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City Council Special Meeting

The special meeting with Ray Woodsend will be Monday 8/31/15 at 5:30pm at CITY HALL.

Groton City Council Agenda

- 1) Ray Woodsend, Dougherty & Company – Debt restructuring.

Sunday, August 30

- Birthdays:** Nathan Atherton • Rachel Zaudtke • Ashley Gibbs • Troy Zoellner • Emma Jo Schinkel
- 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship and Sing-Along
- 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 31

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, tater tots, carrots and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

Anniversary: Jamie & Vicki Rossow

Birthdays: Allison Sippel • Katelyn Hawkins • Bruce Merkel • Virginia Meister • Jeff Hendrickson • McKensy Sheridan • Tena Lund

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00 pm: Special City Council meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Anniv: Perry & Laura Ptacek

Birthdays: TJ Johnson • Adam Feser • Shannon Koens

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

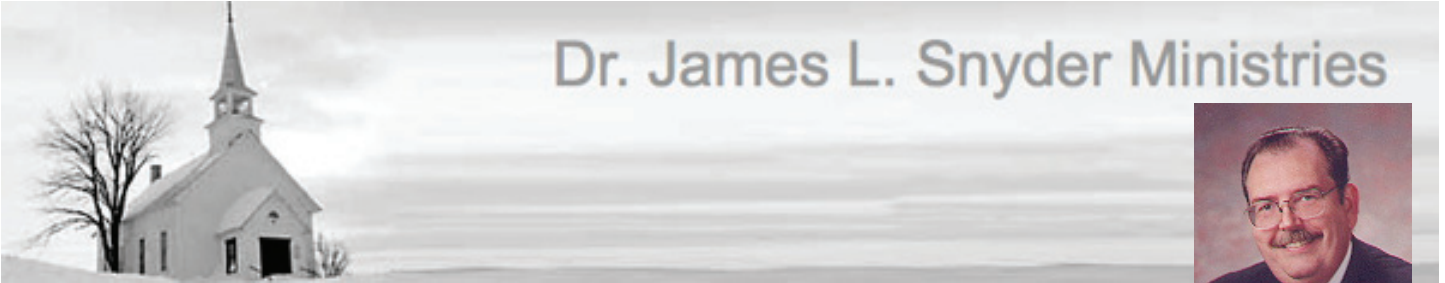
The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**



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A Midsummer's day nightmare

Dr. James L. Snyder



I am not sure who invented summer vacation, but I think they deserve a Nobel Peace Prize. Every year is worth the intense strain when there is a summer vacation to look forward to.

Ah, summer vacation. The freedom of not having anything to do. No schedule in my face. No appointments frustrating me. Just an agenda of fun and more fun and don't forget the eating.

Both the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and me got up early to begin the drive to the airport to take us to our vacation location. I was so full of energy I could not sit still. It was then that I broke into singing, comfortably off key, a Carpenter's song much to the agitation of my wife.

"We've only just begun,
White lace and promises,
A kiss for luck and we're on our way."

All my wife could do was stare at me. Finally, she said, "You sure are excited. I've never seen you so excited. Are you sure you're all right?"

I could not have been more all righter.

All I could think of was a week before me surrounded by grandchildren I have not seen for over a year. "How old is...?" I went through all the grandchildren. It is easy to forget how old kids are because every year their age changes. When you get to be my age, it is hard to keep up with all of these changes.

A week of stuffing them with all the candy I could carry. Taking them out to a restaurant and showing them the proper use of the drinking straw and the fine art of a spitball battle. After all, it is a grandfather's solemn duty to teach his grandchildren the fine art of shenaniganism. Where else are they going to learn it? Their grandmother? I don't think so.

We finally arrived at the airport, parked our car and proceeded to the check-in counter. I am not sure my feet touched the ground, so excited was I to get on our way.

"Slow down," my wife pleaded. "I can't keep up with you."

We finally arrived at the check-in counter with our baggage and one of the attendants asked me a simple question. I hate it when people ask me a question when I am in one of my silly moods. Believe me; I was in one of my silliest silly moods at this time.

"Sir," the attendant asked me very seriously, "do you have anything perishable or flammable in your luggage?"

With silliness smeared all over my mug I said, "I sure do. I got a Bible in there and it is Dyn-O-Mite." And, I had the audacity to smile very broadly.

Then it happened.

Someone said, "Did he say dynamite? Where's the dynamite?"

The attendant said, "He said the dynamite was in his briefcase."

Suddenly, lights went on, buzzers began ringing, men in uniforms surrounded me, two grabbed and subdued me. In a few moments, the hazmat men arrived asking where the dynamite was.

The man in charge pointed to my briefcase and said, "It's in the briefcase."

They begin moving people away while the hazmat men came in to remove the briefcase with the alleged dynamite. At this time, I was absolutely stunned. Every ounce of silliness had drained from my person

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and I knew I was about to go to jail.

Finally, the senior security guard came and looked at me. "Where did you say the dynamite was, sir?" I stammered and stuttered, but finally I said, "I said my Bible was dynamite."

He stared at me. Look me up and down, glared at me with eyes that burned into my very soul. Then he spoke.

"Would you by any chance be a minister?" He said rather gruffly.

"Yes sir," I stammered as if my life depended upon what I was going to say, "I am a minister, a preacher of the gospel." I thought the last part might do something for me. At least it was a shot, excuse me, a try.

He glared at me and shouted, "False alarm. Just another crazy preacher."

As he walked away, I could hear him muttering under his breath, "Where do all these crazy preachers come from?"

The terminal finally quieted down, I went through the inspection and I must say, I am not complaining, mind you, but the pat down was a little longer and rougher than I remembered it being in the past. They stripped me down almost to my birthday suit. Thank God for wrinkles.

As I walked down the aisle on the plane, I could hear people whispering, "That's him. That's the crazy preacher with the dynamite."

I finally sat down next to my wife who was staring out the window. In a few minutes, the plane took off and as we reached our altitude she, while still staring out the window, said to me, "Next time we'll take separate planes." She paused for a moment and then said, "In fact, we'll take separate airports."

I think I am going to stick to what the Bible says.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

God's Word is powerful and therefore needs to be used in a way that will honor God.

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Vermillion girls beat Groton Area in soccer

The girls soccer team traveled to Vermillion on Saturday where the host team handed Groton Area a 5-1 loss. Alexis Harder had one goal with Emily Locke having the assist. Devan Howard had 11 saves as the goalie.

Heart symptoms guide us

When should one worry that he or she might be having a heart problem?

Unfortunately, heart symptoms can be all over the board, and sometimes there are no indications for trouble until very late in the game. On top of this, classic heart symptoms can be due to just esophageal spasm or musculo-skeletal strain, and not heart disease at all. That said, there are clues for heart trouble that signal us to seek help.

Taking into consideration the age, gender, size, life-style and situation of the individual in question can be helpful. In general there is a higher incidence of heart problems in people with a smoking history, positive family history, increasing age, and male gender. But heart problems can occur in anyone; so never cover-up or ignore symptoms especially knowing that heart disease in some people, especially diabetics and women, can present with unusual or very minimal symptoms.

Hypertensive and over-weight snorers should have an inexpensive night-time oxygen test to see if a full sleep study is needed. Sleep apnea is a dangerous and important cardiac risk-factor, and I believe way more worthy of attention than cholesterol. If suspicious, talk to your doctor, since discovering sleep apnea could add years to your life.

A middle aged or older person having a heavy sensation in the chest, neck, jaw, shoulder or arm that comes with exertion and is relieved with rest, could be a sign for blockage of coronary arteries. Called angina pectoris, this alone may not be dangerous unless coming on with a decrease in exercise. Still, angina means see your doctor. If these symptoms come on suddenly and do not go away with rest, then you have a very urgent problem, so call 911.

Heart weakness, also called congestive heart failure, or CHF, can be caused by heart-valve disease, long standing high blood pressure, chronic alcohol use, certain viral infections, and more. The most common symptom from CHF is shortness of breath, but almost every illness, especially lung disease can cause this too.

Heart rhythm problems are sneaky and many of us, including me, have a benign sporadic fluttering feeling in the chest that is not dangerous and means nothing, but is worth discussing with your care provider. Runs of heart rate in the 150 range, or rates so fast or slow as to cause weakness or passing out. If this happens to you, go the emergency room.

As complex as all these warning signs may seem, the most important way to diagnose heart disease starts with paying attention to symptoms.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, visit his website, www.PrairieDoc.org. On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, and streams live at www.PrairieDoc.org.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

South Dakota book chosen as a Great Read at National Book Festival

Festival to be live streamed by SD Public Broadcasting

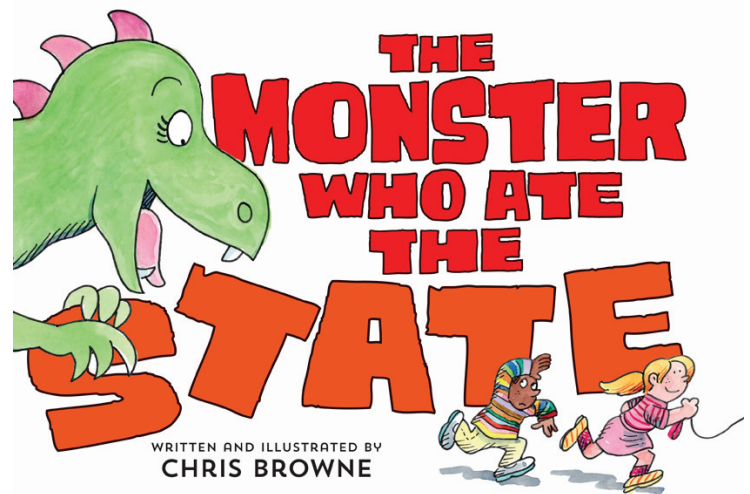
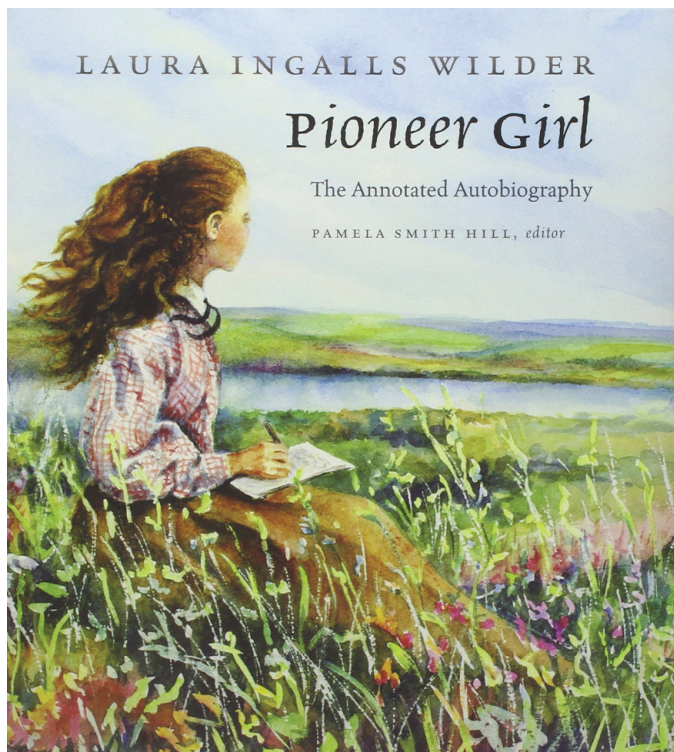
BROOKINGS, S.D. – Soozy, South Dakota's friendly but hungry dinosaur, will meet young readers at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Sept. 5. Her adventure in eating her way across South Dakota plays out in *The Monster Who Ate the State*, written and illustrated by Chris Browne of Sioux Falls.

The South Dakota Center for the Book, a program of the South Dakota Humanities Council, and the South Dakota State Library will feature Browne's book at the National Book Festival. His book was named one of the 52 "Great Reads about Great Places" to be showcased at the annual Library of Congress event.

The Laura Ingalls Wilder autobiography *Pioneer Girl: An Annotated Autobiography*, edited by Pamela Smith Hill, will also be featured at the South Dakota table in the Pavilion of States.

South Dakota Public Broadcasting offers a live webcast of the 15th Annual Library of Congress National Book Festival on Saturday, Sept. 5. The feed will begin at 11 am Central time on Saturday at <http://sdpb.org/bookfestival>

Featured authors Browne and Hill will attend the 13th annual South Dakota Festival of Books, Sept. 24-27, 2015, in Deadwood and the surrounding Black Hills. In addition to book signings, the authors will offer behind-the-scenes glimpses of their books and meet readers one-on-one. For the full Festival of Books schedule, visit www.sdbookfestival.com.



Thanking our VSOs

By Senator Mike Rounds

In my first eight months working as a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, I'm beginning to learn just how complicated it can be for our veterans to work with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to obtain promised benefits and utilize the agency's wide range of services. While trying to navigate the VA and its benefits, there are a number of resources veterans can tap into for help. Veterans Service Officers, who are employed by counties and tribes in South Dakota, are but one group of individuals committed to providing information, assistance, counseling and referrals to veterans to help them navigate the VA and address a wide array of issues unique to our vets.

Veterans Service Officers, or VSOs, often play a necessary and crucial role in improving the lives of South Dakota veterans and their families. These VSOs are trained by the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (SDDVA) to provide assistance to veterans, dependents and survivors. Their expertise and dedication to VA issues has improved the lives of countless South Dakota veterans throughout the years.

I recently had an opportunity to meet with a group of VSOs and staff from the SDDVA at a gathering in Pierre. Many VSOs share my frustrations with the problems plaguing the VA that are preventing our veterans from receiving the timely, quality care they have been promised. Yet every day, our VSOs work tirelessly to push through the VA red tape and make certain that South Dakota veterans receive the care they deserve.

In recent years, the Department of Veterans Affairs has rightly earned a reputation of poor service and poor use of taxpayer dollars. While there are many great physicians and nurses at the VA caring for our veterans, I have heard too many firsthand accounts of mismanagement during committee hearings and through the many calls to my office from South Dakotans struggling to work with VA bureaucrats. Given the many challenges with the VA, advocating for our veterans at the local level is more important than ever.

Our veterans and their families make incredible sacrifices to defend our country and keep us safe. County and tribal VSOs and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs have a direct and positive impact in making certain they are properly cared for when their mission is complete. I'm very proud of the work our VSOs do to assist and guide our nation's heroes. For more information about VSOs or to find your local officer for assistance, you can call the SDDVA at (605) 773-3269 or visit www.vetaffairs.sd.gov.

I will continue my work on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to hold the VA fully accountable to these selfless and brave men and women across the country. Nevertheless, I remain grateful to organizations and individuals – especially South Dakota Veterans Service Officers – who work quietly and tirelessly every day on behalf of our vets.

Today in Weather History

August 30, 1979: A thunderstorm rolled over Ellsworth Air Force Base bringing almost 60 mph winds to the area.

1776 - General Washington took advantage of a heavy fog to evacuate Long Island after a defeat. Adverse winds kept the British fleet from intervening. (David Ludlum)

1839 - A hurricane moved from Cape Hatteras NC to offshore New England. An unusual feature of the hurricane was the snow it helped produce, which whitened the Catskill Mountains of New York State. Considerable snow was also reported at Salem NY. (The Weather Channel)

1982 - A tropical depression brought torrential rains to portions of southern Texas. Up to twelve inches fell south of Houston, and as much as eighteen inches fell southeast of Austin. The tropical depression spawned fourteen tornadoes in three days. (David Ludlum) Record cold gripped the northeastern U.S. Thirty-one cities in New England reported record lows, and areas of Vermont received up to three inches of snow. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Eight cities in California and Oregon reported record high temperatures for the date, including Redding CA and Sacramento CA where the mercury hit 100 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms drenched Georgia and the Carolinas with heavy rain, soaking Columbia, SC, with 4.10 inches in three hours. Fresno CA was the hot spot in the nation with a record high of 109 degrees. Duluth MN tied their record for the month of August with a morning low of 39 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced large hail in Montana and North Dakota during the evening and early nighttime hours. Hail three inches in diameter was reported 20 miles south of Medora ND, and thunderstorms over Dawson County MT produced up to three inches of rain. Thunderstorms produced golf ball size hail at Roundup MT, Dazey ND and Protection KS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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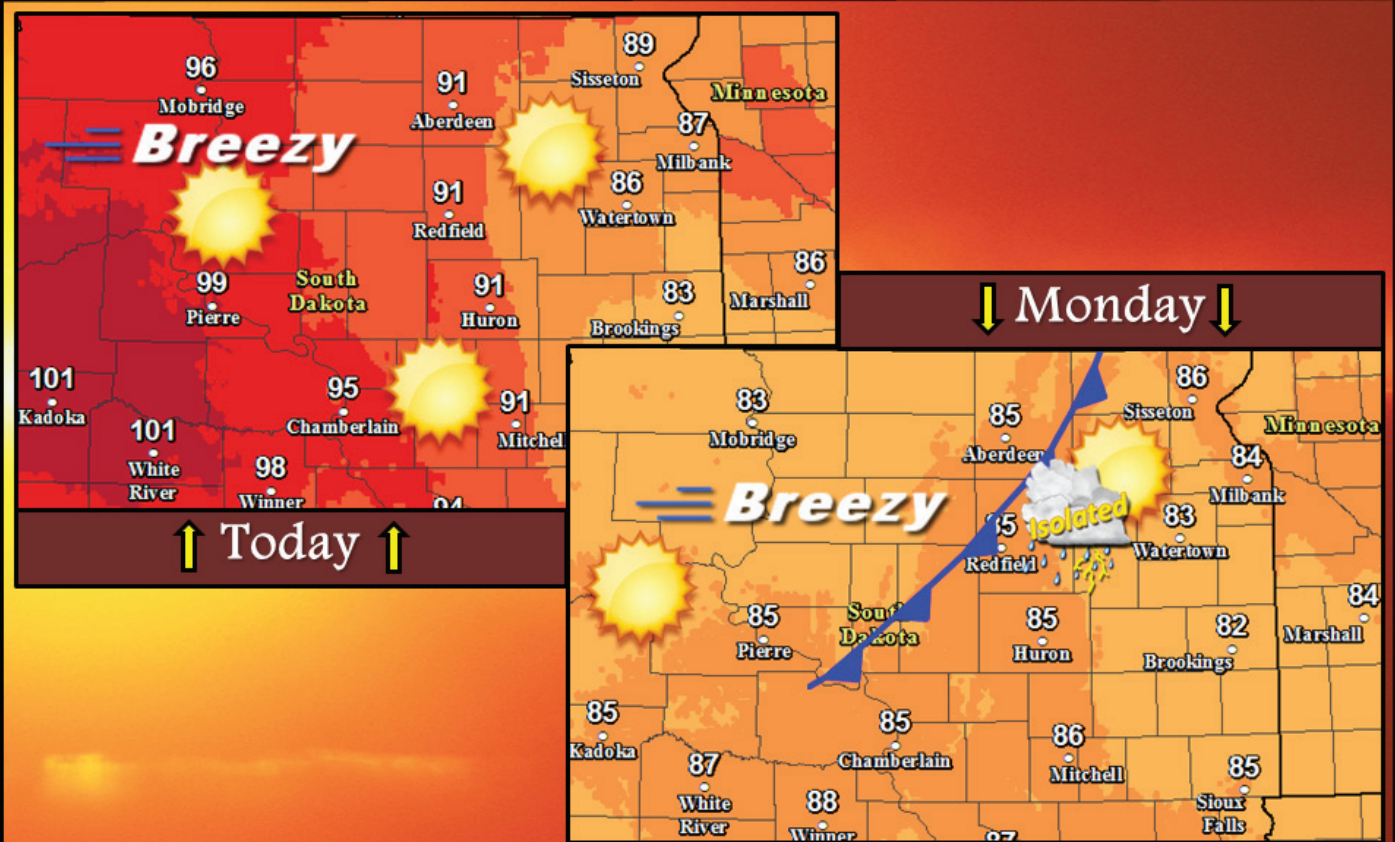
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny then Sunny and Breezy	Breezy. Mostly Clear then Slight Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 90 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 87 °F	Low: 66 °F	High: 89 °F



Hot Today – Less Hot Monday
Isolated Weak Showers & Storms Tonight/Early Monday



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

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Hot and humid conditions today. A front will move through the western/central Dakotas tonight with an isolated shower or storm. The front continues east - which will result in less heat and humidity for Monday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 83.4 at 5:01 PM

Low: 58.7 at 7:10 AM

High Gust: 21 at 12:10 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 100° in 1898

Record Low: 37° in 2003

Average High: 79°F

Average Low: 53°F

Average Precip in Aug: 2.35

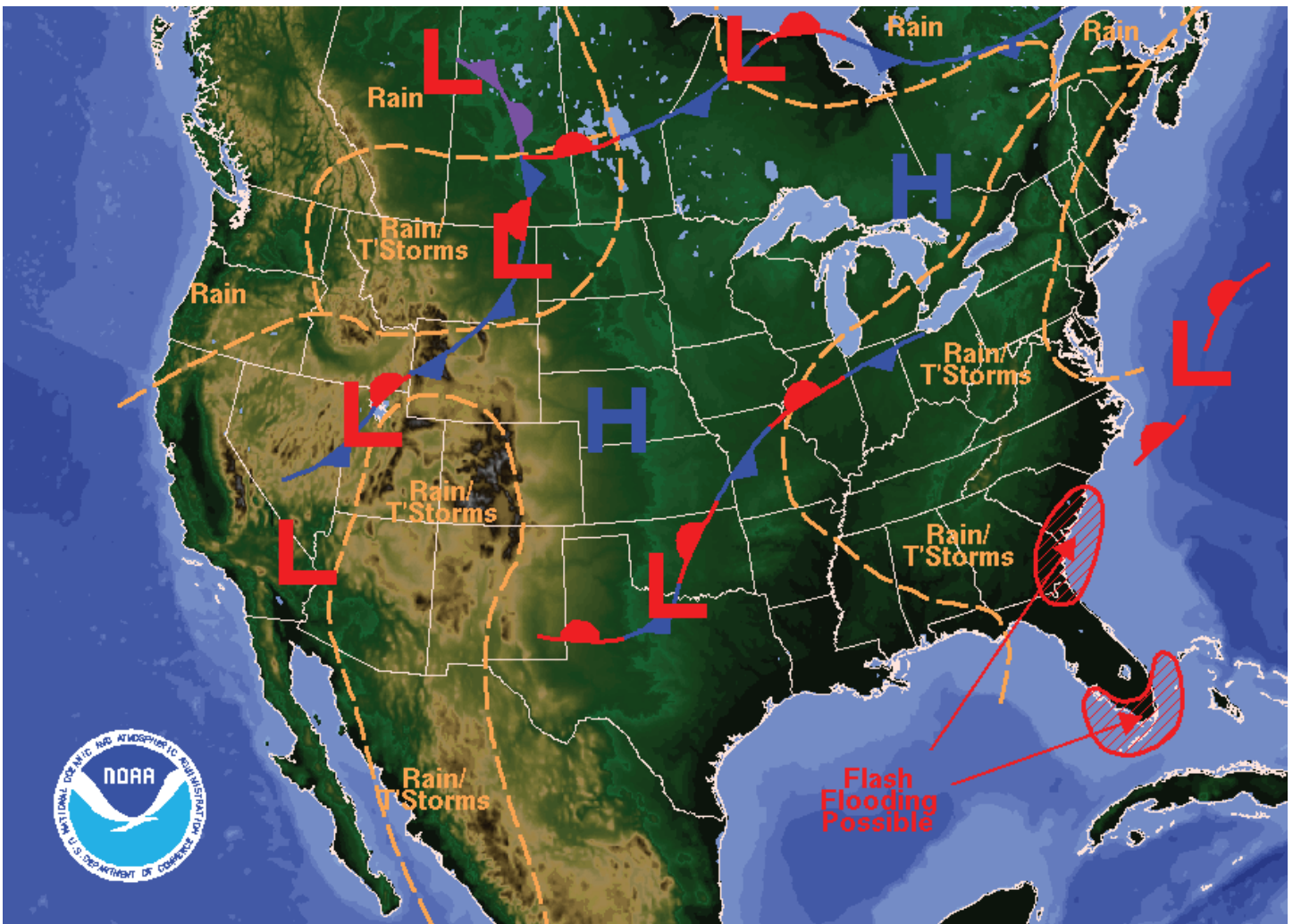
Precip to date in Aug: 4.99

Average Precip to date: 16.21

Precip Year to Date: 16.56

Sunset Tonight: 8:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:53 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Aug 30, 2015, issued 4:14 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHERE TO FIND HAPPINESS

A professor was known to ask his students questions to make them think. On one occasion he stood before the class and wrote on the chalkboard, "Who's more content – the man with six million dollars or the man with six children? Now think!" he challenged them.

After a few moments one of the students raised his hand and answered, "The man with the six children."

"Oh. Why?" asked the professor.

"Well, the man with the six million dollars would always want more!" came the reply.

True contentment is always independent of "things" – whether possessions or pleasures. It only comes from an inner attitude toward life. That is why Paul said, "True religion, with contentment, is great wealth."

This does not imply that being a Christian means living in poverty or wanting to be poor. But it does mean that the power of "things" will never bring happiness and that the Christian must always focus on things that are eternal.

In the final analysis, we can only take two things to God: Ourselves and what we have done with our lives.

So, we must live our lives with one goal that we can reach: to present ourselves to God without shame!

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize that life does not consist in the abundance of things, but in pleasing You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Timothy 6:6 Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

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News from the Associated Press

SD School of Mines honored for being veteran-friendly

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Veterans Magazine has named the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology as one of the country's top veteran-friendly schools.

The Rapid City school made the 2015 Best of the Best list. The magazine polled hundreds of universities for this year's evaluations.

The School of Mines enrolls more than 100 active duty and veteran students from all military branches. It also offers a Veterans Resource Center on campus with study space, veteran-to-veteran tutoring, counseling referrals and résumé assistance. A patient advocate from the VA Black Hills Health Care System visits monthly.

The school has been home to an Army ROTC program since 1918 and added a new minor in military science this year.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Belle Fourche def. Sturgis, 25-7, 25-19, 25-15
Brandon Valley def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-17, 25-23, 22-25, 25-18
Mitchell def. Spearfish, 25-22, 24-26, 25-27, 27-25
Mobridge-Pollock def. Chamberlain, 26-24, 27-25, 25-11
Parker def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-15, 25-9, 25-19
Sioux Valley def. Howard, 26-19, 25-7, 25-15
Canton Tournament
Pool Play
Pool A
Dell Rapids def. Canton, 25-13, 25-14
Dell Rapids def. Garretson, 25-20, 25-13
Garretson def. Canton, 15-25, 29-27, 25-13
Redfield/Doland def. Dell Rapids, 25-21, 27-25
Redfield/Doland def. Garretson, 25-21, 25-7
Redfield/Doland def. Canton, 28-26, 25-12
Pool B
West Central def. Sioux Falls Lincoln JV, 25-5, 25-17
West Central def. West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa, 25-5, 25-12
West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. Sioux Falls Lincoln JV, 25-15, 25-15
West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa def. West Central, 25-21, 25-21
West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa def. Sioux Falls Lincoln JV, 25-14, 25-16
Seventh Place
West Sioux, Hawarden, Iowa def. Canton, 25-10, 25-22, 25-12
Custer Tournament
Pool Play
Pool A
Custer def. Pine Ridge, 25-15, 25-17
Pine Ridge def. Edgemont, 25-19, 25-22
Rapid City Christian def. Edgemont, 25-21, 25-23
Rapid City Christian def. Moorcroft, Wyo., 25-15, 25-21

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Pool B

Hill City def. Newell, 25-14, 25-18

Lead-Deadwood def. Hill City, 25-19, 25-16

Red Cloud def. New Underwood, 25-20, 23-25, 25-17

Red Cloud def. Newell, 25-13, 25-14

Semifinal

Custer def. Red Cloud, 25-19, 25-23

Lead-Deadwood def. Pine Ridge, 25-13, 25-21

Championship

Lead-Deadwood def. Custer, 21-25, 25-15, 25-19

Estelline Tournament

First Round

Estelline def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-22, 25-16

Great Plains Lutheran def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-20, 25-18

Hamlin def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-9, 25-22

Wilmot def. Viborg-Hurley, 8-25, 25-10, 25-13

Consolation Semifinal

Viborg-Hurley def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 25-22, 23-25, 25-16

Waverly-South Shore def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-18, 25-9

Semifinal

Estelline def. Wilmot, 25-23, 23-25, 25-16

Hamlin def. Great Plains Lutheran, 26-24, 13-25, 25-10

Seventh Place

Sunshine Bible Academy def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-20, 25-15

Fifth Place

Viborg-Hurley def. Waverly-South Shore, 23-25, 25-21, 25-17

Third Place

Estelline def. Great Plains Lutheran, 26-24, 25-23

Championship

Hamlin def. Wilmot, 25-4, 25-23

Flandreau Tournament

Chester def. Tri-Valley, 25-9, 25-15

Chester def. Flandreau, 25-7, 25-5

Chester def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-10, 25-17

Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Flandreau, 25-14, 17-25, 25-11

Tri-Valley def. Flandreau, 25-15, 18-25, 25-19

Tri-Valley def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-23, 25-20

Parkston Tournament

Arlington def. Parkston, 25-13, 25-20

Arlington def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-19, 24-26, 25-15

McCook Central/Montrose def. Parkston, 25-16, 25-27, 25-19

Northwestern def. Wagner, 25-11, 25-22

Northwestern def. Arlington, 26-24, 25-10

Northwestern def. Parkston, 25-12, 25-18

Northwestern def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-15, 25-15

Wagner def. Parkston, 25-19, 25-20

Wagner def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-20, 25-18

Wagner def. Arlington, 25-20, 26-24

Sully Buttes Tournament

Pool Play

Pool B

Potter County def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-20, 16-25, 25-16

Potter County def. Edmunds Central, 25-6, 25-13

Championship

Sully Buttes def. Potter County, 25-21, 25-19

PREP FOOTBALL

Belle Fourche 26, Sturgis 7

Harrisburg 30, Mitchell 7

Lennox 27, Hot Springs 15

AP News in Brief

Police investigate motive of man accused of ambushing Texas officer as he filled patrol car

HOUSTON (AP) — Investigators were trying to determine Sunday what may have motivated a 30-year-old man accused of ambushing a uniformed suburban Houston sheriff's deputy filling his patrol car with gas in what authorities believe was a targeted killing.

Shannon J. Miles was charged Saturday with capital murder in the fatal shooting of Darren Goforth, a 10-year veteran of the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

Goforth, 47, was pumping gas at a Chevron station on Friday night when the gunman approached him from behind and fired multiple shots, continuing to fire after the deputy had fallen to the ground.

The deputy had gone to the station in Cypress, a middle-class to upper middle-class suburban area of Harris County that is unincorporated and located northwest of Houston, after responding to a routine car accident earlier Friday.

Harris County Sheriff Ron Hickman said the attack was "clearly unprovoked," and there is no evidence so far that Goforth knew Miles. Investigators have no information from Miles that would shed light on his motive, Hickman said.

Trumpets and tears: New Orleans, Gulf Coast mark Katrina milestone and look to future

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Gulf Coast and New Orleans observed the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, one of the deadliest storms in American history, in ways both devout and festive. Church bells rang and brass bands played as people across the storm-ravaged coast remembered the past and looked to the future.

"Some people said that we shouldn't come back. Some people said that we couldn't come back," said New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu. "Yet 10 years later here we are. Still standing."

The storm killed more than 1,800 people and caused \$151 billion in damage, in one of the country's deadliest and most costly natural disasters. Many of the dead came in New Orleans when levees protecting the city burst, submerging 80 percent of the Crescent City in water.

The dead and those who still struggle to rebuild were not far from anyone's thoughts Saturday, from Mississippi where church bells rang out to mark when the storm made landfall to a commemoration at the New Orleans memorial containing bodies of people never claimed or never identified.

As the church bells rang, 80-year-old Eloise Allen wept softly into a tissue as she leaned against her rusting Oldsmobile.

Fan dies after falling from upper deck during Atlanta Braves game at Turner Field

ATLANTA (AP) — A fan died after falling from the upper deck into the lower-level stands at Turner Field on Saturday night during a game between the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees.

Lt. Charles Hampton of the Atlanta Police Department homicide unit confirmed the death hours after the fall in the seventh inning.

Hampton said the man was in his early 60s and was pronounced dead at Grady Memorial Hospital. There was no immediate word on his identity pending notification of his next of kin.

The fall immediately followed the introduction of Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez as a pinch hitter. The game wasn't delayed while medical personnel treated the man for about 10 minutes, applying CPR before putting him on a backboard.

Hampton said police don't suspect foul play at this point. He said no fans were hurt in the 200-level seats where the man fell from section 401, landing close to an area where players' wives and families sit.

Person familiar with the process: Los Angeles strikes 2024 Olympic bid deal with USOC

Los Angeles and the U.S. Olympic Committee have struck a deal that will make the city America's 2024 Olympic bidder pending approval by the city council next week.

If the council approves the deal at a meeting Tuesday, the USOC will announce Los Angeles as its candidate, a person familiar with the process told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the negotiations have not been publicly announced.

Last month, the USOC scrapped plans to make Boston the bid city and entered talks with Los Angeles. On Friday, a city council subcommittee approved the pact and sent it to the full council for a vote.

The International Olympic Committee has set a Sept. 15 deadline for cities to enter the race. The IOC will pick the host city in 2017. Rome, Paris, Hamburg, Germany and Budapest, Hungary are already in the mix.

Tropical Storm Erika dissipates as Dominica digs out from damage that killed at least 20

ROSEAU, Dominica (AP) — Rescue crews jumped off boats and trudged through mud, rocks and up-rooted trees Saturday to reach communities cut off by a tropical storm that killed at least 20 people and left nearly 50 missing in the eastern Caribbean island of Dominica.

Volunteers helped carry food, water and clothes for dozens of Dominicans who have been isolated for up to three days after Tropical Storm Erika dumped some 15 inches (38 centimeters) of rain on the mountainous island.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit pleaded for international aid, saying the damage pushed Dominica back by two decades, and he warned of more rain in upcoming days. He met Saturday with members of a newly created committee charged with helping rebuild an island devastated by floods and landslides.

"It's a very daunting task," said opposition leader Lennox Linton, who met with Skerrit. "The country has been significantly set back."

At least 20 people were still missing in the southeast village of Petite Savanne, one of the hardest hit areas and home to some of Dominica's steepest mountains.

Trump courts tea party voters in Nashville, says decision on 3rd party run coming 'soon'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Donald Trump will decide soon whether to mount a third party bid if he loses the Republican nomination for president, the real estate mogul said Saturday.

"I think over the next couple of weeks you're going to see some things that are very interesting," Trump said after a speech in Nashville to a gathering of tea party activists.

"We're going to make a decision very soon," he added, "and I think a lot of people are going to be very happy."

Trump has so far refused to pledge to support the eventual Republican nominee, saying his refusal to commit gains him leverage over the party establishment, which has been caught off-guard by his early dominance in the race. He's also said repeatedly that he'd prefer to run as a Republican as long as the party treats him fairly.

But to appear on the ballot in South Carolina and several other states, he'll have to pledge to support the eventual nominee.

Obama to navigate competing energy, environmental interests in historic visit to Alaska

WASHINGTON (AP) — With melting glaciers and rising seas as his backdrop, President Barack Obama will visit Alaska next week to press for urgent global action to combat climate change, even as he carefully calibrates his message in a state heavily dependent on oil.

Obama will become the first sitting president to visit the Alaska Arctic when he travels to Kotzebue — population 3,153 — just north of the Arctic Circle at the end of his three-day trip. He'll kick off the visit Monday with a speech to a State Department-hosted conference on climate change and the Arctic.

The unambiguous goal of the president's trip is to use dramatic and alarming changes to Alaska's climate to instill fresh urgency into his global warming agenda. Sea ice is melting, critical permafrost is thawing and Alaska's cherished glaciers are liquefying — powerful visuals that Obama hopes will illustrate the threat to natural wonders and livelihoods and serve as a global call to action.

"This is all real," Obama said in his weekly address released Saturday. "This is happening to our fellow Americans right now."

Yet Obama has taken steps that show he's cautiously navigating the competing environmental and energy interests at play. A few weeks ago, his administration gave Royal Dutch Shell a final permit to drill into oil-bearing rock off Alaska's northwest coast for the first time in more than two decades.

Common Core test results trickle in, but goal of comparing among states goes unfulfilled

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Results for some of the states that participated in Common Core-aligned testing for the first time this spring are out, with overall scores higher than expected though still below what many parents may be accustomed to seeing.

Full or preliminary scores have been released for Connecticut, Idaho, Missouri, Oregon, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia. They all participated in the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium, one of two groups of states awarded \$330 million by the U.S. Department of Education in 2010 to develop exams to test students on the Common Core state standards in math and English language arts.

Scores in four other states that developed their own exams tied to the standards have been released. The second testing group, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, is still setting benchmarks for each performance level and has not released any results.

Even when all the results are available, it will not be possible to compare student performance across a majority of states, one of Common Core's fundamental goals.

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What began as an effort to increase transparency and allow parents and school leaders to assess performance nationwide has largely unraveled, chiefly because states are dropping out of the two testing groups and creating their own exams.

Missing hiker found alive after 9 days lost in the Sierra Nevada near a California wildfire

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A woman who was stranded in the rugged Sierra Nevada for nine days while suffering from some broken bones survived by using a water filter to drink from a creek, authorities said.

Miyuki Harwood, 62, was found Saturday morning in a remote area of the Sierra National Forest after she used a whistle to get the attention of a search and rescue team who were looking for her, Fresno County Sheriff Margaret Mims said at a news conference.

Harwood was airlifted to a hospital to treat an unspecified injury sustained on Aug. 20 when she got separated from a group of hikers near Horsehead Lake, about 100 miles northwest of Fresno.

She was listed in stable condition, the sheriff said after meeting Harwood at her hospital bed.

"Her voice was strong. She was extremely thankful that people were looking for her," Mims said.

Travers Upset! Triple Crown champ American Pharoah loses to Keen Ice at Spa; may be final race

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — The day after American Pharoah won the Belmont Stakes and became the first Triple Crown winner in 37 years, trainer Bob Baffert already was leery of Saratoga in the summer.

He had every reason to be and now, American Pharoah may have run his last race.

The track lived up to its reputation as the "Graveyard of Favorites" when 16-1 long shot Keen Ice beat American Pharoah by three-quarters of a length in the \$1.6 million Travers Stakes — a result that still seems hard to believe.

"I feel bad for the horse getting beat like that," a disappointed trainer Bob Baffert said. "You can tell he wasn't on his 'A' game. Pharoah tried very hard. He didn't have the power he usually has.

"But we saw the last three-eighths was just guts and glory."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, August 30, the 242nd day of 2015. There are 123 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 30, 1945, U.S. Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Japan to set up Allied occupation headquarters.

On this date:

In 1861, Union Gen. John C. Fremont instituted martial law in Missouri and declared slaves there to be free. (However, Fremont's emancipation order was countermanded by President Abraham Lincoln).

In 1862, Confederate forces won victories against the Union at the Second Battle of Bull Run in Manassas, Virginia, and the Battle of Richmond in Kentucky.

In 1905, Ty Cobb made his major-league debut as a player for the Detroit Tigers, hitting a double in his first at-bat in a game against the New York Highlanders. (The Tigers won, 5-3.)

In 1935, the film "Anna Karenina," MGM's version of the Tolstoy novel starring Greta Garbo, opened in New York.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, which was intended to promote private development of nuclear energy.

In 1963, the "Hot Line" communications link between Washington and Moscow went into operation.

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In 1967, the Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall as the first black justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1983, Guion S. Bluford Jr. became the first black American astronaut to travel in space as he blasted off aboard the Challenger.

In 1984, the space shuttle Discovery was launched on its inaugural flight.

In 1986, Soviet authorities arrested Nicholas Daniloff, a correspondent for U.S. News and World Report, as a spy a week after American officials arrested Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet employee of the United Nations, on espionage charges in New York. (Both men were later released.)

In 1989, a federal jury in New York found "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley guilty of income tax evasion, but acquitted her of extortion. (Helmsley ended up serving 18 months behind bars, a month at a halfway house and two months under house arrest.)

In 1991, Azerbaijan (ah-zur-by-JAHN') declared its independence, joining the stampede of republics seeking to secede from the Soviet Union.

Ten years ago: A day after Hurricane Katrina hit, floods were covering 80 percent of New Orleans, looting continued to spread and rescuers in helicopters and boats picked up hundreds of stranded people.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden flew into Baghdad, where he sought to reassure Iraq that America was not abandoning it as the U.S. military stepped back. An enormous drill began preliminary work on carving a half-mile chimney through solid rock to free 33 men trapped in a Chilean mine. Texas-born fugitive Edgar Valdez Villarreal, a suspected drug lord known as "the Barbie," was arrested in Mexico State. Seven-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens pleaded not guilty in Washington to charges of lying to Congress about whether he'd used steroids or human growth hormone. (Clemens went on trial in July 2011; however, the case abruptly ended in a mistrial. He was acquitted in a retrial.)

One year ago: The U.S. military said fighter aircraft and unmanned drones had struck Islamic State militants near Iraq's Mosul Dam. Under cover of darkness, 40 Filipino peacekeepers escaped their besieged outpost in the Golan Heights after a seven-hour gunbattle with Syrian rebels. The St. Louis Rams cut Michael Sam, the first openly gay player drafted in the NFL.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Bill Daily is 88. Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 76. Actor Ben Jones is 74. Cartoonist R. Crumb is 72. Olympic gold medal skier Jean-Claude Killy is 72. Actress Peggy Lipton is 69. Comedian Lewis Black is 67. Actor Timothy Bottoms is 64. Actor David Paymer is 61. Jazz musician Gerald Albright is 58. Actor Michael Chiklis is 52. Music producer Robert Clivilles is 51. Actress Michael Michele is 49. Country musician Geoff Firebaugh is 47. Country singer Sherrie Austin is 44. Rock singer-musician Lars Frederiksen (Rancid) is 44. Actress Cameron Diaz is 43. Rock musician Leon Caffrey (Space) is 42. TV personality Lisa Ling is 42. Rock singer-musician Aaron Barrett (Reel Big Fish) is 41. Actor Michael Gladis is 38. Rock musician Matt Taul (Tantric; Days of the New) is 37. Tennis player Andy Roddick is 33. Rock musician Ryan Ross is 29. Actor Cameron Finley is 28.

Thought for Today: "Greatness is not measured by what a man or woman accomplishes, but by the opposition he or she has overcome to reach his goals." - Dorothy Height, American civil rights activist (1912-2010).