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VINTAGE TRACTORS for sale. This weekend at the William Baule farm, 3N, 1E of Andover. For more information, call Linda at 612/709-0510.

Part-time Custodian needed. Approximately 20 hours per week Monday through Thursday. Hourly Wage DOE qualifications and experience. Applications are being accepted until 5 pm September 14, 2015 Send a letter of interest along with a resume to: Knute Reiersen, Superintendent, Frederick Area School District, PO Box 486, Frederick, SD 57441

St. John's Lutheran Church is having its annual soup, sandwich, and pie luncheon (\$2.00 each) on Thursday, September 10th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. along with crafts and a bake sale. Supplemental funds have been applied for from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

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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Thursday, September 10

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Meatballs, whipped potato, corn, tea bun, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Debbie Hein • Tami Herron • Robin Loeschke • Hannah Gustafson

11:00 am: St. John's Lutheran Luncheon

4:00pm: Boys Soccer hosts James Valley Christian

5:00pm: JH FB at Sisseton (7th at 5 pm, 8th at 6 pm)

5:00pm: Volleyball at Roncalli (7th/C at 5 pm, 8th/JV at 6:30 pm)

Friday, September 11

Andover Threshing Bee

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk, fruit.

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, green beans, broccoli and drip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot roast beef combination, carrots, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: Audrey Jacobson • Derrick Dobberpuhl

4:00pm: Girls Soccer host West Central (JV at 6 p.m.)

7:00pm: Football hosts Redfield-Doland

Saturday, September 12

WELCA fall workshop for officers at Frederick

Birthdays: • Cliff Pray • Doug Krueger • Tomas Yarborough • Alexa Nilsson • Craig Harms • Jared Poppen

9:30am: Cross Country at Milbank

10:00am: Boys Golf Tourney in Groton

1:00pm: Girls Soccer at SF Christian

			
			
Oven Fresh Sandwiches	Hot Desserts	Snack Melts	
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September 11, 12 & 13, 2015

Andover, South Dakota

41st Annual JAMES VALLEY THRESHING & JAMES VALLEY TRACTOR CLUB SHOW



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Free Steam Car Rides

Moonlight Steam Ride Fri. & Sat. Evening

Antique Tractor Pull - Saturday @ 10:30am
and Sunday non-competitive pull

Heritage Craft Program - Saturday @ 10:30am

Spark Show - Saturday @ Dusk

Church Service - Sunday 9:30 am

Steam Engine & Gas Tractor Threshing
- After Parade

Lumber Sawing Daily

Free watermelon after parade on Saturday
sponsored by Wells Fargo

Kid's Tractor Pull after the parade

The 2014 40th Anniversary Book is still available

Many more activities!

EXHIBITORS WELCOME

- Steam Engines
- Antique Gas Tractors
- Stationary Gas Engines
- Antique Cars
- Lumber Sawing
- Blacksmith Shop
- Heritage Crafts & Quilt Show
- Spinning & Weaving
- Toy & Doll Display
- Flea Markets
- Souvenir Store
- Food Concessions Daily
- Old Time Accordion Melodies by Robert Witt
- Carl M Johnson Memorial Free Tractor Giveaway

Gary & Linda Anderson

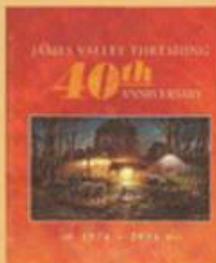


HONORARY MEMBERS



HERITAGE CRAFT PROGRAM

Saturday at 10:30. All quilts welcome.
This year featuring Log Cabin and Art Quilts/
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Admissions is
\$10 daily
Children 12
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BATES TOWNSHIP WEED NOTICE

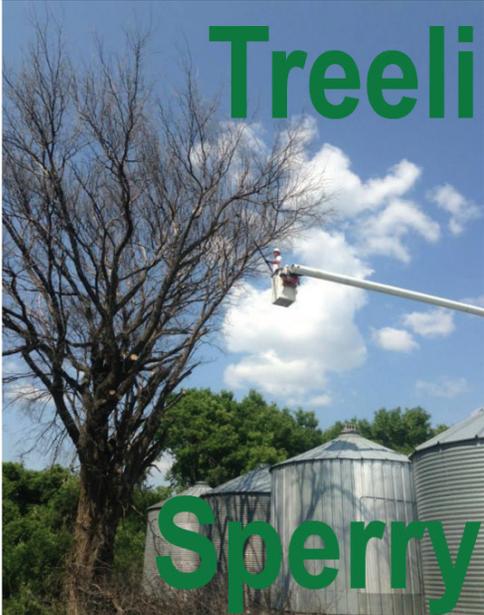
OWNERS & TENANTS of Bates Township are hereby notified and required, according to law, to cut all weeds and grass in road ditches adjacent to their property or tenanted by them within Bates township on or before October 1, 2015 or same will be hired done by the township board and assessed property taxes at the rate of \$300 per half mile.

Bates Township Board of Supervisors
Betty Geist
Township Clerk

Luecke Thank You

Thank you so much for the kindness and generosity shown by all who contributed to our bridal shower gifts from Lori's Pharmacy. We can not thank you enough for all the decorative and useful gifts. Lori's Pharmacy and Groton will have their mark all over our home! Thank you for supporting us on this new journey in our lives.

Kate & Austin Luecke



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Sperry Stump Removal

Fourth annual Ladies Night Out

Monday
September 14, 2015

Social 6:00 PM
Painting 7:00 PM

OLIVE GROVE GOLF COURSE

Wine tasting
featuring With
the Wind Vineyard
and light appetizers

Featuring

Cocktails & Canvas

\$50

Limited tickets
available at Olde
Bank Floral and
Olive Grove Golf
Course

Bowlers Needed!

The Groton Coffee Cup League and the Conde National League are looking for regular bowlers and subs for the 2015-16 year. The coffee cup league is an afternoon ladies league that bowls on Tuesday afternoons at 2:00pm. The conde national league is a mixed league that bowls on Monday nights at 7:30pm.

We start on September 14th and 15th and go through March.

You don't have to be good, you just need to want to have fun.

Please contact Vickie Kramp at 382-7293 or leave your name and contact number at Jungle Lanes.

Economic Impact of Beef & Pork Industries on South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota's beef and pork industries make a significant contribution to economic output and development within the state, said Gary Taylor South Dakota State University Associate Professor of Economics.

"Agriculture is our state's number one industry, and within that industry, beef and pork operations contribute to our state's economy through employment, input purchases and taxes," Taylor said.

Based on 2012 data, the state is home to some 1.6 million cows who produce about 1.7 million calves and an estimated \$2,283,766,027 gross income. During the same time frame, the state housed some 368,000 sows who produced about 3.7 million pigs and an estimated \$6.2 million in gross income.

With the help of an input/output analysis program, the IMPLAN Pro3 model, Taylor was able to graph the direct and indirect impacts of both industries on the state. This information is updated about every five years by the SDSU economics department.

Beef industry details

In 2012 the beef industry provided an estimated total economic impact of \$4.48 billion, 12,571 full-time equivalent jobs, and a net positive tax impact of \$613,762. In addition the beef industry provides a market for an estimated 44.2 million bushels of corn, 9.8 million tons of forage, and 34.5 thousand tons of soybean meal.

The direct effect of South Dakota's beef cattle industry is \$2.28 billion of gross income. The indirect effect, which consists of the business-to-business activity is \$1.8 billion while the induced effect, which comprises household spending as a result of the economic activity in the beef industry is more than \$334 million (Table 1).

"In 2012 the direct impact was \$569 million higher than our most recent similar analysis which was based on 2008 data (\$1.714 billion)," Taylor said.

He attributes the increase to significantly higher output prices, approximately \$130 per hundredweight (in 2012) versus \$91.30 per hundredweight (in 2008).

"This occurred despite marketing approximately 83,200,000 fewer pounds of beef in 2012, a 4.5 percent decrease relative to the 2008 data," Taylor said. "The multiplier for the beef industry used by the IMPLAN program is 1.95, suggesting that each dollar of economic activity in the beef industry generated another \$0.95 of economic activity in the rest of the South Dakota economy."

When looking at the impact the beef industry had on employment, Taylor again relied on IMPLAN; see Table 2.

"The beef industry continues to provide a significant contribution to the economic health and growth in South Dakota," Taylor said, referencing Table 3. "The beef industry is expected to continue making a positive contribution to South Dakota's economy in the foreseeable future, especially in the presence of low beef supplies and high beef prices."

Pork industry details

The pork industry in South Dakota is a major contributor to economic activity in the state. The direct impact of the pork production sector is \$621,419,007 and it produces a total impact of \$911,825,294.

"In addition, the production sector accounts for 6,080 jobs and \$1,351,758 in taxes on production and imports," says Taylor referencing Table 1. "If the total impact of the pork processing sector is added the total economic impact of the pork industry rises to \$5,025,146,497, the employment number increases to 20,883.5, and the tax on production and imports total is \$27,016,318."

The data points to an increase over 2008 numbers by \$200 million. Taylor attributes this increase to significantly higher output prices of about \$71.13 per hundredweight in 2012 versus \$46.80 per hundredweight in 2008.

"Producers marketed 74.8 million more pounds of pork in 2012 than in 2008," Taylor said.

Total Indirect Impacts in million nominal 2012 dollars

To read more about Taylor's study, read complete articles visit this link <http://www.sdstate.edu/econ/commentator/index.cfm>.

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Summer Ends with Gasoline more than \$1 Cheaper than a Year Ago

Sept. 9, 2015 – The 2015 summer driving season ended with the national average at its lowest point for the Labor Day holiday in more than a decade. Motorists nationwide are paying an average price of \$2.38 per gallon at the pump today, a savings of \$1.05 per gallon in comparison to one year ago. The national average price for regular gasoline has fallen 23 consecutive days for a total of 29 cents per gallon.

"Prices are expected to continue to slide as driving demand experiences a seasonal decrease heading into the fall," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "But if the price of crude oil rises dramatically or refineries have problems performing routine maintenance, all bets are off."

South Dakota's average price at the pump for self-serve regular gasoline has tumbled 20 cents over the last 30 days. Today's average, \$2.51 per gallon, is just under a dollar, below the price recorded on Sept. 9, 2014.

	Today	Last Week	Change	11-Aug	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.418	\$2.482	-\$0.064	\$2.643	-\$0.225	\$3.461
Brookings	\$2.532	\$2.606	-\$0.074	\$2.639	-\$0.107	\$3.419
Huron	\$2.588	\$2.653	-\$0.065	\$2.766	-\$0.178	\$3.399
Mitchell	\$2.488	\$2.592	-\$0.104	\$2.757	-\$0.269	\$3.372
Pierre	\$2.667	\$2.869	-\$0.202	\$2.919	-\$0.252	\$3.521
Rapid City	\$2.749	\$2.775	-\$0.026	\$2.865	-\$0.116	\$3.564
Sioux Falls	\$2.286	\$2.459	-\$0.173	\$2.512	-\$0.226	\$3.282
Vermillion	\$2.329	\$2.519	-\$0.190	\$2.591	-\$0.262	\$3.341
Watertown	\$2.465	\$2.434	\$0.031	\$2.446	\$0.019	\$3.506
Yankton	\$2.481	\$2.621	-\$0.140	\$2.693	-\$0.212	\$3.457
South Dakota	\$2.517	\$2.613	-\$0.096	\$2.696	-\$0.179	\$3.443

"The domestic oil market has been described as bullish in recent trading sessions, after posting gains upwards of 20 percent following a multi-year low of \$38.60 per barrel on August 26," said Buskohl. "Despite this recent jump, the price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil is likely to face downward pressure due to seasonal declines in demand and reduced crude oil purchases by refineries, both capable of worsening the imbalance between supply and demand."

After closing Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX down 70 cents, WTI opened yesterday's trading session down about 60 cents per barrel but finally settled just 11 cents lower at \$45.94.

According to the U.S Energy Information Administration, refineries are reporting higher than normal utilization rates even as more maintenance is scheduled for this year compared to previous years. This could slow the rate of anticipated declines in the price at the pump; however, it is not expected to cause a reversal of direction.

The conclusion of the summer driving season also signals the start of the seasonal switchover to winter-blend gasoline in many parts of the country in one week. The Environmental Protection Agency requires certain areas to use a specified blend of gasoline, commonly referred to as summer-blend gasoline, in order to address air quality issues during the summer months. This more expensive summer-blend gasoline is not required during the winter months and prices tend to fall following the completion of this seasonal switchover.

The highest retail averages today are found in states west of the Rockies. Drivers in Alaska are paying the most at the pump, \$3.35 per gallon. Three other states also report averages above \$3 per gallon with California at \$3.25, Nevada \$3.10, and Hawaii \$3.02.

Today in Weather History

September 10, 1961: In Webster between 1 and 2 am, a large farm implement was destroyed by a lightning-caused fire. Many implements, three cars, two trucks, as well as merchandise, were lost. Nearby buildings suffered damage from fire. The heavy rain was helpful in reducing the spread of the fire.

September 10, 1975: Large hail up to the size of 2 inches in diameter damaged many acres of corn, flax, and millet fields during the evening. The area between Volga and Brookings received the most serious damage.

September 10, 1988: Lightning started fires in Todd County southwest of Mission that burned nearly 14,000 acres of grassland and 4000 acres of timber. The damages were more than 60,000 dollars.

1919 - A hurricane struck the Florida Keys drowning more than 500 persons. (David Ludlum)

1960 - Hurricane Donna struck the Florida Keys, with winds gusting to 180 mph and a thirteen foot storm surge. The hurricane then moved north along the eastern coast of Florida and inundated Naples before moving out to sea. Hurricane Donna claimed fifty lives, injured 1800 others, and caused more than 300 million dollars damage. The Marathon/Tavernier area was almost completely destroyed, and in the Citrus Belt, most of the avacado crop was blown from the trees. Hurricane Donna wreaked havoc from Florida to Maine, with wind gusts to 100 mph along much of the coast. Hurricane Donna produced wind gusts to 121 mph at Charleston SC on the 11th, and wind gusts to 138 mph at Blue Hill Observatory MA on the 12th. The hurricane finally died over Maine two days later, producing more than five inches of rain over the state. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A late afternoon thunderstorm roared through Austin TX producing wind gusts to 81 mph, and 2.17 inches of rain in just sixty minutes. The high winds toppled six National Guard helicopters at the Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, and damaged or destroyed numerous other aircraft. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Cool air sweeping into the north central U.S. brought snow to some of the higher elevations of Montana. The town of Kings Hill, southeast of Great Falls, was blanketed with six inches of snow. Tropical Storm Gilbert strenghtened to a hurricane over the eastern Carribbean. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Light snow fell in Montana overnight, with three inches reported at Fairfield. Billings MT reported a record low of 33 degrees. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the northeastern U.S., with record highs of 86 degrees at Caribou ME and 90 degrees at Burlington VT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1998: Tropical Storm Frances made landfall near Matagorda Bay, TX, causing the worst coastal flooding and beach erosion since Hurricane Carla in 1961. The storm's heavy rains ended a drought in East Texas, but caused serious river flooding in parts of Texas and Louisiana. The highest rain total noted was 21.10 inches at Terrytown in southeast Louisiana. A major disaster declaration was issued for Cameron, Jefferson, Lafourche, and Terrebonne parishes in Louisiana.

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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
Isolated Sprinkles	Mostly Clear	Patchy Frost then Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 67 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 66 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 72 °F	Low: 49 °F	High: 78 °F



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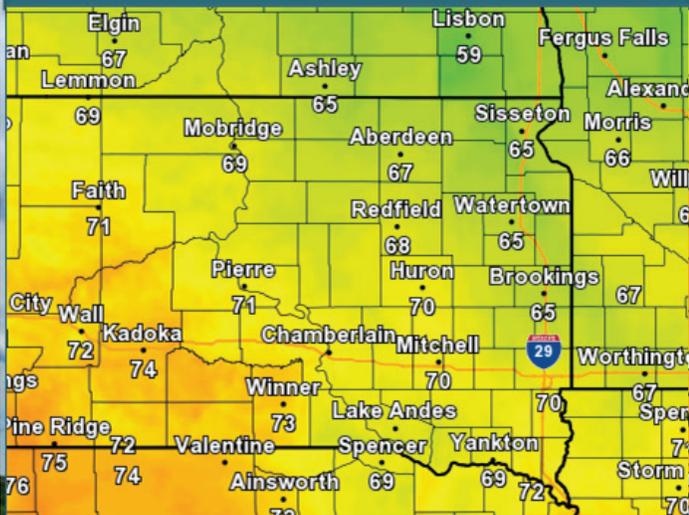


National Weather Service Aberdeen

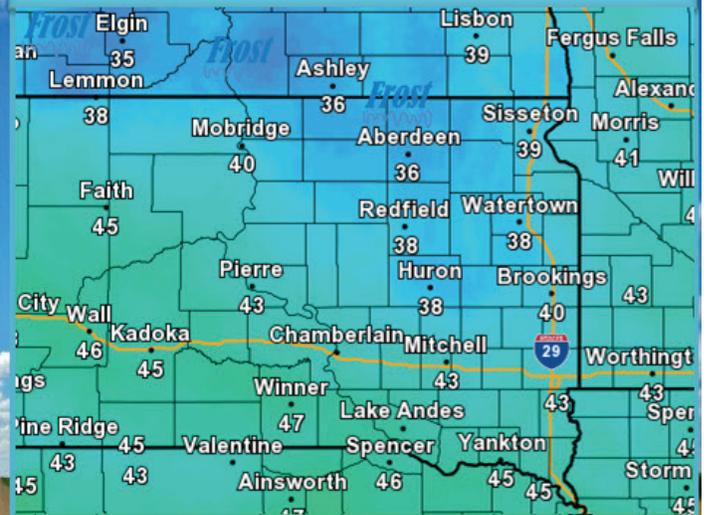


@NWSAberdeen

Highs Peak Early, Fall This Afternoon



Overnight Lows - Brief Frost Possible



Published on: 09/10/2015 at 5:22AM

The rest of the workweek will feature dry conditions and below normal temperatures. Today's high temperatures will peak early, then remain steady or slowly falling through the afternoon. Tonight, a widely scattered and very brief frost is possible, mainly for counties bordering North Dakota. This shouldn't effect much, but it is a heads up for anyone who has extremely sensitive vegetation which may need to be covered or brought indoors.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 78.8 at 5:16 PM

Low: 48.8 at 3:33 AM

High Gust: 15 at 4:13 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 107° in 1931

Record Low: 27° in 1898

Average High: 75°F

Average Low: 48°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 0.75

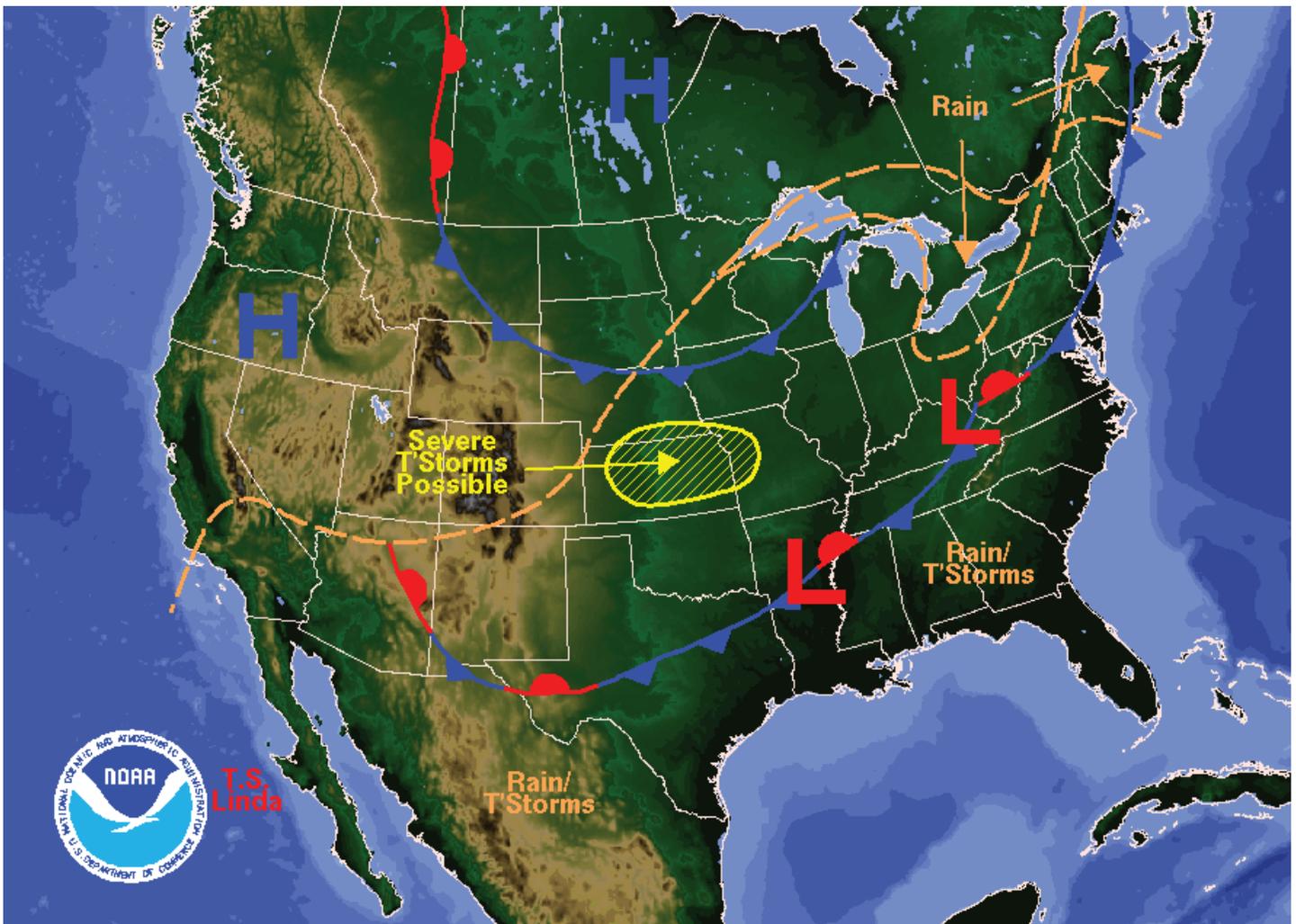
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16

Average Precip to date: 17.04

Precip Year to Date: 16.96

Sunset Tonight: 7:54 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:07 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 10, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



IS GOD ASLEEP?

A small child was having a difficult time being quiet in church. Whispering in his ear, his father said in desperation, "Hush, this is where God lives. Be quiet when you are in His house!"

"Why?" asked the child. "Is God asleep?"

Certainly not. Our God, the God Who created heaven and earth, has promised us in His Word that He is always watching over us, day and night. We must never forget that He is "awake," watching carefully and waiting patiently to guide and guard us. This One, this all-powerful God, who loved us and gave His Son to redeem us, is always available to meet our every need.

We often forget that God is constantly watching over us and caring for us. More than anyone we know, He is for us. We often "trade Him in" for lesser "gods" who cannot be trusted - the gods of money and power, prestige and worldly success. Even though we turn to them often and trust in them frequently, only the God who created us will be faithful to us, strengthen and sustain us and never abandon us. In Him we are safe and secure - day and night.

Prayer: Lord, we are thankful for Your watchful eye, carefully overseeing our lives with compassion. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 121 He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber.

News from the Associated Press

Bar owner says he has to figure out future after fire

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The owner of a popular South Dakota biker bar destroyed by fire this week says he has to process what has happened and then figure out the future.

Full Throttle Saloon owner Michael Ballard said in a statement shared on the bar's Facebook page that walking the grounds following the tragedy is "simply devastating." He says that because of his large financial investment in the Full Throttle Sloonshine distillery in his hometown of Trimble, Tennessee, he's not yet in a position to just start rebuilding.

Volunteer firefighters found heavy smoke when they responded to the bar around 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, and the main building was gutted less than three hours later. No injuries were reported.

The fire's cause has not yet been determined.

Woman injured after car strikes school bus in Hull

HULL, Iowa (AP) — A woman has been injured after her vehicle struck a school bus in Hull.

According to the Sioux County Sheriff's Office, 58-year-old Pam Van Sloten was traveling southeast of Hull Wednesday morning when she lost control of her vehicle, slid sideways and struck a bus traveling in the opposite direction.

Van Sloten was taken to Sioux Center Community Hospital and later flown to Avera-McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is listed as being in fair condition.

According to police, the school bus driver and the children on board were not injured in the crash.

An investigation is ongoing.

DOT: Hay bales in highway ditches after Oct. 1 are illegal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation is reminding landowners that any hay remaining in highway ditches after Oct. 1 is illegal.

The department says it will remove any illegal hay bales remaining in the public right of way starting in October.

Anybody wishing to claim illegal bales must get a permit from the department. Permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis and allow permit holders to claim any illegal hay bale.

Permits are available at Department of Transportation offices in Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Custer, Huron, Mitchell, Mobridge, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Watertown, Winner, and Yankton.

AG Jackley warns South Dakotans of 'sextortion' crime online

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says South Dakota residents should watch out for predators online who use shared sexually explicit photos and videos in blackmail schemes.

Jackley's office said Wednesday that the Division of Criminal Investigation has recently been looking into such incidents across the state.

Jackley says predators get their victims to share sexually explicit photos and videos and then threaten to distribute the material if they're not paid.

He says victims should contact law enforcement at the local level.

SDSU Extension seeks seeds donations for school gardens

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University Extension is seeking seed donations to help school and other teaching garden programs across the state.

The donated seeds are intended only for newly starting and established gardens that offer an educational program.

SDSU Extension says vegetable seeds are its highest priority, but flower seeds will also be accepted. Extension staffers are asking that the donated seeds are packaged for 2015 or 2016 growing seasons because older seeds have reduced germination rates.

The seeds can be delivered or mailed to the SDSU Extension Regional Center in Sioux Falls.

Enrollment up at Lake Area Tech for 12th straight year

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Lake Area Tech has increased its fall enrollment for the 12th straight year. The Watertown school says 1,846 students are enrolled for the fall semester, a 7 percent increase from the fall of 2014.

Director of Student Services LuAnn Strait says the school received a boost in national attention thanks to President Barack Obama's trip to deliver its 2015 commencement address and its Aspen Prize recognition as one of the top two-year colleges.

Strait also cites Lake Area Tech's full-ride Build Dakota Scholarships, its 98 percent placement rate after graduation, its ability to offer programs in high-demand, high-pay fields and the growing popularity of online degrees.

Hotel firm to close Aberdeen call center employing hundreds

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A large hotel company is shifting a call center from Aberdeen to Indianapolis, leaving hundreds in the South Dakota town jobless.

Wyndham Hotel Group spokeswoman Marie Griffin tells KSFY-TV (<http://bit.ly/1L2Xe5U>) the call center employing about 250 people is set to close at the end of January.

Griffin says employees won't be laid off before the call center closes and the company is working to help employees find new jobs.

She says the decision to move the call center was difficult to make.

Former police chief indicted on first-degree murder charge

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A grand jury in southern South Dakota has indicted a 63-year-old man who has served as a police chief on a first-degree murder charge.

Attorney General Marty Jackley's office said Wednesday that if Russell Ray Bertram of Sioux Falls is convicted, he faces the death penalty or a mandatory life sentence.

Authorities say Bertram in 2009 killed Leonila Stickney, who was his 26-year-old fiance.

At the time, the Gregory County Sheriff's office said authorities believed Stickney's death was the result of an accidental shooting.

A spokeswoman for Jackley says the case was forwarded to state investigators as a cold case and the discovery of additional evidence led to Bertram's arrest.

Bertram served as police chief of Harrisburg and as a police officer.

Court records don't list an attorney for Bertram.

Montana man dies from injuries after Custer State Park crash

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Montana man has died in the hospital from injuries sustained when he crashed a motorcycle in Custer State Park.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says 73-year-old William Gregg of Colstrip, Montana, died Tuesday at Rapid City Regional Hospital from injuries he sustained in the one-vehicle wreck.

Authorities say the crash occurred on Sunday when Gregg was riding west on Highway 16A in the park. Officials say Gregg was not wearing a helmet when his motorcycle collided with a guardrail and he was pitched off.

Arkansas man pleads guilty to a dozen robberies in 5 states

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A 45-year-old Arkansas man pleaded guilty to committing 12 robberies in five states during the summer of 2013.

Federal prosecutors say Timothy Patrick Hoyt, of Bella Vista, Arkansas, pleaded guilty Wednesday to indictments from Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma, all of which were transferred to Missouri.

Hoyt pleaded to using what appeared to be a handgun to rob the Alliant Bank in Blackwater, Missouri, and 10 other businesses, including eight fast food restaurants. The weapon was a pellet or BB gun.

Besides those crimes, he acknowledged committing another robbery in Kansas and two in Iowa, where he was arrested.

Hoyt faces up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, a fine up to \$250,000 and restitution for each of the robberies. No sentencing date was scheduled.

State makes changes to Hilger's Gulch plan from public input

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state is remaking its proposal for changes at Hilger's Gulch park on the state Capitol grounds after hearing public input and opposition about the plan.

The Bureau of Administration said Wednesday that Gov. Dennis Daugaard asked for changes to the park plan.

Daugaard announced the initiative this summer to replace Kentucky bluegrass in the park with native grasses, trees and shrubs.

Daugaard's goal is to reduce maintenance, chemical use and expenses, but opponents have fought to keep the park as it is.

The department's revisions would keep the Kentucky bluegrass in high-use areas in the park and would retain paved walking paths. The agency also plans to add gravel walking paths.

Officials still plan to replace bluegrass areas that are lower-lying and often stay too wet during the year.

South Dakota State fans to see many stadium upgrades

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State's blue-and-yellow checkerboard end zones will soon have a surrounding structure befitting a Division I football program.

The Jackrabbits are a year away from transitioning out of the 50-year-old Coughlin-Alumni Stadium and into the new \$65 million Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium.

But even those attending Saturday's home opener against Southern Utah will notice dramatic improvements.

What was once considered a state-of-the-art scoreboard has been replaced with a 100-foot by 31-foot high-definition video display board that can show a combination of live video, instant replay, statistical graphics and animations.

The old end zone, with its student section and visitor-side bleachers reminiscent of a high school field, has a new concrete seating structure that wraps around half of the stadium, boosting this year's seating capacity to 17,000 and providing fans with their own bathrooms and concessions.

"I think for everybody, there's going to be a bounce in our step," football coach John Stiegelmeier said. "This has a whole different feeling. This has a feeling of a true stadium."

The Jackrabbits (1-0) are coming off a 41-38 upset road win over Kansas, the school's first victory against an FBS opponent.

Cam Jones, a senior tight end, said it has been amazing to watch the construction progress and he can't wait to take the field. He expects that the enclosed feel and extra fans will create a loud atmosphere that boosts home-field advantage.

"You'll definitely hear the extra couple thousand people in there," Jones said. "It will have a special feel to it."

The stadium is being funded through \$36 million in bonds to be paid off with stadium revenue, \$19.8

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million in private donations, \$7.2 million from the SDSU Foundation and \$2 million from the university.

Other upgrades include a new visitors' locker room and the construction of a large entrance structure surrounding the old home-side grandstand that'll continue throughout the 2015 season.

At the end of the season, the old grandstand will be demolished and replaced with a modernized seating bowl that will boost capacity to about 19,350, according to Jeff Holm, South Dakota State's senior associate athletic director for facilities and operations. Once complete, the school will add community suites, executive suites, loge level boxes and club seats offering access to a large indoor bar and lounge. Artificial turf will replace the natural grass in 2016, too.

School officials estimate that the new digs will boost ticket income from about \$500,000 per season to \$1.6 million while bringing in an additional \$2.3 million from the premium luxury seating options.

Stiegelmeier said the new facilities are already helping with recruiting.

"It's been a really easy sell in terms of the commitment of our administration," he said. "This is proof that they support football and want football to have what we need to compete at a high level."

Saturday's game has a chance to break Coughlin-Alumni Stadium's attendance record of 16,498, which was set two years ago against North Dakota State and aided by temporary bleachers and a standing-room-only area.

"It's going to be nuts, a completely different atmosphere," said Cole Langer, a junior defensive lineman from Dell Rapids. "Hopefully it's a lot louder and will be a lot of fun to play in."

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. WHAT GOP IS ATTEMPTING TO SCUPPER IN CONGRESS

Conservative House Republicans are embarking on an eleventh-hour political maneuver to derail the Iranian nuclear deal, but chances are slim before next week's deadline.

2. HOW SOME SYRIAN REFUGEES PLAN WAY TO EUROPE

Social media sites give advice on the itinerary for the thousands of people fleeing war, persecution and poverty trying to make their way to Western Europe.

3. NEW CEO FACES HOST OF CHALLENGES AT UNITED

Those who fly the airline — and some who have stopped — say he should start by fixing customer service and improving on-time performance.

4. RAW SEWAGE A 'FACT OF LIFE' FOR RIO'S POOR

AP's Jenny Barchfield finds that fewer than half of Brazilian households have access to basic sanitation, a plight in the spotlight as Olympic venues themselves are heavily polluted.

5. ISLAMIC STATE GROUP'S ATTACKS IN SAUDI ARABIA TEST HAJJ SECURITY

The extremists' group is extending its reach in the kingdom, expanding the scope of its attacks and drawing in new recruits with its radical ideology.

6. WHY BRIDES ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY IN INDIA

With northern India's gender ratio profoundly out of whack, men have had to go to the distant southern state of Kerala to find a bride.

7. STUDY: BONES REVEAL NEW HUMAN RELATIVE

Deep in a South African cave, scientists discover a previously unknown relative of modern humans that has a strange mix of human and ape-like traits.

8. EVACUATING A BURNING JETLINER IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Passengers on the jet whose engine caught fire before takeoff in Las Vegas escaped with their lives, their luggage and some even found time to take selfies.

9. HIGHWAY SHOOTINGS UNNERVE PHOENIX

Billboards flash a "shooting tips" hotline to freeway drivers. Other residents just take city streets, fearing

a spate of shootings that have rattled residents across the nation's sixth-largest city.

10. CAN'T JUDGE NEW IPHONE BY ITS COVER

Apple's new smartphone looks the same as last year's models, but changes include camera improvements to new sensors that enable quicker access to tasks.

AP News in Brief

House GOP works to derail Iran nuclear deal, saying Obama has not disclosed side deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative House Republicans have embarked on an eleventh-hour political maneuver to derail the Iranian nuclear deal, saying they can't vote on it until the president coughs up copies of side deals Tehran negotiated with atomic inspectors.

The last-ditch effort to snarl implementation of the deal was part of a political spectacle that unfolded on Wednesday in Washington over one of President Barack Obama's key foreign policy initiatives.

Inside the Capitol, congressional Republicans turned on each other angrily as they moved closer to a vote on the deal, which gives Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for restraints to keep it from becoming a nuclear-armed state.

Outside on the lawn, GOP presidential candidates Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Donald Trump whipped up several thousand demonstrators with remarks harshly criticizing the deal. "Never ever, ever in my life have I seen a deal so incompetently negotiated as our deal with Iran," Trump bellowed on the hot, humid afternoon.

The maneuvering and speechifying did little to change the reality: Barring unlikely success of the House Republicans' strategy, the international accord will move ahead. Even if Congress succeeds in passing legislation aimed at undermining the deal, Obama would veto it and Democrats command enough votes to sustain the veto.

Study: Bone trove deep in South African cave reveals a new human ancestor, raises mysteries

MAGALIESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Scientists say they've discovered a new member of the human family tree, revealed by a huge trove of bones in a barely accessible, pitch-dark chamber of a cave in South Africa.

The creature shows a surprising mix of human-like and more primitive characteristics — some experts called it "bizarre" and "weird."

And the discovery presents some key mysteries: How old are the bones? And how did they get into that chamber, reachable only by a complicated pathway that includes squeezing through passages as narrow as about 7½ inches (17.8 centimeters)?

The site, about 30 miles northwest of Johannesburg, has yielded some 1,550 specimens since its discovery in 2013. The fossils represent at least 15 individuals.

Researchers named the creature *Homo naledi* (nah-LEH-dee). That reflects the "Homo" evolutionary group, which includes modern people and our closest extinct relatives, and the word for "star" in a local language. The find was made in the Rising Star cave system.

Thousands of refugees, migrants brave torrential rain waiting to cross Greek-Macedonian border

IDOMENI, Greece (AP) — Thousands of people, including many families with young children, are braving torrential downpours to cross Greece's northern border with Macedonia, after Greek authorities managed to register about 17,000 people on the island of Lesbos in the space of a few days, allowing them to con-

tinue their journey north into Europe.

Greece's caretaker government chartered two extra ferries and sent additional staff to Lesbos to speed up the registration and ease overcrowding on the island, where more than 20,000 refugees and migrants had been living in precarious conditions after arriving on dinghies from the nearby Turkish coast.

About 7,000 people waited in the mud of an open field near the northern village of Idomeni to cross the Macedonian border early Thursday, with more arriving in trains, buses and taxis.

Migrants using social media to guide them on their journey to Western Europe

MOLIVOS, Greece (AP) — The 26-year-old Syrian economics graduate knew exactly what to do and where to go.

Amr Zaidah, with the aid of GPS, helped pilot the inflatable boat that brought him and about 30 more migrants to the closest spot to the village of Molivos on Lesbos, one of several Greek islands that have this summer served the tens of thousands of migrants as a first stop on the journey to western Europe.

Molivos, he knew, was where buses were taking migrants to the capital of Lesbos, Mytilene, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) to the south. The alternative would be a punishing trek on narrow dirt tracks hugging the coast and lined by olive trees, a stretch of highway and a narrow road that cuts through rolling hills.

At Mytilene, Zaidah also knew, he and the eight friends he came with could seek the official document that allows them to continue their journey.

"I have researched our journey for more than two months," said Zaidah, a native of the Syrian city of Aleppo who has worked the past two years as an accountant in Istanbul. "I used social media networks to look into where to go, who is the best smuggler to hire and what stuff we needed for the trip," he said as he had chocolate cake and coffee at a posh seafront cafe, his sneakers still wet from the landing.

Islamic State group's emergence in Saudi Arabia puts focus on hajj security

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Islamic State group is extending its reach in Saudi Arabia, expanding the scope of its attacks and drawing in new recruits with its radical ideology. Its determination to bring down the U.S.-allied royal family has raised concerns it could threaten the annual Muslim hajj pilgrimage later this month.

So far, the extremist group's presence in the kingdom appears to be in a low-level stage, but it has claimed four significant bombings since May, one of them in neighboring Kuwait. And it has rapidly ramped up its rhetoric, aiming to undermine the Al Saud royal family's legitimacy, which is rooted in part in its claim to implement Islamic Shariah law and to be the protectors of Islam's most sacred sites in Mecca and Medina that are at the center of hajj.

"Daesh and its followers have made it very clear that Saudi Arabia is their ultimate target," Saudi analyst Fahad Nazer said, referring to the Islamic State group by its Arabic acronym. "Because of Mecca and Medina ... That's their ultimate prize."

An attack last month in which IS claimed responsibility appeared to mark a significant spread in the group's reach. Militants claiming loyalty to the group had already carried out three major bombings — two in eastern Saudi Arabia in May and one in Kuwait City in June, all targeting Shiite mosques and killing 53 people.

But on Aug. 6, a suicide bomber attacked in western Saudi Arabia, hitting a mosque inside a police compound in Abha, 350 miles south of Mecca, killing 15 people in the deadliest attack on the kingdom's security forces in years. Eleven of the dead belonged to an elite counterterrorism unit whose tasks include protecting the hajj pilgrimage.

Away from Olympics, sewage blights vast swaths of Rio, presents daily health danger

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Rivulets of waste crisscross the labyrinth of alleyways that serve as 5-year-old Kaike de Oliveira Benjamin's playground, forming dark, fetid puddles and gurgling streams of refuse and trash. It's little better inside the tiny, one-room apartment he shares with his mother, two little brothers and infestations of roaches and rats. When it rains, the basement apartment floods ankle-deep with a mixture of rainwater and sewage, and drinking water often comes out of the tap looking and smelling contaminated.

Rio de Janeiro's lack of basic sanitation is in the headlines because Olympic athletes will compete in polluted waters during next year's games, but it's hardly news in areas like the Rocinha slum, where contact with untreated waste is an everyday reality for the Benjamins and tens of thousands of other families.

The consequences are not fleeting — they reverberate for decades, dooming many children exposed to this filth to lives stunted by illness.

One public health expert calls the sewage system in Rio largely "medieval," comparable with London or Paris in the 14th or 15th century.

And it's not just Rio. Fewer than half of households nationwide are hooked up to sewage mains, meaning that much of the waste generated by about 100 million people runs through open-air ditches that bisect neighborhoods like Kaike's across this continent-sized nation, befouling streams and rivers that in turn contaminate lakes and lagoons, beaches and bays.

Helicopters pluck residents to safety as heavy rains in Japan trigger flooding and landslides

JOSO, Japan (AP) — Raging floodwaters broke through a flood berm Thursday and swamped a city north of Tokyo, washing away houses, forcing dozens of people to rooftops to await helicopter rescues and leaving one man clinging for his life to a utility pole.

There were no immediate reports of casualties, but rescue officials said they were overwhelmed by pleas for help.

As heavy rain pummeled Japan for a second straight day, the Kinugawa River broke through a flood berm at 12:50 p.m., sending water gushing into the eastern half of Joso, a city of 60,000 people about 50 kilometers (30 miles) northeast of Tokyo.

Aerial footage showed a wide swath of cityscape underwater, more than one-story deep in some places. The rains came on the heels of Tropical Storm Etau, which caused flooding and landslides elsewhere Wednesday as it crossed central Japan.

Japanese broadcasters showed live aerial footage of rescuers being lowered from helicopters and clambering onto second-floor balconies to reach stranded residents.

New Justice Department policies encourage more prosecutions of corporate executives

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department issued new guidance to its prosecutors Wednesday, aimed at encouraging more white-collar criminal and civil cases against corporate executives.

The new policies come amid persistent criticism that the Justice Department, even while negotiating multi-billion-dollar settlements with large banks, has not been aggressive enough in prosecuting individuals for financial misconduct — including after the mortgage crisis that devastated the U.S. economy.

The directives were outlined in a memo issued to Justice Department attorneys and to the FBI. Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates was expected to lay out the policy changes in a speech Thursday at New York University's law school.

Though it's not clear whether the new policies will actually result in additional prosecutions, they are

intended to address concerns that the department could be doing more to hold individual, high-level executives accountable for corporate fraud.

"Regardless of how challenging it may be to make a case against individuals in a corporate fraud case, it's our responsibility at the Department of Justice to overcome these challenges and do everything we can to develop the evidence and bring these cases," Yates will say in her speech, according to excerpts provided by the Justice Department. "The public expects and demands this accountability. Americans should never believe, even incorrectly, that one's criminal activity will go unpunished simply because it was committed on behalf of a corporation."

Investigators in Las Vegas seek cause of a British Airways Boeing 777 engine fire

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Federal safety investigators are trying to determine what caused a British airliner's left engine to burst into flames as it hurtled down a Las Vegas runway, forcing the pilot to abort the takeoff and passengers to flee the burning plane.

Passengers on the London-bound Flight 2276 reported hearing two loud booms Tuesday before flames and the smell of burning rubber sent them dashing to the inflatable evacuation slides, unsure if they were fleeing a bomb or a blown tire.

"Everyone was screaming, 'Just keep on running,'" said Karen Bravo, a 60-year-old who abandoned the flip-flops she had taken off minutes before to settle in for the 10-hour flight to Gatwick Airport south of London.

When the running stopped and they turned around, there was nothing but black smoke and flames. "It was like a scene out of 'Die Hard,'" she said.

From late flights to website failures, new CEO of United Airlines faces daunting fix-it list

The new CEO of United Airlines faces a daunting list of problems he must fix, including late flights and technology that too often suffers embarrassing outages.

But if Oscar Munoz listens to people who fly his airline — and some who have stopped — he'll start his tenure by addressing a longtime problem for the world's second-biggest airline: poor customer service.

Early signs point to a honeymoon for Munoz, the railroad executive tapped to replace Jeff Smisek as CEO. United's labor unions and Wall Street analysts were mostly upbeat about Munoz's arrival — or maybe more accurately, Smisek's departure.

Munoz knows the airline from his combined 11 years as a director first of Continental Airlines and then at United Continental Holdings Inc. Now he must guide United on a day-to-day basis:

"I know from my time on the board we've made significant progress, but there's still a lot to be done," he says.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2015. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1955, the Western series "Gunsmoke," starring James Arness as Marshal Matt Dillon, began a 20-season run on CBS Television.

On this date:

In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. (Afterward, Perry sent out the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours.")

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In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long died in Baton Rouge, two days after being shot in the Louisiana state Capitol, allegedly by Dr. Carl Weiss.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad in October 1945).

In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1974, the West African country of Guinea-Bissau became fully independent of Portugal.

In 1979, four Puerto Rican nationalists imprisoned for a 1954 attack on the U.S. House of Representatives and a 1950 attempt on the life of President Harry S. Truman were freed from prison after being granted clemency by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President Ronald Reagan and first lady Nancy Reagan as he began a 10-day tour of the United States.

In 1991, the Senate Judiciary Committee opened hearings on the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: Cadaver dogs and boatloads of forensic workers fanned out across New Orleans to collect the corpses left behind by Hurricane Katrina; cleanup crews towed away abandoned cars and even began readying a hotel for reopening. Kim Clijsters won her first major title, cruising to a 6-3, 6-1 victory over Mary Pierce at the U.S. Open. Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, the singer and guitarist who'd built a 50-year career playing blues, country, jazz and Cajun music, died in Orange, Texas, at age 81.

Five years ago: During a White House press conference, President Barack Obama blamed Republicans and election-year politics for thwarting his efforts to do more to spur a listless national economy. Juan Mari Bras, 82, an elder statesman of Puerto Rico's independence movement, died in Rio Piedras.

One year ago: During a prime-time address, President Barack Obama announced he was authorizing airstrikes inside Syria for the first time along with expanded strikes in Iraq as part of a "steady, relentless effort" to root out Islamic State extremists. Missouri executed Earl Ringo Jr. for a 1998 robbery and double murder. Richard Kiel, 74, the towering actor best known for portraying the steel-toothed villain "Jaws" in a pair of James Bond movies, died in Fresno, California.

Today's Birthdays: World Golf Hall of Famer Arnold Palmer is 86. Actor Philip Baker Hall is 84. Actor Greg Mullavey is 82. Country singer Tommy Overstreet is 78. Jazz vibraphonist Roy Ayers is 75. Actor Tom Ligon is 75. Singer Danny Hutton (Three Dog Night) is 73. Singer Jose Feliciano is 70. Actress Judy Geeson is 67. Former Canadian first lady Margaret Trudeau is 67. Political commentator Bill O'Reilly is 66. Rock musician Joe Perry (Aerosmith) is 65. Actress Amy Irving is 62. Country singer Rosie Flores is 59. Actress Kate Burton is 58. Movie director Chris Columbus is 57. Actor Colin Firth is 55. Rock singer-musician David Lowery (Cracker) is 55. Actor Sean O'Bryan is 52. Actor Raymond Cruz is 51. Baseball Hall of Famer Randy Johnson is 52. Rock musician Robin Goodridge (Bush) is 50. Rock musician Stevie D. (Buckcherry) is 49. Rock singer-musician Miles Zuniga (Fastball) is 49. Actress Nina Repeta (NY'-nuh ruh-PEHT'-ah) is 48. Rapper Big Daddy Kane is 47. Movie director Guy Ritchie is 47. Actor Johnathan Schaech (shehk) is 46. Contemporary Christian singer Sara Groves is 43. Actor Ryan Phillippe (FIHL'-ih-pee) is 41. Actor Kyle Bornheimer is 40. Rock musician Mikey Way (My Chemical Romance) is 35. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Timothy Goebel is 35. Ballerina Misty Copeland is 33. Rock musician Matthew Followill (Kings of Leon) is 31. Singer Ashley Monroe (Pistol Annies) is 29. Singer Sanjaya Malakar ("American Idol") is 26. Actor Chandler Massey is 25. Actress Hannah Hodson is 24.

Thought for Today: "If there is no knowledge, there is no understanding; if there is no understanding, there is no knowledge." - The Talmud.