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Tuesday, September 2

Senior Menu: Roast Beef, Potatoes/Carrots/Onions, Gravy, Honey Dew Melon or Peaches, Dinner Roll.

School Lunch: Mini corndog, baked beans, carrots and dip, fresh fruit, canned fruit.

School Breakfast: Egg omelet, cereal, juice, milk,

Birthdays: Kylie Hawkins • Marvel Washnok • Brad Larson • Austin Schuelke • Jackson Doeden • Katie Osterman • Lee Schinkel

10:00am: Boys Golf: Hub City Invite at Lee Park

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

4:00pm: Cross Country at Britton-Hecla

5:15pm: Volleyball hosts Ipswich with C match

7:00pm: City Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 3

Senior Menu: BBQ Chicken, Rosemary Red Potatoes, Old Fashioned Slaw, Strawberry Jello Dessert, Whole Wheat Bread.

School Lunch: Submarine, baked chips, veg and dip, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, fruit, juice, milk, cereal.

Birthdays: Amanda Sippel • Douglas Craig • Duane Flihs • Orv Schaller • Lars Tunby

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

Thursday, September 4

Senior Menu: Herbed Roast Pork, Baked Potato/S.Cream, Lemon Buttered Broccoli, Cinnamon Applesauce, Whole Wheat Bread.

School Lunch: Lasagna, corn, tea bun, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit, juice, milk.

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

605-725-WOOD

Mason Dinger: 605-216-6098

Trevor Zeck: 605-216-8910



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

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Roofing project almost done

It was my first World of Experience roofing project. It was three years overdue, but we finally got most of it done over the Labor Day weekend. It started Friday when I deshingled the west side of the roof. Paul and Hanne-Marit Estwick of Sisseton, the owners of HRH Mobile Home Park in Groton, were a huge help for me in this project. Paul Estwick was basically the brains of the operation. Both had lots of experience in roofing projects.

Once I got the west side deshingled on Friday, Paul and I worked into the dark getting tar paper rolled out on it in case it rained over night. We finished up right at 9:25 p.m. Tina ended up doing a double shift at the Dairy Queen as I was scheduled to work Friday night. Thanks dear for doing that!

I spent most of Saturday getting the east side deshingled. The roof doesn't seem so big, until you are doing the whole thing. We have the dormer on the east side and that took extra time to deshingle. While I did that, Paul and Hanne started shingling the west side. They got about half

Above Photo: The deshingling of the west side of the roof began. The photo below shows the almost completed roofing project. The top right photo features Paul Kosel tearing off the old shingles.



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done on the west side and then had to switch to covering up the east side. That meant putting down the tar paper the long way, then having to do it differently on the dormer side. We got done covering it up at around 10 p.m. Saturday.

I arrived home from church at 11:30 a.m. Sunday and we went right to work. We finished shingling the west side and then started on the long part on the east side. Then it started to rain. We worked through the light showers, then it got heavier so we had to quit and cover up the air compressor and get other tools under cover. At about 5 p.m., we were done for the day.

Bright and early Monday morning rolls around we got started a little after 8 a.m. We finished shingling the long side of the east side, then started on the dormers. Boy, talk about a long drawn out process. It was also quite warm on the roof and Tina kept us supplied with water and ice.

You have a snap a chalk line in the valley. It was quite warm so Paul had to cut the shingles as we went along; otherwise, the tar would leave a mark. He had his hook blade that he used for trimming the valley shingles. About half ways up the south side of the dormer, our worst fears started to come true. We were going to run out of shingles. Sure enough, by 5 p.m., we used our last bundle of shingles. We ended up three bundles short. So we still have the north side of the dormer and two rows across the top of the south side yet to do. The ridge cap was all put into place across the length of the house. Then it was time to pack up for the day and wait for the arrival of the extra shingles.

So what did I think about my first shingle project. I actually thought it was really neat, but it's not as easy as it looks. There are a lot of technicalities that go into a simple, complex project.

All I can say is THANKS A MILLION, Paul and Hanne, for helping me with my shingling project.



Santa even paid us a visit while we were shingling the roof. He was not happy when we permanently removed a chimney. Cute Jeslyn.



Hanne and Paul Estwick putting on the first row of shingles.

Social Security to Resume Mailed Benefit Statements

By Jason Alderman

Call it a paperless experiment that didn't quite pan out. In 2011, a budget-strapped Social Security Administration (SSA) stopped mailing annual benefit statements to workers over 25 in order to save \$70 million on annual printing and mailing costs.

In return, the agency launched the "my Social Security" online tool that allows 24/7 access to your statement, as well as other helpful information. (Your statement shows a complete record of your taxable earnings as well as estimated retirement, disability and survivor benefits.)

Although more than 13 million people have opened accounts, that's only about 6 percent of the American workforce. With millions of Baby Boomers at or approaching retirement age, Congress was justifiably concerned that not enough people were accessing this critical retirement-planning tool.

That's why this month SSA will resume mailing paper statements every five years to workers from ages 25 to 60, provided they haven't already signed up for online statements. The expectation is that more people will migrate to electronic services over time, as Social Security continues to close field offices and reduce in-office paperwork services – thanks to years of funding cutbacks.

The paper statements are a good first step, but creating an online account allows you to log in anytime and:

Estimate retirement, disability and survivor benefits available to you under different work, earnings and retirement-age scenarios.

Estimate benefits for which your family would be eligible when you receive Social Security or die.

View a list of your lifetime earnings to date, according to the agency's records.

See the estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes you've paid over your working career.

Find information about qualifying and signing up for Medicare.

Review topics to consider if you're 55 or older and thinking about retiring.

Read general information about Social Security.

Access calculators to estimate your projected benefits under different scenarios.

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Access a printable version of your Social Security statement.

To create an online account, go to the "my Social Security" website (www.ssa.gov/myaccount). You must have a valid email address, Social Security number, U.S. mailing address and be at least age 18.

You'll need to verify your identity by providing personal information and answering questions whose answers only you should know. Social Security contracts with Experian to design these questions based on the credit bureau's records.

(Note: If you've got a security freeze or fraud alert on your Experian credit report, you'll either have to temporarily remove it or visit your local Social Security office – with proof of identity – to open an online account.)

Once your identity has been verified, you can create a password-protected account. Social Security emphasizes that you may sign into or create an account to access only your own information. Unauthorized use could subject you to criminal and/or civil penalties.

Review your statement at least annually to ensure the information on file for you is correct – for example, your yearly taxable earnings. Otherwise, when Social Security calculates your benefits at retirement, disability or death, you could be shortchanged; or, if your earnings were over-reported, you could end up owing the government money.

If you do find errors, call 800-772-1213, or visit your local office. You'll need copies of your W-2 form or tax return for any impacted years.

Bottom line: Even if retirement is a long way off, it's important to review your Social Security statement now to know what benefits you can expect – and to correct any mistakes well before you need to sign up.

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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.

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.

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!!

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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>.

Notice published twice at a cost of \$ _____.

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Sunday, Sept. 7 • 4-7 p.m.

Granary Rural Cultural Center, rural Groton, S.D.
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THE DAKOTA LOCAL FOOD CHALLENGE is a way for people in the Dakotas to get better connected to the land and the people who produce our food by eating food produced locally for two weeks in September.

Everyone who turns in a local food log will get a fun "I WENT LOCAL" T-shirt.

Sign up and get more info:
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Today in Weather History

1962: From 315 to 445 pm, hail fell in and around the Mobridge area. The hail ranged from 1 1/2 to 4 inches in diameter. The ground was covered up to 3 inches deep with drifts of 2-3 feet. At this time, the storm was one of the worst in recent history for damage.

1983: A tornado touched down in the late afternoon 3 miles west and 1 mile south of Polo in Hand county damaging buildings, machinery, and trees. The roof of a hog house was torn off and the north side of the building was destroyed. A haybuster was overturned. A barn was pulled several inches off of its foundation and numerous trees were destroyed. At a nearby farm, two outbuildings were destroyed, with two cows injured along with two calves killed.

1985: Intense thunderstorms moved from south central South Dakota to northeast South Dakota during the evening. Winds gusted to 60 to 70 mph over the area. Southwest of Presho, three small buildings were destroyed and barns were damaged. Power lines and other property were damaged near Vayland, Miller, Wessington, Wolsey, Kimball, White Lake, Armour, and Castlewood. Large hail caused considerable damage to crops.

1935 - Perhaps the most intense hurricane ever to hit the U.S. struck the Florida Keys with 200 mph winds. The hurricane produced a fifteen foot tide and waves thirty feet high. 400 persons perished in the storm on that Labor Day. The barometric pressure at Matecumbe Bay FL hits a record low for the U.S. of 26.35 inches. (David Ludlum)

1950 - The temperature at Mecca, CA, soared to 126 degrees to establish a U.S. record for the month of September. The low that morning was 89 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - After teasing residents along the Gulf of Mexico for two days, Hurricane Elena finally came ashore at Biloxi MS. The hurricane, packing winds of 127 mph, caused more than a billion dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Late evening thunderstorms in the Northern Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Jordan MT, and a ""hot flash"" at Redig SD. The temperature at Redig rose from 66 degrees at 10 PM to 86 degrees at 11 PM as thunderstorm winds gusted to 36 mph. Nine cities in the Upper Ohio Valley, the Tennessee Valley and the Central Gulf Coast States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins WV with a reading of 38 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




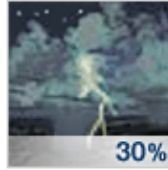



1988 - Unseasonably hot weather prevailed in the northwestern U.S. Afternoon highs of 98 degrees at Olympia WA, 98 degrees at Seattle WA, 105 degrees at Portland OR, and 110 degrees at Medford OR, established records for the month of September. Quillayute WA equalled their September record with an afternoon high of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Eight cities in the Gulf Coast Region reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the upper 90s. Houston TX and Port Arthur TX hit 99 degrees. Late evening thunderstorms, developing ahead of a cold front, produced wind gusts to 63 mph at Dickinson ND, and golf ball size hail in North Dakota and Nebraska. Winds along the cold front itself gusted to 62 mph at Buffalo SD. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2002: In Ladysmith, WI businesses were closed because of Labor Day. An F3 tornado touched down and damaged the area. Fortunately, no one was killed. The Wisconsin towns of Gilman and Wausau were also struck.

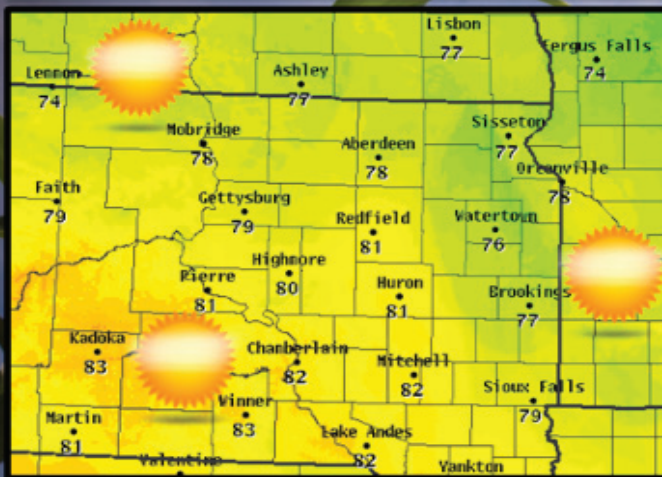
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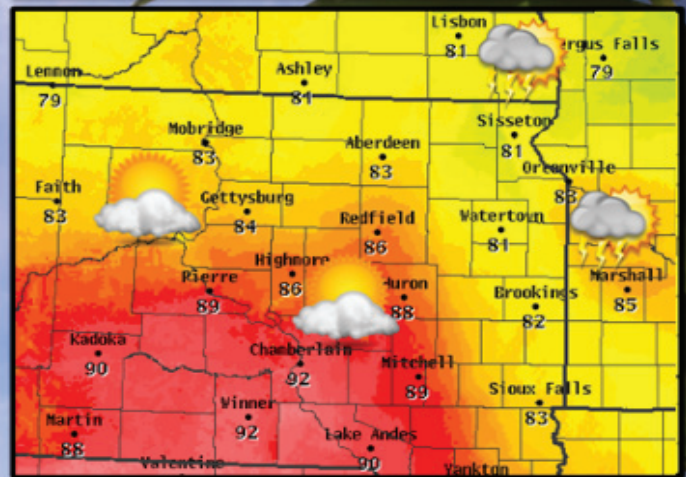
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Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Chance Thunderstorms	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 77 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 70 °F	Low: 48 °F	High: 68 °F

Seasonal Temps Today Warmer on Wednesday

High Temperatures Today



High Temps on Wednesday



National Weather Service Aberdeen



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weather.gov/Aberdeen

Thursday

Highs: 65° to 75°



Friday

Highs: 65° to 70°



Saturday

Highs: 70° to 75°



A surface high pressure drifting across the region today will bring seasonal temperatures along with dry conditions to the area. High temperatures today will range in the upper 70s, to the lower 80s. A developing low pressure system west of the region will bring warmer temperatures and increasing humidity to the area on Wednesday. There is a chance for thunderstorms for eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota on Wednesday.

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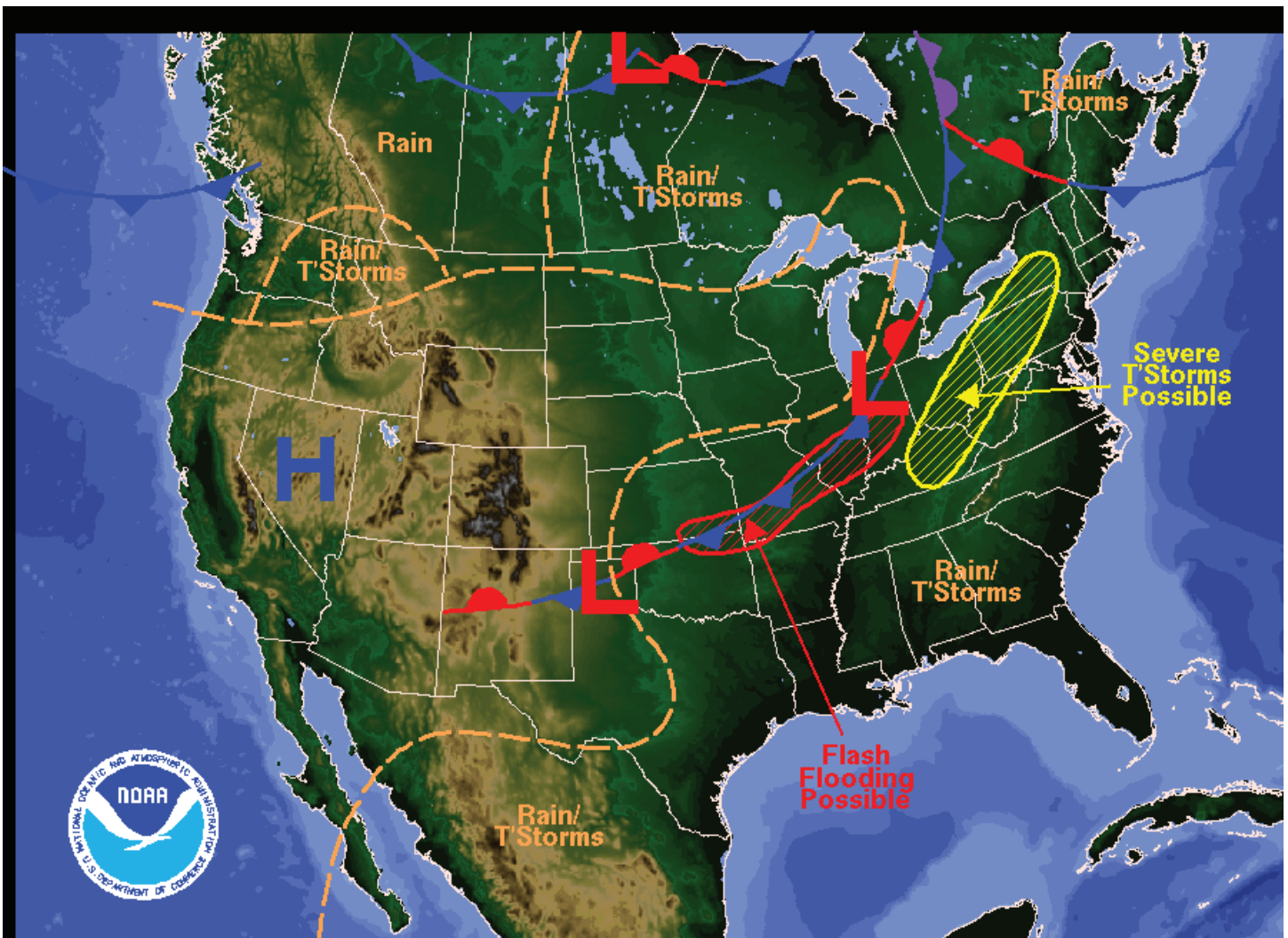
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.3°F
Low: 54.2°F
High Gust: 15 mph
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1983, 1898
Record Low: 35° in 1896
Average High: 78°F
Average Low: 52°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 0.08
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 16.37
Precip Year to Date: 11.93
Sunset Tonight: 8:09 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 02, 2014, issued 3:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



EXCLUDING GOD

Nations, like individuals, are destined to live or die. And both face the same choice: do what is right or do what is wrong. Right choices lead to eternal life and wrong choices that are not consistent with God's Word and His teachings, lead to death.

The Bible very clearly, carefully and consistently distinguishes the difference between right and wrong, righteousness and unrighteousness. And this distinction applies to cities as well as to citizens.

Individuals like Abel, Moses, Daniel and Paul took the right way. Men like Cain, Pharaoh, Herod and Judas took the wrong way.

Cities like Sodom and Gomorrah took the wrong way and perished. And the "international graveyards" of Ancient Rome, Babylon, Media, Persia, and Ancient Greece also provide historical proof of the fact that: "Righteousness exalts a nation, and sin is a reproach to any people."

The desolation, destruction and death of cities and nations are recorded on the pages of history. The evidence provided by archeologists to prove this fact is powerful and plentiful. Yet, many refuse to see and acknowledge the hand of God and the lessons from God that He has planted in the "sands of time."

However, to deny a fact will not make it go away nor will ignoring it excuse any person, city or nation from its consequences. Punishment for sin is awaiting those who refuse to accept the love, mercy and grace of God. But those who trust in and live for Him will be saved.

Prayer: Father, whether we like it or not, accept it or not, believe it or not, we will be judged by Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 9:17 The wicked go down to the realm of the dead, all the nations that forget God.

News from the Associated Press

Fargo is site for national ag research center

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The National Corn Growers Association has selected Fargo as the site for a national research center.

The St. Louis-based association considered North Dakota's largest city and Decatur, Illinois, for the National Agricultural Genotyping Center. Fargo was picked after visits by a selection committee.

The center will start operations in October at the federal Biosciences Research Laboratory on the North Dakota State University campus.

The center is a collaboration of the corn group and the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Its main goal will be to develop on-site tests for diseases in corn and other crops and for food-borne illnesses, enhancing both food production and food safety.

Legislators to discuss relaxing wine-shipping laws

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota legislators are hammering out the details of potential legislation that could allow for consumer-direct wine shipping in the state.

The Alcoholic Beverage Shipping and Distribution committee will meet in Pierre on Tuesday. Committee lawmakers will discuss whether to bring a bill to the full Legislature that would allow residents to get their favorite vintages shipped to them directly from wineries.

South Dakota is one of nine states that doesn't allow residents consumer-direct wine shipping.

One potential bill was drafted earlier this summer that would relax wine-shipping laws, but advocates said it was too restrictive.

Wagon train to start its trek to Pierre for 125th

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A wagon train leaves Yankton for Pierre this week as part of the state's 125th anniversary of statehood.

Before the procession leaves on Thursday, a public gathering will be held at the Yankton rodeo grounds in the afternoon and evening on Wednesday.

The program will include remarks from Gov. Dennis Daugaard, a speech by wagonmaster Gerald Kessler, a re-enactment of the first governor by actor John Timm, songs by the Beadle School first-graders. Also performing will be local country singers Rachel Wood and Ashley Schweitzer, singer Mike McDonald and re-enactors from the Missouri National Recreation River.

All events are free, but there is a charge for dinner.

The wagon train will follow an old trail and arrive in Pierre on Sept. 20.

Report: Midwest economic index inched up in August

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly economic survey index for nine Midwestern and Plains states rose slightly in August, suggesting growth is ahead.

A survey report issued Tuesday says the overall Mid-America Business Conditions Index inched up to 57.2 last month from 57.0 in July. The index had reached a three-year high of 60.6 in June.

Looking six months ahead, the business confidence portion of the overall index climbed to 60.4 from 60.0 in July. It had hit 63.6 in June.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers at Creighton University say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

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.

More women at the top of South Dakota's ballot

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — There is no such thing as a man's work and a woman's work on South Dakota's expansive farms, and that egalitarian mentality is pushing more women than ever to seek top statewide offices.

This November, they want to make sure South Dakota politics is no longer a boy's club.

The women's ambitions are visible — one's running for governor, two for lieutenant governor, one for secretary of state and Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem faces a woman Democrat for the state's lone Congressional seat — though it's unlikely immediate dominance will come about in this conservative, incumbent-friendly state.

Noem, seeking her third term, said it is imperative that women continue to run because leadership should reflect its population.

"Women have a tendency to need to be recruited more often than they make up their minds and decide to run," Noem said. "I think women want to see more women being recruited and serving as the majority of the population that votes is women. I think that would be a natural progression that could continue to happen."

The number of female voters has exceeded the number of male voters in every presidential election since 1964, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, and women have also outnumbered men among registered voters at least since 1980.

About 23 percent of South Dakota's 105 legislative seats are currently occupied by women — 1 percent below the national average cited by the National Conference of State Legislatures — and about 26 percent of candidates who made it through June's primary are women.

Democrats are challenging Republicans Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels this year with a two-woman ticket. Susan Wismer, a state representative from Britton, won the primary and chose Susy Blake as her running mate.

Wismer said the possibility of being the first woman to be nominated by a major party for the state's high office wasn't her motivation to enter the race, but she knows her supporters are excited about the prospect of a woman serving as governor.

"Democrats have a lot of strong women both incumbent legislators and new candidates in several districts," she said. "Each time I become aware of a new one I'm tickled because it's a great, great thing to see."

In South Dakota's judicial circles, Judith Meierhenry was heralded for becoming the first woman appointed to the state's Supreme Court in 2002. But she broke another barrier years before in 1988, when she became only the second female judge in South Dakota.

Now retired, Meierhenry said she believes it's people's attitudes that have brought more women into political and judicial circles.

"I think it would be expected that women can do the same kinds of jobs that men do and that there isn't that role differentiation between men and women that there would have been 50 years ago," Meierhenry said. "I think people expect that the institutions that they rely on reflect the percentage that they represent in society."

Despite their wide ideological differences, Noem and Wismer both said their childhoods shaped their politics-has-no-gender attitude.

"When I grew up in our family farm, my dad raised me that I could do anything that the boys could," Wismer said. "I never looked at a job as something that I couldn't do or wasn't open to me, and that's

a perspective that I've found it's extremely valuable to me in whatever comes my way."

Proposed wind farm in southeast SD nears 1st goal

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — An effort to start a wind farm in southeast South Dakota that could generate 1,000 megawatts of energy is almost at the halfway mark of its fundraising goal with the \$700,000 it has on the bank.

The planned Dakota Power Community Wind, which would run primarily east of Interstate 29, has a minimum goal of raising \$1.5 million, the Plain Talk (<http://bit.ly/1pjC8Ak>) reported.

"This was started out of a desire by local landowners to harness the wind energy in southern Lincoln County," said Brian Minish, the project's treasurer. "We have just under 23,000 acres under option with 100 landowners."

The Argus Leader newspaper reported that the developer is still seeking to enroll landowners, and even under an ideal timeframe, wind turbines wouldn't be erected before 2018. Minish has characterized the community wind group as a development entity that will design the Lincoln County project, secure the necessary local, state and federal permits and get the power sold.

Minish told the newspaper that the group will develop the site in Lincoln County with the expectation of selling it in about five years.

The project could generate as much as 1,000 megawatts from as many as 500 turbines.

Minish said a meteorological tower set on the site in April has shown the area is good for wind. He added that the efficiency of more than 40 percent — meaning the amount of time that a turbine would run at a desired speed — also ranks quite favorably compared to other projects.

Minish added that the project doesn't pose any health risks as some opponents have claimed.

Suspect in SD motel shooting still at large

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police in Rapid City say they are still searching for the 28-year-old male suspect in a motel shooting.

Police say the suspect in the Sunday morning shooting at the Colonial Motel has two other active warrants. One warrant is for aggravated eluding, DUI and reckless discharge or possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and the other is for failure to comply with a sentence.

Authorities say no one was injured during the incident at the motel.

The Rapid City and Pennington County Special Response Team was dispatched shortly after the incident to a residential area where authorities believed the suspect was hiding. Officers entered a home, but the man was not inside.

School of Mines helping Native American artists

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Researchers at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology are using 3-D imaging and other modern tools to reveal the history of Lakota artifacts and test how to ensure the pieces' authenticity through the use of invisible marks.

Metallurgical engineering professors Grant Crawford and Jon Kellar said the idea to study American Indian works was borne out of a program that helps undergraduate students do higher-level research. While engaging Native American students, they learned about the Indian Arts and Craft Act of 1990

that's intended to protect historic pieces from counterfeiters, Crawford said.

That led to collaboration with the Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which has an extensive collection of Native American art and relationships with Lakota elders who provided knowledge about historic pieces, he said.

By using 3-D imaging, researchers can look at items without disturbing them, which was a concern of elders because of the spiritual connection some pieces have to native people. For example, researchers learned more about a fragile child's moccasin from the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre and peered inside a century-old pouch without opening it, Crawford said.

"We learned this from talking with elders, opening the pouch, even if you don't damage it and put it back the way it was, that has some cultural sensitivities," said Crawford.

The researchers have also started testing how to put invisible marks on artwork and other valuable pieces to prove they're authentic.

Kellar said they embedded invisible QR codes on mock eagle feathers that are visible only with a specific wavelength of light. The idea is to help Native Americans protect their creative works, he said.

"They want us to do this," Kellar said. "They see value in this."

The effort includes staff at the Center for Security Printing and Anti-Counterfeiting Technology on the Rapid City campus, which is developing new ways to guard against forged money, pharmaceuticals, electronics and other items.

Counterfeiting of native art is a huge business, even with the 1990 law, and fake items cut into the livelihood of legitimate Native American artists, many of whom live below the poverty line, said Mary Bordeaux, formerly of the Heritage Center and now curator of the Indian Museum of North America at Crazy Horse Memorial.

"So when a buyer goes to purchase something, they can say, 'Yes, this definitely was made by a native person and it's real and it's not just someone trying to make money and capitalize on native culture,'" said Bordeaux, a Lakota from the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. RUSSIA'S GAINS CLOUD OBAMA'S ASSURANCES TO BALTICS

The president's efforts to convince former Soviet republics of his ironclad commitment to their security are complicated by the West's inability to halt Russian aggression.

2. ISLAMIC STATE GROUP ACCUSED OF WAR CRIMES

Amnesty International says the extremists have carried out a systematic campaign of mass killings, abductions and 'ethnic cleansing' in northern Iraq.

3. WHOM US DRONES TARGETED IN SOMALIA

A senior Somali intelligence official says the American military conducted an operation against the extremist al-Shabab network and its leader Ahmed Abdi Godane.

4. SYRIAN REBELS SET DEMANDS FOR FREEING UN TROOPS

Al-Qaida-linked militants holding 45 Fijian peacekeepers hostage want to be removed from a U.N. terrorist list and be compensated for the killing of three of their fighters in a shootout with international forces.

5. DETROIT'S HISTORIC BANKRUPTCY TRIAL TO BEGIN

The city's lawyers will attempt to convince a federal judge that its plans to wipe out billions of dollars

in debt should be approved.

6. 'STONED DRIVING' CONCERNS RISE AS STATES ALLOW POT

"We see the legalization of marijuana in Colorado and Washington as a wake-up call for all of us in highway safety," says Jonathan Adkins, executive director of Governors Highway Safety Association.

7. SURROGATE OFFERS CLUES INTO MAN WITH 16 BABIES

The industry that catered to foreigners has thrived on semi-secrecy, deception and legal loopholes, and Thailand's military government is vowing to shut it down.

8. HOW SOUTH AMERICA HACKERS RATTLE PERU'S GOVERNMENT

Emails stolen by the LulzSecPeru collective from the Peruvian Cabinet's network helped precipitate a no-confidence vote which the ministers barely survived.

9. FLORIDA TOWN SUSPENDS 2 POLICE CHIEFS AFTER TICKET QUOTA CLAIMS

Waldo, which has long had a reputation as a speed trap, is facing a scandal following allegations that its officers victimize motorists in order to turn a profit.

10. WHAT TENNIS' HOTTEST, GROSSEST RITUAL IS

The passing of the sweat-soaked towel has become one increasingly common ritual that stands apart for its ickiness.

AP News in Brief

For Obama, West's inability to stop Russian advances clouds reassurance message in the Baltics

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second time this year, President Barack Obama will travel to Russia's backyard to assure nervous nations of his ironclad commitment to their security. But his objectives will be clouded by the West's inability to halt the Russian aggression in Ukraine that has stoked fears in other former Soviet republics.

Fighting between Ukrainian forces and pro-Russia rebels continued in eastern Ukraine as Obama prepared to fly to Estonia for meetings with Baltic leaders and to Wales for a NATO summit. The Ukrainian government, NATO and Western nations say Russia has already sent troops, artillery and tanks across Ukraine's southeast border to reinforce the separatists, a claim Russia has denied.

While Obama has warned that Russian President Vladimir Putin could face more economic penalties, he also continues to resist calls for the U.S. to provide military support to help Ukrainian forces push back the Russian incursion.

The president's response to the Ukraine crisis is just one element of a broader foreign policy approach that is drawing criticism from both opponents and allies who fear the White House is being too tentative in the face of global threats.

"I think Putin has sized up the West and figured that the most difficult sanctions against Russia and the arms necessary for the Ukrainians to be able to defend themselves are not coming from the West, and we have to prove him wrong," said Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J.

In an attack that felt like 'an earthquake,' US forces hit Islamic extremists in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — U.S. military forces attacked the extremist al-Shabab network in Somalia Monday, the Pentagon said, and a witness described ground-shaking explosions in a strike that

reportedly targeted the group's leader.

Al-Shabab had attacked the upscale Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, killing at least 67 people a year ago this month and the U.S. had targeted planners of the bloody assault. There was no immediate comment from al-Shabab and U.S. commanders were waiting to determine the attack's outcome.

"U.S. military forces conducted an operation in Somalia today against the al-Shabaab network. We are assessing the results of the operation and will provide additional information as and when appropriate," said Pentagon Press Secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby.

After the U.S. strike Monday night in a forest south of Mogadishu, masked Islamic militants in the area arrested dozens of residents they suspected of spying for the U.S. and searched nearby homes, a resident said.

"Mass arrests just started, everyone is being detained," said Mohamed Ali, who lives in Sablale district. "They even searched nearby jungles and stopped the nomads transporting milk and grass to the towns for questioning."

Rights group accuses Islamic State militants of war crimes in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP) — An international rights group accused the extremist Islamic State group on Tuesday of carrying out a systematic campaign of "ethnic cleansing" in northern Iraq that includes mass killings, abductions and other war crimes.

In a new report, Amnesty International said militants have abducted "hundreds, if not thousands" of women and children who belong to the ancient Yazidi faith. The extremists also have rounded up Yazidi men and boys before killing them, the London-based group said.

The 26-page report adds to a growing body of evidence outlining the scope and extent of the Islamic State group's crimes since it began its sweep from Syria across neighboring Iraq in June. The militants have since seized much of northern and western Iraq, and have stretched as far as the outskirts of the Iraqi capital Baghdad.

On Monday, the United Nations' top human rights body approved a request by Iraq to open an investigation into alleged crimes committed by the Islamic State group against civilians. Its aim is to provide the Human Rights Council with a report and evidence that could shed further light on Iraqi atrocities and be used as part of any international war crimes prosecution.

In its report, Amnesty detailed how Islamic State group fighters expelled Christians, Shiites, Yazidis and others from their homes. It documented several cases where the militants rounded up Yazidi men and boys and killed them in groups after overrunning their ancestral lands in Iraq's far north.

Syrian rebels issue demands for release of captive UN peacekeepers

BEIRUT (AP) — Al-Qaida-linked Syrian rebels holding 45 Fijian peacekeepers hostage have issued a set of demands for their release, including the extremist group's removal from a U.N. terrorist list and compensation for the killing of three of its fighters in a shootout with international troops, an official said Tuesday.

The Nusra Front seized the Fijians on Thursday in the Golan Heights, where a 1,200-strong U.N. force monitors the buffer zone between Syria and Israel. The rebels also surrounded two Filipino units, but those U.N. troops escaped over the weekend.

Speaking in the Fijian capital of Suva, military commander Brig. Gen. Mosese Tikoitoga said the Nusra Front has made three demands for the peacekeepers' release: to be taken off the U.N. terrorist list; the delivery of humanitarian aid to parts of the Syrian capital of Damascus; and payment for three of its fighters it says were killed in a shootout with U.N. officers.

Tikoitoga did not say whether the rebels' demands would be seriously considered. He said the U.N. had sent hostage negotiators to Syria to take over discussions from military leaders.

"Negotiations have moved up to another level with the professional negotiators now in place," he said.

Historic bankruptcy trial starting in Detroit; city hopes to wipe out billions in debt

DETROIT (AP) — Lawyers for Detroit will attempt to convince a federal judge at the city's bankruptcy trial that its plans to wipe out billions of dollars in debt should be approved.

After some delays, the start of the trial Tuesday in U.S. District Court comes just over 13 months after Detroit became the largest U.S. city to file for bankruptcy.

Detroit expects to cut \$12 billion in unsecured debt to about \$5 billion, which is "more manageable," according to Bill Nowling, a spokesman for emergency manager Kevyn Orr.

Most creditors, including more than 30,000 retirees and city employees, have endorsed the plan of adjustment put together by Orr and his restructuring team.

The plan includes commitments from the state, major corporations, foundations and others to donate more than \$800 million over 20 years to soften cuts to city pensions. In return, pieces in the city-owned Detroit Institute of Arts would be placed into a trust to keep them from being sold to satisfy creditors.

Aide: Putin's statement about ability to take over Kiev in 2 weeks quoted out of context

MOSCOW (AP) — A Kremlin aide on Tuesday sharply criticized EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso for breaching confidentiality when he quoted President Vladimir Putin as saying Moscow could take over Kiev in two weeks, if it wished.

Yuri Ushakov, the Russian leader's foreign policy adviser, told reporters that Putin's statement was "taken out of context and carried a completely different meaning."

Ushakov lashed out at Barroso, saying it was a breach of diplomatic practices and "unworthy of a serious politician" to speak publicly about a private conversation.

Several European publications earlier this week cited diplomats quoting Barroso as saying that Putin had said in a private conversation that Russian forces could take over Ukraine's capital in two weeks' time, if they wished.

Putin's comment reportedly came in response to Barroso pointing out Ukrainian and Western claims that Russia had sharply escalated the conflict in eastern Ukraine by sending regular army units into Ukraine. NATO has estimated that at least 1,000 Russian soldiers have entered Ukraine, helping turn the tide in favor of pro-Russian insurgents.

A Thai surrogate's story offers clues to the mystery of a Japanese man and his 16 babies

BANGKOK (AP) — When the young Thai woman saw an online ad seeking surrogate mothers, it seemed like a life-altering deal: \$10,000 to help a foreign couple that wanted a child but couldn't conceive.

Wassana, a lifetime resident of the slums, viewed it as a nine-month solution to her family's debt. She didn't ask many questions.

In reality, there was no couple. There was instead a young man from Japan named Mitsutoki Shigeta, whom she met twice but who never spoke a word to her. This same man — reportedly the son of a Japanese billionaire — would go on to make surrogate babies with 10 other women in Thailand, police say, spending more than half a million dollars to father at least 16 children for reasons still unclear.

The mystery surrounding Shigeta has riveted Thailand and become the focal point of a growing scandal over commercial surrogacy. The industry that catered to foreigners has thrived on semi-secrecy, deception and legal loopholes, and Thailand's military government is vowing to shut it down.

Wassana's story, which she shared with The Associated Press on condition that her last name not be used to protect her family and 8-year-old son from embarrassment, offers clues into an extraordinarily complex puzzle that boils down to two questions: Who is Shigeta and why did he want so many babies?

7 years later, the memory of death and destruction in Baghdad's Nisoor Square fades

WASHINGTON (AP) — The summer-long trial of four Blackwater security guards in the shootings of more than 30 Iraqis has been a grim retelling of lives snuffed out and the daily life-and-death decisions amid the chaos of war.

Wrapping up almost 6,200 miles from Baghdad, the trial is the best hope the survivors and the families of the victims have for accountability for the violence at Nisoor Square on Sept. 16, 2007. After 10 weeks of arguments and testimony, the case goes to the jury Tuesday.

One of the guards, Nicholas Slatten, faces up to life imprisonment if convicted of first-degree murder. The other three — Paul Slough, Dustin Heard and Evan Liberty — face mandatory minimum sentences of 30 years in prison each if convicted on a gun charge and one other felony.

In the seven years of legal proceeding it took to get the case to trial, the world has largely moved on. But for federal prosecutors seeking prison terms — and for the accused and their defense lawyers looking for the jury's understanding — the case comes down to a question of justice.

To drive home the horror of permanently disabling gunshot wounds, prosecutors had one Iraqi witness partially disrobe to show his injuries to the jury of eight women and four men. The 12-person panel includes a few military veterans and government employees.

As states liberalize marijuana laws, risks of smoking pot before driving remain hazy

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York teenager Joseph Beer smoked marijuana, climbed into a Subaru Impreza with four friends and drove more than 100 mph before losing control. The car crashed into trees with such force that the vehicle split in half, killing his friends.

Beer, who was 17 in October 2012 when the crash occurred, pleaded guilty to aggravated vehicular

homicide and was sentenced last week to 5 years to 15 years in prison.

As states liberalize their marijuana laws, public officials and safety advocates worry there will be more drivers high on pot and a big increase in traffic deaths. It's not clear, though, whether those concerns are merited. Researchers are divided on the question. A prosecutor blamed the Beer crash on "speed and weed," but a jury that heard expert testimony on marijuana's effects at his trial deadlocked on a homicide charge and other felonies related to whether the teenager was impaired by marijuana. Beer was convicted of manslaughter and reckless driving charges.

Studies of marijuana's effects show that the drug can slow decision-making, decrease peripheral vision and impede multitasking, all of which are important driving skills. But unlike with alcohol, drivers high on pot tend to be aware that they are impaired and try to compensate by driving slowly, avoiding risky actions such as passing other cars, and allowing extra room between vehicles.

On the other hand, combining marijuana with alcohol appears to eliminate the pot smoker's exaggerated caution and to increase driving impairment beyond the effects of either substance alone.

Take my sweat, please: Passing of the sweaty towel becomes tennis' hottest, grossest ritual

NEW YORK (AP) — In a sport known for its genteel traditions, tennis has one increasingly common ritual that stands apart for its ickiness — the passing of the sweat-soaked towel.

It happens dozens of times in a long match and is in full glory on the courts at Flushing Meadows: Players call for a towel to be brought to them in the middle of a game, and they quickly wipe the sweat from their faces, sometimes even their necks, arms and legs.

And then, in a fluid motion that's become part of the culture of the men's and women's tours, they casually toss the sweaty rag back to the barehanded ballkid, to be stowed neatly away for the next rubdown. Take my sweat, please.

Longtime observers of the sport say it's enough to put the eeeewwww in U.S. Open.

"If it's not your sweat, it's pretty gross," said U.S. Davis Cup captain Jim Courier, who has followed the trend both as one of the world's top players and now as a tennis broadcaster. "I don't think that I would want my child to be lifting a towel full of sweat. ... I don't think that should be part of the job description."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, September 2, the 245th day of 2014. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.

In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1924, the Rudolf Friml operetta "Rose Marie" opened on Broadway.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

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In 1944, during World War II, Navy pilot Lt. (jg) George Herbert Walker Bush was shot down by Japanese forces as he completed a bombing run over the Bonin Islands. (Bush was rescued by the crew of the submarine USS Finback; his two crew members, however, died.)

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

In 1964, one of America's most decorated military heroes of World War I, Medal of Honor recipient Alvin C. York, died in Nashville at age 76.

In 1972, Dave Wottle of the United States won the men's 800-meter race at the Munich Summer Olympics.

In 1986, a judge in Los Angeles sentenced Cathy Evelyn Smith to three years in prison for involuntary manslaughter for her role in the 1982 drug overdose death of comedian John Belushi. (Smith served 18 months.)

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush summoned the nation toward victory over terrorism and economic security at home as he accepted his party's nomination for a second term at the Republican National Convention in New York. A military jury at Camp Pendleton, California, convicted Marine Sgt. Gary Pittman of dereliction of duty and abuse of prisoners at a makeshift detention camp in Iraq; Pittman was sentenced to 60 days of hard labor and demoted to private. A jury at Fort Lewis, Washington, convicted a National Guardsman of trying to help al-Qaida; Specialist Ryan G. Anderson was sentenced to life in prison.

Five years ago: Pfizer agreed to pay a record \$2.3 billion settlement for illegal drug promotion. A Taliban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving a mosque in Afghanistan, killing the country's deputy intelligence chief and 23 others. Gunmen killed 17 people at a drug rehabilitation center in Ciudad Juarez (SEE'-yoo-dahd wahr-EHZ'), Mexico. A magnitude-7.0 earthquake rocked Indonesia, killing dozens of people.

One year ago: France released an intelligence report alleging chemical weapons use by Syria that dovetailed with similar U.S. claims, as President Bashar Assad warned that any military strike against his country would spark an uncontrollable regional war. On her fifth try, U.S. endurance swimmer Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without the help of a shark cage.

Today's Birthdays: Dancer-actress Marge Champion is 95. Former Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R-Wyo., is 83. Actor-comedian Chuck McCann is 80. Former United States Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth is 77. Actor Derek Fowlds (TV: "Yes, Minister") is 77. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Gooden (The Impressions) is 75. Singer Jimmy Clanton is 74. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rosalind Ashford (Martha & the Vandellas) is 71. Singer Joe Simon is 71. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw is 66. Basketball Hall of Famer Nate Archibald is 66. Actor Mark Harmon is 63. Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., is 63. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jimmy Connors is 62. Actress Linda Purl is 59. Rock musician Jerry Augustyniak (10,000 Maniacs) is 56. Country musician Paul Deakin (The Mavericks) is 55. Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson is 54. Actor Keanu Reeves is 50. International Boxing Hall of Famer Lennox Lewis is 49. Actress Salma Hayek is 48. Actor Tuc Watkins is 48. Actress Kristen Cloke is 46. Actress Cynthia Watros is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer K-Ci is 45. Actor-comedian Katt Williams is 41. Actor Michael Lombardi is 40. Actress Tiffany Hines is 37. Rock musician Sam Rivers (Limp Bizkit) is 37. Actor Jonathan Kite is 35. Actress Allison Miller is 29. Rock musician Spencer Smith (Panic! at the Disco) is 27. Electronic music DJ/producer Zedd is 25.

Thought for Today: "If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (GU'-tuh), German poet, dramatist and author (1749-1832).