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Saturday, August 1

Birthdays: Bert Raap • Linda Gengerke • An-nabeth Rohwer • Heather Dixon • Kervin Wolter • Baily Reich • Karen Young • Martin Schumacher, Lacey Grabow

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

Sunday, August 2

Birthdays: David Strom • Marsha Wienk • Peggy Flihs • Jesse Nierman • Chris Wheeting • Jennifer Keimig • Erin Unzen • Dylan Graf • Spencer Kavanaugh • Morgan Rossow

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

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

9:15am: C&MA School

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: C&MA Fellowship time

10:45am: C&MA Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

5:00pm: HBM worship at historic Trinity Church

Monday, August 3

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

Anniv: Lance & Kristie Hawkins

Birthdays: Mike Sundling • Michelle Kramer • Brad Hamilton

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Rail-road Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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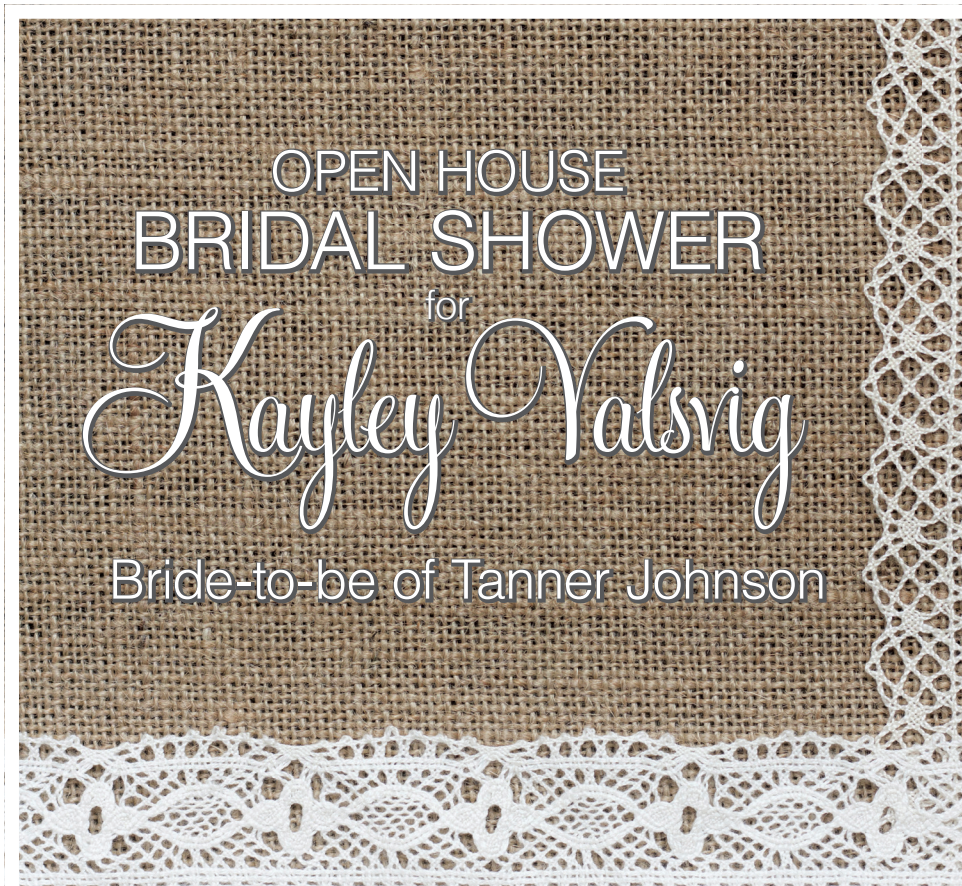


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Wednesday, August 5th
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

At the Groton United Methodist Church

The couple is registered at Herberger's, Menards and Target

Larson Bridal Shower

Bridal shower for Samantha Larson will be held on Saturday, August 8 from 2-4 at Olive Grove Golf Course. The couple is registered at Target.

Multi-Year Highway Bill an Investment in Our Roads and Bridges

By Senator John Thune

With one million bikers expected to take to the highways for the 75th annual Sturgis motorcycle rally, and as tourist season remains well underway, there is no better time to stress the need for safe, reliable roads and bridges in South Dakota and across America.

Our transportation infrastructure keeps our economy and our nation moving. That is why I am pleased the U.S. Senate recently passed a multi-year highway bill by a vote of 65-34 that would fund federal highway and infrastructure projects for three years. The Developing a Reliable and Innovative Vision for the Economy (DRIVE) Act provides certainty to states across the country, does not increase the gas tax, and would be the longest highway funding measure in over a decade.

For too long, transportation funding has been subjected to one short-term extension after another – 34 short-term extensions since 2009 – that leaves those responsible for our nation's transportation system without the certainty and predictability they need to maintain and improve the safety of our roads, bridges, and highways.

If Congress fails to provide state and local governments with this necessary certainty, they are hamstrung when it comes to authorizing certain projects or making long-term plans for transportation infrastructure. Such a scenario could mean that essential construction projects get deferred, necessary repairs might not get made, and jobs that depend on transportation are put in jeopardy.

The DRIVE Act answers the call for the type of long-term certainty state and local governments need. This legislation signals an important commitment to safe, quality highways and bridges in South Dakota that will help support our economy and ensure important industries such as tourism, agriculture, and manufacturing continue to thrive.

South Dakota agriculture producers and businesses rely on our interstate highway system to distribute their goods to stores across the United States and around the world. All of us depend on our nation's roads and bridges to get from place to place every day – especially in a state like South Dakota where the distance between towns is often measured in hours.

This multi-year highway bill is another major legislative achievement for the Republican-led Senate and the result of months of hard work by multiple Senate committees, including the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, which I chair. Republicans and Democrats alike had their voices heard during this process, and the final product is stronger because of it. It is critical the House and Senate finish a long-term highway bill in the coming months.

As this year's rally approaches, I hope your travels throughout the state are safe. Motorcycles will be everywhere over the next few weeks, so remember to look twice and save a life.



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No Deal is Better Than a Bad Deal

By Senator Mike Rounds

Several weeks ago, President Obama submitted part of the nuclear agreement with Iran to Congress for review. The U.S. negotiators, including Secretary of State John Kerry, have not even seen the details of the side agreements reached between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Iran. I have been closely examining the proposal and asking important questions regarding specific details. Unfortunately, the more I learn about the President's agreement, the more concerned I am about the risks it poses to our long-term national security.

Earlier this year, President Obama claimed that no deal with Iran regarding their nuclear program would be better than a bad deal, and I couldn't agree more. Yet from what we know so far, it appears to be a very bad deal that not only fails to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, it emboldens them through tens of billions of dollars in sanctions relief, a phased out lifting of United Nations arms and missile embargoes and allows them to test more advanced centrifuges after 10 years.

I recently had an opportunity to question administration officials about the deal during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. During that hearing, Defense Secretary Ashton Carter confirmed to me that under this deal, he could not rule out Iran acquiring an intercontinental ballistic missile in ten years. This means that Iran would have the capability of producing a weapon that could reach U.S. soil in a decade. These troubling comments come after General Paul Selva, the President's nominee to be Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told me during a separate hearing that Iran remains the leading state sponsor of terrorism, and sanctions relief agreed to in the nuclear deal could be used by Iran to continue sponsoring terrorism.

I'm concerned that this deal puts too much trust in Iran – a country that has violated more than 20 international agreements in the past, continues to be the largest state sponsor of terrorism and currently has imprisoned four U.S. citizens.

Congress is currently reviewing the deal and will likely vote on a resolution of disapproval in mid-September. I've said all along that any deal with Iran must prevent Iran from ever obtaining a nuclear weapon, and it appears the President's proposed deal fails to accomplish that goal. In essence, this agreement not only releases tens of billions of dollars in resources to Iran for use in terror activities, it also authorizes the relaxation of the arms embargo and the limitations on Iran's ability to get an intercontinental ballistic missile while legally allowing them access to advance nuclear capabilities at the end of a ten year period. That is the end result, even if they do not cheat in the meantime.

A nuclear Iran will increase the level of unrest in an already-unstable Middle East, threaten many of our allies and put U.S. lives at risk. The president was correct when he said that "no deal is better than a bad deal" with Iran. It's time for him to realize what is in front of him.

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Reining in Regulators

By Rep. Kristi Noem

\$1.88 trillion – that’s how much federal regulations cost hardworking Americans overall in 2014 alone. \$14,976 – that’s how much, on average, those regulations cost each of us individually. 500 – that’s approximately how many new regulations costing more than \$100 million annually have gone into effect since President Obama took office. No matter how you add the numbers up, it is too much. This administration and the federal bureaucracy it controls must be reined in. Period.

On July 29, the House of Representatives passed legislation that aims to provide more congressional oversight over the federal regulatory process. More specifically, the REINS Act, which is legislation I co-sponsored, would require Congress to approve any regulation that costs the economy more than \$100 million annually. That may seem like a high bar, but approximately 80 regulations would have tripped that threshold last year alone.

A number of these regulations are derived by the EPA. For instance, last June, the EPA released new greenhouse gas emission standards that apply to new as well as existing power plants. According to an October 2014 study by NERA Economic Consulting, the EPA’s proposal could cost consumers and businesses as much as \$41 billion per year. Additionally, the Heritage Foundation estimates that by 2030, the costs could rise to a total income loss of more than \$7,000 per person.

We all want to preserve our environment for future generations, but in a state like South Dakota, the costs associated with a regulation like this could prove devastating. Families in South Dakota that earn less than \$50,000 per year already spend one-fifth of their after-tax income on energy costs, which is double the national average. Many can’t afford to pay even more.

Of course, the EPA’s upcharges don’t end there. I’ve heard from many South Dakotans about their concerns with a new “Waters of the U.S.” definition that the EPA released. It grossly expands the agency’s reach, giving them regulatory authority over many streams, ditches, sloughs, and even areas that are only wet seasonally. The expanded authority would empower them to fine property owners tens of thousands of dollars per violation – per day.

The EPA is eager to utilize this authority too. Last year – before the expansion was finalized – the agency threatened to go after a Wyoming farmer for digging a stock dam on his own property. He explains they threatened a \$75,000-a-day fine. After heavy pressure from Wyoming’s congressional delegation, the EPA backed down. Even so, no farmer, rancher, or citizen should have to endure those unnecessary headaches at the hand of an overzealous federal agency. I share concerns that this story won’t be the last.

Federal regulators shouldn’t be able to operate in a bubble. It’s time they are forced to think twice before finalizing ill-considered, needlessly costly and simply unnecessary regulations. That is what the REINS Act intends to do. I’m hopeful we can see this necessary legislation move forward in the Senate and make its way to the President’s desk. You deserve greater accountability.

Today in Weather History

August 1, 1978: A severe thunderstorm developed in west central Beadle County during the afternoon hours and moved southeast. High winds near 80 mph and hail up to golf ball size pelted several counties along the storm path. Hail piled up to six inches deep and up to three feet in ditches. Hail remained visible in some areas up to thirty six hours after the storm passed. Approximately 480,000 acres of crops were badly damaged or completely destroyed. Damage to crops and personal property were estimated to be nearly four million dollars.

August 1, 2000: A severe thunderstorm produced large hail up to golf ball size and damaging winds estimated at 90 to 110 mph across northeastern Wyoming and western South Dakota during the evening hours. The northern foothills of the Black Hills and the communities of Spearfish and Sturgis received the brunt of the storm. Considerable F0 and F1 wind damage (90 to 110 mph) occurred in and around Spearfish. The strong winds blew down trees, business and road signs, and damaged tents for the 60th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, destroying vendor merchandise and mobile homes.

1954 - Mount Rainier in Washington State was still covered with sixteen inches of snow at the 5500 foot level following a big snow season. (David Ludlum)

1983: During the early afternoon hours, a strong microburst swept across Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Although the base anemometer was not calibrated at extreme wind speeds, the peak gust hit 149 mph. It was reported that Air Force One, with President Reagan on board, landed less than 10 minutes prior to the peak gust.

1985 - A nearly stationary thunderstorm deluged Cheyenne, WY, with rain and hail. Six inches of rain fell in six hours producing the most damaging flash flood of record for the state. Two to five feet of hail covered the ground following the storm, which claimed twelve lives, and caused 65 million dollars property damage. (Storm Data)

1986: A powerful thunderstorm produced 100 mph winds and large hail in eastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri causing 71 million dollars damage, and injuring 19 persons. It was one of the worst thunderstorms of record for Kansas. Crops were mowed to the ground in places and roofs blown off buildings along its path, 150 miles long and 30 miles wide, from near Abilene to southeast of Pittsburg.

1987 - Record heat gripped parts of the Midwest. A dozen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Lincoln, NE, with a reading of 105 degrees, Moline, IL, with an afternoon high of 103 degrees, and Burlington, IA, with a reading of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Two dozen cities in the Upper Midwest reported record high temperatures for the date, including La Crosse WI with a reading of 105 degrees. Highs of 103 degrees at Milwaukee, WI, and South Bend, IN, were records for the month of August. (The National Weather Summary)



1989 - Hurricane Chantal made landfall along the Upper Texas coast about sunrise. Chantal deluged parts of Galveston Island and southeastern Texas with 8 to 12 inches of rain. Unofficial totals ranged up to twenty inches. Winds gusted to 82 mph at Galveston, and reached 76 mph in the Houston area. Tides were 5 to 7 feet high. The hurricane claimed two lives, and caused 100 million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
20%	10%					
Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 93 °F	Low: 60 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 56 °F	High: 80 °F

Hot With Storms This Afternoon

Maximum Temperature Forecast - August 01, 2015

Fahrenheit

- < 30
- 30 - 34
- 35 - 39
- 40 - 44
- 45 - 49
- 50 - 54
- 55 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 - 69
- 70 - 74
- 75 - 79
- 80 - 84
- 85 - 89
- 90 - 94
- 95 - 99
- 100 +

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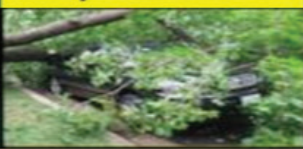
Severe Weather Outlook Saturday, August 01, 2015

Legend:

- 5 High
- 4 Moderate
- 3 Enhanced
- 2 Slight
- 1 Marginal
- Thunder

Isolated severe thunderstorms possible

Scattered severe storms possible

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Expect hot and dry conditions today, although a few storms will develop across the region this afternoon. Strong to severe storms will quickly drop to the southeast, with dry and milder conditions expected for Sunday and into the start of the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.9 at 5:47 PM

Heat Index: 89.0 at 5:50 PM

Low: 54.6 at 6:52 AM

High Gust: 13 at 2:53 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1900

Record Low: 44° in 1948

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in Aug: 0.08

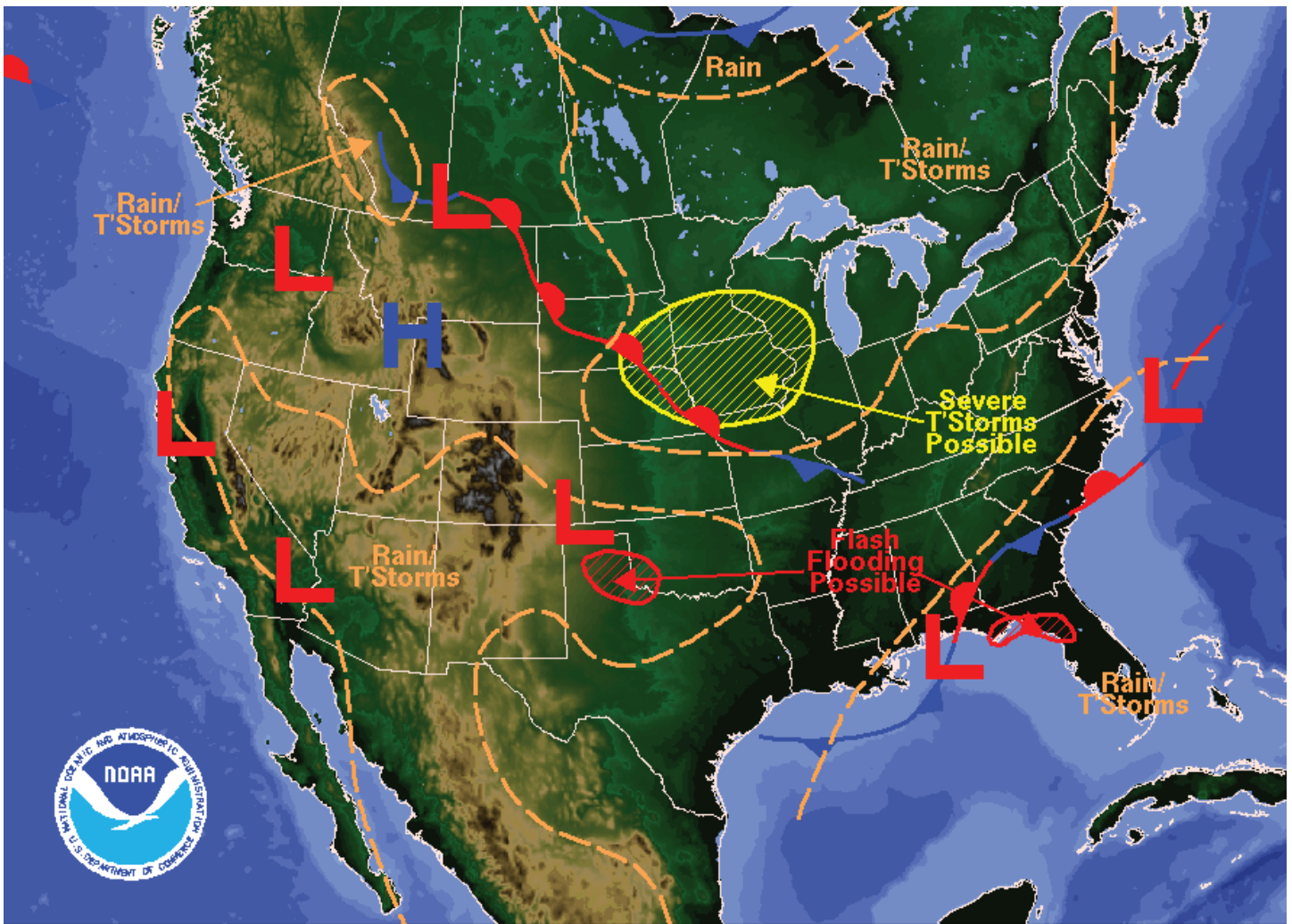
Precip to date in Aug: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 13.94

Precip Year to Date: 11.57

Sunset Tonight: 9:01 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:18 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Aug 01, 2015, issued 4:19 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A GOOD REPUTATION

"Mr. Edison," said his secretary, "we just had a customer call and complain about a defective battery that we manufactured." Surprised at the news, Thomas Edison wondered what might have caused the problem. Discouraged but not defeated, he began a large advertising campaign asking people to return the defective batteries his company manufactured for a complete refund. The cost to replace the batteries was staggering. The cost, however, meant nothing to him. When he compared the cost of the recall to the value he placed on his name, it did not matter.

It is critical for Christians to have an honorable name. Whatever we do, whatever we say, wherever we go we are representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ. If we fail to live lives of integrity our witness will be damaged, our message questioned and our testimony impaired. And when that occurs, God's name is damaged and His message becomes questionable.

Being honest and open in everything will eliminate our need to worry about being exposed or not living up to what God expects of us. He calls us to live lives that are in agreement with His Word, to follow Him and His eternal directions carefully and to ask Him to place a guard over our speech so we will not say things that are untrue, hurtful or harmful.

Prayer: Father, we ask that You will be at work in us and through us that we may represent You faithfully in all we do and say. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, Loving favor rather than silver and gold.

News from the Associated Press

Firefighter killed, hundreds flee as California blazes burn

JEFF CHIU, Associated Press

HAVEN DALEY, Associated Press

LOWER LAKE, Calif. (AP) — Blazes raging in forests and woodlands across California have taken the life of a firefighter and forced hundreds of people to flee their homes as an army of firefighters continue to battle them from the air and the ground.

Twenty-three large fires, many sparked by lightning strikes, were burning across Northern California on Saturday, said state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman Daniel Berlant. Some 8,000 firefighters were attempting to subdue them, something made incredibly difficult by several years of drought that have dried out California.

"The conditions and fire behavior we're seeing at 10 in the morning is typically what we'd see in late afternoon in late August and September," said Nick Schuler, a division chief with the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. "But because of the dry conditions, because of the drought-stricken vegetation accompanied by the steep terrain and winds, we're seeing fire activity that's abnormal for this time of year."

In the Modoc National Forest, about a hundred miles south of Oregon, David Ruhl, an engine captain from South Dakota's Black Hills National Forest, was killed fighting a fast-moving blaze. He had vanished Thursday while fighting the 800-acre fire and his body wasn't recovered until Friday.

The biggest fire was in the Lower Lake area north of San Francisco where firefighters had to wade through thick smoke and flying embers to turn loose horses, goats and other livestock in rural neighborhoods as their owners fled to safety. The fast-moving fire had burned three homes by Friday and was threatening 450 other structures. Only 5 percent contained, it had spread across 28 square miles and was growing quickly.

The fires prompted Gov. Jerry Brown to declare a state of emergency for California on Friday. As part of the order, he activated the California National Guard to help with disaster recovery.

Berlant said firefighters were hoping cooler weather might help them this weekend, but there was also the threat that lingering thunderstorms could bring more lightning strikes like those that ignited several of the fires.

BURNING HILLS

The fast-spreading wildfire near Lower Lake north of San Francisco has torched three homes and is threatening more than 450 structures.

At least 650 residents have been evacuated from their homes as the blaze raged in hills covered in dense brush and oak trees and dotted with ranch homes. It has charred 28 square miles near Lower Lake, south of Clear Lake, a popular summer recreation spot.

Only 5 percent contained, it was moving southwest toward Lower Lake and Clear Lake.

"We saw it behind our house. We saw the smoke pouring over. So we just started collecting stuff and we left, to find out later that everyone was evacuated out here," said resident Julie Flannery.

When they returned Friday they found their two horses and one mule were gone. They hoped firefighters turned them loose so they could make their way to safety.

"The rest of this is just material stuff," she said. "The animals and the family is the most important."

FIRE LINES HOLDING

Crews battling a fire east of Napa Valley held their ground Friday, more than a week after it started.

The blaze has charred more than 12 square miles in Solano County. The fire is about 45 miles east of Napa's wine county, and vineyards are not threatened.

At least 136 structures are threatened, but evacuation orders have been lifted. It is mostly contained, and crews expect to have it fully corralled by Monday.

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FOOTHILLS FIRES

A woman was arrested in connection with a small fire near Groveland, a stop-off point for travelers headed to Yosemite National Park.

The 200-acre fire, about 20 miles from the park's entrance, was 45 percent contained Friday. About two dozen homes are threatened and voluntary evacuations are in place.

Lisa Ann Vilmur was arrested Thursday night for recklessly causing a fire and jailed on \$100,000 bail. It was not known Friday if she has an attorney.

In a separate foothills blaze northeast of Sacramento, evacuation orders have been lifted for residents of 50 homes. The fire, which ignited Saturday, burned through more than 3 1/2 square miles and is almost fully contained.

BASS LAKE BLAZE

Residents of 200 homes in the central California community of Cascadel Woods were ordered to evacuate Thursday.

A wildfire burning near Bass Lake for several days spread to more than 6 square miles and is partially contained.

Authorities say a boy acknowledged starting the fire by playing with a lighter to burn pine needles in the dry Sierra Nevada. They say the boy faces criminal charges but is not in custody because he and his family are cooperating.

MODOC NATIONAL FOREST FIRE

Engine Captain David Ruhl of South Dakota was killed battling the fire that broke out Thursday in the Modoc National Forest about 100 miles south of Oregon.

The firefighter had vanished Thursday and his body wasn't found until Friday. U.S. Forest Service officials didn't immediately reveal the cause of death.

Ruhl, who was assigned to a Black Hills National Forest firefighting team, had been helping California firefighters since June.

The fire broke out southeast of Lava Camp and rapidly grew to consume 800 acres. No containment figure was immediately given.

School of Mines gets \$750,000 grant from NASA program

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology has been awarded a \$750,000 grant from NASA to develop materials to be used in future exploration of other planets.

The funding comes from the space agency's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (ESPCoR).

The school will use the money to development printable spacecraft materials and electronic and electromagnetic devices to use in future exploration.

The school says NASA envisions printable spacecraft to be thin, lightweight, flexible sheets embedded with customized sensors and electronics for data gathering, communication and micro-propulsion. When deployed to other planets, the sheets will flutter to the surface like leaves and transit data collected back to a host spacecraft.

The majority of the research will be conducted in the Direct-Write Laboratory at the School of Mines.

Former candidate Bosworth pleads to keep medical license

SIoux FALL, S.D. (AP) — Former Republican U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth fought to keep her medical license at a medical board hearing Friday that was held in response to her felony conviction for election law violations in May.

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The South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners hearing on Friday is part of proceedings to determine whether the Sioux Falls physician's license should be revoked, KSFY-TV and KELO-TV reported.

A jury in May found Bosworth guilty of six counts each of perjury and filing false documents, and earlier this month, Bosworth avoided serving prison time when a judge handed down a suspended sentence provided she completes three years of probation. Bosworth must complete 500 hours of community service.

Bosworth, who represented herself at the hearing, said she's a good doctor and that she loves what she does, KELO-TV reported.

An attorney representing the medical board, Craig Kennedy, said that physicians need to be medically competent and ethical.

John Whipple, a physician with the Kansas-based Acumen Institute, said Bosworth's license should be revoked because of her conviction, KSFY-TV reported.

Bosworth brought supporters to testify, including physician Thomas Dean of Wessington Springs. He said Bosworth didn't intend to break the law, but simply made a mistake.

The medical board is expected to make a final decision on Bosworth's license at its meeting in September.

Before rally starts, officers seize drugs, cash in Sturgis

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The state Highway Patrol says so far this week there have been more than 40 drug arrests and almost \$6,000 in cash seized in western South Dakota as attendees of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally continue to flood the region.

This year's rally doesn't officially begin until Monday but bikers and visitors have been showing up for weeks.

The patrol says since Tuesday morning there have been 16 felony drug arrests and 25 misdemeanor drug arrests, most of which have been in the city of Sturgis.

The data also includes incidents elsewhere in the western part of the state.

Officers have also issued 15 DUI arrests, 200 citations and 476 warnings.

Vesicular stomatitis cases confirmed in South Dakota animals

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Animal Industry Board says two cases of vesicular stomatitis virus have been confirmed in livestock in the western part of the state.

The highly contagious animal disease is transmitted by flies and midges. It can infect horses, cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. It's rarely fatal.

There also have been cases this year in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and Arizona.

South Dakota State Veterinarian Dustin Oedekoven (OH'-duh-koh-vuhn) says good sanitation and biosecurity measures can help prevent the spread of the disease.

Shots fired in dog attacks that injure woman, police officer

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Animal control officers in Sioux Falls took two dogs into custody after they bit a woman and a police officer.

Authorities say an officer who responded to the report of a woman attacked by a dog about 7 a.m. Friday was bitten on the right thigh by one of the Tibetan mastiffs. When the dog approached him a second time he fired two shots. Neither dog was hit.

The officer was treated at a hospital for a minor injury. The woman who was attacked was taken to a hospital for treatment of multiple injuries to her right arm and her legs.

The dogs were located later, and found to be current on vaccinations.

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SDSU single-game football tickets going on sale Saturday

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Single-game tickets for South Dakota State University home football games go on sale to the public Saturday.

The Jackrabbit Ticket Office in the Stanley J. Marshall HPER Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Orders also can be placed at www.JackrabbitTickets.com or by calling 1-866-GO JACKS.

Advance prices range from \$20 for the Oct. 10 game against Indiana State to \$40 for the Oct. 3 Dakota Marker matchup against North Dakota State.

Seating capacity will be increased by more than 4,000 permanent seats as the first phase of replacing Coughlin-Alumni Stadium is completed this summer.

SDSU lost in last year's Football Championship Subdivision playoffs to eventual national champion North Dakota State. The Jackrabbits wound up 12th and 13th in the final national polls.

Highway Patrols in 5 states ramp up for Sturgis rally

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Highway patrol troopers in the four states bordering western South Dakota are paying extra attention to traffic flocking to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which is expecting a huge influx of people for its 75th anniversary bash next week.

In North Dakota, the patrol is even dedicating 30 overtime hours to the cause, at a cost of about \$2,000.

Interstate 94 and U.S Highway 85 in the western part of the state are popular routes to Sturgis. Troopers in that region began stepping up patrols Monday and will continue the special effort through Aug. 12, three days after the seven-day rally ends. The goal is to increase safety by having troopers highly visible.

"This is something we try to do yearly on some scale, but this year I would say it's probably given even more emphasis given the amount of traffic we suspect will be coming through," said patrol Lt. Tom Iverson.

An estimated 442,000 people traveled to the mecca for motorcyclists last year. Sturgis officials have been planning for up to a million people to attend this year's rally, which begins Monday and runs through Aug. 9.

Rally-bound bikers tend to take major highways and interstates, though some prefer scenic byways, said Lonnie Bertsch, executive director for ABATE of North Dakota, a motorcycle safety and awareness group.

"The situation is potentially dangerous for everyone when large groups of motorcycles are on the road," he said. "Nationally, eight out of ten motorcycle crashes result in injury or death."

The Montana Highway Patrol is paying "special attention" to traffic routes in that state favored by rally-goers, spokesman John Barnes said. He did not comment on whether overtime was dedicated.

In Nebraska, there are additional patrols on some highways but no dedicated overtime.

"Due to Nebraska having a primary helmet law, we have heard a large number of motorcycles bypass Nebraska for other states," patrol Capt. Paul Hattan said.

Nebraska requires helmets for all riders, while Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota don't require them for adults.

In Wyoming, rally events spill over the border into the eastern towns of Hulett and Sundance. The Highway Patrol has secured \$125,000 in federal highway grant money for ramped-up enforcement, Lt. Klief Guenther said. The amount is an increase of about one-fourth from previous years.

Nearly 40 patrol personnel handle rally duty in northeastern Wyoming, including officials with expertise in motorcycle and crash enforcement and riot control.

"We get anywhere from 25,000-35,000 bikes coming into Wyoming in one day," Guenther said. "We anticipate more will be coming" this year.

South Dakota's Highway Patrol is allocating more troopers than usual to this year's rally but not providing details on the operation, spokesman Tony Mangan said.

Officials are urging both bikers and motorists to be alert and cautious on the highways.

"If everyone pays attention and makes safe choices, bikers, tourists and everyone else on the highways can have a good and safe time," said Lee Axdahl, director of South Dakota's Office of Highway Safety.

Pine Ridge woman gets 3 years for involuntary manslaughter

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — A Pine Ridge woman accused of running over and killing a man with her truck while drunk has been sentenced to more than three years in prison.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 57-year-old Sarah Brown Eyes was sentenced earlier this month to 37 months in custody. Her prison term is to be followed by three years of supervised release.

Brown was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for allegedly striking and killing a man in Pine Ridge in June 2014.

AP News in Brief

Hillary and Bill Clinton earn more than \$139M between 2007-14, pay tax rate of 31.6 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton and her husband, former President Bill Clinton, earned more than \$139 million between 2007 and 2014, according to eight years of federal income tax returns released by her campaign on Friday.

The returns show that the Clintons paid an overall federal tax rate of 31.6 percent during those years. The bulk of the Clintons' income came from speeches delivered to corporate and interest groups by Bill Clinton and later by Hillary Clinton after she resigned as secretary of state in early 2013.

In a statement released by her campaign, Hillary Clinton said the couple has paid nearly \$44 million in federal taxes on \$139.1 million in income since 2006, and donated nearly \$15 million to charity.

"We've come a long way from my days going door-to-door for the Children's Defense Fund and earning \$16,450 as a young law professor in Arkansas — and we owe it to the opportunities America provides," she said.

Clinton's statement did not comment on the specifics of her earnings. Last May, financial disclosures released by her campaign reported that the couple had earned more than \$30 million from speeches and book royalties since January 2014.

Pacific Rim ministers fail to reach deal in Hawaii talks but claim 'significant progress' made

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Trade ministers from a dozen Pacific Rim nations failed to reach a deal on a new trade agreement that would cover nearly 40 percent of the global economy, U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman said Friday.

Froman, reading from a statement on behalf of all of the ministers, said the parties made significant progress and agreed to continue their discussions.

The countries haven't yet set a date for future talks. Froman said some issues were bilateral in nature, and some will involve groups.

"I feel very gratified about the progress that's been made and I am confident that through our continued intensive engagement that we'll be able to tackle the remaining issues successfully," Froman said in response to a reporter's question about whether he was disappointed about the lack of a deal.

Japan's economic and fiscal policy minister, Akira Amari, said he thought a deal would be reached with one more meeting.

Saudi ambassador says bin Laden family members killed in private jet crash in southern England

LONDON (AP) — Family members of the late al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden were killed in a private jet crash in southern England, a Saudi ambassador said, but did not further identify the dead.

Prince Mohammed Bin Nawaf Bin Abdel-Aziz, the Saudi ambassador to the United Kingdom, offered his

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condolences to the wealthy bin Laden family, which owns a major construction company in Saudi Arabia.

"The embassy will follow up on the incident and its circumstances with the concerned British authorities and work on speeding up the handover of the bodies of the victims to the kingdom for prayer and burial," the ambassador said in a statement tweeted by the embassy late Friday.

Police say four people — a pilot and three passengers — died when an executive jet crashed into a parking lot and burst into flames while trying to land at an airport in southern England Friday afternoon. The plane had been flying from Malpensa Airport in Milan.

No one on the ground was hurt. Police and the Air Accidents Investigation Branch have launched a joint investigation.

Abortion rights supporters get help from courts in fight over videos by anti-abortion group

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Abortion rights advocates locked in a public relations battle with abortion opponents over videos of Planned Parenthood leaders discussing the use of aborted fetuses got some good news from two courts in California.

A federal judge in San Francisco on Friday blocked the release of any recordings made at meetings of an abortion providers' association by the anti-abortion group the Center for Medical Progress.

Earlier in the week, a Los Angeles County judge issued a temporary restraining order blocking the center from releasing any video of leaders of StemExpress, a California company that provides fetal tissue to researchers.

In one of the videos the group previously released, a woman identified as a former StemExpress phlebotomist describes drawing blood and dissecting dead fetuses.

The videos have ignited passions on both sides of the abortion debate and sparked a potential showdown in Congress, where Republicans are increasingly focused on cutting off funding for Planned Parenthood.

Christie, other Republican '16 hopefuls following McCain's town hall playbook in New Hampshire

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — In the summer of 1999, John McCain didn't have many big names backing his campaign for president. He didn't have much money, either, and even resorted at one point to giving away ice cream to drum up a decent-size crowd.

Enter the town hall.

Driven to "desperation," McCain decided to meet as many people as possible at as many of the Q&A events as he could. It took months for the strategy to pay dividends, but when it did, McCain was packing 'em in.

"It was just jammed," McCain said of one town hall, held at a fire house at 8 a.m. "That people would get up real early in the morning to go to a town hall with me — that was the first real indication that we had some momentum."

That momentum turned into a victory of 19 percentage points over George W. Bush in the New Hampshire primary. He lost the 2000 nomination to Bush but later rode the same strategy to a victory in the state's 2008 primary — his first on the way to becoming the GOP nominee that year.

Palestinian shot by Israeli troops during protest over toddler's slaying dies of wounds

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Palestinian health officials say an 18-year-old protester shot by Israeli troops has died of his wounds.

Ahmad Betawi, the director of the Ramallah hospital, says Laith al-Khaldi died Saturday after being shot in the chest the previous day during a demonstration over the killing of a Palestinian toddler by suspected

Jewish extremists.

The Israeli military says it shot al-Khaldi near Ramallah after he hurled a fire bomb at them.

Tensions remain high after suspected Jewish assailants set fire to a West Bank home and burned the sleeping Palestinian toddler to death. The attack drew Palestinian anger and widespread Israeli condemnation.

About 2,000 Palestinian protesters clashed with Israeli security forces in the West Bank city of Hebron. Israel fears the incident could spark wider unrest and has called for calm.

Trooper who arrested Sandra Bland received warning for unspecified 'unprofessional conduct'

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas trooper who arrested Sandra Bland after a confrontation that began with a traffic stop was once cautioned about "unprofessional conduct" in a 2014 incident while he was still a probationary trooper, according to his personnel file.

Bland, a 28-year-old Chicago-area woman, was found dead in her Waller County jail cell in Hempstead, about 200 miles south of Dallas, on July 13, three days after her arrest. Officials say she used a plastic bag to hang herself, a finding her family has questioned. Bland's family and others also have criticized Trooper Brian Encinia, who stopped Bland for failing to signal a lane change.

The Associated Press obtained Encinia's personnel file Friday from the Texas Department of Public Safety through a Freedom of Information Act request. Encinia had been with the department for a little over a year. For the most part, his file was unremarkable. He received "competent" ratings in all of the evaluations that were released.

However, in an evaluation that covered September and October 2014, his supervisor noted that Encinia "was given a written counseling for unprofessional conduct ... for an incident occurring while at a school in Austin." The documents provided no additional details and a Department of Public Safety official did not return a phone call seeking comment Friday night.

The evaluation goes on to say, "In the future, Trooper Encinia should conduct himself at all times in a manner that will reflect well upon himself, the Department, and the State of Texas. This supervisor will ensure that this is done by meeting periodically with Trooper Encinia."

Hirohito's war-end speech released in digital, but Japanese may have trouble with arcane words

TOKYO (AP) — The 4 ½-minute speech that has reverberated throughout Japan's modern history since it was delivered by Emperor Hirohito at the end of World War II has come back to life in digital form.

Hirohito's "jewel voice" — muffled and nearly inaudible due to poor sound quality — was broadcast on Aug. 15, 1945, announcing Japan's surrender.

On Saturday, the Imperial Household Agency released the digital version of the original sound ahead of the 70th anniversary of the speech and the war's end. In it, the emperor's voice appears clearer, slightly higher and more intense, but, Japanese today would still have trouble understanding the arcane language used by Hirohito.

"The language was extremely difficult," said Tomie Kondo, 92, who listened to the 1945 broadcast in a monitoring room at NHK public broadcaster, where she worked as a newscaster.

"It's well written if you read it, but I'm afraid not many people understood what he said," she said. Poor reception and sound quality of the radio made it even worse.

Jolie, Myanmar's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi visit female factory workers

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Angelina Jolie has joined Myanmar's opposition leader and democracy icon, Aung San Suu Kyi, in sitting down with female workers to learn more about their dire conditions.

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Jolie, who is a special envoy for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, is on a four-day visit to the Southeast Asian nation.

During her meeting with the factory workers on the outskirts of an industrial zone in Myanmar's largest city, Yangon, Jolie and Suu Kyi witnessed first-hand the conditions the women live in, mostly low-cost hostels. Jolie also toured inside the factory.

She traveled to Kachin state earlier this week, home to more than 10,000 displaced people since a cease-fire between Myanmar's government and ethnic rebels has broken down in 2011.

According to her trip details, it is unlikely that Jolie will be able to travel to western Rakhine State, where more than 100,000 Muslim minority Rohingya live in apartheid-like conditions in camps.

Having made Olympic history, Beijing faces challenges from snow to media freedom ahead of 2022

BEIJING (AP) — Having made history as the first city to win hosting rights for both the Summer and Winter Olympics, Beijing now faces a slew of challenges, from ensuring adequate snow in a bone-dry region to ramping up support for winter sports in a nation where few people ski or skate.

Human rights criticisms and demands to loosen restrictions on the Internet and reporters will also test the bounds of tolerance for the authoritarian communist state.

Celebrations of Friday's win were muted in Beijing — a stark contrast to the dancing-in-the-streets euphoria the city witnessed in 2001, when it won the 2008 Summer Games. The Winter Olympics are a much smaller and less popular event, but China has a special challenge in that few of its citizens know or care about winter sports, despite a recent increase of interest in skiing, skating and ice hockey among the rising middle class.

Elsewhere, fireworks were lit in the mountain town of Chongli, future host of Nordic skiing and other events, which anticipates an economic boom from the games.

"We're going to see big changes here. Our guests yesterday were really happy about winning the bid and many are interested in investing and buying houses in Chongli," said a desk manager at a local hotel, the No. 66 Holiday Inn, who gave only her surname, Liu.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, August 1, the 213th day of 2015. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 1, 1975, a 35-nation summit in Finland concluded with the signing of a declaration known as the Helsinki Accords dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1913, the Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse."

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1957, the United States and Canada agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas in Austin, killing 14 people. Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police.

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New

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York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 1994, Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley confirmed they'd been secretly married 11 weeks earlier. (Presley filed for divorce from Jackson in January 1996, citing irreconcilable differences.)

In 2007, the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.

Ten years ago: Saudi Arabia's ruler, King Fahd, died; Crown Prince Abdullah, the king's half-brother, became the country's new monarch. President George W. Bush used a recess appointment to install John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations, bypassing the Senate after a testy standoff with Democrats.

Five years ago: The United States announced that it would provide Pakistan with \$10 million in humanitarian assistance in the wake of deadly flooding. Lolita Lebron, a Puerto Rico independence activist who'd spent 25 years in prison for participating in a gun attack on the U.S. Congress in 1954, died in San Juan at age 90.

One year ago: President Barack Obama, in a televised news conference, said that the United States had "tortured" al-Qaida detainees captured after 9/11, adding, "We did some things that were contrary to our values." Congress approved a \$225 million package to replenish Israel's missile defense system known as Iron Dome. A medical examiner ruled that a New York City police officer's chokehold caused the death of Eric Garner, whose videotaped arrest and final pleas of "I can't breathe!" had sparked outrage.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 84. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 78. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 73. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 65. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 62. Singer Michael Penn is 57. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 56. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 55. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 55. Actor Jesse Borrego is 53. Actor Demian Bichir is 52. Rapper Coolio is 52. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 52. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 51. Movie director Sam Mendes is 50. Country singer George Ducas is 49. Country musician Charlie Kelley is 47. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 45. Actor Charles Malik Whitfield is 43. Actress Tempestt Bledsoe is 42. Actor Jason Momoa is 36. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 34. Actress Taylor Fry is 34. Actor Elijah Kelley is 29. Actor James Francis Kelly is 26. Actress Ella Wahlestedt is 17.

Thought for Today: "As scarce as truth is, the supply is always greater than the demand." - "Josh Billings" (Henry Wheeler Shaw), American author (1818-1885).