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Senior Menu: Ranch chicken, boiled potato, green beans, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Amanda Zimmerman • Paula Dobbins • Kory Anderson

10:00am: NEC Boys Golf at Milbank

Friday, August 28

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Rob & Jeanne Wanous

Birthdays: Kendra Bull • Lester Stearns • Abby Gibbs • Jordan Kjellsen • Ken Tobin • Rhonda Carda • Chanise Pray

6:30am: C&MA Men's Bible Study at Dairy

Queen

7:00pm: Football hosts Oakes

Saturday, August 29

Birthdays: • Chuck Padfield • Kristi Thurston

• William Zoellner • Jody Bull • Terry Leonhardt

• Felicia Ethridge • Tonica Larson • Shawn Mc-Donald

2:00pm: Girls Soccer at Vermillion 4:00pm: Boys Soccer at Vermillion

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic

Church Mass

Sunday, August 30

Birthdays: Nathan Atherton • Rachel Zaudtke • Ashley Gibbs • Troy Zoellner • Emma Jo Schinkel

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship and Sing-Along

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Groton moves up in the Newsweek Rankings

Groton Area School moved up in the Newsweek High School Rankings that have been released. Last year Groton was ranked at 158 and this year, Groton Area ranks at 60th.

The Newsweek High School Rankings assess schools based on a broad range of data to determine which institutions do the best job of preparing students for college. Groton Area also met the Equity measure by helping low-income students score at or above average on state assessments.

Groton Area student retention is 91.5 percent and the SAT/ACT Composite score is 53.

Sanford announces Heart of Tomorrow, Sanford Health Network scholarship recipients 280 total awardees honored

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Sanford Health has announced recipients for the 2015 Heart of Tomorrow and Sanford Health Network scholarship programs. Taylor Gustafson of Groton was one of the recipients.

Family is one of the Sanford's five core values. For 2015, 252 Heart of Tomorrow Scholarships of \$1,000 each have been awarded to Sanford employees' dependent children who have plans to enroll in post-secondary education in a two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical program. Winning applicants were chosen in Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota based on their academic record, involvement in school and community activities and their statement of education, career and long-term goals.

"Supporting the children of our employees as they pursue higher education is a way we honor the Sanford Family," said Kelby Krabbenhoft, president and CEO of Sanford Health. "Sanford Health strongly believes in investing in the communities we serve."

Twenty-eight students were selected as recipients of \$2,000 Sanford Health Network Scholarships to support their education in a health care career of their choice. Each scholarship is funded by Sanford Health Network and a Sanford Health Network facility sponsor.

"We're proud to support this exceptional group of students as they work toward a degree in the health care field," said Jesse Tischer, president of Sanford Health Network. "Health care needs continue to rise, and these students are vital in meeting future staffing needs."

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Cheapest Average Gas Prices for Late August Since 2004

Aug. 26, 2015 – Average U.S. gas prices today are at the lowest levels for this time of year since 2004 due to the steep decline in the cost of crude oil. Gas prices have dropped recently despite ongoing refinery problems, and prices should continue to fall this autumn due to declining demand and the switchover to winter-blend gasoline. South Dakota's average price of gas is \$2.712 per gallon, which is 8 cents less than one month ago and 75 cents less than a year ago.

"Due to the steep drop in crude oil prices, gas prices have fallen recently across the nation to a U.S. average price today of \$2.556, down almost 24 cents from the 2015 high of \$2.804 recorded on June 15," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "Prices should continue to fall this autumn due to declining demand and the switchover to winter-blend gasoline."

| | Today | Last Week | Change | Jul. 28 | Change | Last year |
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| | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | \$2.629 | \$2.634 | (\$0.005) | \$2.698 | (\$0.069) | \$3.476 |
| Brookings | \$2.706 | \$2.686 | \$0.020 | \$2.768 | (\$0.062) | \$3.441 |
| Huron | \$2.802 | \$2.794 | \$0.008 | \$2.801 | \$0.001 | \$3.497 |
| Mitchell | \$2.702 | \$2.845 | (\$0.143) | \$2.745 | (\$0.043) | \$3.407 |
| Pierre | \$2.893 | \$3.002 | (\$0.109) | \$2.936 | (\$0.043) | \$3.449 |
| Rapid City | \$2.863 | \$2.864 | (\$0.001) | \$2.889 | (\$0.026) | \$3.601 |
| Sioux Falls | \$2.563 | \$2.646 | (\$0.083) | \$2.625 | (\$0.062) | \$3.287 |
| Vermillion | \$2.462 | \$2.576 | (\$0.114) | \$2.669 | (\$0.207) | \$3.413 |
| Watertown | \$2.584 | \$2.621 | (\$0.037) | \$2.832 | (\$0.248) | \$3.528 |
| Yankton | \$2.584 | \$2.685 | (\$0.101) | \$2.874 | (\$0.290) | \$3.414 |
| South Dakota | \$2.712 | \$2.748 | (\$0.036) | \$2.787 | (\$0.075) | \$3.467 |

BP's largest crude distillation unit at its Whiting, Indiana refinery remains out of commission due to a malfunction reported on August 8 that triggered dramatically higher prices in the central U.S. Repairs to the unit are reported to be ongoing, and the company has yet to release a date they expect the unit to return to production. However, BP has purchased additional fuel supplies and has fulfilled all of its contracts. Regional supplies are still uncertain due to the outage, but prices in the region have moved lower over the past week as speculation has built that supply issues might not be as dire as first thought.

Motorists in the Pacific Northwest continue to pay the nation's highest averages with three of the five states with averages above \$3 per gallon located in this region. California (\$3.45) leads the pack, followed by Alaska (\$3.43), Nevada and Hawaii (both at \$3.17) and Washington (\$3.02). Drivers in South Carolina (\$2.11) are paying the lowest average at the pump.

Crude oil prices have continued to sag due to persisting global oversupply and concerns about the health of the Chinese economy. China is one of the world's largest and most rapidly growing economies but evidence of slower than projected growth in that nation is rippling through global markets, putting more downward pressure on the price of crude. At the close of yesterday's formal trading on the NYMEX, West Texas Intermediate settled at its lowest close since Feb. 23, 2009, down \$2.21 at \$38.24 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

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Grants Available To 4-H Clubs and FFA/FCCLA

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota Department of Agriculture announces that grant funding is now available through the Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities (BOSDRC) grant program.

Grants are open to 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, and Family Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) of America chapters. The grants are designed to demonstrate the importance of communities and organizations working together to improve rural life.

Two types of grants are available. The basic grant is used for community improvement projects and is limited to \$750 per project. The safety grant is used for projects that enhance public safety and is limited to \$200 per project.

"We have seen a lot of great projects over the years," says Terri LaBrie, finance administrator with the department. "Some examples of what the grant may be used for include constructing flower beds for the community or a building a wheel chair ramp for a business as well as older students putting on a farm safety class for younger students."

Applications must be submitted or postmarked no later than Oct. 31, 2015. All applications must be submitted on the approved forms for Fiscal Year 2016. Grant application forms and more information on the program, including reporting requirement, are available at http://sdda.sd.gov under the Agricultural Development tab and click on Finance Programs. Please call 605.773.5436 for questions on this grant program. Grant awardees will be announced at the end of November.

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South Dakota State Fair Salutes Veterans

Huron, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair salutes veterans and active military personnel.

To show appreciation for their service, the fair will give all veterans and active military personnel free gate admission on Thursday, Sept. 3.

A Salute to Veterans program will be held at 10:30 a.m. on the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. Sen. Bill Van Gerpen, Air National Guard lieutenant colonel (retired), will be the keynote speaker. SD Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Larry Zimmerman will also speak.

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair runs from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year's theme is "Sew it. Grow it. Show it." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

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Today in Weather History

August 27, 1983: High winds tore through Glenham and Wakpala, destroying several structures and damaging crops. The worst damage occurred in Glenham, in Walworth County, where two mobile homes were destroyed, the roof of a school torn off, and trees limbs down. A tall TV antenna was blown over and a boat was blown off a trailer. Highs winds also tore through the Bowdle area, downing power lines and tree limbs. Numerous roofs were also damaged.

August 27, 2013: Numerous severe thunderstorms brought large hail along with wind gusts from 60 to 90 mph to parts of north central and northeast South Dakota. Numerous trees were downed along with many structures damaged. Eighty mph winds near Polo in Hand County snapped off two large cottonwood trees. Ninety mph winds snapped numerous trees off at their base along with destroying a garage and tipping several campers over onto their side at Cottonwood Lake near Redfield.

1893 - The first of three great hurricanes that year struck South Carolina drowning more than 1000 persons in a tidal surge at Charleston. (David Ludlum)

1964 - Hurricane Cleo battered Miami and the South Florida area. It was the first direct hit for Miami in fourteen years. Winds gusted to 135 mph, and the hurricane caused 125 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Elko, NV, was deluged with 3.66 inches of rain in just one hour, establishing a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Washington D.C. soared to a record hot 100 degrees, while clouds and rain to the north kept temperature readings in the 50s in central and southeastern New York State. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Afternoon thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Thunderstorms in eastern New Mexico produced wind gusts to 75 mph near the White Sands Missile Range, and produced three inches of rain in two hours near the town of Belen. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in southeastern Nebraska, eastern Kansas and Missouri. Thunderstorms produced baseball size hail south of Belleville KS, and tennis ball size hail south of Lincoln NE. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 70 mph at Saint Joseph MO. Thunder- storms in North Dakota deluged the town of Linton with six inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



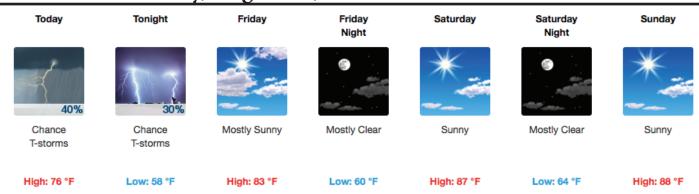


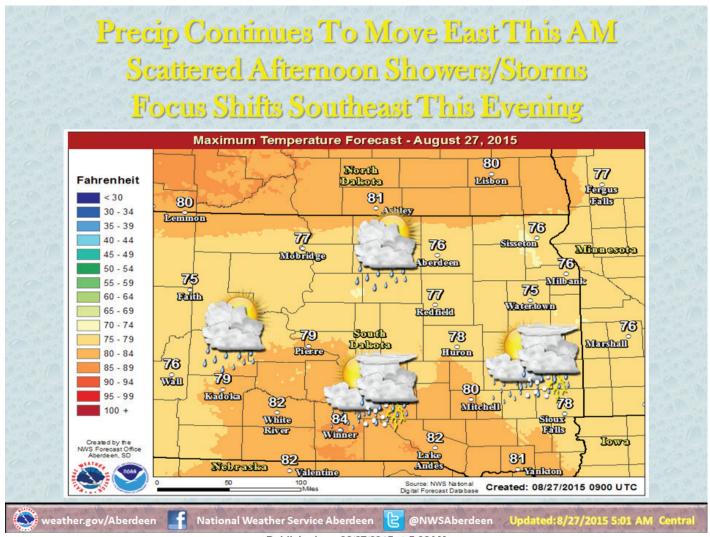
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Stump Removal

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Rain and thunder will continue to press east this morning while the system weakens. Low pressure will move across northern Nebraska, and provide the focus for more widespread rain and thunderstorm coverage this afternoon and evening, though the rest of the region will at least see some isold/scattered showers. Hot and humid conditions will dominate the forecast for the end of the work week and weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather High: 76.5 at 3:16 PM

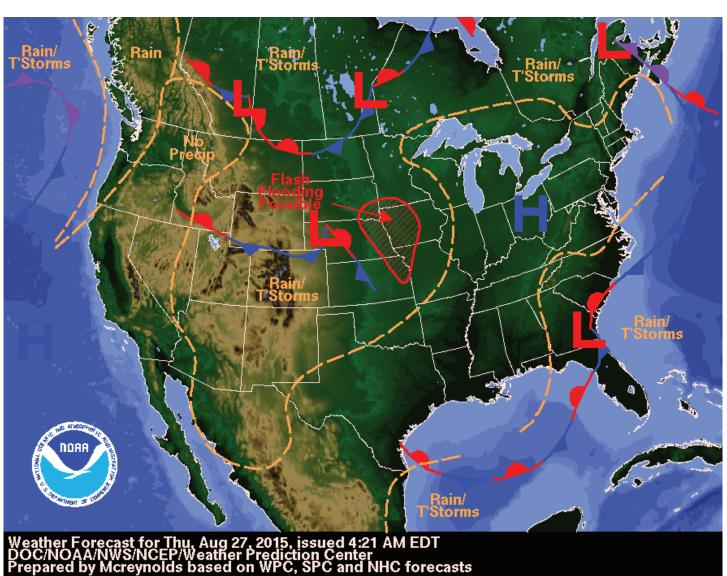
Low: 53.5 at 7:28 AM High Gust: 19 at 12:20 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 106° in 1973

Record Low: 38° in 1967 Average High: 80°F Average Low: 54°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.96 Precip to date in Aug: 4.99 **Average Precip to date: 15.82 Precip Year to Date: 16.56** Sunset Tonight: 8:20 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:49 a.m.



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WORTHY WORDS

It has been estimated that the average person speaks about 34,000 words a day. Multiply that by 365 and that amounts to about 12,000,000 words a year. That ought to make our jaws hurt!

When he wrote Psalm 19, David said that he wanted the words coming from his mouth and the thoughts stored in his heart to be pleasing to God. David was so concerned about his words that he wondered if there was any way for him to know the sins that were already lurking in his heart. Jesus spoke of the importance of our words and said that "out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks." These "words" should get our attention.

What are we to do about the words that come from our mouths? David asked God to "Set a guard over my mouth and to keep a watch over my lips." What a great place to begin – to ask God to watch our lips and guard our mouths at all times.

Realizing that God knows every thought we think and every word we speak should cause us to ask Him to make our hearts and minds pure. Then with His power within us and His presence around us, our words will certainly be pleasing to Him and others.

Prayer: Father, may our hearts be so full of Your love that the words we speak will help others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19:12-14 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

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News from the App Associated Press

Drunken driver accused of 4 hit-and-runs in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Brookings man is in custody in Sioux Falls after allegedly driving drunk and hitting four vehicles, including one that was occupied.

Police say an officer pursued the 35-year-old suspect for a time early Thursday but halted the chase when speeds exceeded the posted speed limit. The man eventually drove down a railway embankment and into a backyard and was arrested there without incident.

Authorities accuse the man of striking three parked vehicles and rear-ending an occupied vehicle that was stopped for a red light. The two people in that vehicle were examined by paramedics at the scene for minor injuries.

Police say the suspect is on probation for a third drunken driving conviction.

Sioux Falls convenience store robbed of cash, cigarettes

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the armed robbery of a convenience store. Authorities say a man walked into a Get-n-Go store shortly before 2:30 a.m. Thursday, said he had a gun, and demanded money and cigarettes. He fled on foot with an undetermined amount of cash and a carton of cigarettes.

Police did not report any injuries.

Ag secretary promises more sage grouse spending across West MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The federal government plans to spend more than \$200 million over the next three years on programs to protect greater sage grouse in Western states — regardless of whether the bird receives federal protections, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said.

Vilsack told The Associated Press that he wants to almost double protected habitat for the chicken-sized bird, to 8 million acres by 2018. He also promised more spending on conservation easements for private landowners, to limit residential development in sage grouse habitat and to restore wetlands used by the birds.

A formal announcement was planned for Thursday during an event in Portland, Oregon.

It's part of an ongoing campaign by the Obama administration to demonstrate its commitment to staving off further declines in grouse populations.

The bird's fate has become a potential political liability heading into the 2016 election. Federal protections could prompt limits on energy drilling, grazing and other activities across the grouse's 11-state range.

Republicans have seized on the issue as supposed evidence of wildlife protection laws run amuck. They say it underscores the urgent need to scale back the federal Endangered Species Act.

Sage grouse were proposed for protections under the act in 2010, but they were not put in place because of other priorities.

Vilsack said the administration was seeking to balance concerns over the bird's future with economic reality.

"Diversity of wildlife is important. Diversity of economy is important as well," he said in an interview. "We want our working lands to be productive, and we also want to make sure we maintain what's unique to the value of that terrain."

Under a court settlement with environmentalists, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service faces a September 30 deadline to decide if protections are needed.

The future spending Vilsack described is in addition to more than \$400 million spent on sage grouse conservation since 2010. Future spending pledges — and additional money from states, conservation groups and others — would bump the overall tally to more than \$750 million for sage grouse through

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2018, according to federal officials.

Airbus donates \$500K aircraft part to SD School of Mines

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An aircraft manufacturer has donated a 20-foot-long airplane part valued at \$500,000 to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology to support education and research efforts. Airbus Americas has donated the A320 elevator, which is used to generate and control an aircraft's pitching motion.

Airbus Americas president Barry Eccleston says the company sees the donation as in investment in its future because the school will use the elevator for teaching and research.

The school is expected to use the elevator to research cold-spray technology, which can help repair metals by blowing metal powder at extremely fast speeds.

U.S. Sen. John Thune helped facilitate the donation. He says the gift is an example of how public-private partnerships can help educate people for careers that meet the demands of today's economy.

Grants available for community improvement, safety projects

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Department of Agriculture says grants are available for community improvement and public safety projects.

The agency said Wednesday that applications for Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities grant program funding need to be sent in by the end of October.

Basic community improvement grants are limited to \$750 for each project, and up to \$200 is available for each safety grant project.

The funding is available for 4-H clubs, FFA chapters and Family Career and Community Leaders of America chapters.

Finance Administrator Terri LaBrie says the opportunities are for projects such as making community flower beds and building wheelchair ramps.

USGS, NASA celebrate 25-year partnership collecting images

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Geological Survey and NASA are celebrating 25 years of partnership at the USGS Earth Resources Observation and Science Center.

The agencies set up their partnership at the EROS Center north of Sioux Falls in August 1990 to collect and disseminate critical land remote sensing information. The facility makes more than 400 data-filled images of the Earth available for download each day.

NASA in April 2013 launched Landsat 8, its newest Earth-observing satellite. Images archived at the EROS Center help document forest fires, tsunamis and everyday changes in the Earth's geography.

Representatives from NASA, the Department of the Interior and the USGS will be on hand Thursday to honor the long-standing partnership. Former U.S. Sen. Larry Pressler and Lt. Gov. Matt Michels are also scheduled to appear.

Pair arrested in South Dakota following chase face charges

FAIRFAX, S.D. (AP) — A man and a woman are facing numerous felony charges in connection with a weekend chase that involved two states and involved an exchange of gunfire, authorities in South Dakota said Wednesday.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said the charges against 29-year-old Samantha Lane and 29-year-old Nicholas Speckmeier include aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer, grand theft and possession of a loaded firearm. Lane, of Sioux Falls, and Speckmeier, of Worthington, Minnesota, were each arrested on more than 10 charges.

The incident began around 12:30 a.m. Saturday when a deputy attempted a traffic stop outside of Bonesteel. A pursuit ensued, and as Speckmeier and Lane neared the Nebraska state line, one of their

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vehicle's front tires gave out, slowing to about 40 mph, the Daily Republic reported. It was then that the pair shot at deputies, who fired back.

The pursuit ended in Fairfax, and the Gregory County Sheriff's Office is crediting two brothers with helping in the arrest.

The sheriff's office said resident Matt Moos attempted to slow the progress of the suspects, until they shot at him. When Speckmeier wrecked his vehicle and tried to steal Kyle Moos' pickup truck from him, Moos pointed a shotgun at Speckmeier and held him in place until officers arrived.

Gregory County Sheriff Tim Drey said Lane was arrested in a yard, allegedly holding a jammed pistol. It wasn't immediately clear Wednesday if Lane and Speckmeier have legal representation.

Standing Rock attorney wants to legalize hemp on reservation KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An attorney on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation wants residents to vote on whether the tribe should legalize industrial hemp, but the tribal chairman says he's concerned taking action without the federal government's blessing could jeopardize the tribe's sovereignty.

Hemp advocates say they believe a U.S. Department of Justice memo to U.S. attorneys on handling states that have legalized marijuana opens the door for industrial hemp on tribal lands. Attorney Chase Iron Eyes has been collecting signatures to put a question on the Sept. 30 ballot asking tribal members whether hemp-legalization language should be added to the tribe's constitution.

Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault said he agrees that industrial hemp could be beneficial to the reservation that straddles North Dakota and South Dakota, but wants to first get a permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to grow the type of cannabis that doesn't produce a high and is used for things like textiles and lotion. Many states, including North Dakota, recently defined industrial hemp as distinct from marijuana in order to allow its production.

Iron Eyes said now is the time for impoverished tribes like Standing Rock — where federal labor statistics show that more than half of able-bodied workers were unemployed last year — to create an industry that doesn't rely on outside help.

"There's things that need to be done so that we can learn to provide for ourselves," he said.

Archambault said it's "in our best interest to pursue industrial hemp," but that such specific language might not be. He also noted tribal officials are already working with Sitting Bull College, which is on the reservation, to get a permit from the USDA to study and grow hemp, something the 2014 farm bill allows state agriculture departments and colleges and universities to do. Without such a permit, he fears putting the tribe's sovereignty in jeopardy.

Calls to U.S. Attorney offices in South Dakota and North Dakota were not returned Wednesday.

The National Hemp Association believes the so-called "Cole memo" released by the Department of Justice in 2013 paves the way for tribes to grow hemp, according to group spokeswoman Neshama Abraham.

In it, the department lays out eight areas the federal government will prioritize when it comes to marijuana in states where the drug is legal, including drug cartels, sales to minors and areas where it is being sent from states that have legalized it to states that haven't. Subsequent DOJ guidance in October 2014 expressly made those priorities applicable on Indian reservations, too.

Tim Purdon, the former U.S. attorney for North Dakota, said tribes that want to grow hemp could run into fewer issues with the federal government in light of the Cole memo.

"I have to believe that there is a huge difference in the way the (Department of Justice) would look at a legalization of recreational marijuana effort versus how they would look at a legalization of industrial hemp process," said Purdon, who recently filed a motion to lift an injunction against Alex White Plume, an Oglala Sioux tribal member who has sought for years to grow hemp in South Dakota.

But, Purdon added, the "safest way" for tribes wanting to cultivate hemp would be to comply with the farm bill.

Iron Eyes acknowledged that legalizing hemp could start a fight with the federal government, but said tribes need to assert their rights as sovereign nations.

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"It's not clear what will happen, but what I'm trying to push is that tribes should be willing to stand up to fight to do this, not just one person," he said.

Pakistani man arrested in SD charged with visa fraud

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal authorities say a Pakistani man living in a Mitchell hotel room paid a smuggler to be taken from his home country to Saudi Arabia and then get a visa to enter the U.S. under false pretenses.

Intisham Anwar has pleaded not guilty to possession or use of a fraudulent immigration document.

Court records show authorities arrested Anwar this month after a federal record check stemming from a July speeding ticket found his visa had been revoked.

A complaint filed in federal court in Sioux Falls says Anwar falsely claimed he was traveling to the U.S. in 2014 for a medical conference.

Authorities say Anwar admitted he paid the equivalent of \$18,000 to be smuggled from Pakistan and get the visa.

An attorney for Anwar didn't immediately return a request for comment.

SD lake, creek to remain closed pending water test results

REDFIELD, S.D. (AP) — A lake and creek in east central South Dakota will remain closed for at least a couple more days pending the results of water testing.

Spink County emergency management director Larry Tebben says the state Department of Environmental and Natural Resources is testing samples of water that was collected from Turtle Creek and Redfield Lake this week.

Tebben says a mixture of mud and water that was deposited in the creek prompted the closures Tuesday. He says he does not expect the tests to raise any environmental concerns, but the county is keeping the lake and creek closed as a precaution.

It wasn't immediately clear how the mixture ended up in the area.

Tebben says high school students sometimes swim in the lake.

Sioux Falls day care provider pleads guilty to drug charges

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls woman accused of having methamphetamine at an in-home daycare has pleaded guilty to drug charges.

Thirty-four-year-old Jennifer Darger and her husband were arrested in March after a tip from the couple's daughter led police to search their home.

Darger pleaded guilty Wednesday to possession of meth with intent to distribute, possession of a controlled substance and contributing to the abuse or neglect of a minor.

She faces at least one year in prison when sentenced in October.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today: 1. ON-AIR KILLINGS OF 2 JOURNALISTS GRIP MILLIONS IN SOCIAL MEDIA STORM

Unlike so many crimes, which have to be pieced together in reverse, this one plays out in real time on Twitter and Facebook.

2. WHY TRUMP'S CAMPAIGN STRUCTURE IS SPECIAL

His operation fields less than a tenth of Hillary Clinton's 350 paid staffers and has no pollster or media consultant, upending the conventional electoral wisdom.

3. WHO IS HEADED TO NEW ORLEANS

Obama is marking 10 years since Hurricane Katrina by celebrating the revival of the city, which suffered

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the worst of the storm's devastation.

4. ARGENTINE MOM PINS HOPES ON POPE

Lidia Guerrero, whose son has been on death row in Texas for 19 years, is praying that Francis, who opposes the death penalty, will advocate for him in the U.S. in September.

5. FOR MIDEAST WAR-WOUNDED, JORDANIAN HOSPITAL HELPS RECOVERY

Among its patients is a 14-year-old Syrian girl whose lower legs were torn off by a shell.

6. CALIFORNIA TAX DONATIONS LOST IN BUREAUCRACY

Millions of dollars is unspent or lost in bureaucratic mazes established by lawmakers looking to help worthy causes without committing state dollars, the AP learns.

7. CHINA DETAINS 11 OVER WAREHOUSE EXPLOSION

A notice on the national prosecutor's website says they include officials in the port city of Tianjin, along with others working for the company that runs the port.

8. WHAT COMPLICATES THE JOB OF FIRE CREWS IN WASHINGTON

Smoke from big wildfires burning east of the Cascade Range grounds helicopters and airplanes that have been battling the flames.

9. CHINESE STOCK INDEX JUMPS 5.3 PERCENT

Markets also rise in Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, Sydney and elsewhere across the Asia-Pacific region.

10. MORE NCAA ATHLETES SEEK OWN TRADEMARKS

The association forbids its players from cashing in on their success in sports, but by gaining legal ownership of their nicknames or slogans, they can secure future lucrative deals.

AP News in Brief

Killings of 2 journalists on live TV in Virginia gripped millions in social media storm

MONETA, Va. (AP) — The fatal shooting of a reporter and cameraman unfolded on live TV during the early morning show, as tens of thousands of viewers watched a horrified anchor struggle to comprehend what had happened.

Within hours, the carefully scripted carnage carried out by a disgruntled former colleague spread to millions of viewers gripped by what had transformed into a social media storm. The governor initially described a car chase on his weekly radio show, with police on the shooter's tail on an interstate highway.

Then, social media posts referencing the slain TV pair surfaced on an account under an on-air pseudonym used by the gunman — culminating with a first-person video of the ambush filmed by the shooter.

The 56-second clip shows Vester Lee Flanagan II quietly approach WDBJ reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward, gun in hand, as they conduct an interview. But Ward's camera was aimed at the mini-golf course nearby instead of the reporter. So the shooter waited, cursing Parker under his breath, for 20 seconds until the live television picture was back on the reporter. Then he fired eight shots without saying a word.

The attack seemed carefully planned. Flanagan was captured in a rental car he reserved at some point before the shootings; his own Mustang was found abandoned at the local airport, Franklin County Sheriff Bill Overton said. The interview was done at a shopping center not yet open for the day at a remote lake in Moneta, some 25 miles away from WDBJ's studios in Roanoke. The station promoted where the reporter would be, including a plug on Twitter just a half hour before the shooting.

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The Latest: Grieving station live for morning broadcast after deaths: 'A show like no other'

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — The latest on the on-air killing of two TV station employees in Virginia (all times local):

5:45 a.m.

A grief counselor has joined the WDBJ-TV newscasters at the anchor desk for a morning-show segment the day after two station employees were killed in a shooting during a live broadcast.

Anchor Kim McBroom, her voice faltering at times during the Thursday newscast, called it "a show like no other." She was on the air Wednesday morning just after reporter Alison Parker and cameraman Adam Ward were fatally shot during a live interview.

McGroom asked the grief counselor: "As a community, how do we take steps to move forward after something like this?"

Trump's campaign operation upends conventional wisdom, just like the candidate does

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Not only is Donald Trump an unconventional candidate, he's got a campaign operation that turns the conventional wisdom of electoral politics on its head.

While Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton boasts an army of more than 350 paid staffers, Trump's operation fields less than a tenth that number.

It includes a coterie of about a dozen paid staffers operating out of the campaign headquarters at Trump Tower on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue — the same building where Trump lives and runs his real estate empire. His team has no pollster, fundraisers or media consultant and only announced its first fulltime, big-name

policy adviser this week.

The rest of the 25 or so paid members of the Trump campaign are mostly in the early- voting states of New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina, states where the billionaire businessman-turned-reality TV host is ahead in polls, leaving the Republican establishment scratching its head.

Obama marks New Orleans' rebirth 10 years after Hurricane Katrina, warns about climate change

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is marking 10 years since Hurricane Katrina by celebrating the revival of New Orleans, which suffered the worst of the ferocious storm's devastation, while again warning all levels of government to start helping communities prepare for the stronger hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires that climate change will bring.

Obama planned visits Thursday with Mayor Mitch Landrieu and those who have spent the past decade rebuilding their lives and communities. He was delivering remarks at a newly opened community center in a largely African-American neighborhood, the Lower 9th Ward, that was among those hardest hit by the storm. It is still struggling to recover.

"Not only was it a terrible natural disaster, but it was a fundamental failure on the part of government to respond rapidly," Obama told WWL-TV of New Orleans in an interview Wednesday. He praised recovery efforts by the federal, state and local governments as well as the private sector.

"We've seen this city bounce back. I want to highlight the outstanding work that has been done, but I want to remind people that there's still work to do," he said.

Obama was in the first year of a U.S. Senate term when Katrina's powerful winds and driving rain bore down on Louisiana on Aug. 29, 2005. The storm caused major damage to the Gulf Coast from Texas to central Florida while powering a storm surge that breached the system of levees that were built to protect New Orleans from flooding.

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For the worst wounded of Mideast's many wars, an advanced new hospital opens in Jordan

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — They are among the most tragically wounded from the Middle East's multiple wars. A 14-year-old Syrian girl whose lower legs were torn off by a shell. A 15-year-old Iraqi boy who was severely burned in a car bomb explosion.

To treat such patients, the international charity Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) next month officially inaugurates its new reconstructive surgery hospital for war victims, which it says is unique in the region.

The Amman hospital gathers together battle-tested surgeons, counselors and physiotherapists specialized in war victims. It will eventually offer 3-D printing for hand and face prostheses. The eight-story building is also envisioned as a learning center where surgeons from the region and the West can teach each other new skills.

"It's a very new approach of war surgery," says Marc Schakal, head of MSF in Jordan.

The need for the facility is also testimony to how the region's conflicts become more horrific.

Chinese stocks deliver biggest gain in 8 weeks as Asian stocks rise after Wall Street rebound

BEIJING (AP) — China's main stock index surged 5.3 percent Thursday, its biggest gain in eight weeks, as markets across Asia advanced in the wake of Wall Street's rebound, giving investors some relief after gut-wrenching global losses.

The Shanghai Composite Index posted its first gain in six days to close at 3,083.59 points, bouncing back from losses that triggered worldwide selling and wiped nearly 23 percent off its value over the past week. It was the biggest one-day increase since June 30.

Elsewhere in Asia, Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 2.9 percent to 21,697.31 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 added 1.1 percent to 18,574.44. Sydney's S&P ASX 200 advanced 1.2 percent to 5,233.30 and Seoul's Kospi gained 0.7 percent to 1,908.00. Markets in India, Singapore, Bangkok, New Zealand and Jakarta also rose. European markets also advanced in early trading. France's CAC-40 increased 2.1 percent to 4,597.36 and

Germany's DAX gained 2.4 percent to 10,240.92.

The gains came after Wall Street rocketed up Wednesday, when the Dow Jones industrial average soaring more than 600 points, or 4 percent. That was its third-biggest point gain of all time and its largest since Oct. 28, 2008.

Mother of Argentine on death row in Texas met with Pope Francis, hopes he'll advocate for son

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — When Lidia Guerrero met with Pope Francis in Rome last year, the Argentine native told her he knew all about Guerrero's son, who has been on death row in Texas for 19 years.

"I've prayed so much for that young man from Cordoba," she says Francis told her, referring to the hometown of Victor Hugo Saldano.

The short meeting in February 2014 left Guerrero with more hope than she has felt in years about the future of her son, who she says is guilty of murder but has been driven to insanity on death row.

Francis, an Argentine native, is a staunch critic of the death penalty. Like most countries in Latin America, Argentina does not have capital punishment.

Death penalty opponents are hoping that Francis pressures lawmakers to abolish it when he visits the United States next month, and Guerrero is praying that the pope intervenes on behalf of her son.

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AP EXCLUSIVE: California tax return donations for charity delayed, lost in state bureaucracy

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Every year when they do their taxes, Californians donate millions for charitable causes, but nearly \$10 million of that money sat unspent in government accounts at the end of last year and some of the funding never reaches its intended target, according to a review by The Associated Press.

Good intentions often meet a lengthy bureaucratic maze with little oversight, leaving many of the contributions delayed and lost. Lawmakers leave distribution up to state agencies that sometimes don't know what to do.

California has the nation's largest voluntary tax contribution program, with 36 funds included on forms in the last decade. Tax returns are a prime opportunity to raise money from people expecting refunds. Lawmakers like the voluntary donations because they can say they helped good causes without committing state dollars.

The AP reviewed a decade of financial records for 29 funds that collected a total of \$35 million since 2005; almost \$10 million remained at the end of 2014. In some cases, the donations have ended back in state coffers. Records show that \$278,000 raised for asthma and lung disease research reverted to the state treasury because neither the Legislature nor the distributing agency put them to use. The state Department of Education says \$88,000 meant for disadvantaged youth will go back to state coffers because there wasn't enough funding for the proposed program.

Funds going to existing programs or those that have the active support of state agencies are the most successful, such as spay-neuter grants distributed by the Department of Food and Agriculture and senior center funding from the Department of Aging.

Amid debate on athlete pay, more in NCAA pursue legal ownership of their nicknames, slogans

BOSTON (AP) — Like their counterparts in the pros, more college football stars are starting to snatch up trademark rights to their names, nicknames and fan slogans.

The NCAA generally forbids its players from cashing in on their athletic success, but by gaining legal ownership of phrases tied to their personal brands, players can pave the way for lucrative licensing deals in the future and can prevent others from exploiting their names.

This month, Ohio State University running back Ezekiel Elliott applied for trademarks to use his nicknames "Zeke" and "Eze" on merchandise, according to records in a public database kept by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Elliott also filed for a trademark on the restaurant name "Zeke's Crop Top Bar and Grill," a nod to the junior's preference to roll his jersey up like a crop top. Elliott was unavailable for comment, and his father declined to explain the trademarks.

At Mississippi State University, quarterback Dak Prescott applied for the trademark on his name last fall, along with "Dak Attack" and "Who Dak," phrases that fans have waved aloft on game-day signs.

Today in HistoryThe Associated Press

Today is Thursday, August 27, the 239th day of 2015. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 27, 1975, Haile Selassie (HY'-lee sehl-AH'-see), the last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age 83 almost a year after being overthrown.

On this date:

In 1776, the Battle of Long Island began during the Revolutionary War as British troops attacked American forces, who ended up being forced to retreat two days later.

In 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa erupted with a series of cataclysmic explosions; the resulting tidal

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waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra.

In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near Stonewall, Texas. In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes.

In 1939, the first turbojet-powered aircraft, the Heinkel He 178, went on its first full-fledged test flight over Germany.

In 1949, a violent white mob prevented an outdoor concert headlined by Paul Robeson from taking place near Peekskill, New York. (The concert was held eight days later.)

In 1957, the USS Swordfish, the second Skate Class nuclear submarine, was launched from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Maine.

In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner 2 space probe, which flew past Venus in December 1962. In 1965, influential Swiss-born architect Le Corbusier, 77, died in Cap Martin, France.

In 1979, British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten and three other people, including his 14-year-old grandson Nicholas, were killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion claimed by the Irish Republican Army. In 1989, the first U.S. commercial satellite rocket was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida - a Delta

booster carrying a British communications satellite, the Marcopolo 1.

In 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver. **Ten years ago:** Coastal residents jammed freeways and gas stations as they rushed to get out of the way of Hurricane Katrina, which was headed toward New Orleans. President George W. Bush asked Americans in his weekly radio address to be patient with the U.S. military mission in Iraq as thousands of pro-Bush and anti-war demonstrators competed for attention in his tiny hometown of Crawford, Texas.

Five years ago: Aijalon Gomes (EYE'-jah-lahn gohms), an American held seven months in North Korea for trespassing, stepped off a plane in his hometown of Boston accompanied by former President Jimmy Carter, who had flown to Pyongyang to negotiate his freedom. Cuba issued a pair of surprising free market decrees, allowing foreign investors to lease government land for at least 99 years and loosening state controls on commerce to let citizens grow and sell their own fruits and vegetables.

One year ago: Both Israel's prime minister and Hamas declared victory in the Gaza war, though their competing claims left questions over future terms of their uneasy peace still lingering. The University of Southern California suspended cornerback Josh Shaw for 10 games after he confessed to lying to school officials about how he'd sprained his ankles, retracting his story about jumping off a balcony to save his drowning nephew. (Shaw reportedly jumped from the balcony of an apartment following an argument with his girlfriend; he was reinstated after authorities determined no criminal charges would be filed against him.)

Today's Birthdays: Author Lady Antonia Fraser is 83. Actor Tommy Sands is 78. Bluegrass singermusician J.D. Crowe is 78. Musician Daryl Dragon is 73. Actress Tuesday Weld is 72. Actor G.W. Bailey is 71. Rock singer-musician Tim Bogert is 71. Actress Marianne Sagebrecht is 70. Country musician Jeff Cook is 66. Actor Paul Reubens is 63. Rock musician Alex Lifeson (Rush) is 62. Actor Peter Stormare is 62. Actress Diana Scarwid is 60. Rock musician Glen Matlock (The Sex Pistols) is 59. Golfer Bernhard Langer is 58. Country singer Jeffrey Steele is 54. Gospel singer Yolanda Adams is 54. Country musician Matthew Basford (Yankee Grey) is 53. Writer-producer Dean Devlin is 53. Rock musician Mike Johnson is 50. Rap musician Bobo (Cypress Hill) is 47. Country singer Colt Ford is 46. Actress Chandra Wilson is 46. Rock musician Tony Kanal (No Doubt) is 45. Actress Sarah Chalke is 39. Actor RonReaco (correct) Lee is 39. Rapper Mase is 38. Actress-singer Demetria McKinney is 37. Actor Aaron Paul is 36. Rock musician Jon Siebels (Eve 6) is 36. Actor Shaun Weiss is 36. Contemporary Christian musician Megan Garrett (Casting Crowns) is 35. Actor Kyle Lowder is 35. Actor Patrick J. Adams is 34. Actress Amanda Fuller (TV: "Last Man Standing") is 31. Singer Mario is 29. Actress Alexa Vega is 27. Actor Ellar Coltrane (Film: "Boyhood") is 21. Actress Savannah Paige Rae is 12.

Thought for Today: "Genuine tragedies in the world are not conflicts between right and wrong. They are conflicts between two rights." - Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (born this date in 1770, died 1831).