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State Soccer at Mitchell

Birthdays: Ricky Thurston • Donna Bahr

9:00am: Volleyball Tourney at Redfield

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

Sunday, October 12

Anniversaries: Marc & Jane Johnson • Charles & Sabrina Padfield

Birthdays: • Tyler Holm • Heather Merkel • Carroll Nehls • Cadance Jo Tullis • Michaela Kavanaugh

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00pm: Worship at Trinity Church

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

Monday, October 13

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY - NO SCHOOL

Senior Menu: Chicken rice casserole, green beans, spinach salad, chocolate pudding with bananas, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Carna Atherton-Pray • Carter Jondahl • Michael Shilhanek • Kay Olson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

TITAN 
MACHINERY

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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is gone for now 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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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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FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving
5-9 p.m.

WE'VE GOT WINGS!
Every Wednesday!

ANDOVER
BAR & GRILL

120 S Main St. • 298-5252

Classifieds

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.

golden
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

SERVICE TECH

Farm Equipment Tech needed for repair and service of Case IH and Massey Ferguson farm equipment. Sponsored training, excellent benefit package and the possibility for advancement. Contact Steve at 605-395-6421 or email resume to s.harry@harrysinc.com.

Harry Implement Inc.

PO Box 841
Ferney, SD
57439



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Another great week in South Dakota. The temperature dipped a bit again and the growing season is over. The leaves are falling and the harvest is at full swing. Pheasant hunting season is here and it is a wonderful time of the year. Take some time to enjoy the outdoors before the really cold stuff gets here.

I attended a meeting with the SD Board of Regents on Thursday morning at Northern State University. We had a good discussion about their requests for the upcoming legislative session and a few other things. Of utmost concern to them is that the cost of higher education is being shifted more and more onto the backs of the students and their families. Our tuition rates used to be the lowest in the region but now they are towards the very top. This makes it more difficult for our students to afford going to an institution of higher education and it results too often in a large student loan that is not easy to pay back. Last year we did freeze tuition and provided money to make up for it. I asked them about what they thought

about the Workforce Summit meetings and how the governor put the emphasis on training for jobs and not on four year degrees. This stimulated quite a discussion as they all agreed with me that the governor seemed to be deemphasizing higher learning and pushing for more students to choose the technical route. They didn't like what he had to say and number of them commented on it. In reality we need both. It is important for the students to make the right choice. To do so the students need college and career counseling with a qualified professional but because of budget cuts in our schools many schools had to cut their counselors.

I also attended a Chamber of Commerce event on Thursday night and it was fun to meet new people and to find out about what positions they held in the area. A number of new businesses and individuals joined and put their wares on display. One from my rural area was Shagan Pit which is a catering business started by one of my former students. He has been doing really well and his samples were just superb. Scott and Michelle Hagan live near Stratford.

We are busy running to and fro working to talk to the voters, putting up signs, and trying to get your support. November 4th will be here soon. I would just like to encourage you to vote. We are fortunate to live in a country and a state that allows us to have discussion, debate, and discourse before we make our choices and cast our votes. I hope we have a great voter turnout.

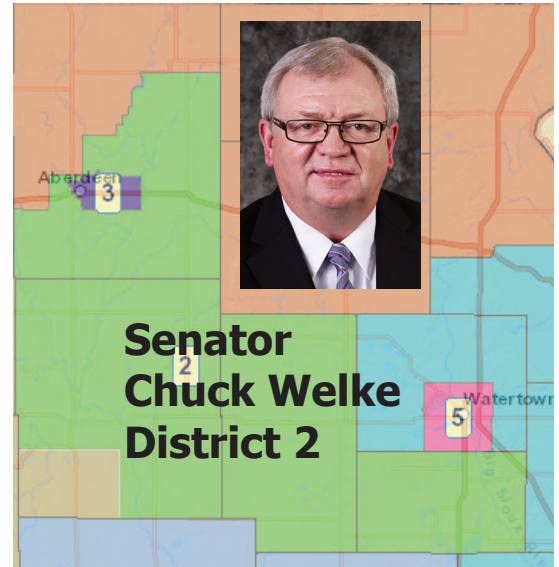
It has been an honor serving District 2 as your state senator. I would love to have another term. I have worked hard to hear your concerns and to get your support. If I am reelected I will work hard to make our district an even better place to live and work. If I am not I will have more time to spend with my family. I have three adult children and seven grandchildren. I also have my elderly parents living nearby. Dad will be 96 in January and my mom turns 91 this week. I try to spend as much time as I can with them. I retired in 2010 from a thirty-five year career in education to spend time with my grandchildren and parents. Since deciding to serve in the SD Legislature I have given up a lot of that important time but I still make sure that I get my grandkid time and have made a commitment to spend some time each week with mom and dad.

It is a very precious process so please take the time to look at the issues and candidates before you vote. It is too important to just pick one side and mark all of their candidates. I was a government teacher for most of my teaching career before I became principal. I taught that it was imperative that my students use critical thinking skills to make their decisions. I would challenge them on their thinking and made them defend their positions. Unfortunately too often people have the attitude that my first school superintendent had and it was, "My mind is already made up, don't confuse me with the facts."

Have a great week and I am sure we will have more to report next time.

Thank you.

Chuck Welke, 605-216-1467



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County Reinvestment Fund

There are many reasons why I love South Dakota. Our state is fiscally responsible. We understand how important it is to balance the budget and be good stewards of taxpayer money.

South Dakota is also a safe state. I recently heard of someone that, for the first time in his life, started locking his car door when he went downtown – not because he was worried about theft, but because it was zucchini season, and he didn't need any more zucchinis left in his car as a gift.

In 2012, we were faced with a challenge to our safety and financial strength. Our incarceration rate was higher than our neighboring states', and projections showed that this number was only going up. In fact, these projections indicated that South Dakota's prison population would increase 25 percent over the next decade, costing the state \$224 million and requiring two new prisons to be built.

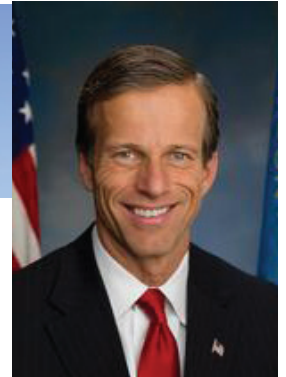
Consequently, I joined with the Chief Justice and legislative leaders to ask a group of stakeholders to conduct an extensive review of our public safety system. The criminal justice reform task force found that building the new facilities was an expensive short-term solution to a problem with roots deeply imbedded in South Dakota's law books. The group produced a package of reforms that would not only make our state safer, but save \$207 million dollars over the next ten years. As a result, in 2013 the Legislature passed and I signed the Public Safety Improvement Act.

The Public Safety Improvement Act is based in part on state partnerships with local law enforcement and counties. In order for local entities to sustain themselves under the Act, the County Reinvestment Fund was created. The Reinvestment Fund helps reimburse counties for costs associated with the anticipated growth of offenders on probation. For each probationer that exceeds the projected count, the Department of Corrections will grant \$1,000 to counties with a jail and \$1,200 to counties without access to a jail.

This phase of the law is just taking effect and counties will soon receive their first allocation to help cover expenses.

When we were faced with a problem two years ago, we didn't look the other way or turn to short-term solutions. We chose to address the root of the problem. Thanks to those efforts and the continued efforts at the state and local levels, I'm confident South Dakota will continue to be a safe state with a balanced budget – and a place where you're much more likely to be the recipient of unwanted zucchini than a victim of a break-in.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



South Dakota's Pheasant Hunting Future

Like many who enjoy the outdoors, I always look forward to the third Saturday in October, which has become an unofficial state holiday and time-honored tradition in South Dakota, our annual pheasant hunting season opener. This year, the South

Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks forecast a 76 percent increase in the pheasant population over last year's dismal numbers. This is great news for hunters looking to shout "rooster" as they walk through the fields with family and friends on opening day.

Although the Chinese Ringneck Pheasant is a resilient and hardy bird, shrinking nesting habitat and lack of cover from South Dakota's harsh winter weather directly impact the number of pheasants we have to hunt each year. The most significant loss of pheasant habitat has occurred due to the decrease in Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres enrolled in South Dakota.

In 2007, South Dakota had approximately 1.5 million acres enrolled in CRP. As of October 1, 2014, South Dakota enrolled 883,000 acres in the program. Although new land has been enrolled and some expiring CRP land reenrolled, South Dakota has experienced a decline of more than 600,000 acres in CRP from its peak of 1.5 million acres.

Without a doubt, the habitat decline is responsible for the decrease in pheasant numbers over the past several years. Fewer pheasants also mean lost revenue for many small rural communities across the state that depend on business from the pheasant hunting boom.

While it is important to take the habitat decline seriously, I believe we have several reasons to be optimistic about the future of South Dakota pheasant hunting. I worked to make the 2014 Farm Bill Conservation Title more flexible to provide an attractive alternative to growing crops on less productive land. My Farm Bill sodsaver provision closes a crop insurance loophole, which will help preserve our remaining native grassland acres important to nesting pheasants, ducks, grouse, prairie chickens, and nongame bird species.

I also believe the Governor's Pheasant Habitat Work Group, established earlier this year, has prepared several thoughtful proposals to encourage much-needed habitat increases. Pheasants Forever also launched a field office in Brookings to team up with South Dakota State University to enhance wildlife habitat and restore South Dakota's pheasant numbers.

While my favorite pheasant hunts have come from the memories made with family and friends, and not how many birds we killed that day, I have to admit that a sore shoulder from firing at multiple roosters always makes the hunt more enjoyable. I wish all hunters across South Dakota a safe and successful hunting season.

TIM JOHNSON



UNITED STATES
SENATOR from

SOUTH DAKOTA



Reducing Congressional Gridlock by Reforming Gerrymandering

The congressional gridlock in Washington has become unparalleled in modern times. There seems to be no ability to compromise on the major issues or even the minor ones facing our country. A major source of the problem is the gerrymandering of congressional districts. Drawing safe congressional districts to protect a political party encourages Members of Congress to resist compromise and focus on the far right or left wings of their party, leaving many middle-of-the-road Americans underrepresented. When Members of Congress are sure of reelection, no matter how extreme their views, governing takes a back seat to ideology. Before Congress adjourned this fall for the campaign trail, I introduced a bill that would take politics and partisanship out of the congressional redistricting process. It's long past time to put an end to the gridlock.

Gerrymandering has been a problem since our early days as a nation. In fact, the term was coined in the early 1800s after Governor Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts approved a redistricting plan that gave his party an electoral advantage. The long, skinny district somewhat resembled the shape of a salamander, and critics began calling it the "Gerrymander." The term has remained in our political lexicon, and unfortunately, so too has the practice of drawing district lines to give one party or the other a distinct advantage in elections.

Partisanship should not have a role in redistricting, but it's all too common for politicians to use the redistricting process as a tool to unfairly win elections. State legislatures, working with their governor, are responsible for drawing the boundaries of federal congressional districts in most states. Because there are no national guidelines in place outlining how these boundaries should be drawn, the process often falls victim to gerrymandering. This reduces competition and protects incumbents, resulting in elected officials catering to the extremes of their parties, instead of reaching across the aisle to find common ground.

The Fairness and Independence in Redistricting (FAIR) Act I introduced would prevent politicians from using the redistricting process to score political points. The bill would require each state to establish an independent, bipartisan redistricting commission tasked with redrawing federal congressional district lines. The FAIR Act would also improve transparency by requiring commissions to hold public meetings on congressional district boundaries and advertise any plans that are approved.

We must loosen the grip of congressional gridlock that currently holds Washington. Instead of leaping from one manufactured crisis to the next, we need to address the root causes of congressional gridlock. The FAIR Act represents a path forward. It's time to rewrite the rules of the game by rooting out partisanship from the congressional redistricting process so we can move forward with the business of the nation.



Practical Money Skills

for Life™

By Jason Alderman



Flexible Spending Accounts, Commuter Benefits Cut Your Taxes

For millions of Americans, 2015 open enrollment for employer-provided benefits is right around the corner. While it may be tempting to simply opt for the same coverage you have this year, doing so could cost you hundreds – or thousands – of dollars in tax savings.

Have I captured your attention?

Find out if your employer offers flexible spending accounts (FSAs). They let you pay for eligible out-of-pocket healthcare and/or dependent care expenses on a pre-tax basis – that is, before federal, state, local and Social Security taxes have been deducted from your paycheck.

Also look for a commuter benefit plan, where you can pay for certain workplace mass transit and parking expenses with pretax dollars. By contributing to an FSA or commuter plan to cover expenses you would have paid for anyway, you reduce your taxable income by that amount, which in turn lowers your tax bill.

Here's how it can add up: Say you're married, jointly earn \$90,000 a year and contribute 5 percent to a 401(k). If you contribute \$2,000 to a healthcare FSA and \$4,000 for dependent care, your resulting net income, after taxes, would be roughly \$1,700 more than if you had paid for those expenses on an after-tax basis. Use the FSA calculator at www.dinkytown.net to evaluate your own situation.

And, with a commuter plan, you can use pretax dollars to pay for up to \$130 a month in transit expenses (bus, train, vanpool, etc.) and \$250 a month in qualified parking expenses and reap the same kind of tax benefit.

You can use a healthcare FSA to pay for any IRS-allowed medical expenses not covered by your medical, dental or vision plans. This includes deductibles, copayments, orthodontia, glasses, prescription drugs, chiropractic, smoking cessation programs and many more. Note: Over-the-counter medications, except for insulin, require a doctor's prescription to be eligible. (See IRS Publication 502.)

Dependent care FSAs let you use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible expenses related to care for your child, spouse, parent or other dependent incapable of self-care. Eligible expenses include:

Fees for licensed daycare and adult care facilities.

Amounts paid for services provided in or outside your home so that you and your spouse can work, look for work, or attend school full-time.

Before- and after-school programs for dependents under age 13.

Babysitting by relatives over age 19 who aren't your dependent.

For some lower-income families, the federal income tax dependent care tax credit is more advantageous than an FSA so crunch the numbers or ask a tax expert which alternative is best. Note: You cannot claim the same expenses under both tax breaks.

Keep in mind these FSA restrictions:

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The IRS limits employee contributions to healthcare FSAs to \$2,500 a year.

The dependent care FSA contribution limit is \$5,000 if you're single or married filing jointly.

Healthcare and dependent care account contributions are not interchangeable.

Outside of open enrollment, you can only make mid-year FSA changes after a major life or family status change.

You must re-enroll in FSAs each year.

You'll also need to estimate planned healthcare FSA expenses carefully or risk having to forfeit your unused account balance. Employers may choose to either: offer a grace period of up to 2 ½ months after the plan year's end to incur expenses; or allow you to carry over up to \$500 to use in the following year.

With commuter plans you can change contribution amounts throughout the year whenever your needs change; you can also carry over unused funds from month to month.

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The University of South Dakota, Vermillion, marching band lines up for the finale of the Glacial Lakes Band Festival held in Groton on Friday. The results from the band competition were not available.

Today in Weather History

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1925 - Widespread early season snows fell in the northeastern U.S., with as much as two feet in New Hampshire and Vermont. The heavy snow blocked roads and cancelled football games. (David Ludlum)

1954 - A deluge of 6.72 inches of rain in 48 hours flooded the Chicago River, causing ten million dollars damage in the Chicago area. (9th-11th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

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1988 - Low pressure brought gale force winds to the Great Lakes Region, with snow and sleet reported in some areas. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the north central U.S. The mercury hit 84 degrees at Cutbank MT and Worland WY. The temperature at Gunnison CO soared from a morning low of 12 degrees to a high of 66 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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1737: Some records indicate that on this date Calcutta, India was struck by a powerful hurricane while simultaneously experiencing a devastating earthquake...resulting in a death toll of 300,000. However recent research has shown that while the city was indeed struck by a terrible cyclone that day, evidence of an earthquake is slim. Also, the death toll was more likely 3,000 rather than 300,000.


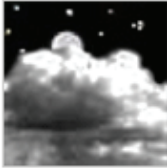

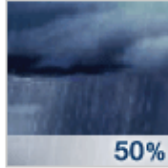



1846: The most intense Atlantic hurricane of the 19th century ravaged Havana and Key West. At Havana the entire city was demolished and at Key West 594 of the town's 600 buildings were destroyed. The storm eventually traveled up the entire U.S. East Coast and into the Canadian Maritimes.

1909: A disastrous hurricane of at least Category 3 strength traveled from southwest to northeast up the length of the Florida Keys and through Miami, resulting in 13 fatalities and the destruction of 400 buildings. The weather station on Sandy Key was swept away.

2002: 45 vehicles crashed on I-43 near Cedar Grove, WI. The accident was caused by speed and fog. Thirty-eight people were hospitalized and ten were killed.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
Breezy	Increasing Clouds	Showers	Chance Showers	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 64 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 55 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 61 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 63 °F



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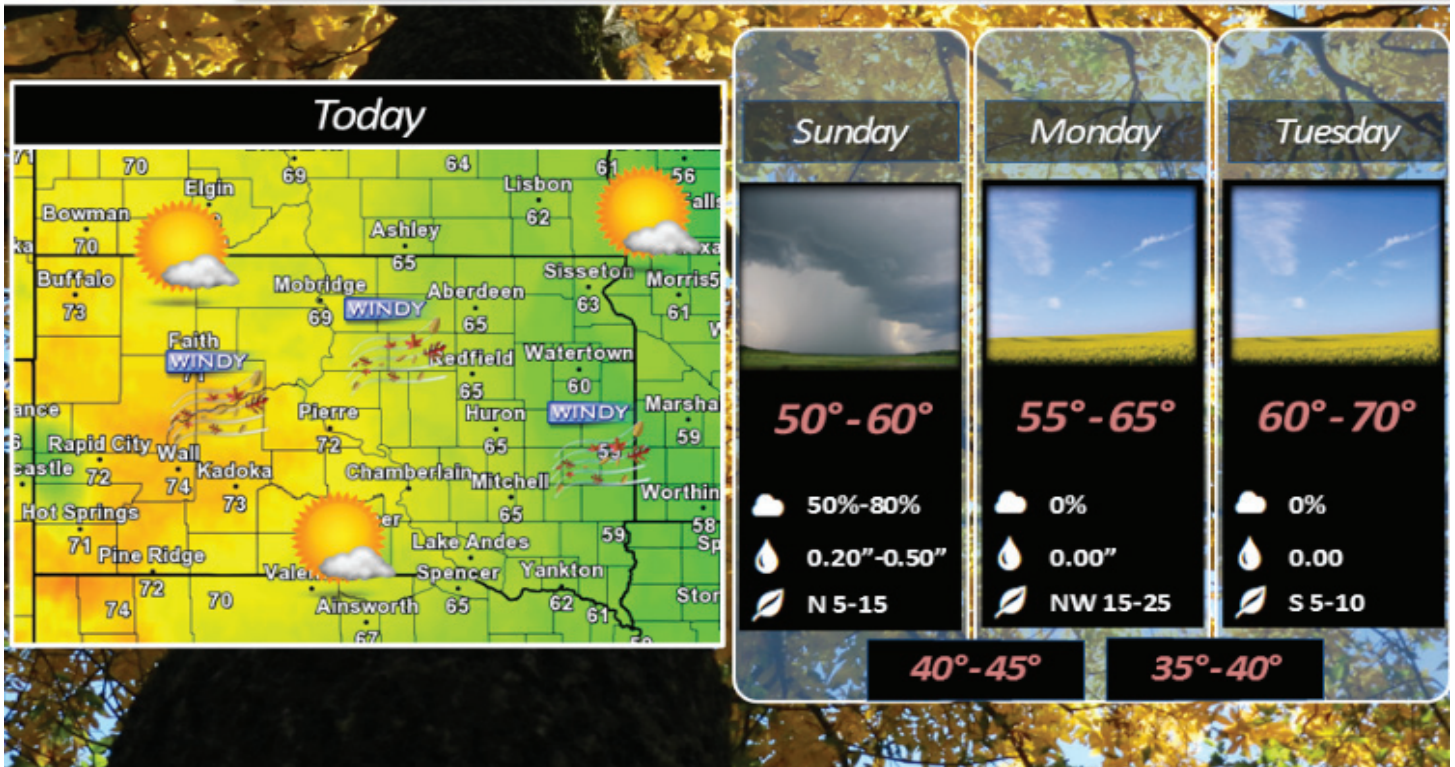
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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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A warmer, but breezy day is expected across the region today. Showers are then likely on Sunday as a low pressure system moves across the region.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 58.3°F at 4:49 PM

Low: 23.5°F at 7:49 AM

High Gust: 10 mph at 2:52 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 89° in 1910

Record Low: 16° in 1935

Average High: 60°F

Average Low: 35°F

Average Precip in Oct.: .74

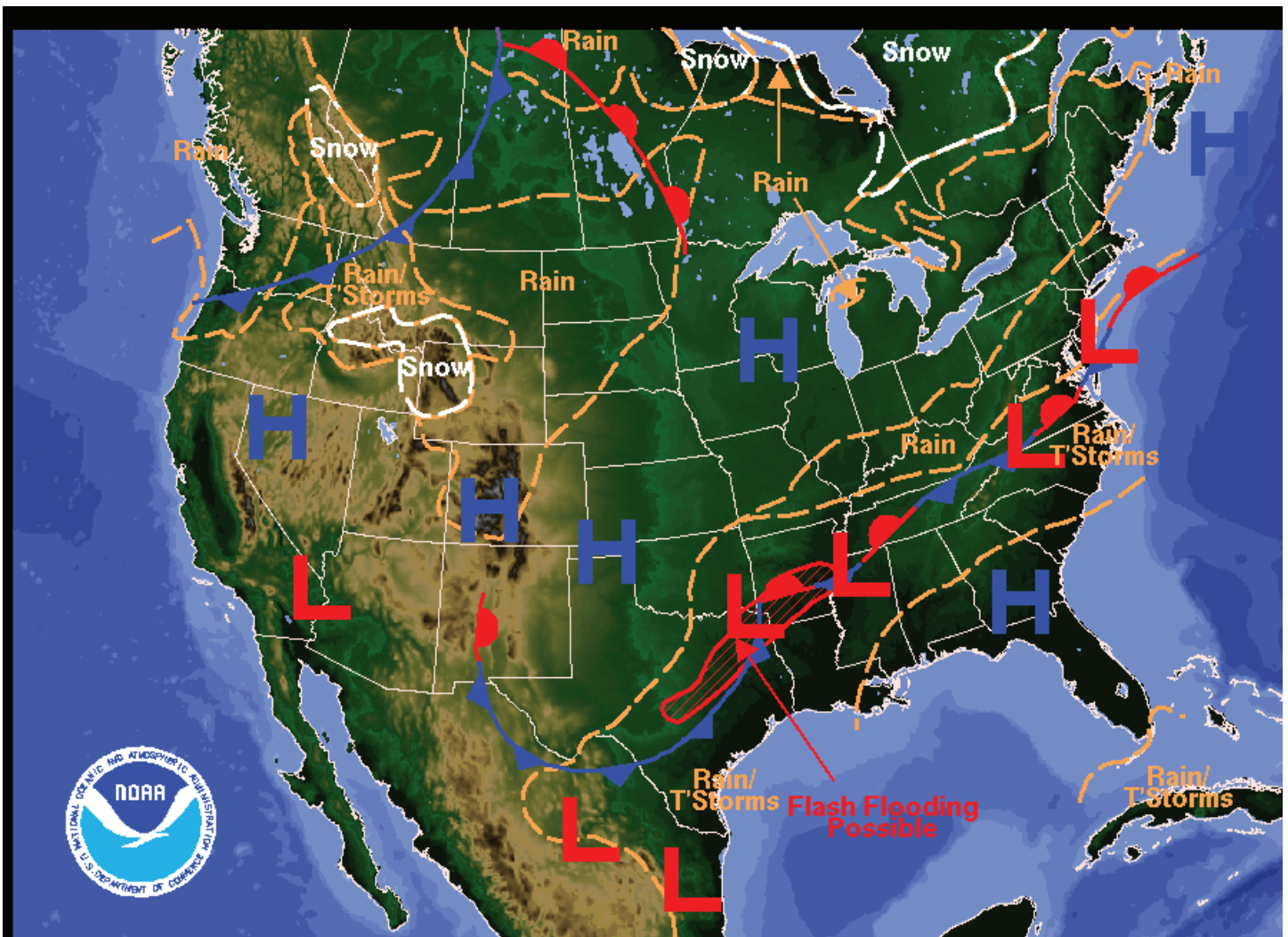
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.04

Average Precip to date: 19.22

Precip Year to Date: 12.98

Sunset Tonight: 6:55 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Oct 11, 2014, issued 4:46 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Rubin-Oster based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



SAFE PASSAGE

Well over a year ago I underwent spinal surgery. Not long after that, it was necessary for more surgery on another section on my spine. God was very gracious to me and both were successful. He blessed the skills of the surgeons as they corrected various problems that had developed over the years.

During a post-surgical consultation, one of them asked, "Larry, walk over to the door, turn around and then walk back toward me." I followed his instructions and, after carefully watching every step he asked me to repeat the process.

After a moment he asked, "Do you feel like you are off balance? And did you notice your feet seemed to oppose the directions you wanted them to travel?"

"Well, yes," I replied, "but I thought those two conditions would correct themselves after a period of time."

"Oh, no," he said. "You'll need some extensive physical therapy to correct those problems."

The physical therapy was important to correct a physical problem. But only spiritual therapy can solve spiritual problems. Solomon said that if we apply God's wisdom to our lives our steps will be secure at all times. Our steps will not be "hampered" - or restricted - by the obstacles of life. We will be able to take long, safe, secure strides as we follow His will. He also states that "when we run we will not stumble" our feet will never become "ensnared by the traps" of this world.

Prayer: Lord, connect our "hearts" to our "feet" and assure us that if we follow You, our paths will be safe. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 4:12 When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

News from the Associated Press

SDSU in Brookings dedicating new athletic complex

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University athletes have a new place to hone their skills. The Brookings school dedicates the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex Saturday.

The multi-purpose indoor competition and training facility just north of Coughlin-Alumni Stadium cost an estimated \$32 million.

It includes an indoor eight-lane, 300-meter track and 100 yards of soybean-based synthetic turf. The complex also has space for sports medicine, athletic training, strength and conditioning, physical therapy, hydrotherapy, observation rooms and offices.

USD launches \$250 million fundraising campaign

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota is embarking on a fundraising campaign that it hopes can bring in \$250 million in private donations to fund scholarships and revamp campus facilities.

The University says "Onward: The Campaign for South Dakota," aims to raise the most money in school history.

Tena Haraldson is director for marketing at the Vermillion school. Haraldson says as state funding has not kept up with raising costs in higher education that private donations have become increasingly important.

The university says three former faculty members have already established endowments totaling several million dollars.

The money brought in will go toward scholarships, professorships, educational opportunities and improvements to facilities.

The school has already broke ground on a new sports complex and plans to expand its National Music Museum.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

Football

Arlington 42, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 14
Avon 58, Marty Indian 6
Bon Homme 41, Wagner 0
Brandon Valley 49, Aberdeen Central 35
Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan 47, Freeman 8
Britton-Hecla 57, Ipswich/Edmunds Central 24
Brookings 62, Mitchell 20
Canistota 60, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 12
Canton 55, Elk Point-Jefferson 14
Chamberlain 46, St. Francis Indian 14
Chester 59, Irene-Wakonda 8
Colome 38, Corsica/Stickney 12

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Dell Rapids 34, West Central 25
Dell Rapids St. Mary 60, Estelline 8
DeSmet/Iroquois 50, Lake Preston 6
Deubrook 56, Colman-Egan 6
Douglas 21, Huron 13
Elkton-Lake Benton 44, Castlewood 8
Faulkton 56, Warner 22
Florence/Henry 30, Wilmot 12
Garretson 68, Centerville 32
Gayville-Volin 50, Viborg-Hurley 8
Gregory 60, Andes Central 6
Hamlin 32, Deuel 6
Hanson 44, Menno-Marion 28
Harding County 54, Newell 14
Hitchcock-Tulare 32, Sunshine Bible Academy 12
Hot Springs 65, Little Wound 0
Howard 53, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 0
Lemmon/McIntosh 52, McLaughlin / Wakpala FB 0
Leola/Frederick 56, Northwestern 0
Madison 42, Lennox 8
McCook Central/Montrose 46, Redfield/Doland 7
New Underwood 50, Lyman 28
Parker 12, Baltic 6
Parkston 47, Tri-Valley 6
Philip 52, Jones County 0
Potter County 42, Eureka/Bowdle 30
Sioux Falls Lincoln 35, Harrisburg 14
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 42, Watertown 7
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 51, Rapid City Stevens 29
Sioux Falls Washington 56, Rapid City Central 7
Sioux Valley 15, Beresford 14
Sisseton 55, Tiospa Zina Tribal 14
South Central 12, Scotland 8
St. Thomas More 40, Belle Fourche 0
Stanley County 54, Kadoka Area 8
Sturgis 17, Spearfish 14
Sully Buttes 60, Herreid/Selby Area 20
Tea Area 63, Dakota Valley 12
Timber Lake 50, Bison 0
Todd County 21, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 14
Tri-State 60, Great Plains Lutheran 7
Vermillion 33, Flandreau 7
Waverly-South Shore 58, Waubay/Summit 6
Webster 21, Clark/Willow Lake 20

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Winner 38, Mobridge-Pollock 12
Wolsey-Wessington 48, Miller 6
Yankton 37, Pierre 0

Volleyball

Fargo Invitational

Pool Play

Pool F

Jamestown, N.D. def. Sioux Falls Washington, 26-24, 25-22

Sioux Falls Washington def. Valley City, N.D., 18-25, 28-26, 15-10

Sioux Falls Washington def. Wahpeton, N.D., 25-18, 25-9

Ekeren named CEO at Avera Sacred Heart hospital

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — Doug Ekeren has been named regional president and CEO for Avera Sacred Heart hospital in Yankton.

Ekeren has been serving as interim CEO since June 28. He replaces Pamela Rezac, who retired after leading the hospital for 17 years.

Ekeren has been an administrator at Sacred Heart for the past 21 years.

FEMA approves disaster funding for South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Sen. Tim Johnson says the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved more than \$3.6 million in disaster aid to help communities recover from several June storms, including the tornado in Wessington Spring and flooding in other areas.

Funds will be made available to Butte, Clay, Corson, Dewey, Hanson, Jerauld, Lincoln, Minnehaha, Perkins, Turner, Union and Ziebach counties, as well as the Cheyenne River Sioux and Standing Rock Sioux tribal nations.

The money can be used for a variety of disaster recovery costs such as emergency work, removal of debris, road and bridge repair, and restoration of electrical utilities.

Vikings' Exum fined \$22K for illegal block

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Minnesota Vikings safety Antone Exum has been fined \$22,050 by the NFL for an illegal blindside block against the Green Bay Packers last week.

Exum was penalized for hitting the Packers' Jarrett Bush during a punt return in the second quarter of the Thursday night game of Oct. 2.

Tampa Bay wide receiver Louis Murphy was docked \$11,025 on Friday for using abusive language toward an opponent after the Buccaneers scored a touchdown in a 37-31 loss to the New Orleans Saints last weekend.

Seattle right tackle Justin Britt was fined \$8,268 for a late hit against Washington's Bashaud Breeland, while Seahawks linebacker Bruce Irvin was fined \$5,512 for wearing white cleats while the rest of the team wore black — a violation of league uniform rules.

USDA ups expected record corn, soybean harvest

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The expected record corn and soybean harvest will be slightly bigger than previously estimated, the result of late summer warmth that helped fill cornstalks with ears and soybean plants with bean pods, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said Friday.

Farmers are expected to bring in 14.5 billion bushels of corn, up 80 million bushels from the September estimate. It's the third consecutive month the USDA has increased its estimate of the corn harvest as favorable weather helped the crops develop. And soybean farmers will harvest an estimated 3.93 billion bushels, up 14 million bushels from last month's estimate.

It'll be a banner year for corn, with farmers expected to harvest a national average of 174.2 bushels per acre, a significant increase over the record of 169 set in 2009. Though the USDA lowered the number of acres planted by 1 percent to 90.9 million acres, the increased yield pushed the total expected harvest higher.

Twenty-two states expect a record high corn yield for 2014, and 10 states will set a benchmark for number of ears, including Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, and Ohio.

Sixty percent of the corn crop was mature at the end of September, 10 percentage points behind the five-year average, but only 12 percent of the nation's crop was harvested because while the crops are in good shape they were planted late and aren't quite fully mature. That's slightly ahead of last year but 11 percentage points behind the five-year average.

Soybean farmers will see records fall, too, as 12 states will set new yield benchmarks, including Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. The national average yield was boosted to 47.1 bushels per acre, up from the record of 44 set in 2009.

Just 10 percent of soybeans have been harvested, seven percentage points behind normal in most places, and more than 10 percentage points behind in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas.

Ohio's farmers are expected to see record corn and soybean yields.

Bill Bayliss, who grows both crops plus wheat in west-central Ohio, attributes it to weather that cooperated through the growing season.

"Unusually cooler weather and kind of consistent not big gully-washer downpours but just consistent rain made good growing conditions," said Bayliss, who farms about 2,000 acres near West Mansfield.

He said harvest is about two weeks behind schedule as a result of late planting.

Record crop expected for South Dakota soybeans

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's soybean crop is forecast at a record-high 220 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year.

The Agriculture Department's crop production report shows an estimated 5.11 million acres of soybeans, a 12 percent increase from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 43 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from 2013.

The report estimates corn to be up less than 1 percent and dry edible beans to be up 9 percent from a year ago.

Sunflower production is forecast at 251,000 hundredweight, up 9 percent from 2013.

Rounds' struggles increase attention on SD race

HENRY C. JACKSON, Associated Press

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Right about now, Mike Rounds is supposed to be coasting into the Senate.

Instead, the former governor is taking flak over a program that allowed foreigners to get visas in exchange for promising to invest in rural South Dakota. And that's opened a path for a Democrat, an independent and a tea party candidate to turn what ought to be an easy pickup for the GOP into a race whose outcome isn't as sure.

At stake, potentially, is control of the Senate.

Needing to pick up six seats to regain control of the chamber, Republicans have banked on winning conservative South Dakota, where Democratic Sen. Tim Johnson is retiring, and where voters have twice voted overwhelmingly against President Barack Obama.

Neither Democrat Rick Weiland nor independent Larry Pressler, a onetime Republican senator who changed his registration last year, has kept pace with Rounds' fundraising. But Rounds has failed to pull away, dogged by fresh attention to his tenure as governor from 2003 to 2011. Also running is Gordon Howie, a former state senator with tea party support.

This week, the Senate Democrats' campaign arm signaled it would drop \$1 million into the race, a sign the party sees some hope of derailing Rounds. That came after an outside group, Mayday PAC, announced it would spend \$1 million on ads supporting Weiland.

Reliable polling in South Dakota has been sparse. Republicans say Rounds is comfortably ahead but Democrats say the race is now in play.

Rounds has faced criticism for a state-run, federal visa program called EB-5 that was administered while he was governor. The program was built on conservative political principles, encouraging private investment by foreign nationals to create jobs in rural parts of South Dakota. In exchange, investors received a visa that allowed them to live in the U.S.

Democrats say the program didn't create the promised jobs and was run poorly by a Rounds appointee. They say it threatened to become costly to the state when a California company sued South Dakota in 2008, alleging a breach of its contract to recruit Chinese investors.

The program has also seen at least one high profile failure: Northern Beef Processors, a processing plant in Aberdeen that filed for bankruptcy and has since been sold to investors who say they hope to reopen it. Three other dairy projects tied to the program failed. Both state and federal authorities have conducted investigations.

The onetime leader of Rounds' office of economic development, Richard Benda, who helped oversee the program, committed suicide last October after a state audit questioned \$550,000 diverted to his new employer. The state Division of Banking said it is now considering trying to collect back taxes related to the deals.

State officials have defended the visa program, saying most of the 26 businesses created are still operating and that it has led to more than \$642 million in investment.

This week, the South Dakota Board of Regents announced that the California company's lawsuit had been dismissed. And Rounds' campaign quickly put up an ad called "The Truth."

Rounds declined an interview request. His campaign manager, Rob Skjonsberg, said of the criticism, "Outside groups are coming in to South Dakota in an attempt to attack the governor's character, lie and distract from the competition's support of (President Barack) Obama."

Weiland and Pressler have both highlighted problems with the program, and national Democrats may make the issue a focus of their upcoming ad blitz.

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Some voters say they've been trying to understand the controversy.

Candace Whittet, a registered Republican, said she's gone from being undecided to supporting Pressler, largely because of what she's learned.

"When the EB-5 (news) came out, I leaned more towards Pressler," the 61-year-old said, speaking by phone from Leo's Good Food, a cafe in Redfield

Even some voters who back Rounds said they found the reports of mismanagement in the EB-5 program troubling. Ken Shay, of Pierre, said he preferred Howie but would reluctantly vote for Rounds because he is "the most conservative person who I think will win."

"This stuff's so convoluted," Shay, 55, said. "Do we know the whole story yet?"

Pressler has relied on the name identification from serving three terms in the Senate in the 1980s and 1990s and two terms in the House of Representatives before that. He's poured more than \$200,000 of his own money into the race, running a nostalgic ad that includes footage of legendary CBS newsman Walter Cronkite highlighting Pressler's role in Congress during the Abscam bribery scandal and calling him a "hero" for refusing a bribe offered.

Weiland, a businessman and former aide to Sen. Tom Daschle, has focused on a populist message.

"I heard it everywhere, people are tired of greed," he said in one folksy spot.

Rapid City man claims \$30,000 Powerball prize

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Rapid City man has claimed a \$30,000 Powerball prize.

South Dakota lottery officials say James Tisdell won the money in Wednesday's drawing. The odds of winning Powerball's third prize are 1 in about 650,000.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$80 million for the Saturday drawing.

Pipeline leaks brine in Lake Sakakawea tributary

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A saltwater spill estimated at 42,000 gallons flowed into a tributary of a Missouri River reservoir in western North Dakota, damaging vegetation in its path but not threatening drinking water sources, a state health official said.

Inspectors and cleanup crews have been on the well site since the spill earlier this week in McKenzie County, said Kris Roberts, an environmental geologist with the North Dakota Health Department. Houston-based Oasis Petroleum Inc. reported the spill Wednesday, Roberts said.

Saltwater is an unwanted byproduct of oil production and can be many times saltier than sea water. It is considered an environmental hazard can easily kill vegetation exposed to it.

Roberts said the briny water spewed from a corroded steel pipeline near the well site. Some of the wastewater was cleaned up at the site but some of it reached a creek that is a tributary to Lake Sakakawea, about 5 miles downstream. The wastewater contained no chemicals used in drilling operations, he said, adding that the saltwater likely will be diluted to safe levels by the time it drains into the Missouri River reservoir.

"By the time it reaches Lake Sakakawea, I doubt if we'll even be able to detect it," Roberts said.

Oasis Petroleum did not immediately return calls on Friday. Roberts said the company is removing 6-inches of topsoil along damaged areas of the creek and replacing it with fresh dirt.

North Dakota, the nation's No. 2 oil producer behind Texas, also produces millions of barrels of briny wastewater daily.

The pipeline breach was the second saltwater leak in recent months to threaten Lake Sakakawea, the biggest reservoir on the Missouri River dam system.

About 1 million gallons of saltwater leaked from a pipeline in July near a tributary of Lake Sakakawea. The Environmental Protection Agency said it had no confirmed reports that the saltwater reached Bear Den Bay on Lake Sakakawea. The water body provides water for the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in the heart of western North Dakota's booming oil patch.

The EPA said most of the spill was pooled on the ground, soaked into the soil and held behind beaver dams.

North Dakota had 74 pipeline leaks in 2013 that spilled 22,000 barrels of saltwater, 17,000 barrels of which was from a single spill in Bowman County, state records show. Oil drillers in the state produced a record 313.5 million barrels of crude in 2013 along with about 350 million barrels of contaminated water, state data show.

AP News in Brief

Stepped-up Ebola screening starting at NYC's Kennedy airport as death toll tops 4,000

NEW YORK (AP) — A stepped-up screening program that checks the temperature of travelers arriving from West Africa is starting at New York's Kennedy International Airport, part of an ongoing effort to stop the spread of Ebola, which has so far killed more than 4,000 people.

The effort to screen travelers from the three West African countries most affected by Ebola starts Saturday at Kennedy and will be expanded over the next week to Newark Liberty, Washington Dulles, Chicago O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson in Atlanta.

Customs officials say about 150 people travel daily from or through Liberia, Sierra Leone or Guinea to the United States, and nearly 95 percent of them land first at one of the five airports.

There are no direct flights to the U.S. from the three countries, but Homeland Security officials said last week they can track passengers back to where their trips began, even if they make several stops. Airlines from Morocco, France and Belgium are still flying in and out of West Africa.

President Barack Obama said Wednesday that the new screening measures are "really just belt and suspenders" to support protections already in place. Border Patrol agents already look for people who are obviously ill, as do flight crews, and passengers departing from West Africa are being screened.

Kurdish fighters in fierce clashes, struggling to repel Islamic State group from border town

SURUC, Turkey (AP) — Syrian activists and Kurdish officials say fierce fighting is underway in a Syrian border town where Kurdish militiamen are struggling to repel advances by the Islamic State group.

The battle for Kobani is raging despite airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition targeting the militants.

A Kurdish official, Ismet Sheikh Hasan, says Saturday's clashes are focused in the southern and eastern parts of the town. He says the situation is dire.

The director of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, Rami Abdurrahman, says the town's Kurdish fighters are putting up a fierce fight but are outgunned by the militants.

Since the militants launched their onslaught on Kobani in mid-September, at least 500 people have been killed and more than 200,000 have been forced to flee across the border into Turkey.

AP Analysis: This year's Gaza war may bring some change at last

The wars between Israel and Hamas tend to be futile and frustrating for all. Each side ends up more or less where it began, having learned little, entrenched in its position, preparing for the next pointless, deadly round.

Cynicism seems reasonable in the Middle East, but this summer's Gaza war may prove an exception. Neither side seems able to dislodge the other, yet the situation is even more unbearable than before.

The shared need for change has nudged along a series of compromises that set the stage for a conference on Sunday in Cairo where world donors are expected to fork over billions of dollars for reconstruction in Gaza.

Hamas seems concerned about its standing with the people in Gaza, however cowed by authoritarian rule they might be. Thousands died in a war that started with the usual cycle of violent escalation and mutual recrimination but was certainly prolonged by the militant rulers of Gaza — and there is little to show for the sacrifice.

For Israel it's about world opinion, where a storm is brewing. Beyond horror at the devastation in Gaza there is growing impatience with the wider Israeli-Palestinian wrangle, a vexation made worse by Israel's continued settlement-building in the West Bank, in stark defiance of global opposition.

Activist Kailash Satyarthi's Nobel Peace Prize highlights endemic child labor in India

PATNA, India (AP) — When the Nobel Committee announced that Indian children's rights activist Kailash Satyarthi had won the Peace Prize, a skinny 13-year-old boy was running around serving cups of milky tea to customers at a tiny tea stall in eastern India.

By law, Raja Manjhi should not be working at all. But, like millions of other children across India, he has been forced out of school and into a job to help his impoverished family.

Despite the country's rapid economic growth, child labor remains widespread in India, where an estimated 13 million children work, with laws meant to keep kids in school and out of the workplace routinely flouted.

Satyarthi, 60, who won the Peace Prize on Friday along with 17-year-old Pakistani Malala Yousafzai, accepts that "a lot of work still remains" before children like Raja no longer have to work.

Raja dropped out of school in second grade, when he was handed over to the owner of a tea stall in the eastern city of Patna to pay off his father's 5,000 rupee (\$80) debt. The money was needed because Raja's mother was sick.

Police shooting protests expand across St. Louis as newcomers join weekend of resistance

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — Tense but peaceful protests over Michael Brown's death and other fatal police shootings in Missouri and elsewhere stretched across the St. Louis region Friday as organizers urged hundreds of participants to avoid arrest so that they could return for a weekend of demonstrations.

The four-day event called Ferguson October began Friday afternoon with a march outside the St. Louis County prosecutor's office in Clayton and renewed calls for prosecutor Bob McCulloch to charge

Darren Wilson, a white Ferguson officer, in the Aug. 9 death of 18-year-old Brown, who was black and unarmed. A grand jury is reviewing the case.

The demonstrations moved to Ferguson Friday night as protesters stood inches from officers in riot gear before demonstrators disbursed. Many then went to the site of a police shooting in St. Louis, where another demonstration is planned Saturday. By 2 a.m. Saturday, St. Louis police had blocked a main road that crosses an interstate highway near Saint Louis University's medical complex, but the heavy police restrictions didn't keep hundreds more — including many newcomers from across the country who joined local residents — from marching in the streets.

"It's important for this country to stand with this community," said protester Ellen Davidson of New York City, a community college administrator who was making her second trip to the St. Louis area since Brown's death. "This community is under siege. ... The eyes of the world are watching."

The planned Saturday morning protest in downtown St. Louis will take place hours before the Cardinals host the San Francisco Giants in the first game of the National League Championship Series. And on Monday, a series of planned — but unannounced — acts of civil disobedience are to take place throughout the St. Louis region.

7 students charged with sex crimes in New Jersey high school football hazing investigation

PARLIN, N.J. (AP) — Seven students were charged with sex crimes in connection with a series of assaults amid an investigation into hazing by a high school football team, which already led to the cancellation of the rest of the season, authorities said.

Six of the seven students, ranging in age from 15 to 17, were arrested Friday night, and the seventh was being sought, police and prosecutors said.

The group attacked four students at Sayreville War Memorial High School, a regional football power, on four separate occasions between Sept. 19 and Sept. 29, authorities said. Their investigation found that the students held other teens against their will and improperly touched them in a sexual manner. One of the victims was kicked during an attack, authorities said.

Three of the students were charged with aggravated sexual assault, criminal restraint, hazing and other crimes for an act of sexual penetration upon one of the children, Middlesex County prosecutor Andrew C. Carey said. The four other students were charged with aggravated criminal sexual contact and other crimes.

Those in custody were awaiting a Family Court decision on whether they would be held at a juvenile detention facility or be released to their families. Their names weren't released because of their ages.

Couples rush to exchange vows moments after US judge strikes down NC gay marriage ban

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Minutes after a federal judge in Asheville struck down North Carolina's ban on same-sex marriages, Amy Cantrell and Lauren White rushed out of a county office with their newly printed marriage license and exchanged vows on the front steps, their two children in tow.

"This is it folks," exclaimed the Rev. Lisa Bovee-Kemper, a Unitarian Universalist minister from Asheville, to cheering supporters. "By the power vested in me by the state of North Carolina, I now pronounce you married."

The 42-year-old Cantrell, a minister herself, was exuberant. "We've been waiting for this day for

years," she said.

The couple of six years have 8-month-old twins: Myla and Eleecia.

"I thought I might pass out at one point," added White, 29. "Pretty typical bride stuff."

Backing Bill: Documents show how Clinton White House defended president during investigations

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House made a public push to defend President Bill Clinton during a series of investigations related to the Whitewater real estate deal to his affair with intern Monica Lewinsky, according to thousands of pages of documents released by the National Archives.

The documents, part of 10,000 pages of records from the Clinton administration released Friday, did not appear to reveal any new information that might affect a potential Hillary Rodham Clinton presidential campaign. But the papers focused on a number of painful chapters in the former first lady's time in the White House and described how the president's aides sought to defend her husband against impeachment.

Many records involving Lewinsky are redacted, but one document sheds light on her job: Lewinsky sent an official request to hang a picture of Clinton, signing a telecommunications bill, in a White House legislative affairs office.

Behind the scenes, Clinton officials were adamant that they were not trying to discredit Lewinsky.

"There is no evidence whatsoever that the White House was directing or involved in any campaign against her," Clinton aide Sidney Blumenthal wrote in a January 1999 memo.

Illicit kisses, keg stands, 'Duck Dynasty' and a felon pump some fun into Louisiana campaigns

PINEVILLE, La. (AP) — Let's face it. This is a largely joyless midterm congressional election.

Torrents of negative ads, numbingly familiar attacks on President Barack Obama's health law and millions of dispirited voters — or perhaps nonvoters.

One state, however, remains a rollicking and colorful battleground, even if that's not always intentional.

Want to see a three-term senator squirt beer into a football fan's mouth as the fan does a "keg stand"? Come to Louisiana.

How about a crusty character trying to return to Congress after a decades-long absence? Actually, Louisiana has two such candidates, but only one spent eight years in prison.

Gordon puts on power show as Royals beat Orioles 8-6 in 10 innings in ALCS opener

BALTIMORE (AP) — Alex Gordon had already compiled a career's worth of playoff memories when he stepped to the plate in the 10th inning of a tie game.

Given the Kansas City Royals' success rate in extra innings this postseason, what happened next was almost inevitable.

Gordon homered to put Kansas City in front, Mike Moustakas added a two-run shot and the Royals defeated the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 Friday night in the opener of the AL Championship Series.

Kansas City is 5-0 this postseason, winning four times in extra innings.

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"These games, we've played so many of them that we're kind of used to them a little bit," manager Ned Yost said. "And we still have a lot of confidence."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2014. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1984, Challenger astronaut Kathryn D. Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space as she and fellow Mission Specialist David C. Leestma spent 3 1/2 hours outside the shuttle.

On this date:

In 1614, The New Netherland Co. was formed by a group of merchants from Amsterdam and Hoorn to set up fur trading in North America.

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Georgia.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington.

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1944, the classic films "To Have and Have Not," starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, and "Laura," starring Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews, opened in New York.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1979, Allan McLeod Cormack and Godfrey Newbold Hounsfield were named co-recipients of the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work in developing the CAT scan X-ray.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened two days of talks concerning arms control and human rights in Reykjavik, Iceland.

In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

Ten years ago: European Union foreign ministers lifted sanctions against Libya and eased an arms embargo. Shiite militia fighters started turning in weapons in Baghdad's Sadr City under a weapons-for-cash disarmament program. Norwegian Finn Kydland and American Edward Prescott were named recipients of the Nobel economics prize.

Five years ago: Thousands of gay rights supporters marched from the White House to the U.S. Capitol. A 22-hour attack on Pakistan's army headquarters in Rawalpindi ended with nine militants and 14 others dead. A Russian Soyuz capsule carrying Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberte (gee lah-lee-behr-TAY') and two other space travelers landed safely in Kazakhstan.

One year ago: The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons won the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to stop chemical warfare. Tyrese Ruffin, the 2-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running

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back Adrian Peterson, died at a South Dakota hospital two days after being admitted with severe head injuries; Joseph Patterson faces trial on charges of second-degree murder, manslaughter and aggravated assault. Carlos Beltran hit an RBI single in the 13th inning to lift the St. Louis Cardinals over the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2 in the NL championship series opener.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Actor Earle Hyman is 88. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 87. Actor Ron Leibman is 77. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 72. Country singer Gene Watson is 71. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 64. Rhythm-and-blues musician Andrew Woolfolk is 64. Actress-director Catlin Adams is 64. Country singer Paulette Carlson is 63. Actor David Morse is 61. Actor Stephen Spinella is 58. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 53. Actress Joan Cusack is 52. Rock musician Scott Johnson (Gin Blossoms) is 52. Comedy writer and TV host Michael J. Nelson is 50. Actor Sean Patrick Flanery is 49. Actor Lennie James is 49. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Chris Spielman is 49. Actor Luke Perry is 48. Country singer-songwriter Todd Snider is 48. Actor-comedian Artie Lange is 47. Actress Jane Krakowski is 46. Rapper U-God (Wu-Tang Clan) is 44. Rapper MC Lyte is 43. Figure skater Kyoko Ina is 42. Actor/writer Nat Faxon is 39. Singer NeeNa Lee is 39. Actress Emily Deschanel is 38. Actor Matt Bomer is 37. Actor Trevor Donovan is 36. Actress Michelle Trachtenberg is 29. Golfer Michelle Wie is 25.

Thought for Today: "Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life." - Immanuel Kant, German philosopher (1724-1804).