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**The site for the JV Football game vs Red/Dol on Monday, Sept 29th is now at DOLAND!**

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### Homecoming Week!

Wednesday: Disney Day  
Elementary School: Pajama Day

**School Breakfast:** French toast on stick, fruit, juice, milk, cereal.

**School Lunch:** Meatballs, oven browned potato, corn, fresh and canned fruit, tea bun.

**Senior Menu:** Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Peas, Tomato Spoon Salad, Carrot Bar, Whole Wheat Bread.

**Birthdays:** • Jesse Overacker • Charles Dirks  
• Ben Woodward • Turner Webb • Jerry Locke  
• Wade Marzahn

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

12:00pm: **Kiwanis meets at the Community Center**

6:00pm: Men's Night at Olive Grove

7:00pm: ELC Confirmation

King and Queen to St. John's Preschool 9:00-9:30 am & 12:50-1:15 pm.

King and Queen to Teddy Bear Daycare 10:00-10:30.

Senior volleyball players, girls' soccer players, golfers, and cross country runners to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.



## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

### Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is 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**

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## Classifieds

### Erickson Baby Shower

Open House Baby Shower for Haley Erickson, daughter of Seth & Megan Erickson, will be held Saturday, Sept. 27, 3:00-5:00 p.m., at Melissa Gilbert's Home, 402 N. Main St., Groton.

### 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.

### Cash Rent Land

Land for cash rent 274 tillable acres in Day County/Union Township/ Section one/Lots 1,2,3, and 4. Mail all bids to Judy A .Tobin 42343 130th St. Pierpont, SD 57468. Closing Date Sept. 29, 2014. (pd)

### Jungle Day Bazaar

Jungle Day Bazaar- Friday Sept. 26th, Groton Presbyterian Church. 11am-3pm. Food , Candy, Craft & White Elephant. Serving Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Barbecues, Pie, Coffee and Pop. Everyone Welcome!

### Wanted to Rent

Looking for a small house to rent around the Aberdeen area. 605/380-0959.

<b>Prime Rib</b> baked potato, salad \$18.50 Saturday, Sept. 27 Serving 6-9 p.m.	Mark Remily Karaoke <i>w/ Mark Remily</i> 8:30-1:30
 <b>Drink and Shot Specials all Night!</b>	
<b>120 S Main St. • 298-5252</b>	
Friday Night is Fried Chicken Day Wednesday is Wings Night	

## Warner beats Groton Area in volleyball

Warner came to town Tuesday night took home with them a clean sweep in volleyball matches. Warner won the varsity match, 3-0, with game scores of 25-14, 25-13 and 25-12. They won the junior varsity match, 2-0, with game scores of 25-16 and 25-12, and they won the C match, 2-0, with game scores of 25-14 and 25-18.

In serving, Groton was 33 of 39 with Ashley Gibbs being eight of nine and Marlee Jones seven of eight. Warner was 64 of 74 with 10 ace serves. Kaitlyn Rozell was 16 of 16 with four ace serves and Alexa Boesl was 11 of 12 with two ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 67 of 67 with nine assists. Courtney Kurtz was 64 of 64 with eight assists. Warner was 102 of 102 with 42 assists. Ashley Rozell was 51 of 51 with 23 assists and Reilly Fuhrman was 42 of 42 with 14 assists.

Groton was 60 of 71 in spikes with 10 kills. Tori Bjerke was nine of 11 with four kills and Josie Doeden was 15 of 16. Warner was 87 of 100 with 46 kills. Ashley Rozell was 28 of 30 with 17 kills and Jaici Schlosser was 24 of 26 with 17 kills.


Doeden had all four of Groton's blocks and Ashley Rozell had one for Warner.

Groton had 52 digs with Kasey Waage having 13 and Gibbs having 11. Warner had 45 digs with Kaitlyn Boesl having 22.



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Golden LivingCenter-Groton is accepting applications for:  
Full-Time Dietary Aide and Part-Time Cook

Full-Time night RN/LPN - \$1,000 sign-on bonus eligible  
Full-Time all shifts CNA - \$1,000 sign-on bonus eligible  
Part-Time/Casual CNA

To apply stop in at 1106 N 2nd St., Groton, or call 605/397-2365. EOE/M/F/D/V

**Come and Meet the Democrat Candidates**  
**1/2 Hour after the Groton Homecoming Parade**  
**Friday, Sept. 26 ~ Groton Community Center**  
**Tom Fishbach for County Commissioner**  
**Louie Liebig for County Commissioner**  
**Paul Dennert for County Commissioner**  
**Chuck Welke for District 2 Senate**  
**Natasha Noethich for District 2 House**  
**John Graham for District 2 House**  
**Maxine Fisher for County Auditor**



## Today in Weather History

1986: Thunderstorm high winds along with several tornados brought damage to parts of western and central South Dakota from the late evening in the morning hours of the 25th. Winds were estimated up to 80 mph. Many trees and power poles were downed along with damage to many buildings. The tornadoes occurred near Newell, east of Cedar Butte, west of Murdo, 20 miles northwest of Pierre, and northwest of Ridgeview in Dewey County.

1992: South winds gusting to 50 to 55 mph across northeast South Dakota during the day toppled several trees and light poles. In Aberdeen, a front window was blown out of a store.

1926 - The temperature at Yellowstone Park dipped to nine degrees below zero. It was the coldest reading of record in the U.S. during September. Severe freezes were widespread over the northwestern U.S. causing great crop destruction. In Washington State, Spokane County experienced their earliest snow of record. Harney Branch Experiment Station in Oregon reported a temperature of 2 degrees above zero to establish a state record for the month of September. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1950 - A smoke pall from western Canada forest fires covered much of the eastern U.S. Daylight was reduced to nighttime darkness in parts of the Northeast. The color of the sun varied from pink to purple, blue, or lavender. Yellow to grey-tan was common. (24th-30th) (The Weather Channel)

1972 - Lightning struck a man near Waldport, OR, a young man who it so happens was carrying thirty-five pieces of dynamite. (The Weather Channel)

1985: Hurricane Gloria was the first major storm to occur after the introduction of 24-hour cable news, and received unprecedented "wall-to-wall" coverage as it approached the East Coast.

1987 - The first full day of autumn proved to be a pleasant one for much of the nation, with sunny skies and mild temperatures. Thunderstorms again formed over Florida and the southwestern deserts, and also formed along a cold front in the northeastern U.S. A storm spotter at Earp CA sighted a couple of funnel clouds, one on the California side of the state line, and the other on the Arizona side. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced large hail and damaging winds in the southeastern U.S., with reports of severe weather most numerous in North Carolina. Golf ball size hail was reported at Tick Creek and a number of other locations in North Carolina. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1989 - Forty-seven cities between the Rockies and the Appalachians reported record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 38 degrees at Abilene TX, 34 degrees at Jackson KY, and 36 degrees at Midland TX established records for the month of September. The low of 36 degrees at Midland smashed their previous record for the date by thirteen degrees. Fayetteville AR and Springfield MO reported their earliest freeze of record. Thunderstorms produced torrential rains in northeastern Florida. Jacksonville was deluged with 11.40 inches of rain, and flash flooding resulted in two deaths. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005: Hurricane Rita made landfall near the Texas/Louisiana border as a Category 3 hurricane with 120mph winds.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
						
Patchy Fog High: 78 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 56 °F	Sunny High: 83 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 59 °F	Sunny High: 84 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 59 °F	Sunny High: 80 °F

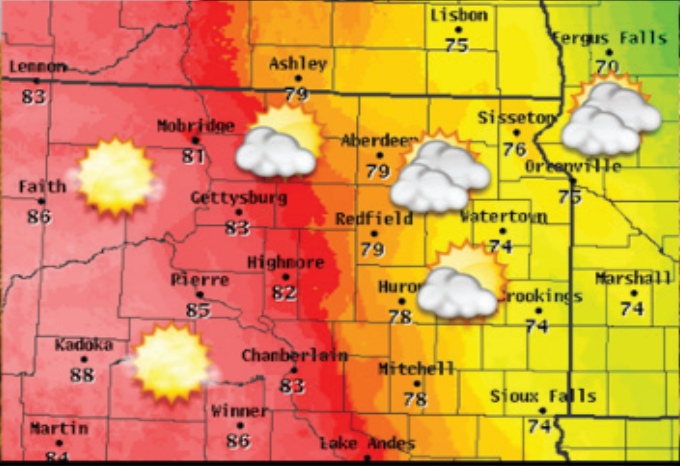


## Warming Trend Starts Today

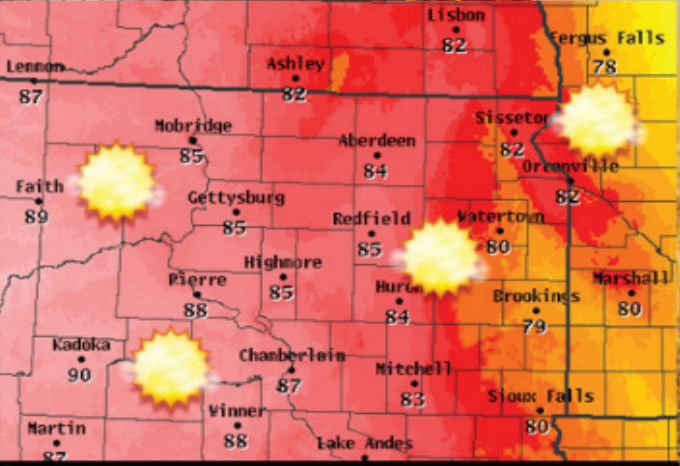
### Temperatures Above Normal Through The Weekend









**High Temperatures Today**



**High Temperatures Thursday**

## National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)
 National Weather Service Aberdeen
  @NWSAberdeen
 Updated: 9/24/2014 3:57 AM Central

As the last of the light rain moves northeast, and the fog and clouds dissipate, temperatures are expected to jump significantly. Readings are expected to remain above normal for the next several days, with dry conditions.

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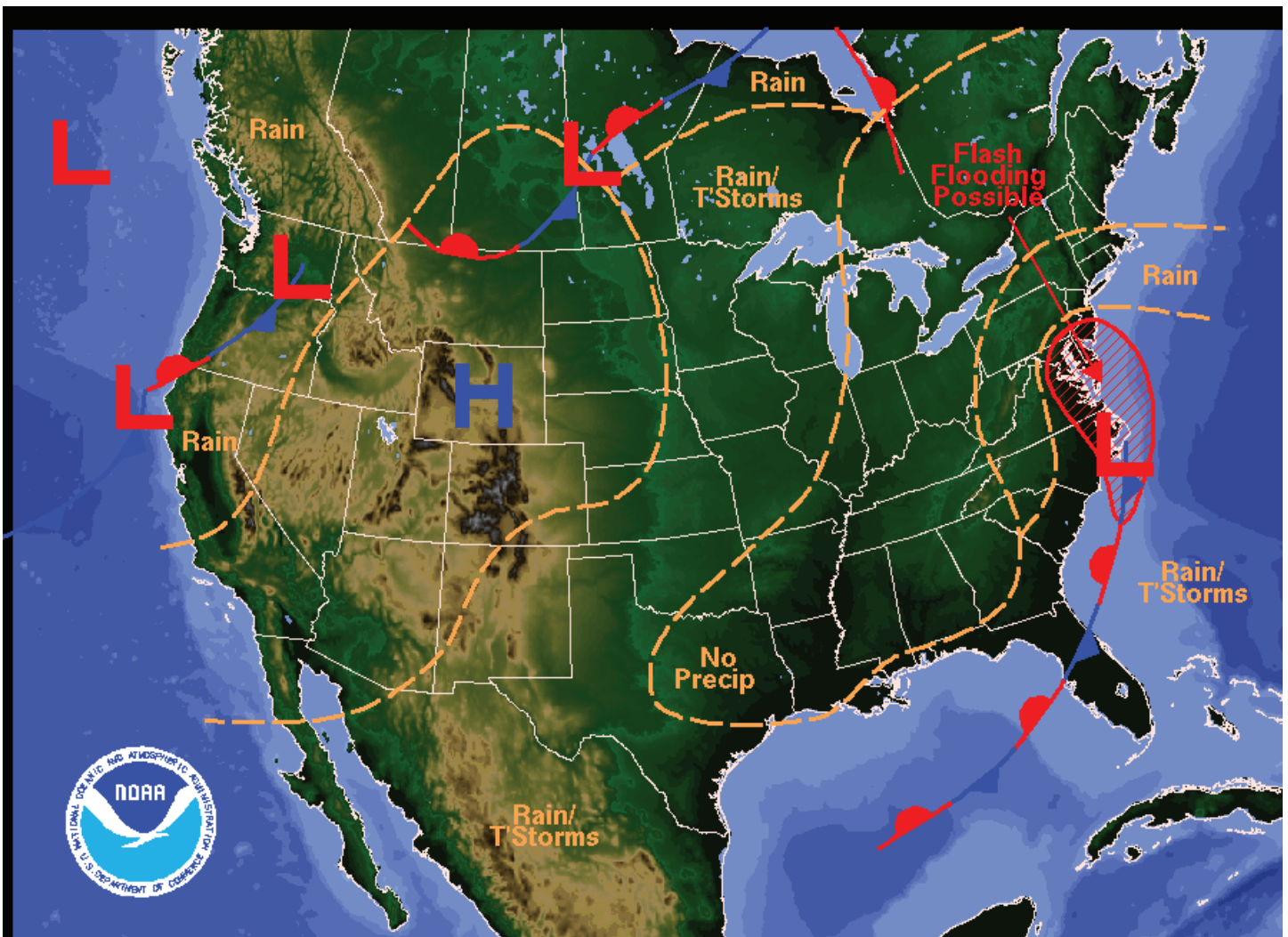
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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 63.9°F  
**Low:** 58.1°F  
**High Gust:** 26 mph  
**Precip:** 0.28

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 90° in 1935  
**Record Low:** 23° in 2000  
**Average High:** 68°F  
**Average Low:** 42°F  
**Average Precip in Sept.:** 1.69  
**Precip to date in Sept.:** 0.54  
**Average Precip to date:** 17.98  
**Precip Year to Date:** 12.84  
**Sunset Tonight:** 7:27 p.m.  
**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:24 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 24, 2014, issued 3:01 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## FLAWLESS

Flawless: Having no faults, flaws or defects; having no imperfections; something that has nothing that can in any way diminish its value. Seeing something flawless or holding an object that is flawless or knowing of something that is flawless is rare. Yet, most of us own or have access to something that is flawless.

David said, "The words of the Lord are flawless." If we are to depend on them and believe in them, they must be flawless.

His promises must be flawless. They are not like the records of athletes that are made only to be broken by someone who is faster, stronger or wiser. If the words of God could be replaced by someone else's words, we would not be able to trust Him or have faith in Him.

His promises must not only be flawless, they must be fruitful. Someone has counted more than 30,000 promises in the Bible. That number is far beyond what anyone can ever claim or need. As long as we live, we will never come to the end of them because He has promised to meet our every need every day that we live.

His promises must not only be flawless and fruitful, they must be forceful. If God makes a promise, He will be able to complete it. Always remember that He has all of the power that brought the universe into existence at His disposal. If He said it, it is as good as done.

His promises must not only be flawless, fruitful and forceful - they must be fulfilling. Because He created us, He knows what we need before we need it.

**Prayer:** How grateful we are Father, to know that we can depend on Your flawless Word to meet our every need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 12:6 And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold[a] refined seven times.

## News from the Associated Press

### **New head coach named for Sioux Falls Skyforce**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man with more than a decade of NBA coaching experience has been named the new head coach of the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the NBA Development League.

Current Miami Heat consultant Phil Weber will succeed Pat Delany, who was named an assistant with the Charlotte Hornets in July. The Skyforce are affiliated with the Heat.

Weber was an assistant with the Phoenix Suns from 1999-2008 and an assistant with the New York Knicks from 2008-2012. He is a 1984 graduate of North Carolina State, where he played under legendary coach Jim Valvano, and also has coaching experience in the college ranks, with stints at Iona, Chaminade and Florida.

Weber becomes the 17th head coach in the 25-year history of the Skyforce.

### **Mitchell man pleads not guilty to killing wife**

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A Mitchell man accused of killing his wife has pleaded not guilty to alternate murder and manslaughter charges.

Forty-nine-year-old Donald McDougal is accused of strangling Janie McDougal in their Mitchell apartment early this month. He could face life in prison or even the death penalty if convicted at trial in December.

McDougal entered his pleas Tuesday. Judge Tim Bjorkman denied a request from the defense to reduce McDougal's \$100,000 bond.

Court documents indicate McDougal told police earlier that he found his wife with a black shoestring across her neck and believed she might have hung herself.

### **Visa program on agenda for legislators in Pierre**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lawmakers on a legislative committee in Pierre plan to take more testimony on a federal program that lets foreign investors get citizenship with an investment in a rural job-creating project.

The Government Operations and Audit Committee meets Wednesday in Pierre.

Its members plan to look at written answers provided by former Gov. Mike Rounds and Gov. Dennis Daugaard on the EB-5 program. And they plan to review and finalize questions that will be sent to former EB-5 administrator Joop (YOHP) Bollen and consider public input on the issues.

Its chairman says lawmakers will also review a conflict of interest rule being drafted for the next legislative session that would require state employees to wait a year before seeking employment at a business they deal with.

## **Tuesday's Scores** The Associated Press

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-21, 25-13, 25-21

Arlington def. Hamlin, 25-14, 25-12, 25-10



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Belle Fourche def. Newell, 25-23, 25-10, 25-5  
Brandon Valley def. Harrisburg, 18-25, 25-16, 27-25, 25-22  
Chester def. Parker, 27-25, 25-19, 25-27, 28-26  
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. Crow Creek, 25-10, 25-8, 25-14  
Dakota Valley def. West Central, 25-18, 25-10, 25-15  
Dell Rapids def. Garretson, 23-25, 25-11, 25-22, 25-19  
Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Flandreau Indian, 25-4, 25-13, 25-17  
DeSmet def. James Valley Christian, 27-25, 25-18, 25-18  
Deubrook def. Lake Preston, 25-14, 25-12, 25-15  
Douglas def. Hill City, 16-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-16  
Elk Point-Jefferson def. Beresford, 25-18, 26-24, 25-16  
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Deuel, 25-8, 25-14, 25-12  
Flandreau def. McCook Central/Montrose, 17-25, 25-23, 19-25, 25-20, 15-9  
Gayville-Volin def. Canistota, 25-12, 25-13, 25-13  
Gregory def. Todd County, 21-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-21  
Hanson def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-22, 25-13, 23-25, 25-18  
Heart River, N.D. def. Harding County, 25-13, 21-25, 25-18, 19-25, 15-8  
Herreid/Selby Area def. McIntosh, 25-23, 25-23, 25-18  
Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. def. Bison, 25-20, 25-18, 25-23  
Highmore-Harrold def. Faulkton, 25-18, 12-25, 25-12, 25-17  
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Iroquois, 25-13, 21-25, 25-7, 25-14  
Jones County def. Rapid City Christian, 23-25, 26-24, 25-11, 17-25, 15-12  
Kimball/White Lake def. Corsica/Stickney, 21-25, 25-7, 25-13, 25-10  
Little Wound def. Oelrichs, 25-17, 14-25, 10-25, 25-13, 17-15  
Marion def. Scotland, 25-17, 25-12, 25-12  
Miller def. Stanley County, 25-10, 25-14, 25-15  
Northwestern def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 15-25, 25-11, 25-12, 25-17  
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Howard, 21-25, 25-8, 25-16, 25-21  
Pierre def. Brookings, 21-25, 25-19, 25-17, 14-25, 15-10  
Platte-Geddes def. South Central, 15-25, 25-21, 26-24, 16-25, 18-16  
Potter County def. Ipswich, 23-25, 25-13, 25-19, 25-20  
Rapid City Central def. Sturgis, 25-21, 25-18, 25-18  
Rapid City Stevens def. Spearfish, 25-23, 25-13, 22-25, 25-9  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-18, 25-10, 25-21  
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Yankton, 25-15, 25-18, 23-25, 25-20  
Sioux Valley def. Milbank, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19  
St. Thomas More def. Red Cloud, 25-15, 25-15, 25-23  
Sully Buttes def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-17, 25-18, 21-25, 25-12  
Summit def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-19, 25-19, 24-26, 34-32  
Sunshine Bible Academy def. Lower Brule, 25-12, 25-10, 25-12  
Tea Area def. Vermillion, 21-25, 25-17, 25-11, 25-19  
Timber Lake def. McLaughlin, 25-27, 25-16, 25-16, 25-18  
Tri-Valley def. Canton, 25-13, 25-3, 25-6  
Viborg-Hurley def. Menno, 25-22, 25-21, 25-22

Wagner def. Bon Homme, 25-23, 25-14, 25-19  
Wall def. Lyman, 25-22, 25-23, 23-25, 18-25, 15-4  
Warner def. Groton Area, 25-14, 25-13, 25-12  
Watertown def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-15, 25-21, 25-21  
Waverly-South Shore def. Florence/Henry, 24-26, 25-14, 25-21, 25-21  
Webster def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-13, 25-12, 25-16  
Wessington Springs def. Dakota Christian, 25-10, 22-25, 25-18, 25-19  
Wilmot def. Rosholt, 25-17, 22-25, 25-15, 25-20  
Winner def. Colome, 25-19, 25-15, 25-15  
Wolsey-Wessington def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 21-25, 25-23, 25-22, 25-22

## Winner jury convicts 18-year-old in 2012 shooting

**KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press**

WINNER, S.D. (AP) — Jurors on Tuesday convicted a Pierre teenager of killing one classmate and threatening another after an argument about a paintball incident, rejecting the defense's argument that the 16-year-old boy's shooting death was an accident.

The jury in Winner deliberated more than six hours before finding Braiden McCahren, 18, guilty of second-degree murder for the December 2012 killing of 16-year-old Dalton Williams. McCahren, who was 16 at the time but was tried as an adult, also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing a shotgun at another classmate, identified as T.Y., and pulling the trigger.

The jury found McCahren not guilty on a charge of attempted murder in the case of T.Y.

Defense attorney Michael Butler declined to comment immediately after the verdict. Family members of McCahren also declined to comment.

Special Prosecuting Attorney Michael Moore said he was pleased with the results.

"They held the defendant accountable for what he did to Dalton, and they held the defendant accountable for what he did to (T.Y.)," he said.

The mandatory sentence for second-degree murder is life in prison, but because he was a juvenile at the time, McCahren could receive a lesser sentence and could be eligible for parole, Moore said.

T.Y., identified only by his initials because he also was a juvenile at the time of the shooting, told police shortly after Williams' death that the boys had picked up Williams at his house after school before going back to McCahren's. Once there, the teenager said he and McCahren got into an argument about a paintball incident in McCahren's vehicle and began to "wrestle around jokingly." It was then that McCahren went to the front door of the house, T.Y. said, and got the shotgun.

When pressed by defense attorney Clint Sargent during the trial about his initial account to police that the shooting was an accident, T.Y. said he didn't "see it that way anymore."

T.Y. testified that he was scared when McCahren loaded the gun and pointed it at him twice. He said he tried to leave McCahren's house on two occasions. The third time he attempted to leave, T.Y. said, Williams was between him and McCahren, the gun discharged and struck Williams.

Moore said in his closing arguments that testimony from T.Y. was the evidence the jury needed to convict McCahren.

But Butler told jurors the killing was a tragic accident, saying that nobody, including McCahren, knew the shotgun was loaded.

Butler told jurors a last-minute request by Moore for the option of lesser charges was evidence the state failed to prove McCahren was guilty of first-degree murder. Moore disagreed, saying that jurors

must be given options.

A second-degree murder conviction requires that the jury find the defendant acted without regard for human life. Unlike a first-degree murder conviction, it does not require prosecutors to prove premeditation.

After the verdict was announced, family and friends of Dalton Williams cried out and sobbed. They declined to comment as they were leaving the courthouse.

Williams' death on Dec. 18, 2012, drew heavy news coverage in Pierre and the trial was moved to Winner to improve the chances of an impartial jury.

The trial was delayed nearly half a dozen times as attorneys from both sides contested what evidence can be used, who can testify and whether McCahren should be tried as an adult.

## **EPA helping Pierre develop green infrastructure**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Federal environmental officials say Pierre is among a number of capital cities that are receiving technical assistance to develop sustainable infrastructure.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says it is helping Pierre redesign its historic main street, South Pierre, using green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff and improve resiliency to extreme climate conditions.

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy says each project will focus on incorporating green infrastructure by using vegetation, soils and natural processes to manage stormwater.

Other cities that are being helped by this year's Greening America's Capitals program are Austin, Texas, Carson City, Nevada, Columbus, Ohio, and Richmond, Virginia.

## **Feds reopen public comment period on butterflies**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal officials have reopened the public comment period on its proposal to designate critical habitat for two Upper Midwest butterfly species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last year proposed listing the Dakota skipper as threatened and the Poweshiek skipperling as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

Both species are native to prairie and upland grasslands and their declines have been blamed on the loss of habitat. Dakota skippers can be found in North Dakota and South Dakota.

Officials want to designate approximately more than 27,000 acres of critical habitat for the Dakota skipper and approximately 26,000 acres for the Poweshiek skipperling. The agency says many of those areas overlap and therefore only about 39,000 acres would be affected.

Comments on the habitat designations will be accepted through Oct. 23.

## **SD man accused of stabbing woman changes plea**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of stabbing a Sioux Falls woman to death in April has changed his plea to guilty.

Forty-two-year-old John Senn has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder for the killing of 53-year-old Brenda Hansen. Senn in May had pleaded not guilty to various charges by reason of insanity.

Authorities have said Senn took prescription painkillers from Hansen and argued with the woman before stabbing her. Police say Senn and Hansen knew each other.

Prosecutor Tom Wollman on Tuesday during a hearing in Lincoln County said Hansen's family is still grieving and "didn't have the stamina" to prepare victim impact statements.

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Senn was immediately sentenced to life in prison. He was ordered to pay attorney fees and restitution to the state's victim compensation fund and to Hansen's sister.

## South Dakota Volleyball Polls The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for the week of Sept. 22, 2014. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:

### Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	(9)	13-4	45	1	
2. Aberdeen Central	-	8-0	36	2	
3. Watertown	-	8-1	25	3	
4. Rapid City Stevens	-	12-2	18	4	
5. Spearfish	-	5-0	9	5	

Others receiving votes: Washington 5-5.

### Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. S.F. Christian	(7)	10-0	43	1	
2. Dakota Valley	(2)	12-2	37	2	
3. Mount Vernon-Plank	-	9-0	26	3	
4. Wagner	-	11-3	11	NR	
5. Pine Ridge	-	8-0	11	5	

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 12-3, Bon Homme 13-2, Belle Fourche 4-2, Winner 8-2.

### Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Warner	(9)	13-1	45	1	
2. Northwestern	-	11-3	35	2	
3. Chester Area	-	11-0	25	3	
4. Parker	-	11-2	15	4	
5. Arlington	-	11-5	9	5	

Others receiving votes: Elkton-Lake Benton 7-2.

## Fall enrollment stable at SD public universities

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Enrollment at South Dakota's six public universities has remained stable this fall. The South Dakota Board of Regents says the headcount enrollment was up by 167 students to 36,532, an increase of about half a percent over last year.

The number of full-time equivalent students decreased by 45 to 26,736, a drop of about two-tenths of a percent. The number of full-time equivalent students is based on total credit hours generated by all students within the university system.

CEO Jack Warner says the Board of Regents is pleased with the increase in headcount enrollment. He says the slight decline in full-time equivalent students is consistent with public-sector higher education institutions emerging from a recession. He says when students have more employment opportunities, they tend to lighten their course loads.

## Huron couple gives \$1M to hunger relief campaign

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Huron philanthropists Donna and Paul Christen have donated \$1 million to Feeding South Dakota.

Paul Christen says he and his wife believe in the mission of the nonprofit hunger relief organization, and they want to make sure it has enough financial support.

It's the second seven-figure gift Feeding South Dakota has received in the past year. Dale and Patricia Larson of Brookings donated \$1 million in 2013.

The Christens have given big gifts before. In 2011, the couple gave \$25 million to the South Dakota Community Foundation and \$5 million each to the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation and Dakota Wesleyan University.

## Pierre hospital has accreditation fully restored

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Avera St. Mary's Hospital in Pierre has had its accreditation fully restored.

The independent Joint Commission accrediting organization found problems in the hospital's pharmacy department during an April survey. The state Health Department then conducted a survey and concluded the hospital had failed to properly dispose of narcotics and had failed to follow infection control policy in a patient's room.

CEO Bob Sutton says the hospital made changes and hosted another Joint Commission visit in late August. He says the hospital was notified last week that it was fully accredited.

Sutton says the hospital is better for having gone through the process.

## Proposed Sioux Falls solar farm worries neighbors

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls and Minnehaha County planners have approved a permit for a proposed \$25 million solar farm on the outskirts of South Dakota's largest city.

However, some neighbors say they'll appeal the decision, and a renewable energy expert wonders why the project is even being proposed.

Minnesota-based Geronimo Energy is planning the Cherry Creek solar farm. Construction is to begin in the spring of 2016, with the farm operational by the end of that year, according to the Argus Leader newspaper and KSFY-TV. A security fence will surround the 99 acres of solar panels.

Company spokeswoman Tena Rytel said the farm is "essentially noiseless" and the panels don't have glare issues.

"They are low to the ground — when the (nearby) corn is up you actually can't see them," she said.

Some neighbors still worry about how the farm will look, and say they will appeal the permit decision. Nathan Earl, who lives southeast of the project area, wonders if rooftops might be a better choice for the panels.

"I think that maybe farm fields aren't the best place for them," he said.

South Dakota Renewable Energy Association analyst Steve Wegman said it is odd to see such a project proposed in South Dakota, which doesn't offer the same incentives for solar projects as neighboring states such as Minnesota.

"You pay the full tax load even though, at best, you can use it only 50 percent of the time," he said. "I think they're just testing the water, personally."

Rytel said the company sees a growing need for electricity in Sioux Falls and is working on an agree-

ment to sell the power the farm generates to Xcel Energy.

## AP News in Brief

### World leaders meet at UN facing turmoil from multiple crises, with few solutions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Facing a world in turmoil from multiple crises ranging from wars in the Mideast and Africa to the deadly scourge of Ebola and growing Islamic radicalism, leaders from more than 140 countries open their annual meeting at the United Nations on Wednesday with few solutions.

The issue certain to top the agenda is the threat from Islamic terrorists intent on erasing borders, with the first U.S. and Arab airstrikes in Syria delivered Monday night in response.

Many diplomats hope that crisis won't drown out the plight of millions of civilians caught in conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Ukraine and Gaza; the misery of the largest number of refugees since World War II; and global support for new U.N. goals to fight poverty and address climate change.

Looking at the array of complex challenges, Norway's Foreign Minister Borge Brende told The Associated Press: "It's unprecedented in decades, that's for sure."

He pointed to an unprecedented situation in which the U.N. and international donors are confronting four top-level humanitarian crises at the same time in Iraq, Central African Republic, South Sudan and Syria, which is now in the fourth year of a civil war which the U.N. says has killed more than 190,000 people

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### Obama to address UN amid new strikes against militants in Syria, as well as Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — President Barack Obama is addressing the United Nations as a commander in chief overseeing a war against militants in two Middle Eastern nations, a striking shift in the trajectory of a presidency that had been focused on ending conflicts in the region.

Instead, when he speaks to the world body Wednesday, he will cast the U.S. as the linchpin in efforts to defeat Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria, administration officials said. After weeks of launching strikes against militant targets in Iraq, Obama extended the military action into Syria on Monday, joined by an unexpected coalition of five Arab nations. Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates joined the U.S. in carrying out airstrikes, while Qatar played a supporting role.

The partnership with Arab countries marked a rare victory for Obama during a tough stretch in which his foreign policy has been challenged not only by the Middle East militants, but also Russia's provocations in Ukraine and an Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

Officials said Obama will also address ways the U.S. has sought to mobilize international action to resolve the Ukraine and Ebola crises as well, including getting deepening economic sanctions on Russia and dispatching 3,000 U.S. troops to West Africa to help deal with the Ebola outbreak.

But the growing U.S. military role in the Middle East will be the centerpiece of the president's sixth address to the U.N. General Assembly. It comes at a time when Obama had hoped to be nearing the end of the second of the two wars he inherited in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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## Jordanian court acquits radical cleric Abu Qatada of plotting attacks on Americans, Israelis

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — A Jordanian court on Wednesday acquitted radical Muslim preacher Abu Qatada — known for his fiery pro-al-Qaida speeches — of involvement in a plot to target Israeli and American tourists and Western diplomats in Jordan more than a decade ago.

The ruling capped a lengthy legal odyssey for the 53-year-old cleric who has been described as a onetime lieutenant to Osama bin Laden, but in recent months emerged as a harsh critic of the Islamic State militant group. Abu Qatada was deported from Britain to Jordan last year, after years of fighting extradition.

The three-judge panel unanimously acquitted Abu Qatada “because of the lack of convincing charges against him,” said Judge Ahmed Qattarneh.

The gray-bearded Abu Qatada sat on a bench in a cage in the courtroom, largely blocked from view by black-clad riot policemen lining the case. When the verdict was announced he briefly punched his left fist in the air.

Several family members jumped up from their seats, one calling out “Allahu Akbar,” or “God is great.”

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## Anti-addiction activists call for FDA chief’s resignation amid painkiller abuse epidemic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-addiction activists are calling for the Food and Drug Administration’s top official to step down, saying the agency’s policies have contributed to a national epidemic of prescription painkiller abuse.

In a letter released Wednesday, more than a dozen groups ask the Obama administration’s top health official to replace FDA Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg, who has led the agency since 2009. The FDA has been under fire from public health advocates, politicians and law enforcement officials since last October, when it approved a powerful new painkiller called Zohydro against the recommendation of its own medical advisers.

The new letter is the first formal call for new leadership at the FDA over the issue.

“We are especially frustrated by the FDA’s continued approval of new, dangerous, high-dose opioid analgesics that are fueling high rates of addiction and overdose deaths,” states the letter, which is addressed to Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell, who oversees the FDA and other health agencies. The groups signing the letter include Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing, a 900-member advocacy group that petitioned the FDA to drastically restrict opioid use. The FDA rejected that petition last year.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Health and Human Services said opioid abuse “is a serious issue and one that the secretary is focused on.”

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## Fired by zeal, Turks move with children to “family-friendly” Islamic State territory

ISTANBUL (AP) — Asiya Umami Abdullah doesn’t share the view that the Islamic State group rules over a terrorist dystopia and she isn’t scared by the American bombs falling on Raqqa, its power center in Syria.

As far as she’s concerned, it’s the ideal place to raise a family.

In interviews with The Associated Press, the 24-year-old Muslim convert explained her decision to move with her toddler to the territory controlled by the militant group, saying it offers them protection from the sex, crime, drugs and alcohol that she sees as rampant in largely secular Turkey.

"The children of that country see all this and become either murderers or delinquents or homosexuals or thieves," Umi Abdullah wrote in one of several Facebook messages exchanged in recent days. She said that living under Shariah, the Islamic legal code, means that her 3-year-old boy's spiritual life is secure.

"He will know God and live under his rules," she said. As for the American bombs being dropped on the Islamic State group, she said: "I only fear God."

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## **Authorities: Fired UPS employees dons old uniform, guns down 2 former co-workers in Alabama**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Fired a day earlier from UPS, a man put on his work uniform, drove to an Alabama package sorting center and evaded security by entering through a truck dock in the rear, police and the company say.

Two former UPS co-workers were shot dead within minutes Tuesday, and the shooter, identified by police as Kerry Joe Tesney, lay dead atop his gun from what police said was a self-inflicted wound.

The shooter entered after about 80 drivers had left for the day to deliver packages from the Birmingham center, UPS said, possibly avoiding even more bloodshed.

"It was a relatively small crew that was remaining," said Steve Gaut, a spokesman for the shipping company.

Authorities haven't released the slain people's names but said they were members of management.

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## **India declares Mars mission a success, with satellite now circling red planet for science data**

NEW DELHI (AP) — India triumphed in its first interplanetary mission, placing a satellite into orbit around Mars on Wednesday and catapulting the country into an elite club of deep-space explorers.

In scenes broadcast live on Indian TV, scientists broke into wild cheers as the orbiter's engines completed 24 minutes of burn time to maneuver the spacecraft into its designated place around the red planet.

"We have gone beyond the boundaries of human enterprise and innovation," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a live broadcast from the Indian Space and Research Organisation's command center in the southern tech hub of Bangalore.

"We have navigated our craft through a route known to very few," Modi said, congratulating the scientists and "all my fellow Indians on this historic occasion."

Scientists described the final stages of the Mars Orbiter Mission, affectionately nicknamed MOM, as flawless. The success marks a milestone for the space program in demonstrating that it can conduct complex missions and act as a global launch pad for commercial, navigational and research satellites.

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## Soaring deer populations are nuisances for airports, threats to pilots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long the bane of gardeners and unwary motorists, soaring deer populations are also nuisances for airports and threats to pilots, especially at this time of year, according to aviation and wildlife experts.

Whether driven by hunger or just crazy for love, deer will do seemingly anything to get onto airport grounds and runways, including leaping over tall fences or squeezing under them. Once there, they like to warm themselves by sauntering on runways, which hold heat longer than cold ground. But put a deer and a plane together on a runway and both can have a very bad day.

From 1990 to 2013, there were 1,088 collisions between planes and deer, elk, moose and caribou, according to a recent joint report by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Agriculture Department. Most of the planes suffered damage, and some were destroyed, the report said. One person was killed and 29 others injured. No mention is made of the fate of the deer.

The vast majority of collisions involved white-tailed deer, the smallest member of the North American deer family, but big enough to wreck a plane. There were only about 350,000 of the creatures in the U.S. in 1900. By 1984 there were 15 million and by 2010 more than 28 million. They've caused \$44 million in aircraft damage and 238,000 hours of lost flying time over the past 24 years. About 30 percent of collisions occurred during the October-November mating season.

Last month in Florida, the propeller of a small plane landing at night at the Ormond Beach Municipal Airport struck a deer, causing the plane's front landing gear to collapse, according to local police. The pilot and three passengers were unhurt.

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## Tiny wasps tasked with saving Indonesia's cassava crop from devastating pest

BOGOR, Indonesia (AP) — They are the size of a pinhead and don't even pack a sting, but these tiny wasps are cold-blooded killers nonetheless. They work as nature's SWAT team, neutralizing a pest that threatens to destroy one of the developing world's most important staple foods: cassava.

The wasps are being released in Indonesia, the latest country threatened by the mealybug. It's a chalky white insect shaped like a pill that's been making its way across Southeast Asia's fields for the past six years.

But unlike in Thailand, where infestations reached some 250,000 hectares (618,000 acres) of crops grown mostly as part of the country's huge export business, cassava in Indonesia is a vital food source second only to rice. That makes the mealybug a serious threat to food security in Indonesia, which already has one of the region's highest child malnutrition rates.

The parasitic wasps, or *Anagyrus lopezi*, need the mealybug to survive. Females lay their eggs inside the insect and as the larvae grow, they eat the bug from the inside out, slowly killing it until there's nothing left but its mummified shell.

On Wednesday, scientists will put 2,000 wasps into a holding cage at an affected field in Bogor, on the outskirts of Indonesia's capital, Jakarta. They will be monitored to see how well they handle local conditions as they multiply to an expected 300,000 before being released into the wild to start their relentless killing spree.

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## 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. WORLD LEADERS MEET AT UN FACING MULTIPLE CRISES

The issues certain to top the agenda are Islamic extremists intent on erasing borders, Ebola and the plight of millions of civilians caught in ongoing conflicts.

### 2. OBAMA TO ADDRESS UN AMID NEW MIDEAST STRIKES

The president is expected to cast the U.S. as the linchpin in efforts to defeat Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria.

### 3. JORDAN ACQUITS RADICAL CLERIC OF TERRORISM CHARGES

The court finds no sufficient evidence against Abu Qatada, who was charged with involvement in plans to target Israeli and American tourists and Western diplomats in 2000.

### 4. INDIA DECLARES MARS MISSION SUCCESS

Placing a satellite into orbit around the red planet catapults the country into an elite club of deep-space explorers.

### 5. WHO STEPS ONTO BIGGER POLITICAL STAGES

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's profile is on the rise both nationally and internationally and he is increasingly viewed as a rising star.

### 6. WIND ENERGY PROPOSAL WOULD LIGHT LOS ANGELES HOMES

A new \$8 billion project aims to use turbines on a Wyoming wind farm to send electricity to over 1 million households in Southern California.

### 7. WHAT WORSENS CHINA'S WATER CRISIS

After a season of record-breaking drought across the nation, groundwater levels hit historic lows in northeast and central parts of the country.

### 8. NOT ONLY GARDENERS NOW SEE DEER AS BANE

The animals are also a nuisance for airports and a threat to pilots, especially at this time of year, according to aviation and wildlife experts.

### 9. BRAZILIAN PRESIDENT COUNTS ON POOR FOR SUPPORT

Dilma Rousseff hopes generous welfare programs that have helped slash extreme poverty under her watch will convince their beneficiaries to re-elect her.

### 10. WHY ACTIVISTS CALL FOR NEW FDA CHIEF

Anti-addiction groups urge Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg to resign over the agency's approval of "dangerous, high-dose opioid analgesics."

## Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 24, the 267th day of 2014. There are 98 days left in the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, begins at sunset.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 24, 1789, President George Washington signed a Judiciary Act establishing America's federal court system and creating the post of attorney general.

### On this date:

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after

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financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1890, the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wilford Woodruff, wrote a manifesto renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.

In 1934, Babe Ruth made his farewell appearance as a player with the New York Yankees in a game against the Boston Red Sox. (The Sox won, 5-0.)

In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio propagandist "Axis Sally," pleaded not guilty in Washington, D.C. to charges of treason. (Gillars, later convicted, ended up serving 12 years in prison.)

In 1955, President Dwight D. Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1957, the Los Angeles-bound Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Virginia. "The Howdy Doody Show" ended a nearly 13-year run with its final telecast on NBC.

In 1964, the situation comedy "The Munsters" premiered on CBS television. The adventures series "Daniel Boone," starring Fess Parker, debuted on NBC.

In 1976, former hostage Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (Hearst was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Jimmy Carter.)

In 1988, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson won the men's 100-meter dash at the Seoul (sohl) Summer Olympics — but he was disqualified three days later for using anabolic steroids. Members of the eastern Massachusetts Episcopal diocese elected Barbara C. Harris the first female bishop in the church's history.

In 1991, kidnappers in Lebanon freed British hostage Jack Mann after holding him captive for more than two years. Children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel (GY'-zul), better known as "Dr. Seuss," died in La Jolla, California, at age 87.

**Ten years ago:** Iraq's interim prime minister, Ayad Allawi (EE'-yahd ah-LAH'-wee), appealed to world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly to unite behind his country's effort to rein in spiraling violence, lighten the foreign debt and improve security ahead of the January elections. Author Françoise Sagan died in Honfleur, France, at age 69.

**Five years ago:** With President Barack Obama presiding, the U.N. Security Council unanimously endorsed a sweeping strategy aimed at halting the spread of nuclear weapons and ultimately eliminating them. The heads of the Group of 20 nations began a two-day meeting in Pittsburgh aimed at making sure a fledgling global recovery remained on track. Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick tapped former Democratic National Chairman Paul G. Kirk Jr. to temporarily fill the Senate seat held by the late Edward M. Kennedy. Susan Atkins, 61, a member of the Charles Manson "family" who admitted stabbing actress Sharon Tate to death in the cult's 1969 murder rampage, died in prison at Chowchilla, California.

**One year ago:** President Barack Obama and new Iranian President Hasan Rouhani appeared separately before the U.N. General Assembly, with both leaders speaking up for improved relations and a resumption of stalled nuclear talks, but giving no ground on long-held positions that had scuttled previous attempts to break the impasse. Kenya's president proclaimed victory over the terrorists who'd stormed a Nairobi mall following a bloody four-day siege in which dozens of civilians were killed. A powerful 7.7-magnitude earthquake rocked southwest Pakistan, killing at least 376 people. Tea party conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, began an old-style filibuster lasting nearly 22 hours over President

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Barack Obama's health care law.

**Today's Birthdays:** Rhythm-and-blues singer Sonny Turner (The Platters) is 75. Singer Barbara Allbut Brown (The Angels) is 74. Singer Phyllis "Jiggs" Allbut Sirico (The Angels) is 72. Singer Gerry Marsden (Gerry and the Pacemakers) is 72. News anchor Lou Dobbs is 69. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Joe Greene is 68. Actor Gordon Clapp is 66. Songwriter Holly Knight is 58. Former U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy II, D-Mass., is 62. Actor Kevin Sorbo is 56. Christian/jazz singer Cedric Dent (Take 6) is 52. Actress-writer Nia Vardalos is 52. Rock musician Shawn Crahan (AKA Clown) (Slipknot) is 45. Country musician Marty Mitchell is 45. Actress Megan Ward is 45. Singer-musician Marty Cinton (No Mercy) is 43. Contemporary Christian musician Juan DeVevo (Casting Crowns) is 39. Actor Ian Bochen (TV: "Teen Wolf") is 38. Actor Justin Bruening is 35. Olympic gold medal gymnast Paul Hamm (hahm) is 32. Actor Erik Stocklin is 32. Actor Kyle Sullivan is 26.

**Thought for Today:** "There was never a nation great until it came to the knowledge that it had nowhere in the world to go for help." — Charles Dudley Warner, American author and editor (1829-1900).