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No results available from football game last night. Groton lost to Parkston, 42-0.

We do have photos from boys soccer which we will get in the next day or two. We are reshingling the house and it's a race against the weather!

Saturday, Aug. 30

Birthdays: Nathan Atherton • Rachel Zaudtke • Ashley Gibbs • Troy Zoellner • Emma Jo Schinkel
1:00pm: Girls Soccer hosts Pierre
3:00pm: Girls JV 1/2 game
4:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts Pierre
6:00pm: Boys JV to follow varsity game
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, Aug. 31

Anniv: Jamie & Vicki Rossow
Birthdays: Allison Sippel • Katelyn Hawkins • Bruce Merkel • Virginia Meister • Jeff Hendrickson • McKensy Sheridan • Tena Lund
9:00am: Emmanuel Worship
9:00am: SEAS Mass
9:00am: St. John's Worship
9:15am: C&MA Sunday School
10:00am: Presbyterian Worship
10:00am: Bethlehem worship
10:45am: C&MA Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship
5:00pm: Worship at Trinity Historic Church



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The cardboard/paper recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 2, 2014 - 7pm

City Council Meeting - City of Groton

- 7pm David Miller - Truck Storage/Land Use
- 7:15pm Nikki Kotzer-Penalty Charges
- 7:30pm Thirsty's Red Dragon Saloon-Malt Beverage License Hearing
- 4) Minutes
- 5) Financial Report
- 6) Bills
- 7) Request for House Numbers to be Displayed
- 8) Request for AED at Soccer Field
- 9) Request for Historic Society membership
- 10) Authorize Mayor & FO to sign Line of Credit Documents
- 11) Sept 4 DOT meeting at CC
- 12) Sept 10-11 Community Appeal Workshop - Aberdeen
- 13) Shut off Sewer & Garbage Fee Request
- 14) 2015 Budget Discussion
- 15) 2nd Reading Ordinance 694-2015 Appropriation Ordinance
- 16) Exe Session – Personnel & Legal

AND any other business that may come before the Council

The Life of Drucilla Hinrichs

Services for Drucilla "Dewey" Hinrichs, 86, of Claremont will be 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 2 at the United Methodist Church, Claremont. Pastor Gwen Mader will officiate. Burial will follow in Huffton Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness funeral chapel from 5-7 pm on Monday with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Dewey died August 27, 2014 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton.

Drucilla Hope was born on December 24, 1927 in Houghton to John Franklin "Frank" and Ellen (Wright) James. She attended school in Hecla and earned her teaching certificate from Northern. Dewey taught for several years in Brentford and Claremont. On March 14, 1948, she united in marriage with Dean Hinrichs at the Congregational Church in Houghton. Together they made their home on the farm, raising four children and sharing 62 years of marriage.

Drucilla was a member of the Claremont United Methodist Church and had been active in the UMW. She enjoyed traveling to her children and grandchildren's activities and sporting events. Dewey also liked to embroider, crochet and do canning/pickling. She was an excellent cook and will be fondly remembered for her fried chicken served each 4th of July at the lake.

Celebrating her life are her children, John Douglas (Crys) Hinrichs of Claremont; Doris (Ron) Anderson of Groton; DeeAnn (Wayne) Suther of Claremont, her daughter-in-law, Cathy Hinrichs of Spearfish, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two brothers, William (Mary Lynn) James of Houghton and Jesse James of Washington.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, her son, Dallas Hinrichs and brother, Forrest James.

Honorary Casketbearers will be Sara Hinrichs, Amy Hinrichs, Jeff Scheel, Kayla Suther, Kelsey Suther, Hilary Suther, Tigh Flihs, Laura Smith, Logan Scheel, Jack Hinrichs, Lauren Scheel, Jacob Scheel, Dylan Hinrichs, Bennett Suther, Max Suther, Hank Flihs, Rae Flihs, Charlotte Hinrichs and Louisa Hinrichs.

Casketbearers will be her grandchildren: Matthew Hinrichs, John Hinrichs, Adam Suther, Blake Anderson, Alex Suther, Taylor Anderson, Austin Suther, Heather Taylor, Shannon Scheel, Katie Anderson and Adrienne Flihs.



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Notice

Sugar Babes/Sweet Sensations dance groups registration is Wednesday, Sept. 3, at the Groton Community Center from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instructor Gwen Briscoe from Aberdeen ARCC will be offering a sixth, seventh and eighth grade dance team new this year! Call Gwen at 605/290-0410 or Kim at 605/380-7148 for more information.

Silver Skates Registration

Registration for the 2015 Carnival of Silver Skates will be on Sunday, September 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM, and again on Monday, September 8th from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Warming House in Groton. Be looking for your registration form coming to you via email and through the school as well. If you are going to be a participant in the Carnival, you MUST attend one of these registration dates to be measured for your costume. Thank you!!

Brotherton Thank You

I wish to send my heartfelt thank you to all of my friends for their cards, calls, and best wishes. I was delighted to visit with so many of you at my farewell party. I especially want to thank and bless my bridge playing friends for the many hours of playing cards, visiting, and enjoying each other's company. As I prepare to say "good bye" to Groton, I assure all of you that I will cherish these memories forever.

**Thank you and God bless,
Clare Brotherton**

Help Wanted

Wheatcrest Hills - New Wage Scale - is hiring for PT and FT CNA positions. We are looking for caring compassionate individuals to join our team. CNA certification training class to start September 15 and we have benefit packages available. Please stop in for application or contact Kristin at 605/448-2251. (0826.0902)

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING/ OPEN HOUSE**

Project P 0037(129)207; PCN 039K; BROWN COUNTY

SD37 from Aspen Avenue to US12 in Groton

Grading, Storm Sewer, Curb & Gutter, Sidewalk, Roadway Lighting, AC Surfacing

Date: September 4, 2014

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. CDT

Place: Groton Community Center
109 N. 3rd Street
Groton, SD 57445

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) will hold an open house style public meeting to discuss and receive public input on the above project. The open house will be informal, with one on one discussion with SDDOT design staff.

A presentation will take place shortly after 5:30 p.m. Afterwards, SDDOT staff will be available with displays to discuss the proposed project and answer your questions. During this time, you will also have the opportunity to present written comments.

Information will be available on the acquisition of right-of-way and relocation assistance. This project is being developed in compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this public meeting is being held in a physically accessible place. Any individuals with disabilities who will require a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should submit a request to the department's ADA Coordinator at 605-773-3540 or 1-800-877-1113 (Telecommunication Relay Services for the Deaf). Please request the accommodations no later than **2 business days prior to the meeting** in order to ensure accommodations are available.

All persons interested in this project are invited to attend this meeting to share your views and concerns any time between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

For further information regarding this project, contact Mark Leiferman, Chief Roadway Design Engineer at (605) 773-3433.

Information presented at the Public Meeting/Open House will be posted on the SDDOT web site after the meeting at <http://sddot.com/dot/publicmeetings/default.aspx>.

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Today in Weather History

Weather History

For Saturday, August 30, 2014

1776 - General Washington took advantage of a heavy fog to evacuate Long Island after a defeat. Adverse winds kept the British fleet from intervening. (David Ludlum)

1839 - A hurricane moved from Cape Hatteras NC to offshore New England. An unusual feature of the hurricane was the snow it helped produce, which whitened the Catskill Mountains of New York State. Considerable snow was also reported at Salem NY. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to twelve inches fell south of Houston, and as much as eighteen inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned fourteen tornadoes in three days. (David Ludlum) Record cold gripped the northeastern U.S. Thirty-one cities in New England reported record lows, and areas of Vermont received up to three inches of snow. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Eight cities in California and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date, including Redding CA and Sacramento CA where the mercury hit 100 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms drenched Georgia and the Carolinas with heavy rain, soaking Columbia, SC, with 4.10 inches in three hours. Fresno CA was the hot spot in the nation with a record high of 109 degrees. Duluth MN tied their record for the month of August with a morning low of 39 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in Montana and North Dakota during the evening and early nighttime hours. Hail three inches in diameter was reported 20 miles south of Medora ND, and thunderstorms over Dawson County MT produced up to three inches of rain. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail at Roundup MT, Dazey ND and Protection KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2003: Four children and their mother were killed when their minivan was washed from the Kansas

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Turnpike near Emporia after torrential rains flooded the highway.

1896: Castlewood recorded a low temperature of 30 degrees. This was the coldest temperature for the month of August, 1896 for the entire state of South Dakota.

1977: Street, underpass, and basement flooding resulted from near record to record rainfall in a four hour period in the Minneapolis and St. Paul Metropolitan Area. Reports of 6 to 7 inches of rainfall were reported in Hennepin County, causing extensive damage to 15 homes, with 365 homes and 8 businesses receiving partial damage.

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The advertisement is a rectangular graphic with a black border. At the top, it says "FRIDAY IS" in a black serif font, followed by "FRIED CHICKEN DAY" in a large, bold, brown sans-serif font. A single fried chicken drumstick is positioned behind the word "CHICKEN". Below this, there's a red starburst shape containing the text "Serving 5-9 p.m." in white. To the right of the starburst is a logo for "ANDOVER BAR & GRILL" featuring a grill, a beer mug, and flames. Below the starburst, there's an illustration of a platter of wings with the text "WE'VE GOT WINGS!" in a yellow, winged font, and "Every Wednesday!" below it. At the bottom right, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a red serif font.

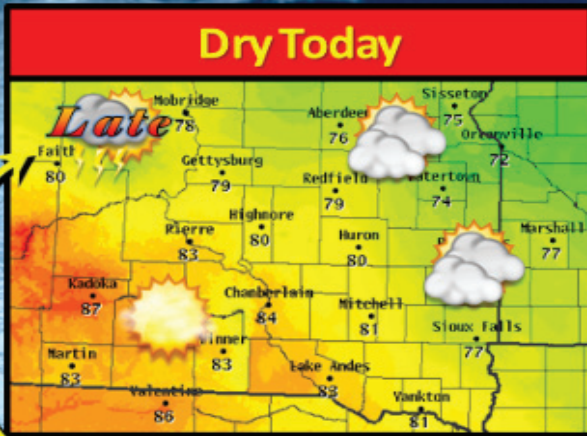
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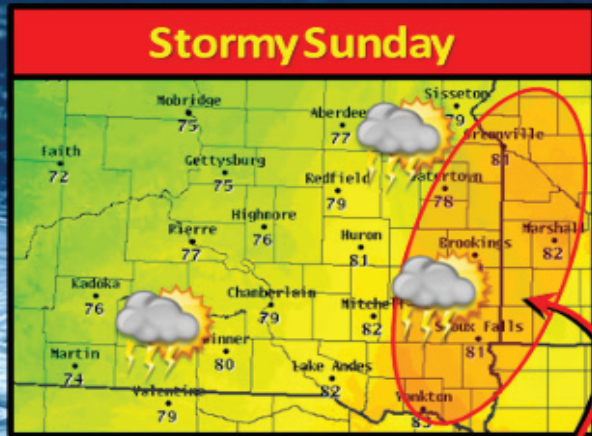
TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	LABOR DAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Sunny
High: 75 °F	Low: 63 °F	High: 77 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 53 °F	High: 77 °F

Unsettled Tonight & Sunday

Dry Today

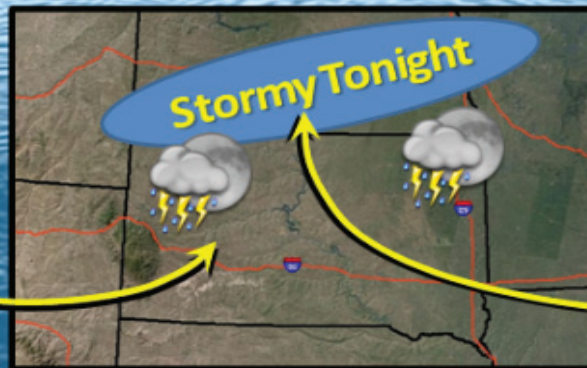


Stormy Sunday



Storms Move In
Late Afternoon

Storms Overnight
20-40% Chance



Severe Storms?
Far Eastern SD
& Western MN

Best Chance:
North Dakota
50-80% Overnight

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

Another weather system will move into the region today. Storms will develop west river this afternoon. Storms will continue east overnight, however the more favored location for rainfall will be North Dakota. Additional redevelopment of storms is expected for Sunday, with the possibility for severe weather across far eastern South Dakota and into western Minnesota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.6°F at 5:15 PM

Low: 61.4°F at 11:28 PM

High Gust: 25 mph 10:17 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1898

Record Low: 37° in 2003

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in Aug.: 2.27

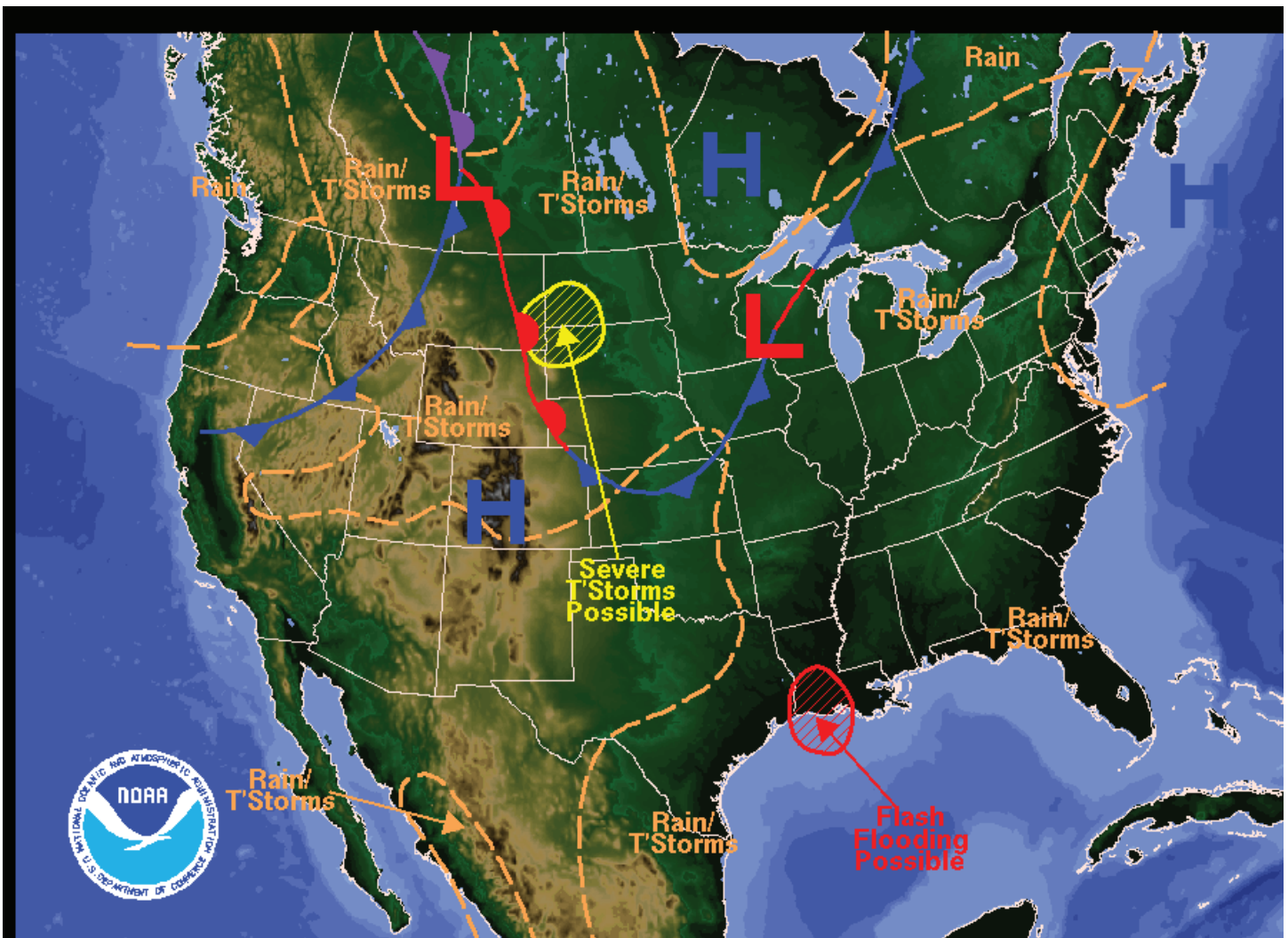
Precip to date in Aug.: 2.95

Average Precip to date: 16.13

Precip Year to Date: 11.93

Sunset Tonight: 8:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:54 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Aug 30, 2014, issued 4:29 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Monarski based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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Guarantees for anything and everything seem to be very popular. Most advertisers, manufacturers and marketing experts have combined their efforts to sell their products and give us the assurance that they will work - or else.

But that's nothing new. In fact a king made that claim about his God years ago. David said, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him."

He'd been through sickness and survived. He was hunted and escaped. He was emotionally drained and overwhelmed with guilt. He was so sick that his bones were wasting away. He watched as nations rose to prominence and collapsed. He saw armies that were well prepared lose battles. In fact, if we were to make a list of everything in his life that had gone wrong or if we were to compile a catalog of the disasters he faced and overcome in his life, it would be a book that would be very difficult to carry from one place to another. Yet, with no hesitation he said, "God's good! Try Him. You'll see!"

Prayer: Help us Father, to recognize Your goodness in our lives. May we see Your hand at work and rejoice! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Little SD-owned publishing house earns Wilder book

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The same author who made “Little House on the Prairie” a must-read for generations of people around the world could help a little state-owned publishing house hit the big time.

The South Dakota State Historical Society Press in Pierre, which has produced award-winning books for years, plans to publish “Pioneer Girl: The Annotated Autobiography” by Laura Ingalls Wilder in November, more than 80 years after she penned the beloved “Little House” series. The books were also adapted into a long-running TV show.

Nancy Koupal, the director of the press, said others have tried to publish the rough draft of the memoir in the past, but the press was the first to get approval from the Little House Heritage Trust, which maintains Laura Ingalls Wilder’s literary estate.

“What I’m told is that ... this was the right proposal at the right time,” she said. “That a serious historical and scholarly treatment of it was better than simply a commercial publication.”

The press typically publishes five to seven books annually, and Koupal said it has done fairly well since opening in 1997, winning 50 awards in 17 years. But Wilder’s memoir, which the author wrote for adults but ultimately used as the foundation for her children’s books, will draw in national and international fans of the famous series, she said.

Pamela Smith Hill, a young adult author and lead editor on the “Pioneer Girl” project, approached the press several years ago with the idea of trying to publish the memoir. Hill had previously written a Wilder biography for the historical society and drew heavily from the author’s rough draft, which piqued the interest of Wilder fans.

“So, the idea of the annotated version of ‘Pioneer Girl’ came directly from people who were writing me, asking me for access to the original manuscript,” she said.

Although it’s a big project, a scholarly press like the historical society is the right one to handle the memoir’s publication, Hill said.

“They also have solid credentials as being a publisher that knows how to produce and develop a book with serious historical merit,” she said. “So, in that sense, I don’t think it’s unusual for the press. But the size and scope of the book and its almost universal appeal, at least within the Laura Ingalls Wilder universe, is unusual.”

Sioux Falls ranked high for job seekers over 50

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A social media and marketing company ranked Sioux Falls among the best U.S. cities for people looking for a job who are older than 50.

Grandparents.com says it put South Dakota’s largest city at No. 2 on the list because of its low unemployment rate, strong job growth, diverse economy, variety of cultural activities and its presence of a workforce over 45 years old.

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Friday's Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Aberdeen Central 7, Sioux Falls Washington 6
Aberdeen Roncalli 42, Redfield/Doland 0
Alcester-Hudson 34, Baltic 6
Andes Central 28, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 12
Arlington 58, Elkton-Lake Benton 14
Avon 76, South Central 27
Bennett County 15, Todd County 6
Beresford 32, Flandreau 0
Bon Homme 18, Canton 6
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 54, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 26
Brookings 28, Huron 7
Canistota 50, Hanson 0
Clark/Willow Lake 52, Waubay/Summit 0
Crow Creek 40, Tiospa Zina Tribal 37
Custer 30, Newcastle, Wyo. 8
Deuel 68, Great Plains Lutheran 16
Douglas 35, Belle Fourche 12
Edgemont 26, Crawford, Neb. 20
Garretson 46, Chester 34
Gayville-Volin 31, Corsica/Stickney 8
Gregory 38, Colome 8
Hamlin 44, Tri-State 14
Harding County 20, Faith 14
Herreid/Selby Area 56, Timber Lake 20
Kadoka Area 34, Jones County 14
Langford 36, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 8
Lead-Deadwood 32, Pine Ridge 0
Linton-HMB, N.D. 20, Mobridge-Pollock 6
Lyman 20, Stanley County 12
Madison 36, Dell Rapids 33
Menno-Marion 43, Irene-Wakonda 6
Newell 46, Bison 12
Oakes, N.D. 36, Britton-Hecla 16
Parkston 42, Groton Area 0
Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian 39, Freeman 6
Potter County 38, Miller 8
Red Cloud 28, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 6
Scotland 48, Centerville 0
Sioux Falls Christian 22, Sioux Valley 19
Sioux Falls Lincoln 63, Rapid City Central 7
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 34, Rapid City Stevens 7

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Sioux Falls Roosevelt 42, Brandon Valley 34
Sully Buttes 62, Lower Brule 0
Sunshine Bible Academy 52, Northwestern 0
Tea Area 42, Elk Point-Jefferson 0
Tri-Valley 45, Wagner 6
Vermillion 26, Lennox 20
Viborg-Hurley 26, Parker 0
Wall 28, White River 6
Warner 32, Leola/Frederick 18
Waverly-South Shore 46, Florence/Henry 0
Webster 42, Wilmot 8
West Central 58, Dakota Valley 7
Winner 50, Chamberlain 0
Wolsey-Wessington 60, Highmore-Harrold 10
Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 42, Kimball/White Lake 28

Volleyball

Rapid City Stevens def. Pierre, 25-15, 25-10, 25-23

Missouri set for opener against South Dakota State

JAKE KREINBERG, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Braylon Webb has made 30 starts for Missouri, the most by any current Southeastern Conference safety. He still expects to have the “jitters” in the Tigers’ opener against an overmatched Football Championship Subdivision opponent.

The 24th-ranked Tigers host South Dakota State on Saturday. The Jackrabbits play in the Missouri Valley Football Conference and are 0-6 against Football Bowl Subdivision opponents since moving to Division I in 2004.

“A little bit of jitters,” Webb said. “I’m ready to get back out there. I’m excited.”

South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier said the matchup might be the toughest in school history.

“I don’t care where we go play,” Stiegelmeier said. “And surely our assistants and our players don’t work all those hours a week to go act like tourists. You want to do your best job.”

Defending SEC East champion Missouri is 13-0 against Football Championship Subdivision teams. Missouri was picked to finish fourth in the division during the conference’s media days in July, providing a bit of extra motivation entering the season.

“It’s not about who we play or where we play,” Webb said. “It’s about how we play.”

South Dakota State is ranked 10th in the FCS coaches’ poll after reaching the playoffs last year and winning a school-record nine games. A league preseason poll predicted the Jackrabbits to finish second behind three-time defending national champion North Dakota State.

Here are key things to know about the first meeting between the schools.

TURNOVERS: Both teams thrived last season on the ability to halt their opponents’ momentum. Missouri has forced at least one turnover in 44 straight games dating to Oct. 30, 2010, the longest active streak in the country. A year ago, the Tigers ranked fifth nationally and first in the SEC both in turnover margin per game (plus-1.14) and total interceptions (20). South Dakota State led the Missouri Valley with a plus-1.07 turnover margin and 22 interceptions.

ZACH ZENNER: The Jackrabbits’ running back is one of two FCS players ever to have two 2,000-yards

rushing seasons and needs only 218 more yards to tie Western Illinois' Herb Donaldson for the conference's career rushing mark at 4,746. Zenner will have to contend Saturday, though, with a Missouri defensive line that led the SEC with 41 sacks and 108 tackles for loss last season.

MISSOURI'S OFFENSE: Maty Mauk takes over at quarterback with four career starts and a 51.1 career completion percentage, and he won't have the Tigers' top three receivers and top running back from last season to turn to for help. He will, however, have five upperclassmen protecting him on the offensive line. How the offense gels as a unit is one of the team's biggest question marks entering the season.

AUSTIN SUMNER: South Dakota State's quarterback already holds school records in completions (631), attempts (1,085) and passing yards (7,824). His favorite target will be first-team all-MVFC receiver Jason Schneider, who had a school-record 78 catches for 1,088 yards and 10 touchdowns a year ago. But the Jackrabbits need other receivers to emerge after the graduations of Trevor Tiefenthaler (45 catches, 547 yards) and Brandon Hubert (36 catches, 423 yards, four touchdowns).

5 things to know about South Dakota's election

The Associated Press

Candidates for South Dakota's U.S. Senate and House seats and governor have met in at least one debate. As the campaign heats up after Labor Day, here are five top-of-the-ticket candidates to watch as the November election nears:

MIKE ROUNDS

The former GOP governor enjoys front-runner status in the U.S. Senate race but is taking a lot of heat from his three opponents over allegations that the Governor's Office of Economic Development misappropriated money during his tenure. He said he has cooperated with investigators and will continue to do so.

GOV. DENNIS DAUGAARD

The Republican seeking a second four-year term is running on a platform touting fiscal belt-tightening but drew some ire for cutting education and health care funding in the 2011 budget. He also has been asked to detail what he knows about the economic development office's operations when he was lieutenant governor under Rounds.

REP. SUSAN WISMER

The Democratic representative, who is South Dakota's first female nominee for governor from a major party, is critical of Daugaard's handling of the budget. She also offered to let another Democrat sit in her spot at a Sept. 24 legislative panel looking into the economic development office, saying she's willing to step aside if her candidacy is a conflict.

RICK WEILAND

The Democratic businessman and longtime aide to former U.S. Sen. Tom Daschle has largely campaigned on a platform of not having big out-of-state donors, which he says means he won't be beholden to them like Rounds would be. He called on Rounds to testify before the Sept. 24 committee hearing.

LARRY PRESSLER

The former U.S. congressman and senator is running for Senate as an independent and vowed to serve just one term if elected. He previously ran as a Republican but supports some Democratic ideals and politicians, so the question in November will be how much he pulls from Rounds and Weiland.

SD, other states settle lawsuit against Omnicare

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state's attorney general says South Dakota has recovered more than \$170,000 after settling a whistle blower lawsuit with a Cincinnati-based company that allegedly engaged in a kickback scheme with skilled-nursing facilities nationally.

A Friday statement from Attorney General Marty Jackley's office says Omnicare Inc., allegedly gave discounts to some skilled-nursing facilities to keep the company as their drug provider for elderly Medicare and Medicaid recipients.

The company is the nation's largest provider of drugs and pharmacy services to skilled-nursing facilities.

The federal government will retain about \$93,000 of the total amount recovered by South Dakota. The remaining \$78,000 will go to the state general fund to offset alleged Medicaid damages in the case.

Jackley's office says South Dakota worked with other states and the federal government on the matter.

South Dakota is realistic about facing No. 3 Ducks

ANNE M. PETERSON, AP Sports Writer

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — South Dakota coach Joe Glenn has no illusions about the Oregon team the Coyotes will face on Saturday night.

"We're going to go play one of the top talented teams in the country. We're going to see speed, probably, that we won't see again this season. We're going to see a quarterback who's supposed to win the Heisman Trophy," he said. "They're a very, very talented team. We all know that."

Oregon opens the season ranked No. 3 in the AP Top 25 after going 11-2 last season, capped by a victory over Texas in the Alamo Bowl. The Coyotes finished 4-8 overall and 3-5 in the Missouri Valley Football Conference last season.

Quarterback Marcus Mariota, who opted to return to the Ducks this season rather than declare for the NFL draft, is one of the main reasons Oregon has been selected to win the Pac-12 title this season.

Mariota threw for 3,665 yards and 31 touchdowns with only four interceptions last season. He also rushed for 715 yards and nine scores. His 4,380 yards of total offense set a school record.

While the game may appear to be a glorified scrimmage for Oregon, Mariota was still excited about it.

"All the emotions, all the great things about college football are still going to be there for us," he said. "We're very excited. We know Autzen is going to be crazy. It's a late kickoff and Autzen is always fun during that time. We're really looking forward to it."

More than anything, the game will provide Oregon with an opportunity to smooth out some of the rough edges before hosting No. 8 Michigan State the next weekend.

"As an offense, I want to be able to execute to the best of our abilities, to go out and start fast. We had a tendency last year to kind of start off a little slow, including myself," Mariota said. "That's one thing I want to see, and just continue to prepare and go out there and have fun with it and build a strong foundation for the rest of the season."

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The Coyotes are just looking to learn from the experience.

"Having to play a team like that, it can only make you better," Glenn said. "And that's what we'll do, we'll get better and come home and play the rest of the season."

Here are some other things to consider when Oregon hosts South Dakota on Saturday night:

MARIOTA MILESTONES: Oregon's junior QB needs one more touchdown to surpass Joey Harrington on Oregon's career list. Mariota has 63 passing scores, 14 rushing and one receiving. Harrington finished his career at Oregon with 59 passing, 18 rushing and one receiving. Mariota also needs four more passing touchdowns to break Oregon's career record of 66 held by Darron Thomas.

MARIOTA'S COUNTERPART: At quarterback the Coyotes have junior Kevin Earl, who started in the final eight games last season and finished with 1,920 yards passing and nine touchdowns. He ran for another three scores. His best game came against Northern Iowa, when he passed for 370 yards and three touchdowns in a 38-31 double overtime victory.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME: Over the past five seasons, Oregon has beaten up on opponents visiting Autzen Stadium by an average margin of victory of 28.7 points. The Ducks are tied with LSU for the best home record over that span, 33-2. Oregon also has the nation's third-longest sellout streak at 96 straight games dating back to 1999.

COYOTES LOSS, FALCONS GAIN: South Dakota's defense lost one of its leaders with the departure of Tyler Starr, who became the school's all-time sacks leader and was the MVFC Defensive player of the Year last year. Starr graduated to the Atlanta Falcons in this year's NFL draft.

BRUISE BROTHERS: With running back Jasper Sanders sidelined for all of last season with a wrist injury, the Coyotes saw the emergence of the so-called "Bruise Brothers," redshirt freshman Trevor Bouma and Jordan Roberts. Bouma ran for 781 yards and three touchdowns while Roberts ran for 544 yards and three TDs.

Counties to get trees grown in statehood project

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Trees growing in soil collected from all 66 counties will be delivered to sites across the state in the next two weeks, to help celebrate South Dakota's 125th anniversary of statehood this year.

The project dubbed "Grow: 66/125" was spearheaded by Plankinton teacher and artist Altman Studeny, who collected the soil from each county in June, mixed it together in 5-gallon buckets, and planted the bur oaks.

"Just as every county is uniquely itself, so is its soil," Studeny said. "But, only when all of those wonderful differences are combined can our state grow to be the type of forward-thinking environment that improves upon the dreams of the past to persevere long into the future."

The bur oak grows in each region of South Dakota and can live for centuries. A 50-foot-tall bur oak in Wessington Springs that is believed to be the state's oldest is thought to be almost 400 years old —long before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. It's a reminder that South Dakota's history began long before statehood, according to Studeny.

"The deeper one's roots, the more firmly does one stand when the gale winds blow," he said.

The trees have been on display in Pierre, along a walking path near the state Capitol. They will now be delivered to historic sites in each county, Gov. Dennis Daugaard said.

The trees could grow to full height in time for the state's bicentennial, 75 years from now.

South Dakota has been celebrating its quasiquicentennial all year, with events across the state. They will culminate with an event in Pierre on Nov. 1. President Benjamin Harrison on Nov. 2, 1889, signed

the admission papers for both South Dakota and North Dakota. North Dakota became the 39th state and South Dakota the 40th.

Highest number of North Dakota bee colonies ever

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The number of bee colonies in the nation's leading honey-producing state is on the rise, as is landowner acceptance of the boxlike colonies.

State and industry officials in North Dakota credit more beekeepers, a more concerted attempt to register colonies and a unique effort to help beekeepers and landowners live in harmony.

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring said 221 beekeepers have registered 510,000 colonies this year, compared to 205 beekeepers registering 482,500 colonies last year. More than 12,200 hive locations have been registered, compared to 11,000 last year.

Goehring said there has been a spike in registration compliance because of education and outreach done by his department's apiary staff. There also are more colonies because drought elsewhere has steered more beekeepers to North Dakota, said Will Nissen, a longtime Minot beekeeper and president of the North Dakota Beekeepers Association.

While other states, such as Montana and South Dakota, have strict limits on space between colonies, "North Dakota is kind of a 'bring-'em-on in' state," he said.

Goehring also said complaints about bee colonies are on the decline. There have been 24 complaints this year, less than half of the 59 last year at the same time, according to State Apiary Inspector Samantha Brunner. One reason might be the state's Pollinator Plan.

North Dakota last year became the first state to heed the call of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture to develop a plan to help beekeepers and landowners resolve differences while protecting honeybees, in the hope of reversing the effects of colony collapse disorder. A federal report blames a combination of factors including a parasitic mite, multiple viruses, bacteria, poor nutrition, genetics, habitat loss and pesticides for the loss of as much as one-third of the nation's bees each winter since 2006.

"The Pollinator Plan was developed in response to a growing need for a balanced public policy that mitigates risk to honey bees, while minimizing the impact of that mitigation on production agriculture to prevent unintended consequences," Goehring said.

North Dakota's eight-page plan was based on information gathered at meetings of beekeepers, growers, pesticide applicators, crop consultants and others.

"A lot of this is simple — getting to know what a beekeeper needs, and what a farmer needs," Nissen said, adding that efforts to improve relations and improve the industry are "heading in the right direction."

North Dakota has led the nation in honey production for the past decade, and last year produced more than 33 million pounds of honey, 22 percent of the national total.

Child immunization rates up in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Health Department says a national survey shows that child immunization rates are up in the state.

State Epidemiologist Lon Kightlinger says more South Dakota preschoolers are getting immunized for pertussis, polio, rotavirus and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

He says that's good news but there's still work to be done, including increasing rates for older children.

Upgrading Pierre stadium would cost \$1.2 million

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials say upgrading Hyde Stadium in Pierre would cost \$1.2 million. The stadium is home to high school, youth, American Legion and amateur baseball teams. It also hosts middle school football practices.

The 79-year-old stadium has an old lighting system, bathrooms that are not accessible to the disabled, and dugouts that flood in heavy rains.

The American Legion post is proposing to split the project cost with the city, to get the project started next year. The City Commission would have to approve funding.

AP News in Brief

Ukraine says fighter jet shot down by Russian missile

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian forces say one of their fighter jets has been shot down by a Russian missile in combat against Russia-backed separatists in eastern Ukraine.

A brief statement posted Saturday on the Facebook page for the so-called operation against separatists said the Su-25 was hit on Friday, and that the pilot ejected and was uninjured. The statement said the plane was hit by a missile from a Russian launcher, but did not give more detail.

NATO estimates that at least 1,000 Russian soldiers are in Ukraine and Kiev claimed this week that Russian tanks and armored vehicles entered the country as rebels open a new front along the Azov Sea coast. Russia consistently denies both that its forces are in Ukraine and allegations that it is supplying the rebels.

Until this week, the fighting had been concentrated well inland. But rebels this week took control of the town of Novoazovsk with the apparent aim of pushing further west along the coast which connects Russia to the Russia-annexed Crimean Peninsula.

The expansion of the four-month-old conflict raised strong calls by the West for Russia to back off its involvement in Ukraine.

Syrian rebels holding 44 Fijian peacekeepers hostage attack Philippine troops in Golan Heights

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Syrian rebels holding dozens of Fijian U.N. peacekeepers hostage attacked Filipino troops in the Golan Heights on Saturday, Philippine officials said.

Philippine peacekeepers at one U.N. encampment were attacked, but those at another were "extricated," Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin told reporters in a series of text messages, adding that the attack started early Saturday Syrian time.

Philippine military spokesman Lt. Col. Ramon Zagala told reporters, "There is an ongoing firefight, but all Filipinos are safe."

There were 40 Filipino troops in the encampment that came under attack, and 35 in the second, according to the Philippine military.

The Syrian rebels seized 44 Fijian peacekeepers on Thursday. The rebels then demanded that the 75 Filipinos manning two separate U.N. encampments 4 kilometers (2.5 miles) apart surrender their weapons, but they refused.

Nicaraguan official: 11 of 24 miners trapped in gold mine have been rescued

BONANZA, Nicaragua (AP) — The first 11 of 24 freelance gold miners trapped by a collapse in a mine in northern Nicaragua have been rescued and crews were working early Saturday to free more, officials said.

The men walked out of the mine on their own as their relatives and fellow miners cheered late Friday night, more than 24 hours after a collapse at the El Comal gold and silver mine in the town of Bonanza left them cut off in a mine shaft.

Rescued miner Marvin Urbina, 34, said he and some of his fellow miners saw an avalanche of mud and rock coming their way. They stuck to the walls of the mine but at least four of their co-workers were crushed by the mud and rock streaming down the shaft, he said.

"I asked God to let me live and he listened to me and now I will serve Him," an emotional Urbina told Channel 6.

Interior Vice Minister Carlos Najar said the miners were a bit dehydrated but in good health.

Texas abortion clinics spared imminent closure after federal judge tosses out new restrictions

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tough new Texas abortion restrictions are on hold after a federal judge found Republican-led efforts to hold abortion clinics to hospital-level operating standards unconstitutional in a ruling that spares more than a dozen clinics from imminent closure.

The state vowed to quickly appeal Friday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel in Austin, who cited other rules GOP lawmakers have recently passed in his decision to throw out requirements that clinics meet hospital operating standards.

Those prior abortion restrictions include mandatory sonograms and a 24-hour waiting period after a woman first seeks out an abortion.

"These substantial obstacles have reached a tipping point," Yeakel wrote in a 21-page opinion.

Yeakel sided with clinics that sued over one of the most disputed measures of a sweeping anti-abortion bill signed by Republican Gov. Rick Perry in 2013. The ruling stops new clinic requirements that would have left seven abortion facilities in Texas come Monday, when the law was set to take effect.

International group says Gaza housing reconstruction to take 20 years

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — An international organization involved in assessing post-conflict reconstruction says it will take 20 years for Gaza's battered and neglected housing stock to be rebuilt following the war between Hamas and Israel.

Shelter Cluster, co-chaired by the U.N. refugee agency and the Red Cross, says 17,000 Gaza housing units were destroyed or severely damaged during the war and 5,000 units still need work after damage sustained in previous military campaigns. In addition, it says, Gaza has a housing deficit of 75,000 units.

In a report circulated late Friday, Shelter Cluster says its 20-year assessment is based on the capacity of the main Israel-Gaza cargo crossing to handle 100 trucks of construction materials daily.

Over 2,100 Palestinians, most civilians, died in the war. Israel lost 71 people, all but six soldiers.

Those with health coverage through Obama's law may face a challenge in getting tax-return form

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you got health coverage through President Barack Obama's law this year, you'll need a new form from your insurance exchange before you can file your tax return next spring.

Some tax professionals are worried that federal and state insurance marketplaces won't be able to get those forms out in time, creating the risk of delayed tax refunds for millions of consumers.

The same federal agency that had trouble launching HealthCare.gov last fall is facing the heaviest lift.

The Health and Human Services Department must send out millions of the forms, which are like W-2s for people getting tax credits to help pay health insurance premiums.

The form is called a 1095-A, and it lists who in each household has health coverage and how much the government paid each month to subsidize their premiums. Nearly 5 million people have gotten subsidies through HealthCare.gov.

Suicide truck bomber targets intelligence office in Afghanistan, killing 2, officials say

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber in a truck blew himself up at an intelligence headquarters in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least two people and setting off an intense firefight with security forces, officials said.

After the bombing outside the headquarters of the National Directorate of Security in Jalalabad, militants battled with security forces for an hour before authorities were able to put down the attack, said Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, a spokesman for the Nangarhar governor.

He would not say how many attackers were involved or whether they were all killed or some escaped. He said authorities were searching the grounds.

Abdulzai put the death toll at two and said they were both from the NDS, but Najibullah Kamawal, the top provincial health official, said six bodies had been brought to the hospital.

Conflicting death tolls are common in the immediate aftermath of such bombings.

Amid Chinese assertiveness in South China Sea, territorial dispute with India goes unnoticed

NEW DELHI (AP) — For more than 50 years, it has pitted India against China — a smoldering dispute over who should control a swath of land larger than Austria. Two militaries have skirmished. A brief, bloody war has been fought. And today, thousands of soldiers from both countries sit deployed along their shared frontier, doing little but watching each other.

But as Beijing confronts countries across the South China and East China seas, displaying its diplomatic and strategic strength in a series of increasingly dangerous territorial disputes, the India-China standoff results in almost nothing beyond regular diplomatic talks and professions of international friendship.

Because the last thing the world's two most populous countries want right now is war with each other. Not when things are going so well.

"The territorial issues and the sovereignty issues have not gone away," said Sujit Dutta, a China scholar at New Delhi's Jamia Millia Islamia University. "But the Chinese are not pushing further (into the disputed regions) and neither are the Indians."

"Today, India and China have a new context for their relationship," he said.

Obama's pre-election delay on immigration throws lawmakers on both sides off balance

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's possible delay in taking action on immigration has thrown advocates and lawmakers from both parties a curveball, barely two months before the midterm elections.

Democrats who were bracing for the impact that Obama's long-awaited announcement would have on their campaigns are now rethinking aspects of their strategy for the fall. Republicans who were considering legislative attempts to block Obama must reconsider whether that's the best use of the few remaining work weeks before Election Day.

And immigration advocates, already frustrated by how long it's taken Obama to act, must decide whether to pressure the president publicly to stop stalling or remain hopeful he'll give them a favorable outcome in the end.

Obama in June said that by the end of the summer, he'd announce what steps he had decided to take to fix the nation's immigration system in the absence of a legislative fix from Capitol Hill. But Obama backed away from that deadline on Thursday, and the White House on Friday acknowledged it was possible the decision would slip past the end of summer. It was unclear whether any delay would be a mere matter of weeks or could push the announcement past the November elections.

"The president is determined to take the kinds of steps that are available to him," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest. But he added he had no details about when that would happen.

Liberia reopens slum in capital that was barricaded to contain Ebola outbreak

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Crowds celebrated in the streets of Liberia's capital on Saturday after authorities reopened a slum where tens of thousands of people had been barricaded for more than a week to contain the country's Ebola outbreak.

The blockade of the West Point neighborhood had sparked unrest as residents feared running out of food and safe water on the peninsula.

Lifting the quarantine Saturday morning doesn't mean there is no Ebola in the West Point slum, said Information Minister Lewis Brown. Authorities, though, are more confident now that they can work with residents to screen for the sick, he said.

"They're comfortable with the way the leadership and the community is working with the health team to make sure that the community remains safe," he said.

Liberia has been the hardest hit of the five countries with Ebola cases in West Africa, reporting at least 694 deaths among 1,378 cases. More than 3,000 cases have been reported across Liberia, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Nigeria, and on Friday Senegal announced its first case.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, August 30, the 242nd day of 2014. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 30, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

On this date:

In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln).

In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1945, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News and World Report, as a spy a week after American officials arrested Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations, on espionage charges in New York. (Both men were later released.)

In 1987, a redesigned space shuttle booster, created in the wake of the Challenger disaster, roared into life in its first full-scale test-firing near Brigham City, Utah.

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN') declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: Republicans opened their national convention in New York, with speakers belittling Democratic Sen. John Kerry as a shift-in-the-wind campaigner unworthy of the White House and lavishing praise on President George W. Bush as a steady, decisive leader in an age of terrorism. President Bush ignited a Democratic inferno of criticism by suggesting on NBC's "Today" show that an all-out victory against terrorism might not be possible.

Five years ago: Voters in Japan ousted the country's conservatives after more than a half century of rule and put the untested Democratic Party of Japan in control. The space shuttle Discovery docked at the international space station, delivering a full load of gear and science experiments. Chula Vista, California, came up big late to win the Little League World Series, defeating Taoyuan, Taiwan, 6-3.

One year ago: Indonesia's highest court upheld a death sentence for Lindsay Sandiford, a British woman convicted of smuggling \$2.5 million worth of cocaine into the resort island of Bali. Seamus Heaney, 74, who won the Nobel Prize for literature and gained a global reputation as Ireland's greatest poet since William Butler Yeats, died in Dublin.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Daily is 87. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 75. Actor Ben Jones is 73. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 71. Olympic gold medal skier Jean-Claude Killy is 71. Actress Peggy Lipton is 67. Comedian Lewis Black is 66. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 63. Actor David Paymer is 60. Jazz musician Gerald Albright is 57. Actor Michael Chiklis is 51. Music producer Robert Clivilles is 50. Actress Michael Michele is 48. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 46. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 43. Rock singer-musician Lars Frederiksen (Rancid) is 43. Actress Cameron Diaz is 42. Rock musician Leon Caffrey (Space) is 41. TV personality Lisa Ling is 41. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 40. Actor Michael Gladis is 37. Rock musician Matt Taul (Tantric; Days of the New) is 36. Tennis player Andy Roddick is 32. Rock musician Ryan Ross is 28. Actor Cameron Finley is 27.

Thought for Today: "Walk on air against your better judgement." - Seamus Heaney (1939-2013).