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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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If anyone wants a photo button for Friday's homecoming game, please message me. They are \$5 each. You can view the photos at <http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/004081448444/2013/FBTeamIndividual092415>

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Homecoming Week!

Thursday: Color Day (6th-green, 7th-red, 8th-blue, 9th-tiedye, 10th-pink, 11th-white, 12th-black)

Elementary School: 80s Day - Sky high hair - leg warmers, neon!

Senior football players and boys' soccer players to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.

Class vs. Class 2:00 pm.

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

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, Baked Potato/S. Cream, Creamed Peas, Fruited Jello, Whole Wheat Bread.

Anniversary: Jason & Kathy Holm

Birthdays: • Grant Rix • Jarrett Rix • Joey Padfield

10:00am: Boys Golf at Sisseton

4:00pm: 7th FB at Aberdeen Central

4:00pm: Boys soccer hosts JV Christian

5:00pm: JH VB at Clark-Willow Lake

6:30pm: VB at Clark-Willow Lake with C/JV at 6:30

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

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

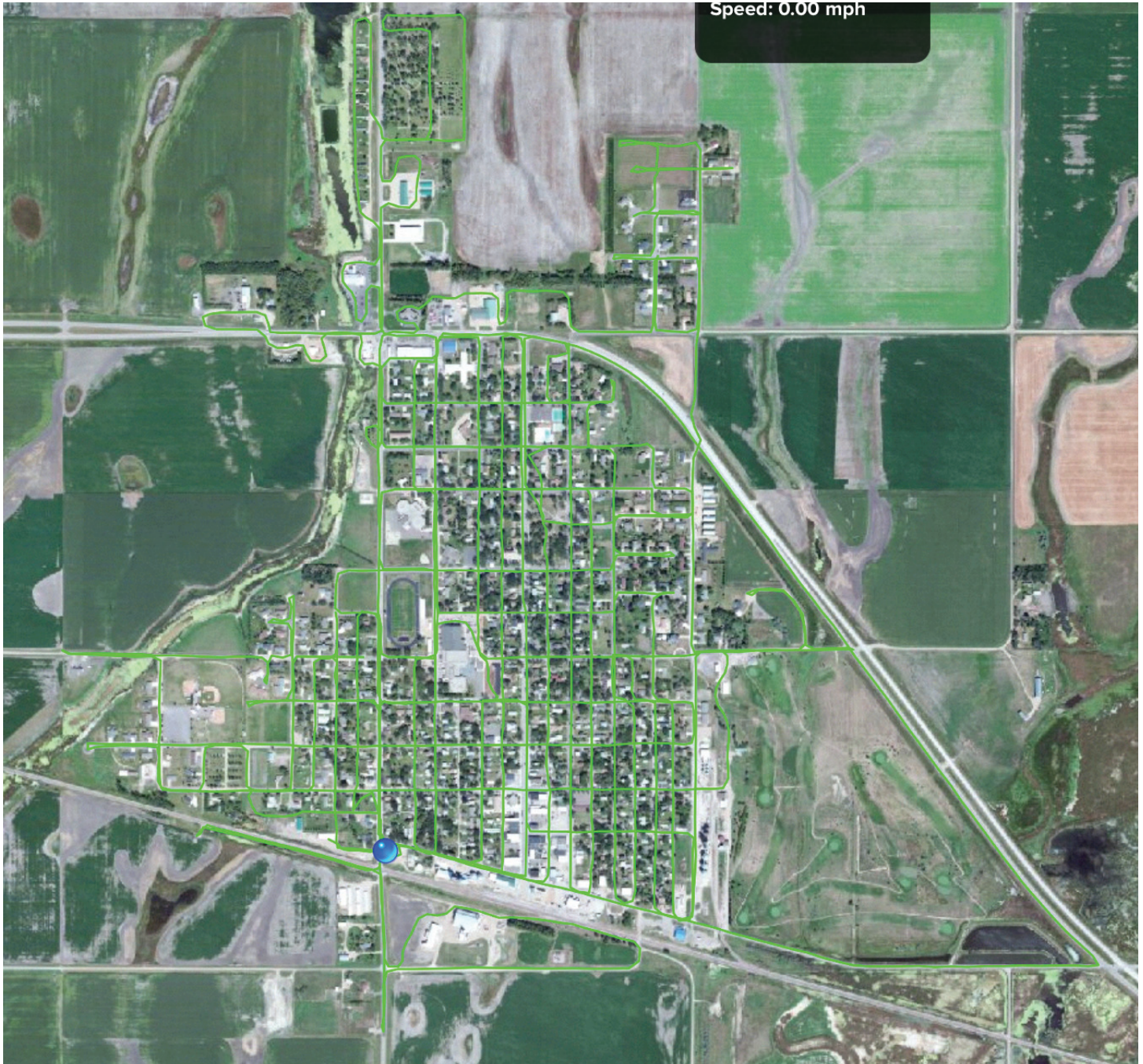
Land for cash rent 274 tillable acres in Day County/Union Township/ Section one/Lots 1,2,3, and 4. Mail all bids to Judy A .Tobin 42343 130th St. Pierpont, SD 57468. Closing Date Sept. 29, 2014. (pd)

Wanted to Rent

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

Prime Rib 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
	
Drink and Shot Specials all Night!	ANDOVER BAR & GRILL
120 S Main St. • 298-5252	
Friday Night is Fried Chicken Day Wednesday is Wings Night	

Another night of Mosquito Control



It was another night for mosquito control in the City of Groton. The distance traveled on the map above was 36.49 miles and 10.3 gallons of chemical was used.

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Wednesday was Disney Day at GHS. The winners are pictured above. Left to right are Payton Johnson 6-8 grade 3rd place, Gabbie Kramer 9-10 grade 1st place, Grady O'Neil 6-8 grade 1st place, Keri Kappas 9-10 grade 2nd place, Nicole Marzahn 6-8 grade 2nd place, Lily Cutler 11-12 grade 1st place, and Allison Weber 11-12 grade 2nd place.

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 Liebigh 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



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Tuesday was Rock 'N Roll Day at GHS. The winners are pictured above. Left to right Logan Lane 11-12 grade 2nd place, Tessa Erdman 6-8grade 2nd place, Kiana Kokalas 11-12 grade 1st place, Hailey Monson 6-8th grade 1st place, Alex Stange 9-10 grade 1st place, and Anthony Schinkel 6-8 grade 3rd place. Not pictured is Hattie Weismental 9-10 2nd place.

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!

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living

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

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Monday at Hick Day at GHS. The winners are pictured above. Left to right Hunter Lerew 11-12 grade 2nd place, Tanae Lipp out of grades 6th -8th grade 2nd place, Erin Smith 9-10 grade 1st place, Micaela Cutler 11-12 grade 1st place, Jessica Bjerke 9-10 grade 2nd place, Cyruss DeHoet 6-8th grade 1st place, and Clark Gibbs 6-8th grade 3rd place.

Today in Weather History

1981: A late September tornado touched down briefly 14 miles west of Pierre during the early evening hours with no damage occurring.

1996: An early fall storm over the Black Hills of northeast Wyoming and western South Dakota reacquainted area residents with their winter driving techniques. Snow totals ranged from 4 to 8 inches. U.S. Highway 385, south of Deadwood South Dakota, was temporarily closed after a semi-truck jackknifed on Strawberry Hill. Numerous minor accidents were reported in the Black Hills due to slick roads. Heavy wet snow closed the Needles Highway and Iron Mountain Road in the central/southern Black Hills until snowplows could clear the roads.

1939 - A west coast hurricane moved onshore south of Los Angeles bringing unprecedented rains along the southern coast of California. Nearly five and a half inches of rain drenched Los Angeles during a 24 hour period. The hurricane caused two million dollars damage, mostly to structures along the coast and to crops, and claimed 45 lives at sea. "El Cordonazo" produced 5.66 inches of rain at Los Angeles and 11.6 inches of rain at Mount Wilson, both records for the month of September. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1947: A camera that was mounted above a rocket captured a previously undetected tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico.

1987 - Hurricane Emily crossed the island of Bermuda during the early morning. Emily, moving north-east at 45 mph, produced wind gusts to 115 mph at Kindley Field. The thirty-five million dollars damage inflicted by Emily made it the worst hurricane to strike Bermuda since 1948. Parts of Michigan and Wisconsin experienced their first freeze of the autumn. Snow and sleet were reported in the Sheffield and Sutton areas of northeastern Vermont at midday. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Low pressure off the Northern Pacific Coast brought rain and gale force winds to the coast of Washington State. Fair weather prevailed across most of the rest of the nation. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Twenty-three cities in the south central U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Topeka KS with a reading of 33 degrees, and Binghamton NY with a low of 25 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms in the southeastern U.S. drenched Atlanta GA with 4.87 inches of rain, their sixth highest total of record for any given day. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004: Hurricane Jeanne, a Category Three hurricane, made landfall in near Stuart, Florida. It was almost in the same spot where Hurricane Frances had made landfall three weeks before.

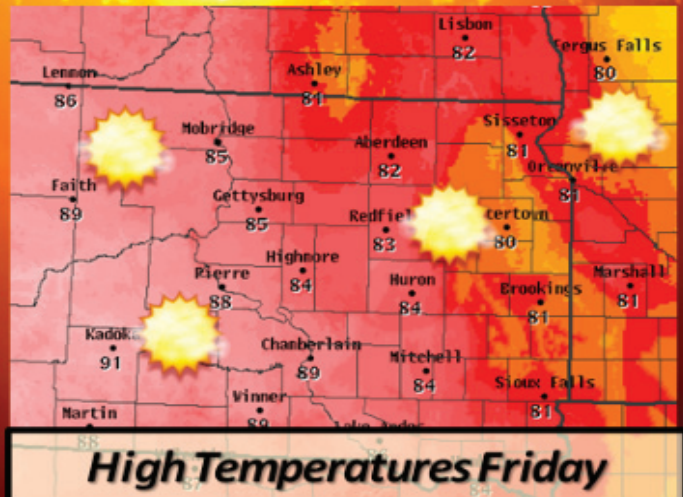
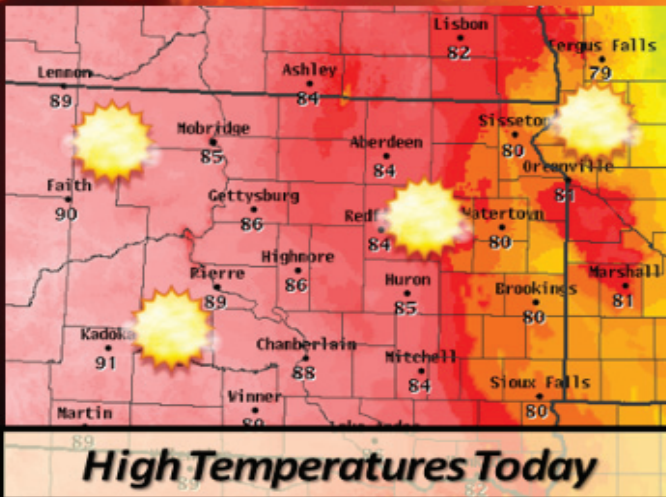
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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Dense Fog High: 84 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 60 °F	Breezy High: 82 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 61 °F	Sunny High: 82 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 58 °F	Sunny High: 77 °F



Warm & Dry Conditions To Continue



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 9/25/2014 4:25 AM Central

Once the morning fog burns off - Dry conditions and summer-like temperatures can be expected for today. In fact, these mild temperatures will hang around through the weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 77.2°F at 5:23 PM

Low: 58.2°F at 7:00 AM

High Gust: 14 mph at 9:25 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1938

Record Low: 19° in 1926

Average High: 68°F

Average Low: 42°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.76

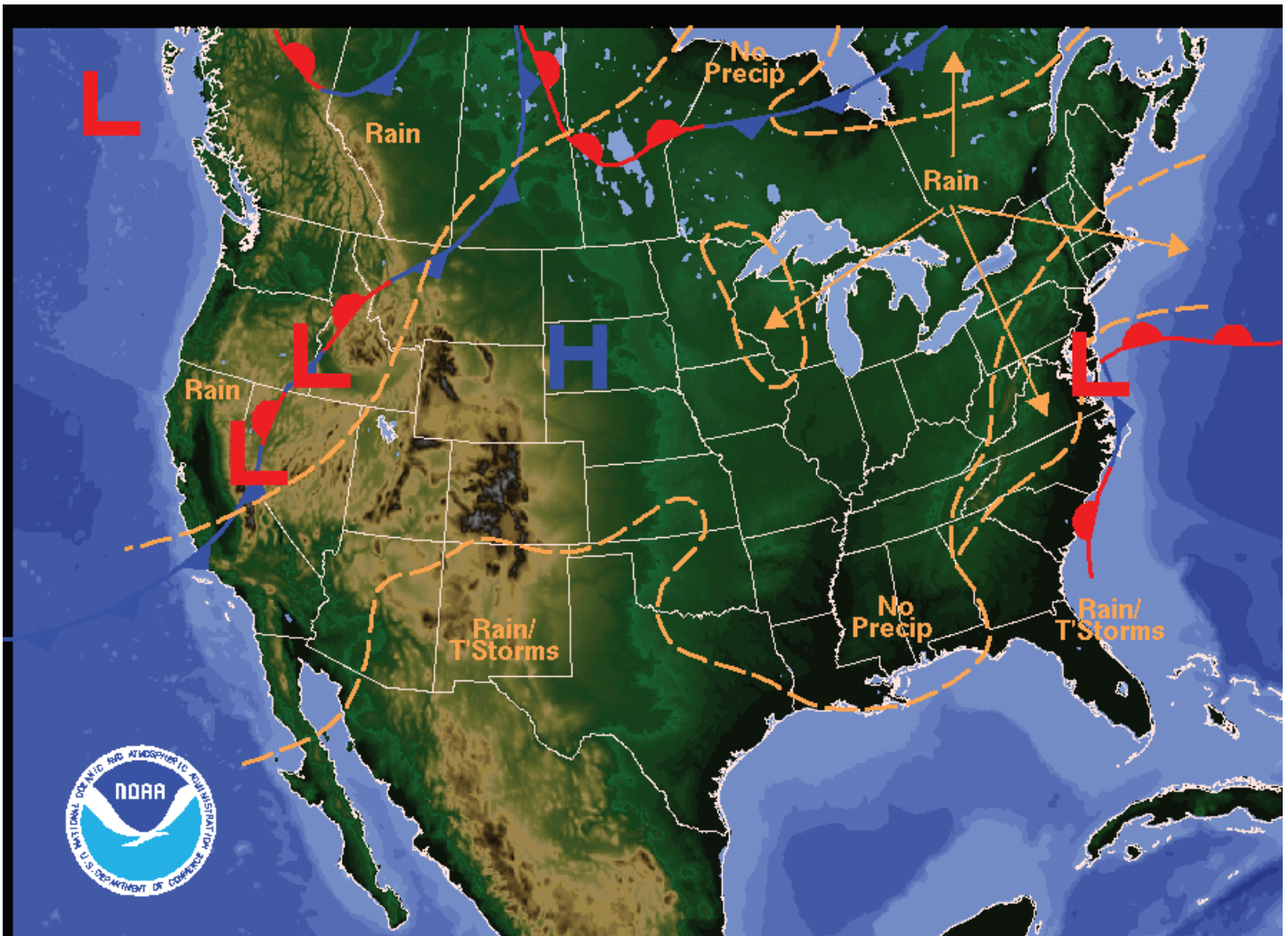
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.54

Average Precip to date: 18.05

Precip Year to Date: 12.84

Sunset Tonight: 7:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 25, 2014, issued 3:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



ABANDONED TO GOD

Dogs have always been an important part of my life. As long as I can remember, unless prohibited by policies or laws, I have had a dog in my home. To this very day, I can visualize each of them.

Three of them, however, had one particular trait in common: if they could not see me or sense my presence, they would become extremely anxious. They would run from one location to another trying to find me; sit under my desk while I worked; lay between me and the door, not wanting me leave without them or wait impatiently and bark or whine if I left home without them. I was their security.

The two most familiar verses in Proverbs begin with the word trust. "Trust in the Lord," writes Solomon. And this word trust far exceeds what comes to mind when we normally think of having trust in someone. It represents a trust in someone that brings us a deep sense of security, a type of safety that is impenetrable and a belief that there is no one or no thing that can get to us or ever harm us. It is a trust in someone who is much more conscious of our every need and who is completely competent and capable of taking care of us - more so than we are of ourselves.

Life is filled with uncertainties. When we awaken in the morning, we have no guarantee that we will see the sun set or make it home safely. No one has any assurance that their investments will be there when it comes time to retire. We have friends that we thought we could depend on - and then find ourselves abandoned. But trusting in the Lord is different. Our lives and our future are secure.

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for granting us Your peace, presence, power and protection as we travel through life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:5, 6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

News from the Associated Press

Student accused of videotaping females in shower

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — University of South Dakota officials are defending their notification procedures after a student from Texas was accused of using a cellphone to videotape females in a dormitory shower in late August, then charged days later in an off-campus rape.

Eighteen-year-old Daniel Hammer has left the school, and faces an Oct. 28 court appearance. It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney.

Some students say they weren't notified about either alleged incident, while others say it took the university more than a week to notify them.

University spokeswoman Tena Haraldson tells the Argus Leader that Hammer was immediately banned from the dorms. She says it's not the university's practice to put out an alert after a crime is reported unless officials believe there is a threat to other students.

Labor Department touts services at local offices

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Department of Labor and Regulation is reminding job seekers in South Dakota about the many services it offers at local offices.

The agency is encouraging people to speak with a workforce expert at those locations.

Employment representatives can offer help in various aspects of job searches including application, resume and cover letter writing, mock interviews and training opportunities.

Labor and Regulation Secretary Marcia Hultman says the department is focused on helping South Dakotans find the right careers.

Local offices also have information about the National Career Readiness Certification, veterans' services and South Dakota's largest jobs database SDWORKS.

Oacoma man fined for killing gray wolf in Canada

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An Oacoma man will pay a \$5,000 fine for killing a gray wolf in Canada without a license.

The U.S. attorney's office in South Dakota says 35-year-old Anthony Nogy also must pay \$750 in restitution and be on probation for a year.

He pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the U.S. Lacey Act.

Prosecutors say Nogy was moose hunting last September in Ontario when he shot the wolf. He bought a wolf tag the next day and had it flown to his camping site where he attached it to the animal. When he stopped at the U.S. border, Nogy declared a moose he had killed on the trip but didn't declare the wolf hide.

Panel wants to ask regents about EB-5 visa program

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A panel looking into an embattled visa program designed to lure wealthy immigrants to invest in rural South Dakota projects will ask the former administrator's supervisors at Northern State University and on the state Board of Regents to testify.

State Rep. Larry Tidemann, chairman of the Government Operations and Audit Committee, said

Wednesday that he'll call on former EB-5 administrator Joop Bollen's supervisors to testify. Bollen worked for Northern State University in Aberdeen when, documents indicate, he signed an agreement with his own company to manage some of the investments without his superiors' knowledge. His supervisors included the state Board of Regents and university leaders.

The committee also reviewed written answers provided by Gov. Dennis Daugaard and former Gov. Mike Rounds, both Republicans, about the EB-5 program. Daugaard is running for re-election, and Rounds is seeking the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson. The program has become an issue in the Senate race.

The federal EB-5 program allows foreign investors to obtain a green card with a \$500,000 investment in an approved rural project that creates at least 10 jobs. A beef packing plant approved as part of the program, which also received state economic development money, went bust while Rounds was governor. Democrats say millions in taxpayer dollars may have been lost.

The state faces a breach-of-contract lawsuit that Democrats say stem from Bollen's actions. The lawsuit alleges Bollen acted without authority in recruiting Asian investors.

The GOP majority on the panel voted to hold the next hearing on Nov. 14, after the Nov. 4 election, but state Rep. Susan Wismer and state Sen. Larry Lucas, both Democrats, voted against. Wismer is running for governor against Daugaard in November.

Tidemann said one of the questions he has for the regents is how much has been spent defending the state against the lawsuit. Wismer said lawyers have billed the state \$250,000 so far this year.

More tickets available for anti-pipeline concert

NELIGH, Neb. (AP) — Several hundred additional tickets are available for this weekend's Willie Nelson and Neil Young concert organized by opponents of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

Organizers said Thursday that 500 additional \$50 tickets would be sold on their www.BoldNebraska.org website and 200 more will be offered in Antelope County near where the concert will be held Saturday.

Previously ticket sales were capped at 7,000, but the farmer hosting the event cleared more space in his corn field.

The TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline would carry oil from Canada south to the Gulf Coast.

Pipeline critics worry it could contribute to pollution and contaminate groundwater.

TransCanada says the pipeline would be built with advanced safety features. The southern leg of the pipeline between Oklahoma and Texas is already operational.

Probe into Custer County woman's death continues

CUSTER, S.D. (AP): Authorities in South Dakota continue to investigate the death of a woman whose body found in rural Custer County.

The office of the Attorney General says the Division of Criminal Investigation is assisting in the probe into the death of 59-year-old Nancy Kay Vickers, of Summerset.

Authorities say Vickers was found dead by a gunshot wound. They say they are waiting for final autopsy results and foul play is not suspected at this time.

Gay teen says restaurant gave him offensive tag

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — An openly gay Yankton teenager has filed a discrimination complaint against the fast food restaurant where he worked alleging he was forced to wear a name tag with a homophobic slur.

The 16-year-old Tyler Brandt filed the complaint this week with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. It states that Taco John's of Yankton and Taco John's International violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Restaurant officials have previously disputed the boy's version of events and said the incident in June has been blown out of proportion.

Brandt says he resigned a day after the incident. He says he kept the name tag as evidence.

Brandt said he wore the tag because he feared he'd be fired if he refused. He says a supervisor also yelled the slur at him.

Rapid City man on trial in Amber Alert case

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of beating his former girlfriend and kidnapping their two children is on trial in Rapid City.

Twenty-eight-year-old Skye Burnham-Endicott is accused of attacking the woman in an apartment in February and taking the girls, who were about 1 month old and 1 year old at the time. Police issued an Amber Alert and say they found Burnham-Endicott and the children in another apartment hours later.

Authorities say Burnham-Endicott did not have custody rights to the children.

He has pleaded not guilty to aggravated assault and kidnapping charges. He could face life in prison if convicted of first-degree kidnapping.

Man sentenced for sex trafficking at Sturgis Rally

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Texas man accused of trying to pay for sex with underage girls during the 2013 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison.

Fifty-five-year-old Timothy Gravens, of Grapevine, Texas, was one of nine people arrested and federally indicted for commercial sex trafficking in an undercover sting operation.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says Gravens was sentenced on Monday to the prison term and ordered to forfeit a cellphone and two cameras. Once Gravens is released from prison he will be on supervised release for the rest of his life.

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, who announced the hiring Tuesday and scheduled an Oct. 8 news conference in Sioux Falls to introduce Weber.

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 college coaching experience from stints at Iona, Chaminade and Florida.

Adam Simon, Skyforce general manager of basketball operations and Heat assistant general manager,

told the Argus Leader newspaper that there was a lot of interest in the job.

"We had so many people interested in doing the job from overseas, from the college ranks, ex-NBA people, D-League coaches current and past ... but the choices that are going to be on our staff are what we found to be the best fit going forward," Simon said.

Weber becomes the 17th head coach in the 25-year history of the Skyforce. Joining his staff are assistants Chris Quinn, who played six years in the NBA, and Corey Belser, who played professionally in Europe and for NBA Summer League teams. Quinn most recently served as director of player development at Northwestern University, and Belser was a video intern for the Heat last season.

The Heat also announced that Octavio De La Grana, an assistant coach with the Skyforce last season, has been named player development coach and director of minor league operations.

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. TURKEY JOINS COALITION AGAINST MILITANTS AFTER INITIAL RELUCTANCE

But the U.S. is still waiting for details of any new, specific aid from Ankara and is warily watching to make sure it keeps its commitments.

2. US-LED STRIKES HIT OIL SITES IN SYRIA

Activists say the air campaign has targeted Syrian refineries held by the militant Islamic State group, killing at least five people.

3. IRAN'S PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS UN AS NUCLEAR TALKS STALL

Hassan Rouhani's election signaled a thaw in U.S-Iranian hostilities, but diplomats harbor no high expectations for a rapid warming of bilateral ties.

4. WHAT LIFE IS LIKE FOR AMERICAN IN NORTH KOREAN JAIL

Matthew Miller, a California native sentenced to 6 years of hard labor in North Korea, is digging in fields eight hours a day and being kept in isolation.

5. SUSPECT CAPTURED IN CASE OF MISSING UVA STUDENT

Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr. is arrested on a beach in the community of Gilchrist in Galveston County, Texas, and awaits extradition to Virginia.

6. WOMAN HIT BY CALIFORNIA OFFICER GETS \$1.5 MILLION

Daniel Andrew who punched her on the side of a freeway in an incident caught on video has agreed to resign.

7. WHO MIGHT GET PERMISSION TO FLY DRONES

The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to grant permits to use the unmanned aircraft to seven movie and television production companies.

8. WOODSY, REFRESHING, REVOLUTIONARY

Cuba's company comes up with a pair of colognes for the discerning supporter of international socialism honoring guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara and late Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

9. NEW IPHONES IN HOT WATER

Apple stops providing an update to its new iOS 8 software after user complaints, while a widely circulated video shows the larger of the two new models is vulnerable to bending.

10. WHY QATAR WOMEN WITHDRAW FROM ASIAN GAMES

The Qatari team quits over an international rule that bans players from wearing Muslim headscarves in competition.

AP News in Brief

Facing new threats, Turkey weighs longtime resistance to attacking neighboring states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving from reluctance to refusal and finally to acceptance, Turkey is joining its NATO allies and fellow Sunni Muslim nations in a coalition to destroy the Islamic State militant group. But the U.S. is still waiting for details of any new, specific aid and is warily watching to make sure Ankara keeps its commitments.

Turkey, often described as a difficult partner with much of the West, long has resisted being used as a launching pad for foreign troops to attack neighboring nations. Now, however, Turkey faces threats from militants who have overtaken much of northern Syria and Iraq, as well as from Kurdish separatists whom Ankara considers terrorists.

And while Turkey has been overwhelmed by an estimated 1.5 million Syrian and Iraqi refugees, it also has been accused of harboring — or at least helping — Islamic State militants by letting them traffic fighters, weapons and lucrative oil shipments over its borders.

Until this week, Turkey was coy about whether it would contribute to a coalition of what the U.S. says is about 50 countries that have united against the Islamic State group. For months, the world largely gave Turkey a pass as it sought to free 49 of its diplomats, family members and employees who were kidnapped by the militants from the Turkish Consulate in Mosul, Iraq, in June.

The hostages were freed last weekend, prompting the U.S. and other coalition nations to press Turkey on what it would contribute.

Activists: US-led airstrikes in Syria hit oil installations held by Islamic State group

BEIRUT (AP) — U.S.-led airstrikes targeted Syrian oil installations held by the militant Islamic State group overnight and early Thursday, killing nearly 20 people as the militants released dozens of detainees in their de facto capital, fearing further raids, activists said.

The latest strikes came on the third day of a U.S.-led air campaign aimed at rolling back the Islamic State group in Syria, and appeared to be aimed at one of the militants' main revenue streams. The U.S. has been conducting air raids against the group in neighboring Iraq for more than a month.

The Islamic State group captured most of Syria's largest oil fields earlier this year and is believed to be partly funding its operations by smuggling oil out and selling it on the black market.

At least four oil installations and three oil fields were hit around the town of Mayadeen in the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and two local activist groups. A third activist group loyal to the militants confirmed the reports.

At least 14 militants were killed, said the Observatory, which gathers information from a network of activists on the ground. Another five people who lived near one of the refineries in the northeastern Hassakeh province were also killed, the Observatory said, adding that they were likely the women and children of the militants.

Expectations low for improved US-Iran relations as Iranian president prepares to speak at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Stalled nuclear talks and the delicate diplomacy surrounding the fight against Islamic extremists have lowered expectations for a rapid warming of relations between Iran and the United States as the Iranian leader returns to speak at the United Nations on Thursday.

President Hassan Rouhani's election last year signaled a thaw in more than three decades of U.S.-Iranian hostilities, leading to a landmark phone conversation with President Barack Obama during last year's U.N. General Assembly, which was Rouhani's first as president.

It was the first direct exchange between the two countries' leaders in 35 years and prompted speculation of a rapprochement between the nations and, maybe, even a meeting between the two men. It also resulted in an interim nuclear deal last year, which in turn led to ongoing talks on a long-term pact.

But while lower-level officials from both countries are now in regular contact, those follow-up nuclear talks have seen little progress of late.

Rouhani's address to world leaders will be watched closely by the U.S. administration, although he is not expected to go substantially beyond what he has said before. He likely will focus on the global threat posed by Islamic State group militants, and on Tehran's push to have crippling economic sanctions lifted while keeping its nuclear program intact.

US man in North Korean prison says he digs in fields 8 hours a day, is kept in isolation

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — An American man recently sentenced by North Korea to six years of hard labor says he is digging in fields eight hours a day and being kept in isolation, but that so far his health isn't deteriorating.

Under close guard and with only enough time to respond to one question, 24-year-old Matthew Miller spoke briefly to an Associated Press Television News journalist at a Pyongyang hotel, where he had been brought to make a phone call to his family. It was his first appearance since he was convicted Sept. 14 of entering the country illegally to commit espionage.

"Prison life is eight hours of work per day. Mostly it's been agriculture, like in the dirt, digging around," Miller said when asked what conditions were like in prison.

"Other than that, it's isolation, no contact with anyone. But I have been in good health, and no sickness or no hurts," he said, showing little emotion.

Wearing a prison-style gray uniform and cap, Miller was filmed sitting down at a phone booth at the hotel and pressing the buttons on a phone while a North Korean guard stood behind him. Officials said Miller spoke to his father, but the APTN journalist was not allowed to hear the conversation. Miller does not have routine access to phone calls home.

Sierra Leone to cordon off 3 districts, quarantine houses in other areas to stop Ebola spread

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — Sierra Leone restricted travel Thursday into and within three more "hotspots" of Ebola where 1.5 million people live, meaning that more than a third of the country's population is now under quarantine.

Sierra Leone is one of the hardest hit countries in an Ebola outbreak sweeping West Africa that is

believed to have killed more than 2,900 people, according to World Health Organization tolls published Thursday. The agency says the situation in Sierra Leone continues to deteriorate, driven primarily by a sharp increase of cases in the capital, Freetown.

In an address to the nation on Wednesday night, President Ernest Bai Koroma put Port Loko, Bombali, and Moyamba districts under isolation, meaning only people delivering essential services can enter and circulate within these areas. WHO also noted that these districts were seeing a rise in cases.

In other areas, including in the capital, homes will be put under quarantine when cases are identified, a government statement after the address said.

The Ebola outbreak, the largest ever, has also hit Liberia and Guinea and is believed to have sickened more than 6,200 people. An Ebola patient also slipped into Senegal from Guinea but the disease does not appear to have spread there. Nigeria has linked 20 cases to the disease and eight deaths after a man infected with Ebola traveled there from Liberia; the outbreak seems to have been contained there as well.

Nuremberg stenographer's documents detailing war crimes trials to be auctioned in Alaska

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The old trunk was locked when it was found by auction house workers clearing a long-vacant home in Alaska that was about to be listed for sale.

The collection crew's members couldn't find the key, so they broke the lock. Inside were yellowed papers and blankets. Personal stuff, they figured.

Only back at the warehouse of Anchorage-based Alaska Auction Co. did they discover carbon copies of transcripts from the Nuremberg war-crimes trials. They also found a staff directory for the multinational tribunal that prosecuted scores of Nazi masterminds in those infamous trials, a translated letter to Nazi faithful that signs off with "Heil Hitler" and personal credentials and correspondence belonging to a lowly postwar stenographer who squirreled the mementos away for decades.

The late Maxine C. Carr's small collection is the featured lot in an auction of World War II relics scheduled to take place on Saturday.

"It was chilling, very chilling going through that paperwork. Very unsettling," said Christine Hill, who has owned the auction house with her husband, Duane, for 30 years.

Movie, television production companies expected to get FAA permission to fly drones

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration is expected to announce Thursday that it is granting permits to seven movie and television production companies to fly drones, an important step toward greater use of the technology by commercial operators, said attorneys and a company official familiar with the decision.

However, the permits are expected to come with limitations, including that the unmanned aircraft be used only on closed sets and that they be operated by a three-person team, including a trained drone operator.

Until now, the only permit for commercial drone operations the FAA has granted has been to the Conoco Phillips oil company, which has flown two kinds of unmanned aircraft in unpopulated areas of Alaska and over the Arctic Ocean with significant limitations on their use.

The FAA is under intense pressure from Congress and a plethora of industries that want to use the

technology or sell it to others to relax its ban on commercial drone use. Companies want to use drones to monitor pipelines, inspect the undersides of oil platforms and bridges, and spray crops. Amazon and Google want to use them to deliver packages. Wedding videographers, real estate agents, journalists and other many others are clamoring to use them as well.

The seven movie and television companies are regarded by agencies as trailblazers, the first of what are likely to be dozens of industries that could be approved in coming months for drone operations under limited circumstances.

Thoroughbred horse racing industry braces for closing of New England's last remaining track

BOSTON (AP) — Suffolk Downs, New England's last thoroughbred racing track, says it is closing this year as the venue, which once hosted Seabiscuit and other premier horses of the day, falls victim to changes in a gaming industry that now revolves around lotteries and casinos.

The 160-acre track, located just outside downtown Boston, had hoped to revive its sagging fortunes with a \$1.1 billion Mohegan Sun casino project. But after the proposal was rejected last week, the operators said they have no choice but to close the nearly 80-year-old track.

The live racing season ends Oct. 4. Betting on televised races — or simulcasts — will be offered until about December. It is a blow to the local racing industry and, to some, the end of an era for Boston.

"It was a great, great part of the sports tradition we had here," says Anthony Spadea, who, as president of the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association, remains optimistic state leaders will find a way to preserve thoroughbred racing in the Bay State, perhaps on a smaller scale. "Now, there's so much competition for the entertainment dollar."

As word of the track's likely closing has spread in recent days, first-time visitors have been stopping by.

Mexican cartels' illegal taps stealing billions from oil industry as Pemex hopes to grow

CIUDAD MIER, Mexico (AP) — Mexico overcame 75 years of nationalist pride to reform its flagging, state-owned oil industry. But as it prepares to develop rich shale fields along the Gulf Coast, and attract foreign investors, another challenge awaits: taming the brutal drug cartels that rule the region and are stealing billions of dollars' worth of oil from pipelines.

Figures released by Petroleos Mexicanos last week show the gangs are becoming more prolific and sophisticated. So far this year, thieves across Mexico have drilled 2,481 illegal taps into state-owned pipelines, up more than one-third from the same period of 2013. Pemex estimates it's lost some 7.5 million barrels worth \$1.15 billion.

Pemex director Emilio Lozoya called the trend "worrisome."

More than a fifth of the illegal taps occurred in Tamaulipas, the Gulf state neighboring Texas that is a cornerstone for Mexico's future oil plans. It has Mexico's largest fields of recoverable shale gas, the natural gas extracted by fracturing rock layers, or fracking.

Mexico, overall, is believed to have the world's sixth-largest reserves of shale gas — equivalent to 60 billion barrels of crude oil. That's more than twice the total amount of oil that Mexico has produced by conventional means over the last century.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2014. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 25, 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1690, one of the earliest American newspapers, Publick Occurrences, published its first - and last - edition in Boston.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal. (Allen was released by the British in 1778.)

In 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette. (A male companion was arrested and later fined \$2 for "abusing" the officer.)

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colorado, during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY').

In 1932, the Spanish region of Catalonia received a Charter of Autonomy (however, the Charter was revoked by Francisco Franco at the end of the Spanish Civil War).

In 1957, nine black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

In 1964, the situation comedy "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.," starring Jim Nabors, premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1974, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Tommy John underwent an experimental graft reconstruction of the ulnar collateral ligament in the elbow of his throwing arm to repair a career-ending injury; the procedure, which proved successful, is now referred to as "Tommy John surgery."

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In 1994, Russian President Boris Yeltsin began a five-day swing through the United States as he arrived in New York, hoping to encourage American investment in his country's struggling economy.

Ten years ago: U.S. warplanes, tanks and artillery repeatedly hit at Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's (AH'-boo MOO'-sahb ahl-zahr-KOW'-eez) terror network in the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, Iraq. Billionaire oilman, philanthropist and onetime Fox studios owner Marvin Davis died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 79.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and French President Nicolas Sarkozy, in Pittsburgh for a G-20 summit, accused Iran of constructing a secret underground uranium enrichment facility and hiding its existence from international inspectors for years. Former Democratic Party chairman Paul G. Kirk Jr. stepped in as the temporary replacement in the Senate for his longtime friend, the late Edward Kennedy. Classical pianist Alicia de Larrocha, 86, died in Barcelona, Spain.

One year ago: Nearly a dozen of Syria's powerful rebel factions, including one linked to al-Qaida, formally broke with the main opposition group in exile and called for Islamic law in the country, dealing a severe blow to the Western-backed coalition. Skipper Jimmy Spithill and Oracle Team USA won the America's Cup with one of the greatest comebacks in sports history, speeding past Dean Barker and

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Emirates Team New Zealand in the winner-take-all Race 19 on San Francisco Bay.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Barbara Walters is 85. Folk singer Ian Tyson is 81. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates is 71. Actor Josh Taylor is 71. Actor Robert Walden is 71. Actor-producer Michael Douglas is 70. Model Cheryl Tiegs is 67. Actress Mimi Kennedy is 65. Actor-director Anson Williams is 65. Actor Mark Hamill is 63. Basketball Hall of Famer Bob McAdoo is 63. Polka bandleader Jimmy Sturr is 63. Actor Colin Friels is 62. Actor Michael Madsen is 56. Actress Heather Locklear is 53. Actress Aida Turturro is 52. Actor Tate Donovan is 51. TV personality Keely Shaye Smith is 51. Basketball Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen is 49. Actor Jason Flemyng is 48. Actor Will Smith is 46. Actor Hal Sparks is 45. Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones is 45. Rock musician Mike Luce (Drowning Pool) is 43. Actress Bridgette Wilson-Sampras is 41. Actress Clea DuVall is 37. Actor Robbie Jones is 37. Actor Joel David Moore is 37. Actor Chris Owen is 34. Rapper T. I. is 34. Actor Van Hansis is 33. Actor Lee Norris is 33. Actor/rapper Donald Glover (AKA Childish Gambino) is 31. Singer Diana Ortiz (Dream) is 29. Actress Emmy Clarke is 23.

Thought for Today: "The richer your friends, the more they will cost you." - Elisabeth Marbury, American writer (1856-1933).