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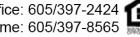
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Saturday, October 4

Birthdays: Fred Wolken • Josh Atherton • Gabriel Kjellsen • Trixie Schwabe

9:00am: Gypsy Day Parade. Groton is the fourth band.

5:00pm: Boys Varsity Soccer Playoffs: Groton hosts James Valley Christian

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Service Notice: Diane Barwin

Services for Diane Barwin, 74, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Monday, October 6 at the First Presbyterian Church in Groton. The Rev. Terry Kenny will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel on Sunday from 2-4 p.m. with a prayer service at 4 p.m.

Diane died October 2, 2014 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is $\ensuremath{\mathsf{OPEN}}$

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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.

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Laura Smith

Bride-to-be of Taylor Anderson



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Groton Area beats Milbank Area

Groton Area scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to come from behind to beat Milbank Area in football action Friday in Milbank, 22-15. "It was an exciting game," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Any time you're on the road in the Northeast Conference you have to play well."

Groton scored first in the first quarter when Jackson Doeden scored on a two-yard run with 4:14 left in the quarter. Doeden ran in the extra point and it was 8-0.

Milbank scored twice in the second quarter, once with 7:20 left when Isaac Snaza scored on a 10-yard run. Snaza ran in the PAT to tie the game at eight. Then with 54 seconds left in the half, Jacob Jackson caught a pass from Snaza for 40 yards to score. Jamie Gonzales kicked the PAT and the Bulldogs took a 15-8 lead at halftime. Adam Herman would take the wind out of Milbank's sails late in the game with an interception near the endzone with 50 seconds lefts and he returned it 54 yards.

Doeden would score twice in the third quarter on runs of 31 and 62 yards with Jacob Milbrandt kicking both PATs at Groton took a 22-15 lead. Doeden had 208 yhards rushing on the night on 28 carries and he had 11 tackles defensively. Spencer Knecht had nine carries for 78 yards. Bennett Shabazz had four carries for four yards. Austin Merkel had 11 tackles and Nick Dalchow had eight tackles. Groton attempted only one pass on the night. Groton lost its only fumble and had two penalties for 15 yards.

"The kids responded well in the second half," Wanner said. "All week long I challenged our seniors about what we have to do the rest of the year and I thought they responded well in the second half. Our senior offensive line did a great job."

Milbank had more first downs, 12-9. Groton had 44 carries for 284 yards while Milbank had 41 carries for 117 yards. "We ran the ball well," Wanner said. "We have some good backs. We're still trying to find our way in the passing game." Kyle Monteig led the Bulldogs with 17 carries for 48 yards and Snaza had 19 carries for 35 yards. Snaza completed eight of 16 passes for 189 yards for one touchdown and one interception. Jacob Jackson had one catch for 40 yards and Cody Docter had three for 51 yards.

Milbank lost one of two fumbles and had six penalties for 42 yards. Wyatt Goetsanius had 14 tackles and Devin Streiberz had 12.

Groton is now 3-3 on the season and will have next week off. "It will give us a little time to heal up," Wanner said. "Then we play Tiospa Zina and finish up at home with Sisseton. If we win those two games, we should host the first round of the football playoffs." Milbank, now 1-5, also has next week off.

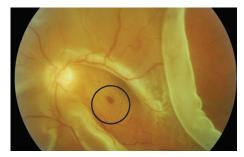
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Yesterday I got to have a machine gun fired at my eyeball. Well, not literally, but it sure seemed that way.

Okay, a little history first. In July we had our eye exam at Dr. Tufty's office in Fargo. We go as a family event for everyone to get checked out at the same time. He noticed a small dot in the back of

my eyeball. You can see a sample of what one looks like in the eyeball photo on the right. He said many times it will heal on its own, but he wanted a follow-up observation to make sure. So last month I went and the spot had actually grown in size. I re-



ally had not noticed anything wrong. There are not nerve endings in this part of the eye so you can't feel anything happening. The only thing you may notice are more floaters or sudden flashes of light. While it is not serious at the moment, Dr. Tufty wanted to have it taken care of right away. He said if left untreated, it could lead to serious problems. So he lined me up with Dr. Wischmeier in Aberdeen. Tufty said he had worked with Dr. Wischmeier at Bismarck and would be good doctor to do the work.

Now we get to the meat and potatoes of my experience. It's a laser treatment. Bascially, what they do is fire laser beams around the spot to prevent any further deatchment of the retina and allowing it to heal shut. They put all kinds of drops in my eyes and then he lines up the laser beam to start the firing squad. The light is very bright that he uses to look at the back of the eyeball. Then he finds the spot and starts firing. You really can't feel anything except once in a while a little pressure of where the beam hits. When he gets to a good spot, he must hold the button on the laser beam and it's like a machine gun firing away. I would say the whole procedure takes about two minutes, but it felt longer as the laser beams blast away.

It was a good thing it was a cloudy day as your eye is really sensative to the light. It remained closed for about the first half hour. Then my eye lid started to open a little bit and I would say in about an hour, I was back to normal.

I had emailed April at city hall asking for my insurance information for my vision insurance provider. She was kind enough to get everything to me in a short period of time, but I was surprised when they didn't want the information. "It's not a vision procedure, it's a medical procedure," I was told. So it goes through my health insurance. They showed me the price of the procedure - \$1,717. Dr. Wischmeier shot at my eyeball about 139 times so that comes to \$12.35 per beam.

I get to go back in a couple of weeks for a check up. He wants to make sure everything is healing according to plan. He said there would be no charge for that visit.

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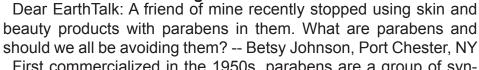
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First commercialized in the 1950s, parabens are a group of synthetic compounds commonly used as preservatives in a wide range of health, beauty and personal care products. If the product you are using contains methylparaben, ethylparaben, propylparaben, butylparaben and isobutylparaben, it has parabens.

These ingredients are added to deodorants, toothpastes, shampoos, conditioners, body lotions and makeups, among other products, to stop the growth of fungus, bacteria and other potentially damaging microbes. Researchers have also found that some 90 percent of typical grocery items contain measurable amounts of parabens, which is why even those who steer clear of potentially



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harmful personal care products also carry parabens around in their bloodstreams.

What worries public health advocates is that while individual products may contain limited amounts of parabens within safe limits set by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), cumulative exposure to the chemicals from several different products could be overloading our bodies and contributing to a wide range of health problems. "Of greatest concern is that parabens are known to disrupt hormone function, an effect that is linked to increased risk of breast cancer and reproductive toxicity," reports the non-profit Campaign for Safe Cosmetics (CSC). "Parabens mimic estrogen by binding to estrogen receptors on cells." Research has shown that the perceived influx of estrogen beyond normal levels can in some cases trigger reactions such as increasing breast cell division and the growth of tumors.

CSC cites a 2004 British study that detected traces of five parabens in the breast tumors of 19 out of 20 women studied. "This small study does not prove a causal relationship between parabens and breast cancer, but it is important because it detected the presence of intact parabens—unaltered by the body's metabolism—which is an indication of the chemical's ability to penetrate skin and remain in breast tissue." According to the group, a more recent study found higher levels of one paraben, npropylparaben, in the axilla quadrant of the breast where the highest proportion of breast tumors is found. CSC reports that parabens have also been linked to reproductive, immunological, neurological and skin irritation problems.

Health advocates are pressuring the FDA to ban parabens in products sold in the U.S.—like the European Union did in 2012—but concerned consumers must take matters into their own hands for now by reading product labels and avoiding products with parabens.

"Many natural and organic cosmetics manufacturers have found effective alternatives to parabens to prevent microbial growth in personal care products," reports CSC. "Some companies have created preservative-free products that have shorter shelf lives than conventional products (six months to a year), but if used daily are likely to be used up before they expire." Readers can check out Breast Cancer Action's list of over 100 cosmetics and personal care product makers committed to avoiding parabens in their products. Also, see if your favorite products contain parabens or other risky ingredients via Environmental Working Group's free online "Skin Deep" database.

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Today in Weather History
2005: A strong low pressure system developed over the Central Rockies and moved through the Northern Plains, bringing heavy snow to much of the northern Black Hills and far northwest South Dakota. Precipitation started as rain during the day and changed over to snow during the late afternoon and early evening, mixed with freezing rain and sleet. Heavy snow fell during the night and ended in the morning. Snowfall amounts were generally in the 6 to 12 inch range, with locally heavier amounts across northern and western Harding County. The heavy, wet snow resulted in many downed trees, large branches, and power lines. This caused numerous power outages and some minor property damage. A few locations had some of the highest daily snowfall amounts ever recorded in October. Camp Crook received 12 inches of snow, which tied for the daily record for snow in October. Redig also tied its record for most snowfall in one day for October with 9 inches. Lemmon had its second highest daily total snowfall for October (6.5 inches). Bison received 6 inches, which was tied for the 3rd highest daily total in October. Spearfish tied for the 8th highest daily snow total for October with 7 inches.

1777: The Battle of Germantown, on the northwest side of Philadelphia, was fought in a morning fog that grew more dense with the smoke of battle, causing great confusion. Americans firing at each other

contributed to the casualties during the battle.

1869 - A great storm struck New England. The storm reportedly was predicted twelve months in advance by a British officer named Saxby. Heavy rains and high floods plagued all of New England, with strong winds and high tides over New Hampshire and Maine. Canton CT was deluged with 12.35 inches of rain. (David Ludlum)

1969 - Denver, CO, réceived 9.6 inches of snow. October of that year proved to be the coldest and snowiest of record for Denver, with a total snowfall for the month of 31.2 inches. (Weather Channel)

1986 - Excessive flooding was reported along the Mississippi River and all over the Midwest, from Ohio to the Milk River in Montana. In some places it was the worst flooding of record. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - A storm brought record snows to the northeastern U.S. Snowfall totals ranged up to 21 inches at North Springfield VT. It was the earliest snow of record for some locations. The storm claimed 17 lives in central New York State, injured 332 persons, and in Vermont caused seventeen million dollars damage. The six inch snow at Albany NY was their earliest measurable snow in 117 years of records. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1987: Southern California experienced temperatures well over 100F in the afternoon. On the same

day, 18 inches of wet, heavy snow fell from eastern New York into New England.

1988 - Temperatures dipped below freezing in the north central U.S. Five cities in North Dakota and Nebraska reported record low temperatures for the date, including Bismarck ND with a reading of 17 degrees above zero. Low pressure brought snow and sleet to parts of Upper Michigan. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably cold weather continued in the north central U.S., with freezing temperatures reported across much of the area from eastern North Dakota to Michigan and northwest Ohio. Thirteen cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Saint Cloud MN, which was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 19 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) 1995: Hurricane Opal, a Category 4 storm when it was over the open Gulf of Mexico, brought 10 to 15 inches of rain to Alabama and the Florida panhandle.

1998: Kansas City's second worst flash flood on record struck the city during a game between the Chiefs and the Seattle Seahawks. Up to five inches of rain drenched the metro area, including four inches at Arrowhead Stadium, and delayed the start of the game by 54 minutes. The Chiefs won the

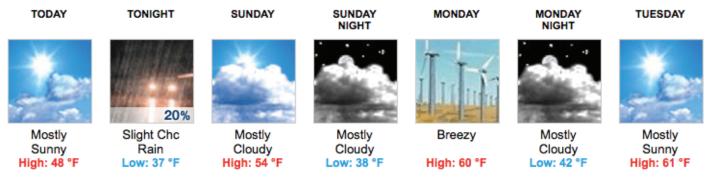
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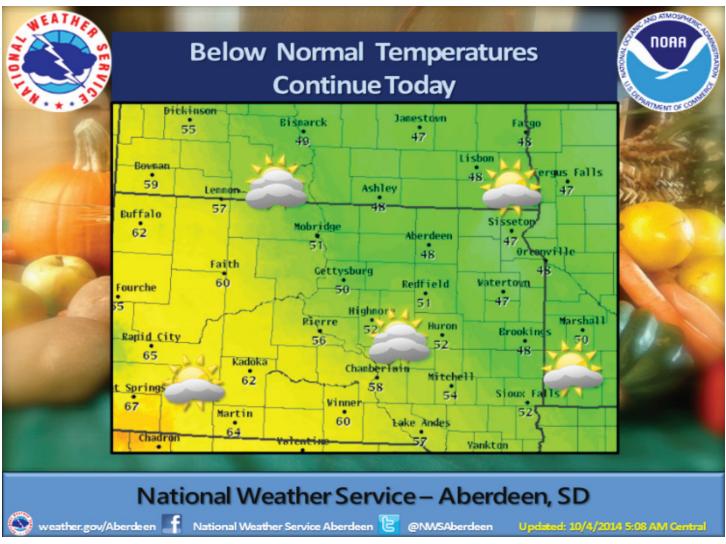
2012: Former Hurricane Nadine finally dissipated over the Azores. The system had maintained at least tropical storm strength for three weeks, tying it with 1971's Hurricane Ginger as the Atlantic Ocean's

longest-lived tropical storm.

2013: A record breaking blizzard roared into the Black Hills, dumping up to four feet of snow propelled by winds to nearly hurricane strength. By the time the snow ended in Rapid City on the 5th a new all-time 2-day snowfall record of 23.1" had been set. Rapid City also set a new one-day October snowfall record on the 4th of 19 inches, beating the old record by over nine inches!

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Today will feature partly cloudy skies with temperatures only warming into the upper 40s to the lower 50s. A weak upper level disturbance diving southeastward across the region tonight will bring a slight chance of light rain for eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 44.5°F at 1:01 AM **Low:** 39.0°F at 9:41 PM

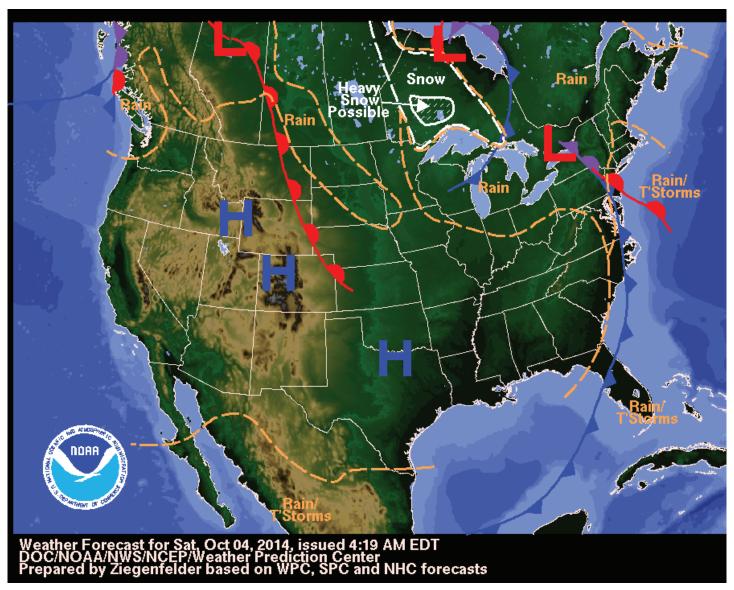
High Gust: 40 mph at 11:13 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 93° in 1975

Record High: 93° in 1975 Record Low: 13° in 1894 Average High: 64°F Average Low: 38°F

Average Precip in Oct.: .25
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 18.73
Precip Year to Date: 12.94
Sunset Tonight: 7:08 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:37 a.m.



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PEACEFUL, PLEASANT PATHS

"Well," some would say, "how boring. Life needs to be exciting, exhilarating and certainly filled with many different events that are challenging and consuming."

But is there more for us to understand? Certainly.

One of my dear friends sponsors Indianapolis race cars. Another played professional soccer for years. Then, there is "Greg the Sheriff" whose life is filled with sirens and radio alerts with calls for immediate action and life impacting decisions. And a pediatric anesthesiologist, who with one very slight miscalculation would bear the results of that mistake into eternity.

Yet, there is one common denominator among all of them: a reassuring pleasantness that confirms their walk with God and their trust in His wisdom. Walking in the "ways of wisdom" unites the "inner and outer man" and life becomes filled with joy and happiness, peace and satisfaction. In the midst of trouble and turmoil they all have gracious, delightful, enjoyable dispositions and being in their company brings blessings.

Do they have moments that challenge and threaten their "pleasant attitude?" Of course. But, in the midst of those moments, their confidence is not challenged nor do their skills become impaired. Why? The word for "peace" is shalom. It is not a peace that means that a person never has turmoil and turbulence in their lives. Instead, it is a peace that comes from being satisfied with doing God's will, being satisfied with His gifts, following His wisdom and worshiping Him.

Prayer: Lord, give us Your shalom! Fill our hearts with Your wisdom and our minds with determination to obey. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.

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News from the App Associated Press

Panel seeks name for Campbell County creek

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is looking for suggestions on a name for a creek in Campbell County.

The unnamed creek is located north of Pollock and drains into Lake Pocasse.

One proposed name has been submitted, Searl Creek, but the board is asking for more ideas before deciding.

Resilience, aid keep ranchers afloat after storm KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PHILIP, S.D. (AP) — Mark Buchholz is a man of faith. You have to be, in his line of work.

Like other western South Dakota ranchers, he took a drubbing one year ago when a freak early autumn blizzard killed at least 43,000 cattle.

But despite heavy financial losses, people in the industry said most ranchers are still in business and doing better than expected, largely thanks to millions of dollars in disaster relief combined with high cattle prices and a showering of support from generous people.

Still, it'll be years before everyone's square. Buchholz said the aid helped but didn't come close to recouping over half a million dollars he lost when more than 300 of his animals died.

"I know these guys are very resilient and they're going to work through it and come back on the other side," Buchholz said. "But it's not a one-year deal. It's a five- to 10-year deal."

The storm dumped more than 4 feet of snow in two days in western South Dakota and parts of North Dakota and Wyoming. Preceded by cold, heavy rains, it killed off and dispersed thousands of cattle without their winter coats fully grown. That robbed ranchers of their annual paycheck, as most were within weeks of selling their calves.

"At the time, it was very devastating, it looked pretty bleak," said Dave Schriever, vice president of lending at First National Bank in Philip. "Through the help of neighbors, the Rancher's Relief Fund ... and a lot of resilience from our producers, one year later there's been setbacks, but most of (our customers) are doing pretty well."

Nobody got out of the business, he said.

In all, the Rancher Relief Fund gave about \$5.5 million to 600 families, said Jodie Anderson, director of the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association. The federal Livestock Indemnity Program dispersed about \$33 million to around 1,500 ranchers, said Lynn Stoltenburg, a program manager with the Farm Services Agency in Huron.

Buchholz, who also owns an implement dealership in Philip, said most ranchers had to take on more debt.

"If you owed a hundred thousand dollars on those cows (that died) and you gotta spend \$200,000 to buy them back, you'd have to have \$300,000 worth of debt," Buccholz said. "So, financially, it's an uphill battle."

Buchholz and Shriever said the storm made people to spend less over the past year on new equipment and groceries, but local economies have bounced back, for the most part.

Alan Rislov, who ranches his own cattle and manages Buchholz's herd near Philip, said he lost about a third of his herd but received donations from around the country, including from churches in Texas

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and Oklahoma that sent checks and Christmas presents. The storm was terrible, but the reaction from people made the recovery much easier, he said.

"Until something like this happens, you're kind of in your own little world out here," Rislov said, standing outside his house miles into the countryside. "This kind of helps connect you with the rest of the world."

Despite what many ranchers said was the worst natural disaster of their lifetimes, most will be all right, in time, Buchholz said, speaking with a mix with of eternal optimism and reality.

"The Good Lord could break us all in one night — and he just about did it," he said. "But you just gotta close your eyes, make the best of a bad situation and go."

Freeze could end growing season for immature crops DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A freeze could stop the growing season in the upper Midwest as far south as Nebraska and Iowa, leaving farmers in a difficult situation because much of the region's corn and soybean fields are not quite ready for harvest.

The area of most concern includes Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin, where just 40 percent to 50 percent of the corn crop is mature, but a U.S. Department of Agriculture meteorologist says a freeze could reach as far south as Iowa and Nebraska. A hard freeze would stop growth, leaving the crop underdeveloped and lower in quality.

In some areas of Iowa and Nebraska corn and soybeans were planted weeks later than normal due to spring storms. Agronomists say fields need more time to dry before they're harvested.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

McLaughlin def. Standing Rock, N.D., 27-25, 25-16, 25-14 Yankton def. Pierre, 25-21, 25-20, 19-25, 25-23

Football

Aberdeen Roncalli 52, Sisseton 6
Alcester-Hudson 30, Viborg-Hurley 6
Andes Central 56, Marty Indian 6
Arlington 66, Colman-Egan 16
Avon 40, Gayville-Volin 20
Bennett County 60, Crow Creek 6
Bon Homme 19, Sioux Falls Christian 0
Brookings 25, Harrisburg 20
Centerville 18, Irene-Wakonda 6
Chester 48, Baltic 6
Clark/Willow Lake 50, Florence/Henry 6
Colome 38, Edgemont 0
Custer 30, Little Wound 0
Dell Rapids 39, Lennox 27
Dell Rapids St. Mary 58, Castlewood 26

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Deuel 52, Waverly-South Shore 8

Douglas 27, Spearfish 0

Elkton-Lake Benton 44, Estelline 8

Faith 50, Newell 0

Faulkton 48, Leola/Frederick 6

Garretson 50, Parker 24

Gregory 53, Scotland 6

Groton Area 22, Milbank Area 15

Hamlin 54, Great Plains Lutheran 0

Harding County 66, Lemmon/McIntosh 6

Herreid/Selby Area 56, Miller 6

Hot Springs 14, Sturgis 8

Howard 58, Hanson 18

Kimball/White Lake 39, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 8

Langford 43, Britton-Hecla 6

Luverne, Minn. 27, Madison 20

Lyman 28, Hill City 12

McCook Central/Montrose 38, Sioux Valley 0

Mobridge-Pollock 52, Chamberlain 0

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 33, Lake Preston 0

Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian 29, Corsica/Stickney 26

Redfield/Doland 60, Tiospa Zina Tribal 8

Sioux Falls Lincoln 62, Rapid City Stevens 20

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 53, Rapid City Central 6

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 35, Mitchell 6

Stanley County 62, Jones County 22

Sully Buttes 28, Eureka/Bowdle 0

Sunshine Bible Academy 20, Highmore-Harrold 18

Todd County 20, Wagner 18

Tri-State 42, Webster 14

Tri-Valley 38, Flandreau 7

Vermillion 21, Dakota Valley 12

Warner 52, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 34

West Central 42, Canton 28

White River 44, Kadoka Area 6

Wilmot 38, Waubay/Summit 6

Winner 20, St. Thomas More 13

Wolsey-Wessington 52, Northwestern 0

Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 42, Hitchcock-Tulare 0

Yankton 30, Watertown 0

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Wheat, corn stocks up in Dakotas; soybeans down

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Wheat and corn stocks are up in the Dakotas, while soybean stocks are down over the year.

The Agriculture Department says wheat stored on farms and at grain elevators on Sept. 1 was up 43 percent in North Dakota and up 40 percent in South Dakota.

Corn stocks were up 80 percent in South Dakota and up 258 percent in North Dakota. Soybean stocks were down 47 percent in North Dakota and down 43 percent in South Dakota.

Man found guilty inunderage sex trafficking case

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has been found guilty in federal court of trying to pay for sex with underage girls during the 2013 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

Thirty-two-year old Jerry Lane Golliher was one of nine people arrested and federally indicted for commercial sex trafficking in an undercover sting operation.

A sentencing date has not been set.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says Golliher faces a mandatory minimum term of 15 years in federal prison.

2 men charged in alleged robbery, beating

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two men have are accused of allegedly beating and robbing a man they met at a bar.

Police say 29-year-old Terrance Banks and 23-year-old Barron Knox were charged with second-degree robbery on Friday, following the early morning incident. Banks also was charged with fleeing police.

It was unclear Friday where the men were being held or if they had retained attorneys.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the three men were walking from one bar another when one of the men "decided he wanted the money the victim had."

Clemens says when the 22-year-old victim refused to hand over money, he was pushed to the ground, punched and kicked by the other two men.

Clemens says the victim was taken to the hospital for a suspected concussion.

Game commission proposes fewer spring turkey tags

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Turkey hunters would be able to bag about 800 fewer birds this spring and without using bait stations under proposed rule changes by the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks commission.

Commission members proposed the changes Thursday at their October meeting in Sturgis.

Under the proposed changes, the number of resident single-tag and two-tag licenses would be reduced by a total of 765 tags. Non-residents tags would be decreased overall by 46.

Tom Kirschenmann, the terrestrial resources chief for the department's wildlife division, said for the most part the department is reducing two-tag licenses down to single-tag licenses. He said the changes will account for about 7 to 8 percent fewer tags than last spring.

Kirschenmann said the reduction in tags stems from a changing population in western South Dakota. "In those particular units or areas of the state, we've seen turkey numbers lower the last couple of years," he said.

Big-game bait stations are currently not allowed from Aug. 15 to Feb. 1. The proposal announced

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Thursday would also prohibit bait stations from March 15 to May 31 so that the spring turkey season would be included as well. Wild turkeys, which are considered a big game species, are the only big game species available in the spring.

There's an exemption in the proposed rules that allows for the department to do leave food for animals while doing deprivation management.

Against Packers, Vikings just got run over DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The problems for the Minnesota Vikings with Christian Ponder at quarterback were obvious from the start.

Their list of missing players on offense has grown long and increasingly conspicuous. Playing their primary rival on the road in the rain at night with only three days to rest and prepare was already an uphill climb.

When Eddie Lacy began to trample through their defense early in the first quarter for the Green Bay Packers, well, that's when the Vikings really lost it.

"There's nothing more disheartening as a coach for you to get manhandled up front, to be in the wrong gaps, to have people running the ball at you," coach Mike Zimmer said the day after the Vikings were pummeled 42-10 by the Packers at Lambeau Field.

In 2000, Zimmer's first season as a defensive coordinator, Dallas gave up the most yards rushing in the NFL. Only one team allowed more yards per carry.

"And I said, 'Never again," Zimmer recalled Friday. "So I guess that's where that all stems from."

His players have largely been tough to run against since. Over his next 13 years as a defensive coordinator (six more with Dallas, one with Atlanta and six with Cincinnati), Zimmer's teams finished in the bottom half of the league in yards per game three times, and four times in yards per attempt. They were in the top 10 six times in yards per game and seven times in yards per attempt.

The Vikings had a stout front seven, or at least an effective scheme, to stop the run long before Zimmer was hired. They were in the top half of the NFL in yards per game and yards per attempt every year since 2006, and last season ended a seven-year streak of finishing 11th or higher in the league in both categories.

After factoring in what the Packers did against them Thursday, with 105 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries by Lacy, the Vikings fell to 17th in the NFL. They allow an average of 4.3 yards per rush and are 19th in the league with an average of 121.8 yards surrendered per game.

"There was a lot of freelancing, a lot of guys in the wrong place," said Zimmer, who delivered the majority of his answers Friday at his news conference in stern, clipped tones. He was clearly as upset with his team as he'd been since taking the job.

Zimmer said he looked "hard" at the game film trying to find a lack of effort on either side of the ball, but didn't see it. Defensive end Brian Robison, however, said he felt "some people had checked out" after the Packers built a 28-0 halftime lead.

"You could see it on the sidelines. Everybody was quiet," Robison said.

The Vikings forced a three-and-out by the Packers on the game's first possession, but they quickly got the ball back and turned Lacy loose -- for 18, 29 and 6 yards to set up a short touchdown pass by Aaron Rodgers. The Vikings settled in and played better in the middle of the game, but on Green Bay's first drive of the third quarter Lacy had carries of 9, 10 and 11 yards, which took him into the end zone.

Then came Lacy's 10-yard touchdown run on the ensuing possession. That provided the ultimate in-

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sult on a humbling night for the Vikings. He barreled into Robert Blanton at the goal line and without breaking stride popped the strong safety's helmet off.

The Vikings fell to 1-8-1 against the Packers since the start of the 2010 season. They'll have the benefit of being at home against Detroit, and then the most manageable stretch of the schedule follows: at Buffalo, at Tampa Bay, back home against Washington and the bye week.

But they won't get far if they don't learn to play with more discipline on defense, and learn to trust the scheme they're being taught rather than straying from responsibilities to chase highlights.

"You can't be out there trying to make plays because once you do that, you leave another guy out to dry," defensive end Everson Griffen said. "So you've got to rely on your technique to make that play for you."

Invasive quagga mussels found in SD reservoir KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The larva of an invasive mussel species closely related the zebra mussel has been found for the first time in South Dakota, in a reservoir in the Black Hills, state officials said Friday.

The quagga mussel, a small invasive mollusk, was identified in the Angostura Reservoir in the southern Black Hills in September by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which manages the reservoir with the state. A second agency recently confirmed what the bureau discovered was quagga mussels.

The state Department of Game, Fish and Parks is working with the federal government to try and obtain a second positive sample of the mussels, which it'll need before it lists the reservoir as positive for the invasive species that have become problematic in other states.

Jon Lott, the Aquatic Resources Chief for the state, said quagga mussels can spread rapidly under the right conditions, clogging up irrigation systems and outboard motors as they cluster thanks to their thin byssal threads that most other mussels don't have.

"That's where they really become an obvious nuisance species then," Lott said.

Found more often in western states, Lott said quagga mussels likely made their way to the Angostura Reservoir on or in someone's boat, which is why he said education will be the state's strongest defense if more of the mussels are found.

Lott said other states have quagga or zebra mussels teach boaters to not transfer water from one lake to another and to completely spray down boats when leaving a lake.

"Completely stopping the spread isn't very realistic, but our goal would be to slow it down as much as we can," he said.

The Department of Game Fish and Parks and the Bureau of Reclamation hasn't found any adult quagga mussels yet — the one's found so far have been in the larval stage. Lott said they've searched the reservoir by snorkeling and will likely use a dive team next to look deeper.

Lott said it's unclear right how well they could spread in the reservoir. He said the mussels can't reproduce in water that's below about 60 degree Fahrenheit, which should be the case in South Dakota lakes in the coming months.

"The big unknown is really how well they'll do. With anything, you can have it introduced and there'll be lakes where they'll do really well and take off and they may be present in another lake and never get a foothold," he said. "So with that we're still in the waiting game."

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Co-ops burying power lines to protect from storms

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials say five electric cooperatives are using state and federal disaster funds to bury hundreds of miles of power lines to protect against widespread outages from storms.

The cooperatives are burying more than 530 miles of line damaged in a powerful storm that struck 14 western South Dakota counties last year.

Officials say the cost of the line-burying project is estimated at more than \$32 million.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is paying 75 percent of the cost. The state provided 10 percent and the cooperatives paid the remaining 15 percent.

Cher reschedules concerts in Fargo and Sioux Falls

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Cher concerts in the Dakotas originally scheduled for this month have been rescheduled for early next year.

The 68-year-old singer is recovering from a viral infection. She earlier postponed an Oct. 29 concert at the Fargodome in Fargo and an Oct. 31 concert at the Denny Sanford Premier Center in Sioux Falls. New concert dates announced this week are Jan. 25 in Sioux Falls and Feb. 4 in Fargo.

USDA to resurvey 1,400 small grains farmers BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The federal government plans to resurvey about 1,400 small grains farmers in eight states in the Upper Midwest and West who still had crops in the field when they were asked a month ago about their yearly production.

The new information could result in a revision of the official government estimates of wheat, barley and oat production. It isn't likely to affect prices that consumers pay in the grocery store, but one market expert said it could affect the price that Upper Midwest spring wheat farmers get for their grain.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service surveys farmers in early September, when the small grains harvest should be wrapping up, and releases the data in its annual late-September small grains summary.

The report typically is the government's final word on annual production of those crops. However, wet weather this fall has delayed the harvest in many areas, leaving many farmers to only guess at what their production would be.

"We have the ability to go back and resurvey those operators if we see a large amount of acreage was not harvested at the time of the interviews," said Anthony Prillaman, head of the statistics service's field crops section.

The USDA this month plans to resurvey affected farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. If the effort results in changes to production estimates, the agency will publish updated data on Nov. 10.

The USDA has done resurveys before, though never in so many states, according to Prillaman. The agency's data show that the surveys typically result in only minor adjustments to official crop estimates and often don't result in any changes.

The number of small grains farmers being resurveyed this year amounts to only about 2 percent of the 66,300 that were originally interviewed, Prillaman said.

Spring wheat is grown mainly in the Upper Midwest, and big revisions to production estimates could affect market prices in the region, said Darin Newsom, a senior analyst at the Omaha, Nebraska-based market information company DTN. Market prices typically move up or down based on drops or rises in

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production.

That also can happen with food prices, but shoppers shouldn't notice any changes at the cash register due to any revisions that result from the resurvey, Newsom said. There are several other types of wheat than spring wheat, and there are large wheat supplies around the world.

"A change in spring wheat production, either large or small, will not change overall supplies of wheat, so shouldn't have a large ripple effect all the way to the consumer level," Newsom said.

AP News in Brief

Home where Ebola patient stayed decontaminated, family moved; number being monitored falls

DALLAS (AP) — After days of scrutiny about their treatment, a family that was living in the Texas apartment where an Ebola patient was staying when he got sick was moved to a private residence in a gated community.

Meanwhile, a hazardous-materials crew on Friday decontaminated the apartment, and public-health officials cut by half the number of people being monitored for any symptoms of the deadly disease.

Hours later, the family was moved to the private residence that was offered by a volunteer.

The decontamination team was to collect bed sheets, towels and a mattress used by the infected man before he was hospitalized, as well as a suitcase and other personal items belonging to Thomas Eric Duncan, officials said.

The materials were sealed in industrial barrels that were to be stored in trucks until they can be hauled away for permanent disposal.

Internet video purports to show Islamic State group beheading British hostage Alan Henning

CAIRO (AP) — An Internet video released Friday purports to show an Islamic State group fighter beheading British hostage Alan Henning, the fourth such killing carried out by the extremist group now targeted in U.S.-led airstrikes.

The video mirrored other beheading videos shot by the Islamic State group, which now holds territory along the border of Syria and Iraq, and ended with a militant threatening a man they identified as an American named Peter Kassig.

"Obama, you have started your aerial bombardment of Sham (Syria), which keeps on striking our people, so it is only right that we continue to strike the necks of your people," the masked militant in the video said.

National Security Council Spokesperson Caitlin Hayden confirmed that Kassig was held by Islamic State militants.

"At this point we have no reason to doubt the authenticity of the video released earlier today. We will continue to use every tool at our disposal -- military, diplomatic, law enforcement and intelligence - to try to bring Peter home to his family," Hayden said in a statement Friday night.

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Hong Kong tense after police arrest 19, protesters scrap talks as mobs try to drive them away

HONG KONG (AP) — Friction between pro-democracy protesters and opponents of their weeklong occupation of major Hong Kong streets persisted Saturday as police denied they had any connection to criminal gangs suspected of inciting attacks on largely peaceful demonstrators.

Student protesters urged supporters to turn out again in the evening to show their solidarity.

"The more suppression by the government, the more resistance by the people," Joshua Wong, a 17-year-old student leader told protesters gathered under a steady drizzle.

Police arrested 19 people during a night of running brawls in which at least 12 people and six officers were injured. Eight men were believed to have backgrounds linked to triads, or organized crime, said Senior Superintendent Patrick Kwok Pak-chung.

Officials vehemently denied rumors they might have coordinated with the gangs to clear the streets.

With vast area of Indian Ocean finally mapped, ships prepare to resume search for Flight 370

SYDNEY (AP) — After a four-month hiatus, the hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is about to resume in a desolate stretch of the Indian Ocean, with searchers lowering new equipment deep beneath the waves in a bid to finally solve one of the world's most perplexing aviation mysteries.

The GO Phoenix, the first of three ships that will spend up to a year hunting for the wreckage far off Australia's west coast, is expected to arrive in the search zone Sunday, though weather could delay its progress. Crews will use sonar, video cameras and jet fuel sensors to scour the water for any trace of the Boeing 777, which disappeared March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

The search has been on hold for months so crews could map the seabed in the search zone, about 1,800 kilometers (1,100 miles) west of Australia. The 60,000-square kilometer (23,000-square mile) search area lies along what is known as the "seventh arc" — a stretch of ocean where investigators believe the aircraft ran out of fuel and crashed, based largely on an analysis of transmissions between the plane and a satellite.

Given that the hunt has already been peppered with false alarms — from underwater signals wrongly thought to be from the plane's black boxes to possible debris fields that turned out to be trash — officials are keen to temper expectations.

"We're cautiously optimistic; cautious because of all the technical and other challenges we've got, but optimistic because we're confident in the analysis," said Martin Dolan, chief commissioner of the Australian Transport Safety Bureau, the agency leading the search. "But it's just a very big area that we're looking at."

With all eyes on Syria, Iraq, Shiites leap to a position of strength in Yemen

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The capital of Yemen, the Arab world's poorest and perhaps most chronically unstable nation, has new masters. Anti-American Shiite rebels man checkpoints and roam the streets in pickups mounted with anti-aircraft guns. The fighters control almost all state buildings, from the airport and the central bank to the Defense Ministry.

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Only a few police officers and soldiers are left on the streets. Rebel fighters have plastered the city with fliers proclaiming their slogan — "Death to America, death to Israel, a curse on the Jews and victory to Islam" — a variation of a popular Iranian slogan often chanted by Shiite militants in Iraq and supporters of Lebanon's Hezbollah.

While the world has been focused on the fight against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq, Yemen at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula has seen its own sudden, seismic upheaval when Shiite rebels known as the Houthis overran Sanaa two weeks ago.

Now the Houthis, who many believe are backed by Shiite-led Iran, are poised to become Yemen's version of the Shiite Hezbollah in Lebanon — top powerbrokers dominating the government and running a virtual state-within-a-state.

Their takeover of the capital also threatens to bring a violent backlash from hard-line Sunnis, creating a sectarian battle that would boost al-Qaida's branch in Yemen, which the United States has been battling for years in a drone campaign and in coordination with the Yemeni military. The rallying cry of fighting against Shiite power could turn Yemen into a magnet for Sunni jihadis from around the region, like Syria and Iraq.

In NH's Senate race, Brown runs hard against Obama; Shaheen tags challenger self-centered pol

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (AP) — The last thing Nancy Vawter expected when she went online with her 22-month-old granddaughter to watch the musician Raffi sing "Wheels on the Bus" was an ad for Scott Brown, the Republican challenging Sen. Jeanne Shaheen in New Hampshire.

"Politics has no business being anywhere around children," the Portsmouth resident said later, recalling her reaction.

But parents vote, and grandparents, too. And as a result, the ad wars have invaded even the feel-silly online world of children entertainers in one of several close races that will determine whether Republicans win a Senate majority.

If the New Hampshire race is like others in some respects, it is unique in at least one.

Brown, 55, moved to the state to run. The race is his third for the Senate in five years, following a pair of contests next door in Massachusetts in 2010 and 2012 in which he first won, then lost, the seat once held by the late Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy.

2014 Nobel Prize in literature: A writer of long acclaim or unknown plucked from obscurity?

STOCKHOLM (AP) — It's soon time for the highbrow culture event of the year: the Nobel Prize in literature. But don't worry if you are left scratching your head when the winner is announced.

While the Swedish Academy sometimes picks well-known authors long lauded by critics, just as frequently it surprises the world with unknowns plucked from obscurity. The secretive academy drops no hints on who they are considering but Permanent Secretary Peter Englund said this year's long-list started with 210 nominees, including 36 first-timers.

The academy is expected to announce the winner on Thursday, but has not yet confirmed the date. Here's a look at the potential surprises and the old-time favorites:

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In No. 1 cocaine-producer, narco candidates are tainting nationwide elections in Peru

IRAZOLA, Peru (AP) — The two-term mayor of this poor farming district in a cocaine-producing region where the Andes meet the Amazon is one of hundreds of candidates in Sunday's local and state elections suspected of being bankrolled by drug traffickers.

Manuel Gambini, a 43-year-old former coca farmer, is among at least seven gubernatorial candidates — in a quarter of Peru's 24 states — under investigation for drug trafficking or related crimes.

Cocaine cash is threatening to hijack democracy in this nation that in 2012 became the world's top cocaine producer. The infiltration has become so brazen and widespread as to draw comparisons with conditions in Colombia and Mexico that preceded major political bloodletting.

"We are now a despicable reflection of what Colombia was — and what Mexico is today," said Sonia Medina, Peru's public prosecutor for drug enforcement. Peru is far less violent, but drug-related murders have been on the rise.

One of three Peruvian voters lives in a region with candidates under investigation, on trial or previously convicted of drug-related crimes. Medina said her office has identified 700 such candidates.

AP PHOTOS: Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha, Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur coincide this weekend

Major holidays for both Muslims and Jews are both being marked this Saturday across the Middle East, the first time this has happened since 1981.

The Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha and the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur coincide once every 33 years, as Judaism and Islam rely on lunar calendars.

Yom Kippur is Judaism's Day of Atonement, when devout Jews ask God to forgive them for their transgressions and refrain from eating and drinking, attending intense prayer services in synagogues. Businesses and airports in Israel shut down as television and radio stations go silent and highway stand empty. That holiday began at sunset Friday and ends Saturday night.

Muslims are marking Eid al-Adha, a three-day holiday that started Saturday across much of the Middle East. It commemorates the willingness of the prophet Ibrahim — or Abraham as he is known in the Bible — to sacrifice his son in accordance with God's will, though in the end God provides him a sheep to sacrifice instead. On the start of Eid al-Adha, Muslims slaughter sheep, cattle and other livestock, and give part of the meat to the poor. Parents often buy new clothes for their children for the holiday.

Here are a series of Associated Press images from across the world showing Muslims and Jews marking their respective holidays.

Extra exciting: Hosmer's 11th-inning HR puts Royals on brink of ALCS with 4-1 win over Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Eric Hosmer got his souvenir home run ball back while he stood on the field for a postgame interview, Angel Stadium's silence broken only by a small band of blue-clad fans chanting "Sweep! Sweep! Sweep!"

Hosmer savored the moment, realizing that almost nobody expected the unassuming Kansas City Royals to be collecting keepsakes and plotting playoff sweeps a few days ago.

But with three extra-inning wins in four remarkable days, the long-downtrodden Royals have climbed

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from the depths of a 29-year playoff absence to the brink of the AL Championship Series.

Hosmer hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning, and Kansas City took a 2-0 lead in the AL Division Series with a 4-1 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Friday night.

"It's a huge sigh of relief, and it's a big swing for the guys," Hosmer said.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2014. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit.

On this date:

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pennsylvania, resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1814, French painter Jean-Francois Millet was born in Normandy.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps.

In 1959, the Soviet Union launched Luna 3, a space probe which transmitted images of the far side of the moon.

In 1960, an Eastern Air Lines Lockheed L-188A Electra crashed on takeoff from Boston's Logan International Airport, killing all but 10 of the 72 people on board.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, agriculture secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1989, Fawaz Younis, a Lebanese hijacker convicted of commandeering a Jordanian jetliner with two Americans aboard in 1985, was sentenced in Washington to 30 years in prison. Triple Crownwinning racehorse Secretariat, suffering a hoof ailment, was humanely destroyed at age 19. Graham Chapman, a founding member of the British comedy group Monty Python, died at age 48.

In 1991, 26 nations, including the United States, signed the Madrid Protocol, which imposed a 50-year ban on oil exploration and mining in Antarctica.

In 2002, John Walker Lindh, the so-called "American Taliban," received a 20-year sentence after a sobbing plea for forgiveness before a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia. In a federal court in Boston, a laughing Richard Reid pleaded guilty to trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his shoes (the British citizen was later sentenced to life in prison).

Ten years ago: The SpaceShipOne rocket plane broke through Earth's atmosphere to the edge of space for the second time in five days, capturing the \$10 million Ansari X prize aimed at opening the final frontier to tourists. Pioneering astronaut Gordon Cooper died in Ventura, California, at age 77. American researchers Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine for their studies on humans' sense of smell.

Five years ago: Greek Socialists trounced the governing conservatives in a landslide election. Argentine folk singer Mercedes Sosa, 74, died in Buenos Aires.

One year ago: Vo Nguyen Giap, the brilliant and ruthless military commander who'd led Vietnamese Communist forces to victory first over the French and then the Americans, died in Hanoi at age 102.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 85. Actress Felicia Farr is 82. Pro and College

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Football Hall of Famer Sam Huff is 80. Actor Eddie Applegate is 79. Author Jackie Collins is 77. Author Roy Blount Jr. is 73. Author Anne Rice is 73. Actress Lori Saunders (TV: "Petticoat Junction") is 73. Baseball Hall of Famer Tony La Russa is 70. Actor Clifton Davis is 69. The former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, is 68. Actress Susan Sarandon is 68. Blues musician Duke Robillard is 66. Playwright Lee Blessing is 65. Actor Armand Assante is 65. Actor Alan Rosenberg is 64. Actor Christoph Waltz is 58. Actor Bill Fagerbakke (FAY'-guhr-bah-kee) is 57. Music producer Russell Simmons is 57. Former actress Kyra Schon (Film: "Night of the Living Dead") is 57. Actress-singer Wendy Makkena is 56. Musician Chris Lowe (The Pet Shop Boys) is 55. Country musician Gregg "Hobie" Hubbard (Sawyer Brown) is 54. Actor David W. Harper is 53. Singer Jon Secada is 53. TV personality John Melendez is 49. Actor Liev Schreiber is 47. Actor Abraham Benrubi is 45. Country singer-musician Heidi Newfield is 44. Singer-guitarist M. Ward (She & Him) is 41. Actress Alicia (ah-LEE'-see-ah) Silverstone is 38. Actress Dana Davis is 36. Actor Phillip Glasser is 36. Rock singer-musician Marc Roberge (O.A.R.) is 36. Actor Brandon Barash is 35. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 35. Actor Jimmy Workman is 34. Bassist Cubbie Fink (Foster the People) is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Benson (3lw) is 27. Actor Michael Charles Roman is 27. NBA All-Star Derrick Rose is 26. Figure skater Kimmie Meisner is 25. Actress Dakota Johnson is 25. Actress Leigh-Anne Pinnock (Little Mix) is 23. Actor Ryan Scott Lee is 18. Thought for Today: "Sometimes even to live is an act of courage." - Seneca the Younger, Roman statesman and philosopher (3 B.C.-A.D 65).