect their siblings, even if their siblings don't outrightly ask them to. That's the case with the four Garvey sisters, who have had enough of seeing their fifth sister suffer in an abusive marriage. Now, a good sister might suggest couples' therapy or a separation period, but as the series' title claims, there are no good sisters here. So, the Garvey girls decide to speed up the end of this marriage with a much-faster means: murder. The first two episodes of this comedy-thriller series are out now. (AppleTV+)

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FLASH BACK POP, ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MICK HARPER

1. Which former Beatle wrote and released "What Is Life"?
2. Where did The Marshall Tucker Band get its name?
3. Which song gave the Walker Brothers their first No. 1 hit?
4. Who wrote and released "Help Me, Rhonda"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "Hello, I don't even know your name, but I'm hopin' all the same this is more than just a simple hello."

Answers

1. George Harrison, in 1970 on his triple album "All Things Must Pass." The song was used in several films, including "Goodfellas" in 1990.

2. From a key ring. When they rented a rehearsal space,

the key ring for the place had the previous tenant's name on it.

3. "Make It Easy on Yourself," in 1965. The first to release the song had been Jerry Butler, in 1961, but that version only climbed to No. 20.

4. The Beach Boys, in 1965.

5. "The Last Time I Felt Like This," by Johnny Mathis and Jane Olivor. The song was used in the 1978 film "Same Time, Next Year" starring Alan Alda and Ellen Burstyn. In the film, a couple meets for a weekend once a year for 30 years, even though they're married to others.

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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{Wagner}



"Who owns the hybrid in the executive parking lot?"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

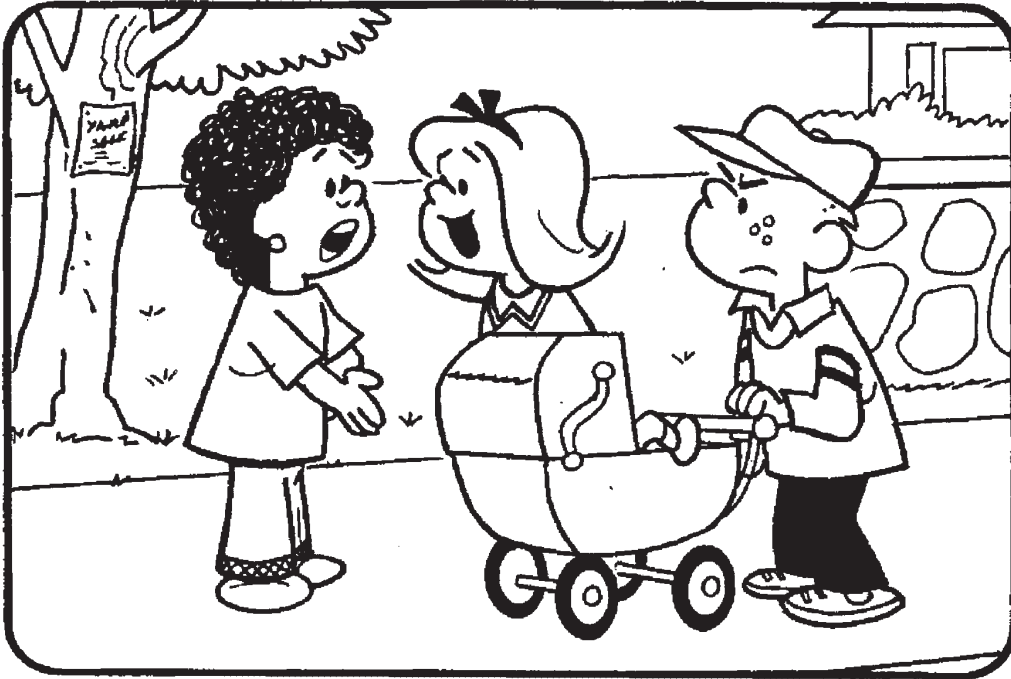


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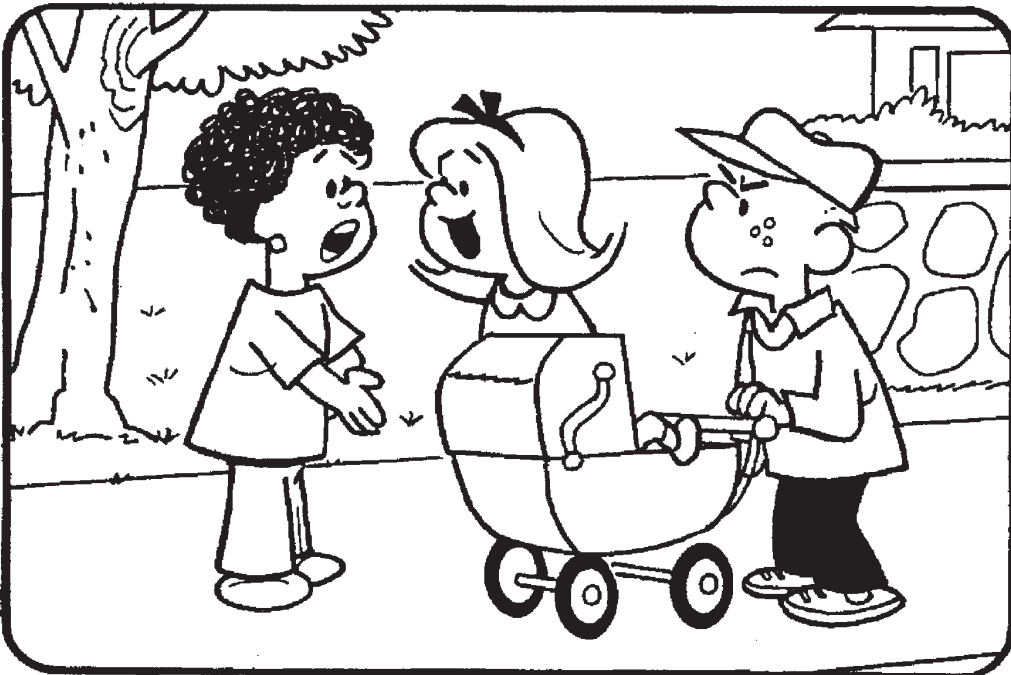
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Poster is missing. 2. Hair is different. 3. Cuffs are missing. 4. Collar is different. 5. Wheel is missing. 6. Stripes are missing.

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one you would put in your automatic dishwasher). It's designed to break down grease, and I just dab it on, scrub a bit, then let it set for about a quarter hour. After that, I launder in hot water. It's usually successful." -- via email

* Check bagged frozen vegetables with the squeeze test: A bag that's hard and solid has thawed and subsequently refrozen. You should choose another bag, one with loose, free-moving pieces.

* Remove cloudiness from a batch of tea with this trick: Let your tea cool before refrigerating it. You also can add a small bit of boiling water to a glass of iced tea if it is already cloudy.

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

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* To test the seals on your refrigerator and freezer, close a piece of paper in the door. If you can pull it out easily, it's likely that your seal is loose. Clean or replace door gaskets for a better seal.

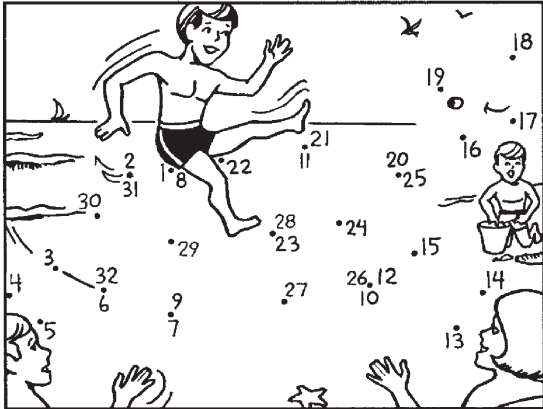
* To keep vinyl seats bearable in summer heat, keep a few towels in your car and lay them over the seat. This also keeps the plastic parts of baby seats from burning little legs and arms.

* You can use plain white bread to get fingerprints and smudges off of wallpaper and semigloss painted walls. Just ball up the bread center (not the crust) and rub the smudge away.

* "Out of prewash and looking at a nasty grease stain? Grab your dishwashing liquid soap (not the

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RIDING HIGH! What's missing from this beach scene? Take a guess, then draw dot to dot to complete the picture.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



SOME Y'S WORDS TO PONDER

THERE are lots of words of four letters or more that contain the semi-vowel Y and no other vowels—SPRY, for instance. Ten such Y-words are defined below. How many can you identify?

1. Romantic meeting.
2. Musical beat.
3. Bobcat relative.
4. Secret vault.
5. Gift of the Magi.
6. Church song.
7. Fable of sorts.
8. Semi-divine maid.
9. Outwit (with "out").
10. In phase (with "in").

Remember, each of these words has four letters or more, with Y as a vowel.

Time limit: Two minutes.

1. Tryst. 2. Rhythm. 3. Lynx. 4. Crypt. 5. Myth. 6. Hyacinth. 7. Nymph. 8. Nymphet. 9. Psych. 10. Synch (or sync).

DIAMOND DRILL! Let's say four straight lines are drawn to connect 1st, 2nd, 3rd and home bases on a regulation baseball field. Is the figure thus formed a circle, triangle, square or trapezoid?

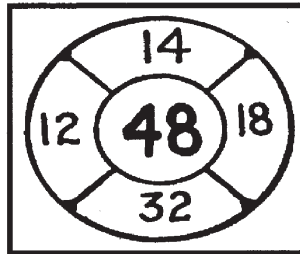
It is a 90-foot square.

CALL SHOTS! "Listen up," said Marksman A, "I've taken five shots at this target (see below), hit three different numbers, and scored exactly 100. How's that for shooting?"

"Not bad," answered Marksman B, "but I've taken five shots at the same target, hit just two different numbers, and also scored 100."

Let's see if you can determine just how each marksman hit the target.

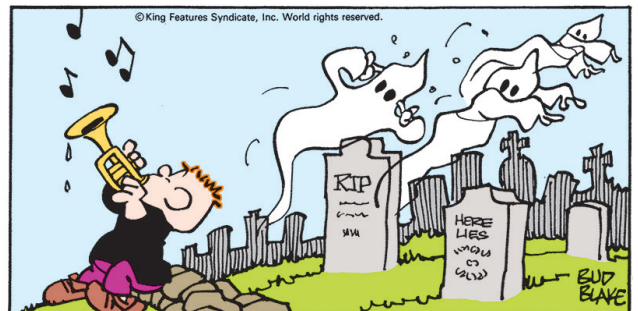
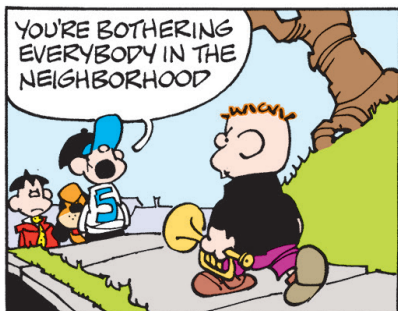
P.S.: All shots fired figure in totals.



Marksman A hit 12, 12, 12, 12, 12. Marksman B hit 12, 12, 32 and 32.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Red Planet
- 5 Dandy guy
- 8 Espy
- 12 Part of Q.E.D.
- 13 Lennon's lady
- 14 Frau's mate
- 15 Mater lead-in
- 16 Old Oldsmobile
- 17 Notion
- 18 Head honcho
- 20 Desolate
- 22 Presidential nickname
- 23 Dol. fractions
- 24 "Toodle-oo!"
- 27 Shun liquor
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hostel
- 34 Pie — mode
- 35 Gifted
- 38 "Roots" author Haley
- 39 Altar affirmative
- 40 Sushi fish
- 42 Demand
- 45 Zealous
- 49 Gestation location
- 50 Gun the engine
- 52 Black-and-white cookie
- 53 Spoken
- 54 "As I see it," to a texter
- 55 Cold War ini-

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- 7 Crawl space?
- 31 Remiss
- 56 Prime-time hour
- 8 Japanese faith
- 36 Safe to consume
- 57 Owned by us
- 9 Statue base
- 37 Refusals
- 58 — good example
- 10 Baseball's Hershiser
- 38 Novelist Huxley
- 11 Tea carrier
- 41 Hectic hosp. area
- 19 Letters of approval?
- 42 Victor's cry
- 21 Calendar abbr.
- 43 Sushi wrapper
- 24 Boy king
- 44 Half a sextet
- 25 Docs' org.
- 46 Gaelic
- 26 Amulet
- 47 Tree home
- 28 Away from WSW
- 48 Afghanistan's — Bora region
- 29 Try
- 51 Outback bird
- 30 Pub order

DOWN

- 1 Potatoes partner
- 2 Folksinger Guthrie
- 3 Wheelchair access
- 4 Sports venues
- 5 "Never mind!"
- 6 Single

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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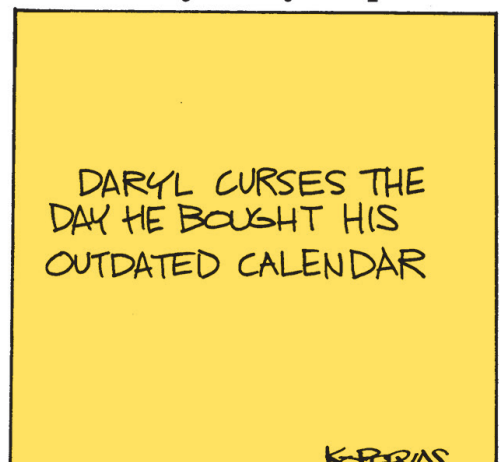


"No, ma'am, you don't get to keep the man you pick from the lineup."

Out on a Limb



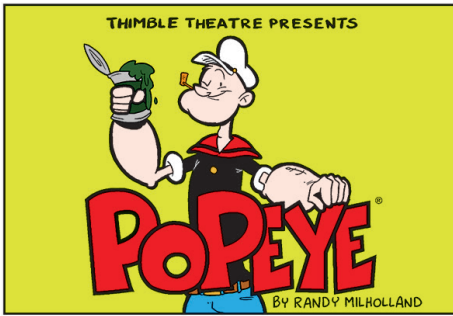
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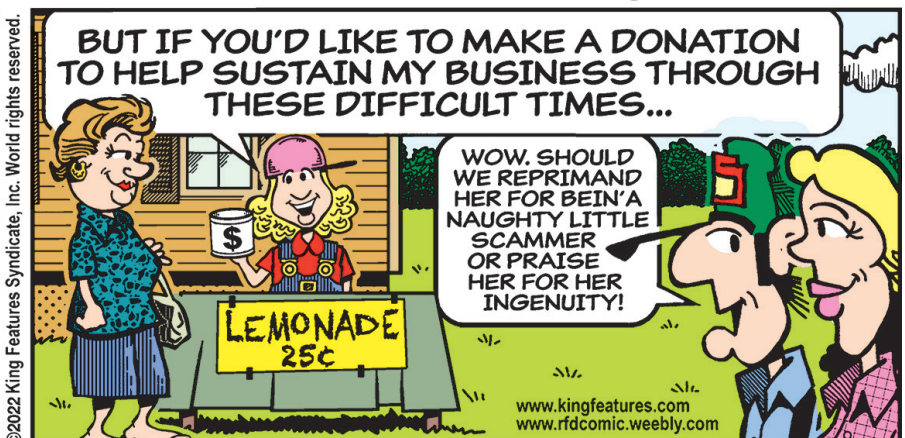
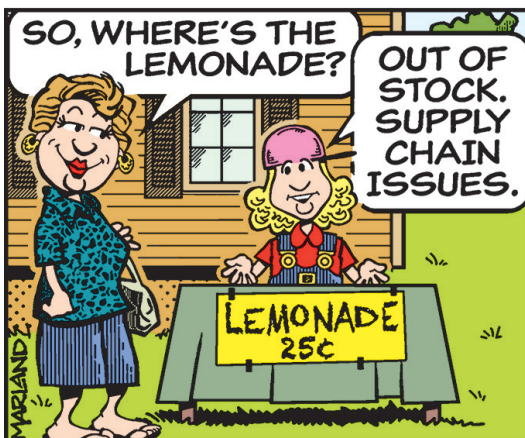
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R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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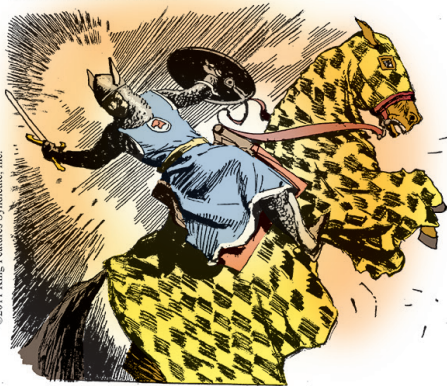
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DRACO ANTICIPATES AN EASY KILL, BUT VAL TWISTS IN HIS SADDLE AND AVOIDS A FATAL BLOW.



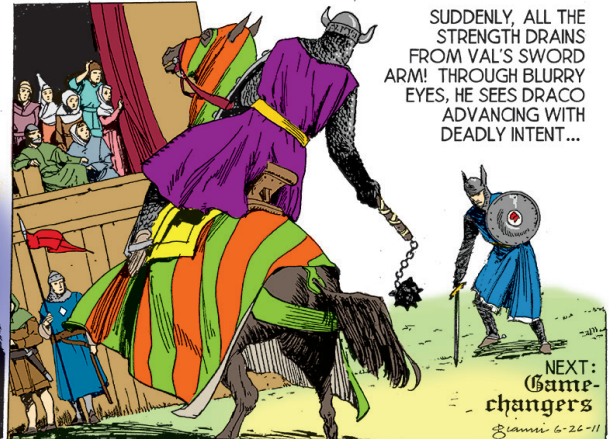
EVEN SO, THE GLANCING HIT SENDS HIM SPRAWLING FROM HIS MOUNT.



MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE CAMELOT, MALDUBH CONTINUES HER SPELL-CASTING, SQUEEZING A STOLEN BIT OF VAL'S CHAINMAIL.

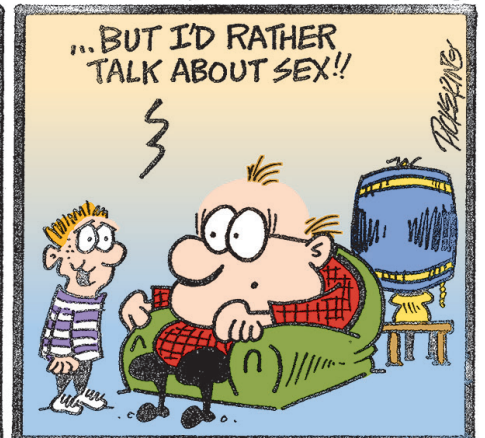
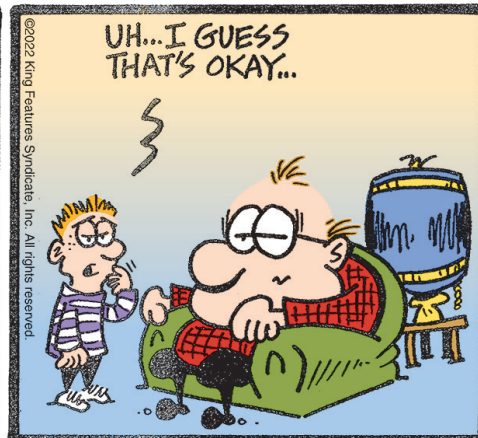
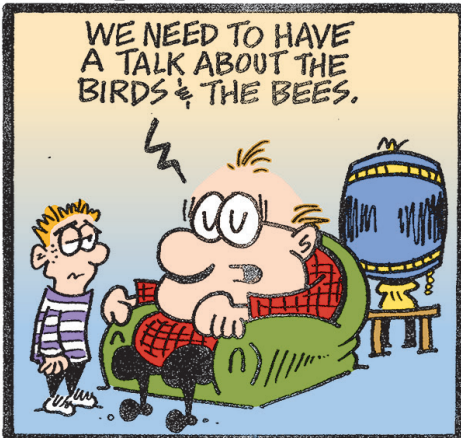


SUDDENLY, ALL THE STRENGTH DRAINS FROM VAL'S SWORD ARM! THROUGH BLURRY EYES, HE SEES DRACO ADVANCING WITH DEADLY INTENT...



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Exercise at the Rec Center

The senior center commandeered a large space at the rec center to use in an experiment. Their goal: to determine if we actually meant what we said about not coming in for exercise classes in a cramped senior center space where we're all breathing on one another. Find more room, we'd said, room to spread out.

Hence, the borrowed space at the rec center (which had to cancel the Tots and Mommy Workout Hour ... something about a stay-at-home father objecting to the name of the class).

The rec center space was nicely decorated with blue painter's tape X spots across the floor, 10 feet apart. Then before we started, we got a little talk.

"How many of you haven't taken an exercise class in two years?" asked the too-young male exercise coach we'd never met before.

Hands went up.

There was a knowing nod from the coach and the admonishment: "We'll be taking this nice and easy. Do not push yourselves. If you need to stop and rest, then do that. Nobody will judge you." He cast a fierce look around the room as he said that.

The routine the coach put us through was a perfect combination of nearly everything, starting with mild stretching, moving into a few minutes of yoga poses, some cha-cha steps, a few ballet moves, leg lifts, toe touches and more.

During our cool down (although we hadn't actually worked up a sweat) the coach inquired: "How many want to do this again? Twice a week, same time."

Hands went up, because, yes, we wanted more of this.

We each took a handout at the door as we left, instructions for doing these exercises at home in case we didn't like the rec center setup. But I have a feeling we're all going to show up next week. It's the first bit of normal in two years.

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1. Jim Calhoun was head coach of what team that won NCAA men's basketball championships in 1999, 2004 and 2011?

2. The Nouvelle Chicane, La Rascasse and Beau Rivage are elements of what famous motorsports circuit?

3. Name the tennis player from Czechoslovakia who won four Grand Slam women's singles titles during her pro career from 1978-90.

4. What U.S. soccer icon won consecutive FIFA Women's World Player of the Year honors in 2001-02?

5. Who are the only brothers in Major League Baseball history to have won Cy Young Awards?

6. Name the Basketball Hall of Famer who won two NBA championships with the New York Knicks (1970, 1973) and served three terms as a U.S. senator from New Jersey (1979-97).

7. Hockey Hall of Famer Steve Yzerman played his entire NHL career from 1983-2006 with what team?



by Ryan A. Berenz

Answers

1. The University of Connecticut Huskies.
2. The Circuit de Monaco.
3. Hana Mandlikova.
4. Mia Hamm.
5. Gaylord and Jim Perry.
6. Bill Bradley.
7. The Detroit Red Wings.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





How to Litter Train a New Kitten

DEAR PAW'S corner: I'm getting a new kitten from my neighbor. His name is Striper, and he's 10 weeks old. But I'm worried that he won't know how to use the litter box. Once he moves in, how can I train him to use the litter box? -- Kaley in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Dear Kaley: Once kittens are able to move around and explore, their moms teach them right away where and how to go. This is a survival skill: Cats hide their waste so that it's harder for predators to find them and so their prey doesn't know they're around.

However, you'll need to make sure Striper knows where it's appropriate for him to go. So, before he comes home with you, prepare for his arrival.

- Have the litter box ready to go, filled with litter, and a scoop and bag nearby.
- As soon as Striper arrives, bring him to the litter box first before anything else. Let him sniff around and get familiar with the box.

What if Striper doesn't use the litter box? Here's what to do:

- If you catch him in the act, don't scold him; pick him up and place him in the litter box. Let him sniff around again and allow him to leave even if he doesn't go again.
- Get to know his behaviors. Once you recognize Striper is about to go, you can pick him up and get him to the litter box.
- Give him lots of praise when he uses the box and a little treat when he's done.
- If Striper still won't use the box, try shifting it to a new location and show him where it is.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Venus rotates so slowly that a single day on the planet lasts longer than a year.

* While over 50 million Americans have signed up with a local gym, according to one study of 2,000 such members, 50% admitted they didn't even exercise when they got there but instead preferred to spend their time hanging out with friends or checking out the opposite sex.

* Cherry farmers hire helicopter pilots to air-dry their trees after it rains so the fruit won't split open.

* Toe wrestling has been a sport in several countries since the '70s, with men's and women's divisions and even a World Championship. Players attempt to pin and hold down their opponent's bare toes for three seconds. Best two out of three rounds wins!

* Speaking of feet, the overwhelming fear of those appendages is called podophobia.

* Cartoon canine Scooby Doo's excessive use of the letter "R" is the result of a speech disorder known as rhotacization.

* The first public phone call on an Apple iPhone was a prank. On a San Francisco stage, Steve Jobs opened Google Maps, located a nearby Starbucks, and placed an order for 4,000 lattes, then told the surprised barista he was just joking and hung up.

* Classical composer Franz Schubert was nicknamed "Little Mushroom" for his short stature and wide girth.

* New York has been destroyed in more movies than any other city.

* A dating app called Hater that began as a joke in 2016 matched potential couples according to their dislikes. While it launched to respectable success, it only lasted a couple of years. Perhaps it was the name?

* Statistically, the most dangerous job one can hold in America is president.

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason." -- Jerry Seinfeld

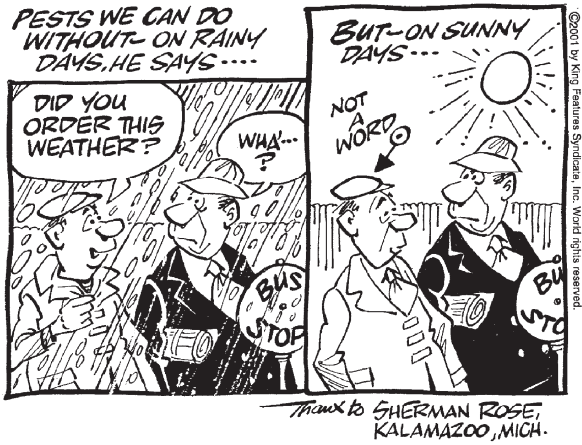
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



The Garden Bug

These plants display great beauty in the garden during late summer and early fall when not much else is blooming. Ginger lilies are not true lilies, but instead are a distant cousin of gingerroot that's used in cooking. They are beloved for their graceful, orchid-like blossoms that remind some of butterfly wings. In fact, butterflies love slurping their nectar, so a ginger lily is a great choice for a pollinator garden with some shade. It can grow up to 6 feet tall and spread out almost as wide.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.hgtv.com

Veterans Service Organizations



by Freddy Groves

If you're a veteran, are you in a veterans service organization? There are four groups, and while they differ in their origins, they all have the same goal: to help veterans.

The largest organization is the American Legion. Across the country are more than 12,000 posts and approximately 2 million members. The Legion is to be thanked for the GI Bill of Rights, which has helped many veterans get a college or trade education and a home with a low mortgage rate. But the Legion has done much more: The organization has also donated \$1 million to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and

sponsored a study on the effects of Agent Orange. If you want to explore the Legion, read more online at www.legion.org.

Like the name says, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) steps up to help disabled veterans with nearly anything they need. Just last year, for example, they provided 163,000 rides for veterans to reach their medical appointments and helped file over 150,000 claims. They have 26 transition service offices, helping veterans make the change to civilian life by providing benefits counseling. For more information on the DAV, start with www.dav.org.

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) changes lives. They push for better access to air travel, help veterans find employment and pay for adaptive housing and vehicles. So far they've invested over a half million dollars into spinal cord research. In one year alone, they helped veterans receive over \$78 million in benefits. Learn more at pva.org.

Started in 1899 by a few veterans during the Spanish-American War, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has worked since then to get the rights and benefits that veterans deserve. They've assisted veterans with collecting \$10 billion in disability compensation and pension benefits with the help of over 2,000 accredited VFW reps. Today membership stands at 1.5 million. To learn more about the VFW, check www.vfw.org.

To be considered: Many of the veterans groups are losing membership due to the age of their members. Your interest will be most welcomed.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: How many independent countries are in Africa today?
2. TELEVISION: What was the name of the hospital in the sitcom "Scrubs"?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: The secret government site called Area 51 is located in which U.S. state?
4. ANATOMY: What is the rarest human blood type?
5. HISTORY: Demolition of the Berlin Wall started in which year?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a polyglot?
7. MOVIES: In which Disney animated movie does the character Maleficent appear?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What kind of crop did Jimmy Carter raise as a farmer?
9. MUSIC: Which instrument is Bartolomeo Cristofori credited with inventing?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What do you call a group of horses or ponies that is used or owned by one person?

Answers

1. 54.
2. Sacred Heart.
3. Nevada.
4. AB negative.
5. 1989.
6. A person who can speak multiple languages.
7. "Sleeping Beauty."
8. Peanuts.
9. The piano.
10. A string.

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South Dakota Governor

Kristi Noem



South Dakota: *Under God, the People Rule*

Raising the Bar

I've never been the type to settle for "good enough." No matter what I'm doing, I try to strive for excellence. That's all the more true when it comes to policies that impact our kids. Everything that I do as Governor is to make our state safer, stronger, and healthier for our kids and our grandkids, and I want to set the bar. We should set an example for the entire nation and send the message that South Dakota pursues excellence for our kids.

And that's what we are doing with my administration's new social studies standards.

After nearly a year of diligent work, my administration has released standards that will shape our children's social studies education into the future. These standards focus on teaching American history and civics in a true, honest, and balanced fashion.

We won't allow political ideologies to invade our classrooms. We are proactively removing divisive teachings like Critical Race Theory before they can infiltrate our kids' education. We will not have our children being taught to hate.

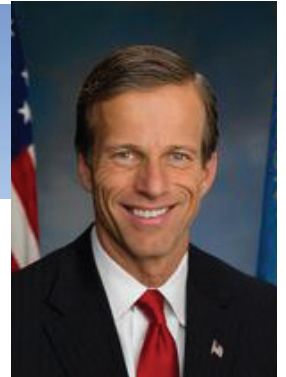
Over the last year, there has been quite a bit of conversation about teaching the history and culture of our state's Native American tribes. These standards do that to a greater extent than any standards that have been proposed in South Dakota to-date. That's important – and it needs to be done in a balanced way that takes into account the full context of our nation's history. These standards achieve that goal and give Native American history the acknowledgement that it deserves.

That education will include some difficult conversations about mistakes that were made in our nation's interactions with our tribes. And there will be tough conversations about other mistakes made in our nation's past. We have to learn about those mistakes so that we can take lessons from them and never repeat them.

But we must also teach our children about the tremendous triumphs in our history. Our nation's founding was a tremendous accomplishment and marked a huge step forward for human freedom. Our nation set the bar for defense of the rights of our people. And in the years since, we have built on that to advance our freedoms to more and more of our people. These standards will tell that story.

I love our nation, and I love talking about our history. I hope that our kids will come to love it, too. My hope is that by setting the bar for social studies education, we will deliver to our kids a healthy respect for our nation's story and the freedoms that made it possible. I hope they will grow up and pass those onto their own children, just as we're passing it onto them.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Bipartisan Beef

By U.S. Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Jon Tester (D-Mont.)

In South Dakota and Montana, we take our beef seriously. We may disagree with each other about which of our states produces the better tasting beef, but we share the strong view that the highest quality beef in the world is raised right here in the United States.

We also agree that the beef labeling system in our country needs to change. Currently, imported beef that is neither born nor raised in the United States, but simply finished here, is allowed to be labeled as "Product of the U.S.A." The ground beef you picked up from the grocery store to fire up on the grill this weekend during the game could have originally come from a country half way around the world, but just because it was packaged here in the United States, there could still be a misleading label on it. At that point, the only thing that's potentially made in the U.S.A. is the packaging it's wrapped in — if that.

To address this, the 2002 and 2008 farm bills included mandatory country of origin labeling (MCOOL) for beef. Unfortunately, the World Trade Organization (WTO), essentially the global referee when it comes to trade between nations, ruled against the United States on MCOOL for beef. Despite our opposition, Congress repealed MCOOL in 2015. Standing up for cattle producers is, and always will be, a top priority for us, which is why we have introduced legislation that would provide a path forward for the reinstatement of MCOOL for beef.

Our American Beef Labeling Act would require the U.S. trade representative (USTR), in consultation with the U.S. secretary of agriculture, to develop a WTO-compliant means of reinstating MCOOL for beef. Specifically, our bill would give USTR six months to develop a reinstatement plan followed by a six-month window to implement it. If USTR fails to reinstate MCOOL for beef within one year of enactment, it would automatically be reinstated. That would ensure when you see a "Product of the U.S.A" label on your beef, you can trust it.

Our legislation currently has eight cosponsors in the Senate, and a bipartisan companion bill has also been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives. We will continue working to build support from our colleagues to advance this important legislation because having transparency in labeling that benefits producers and consumers alike is just common sense.

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Biden's Broken Border

July 2022 marked a 388% increase in border crossings compared to July 2020 when President Trump was in office. This number is slightly down compared to June—however—July is the 17th consecutive month under Biden's presidency that the southern border had over 150,000 illegal border crossings. Not to mention the 200% increase of fentanyl seizures from June 2022 to July 2022.

Recent news articles detail drug and migrant smuggling—both are now multi-billion-dollar industries. Over 5,000 people were arrested and charged with migrant smuggling last year, and federal agents are raiding stash houses holding dozens of migrants on almost a daily basis.

The lax illegal immigration policies by the administration have allowed for mass releases and encourage more border crossings. One thing is clear—this administration should never have ended the Remain in Mexico program.

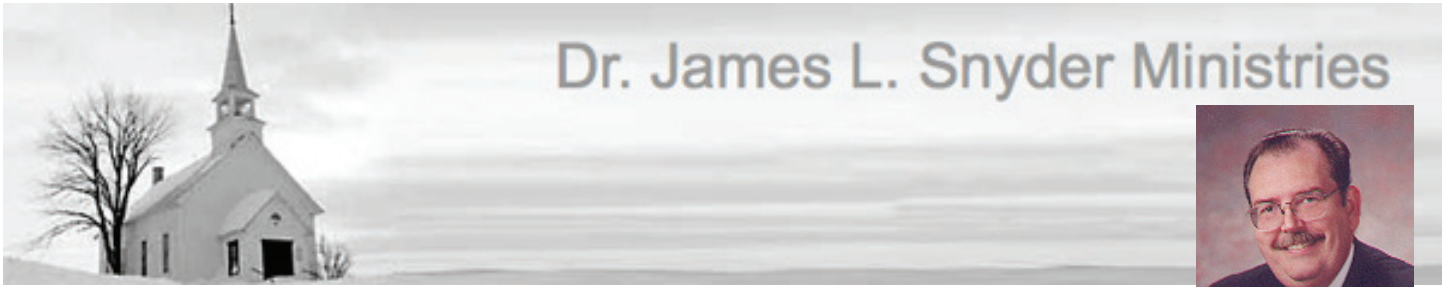
Taking a weak stance on the border isn't the humanitarian thing to do—it's created unmanageable organized crime. Human and drug smuggling have caused thousands of deaths and people continue to remain held against their will in stash houses. This is inhumane. Congress must act to stop the illegal actions by coyotes.

There are simple steps to combat illegal immigration. The administration should start with ending catch and release—allowing Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to detain those who illegally enter our country while their cases are pending. We should reimplement the Remain in Mexico program. The Biden Administration should also fully fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and border patrol, and deploy technology to stop the humanitarian crisis at the border.

I am committed to keeping America safe—for those who live here and those who plan to come here legally. Keeping South Dakota's communities safe includes securing our borders.

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It Never Dawned on Me Until

I must confess I am too poor to pay attention at this time in my life. I hope one day I will win the lottery and be able to afford to pay attention. But, of course, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage says that you can't win a lottery unless you play the lottery. Well, I don't play the lottery. Sigh!

I guess I will have to find another way to raise enough money to pay attention. Maybe if I could pay attention, I wouldn't get into the trouble that I get into.

For many years when I would come home and walk through the front door, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage would greet me with a kiss. And then she would say, "Good to see you."

I never thought too much about that; I just accepted it as the norm and accept life as it comes; after all, I am too poor to pay attention.

One time several weeks ago, when I came home, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage greeted me with a kiss. Something seemed a little bit different. I just couldn't put my finger on it.

Since my heart attack, I have been trying to stay on a restricted diet.

My diet is not the same as my wife's. My diet is that I don't eat anything I don't like.

You can be sure that is not my wife's idea. Her idea of my diet is to eat what she prescribes for me.

One thing restricted on my diet, at least from her perspective, is an Apple Fritter. I can never have too many of these, but my wife believes just thinking about an Apple Fritter is highly forbidden.

My idea is, and I don't want her to know this, but as long as I don't eat an Apple Fritter in the house, I'm obeying her restrictions. What I eat outside the house has nothing whatsoever to do with The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage.

It is tough for someone like me not to eat something that is so heavenly delicious. I am quite confident that the angels in heaven enjoy an Apple Fritter on a regular basis.

That being said, something strange began to unfold before me.

After greeting me with a kiss, The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage said something I didn't clearly hear. But, as I thought about it, it seemed like, "You didn't have an Apple Fritter today, did you?"

I didn't pay attention to it because I didn't hear it exactly. That may not have been what she said, so I wasn't going to push the issue and get myself into trouble.

I have learned long ago not to push a subject I didn't have to.

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I smiled and went to my chair with a hot cup of coffee. Nothing settles my mind better than a good strong Cup of Joe.

To question The Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage opens the door for a lot of hardship. And who can afford that at this time of life?

The next day as I came through the front door, she greeted me with a kiss, and walking away I heard her very distinctly say, "That smells like a very delicious Apple Fritter."

I didn't know what to say or think at the time. Was she joking? Was I in trouble?

Thinking about it, I asked myself how she would know if I had an Apple Fritter. Is she guessing or what?

A few minutes after I got my coffee I sat down and began to think a little bit. As you know, that always gets me into trouble. But in my thinking, I remembered I had an Apple Fritter before coming home. Now, how would she know that?

I'm very careful to get a cup of coffee when I eat an Apple Fritter to hide any smell it might leave on me. So I need to work this out.

The next day I did not have an Apple Fritter the whole day. So when I came home and was greeted with a kiss, I heard nothing about an Apple Fritter from my wife.

How does she know when I have and don't have one?

The next day I did have one. When I came home and was greeted with a kiss, as soon as I walked away, she said, "How was your Apple Fritter today?"

I decided I needed to address the subject before it went any further.

Looking at her, I said, "What makes you think I had an Apple Fritter the day?"

With one of her smiles on her face, she replied, "Every time I kiss you, I can smell if you've had an Apple Fritter during the day."

All I could do was just stare with no words coming out of my open mouth.

"You may think," she said, "that you can get away with it. But not around me."

Now I have a situation I will not be able to clear up for a long time. I wonder if there is anything like industrial-strength peppermints?

I was reminded of my favorite Bible verse. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

If I rely on my "own understanding" I won't be able to afford the direction I will be going.

EARTHTALK ™

Dear EarthTalk: Are carbon capture technologies pie in the sky or really feasible as a global warming mitigation technique?
-- Paul C., Scranton, PA

The short answer is ... we'll see. To understand how to remove carbon dioxide (CO₂) from our atmosphere, it is important to first look at how it gets there and why it's a problem in the first place.

Human activities are the dominant contributor to CO₂ emissions through fossil fuel burning, electricity consumption and transportation. According to NASA, humans have caused increased CO₂ concentrations by half since the 18th century, resulting in a 1.8°F temperature increase. This may seem insignificant, but the consequences are becoming more and more apparent, so scientists are going all out to figure out ways to limit potentially irreversible effects moving forward. Various emission reduction strategies are being put in play to help stave off the worst effects of global warming.

One of the most promising is so-called "carbon capture and storage" (CCS). Technologies that prevent carbon from entering the atmosphere by storing it have been around since the mid-1970s, but only recently have they scaled up to meet the demands of larger industrial settings. There are three steps to CCS: capturing, transporting and storing. First, CO₂ is separated from other gasses that are released during industrial processes. Next, the CO₂ is transferred through pipelines where it is then stored and often repurposed. Currently, there are 80 facilities in the process of implementing CCS, and 16 that have already done so. Its removal efficiency is targeted at 90 percent, with some able to reach 95-99 percent.

CCS is definitely a feasible method for removing CO₂ from the atmosphere. Most carbon emissions come directly from a facility; the biggest advantage of CCS is its ability to prevent CO₂ from escaping right from the source. The International Energy Agency estimates that CCS is capable of removing up to 20 percent of CO₂ from industrial facilities. Also, other greenhouse gasses like nitric oxide and sulfur dioxide can also be sequestered. The CO₂ that is captured can also be utilized for the creation of other commercial products like concrete and polymers. Geologically stored CO₂ can be repurposed to collect geothermal heat, meaning geothermal energy can be extracted sustainably.

While this does sound like a perfect solution to our problems, there are some potential pitfalls. Although CCS does have high efficiency, the 90 percent of CO₂ being removed isn't enough, considering where we are with emissions now. With the race to develop maximum removal CCS projects, the costs increase greatly as well. According to the Global CCS Institute, the 26 plants created as of 2021 have only removed 0.1 percent of emissions, meaning that for this technology to be suitable, it would have to be applied in every industrial facility, globally—right now. So we have a situation where the costs outweigh the benefits, and due to its unpromising results " ...there's no way it can actually improve to be better than replacing coal or gas with wind or solar directly," says Stanford's Mark Jacobson. "The latter will always be better, no matter what, in terms of the social cost."

Most environmental advocates agree that focusing on renewables is the best course of action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. But CCS nevertheless remains a viable weapon in the arsenal of climate change fighters. With the various technologies advancing, it will play an especially important role as a bridge to a sustainable future for the planet.

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Carbon capture & storage was once viewed as a game changer in efforts to stave off climate change, but is it too little too late now? Credit: Alberta Newsroom, Quest

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South Dakota COVID-19 Report

New Confirmed and Probable Cases

1438

Active Cases

4,210
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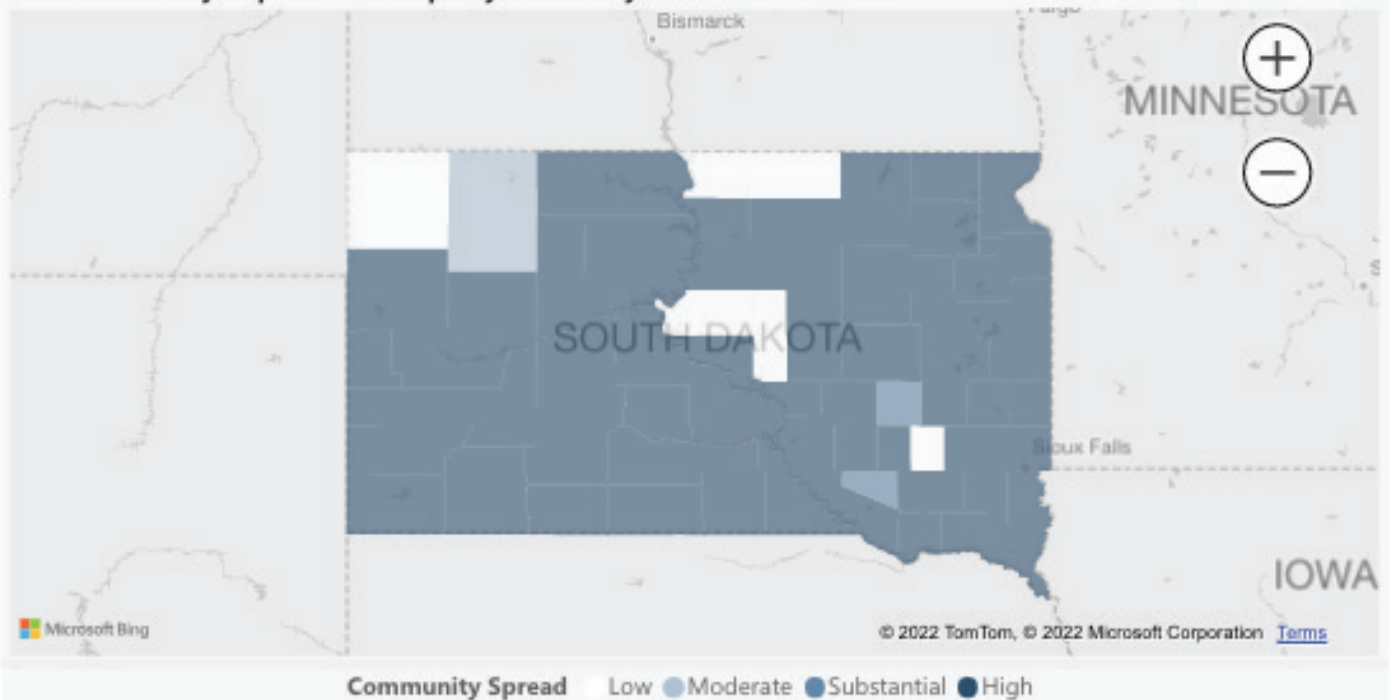
Recovered Cases

247,481

Currently Hospitalized

94

Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Hover over a county to see its details, or click county to update the orange boxes.

More information on U.S COVID-19 Community levels can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Total Confirmed and Probable Cases

254,670

Total Tests

2,286,859

Deaths Among Cases

2,979

Ever Hospitalized

11,456

Percent of State Population with at least 1 Dose**

75%

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Brown County COVID-19 Report

New Confirmed and Probable Cases

39

Active Cases

154
-44

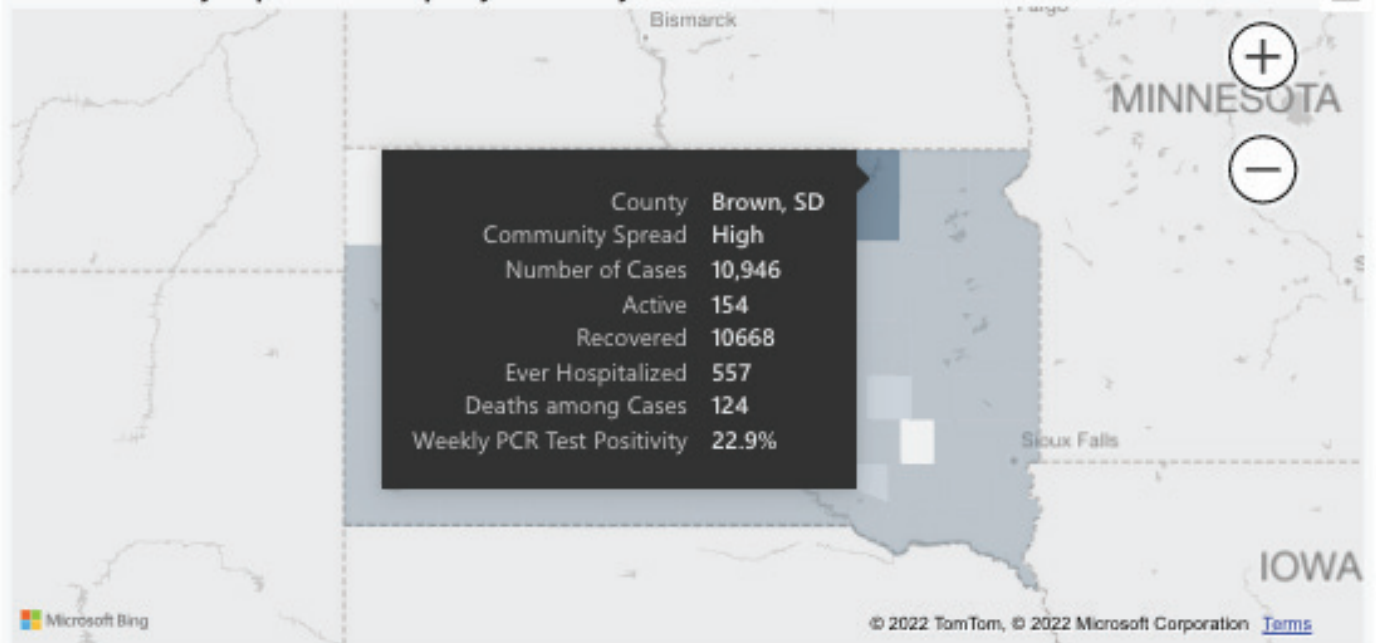
Recovered Cases

10,668

Currently Hospitalized

94

Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Community Spread Low Moderate Substantial High

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Total Confirmed and Probable Cases

10,946

Total Tests

108,978

Deaths Among Cases

124

Ever Hospitalized

557

Percent of State Population with at least 1 Dose**

75%

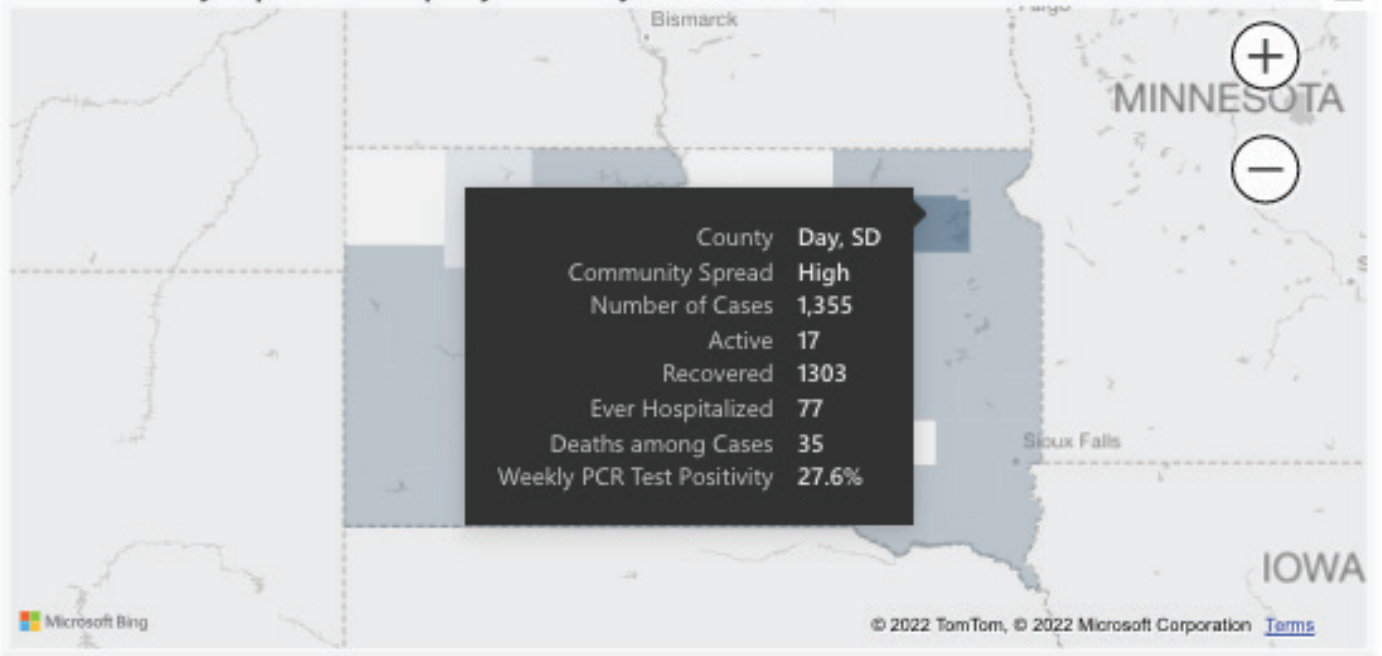
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Day County COVID-19 Report



Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Community Spread Low Moderate Substantial High

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Ever Hospitalized

11,456

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Currently Hospitalized

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VARIANT CASES OF COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA

COVID-19 Variant	# of Cases	# of Cases - Last 3 Months
Delta (B.1.617.2 & AY lineages)	1,720	151
Omicron (B.1.1.529 & BA lineages)	1,367	203
Alpha (B.1.1.7)	176	3
Omicron (BA.2)	143	131
Gamma (P.1)	4	1
Beta (B.1.351)	2	2

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Sex	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths Among Cases
Male	119,287	5,958	1,627
Female	135,383	5,498	1,352

AGE GROUP OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Age Range with Years	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths Among Cases
0-9 years	17,272	162	3
10-19 years	29,834	184	2
20-29 years	44,123	615	14
30-39 years	42,636	849	54
40-49 years	35,228	983	89
50-59 years	32,566	1,524	228
60-69 years	27,586	2,309	481
70-79 years	15,209	2,451	698
80+ years	10,216	2,379	1,410

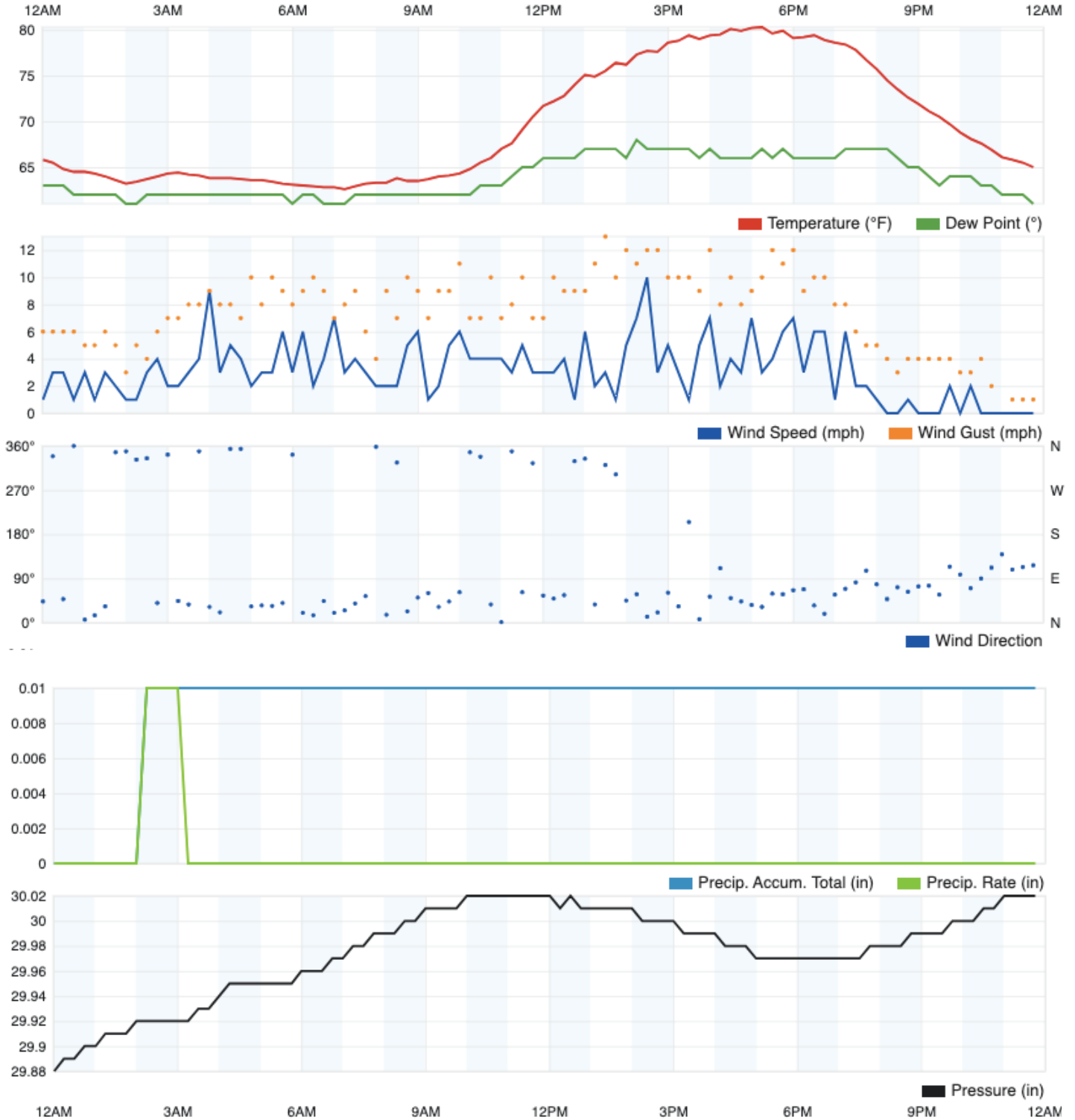
RACE/ETHNICITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Race/Ethnicity	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths
Asian / Pacific Islander	3,536	112	20
Black	6,214	215	22
Hispanic	10,851	359	39
Native American	32,378	1,960	449
Other	2,181	60	13
Unknown	5,354	80	21
White	194,156	8,670	2,415

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
				
Dense Fog then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Chance T-storms	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms
High: 84 °F	Low: 59 °F	High: 88 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 86 °F



Getting Warmer Early This Week

August 21, 2022
2:06 AM

Today



Morning fog, otherwise
mostly sunny
Highs 80s east, 90s west

Tuesday



Partly cloudy with slight chc
showers/storms
Highs 80s east, 90s west

Monday



Mostly Sunny
Highs 80s east, 90s west



National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce

National Weather Service
Aberdeen, SD

Patchy morning fog and low clouds will give way to mostly sunny skies today. The partly to mostly sunny skies will persist for both Monday and Tuesday. Temperatures will be very warm to hot. #sdwx #mnwx

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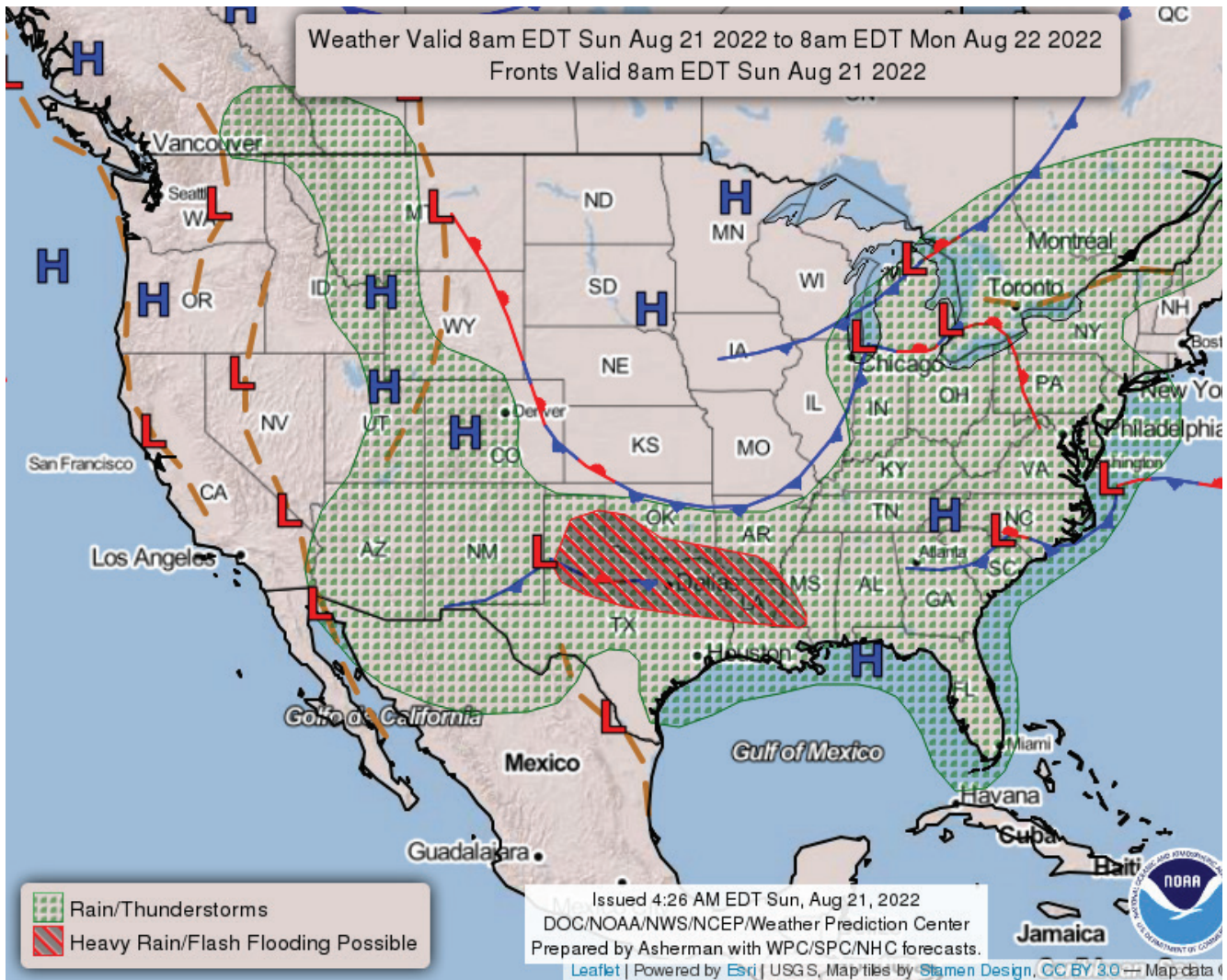
Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 81 °F at 5:19 PM
Low Temp: 63 °F at 7:06 AM
Wind: 13 mph at 1:24 PM
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 13 hours, 52 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 105 in 1947
Record Low: 37 in 2004
Average High: 82°F
Average Low: 56°F
Average Precip in Aug.: 1.52
Precip to date in Aug.: 1.04
Average Precip to date: 15.62
Precip Year to Date: 15.58
Sunset Tonight: 8:31:36 PM
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:40:34 AM



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Today in Weather History

August 21, 1989: Baseball size hail caused near 100 percent crop damage to Correll in Big Stone County to 10 miles north of Appleton. Most of Swift County also received 4 to 8 inches of rain.

August 21, 2007: Thunderstorms produced large hail in southeastern South Dakota, mainly near the Missouri River, during the late afternoon and early evening of August 21st. Enormous hail fell in the Dante area in Charles Mix County, including a state record size hailstone certified as 6 and 7/8 inches in diameter, with a circumference of 18 inches and a weight of one pound. The most massive stone was verified at 6 1/8 inches in diameter with a weight of 1.25 lbs. Damage included holes in roofs, broken rafters, broken awnings, numerous broken windows and dented vehicles, damaged siding, divots in the ground up to 12 inches long and 3 inches deep, and damaged crops. The state record hailstone was broken on July 23rd, 2010 with the United States record hailstone in Vivian.

1856: The Charter Oak was an unusually large white oak tree growing from around the 12th or 13th century until it fell during a windstorm on this day in 1856. According to tradition, Connecticut's Royal Charter of 1662 was hidden within the hollow of the tree to thwart its confiscation by the English governor-general. The oak became a symbol of American independence and is commemorated on the Connecticut State Quarter.

1883: An estimated F5 tornado caused extensive damage to Rochester Minnesota on this day. The enormous roar was said to have warned most Rochester residents, as the massive funnel cut through the north side of town. Over 135 homes were destroyed, and another 200 damaged. Many of the 200 plus injuries were severe, and other deaths probably occurred but not listed as part of the 37 total mentioned. This damaging tornado eventually led to the formation of the Mayo Clinic.

1888 - A tornado swarm occurred in Maryland and Delaware. Many waterspouts were seen over Chesapeake Bay. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1918 - A tornado struck Tyler, MN, killing 36 persons and destroying most of the business section of the town resulting in a million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The temperature at Fayetteville, NC, soared to 110 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Iowa and west central Illinois. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 82 mph at Moline IL, and tennis ball size hail at Independence IA. Rock Island IL was drenched with 3.70 inches of rain. Total damage for the seven county area of west central Illinois was estimated at twelve million dollars. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms spawned several tornadoes in Iowa, produced wind gusts to 63 mph in the Council Bluffs area, and drenched Sioux Center IA with up to 6.61 inches of rain. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather from Kansas to Minnesota and North Dakota. Thunderstorms in Minnesota produced baseball size hail from Correll to north of Appleton. Thunderstorms in north central Kansas produced wind gusts higher than 100 mph at Wilson Dam. Thunderstorms around Lincoln NE produced baseball size hail and up to five inches of rain, and Boone NE was deluged with five inches of rain in an hour and a half. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



Two Houses

Scripture: Matthew 7:24–27 (NIV)

The Wise and Foolish Builders

24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Insight By: Bill Crowder

Though the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5–7) is often considered the starting point of Jesus’ public ministry, it actually began in Matthew 4, where He began preaching the kingdom (v. 17), gathering disciples (vv. 18–22), and performing miracles (vv. 23–25). When Matthew 5:1 says that Jesus was followed by crowds, those crowds were the result of the work He’d started in Matthew 4. The Sermon on the Mount launches the basic structure around which Matthew will tell the story of Jesus. It’s the first of five major addresses Matthew records and which form the backbone of his gospel. Some scholars speculate that Matthew presented his gospel based on five messages because his primary audience was Jewish, and they already revered the five books of Moses and the book of Psalms, which is divided into five books. As such, they were accustomed to dealing with content in groups of five..

Comment

To test the stability of two houses, engineers simulated a Category 3 hurricane by using powerful fans that produced wind gusts of one hundred miles per hour for ten minutes. The first house was built according to a non-hurricane building code, and the other was put together with a reinforced roof and floors. The first house shook and eventually collapsed, but the second house survived with only a few cosmetic damages. One of the engineers summarized the study by asking, “Which house would you rather be living in?”

Concluding His teaching on values of kingdom living, Jesus said, “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24). The fierce winds blew, but the house survived. In contrast, the person who hears and yet doesn’t obey, “is like a foolish man who built his house on sand” (v. 26). The fierce winds blew, and the house collapsed under the intensity of the storm. Jesus presented His audience with two options: build your lives on the solid foundation of obedience to Him or on the unstable sand of your own ways.

We too have to make a choice. Will we build our lives on Jesus and obedience to His words or disobedience to His instruction? By the Holy Spirit’s help, we can choose to build our lives on Christ..

Reflect and Prayer: How have you experienced what it means to have Jesus as the foundation of your life? In what areas is He inviting you into greater obedience?

Jesus, help me to abide in You so that when the storms rise and the winds blow, I’ll remain true to You—established forever by Your grace.

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2022-23 Community Events

- 07/21/2022: Pro Am Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
07/22/2022: Ferney Open Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Start
07/24/2022: Moonlight Swim at the Swimming Pool 9-11pm for 9th grade to age 20
07/27/2022: Golf Fundraiser Lunch at Olive Grove Golf Course 11a-1pm
08/05/2022: Wine on Nine at Olive Grove Golf Course 6pm
08/12/2022: GHS Basketball Golf Tournament
No Date Set: Groton Firemen Summer Splash Day 4-5pm GHS Parking Lot
09/10/2022: Lions Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
09/11/2022: 6th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 3-5pm
09/11/2022: Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10 a.m.
09/02-04: Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
10/01/2022: Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
10/07/2022: Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
10/31/2022: Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm (working day on or closest to Halloween)
10/31/2022: United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
11/12/2022: Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
11/24/2022 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm (Thanksgiving)
12/03/2022 Tour of Homes & Holiday Party at Olive Grove Golf Course
12/10/2022: Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9am-12pm
01/29/2023 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed, 10am-1pm, Community Center
01/29/2023 85th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
04/01/2023 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp at the City Park (Saturday a week before Easter)
04/22/2023 Firemen's Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
04/23/2023 Princess Prom 4:30-8pm (Sunday after GHS Prom)
05/06/2023 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday in May)
05/29/2023 Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
07/04/2023 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Registration, 10am Start (4th of July)
07/09/2023 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm (Sunday Mid-July)
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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

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

Dakota Cash

01-11-23-31-33

(one, eleven, twenty-three, thirty-one, thirty-three)

Estimated jackpot: \$32,000

Lotto America

20-27-35-37-52, Star Ball: 6, ASB: 3

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

Estimated jackpot: \$19,840,000

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: 116,000,000

Powerball

05-09-11-16-66, Powerball: 7, Power Play: 2

(five, nine, eleven, sixteen, sixty-six; Powerball: seven; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$90,000,000

Car blast kills daughter of Russian known as 'Putin's brain'

By JIM HEINTZ Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — The daughter of a Russian nationalist ideologist who is often referred to as "Putin's brain" was killed when her car exploded on the outskirts of Moscow, officials said Sunday.

The Investigative Committee branch for the Moscow region said the Saturday night blast was caused by a bomb planted in the SUV driven by Daria Dugina.

The 29-year-old was the daughter of political theorist Alexander Dugin, a prominent proponent of the "Russian world" concept and a vehement supporter of Russia's sending of troops into Ukraine.

Dugin's exact ties to President Vladimir Putin are unclear, but the Kremlin frequently echoes rhetoric from his writings and appearances on Russian state TV. He helped popularize the concept of "Novorossiya" (New Russia) that Russia used to justify the annexation of Crimea and its support of separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine.

He promotes Russia as a country of piety, traditional values and authoritarian leadership, and disdains Western liberal values.

Dugina expressed similar views and had appeared as a commentator on the nationalist TV channel Tsargrad.

She was sanctioned by the United States in March for her work as chief editor of United World International, a website that the U.S. described as a disinformation site. The sanctions announcement cited a UWI article this year that contended Ukraine would "perish" if it were admitted to NATO.

"Dasha, like her father, has always been at the forefront of confrontation with the West," Tsargrad said on Sunday, using the familiar form of her name.

The explosion took place as Dugina was returning from a cultural festival she had attended with her father. Some Russian media reports cited witnesses as saying the vehicle belonged to her father and that he had decided at the last minute to travel in another car.

The vivid and violent incident, unusual for Moscow, is likely to aggravate Russia-Ukraine animosity.

No suspects were immediately identified. But Denis Pushilin, president of the separatist Donetsk People's Republic that is a focus of Russia's fighting in Ukraine, blamed it on "terrorists of the Ukrainian regime, trying to kill Alexander Dugin."

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Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, denied Ukrainian involvement, saying on national TV that "We are not a criminal state, unlike Russia, and definitely not a terrorist state."

Analyst Sergei Markov, a former Putin adviser, told Russian state news agency RIA-Novosti that Alexander Dugin, not his daughter, likely was the intended target and said "it's completely obvious that the most probable suspects are Ukrainian military intelligence and the Ukrainian Security Service."

China plans cloud seeding to protect grain crop from drought

By MARK SCHIEFELBEIN Associated Press

CHONGQING, China (AP) — China says it will try to protect its grain harvest from record-setting drought by using chemicals to generate rain, while factories in the southwest waited Sunday to see whether they would be shut down for another week due to shortages of water to generate hydropower.

The hottest, driest summer since the government began recording rainfall and temperature 61 years ago has wilted crops and left reservoirs at half their normal water level. Factories in Sichuan province were shut down last week to save power for homes as air conditioning demand surged, with temperatures as high as 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit).

The coming 10 days are a "key period of damage resistance" for southern China's rice crop, said Agriculture Minister Tang Renjian, according to the newspaper Global Times.

Authorities will take emergency steps to "ensure the autumn grain harvest," which is 75% of China's annual total, Tang said Friday, according to the report.

Authorities will "try to increase rain" by seeding clouds with chemicals and spraying crops with a "water retaining agent" to limit evaporation, Tang's ministry said on its website. It gave no details of where that would be done.

The disruption adds to challenges for the ruling Communist Party, which is trying to shore up sagging economic growth before a meeting in October or November when President Xi Jinping is expected to try to award himself a third five-year term as leader.

A smaller Chinese grain harvest would have a potential global impact. It would boost demand for imports, adding to upward pressure on inflation in the United States and Europe that is running at multi-decade highs.

Also Sunday, thousands of factories in Sichuan province that make solar panels, processor chips and other industrial goods waited for word on whether last week's six-day shutdown would be extended.

A document that circulated on social media and said it was from the Sichuan Economic and Information Industry Department said the closure would be extended through Thursday, but there was no official confirmation.

Phone calls to the economic agency and provincial government weren't answered. A woman who answered the phone at the Sichuan branch of the government-owned power utility State Grid Ltd. said she had seen no notice about extending the shutdown. She wouldn't give her name.

The governments of Sichuan and neighboring Hubei province say thousands of hectares (acres) of crops are a total loss and millions have been damaged.

Hubei's government declared a drought emergency Saturday and said it would release disaster aid. The Sichuan government said 819,000 people face a shortage of drinking water.

Sichuan has been hardest hit by drought because it gets 80% of its power from hydroelectric dams. The provincial government says reservoirs are at half of normal water levels. It earlier called on manufacturers to "leave power for the people."

Offices and shopping malls in Sichuan were ordered to turn off lights and air-conditioning. The subway in Chengdu, the provincial capital, said it turned off thousands of lights in stations.

Meanwhile, other areas have suffered deadly flash floods.

Flooding in the northwestern province of Qinghai killed at least 26 people and left five missing, state television reported Sunday, citing local authorities.

Mudslides and overflowing rivers late Thursday hit six villages in Datong county, according to earlier news reports. Some 1,500 people were forced out of their homes.

Somali forces end hotel attack in which 20 were killed

By OMAR FARUK Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Somali authorities on Sunday ended a deadly attack in which at least 20 people were killed and many others wounded when gunmen stormed a hotel in the capital.

It took Somali forces more than 30 hours to contain the fighters who had stormed Mogadishu's Hayat Hotel on Friday evening in an assault that started with loud explosions.

The siege ended around midnight, police commissioner Abdi Hassan Hijar told reporters.

"During the attack, the security forces rescued many civilians trapped in the hotel, including women and children," he said.

Police are yet to give a detailed explanation of how the attack unfolded. It remains unclear how many gunmen entered the hotel.

Ismail Abdi, the hotel's manager, told The Associated Press that security forces were still working to clear the area.

No more gunfire could be heard after 9 a.m. local time. Onlookers gathered outside the gates of the badly damaged hotel on Sunday morning, surveying the scene.

The Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest of its frequent attempts to strike places visited by government officials.

The attack on the hotel is the first major terror incident in Mogadishu since Somalia's new leader, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, took over in May.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the attack, according to a spokesman's statement that said the U.N. supports the people of Somalia "in their fight against terrorism and their march towards peace."

Floods, landslides leave 40 dead in northern India

NEW DELHI (AP) — At least 40 people have died and others are missing in flash floods triggered by intense monsoon rains in northern India over the past three days, officials said Sunday.

The rains inundated hundreds of villages, swept away mud houses, flooded roads and destroyed bridges in some parts of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand states. The Indian Meteorological Department predicted that heavy to very heavy rain would continue to fall in the region for the next two days.

An official government release Sunday said landslides and flooding in the Himalayan state of Himachal Pradesh over the last three days killed at least 36 people. Hundreds were taking shelter in relief camps after being displaced from their flooded homes.

In the neighboring state of Uttarakhand, a series of cloudbursts Saturday left four dead and 13 went missing as rivers breached banks and washed away some houses.

Rescue teams were evacuating the stranded in both states.

Disasters caused by landslides and floods are common in India's Himalayan north during the June-September monsoon season. Scientists say they are becoming more frequent as global warming contributes to the melting of glaciers there.

Last year, flash floods killed nearly 200 people and washed away houses in Uttarakhand.

On Ukraine's front line, a fight to save premature babies

By INNA VARENYTSIA Associated Press

POKROVSK, Ukraine (AP) — Echoing down the corridors of eastern Ukraine's Pokrovsk Perinatal Hospital are the loud cries of tiny Veronika.

Born nearly two months prematurely weighing 1.5 kilograms (3 pounds, 4 ounces), the infant receives oxygen through a nasal tube to help her breathe while ultraviolet lamps inside an incubator treat her jaundice.

Dr. Tetiana Myroshnychenko carefully connects the tubes that allow Veronika to feed on her mother's

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stored breast milk and ease her hunger.

Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine in late February, three hospitals in government-controlled areas of the country's war-torn Donetsk region had facilities to care for premature babies. One was hit by a Russian airstrike and the other had to close as a result of the fighting – leaving only the maternity hospital in the coal mining town of Pokrovsk still operating.

Myroshnychenko, the site's only remaining neonatologist, now lives at the hospital. Her 3-year-old son divides the week between staying at the facility and with his father, a coal miner, at home.

The doctor explains why it's now impossible to leave: Even when the air-raid sirens sound, the babies in the hospital's above-ground incubation ward cannot be disconnected from their lifesaving machines.

"If I carry Veronika to the shelter, that would take five minutes. But for her, those five minutes could be critical," Myroshnychenko says.

Hospital officials say the proportion of births occurring prematurely or with complications has roughly doubled this year compared to previous times, blaming stress and rapidly worsening living standards for taking a toll on the pregnant women still left in the area.

Russia and Moscow-backed separatists now occupy just over half the Donetsk region, which is similar in size to Sicily or Massachusetts. Pokrovsk is still in a Ukrainian government-controlled area 60 kilometers (40 miles) west of the front lines.

Inside the hospital's maternity wards, talk of the war is discouraged.

"Everything that happens outside this building of course concerns us, but we don't talk about it," Myroshnychenko said. "Their main concern right now is the baby."

Although fighting in the Donetsk region started back in 2014, when Russia-backed separatists began battling the government and taking over parts of the region, new mothers are only now being kept in the hospital for longer periods because there's little opportunity for them to receive care once they have been discharged.

Among them is 23-year-old Inna Kyslychenko, from Pokrovsk. Rocking her 2-day-old daughter Yesenia, she was considering joining the region's massive evacuation westward to safer areas in Ukraine when she leaves the hospital. Many essential services in government-held areas of Donetsk — heat, electricity, water supplies — have been damaged by Russian bombardment, leaving living conditions that are only expected to worsen as the winter grows near.

"I fear for the little lives, not only for ours, but for all the children, for all of Ukraine," Kyslychenko said.

More than 12 million people in Ukraine have fled their homes due to the war, according to U.N. relief agencies. About half have been displaced within Ukraine and the rest have moved to other European countries.

Moving the maternity hospital out of Pokrovsk, however, is not an option.

"If the hospital was relocated, the patients would still have to remain here," said chief physician Dr. Ivan Tsyganok, who kept working even when the town was being hit by Russian rocket fire.

"Delivering babies is not something that can be stopped or rescheduled," he noted.

The nearest existing maternity facility is in Ukraine's neighboring Dnipropetrovsk region, a 3 1/2 hour drive along secondary roads, a journey considered too risky for women in late-term pregnancy.

Last week, 24-year-old Andrii Dobrelia and his wife Maryna, 27, reached the hospital from a nearby village. Looking anxious, they talked little as doctors carried out a series of tests and then led Maryna to the operating room for a C-section. Tsyganok and his colleagues hurriedly changed their clothes and prepared for the procedure.

Twenty minutes later, the cries of a newborn baby boy, Timur, could be heard. After an examination, Timur was taken to meet his father in an adjoining room.

Almost afraid to breathe, Andrii Dobrelia tenderly kissed Timur's head and whispered to him. As the newborn calmed down on his father's chest, tears came to Andrii's eyes.

As the war reaches the six-month mark, Tsyganok and his colleagues says they have a more hopeful reason to stay.

"These children we are bringing into the world will be the future of Ukraine," says Tsyganok. "I think their

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lives will be different to ours. They will live outside war." ____ Follow AP's coverage of the war in Ukraine at <https://apnews.com/hub/russia-ukraine>

Russia's war at 6 months: A global economy in growing danger

By PAUL WISEMAN and DAVID McHUGH AP Business Writers
MECKENHEIM, Germany (AP) — Martin Kopf needs natural gas to run his family's company, Zinkpower GmbH, which rustproofs steel components in western Germany.

Zinkpower's facility outside Bonn uses gas to keep 600 tons of zinc worth 2.5 million euros (\$2.5 million) in a molten state every day. The metal will harden otherwise, wrecking the tank where steel parts are dipped before they end up in car suspensions, buildings, solar panels and wind turbines.

Six months after Russia invaded Ukraine, the consequences are posing a devastating threat to the global economy, including companies like Zinkpower, which employs 2,800 people. Gas is not only much more costly, it might not be available at all if Russia completely cuts off supplies to Europe to avenge Western sanctions, or if utilities can't store enough for winter.

Germany may have to impose gas rationing that could cripple industries from steelmaking to pharmaceuticals to commercial laundries. "If they say, we're cutting you off, all my equipment will be destroyed," said Kopf, who also chairs Germany's association of zinc galvanizing firms.

Governments, businesses and families worldwide are feeling the war's economic effects just two years after the coronavirus pandemic ravaged global trade. Inflation is soaring, and rocketing energy costs have raised the prospect of a cold, dark winter. Europe stands at the brink of recession.

High food prices and shortages, worsened by the cutoff of fertilizer and grain shipments from Ukraine and Russia that are slowly resuming, could produce widespread hunger and unrest in the developing world.

Outside Uganda's capital of Kampala, Rachel Gamisha said Russia's war in faraway Ukraine has hurt her grocery business. She has felt it in surging prices for necessities like gasoline, selling for \$6.90 a gallon. Something that's 2,000 shillings (about \$16.70) this week may cost 3,000 shillings (\$25) next week.

"You have to limit yourself," she said. "You have to buy a few things that move fast."

Gamisha has noticed something else, too — a phenomenon called "shrinkflation": A price may not change, but a doughnut that used to weigh 45 grams may now be only 35 grams. Bread that weighed 1 kilogram is now 850 grams.

Russia's war led the International Monetary Fund last month to downgrade its outlook for the global economy for the fourth time in under a year. The lending agency expects 3.2% growth this year, down from the 4.9% it forecast in July 2021 and well below a vigorous 6.1% last year.

"The world may soon be teetering on the edge of a global recession, only two years after the last one," Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, the IMF's chief economist, said.

The U.N. Development Program said rising food and energy prices threw 71 million people worldwide into poverty in the first three months of the war. Countries in the Balkans and sub-Saharan Africa were hit hardest. Up to 181 million people in 41 countries could suffer a hunger crisis this year, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization has projected.

In Bangkok, rising costs for pork, vegetables and oil have forced Warunee Deejai, a street-food vendor, to raise prices, cut staff and work longer hours.

"I don't know how long I can keep my lunch price affordable," she said. "Coming out from COVID lockdowns and having to face this is tough. Worse is, I don't see the end of it."

Even before Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine, the global economy was under pressure. Inflation had skyrocketed as a stronger-than-expected recovery from the pandemic recession overwhelmed factories, ports and freight yards, causing delays, shortages and higher prices. In response, central banks began raising interest rates to try to cool economic growth and tame spiking prices.

"We've all got all these different things going on," said Robin Brooks, chief economist at the International Institute of Finance. "The volatility of inflation went up. The volatility of growth went up. And therefore, it's become infinitely harder for central banks to steer the ship."

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China, pursuing a zero-COVID policy, imposed lockdowns that have severely weakened the world's second-biggest economy. At the time, many developing countries still grappled with the pandemic and the heavy debts they had taken on to protect their populations from economic disaster.

All those challenges might have been manageable. But when Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb. 24, the West responded with heavy sanctions. Both actions disrupted trade in food and energy. Russia is the world's third-biggest petroleum producer and a leading exporter of natural gas, fertilizer and wheat. Farms in Ukraine feed millions globally.

The resulting inflation has rippled out to the world.

Near Johannesburg, South Africa, Stephanie Muller has been comparing prices online and checking different grocery stores to find the best deals.

"I have three children who are all in school, so I have been feeling the difference," she said.

Shopping at a market in Vietnam's capital of Hanoi, Bui Thu Huong said she's been limiting her spending and cutting back on weekend dinners out. At least there's one advantage to cooking at home with her children: "We can bond with them more in the kitchen, while saving money at the same time."

Syahrul Yasin Limpo, Indonesia's agriculture minister, warned this month that the price of instant noodles, a staple in the Southeast Asian nation, might triple because of inflated wheat prices. In neighboring Malaysia, vegetable farmer Jimmy Tan laments that fertilizer prices are up 50%. He's also paying more for supplies like plastic sheets, bags and hoses.

In Karachi, Pakistan, far from the battlefields of Ukraine, Kamran Arif has taken a second, part-time job to supplement his wages.

"Because we have no control on prices, we can only try to increase our income," he said.

A vast majority of people live in poverty in Pakistan, whose currency has lost up to 30% of its value against the dollar and the government has increased electricity prices 50%.

Muhammad Shakil, an importer and exporter, says he can no longer get wheat, white chickpeas and yellow peas from Ukraine.

"Now that we have to import from other countries, we have to buy at higher prices" — sometimes 10%-15% more, Shakil said.

As the war fuels inflation, central banks are raising interest rates to try to slow price increases without derailing economic growth.

The resulting increase in loan rates is punishing FlooringStores, a New York company that helps customers find flooring material and contractors. Sales are down because fewer homeowners are borrowing to pay for home improvements.

"A huge percentage of our customers finance their projects with home-equity loans and similar products, meaning that the hike in interest rates really killed our business," CEO Todd Saunders said. "Inflation wasn't helping, but the interest rates had a bigger effect."

Europe, which for years depended on Russian oil and natural gas for its industrial economy, has absorbed a gut punch. It faces the growing threat of recession as the Kremlin throttles back flows of natural gas used to heat homes, generate electricity and fire up factories. Prices are 15 times what they were before Russia massed troops on the Ukrainian border in March 2021.

"There's a lot more recessionary risk and pressure in Europe than in the rest of the high-income economies," said Adam Posen, president of the Peterson Institute for International Economics and a former Bank of England policymaker.

The damage has hardly spared Russia, whose economy the IMF expects to contract 6% this year. Sergey Aleksashenko, a Russian economist now living in the United States, noted that the country's retail sales tumbled 10% in the second quarter compared with a year earlier as consumers cut back.

"They have no money to spend," he said.

2 Russians, 1 Ukrainian arrested as alleged spies in Albania

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Two Russians and a Ukrainian were arrested for alleged espionage at a military plant in southern Albania, the Albanian Defense Ministry said late Saturday.

The Russian man identified only as M.Z., 24, was detained after entering the plant's grounds in Gramsh, 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of the capital, Tirana, and taking photos, the ministry said in a statement. Two military guards were injured by a "neo-paralyzing spray" used by the Russian while resisting arrest, it said.

Another Russian woman, S.T., 33, and a Ukrainian man, F.A., 25, were arrested outside the complex and their vehicle was blocked, the ministry said.

"Three persons were accompanied by police which in cooperation with other institutions is investigating the case," the statement said, adding that military police, army intelligence police and civil and anti-terror police are coordinating on the case.

The two army guards injured by the spray were taken to a military hospital for medical care.

The Gramsh military plant opened in 1962 to produce AK-47, or Kalashnikov, rifles. After the fall of communism in 1990 it stopped production and instead began to dismantle old Kalashnikovs and other small weapons. It also repairs other army weapons.

"What pride for the military guards who neutralized three individuals suspected of espionage," Prime Minister Edi Rama wrote on Twitter, adding: "Now let's wait for the full clarification of this event."

Albania, a NATO member since 2009, has strongly renounced Russia's invasion of Ukraine and has joined European Union and U.S. sanctions against Moscow.

Pride of Ukraine: Usyk beats Joshua, keeps heavyweight belts

KING ABDULLAH SPORTS CITY, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Oleksandr Usyk kissed the blue-and-yellow flag of Ukraine and looked to the Saudi Arabian sky as he waited to discover if he had honored his war-torn country by retaining his world heavyweight titles.

When he heard the winning words "and still," an emotional Usyk raised his left arm and pulled the flag over his face.

Six months ago, he was patrolling the streets of Kyiv with an automatic rifle and defending Ukraine from the invading Russians.

Here, inside the ring at King Abdullah Sport City arena, the still-undefeated Usyk had lived up to his billing as the sporting pride of Ukraine by beating Anthony Joshua in a closely fought rematch on Saturday to keep his WBA, WBO and IBF belts.

"I devote this victory to my country, to my family, to my team, to all the military defending this country," the 35-year-old Usyk said through a translator. "Thank you very, very much."

After a grueling five-month training camp, Usyk entered the arena in a blue-and-yellow top carrying the words "Colors of Freedom" and supported by words of encouragement from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in his nightly video address to the nation.

"We stick together," the president said. "We help each other. We restore what was destroyed. We fight for all our people. And we cheer for those who represent Ukraine, today — definitely for Usyk, our guy!"

And Usyk started as the favorite after outclassing Joshua in the first fight in London in September last year. However, the British challenger, a former two-time champion, came into the rematch with a new game plan from his new trainer Robert Garcia: Attack Usyk's body and keep the pressure on.

And it nearly worked, with Usyk taken to the limit in the ninth round as he was chased around the ring by Joshua, who landed combinations and targeted Usyk's ribs.

Usyk took a deep breath at the bell, then came out hard in the 10th round, hurting Joshua with an early right hook and forcing him onto the ropes for the first time in the fight.

The battering of Joshua was sustained in the 11th while the 12th was evenly fought, the fight ending with both fighters — clearly exhausted — falling to their knees in front of each other on the canvas.

They embraced and Joshua appeared to offer his help to the plight of Ukraine.

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Then, in an expletive-laden speech inside the ring after grabbing the microphone, Joshua — who moments earlier was seen picking up two of Usyk's belts and throwing them to the canvas — hit back at his critics before praising Usyk for fighting so well in the circumstances.

"I was studying Ukraine and all the champions from your amazing country," Joshua said. "I've never been there. What's happening there, I don't know but it's not nice. For Usyk to be champion, under those circumstances, please raise your hands."

Usyk was complimentary about Joshua, too.

"This is already history," he said. "Many generations are going to watch this fight, especially the round when someone tried to beat me hard. But I stood up to it and turned it in a different way."

Usyk also claimed the Ring Magazine belt with the win. There's only one heavyweight title that Usyk doesn't own — the WBC one that is about to be vacated by Tyson Fury, who says he is retired.

When asked about Fury, Usyk said: "I am sure Tyson Fury is not retired yet. I am sure Tyson Fury wants to fight me. If I'm not fighting Tyson Fury, I'm not fighting at all."

Two judges gave it to Usyk, one 115-113 and the other 116-112. The other gave the fight to Joshua, 115-113.

Joshua, a two-time heavyweight champion, fell to his third loss in 27 fights and his career is at a crossroads.

Where Usyk goes from now appears to depend on Fury.

Saudi state television published photographs showing Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman attending the fight. The 36-year-old son of King Salman, the crown prince has pushed for sporting events to come to the kingdom even as U.S. intelligence agencies believe he ordered the beheading and dismemberment of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

Dorli Rainey, symbol of Occupy movement, dies at 95

SEATTLE (AP) — Dorli Rainey, a self-described "old lady in combat boots" who became a symbol of the Occupy protest movement when she was photographed after being pepper-sprayed by Seattle police, has died. She was 95.

The longtime political activist died on Aug. 12, the Seattle Times reported. Her daughter, Gabriele Rainey, told the newspaper her mom was "so active because she loved this country, and she wanted to make sure that the country was good to its people."

Rainey was a fixture in the local progressive movement for decades, demonstrating for racial justice, affordable housing and public transit, and against war, nuclear weapons and big banks.

In November 2011, in the early days of the Occupy Wall Street movement, Rainey, then 84, joined protesters in blocking downtown intersections. She was hit when Seattle police used pepper spray to clear the crowd.

Fellow protesters poured milk over her face to ease the sting, and a seattlepi.com photographer, Joshua Trujillo, captured a stunning image of her staring defiantly into the camera, her eyes red and milk dripping off her face.

The photo became a worldwide symbol for the protest movement. She was profiled by The Washington Post, The Atlantic, The Associated Press and The Guardian.

"It's a gruesome picture," she told the AP. "I'm really not that bad looking."

Then-Mayor Mike McGinn apologized and ordered a review of the incident. Rainey was back out protesting a couple days later.

"Dorli is legendary, and deservedly so, for her activism," McGinn said Friday. "She was just omnipresent and a conscience and a voice for change, and I deeply, deeply, deeply respected her."

Rainey was born in Austria in 1926. She was a Red Cross nurse and then worked in Europe as a technical translator for the U.S. Army for 10 years. She married Max Rainey, a civil engineer who got a job with Boeing, and they moved to the Seattle area in 1956.

She worked as a court-appointed special advocate, representing children who have experienced abuse

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or neglect, and as a real-estate agent. She served on the Issaquah School Board and ran for King County Council a half-century ago, and she made a brief run for Seattle mayor in 2009.

She had three children, Gabriele, of Asheville, North Carolina; Michael, of Boston; and Andrea, who died in 2014. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Max.

Landlords try to stop rent control initiative in Florida

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ballots haven't even been printed yet, but already a group of landlords, apartment managers and real estate agents in Florida want to stop voters from deciding on a measure that would implement rent control for a year in the theme park hub that has been one of the fastest-growing metro areas in the U.S.

The Florida Apartment Association and the Florida Association of Realtors last week sued Orange County, Florida, in an attempt to invalidate a ballot initiative aimed at limiting how much landlords can increase rents. If passed by voters in the fall, it would be the first such measure in decades in the Sunshine State.

The associations say that Florida law prohibits rent control ordinances except in an emergency, and the current situation in the county that is home to Orlando doesn't rise to that standard. They also say that the ordinance could have the unintended consequence of making the situation worse by discouraging the construction of new apartment buildings and other housing.

"It is adverse and antagonistic to the public interest and to the interests of the Plaintiffs and their members to allow the Rent-Control Ordinance to be placed on the ballot or enforced by Orange County where the Ordinance is unlawful and invalid," the associations said in court papers.

Earlier this month, Orange County's Board of County Commissioners narrowly approved the rent control ordinance, which now goes to voters for approval in November. The ordinance limits rent increases in multiunit buildings to the annual increase in the Consumer Price Index. The ordinance doesn't apply to luxury units, single family homes or vacation rentals.

Violators of the ordinance could face fines of up to \$1,000 per day for a first violation, with fines not exceeding \$15,000 per offense. Landlords would be able to request an exception to the limits under certain conditions.

According to the measure passed by commissioners, the asking-rent-per-unit in Orange County has grown from \$1,357 in 2020 to \$1,697 in 2021, the highest increase since 2006, and the county has a shortage of as many as 26,500 housing units.

"For years, renters have been asking this commission to do something about the upcoming emergency we are in right now," Stephanie Porta, a cofounder of the social justice group Florida Rising, said last month during a commission meeting. "Corporate landlords, real estate investors and developers are raising prices and making record profits while hardworking Orange County residents are priced out of their communities."

The city of Miami Beach in the 1960s and 1970s imposed rent control measures before the Florida law limiting them was passed. The Orange County ordinance would be the first such measure in the state in decades. Rent control measures have passed in California and Oregon, as well as in metro areas like St. Paul, Minnesota, and Portland, Oregon.

Orange County grew from 1.1 million residents to 1.4 million residents during the last decade, according to the 2020 census.

Finland asks: Does a prime minister have a right to party?

By KOSTYA MANENKOV and KARL RITTER Associated Press

HELSINKI (AP) — In a leaked video, Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin is seen dancing and singing with friends at a private party. The 36-year-old leader poses for the camera. She sits on her knees, hands behind her head. She's entangled in a group hug. She's having a good time.

Countless similar videos are shared daily on social media by young and not-so-young people partying

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in Finland and all over the world. But the leak has triggered a debate among Finns about what level of reveling is appropriate for a prime minister, especially considering neighboring Russia's attack on Ukraine, which prompted long-neutral Finland and Sweden to apply for NATO membership.

Marin, who leads the center-left Social Democratic Party, has faced a barrage of questions about the party: Were there drugs? Alcohol? Was she working or on summer vacation? Was the prime minister sober enough to handle an emergency had one arisen?

The video, clearly shot by someone at the party, was leaked on social media and caught the attention of Finnish media this week. Marin said she attended the party in recent weeks, but refused to say exactly where and when.

She also acknowledged that she and her friends celebrated in a "boisterous way" and that alcohol — but, to her knowledge, no drugs — was involved. She said Friday that she took a drug test to put an end to speculation about illegal substances.

"I hope that in the year 2022 it's accepted that even decision-makers dance, sing and go to parties," Marin told reporters. "I didn't wish for any images to be spread, but it's up to the voters to decide what they think about it."

The prime minister, who is married and has a 4-year-old daughter, has often insisted that even though she's the head of Finland's government, she's just like anyone else her age who likes a good time with friends and family in their leisure time.

In Helsinki on Friday afternoon, opinions were split.

Josua Fagerholm, who works in marketing, said the episode was potentially damaging to Finland's reputation and to the public's confidence in Finnish politicians.

"I think it's important for our politicians to be respectable and enjoy the trust of the public. So I don't think it's a good look," he said.

Mintuu Kylliäinen, a student in Helsinki, disagreed. She said everyone was entitled to their opinion, but she felt the leaked video was getting too much attention.

"It's normal to, like, party," Kylliäinen said. "She should have fun, too, in her life."

Some supporters say the criticism against the prime minister smacks of sexism.

Marin became Finland's youngest prime minister in 2019 at age 34. Even in the egalitarian Nordic country, Marin felt her gender and age sometimes received too much emphasis. She told Vogue magazine in 2020 that "in every position I've ever been in, my gender has always been the starting point - that I am a young woman."

Anu Koivonen, a professor of gender studies at Finland's University of Turku, said she didn't think gender was a decisive factor in the uproar over the leaked video. She said the partying itself was not a big issue, but the fact the video leaked could be viewed as a judgment lapse by the prime minister in terms of the people she surrounded herself with.

"That she didn't restrain herself in a company where she cannot trust everyone in the room," Koivonen said. "I think that's the main issue."

Jarno Limnell, a cybersecurity expert and politician for Finland's conservative National Coalition Party, said the partying incident was problematic from a security standpoint, noting that Finland's top leaders are of interest to foreign security services.

"Information is gathered from a variety of sources, and even seemingly trivial pieces of information can be significant to a foreign power," Limnell told Finnish newspaper Helsingin Sanomat. "Top decision-makers are under close watch during the NATO ratification process."

It's not the first time that Marin's partying has made headlines. In December, she apologized after going out clubbing until 4 a.m. and missing a text message advising her to avoid social contacts due to her proximity to someone infected with COVID-19. Marin said she didn't see the message because she had left her phone at home. She tested negative for the virus.

Even in a progressive society like Finland's, Marin breaks the mold of a typical politician. She grew up with a single mother who was in a relationship with another woman. Many Finns are proud of her modern approach to the office, including her casual attire. Marin set social media abuzz in April when she showed

up to a press conference with her Swedish counterpart wearing a black leather jacket.

Marin and her female-majority Cabinet have also won praise in Finland and internationally for guiding the country steadfastly through the COVID-19 pandemic and the NATO application process.

"Our prime minister is super," said Jori Korkman, a retiree in Helsinki. "She has taken her very difficult job during a very difficult time, and she has made a first-class job. What she's doing in her free time is not our business."

___ Ritter reported from Stockholm.

New claims against ex-Miami congressman hired by Venezuela

By JOSHUA GOODMAN Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — A former Miami congressman who signed a \$50 million consulting contract with Venezuela's socialist government not only did no apparent work, but also channeled a large chunk of the money to a yacht company on behalf of a fugitive billionaire, according to new allegations in a civil suit.

The accusations against former Congressman David Rivera come in a new filing Friday in New York federal court by opponents of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro who now control the U.S.-based affiliates of the South American nation's state oil company.

Rivera's Interamerican Consulting was sued in 2020 by PDV USA — a Delaware-based affiliate of Venezuelan-owned Citgo. It alleges Rivera performed no work for the \$50 million contract he signed in 2017 for three months of "strategic consulting" meant to build bridges with key U.S. stakeholders.

The same contract has been the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation by federal prosecutors in Miami looking into, among other things, whether Rivera failed to register as a foreign lobbyist as required by law.

Rivera has not been charged with any crime, but the new filings give a detailed look at his dealings with Venezuela's state-run oil industry and how he allegedly spent the money he received.

Around the same time Rivera was hired, Maduro's government had launched a charm offensive to curry favor with the Trump administration. It initially avoided outright criticism of the new U.S. leader and even donated \$500,000 to his inaugural committee through Citgo.

The new court filing is based on evidence only recently uncovered by PDV USA's attorneys, including 18,000 text and WhatsApp messages from Rivera's phone and statements he made during a two-day deposition in July.

Rivera received only \$15 million of the original amount, but the new filing says he spent part of that on unexplained payments to a convicted drug trafficker and to a company managing yachts on behalf of a Venezuelan TV magnate wanted for arrest by U.S. authorities.

"Mr. Rivera never provided any services to Citgo and, it appears, never intended to do so," according to the filing by PDV USA. "Instead, the true purpose of the agreement was to cover up illicit transactions."

Rivera did not reply to a request for comment, but he has maintained his innocence and has countersued PDV USA alleging breach of contract and unjust enrichment for its failure to pay \$30 million he says he is still owed.

According to the filing, in one exchange of messages with Raul Gorrin — a Maduro insider who owns Venezuela's largest private TV network — Rivera discussed trying to set up a meeting between Venezuela's foreign minister and executives from the U.S. oil company Exxon.

The new filing cites a message in which Rivera and Gorrin texted one another that "the concert ticket is \$15, not 20, as we said last night" — wording PDV USA's lawyers call a "clear reference to a bribe."

"At deposition, Mr. Rivera was unable to explain what this text message meant, and testified that he did not remember attending any concerts at that time," PDV USA stated in its filing. It did not say who a bribe might have been meant for and the meeting never took place.

Rivera had asked the court to shield his communications with Gorrin, who the U.S. alleges was the mastermind of a conspiracy to siphon \$1.2 billion from PDVSA — Venezuela's state oil company. Gorrin is a lawyer, though not licensed to practice in the United States, and a judge in June ruled that Rivera's

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communications with him did not meet the threshold for attorney-client privilege and must be handed over as part of what's known as discovery.

Of the \$15 million that Rivera received, about 75% was transferred to other individuals, according to the new filing. Around \$3.75 million was transferred to a Miami company, Interglobal Yacht Management. Rivera claimed the money was an expense for services under the contract. PDV USA alleges instead it was used to pay for maintenance on one of Gorrin's superyachts.

Similar amounts went to Esther Nuhfer, who is described as a longtime political associate of Rivera, as well as Hugo Perera, a Miami developer who pleaded guilty to tax fraud in a massive drug-smuggling case in the 1990s against the feared Cali Cartel.

Rivera testified that the payments were referral fees and for assistance he received as part of the consulting contract, according to PDV USA's account. But the new anti-Maduro management claims PDV USA never gave Rivera permission to outsource the work, as was expressly required by the consulting agreement.

To justify the large payments, PDV USA alleges Rivera created "phony contracts" backdated to March 20, 2017 — the day before the consulting agreement took effect.

Interglobal declined to sign the backdated contract, saying it had not performed that sort of subcontractor service.

"In short, PDV USA received nothing from Interamerican in exchange for making payments of \$15 million," the plaintiffs allege. "Most of that sum was transferred to third parties that are either indicted fugitives from justice or under criminal investigation in connection with those payments."

The filing also alleges that other payments, deducted as expenses by Interamerican, were in reality moved between accounts controlled by Rivera. The new filings allege that Rivera's own accountant testified in a deposition after meeting with criminal investigators from the Internal Revenue Service that he believed his client had committed tax fraud.

The consulting contract had all the hallmarks of a sham, according to PDV USA. Rivera's Interamerican made just \$9,500 in the year prior to signing the multimillion-dollar deal.

The lawsuit claims the company then controlled by Maduro loyalists hired Interamerican out of the blue, without due diligence, and that Rivera never met in person with anyone from Citgo or PDV USA while supposedly working on its behalf. Instead, he filed two "deficient and incoherent" progress reports of the seven he was required to submit.

"The written record is bereft of any evidence that Interamerican performed any of the contracted services," PDV USA argues in the new filings. "There is not a single email, a single PowerPoint presentation, a single outline, a single memorandum, a single calendar entry, or anything else suggesting that Interamerican ever performed any of the services."

Rivera, a Republican, served a single term in Congress, in 2011-2013, and during that time honored Venezuelan exiles fleeing socialist rule and cosponsored legislation seeking to withhold funding from the Organization of American States until it confronted then President Hugo Chávez for allegedly violating Venezuela's constitution.

While serving as a state legislator, he shared a house in Tallahassee with now-Sen. Marco Rubio, who was the state House speaker at the time. Rivera has been embroiled in several election-related controversies since then, including orchestrating the stealth funding of an obscure Democratic candidate to take on his main rival in a South Florida congressional race. Last year, he was fined \$456,000 for violating campaign finance laws in connection to that plot.

Russians down Ukrainian drones in Crimea as war broadens

By PAUL BYRNE and JOANNA KOZLOWSKA Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine (AP) — Russian authorities reported shooting down Ukrainian drones Saturday in Crimea, while Ukrainian officials said Russian forces pressed ahead with efforts to seize one of the few cities in eastern Ukraine not already under their control. The Russian military also kept up its strikes in Ukraine's

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north and south.

In Crimea, which Russia annexed from Ukraine in 2014, Russian authorities said local air defenses shot down a drone above the headquarters of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in Sevastopol. It was the second drone incident at the headquarters in three weeks and followed explosions at a Russian airfield and ammunition depot on the peninsula this month.

Oleg Kryuchkov, an aide to Crimea's governor, also said Saturday that "attacks by small drones" triggered air-defense systems in western Crimea.

"Air defense systems successfully hit all targets over the territory over Crimea on Saturday morning. There are no casualties or material damage," his boss, Sergei Aksyonov, said on Telegram.

Sevastopol governor Mikhail Razvozhayev said on Telegram that the city's air-defense systems were called into action again late Saturday.

The incidents underlined Russian forces' vulnerability in Crimea. A drone attack on Russia's Black Sea naval headquarters on July 31 injured five people and forced the cancellation of observances of Russia's Navy Day. This week, a Russian ammunition depot in Crimea was hit by an explosion. Last week, nine Russian warplanes were reported destroyed at an airbase on Crimea.

Ukrainian authorities have stopped short of publicly claiming responsibility. But President Volodymyr Zelenskyy alluded to Ukrainian attacks behind enemy lines after the blasts in Crimea.

Meanwhile, fighting in southern Ukrainian areas just north of Crimea has stepped up in recent weeks as Ukrainian forces try to drive Russian forces out of cities they have occupied since early in the six-month-old war.

A Russian missile attack wounded 12 people, including three children, and damaged houses and an apartment block Saturday in the town of Voznesensk in the Mykolaiv region, the Ukrainian prosecutor's office said. Two of the children were in serious condition and the governor said one had lost an eye.

A Ukrainian airstrike, meanwhile, hit targets in Melitopol, the largest Russian-controlled city in the Zaporizhzhia region, 100 kilometers (65 miles) north of Crimea, according to Ukrainian and Russia-installed local officials.

The Ukrainian military on Saturday said it had destroyed a prized Russian radar system and other equipment stationed in occupied areas in the southern Zaporizhzhia region. It was not clear if this was the strike on Melitopol.

"Tonight, there were powerful explosions in Melitopol, which the whole city heard," the Ukrainian mayor of Melitopol, Ivan Ferodov, said. "According to preliminary data, (it was) a precise hit on one of the Russian military bases, which the Russian fascists are trying to restore for the umpteenth time in the airfield area."

In the east, Ukraine's military General Staff said Saturday that intensified combat took place around Bakhmut, a small city whose capture would enable Russia to threaten the two largest remaining Ukrainian-held cities in the eastern Donbas region.

Bakhmut for weeks has been a key target of Moscow's eastern offensive as the Russian military tries to complete a months-long campaign to conquer all of the Donbas, where pro-Moscow separatists have proclaimed two republics that Russia recognized as sovereign states at the beginning of the war.

A local Ukrainian official reported sustained fighting Saturday near four settlements on the border of Luhansk and Donetsk provinces, which together make up the contested Donbas region. Luhansk Gov. Serhii Haidai did not name the settlements. Russian forces overran nearly all of Luhansk last month and since then have focused on capturing Ukrainian-held areas of Donetsk.

Russian shelling killed seven civilians Friday in Donetsk province, including four in Bakhmut, Gov. Pavlo Kyrylenko wrote Saturday on Telegram. Taking Bakhmut would give the Russians room to advance on the province's main Ukrainian-held cities, Kramatorsk and Sloviansk.

Ukraine said Sloviansk and Kramatorsk were targeted Friday, along with the Kharkiv region to the north, home to Ukraine's second-largest city.

Local authorities reported renewed Russian shelling overnight along a broad front, including the northern Kharkiv and Sumy regions, which border Russia, as well as of the eastern Dnipropetrovsk region and

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Mykolaiv.

In other developments Saturday:

___ Pedestrians in downtown Kyiv took pictures of a large column of burned-out and captured Russian tanks and infantry carriers that was put on display on a central boulevard in the Ukrainian capital. The display comes just days ahead of Ukraine's independence day on Aug., which also coincides with six months since the Russian invasion.

___The Joint Coordination Center in Istanbul on Saturday authorized the movement of four outbound vessels carrying 33,300 metric tons of food from Ukraine under the Black Sea Grain deal. The ships will leave Ukrainian ports on Sunday. The agency will conduct 10 more ship inspections on Sunday. The deal seeks to get tons of grain exports stuck in Ukraine by the war safely out across the Black Sea.

___ The Interior Ministry for the separatist Donetsk People's Republic said an improvised bomb exploded near the zoo in Mariupol, which the city's mayor was to visit, but the mayor was not injured. Mariupol came under rebel and Russian control after months of intense fighting that devastated the city.

Gary Busey charged with sex offenses at Monster-Mania Con

CHERRY HILL, N.J. (AP) — Actor Gary Busey has been charged with sexual offenses at a New Jersey fan convention this month.

Busey, 78, was charged Friday with two counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual contact, one count of attempted criminal sexual contact and one count of harassment, Cherry Hill police said Saturday.

The charges stem from offenses at the annual Monster Mania Convention at the Doubletree Hotel on Aug. 12-14 in Cherry Hill, a Philadelphia suburb, police said.

Busey, who lives in Malibu, California, was scheduled as a featured guest for all three days of the event.

Police did not immediately respond to a message seeking details. It also wasn't clear whether Busey has an attorney to comment on the charges, and a representative didn't immediately return a message seeking comment Saturday.

Busey is widely known as a character actor, largely in supporting roles, though he came to attention and was nominated for an Oscar for best actor for playing the title role in the 1978 film "The Buddy Holly Story."

Gunmen storm hotel in Somali capital, leave 20 dead

By OMAR FARUK Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Islamic militants have stormed a hotel in Somalia's capital, engaging in an hours-long exchange of fire with the security forces that left at least 20 people dead, according to police and witnesses.

In addition, at least 40 people were wounded in the late Friday night attack and security forces rescued many others, including children, from the scene at Mogadishu's popular Hayat Hotel, they said Saturday.

The attack started with explosions outside the hotel before the gunmen entered the building.

Somali forces were still trying to end the siege of the hotel almost 24 hours after the attack started. Gunfire could still be heard Saturday evening as security forces tried to contain the last gunmen thought to be holed up on the hotel's top floor.

The Islamic extremist group al-Shabab, which has ties with al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack, the latest of its frequent attempts to strike places visited by government officials. The attack on the hotel is the first major terror incident in Mogadishu since Somalia's new leader, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, took over in May.

In a Twitter post, the U.S. Embassy in Somalia said it "strongly condemns" the attack on the Hayat.

"We extend condolences to the families of loved ones killed, wish a full recovery to the injured, & pledge continued support for #Somalia to hold murderers accountable & build when others destroy," it said.

There was no immediate word on the identities of the victims, but many are believed to be civilians.

Mohamed Abdirahman, director of Mogadishu's Madina Hospital, told the AP that 40 people were admitted there with wounds or injuries from the attack. While nine were sent home after getting treatment,

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five are in critical condition in the ICU, he said.

"We were having tea near the hotel lobby when we heard the first blast, followed by gunfire. I immediately rushed toward hotel rooms on the ground floor and I locked the door," witness Abdullahi Hussein said by phone. "The militants went straight upstairs and started shooting. I was inside the room until the security forces arrived and rescued me."

He said on his way to safety he saw "several bodies lying on the ground outside hotel reception."

Al-Shabab remains the most lethal Islamic extremist group in Africa.

The group has seized even more territory in recent years, taking advantage of rifts among Somali security personnel as well as disagreements between the government seat in Mogadishu and regional states. It remains the biggest threat to political stability in the volatile Horn of Africa nation.

Forced to retreat from Mogadishu in 2011, al-Shabab is slowly making a comeback from the rural areas to which it retreated, defying the presence of African Union peacekeepers as well as U.S. drone strikes targeting its fighters.

The militants in early May attacked a military base for AU peacekeepers outside Mogadishu, killing many Burundian troops. The attack came just days before the presidential vote that returned Mohamud to power five years after he had been voted out.

Today in History: August 21, Nat Turner launches rebellion

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2022. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia, resulting in the deaths of at least 55 whites; scores of Blacks were killed in retribution in the aftermath of the rebellion. (Turner was later captured and executed.)

On this date:

In 1858, the first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations. (The talks concluded on October 7.)

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In 1992, an 11-day siege began at the cabin of white separatist Randy Weaver in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, as government agents tried to arrest Weaver for failing to appear in court on charges of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns; on the first day of the siege, Weaver's teenage son, Samuel, and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan were killed.

In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the red planet on a \$980 million mission.

In 2000, rescue efforts to reach the sunken Russian nuclear submarine Kursk ended with divers announcing none of the 118 sailors had survived.

In 2010, Iranian and Russian engineers began loading fuel into Iran's first nuclear power plant, which Moscow promised to safeguard to prevent material at the site from being used in any potential weapons production.

In 2013, an Army private now known as Chelsea Manning was sentenced at Fort Meade, Maryland, to up to 35 years in prison for spilling an unprecedented trove of government secrets. (The sentence for the

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former intelligence analyst was commuted by President Barack Obama in his final days in office.)

In 2015, a trio of Americans, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone, National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos and college student Anthony Sadler, and a British businessman, Chris Norman, tackled and disarmed a Moroccan gunman on a high-speed train between Amsterdam and Paris.

In 2020, a former police officer who became known as the Golden State Killer, Joseph James DeAngelo, told victims and family members in a Sacramento courtroom that he was "truly sorry" before he was sentenced to multiple life prison sentences for a decade-long string of rapes and murders. "Full House" star Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, were sentenced to prison for paying half a million dollars in bribes to get their daughters into USC as crew recruits. (Giannulli would spend more than four months behind bars, Loughlin served two months.)

Ten years ago: An insurgent rocket attack damaged the plane of the top U.S. general as it sat parked at a coalition base in Afghanistan; U.S. Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was unhurt. Missouri Rep. Todd Akin defied the nation's top Republicans and refused to abandon a Senate bid hobbled by fallout over his comments that women's bodies could prevent pregnancies in cases of "legitimate rape." (Akin went on to lose the fall election to Democratic incumbent Claire McCaskill.)

Five years ago: Americans witnessed their first full-blown coast-to-coast solar eclipse since World War I, with eclipse-watchers gathering along a path of totality extending 2,600 miles across the continent from Oregon to South Carolina. In a national address, President Donald Trump reversed his past calls for a speedy exit from Afghanistan and recommitted the United States to the 16-year-old conflict, saying U.S. troops must "fight to win." A collision between the destroyer USS John McCain and an oil tanker near Singapore left ten U.S. sailors dead. London's Big Ben bell atop Parliament's clock tower fell silent for four years of repair work that would keep it quiet on all but a few special occasions.

One year ago: Record-setting rain sent floodwaters surging through Middle Tennessee, leaving 20 people dead and sweeping away houses, roads, cellphone towers and telephone lines. Don Everly, one-half of the pioneering rock 'n' roll Everly Brothers, died at his home in Nashville at the age of 84.

Today's Birthdays: Rock-and-roll musician James Burton is 83. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 81. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Willie Lanier is 77. Actor Patty McCormack is 77. Pop singer-musician Carl Giammarese (jee-ah mah-REE'-see) is 75. Actor Loretta Devine is 73. NBC newsman Harry Smith is 71. Singer Glenn Hughes is 70. Actor Kim Cattrall is 66. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim McMahon is 63. Actor Cleo King is 60. Rock singer Serj Tankian (TAN'-kee-ahn) (System of a Down) is 55. Actor Carrie-Anne Moss is 52. Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell is 52. Rock musician Liam Howlett (Prodigy) is 51. Actor Alicia Witt is 47. Singer Kelis (kuh-LEES') is 43. TV personality Brody Jenner is 39. Singer Melissa Schuman is 38. Retired Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain (yoo-SAYN') Bolt is 36. Actor Carlos Pratts is 36. Actor-comedian Brooks Wheelan is 36. Actor Cody Kasch is 35. Country singer Kacey Musgraves is 34. Actor Hayden Panettiere (pan'-uh-tee-EHR') is 33. Actor RJ Mitte is 30. Actor Maxim Knight is 23.