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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

Daily Themes

Monday--MS/HS is Opposite Gender Day; Elementary is Camo Day

Tuesday--MS/HS is Toga Day; Elementary is Sports Day

Wednesday--MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day; Elementary is Pajama Day

Thursday--MS/HS is Color Day (Seniors-black, Juniors-white, Sophomores-blue, Freshmen-yellow, 8th grade-red, 7th grade-green, 6th grade-purple, Staff-pink); Elementary is Holiday Dress-up Day.

Friday--Spirit Day

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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Wednesday, September 16

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza cruncher, corn, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Camille Sippel • Bonnie Nierman • Vera Weisenberger • Jeannie Clocksene • Ramona Rossow • Jayne Rossow

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, September 17

School Breakfast: Cereal, juice, fruit, yogurt, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, bread stick, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: • Bary & Tricia Keith • Lauren & Jean Harrison

Birthdays: • Jackson Strom • Kyler Ell • Kathy Holm • Ruby Larson • Iver Finnesand • Eric May

1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA to elect officers

4:00pm: Cross Country at Lee Park Golf Course

4:00pm: JHFB at Aberdeen Central

6:00pm: VB at Milbank (JV/C match start at 6 pm)

Friday, September 18

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce salad, fruit.

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
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Friends . . . Near and Far

Editor's Note: This is the 39th in a series featuring your friends, near and far.

Lee Raines

JobWise what are you doing today? Semi retired working for Leif Johnson Ford II, LTD in Austin, TX

How long have you been working at the current job? Year and half.

How did you get your current job? Previously I was their CFO for 7 years.

If you have previous employments list them and how long you were there. Leif Johnson Ford II, LTD 1997 to current; Fletcher Music Centers 1995-1997; Genmar/Minstar Inc. 1985 to 1995; Arthur Andersen & Co 1978 to 1985.

What year did you graduate from high school? Groton in 1971

Where did you attend college and what was your degree? University of South Dakota, BA, 1978

What advice would you give the high school students today? I think it is necessary to have a "plan" whether it be related to school or the future. Get an education, get a degree or get a skill.

List your major accomplishments that you have had so far in life. Got a college degree after 3 1/2 years in the military. Successful business career, mentored a great many people, and saved enough money to retire and play golf.

Do you feel that your high school and college education prepared you adequately for post education life? I think education at either the high school or college level can prepare you for the future to a very limited extent. It should give you the skills of listening, formulating opinions, and continuing to learn. College and high school are just the beginning of your "learning". Life is the true education.



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Sperry Stump Removal

Tigers beat Cavaliers in volleyball

Groton's volleyball team defeated Aberdeen Roncalli, 3-1. Game scores were 22-25, 25-15, 25-17 and 27-25. In serving, Audrey Wanner was 10 of 13 with four ace serves and Katie Koehler was 19 of 23 with three ace serves.

In hits, Wanner was 26 of 30 with 10 kills and Josie Doeden was 30 of 34 with seven kills. Koehler had 15 digs and Wanner 12. Gia Gengerk had five blocks and Doeden had two. In the C match, Roncalli won, 25-11 and 25-11.

Netters lose first match to Mobridge-Pollock

Groton Area lost its first volleyball match of the season with a 3-1 loss to Mobridge-Pollock. Game scores were 26-28, 25-20, 25-13 and 25-23.

Groton was 60 of 70 in serves with six ace serves. Josie Doeden was 10 of 12 with two ace serves and Katie Koehler was nine of 11 with two ace serves.

In sets, Marlee Jones was 75 of 76 with 31 assists.

Groton was 49 of 61 in spikes with 34 kills., Audrey Wanner was 19 of 21 with 12 kills and Doeden was 10 of 15 with 11 kills.

Groton Area had seven blocks with Gia Gengerke and Doeden each having two.

Wanner had 12 and Koehler seven of the team's 32 digs.

Groton Area, now 3-1 on the season, will travel to Milbank Area on Thursday.



60th Anniversary

Eddy and Virginia Nehls of Groton will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 18th. Greetings may be sent to 406 N. Lincoln St., Groton SD 57445

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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met July 18 at the home of Linda Gengerke with Beverly Sombke assisting. Eleven members answered roll call with what they did on the 4th of July. An invitation was read from the Milbank garden club inviting us to the district 1 meeting. It will be Aug 1, at 11:30 at the Pizza Ranch in Aberdeen. There will be a sale table. Yard of the week was discussed. Mari Overacher handed out the 2015-2016 program books. The groups reviewed the club constitution, by-laws, and standing rules. Changes will be voted on at the Sept. meeting. The August 17, meeting will be held with Eunice McCollister and Elda Stange at 5:30 p.m. Linda Anderson will have the program. Following the meeting the group went to the city park to weed the circle.

ABC Birthday Club

ABC Birthday club met at the Dairy Queen for the month of September with Grace Albrecht as hostess. Prizes were awarded to Darlene Fisher, Ella Johnson and Audrey Padfield. The honor were awarded to Deloris Knoll.

The guest was Merry Jo Ball. The October 6th meeting will be held at Olive Grove Golf club house with Audrey Padfield as hostess at 1 o'clock.

GRAND OPENING



Today in Weather History

September 16, 1965: A heavy snow event brought widespread snowfall across the region with snowfall accumulations of 1 inch in Colony and Devils Tower, 2.6 inches at the Rapid City Airport, 4 inches in Oelrichs, 5.1 inches in Redig, and 8 inches in Lead, Spearfish, and Sundance.

September 16, 2006: Two weak tornadoes touched down briefly west and north of Clark in the late afternoon. No damage occurred.

1881 - Iowa's earliest measurable snow of record fell over western sections of the state. Four to six inches was reported between Stuart and Avoca. (The Weather Channel)

1888: An estimated F2 tornado struck Washington, DC. The tornado first touching down on the south side of the city then moved up Maryland Avenue. The National Museum and Botanical Gardens were damaged before the tornado lifted off the ground.

1928 - Hurricane San Felipe, a monster hurricane, which left 600 dead in Guadeloupe, and 300 dead in Puerto Rico, struck West Palm Beach FL causing enormous damage, and then headed for Lake Okeechobee. When the storm was over, the lake covered an area the size of the state of Delaware, and beneath its waters were 2000 victims. The only survivors were those who reached large hotels for safety, and a group of fifty people who got onto a raft to take their chances out in the middle of the lake. (David Ludlum)

1984 - The remains of Tropical Storm Edourd began to produce torrential rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Port Isabel reported more than 21 inches. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Overnight rains soaked Arkansas, with 5.25 inches reported at Bismarck. In the town of Malvern, up to four feet of water was reported over several downtown streets, with water entering some homes and businesses. Thunderstorms in Texas drenched Lufkin with 4.30 inches of rain in just three hours. Evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in Missouri. A small tornado near Kirksville lifted a barn thirty feet into the air and then demolished it. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)





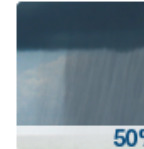
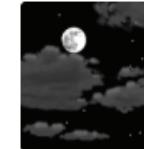

1988 - Hurricane Gilbert moved ashore into Mexico. The hurricane established an all-time record for the western hemisphere with a barometric reading of 26.13 inches. Winds approached 200 mph, with higher gusts. Gilbert devastated Jamaica and the Yucatan Peninsula. (The Weather Channel) Hurricane Gilbert made landfall 120 miles south of Brownsville TX during the early evening. Winds gusted to 61 mph at Brownsville, and reached 82 mph at Padre Island. Six foot tides eroded three to four feet off beaches along the Lower Texas Coast, leaving the waterline seventy-five feet farther inland. Rainfall totals ranged up to 8.71 inches at Lamar TX. Gilbert caused three million dollars damage along the Lower Texas Coast, but less than a million dollars damage along the Middle Texas Coast. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms, representing what remained of Hurricane Octave, brought locally heavy rains to California, impeding the drying process for raisins and other crops. Sacramento CA was soaked with 1.53 inches of rain in six hours. At Phoenix AZ, the afternoon high of 107 degrees marked a record seventy-six days with afternoon highs 105 degrees or above. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

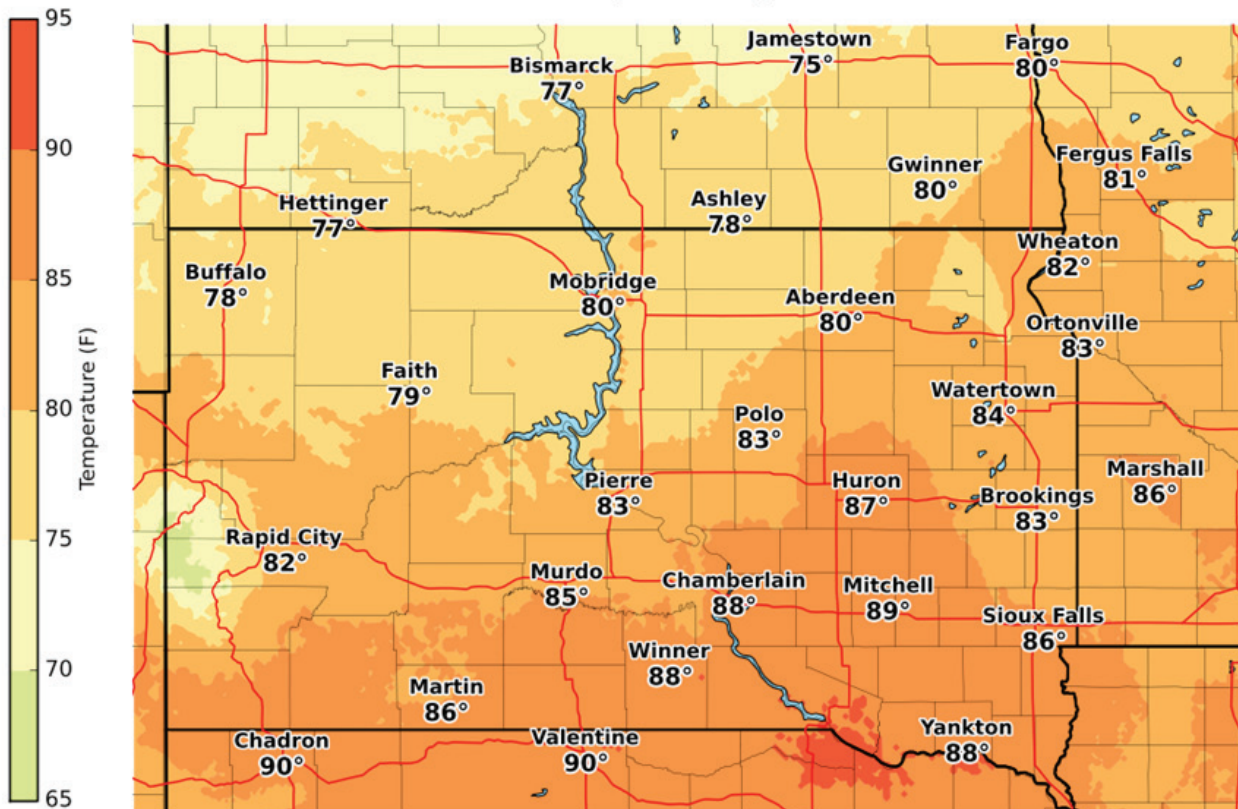
2004: Hurricane Ivan turned northward over cooler waters, and made landfall in southern Alabama on September 16 as a 120 mph hurricane. Hurricane Ivan had a very unusual track almost making a very large circle.

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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy then Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Chance Showers	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 80 °F	Low: 62 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 43 °F	High: 70 °F

Cooler Temperatures Today For Many Valid: September 16, 2015



National Weather Service
Aberdeen SD
09/16/2015 05:01 AM CDT

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A stationary front draped across the region today will allow for slightly cooler air to filter into the region from the north. Highs will generally range from the low to mid 80s across the forecast area. A stronger push of cooler air will arrive Thursday and especially Friday, with highs only expected to be in the low 60s by Friday, along with increasing chances for showers.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 85.1 at 4:02 PM

Low: 67.6 at 7:42 AM

High Gust: 31 mph at 4:25 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 96° in 1925

Record Low: 20° in 1949

Average High: 72°F

Average Low: 46°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.20

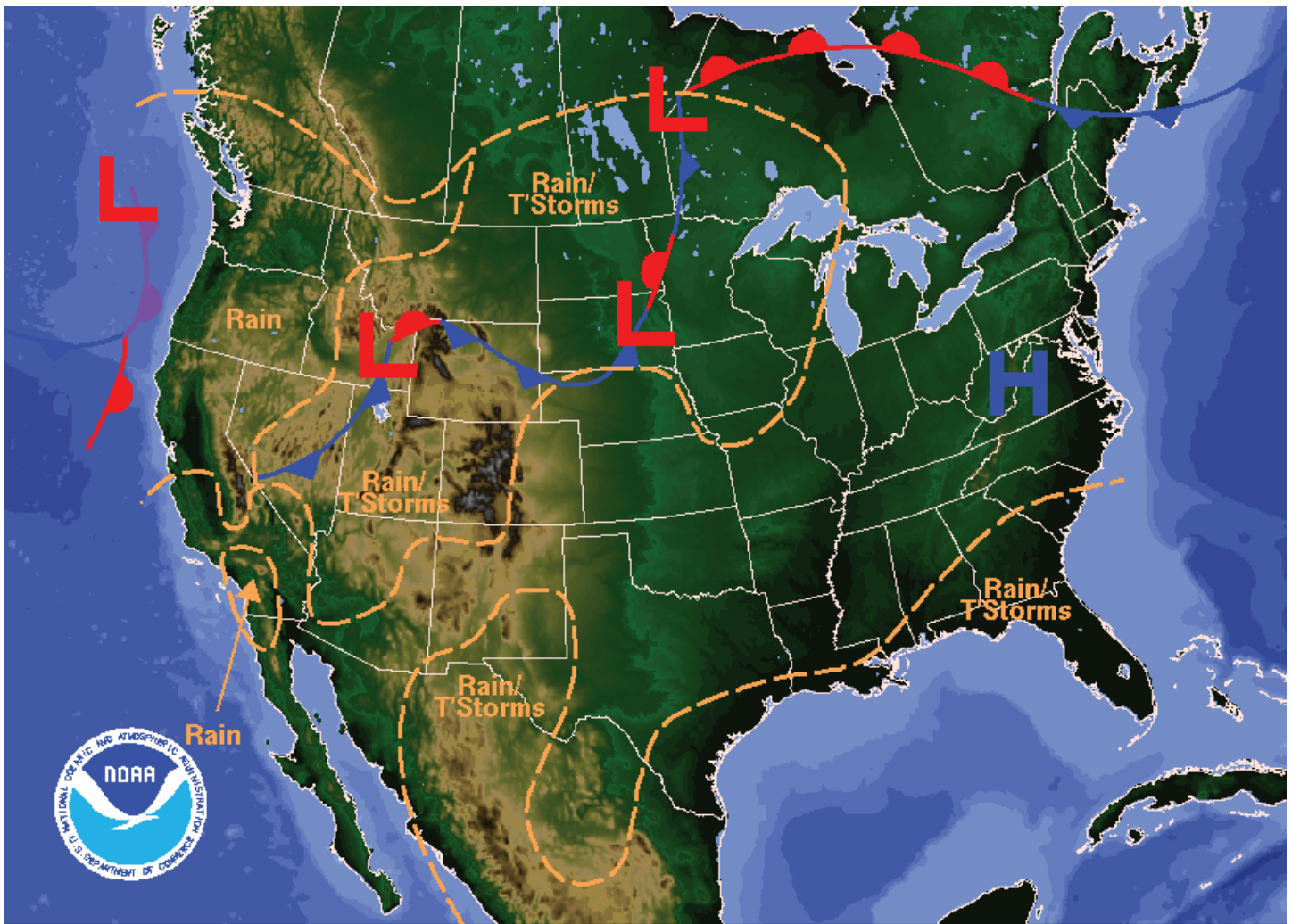
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16

Average Precip to date: 17.49

Precip Year to Date: 16.96

Sunset Tonight: 7:43 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Sep 16, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

Early in life Michael Johnson was taught how to plan for success. Each time he would share his dreams with his father, he was asked, "How do you plan to do that?" He was then expected to list each step involved in reaching his goals, research everything that was involved to accomplish his goals, and list every step involved in attaining his goals.

When he became a sprinter, he applied the same rules to running. As a result of his planning and training, he won four gold medals as a sprinter in the Olympics. He was crowned the world champion sprinter eight times and still holds two world records. In the world of running, everyone acknowledges his success.

For the Christian, success is pleasing God. We must take our goals to God and ask His blessings on them. We must make certain that they are deeply rooted in integrity and honesty and consistent with God's will for His world. There is a vast difference in worldly success and Godly success. Godly success comes to the Christian when we honor Him in everything we do, even if we do not win medals or set records.

Prayer: Lord, may we always aim to please You in all that we do and make every plan a Godly one. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 5:9-10 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

News from the Associated Press

Man gets 13 years for beating wife in front of children

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has sentenced a 57-year-old Mission man to 13 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to assault and child abuse charges.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Frederick Leo Marshall pleaded guilty to the charges in June. The conviction stems from October 2014 incidents at a home in Sicangu Village while Marshall was trying to reconcile with his wife

Seiler says Marshall punched the woman in front of some of their children and slapped her with a sword. The beating fractured her eye socket and swelled her eyes to the point she could not see. Seiler says Marshall also used scissors to cut off the woman's hair.

Marshall was turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Mosquito control, West Nile conference set to for Aberdeen

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Health is inviting representatives of mosquito control efforts to attend a conference on the West Nile virus and mosquito control.

The agency said Tuesday the conference will be held in Aberdeen on Sept. 22.

The event is available to people who are involved with mosquito control across jurisdictions including cities, counties and tribes.

The topics set to be discussed include pest management and early human detection.

The keynote speaker at the conference is Joseph Conlon, who was an entomologist with the U.S. Navy. Now he serves as an adviser to the American Mosquito Control Association.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-12, 25-10, 25-9
Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Scotland, 25-14, 25-21, 25-22
Baltic def. Centerville, 25-11, 25-14, 25-11
Bison def. Newell, 25-22, 25-13, 25-15
Bon Homme def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-9, 25-11, 25-11
Brandon Valley def. Watertown, 25-19, 25-19, 21-25, 16-25, 15-12
Bridgewater-Emery def. Freeman, 25-19, 25-22, 25-23
Chamberlain def. Todd County, 25-20, 25-21, 25-23
Chester def. Howard, 25-8, 25-9, 25-7
Clark/Willow Lake def. Florence/Henry, 25-14, 25-13, 22-25, 24-26, 15-10
Colman-Egan def. Marion, 25-21, 26-24, 25-17
Custer def. Douglas, 25-14, 18-25, 25-21, 25-18
Dakota Valley def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-8, 25-7, 25-20
Dell Rapids def. Canton, 25-20, 25-13, 25-21
Deubrook def. Waubay-Summit, 27-29, 25-17, 25-14, 29-27
Estelline def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-19, 25-22, 25-17
Eureka/Bowdle def. McIntosh, 24-26, 25-13, 12-25, 25-17, 16-14
Flandreau def. Garretson, 25-22, 28-26, 25-17
Freeman Academy def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-12, 25-14, 25-14
Gayville-Volin def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21
Hanson def. Canistota, 25-14, 25-13, 25-18
Harding County def. Hettinger/Scranton, N.D., 16-25, 25-16, 25-20, 21-25, 15-10

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Harrisburg def. Brookings, 20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 26-24
Huron def. Mitchell, 25-21, 20-25, 25-22, 25-16
Kadoka Area def. New Underwood, 25-11, 25-8, 26-24
Langford def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-13, 25-10, 25-11
Lead-Deadwood def. Edgemont, 25-20, 25-10, 25-15
Lennox def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-22, 21-25, 21-25, 25-14, 15-6
Leola/Frederick def. Faulkton, 25-23, 25-18, 25-19
Lyman def. Winner, 25-23, 25-18, 25-22
Mitchell Christian def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-11, 25-11, 25-16
Mobridge-Pollock def. Groton Area, 28-26, 20-25, 25-13, 25-23
Mott-Regent, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-23, 25-16, 25-22
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-13, 25-15, 25-23
Northwestern def. Miller, 25-9, 25-9, 25-15
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Iroquois, 25-7, 25-14, 25-7
Parker def. Tea Area, 25-15, 25-17, 25-15
Parkston def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-11, 25-12, 25-17
Philip def. Dupree, 25-15, 25-14, 25-15
Platte-Geddes def. Colome, 25-8, 26-24, 25-12
Potter County def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-12, 25-18, 25-20
Rapid City Stevens def. Sturgis, 25-9, 25-9, 25-7
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Wessington Springs, 23-25, 25-18, 25-10, 25-16
Sioux Falls Christian def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-23, 25-17, 25-19
Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls O'Gorman, 25-17, 25-17, 25-20
Sioux Falls Washington def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-22, 25-18, 28-26
Sioux Valley def. DeSmet, 25-16, 25-15, 25-15
Sisseton def. Milbank Area, 25-8, 25-23, 19-25, 25-22
Sully Buttes def. Edmunds Central, 25-10, 25-14, 25-19
Sunshine Bible Academy def. Crow Creek, 25-5, 25-11, 25-7
Timber Lake def. Standing Rock, N.D., 25-14, 25-15, 22-25, 25-8
Tri-Valley def. Beresford, 25-17, 25-17, 17-25, 25-21
Wagner def. Avon, 25-12, 25-20, 25-19
Warner def. Ipswich, 25-10, 25-8, 25-11
Webster def. Wilmot, 25-23, 25-13, 25-19
White River def. Jones County, 25-20, 25-12, 25-18

State: Tax revenue during Sturgis up 76 percent over 2014

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials say the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally this year not only brought in hordes of people, but plenty of money, too.

The South Dakota Department of Revenue says tax revenue collected from this year's rally is up 76 percent compared to last year.

So far the state has collected more than \$2.4 million during the rally period. That's up from almost \$1.4 million a year ago.

There were 1,438 vendors in the Black Hills during the rally and temporary vendor sales totaled over \$33 million. The previous record for number of vendors during the rally was 1,393, which was set in 2005.

This year's Sturgis rally was the 75th annual gathering in the Black Hills and was estimated to be one of the busiest on record.

Mother of Adrian Peterson's son: 'I lost my entire world'

CANTON, S.D. (AP) — The ex-girlfriend of a man accused of killing her 2-year-old son says she lost her "entire world" when her child died.

Ashley Doochen testified Tuesday in the trial of Joseph Patterson. Patterson is accused of killing Tyrese Robert Ruffin, who was the son of Doochen and Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

Both sides gave opening statements Tuesday.

The Argus Leader reports that Lincoln County State's Attorney Tom Wollman described to jurors Patterson's life leading up to Ruffin's death.

Wollman says Patterson texted his girlfriend the day Ruffin died in October 2013 that he felt he was becoming "bitter at the world."

Defense attorney Tim Rensch emphasized Patterson's role in calling authorities for help. He said there's "no way" evidence will show Patterson hit Ruffin.

Ex-police chief accused of killing fiance appears in court

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

BURKE, S.D. (AP) — A former police chief in South Dakota charged with killing his fiance in a shooting that had long appeared to be a hunting-related accident appeared briefly in court Tuesday, where a judge delayed much of the proceedings so the man can find an attorney.

Authorities have offered few details since announcing last week that Russell Ray Bertram, 63, had been indicted for the 2009 killing of Leonila Stickney, who was his 26-year-old fiance.

The Gregory County Sheriff's Office initially had said officials believed Stickney's death was the result of an accidental shooting. Charlie Wolf, who was the sheriff at the time, told The Associated Press that while he didn't find physical evidence that disputed Bertram's account, he had some concerns about Bertram's behavior after the shooting.

The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation took over the inquiry as a cold case in December 2010. Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman for Attorney General Marty Jackley, has said the discovery of additional evidence by a cold case investigator led to Bertram's arrest, but she has declined to provide any details.

Bertram, who lived in Sioux Falls before his arrest, served as police chief in Harrisburg until 2004, the Argus Leader reported. He is charged with first-degree murder and faces the death penalty or a mandatory life sentence if convicted. He is expected to enter a plea later this month.

Wolf told the AP he interviewed Bertram at the hospital where Stickney died. Bertram told the sheriff that he was putting a gun into a vehicle when it went off and hit Stickney. Her death certificate says Stickney died on the afternoon of Oct. 24, 2009, and it lists the injury's location as a "rural road." She was killed by a close-range gunshot wound to her abdomen caused by a 12-gauge shotgun.

Wolf said he didn't think Bertram was acting right at the hospital — "not like you should if you just shot your girlfriend accidentally."

"I've done this a long time ... so I was a little concerned about it, and then we found a few more things within two or three months of that that sparked a little more interest," Wolf said, including inconsistencies in Bertram's story.

At Tuesday's hearing, Bertram appeared calm and offered mostly short, soft-spoken answers. Judge Kathleen Trandahl continued Bertram's arraignment until the end of the month so he can secure an attorney after the court denied his application for court-appointed counsel.

Former South Dakota US Senate candidate gets probation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former South Dakota U.S. Senate candidate Clayton Walker has avoided jail time for election law violations, instead being sentenced Tuesday to two years of probation.

State Judge John Brown also ordered Walker to complete 200 hours of community service and told him to get a mental health evaluation within 30 days.

Walker declined comment after the sentencing, but previously said he believes the charges against him were politically motivated. The 34-year-old from Black Hawk pleaded guilty in July to one count of submitting false petitions and one count of perjury, two days before he was to stand trial on multiple felony charges.

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Brown also ordered Walker to pay costs and fees related to three court-appointed attorneys who withdrew from his case over the past year claiming Walker was difficult to work with. Brown estimated the amount at several thousand dollars.

Walker last year sought the seat vacated by former U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, but failed to make the November ballot as an independent.

Authorities indicted Walker in June 2014 for submitting nominating petitions that included names of dead people, fictitious people and Hollywood celebrities, and for falsely swearing that he witnessed signatures on his petitions. Authorities later accused him of making repeated phone calls to several state offices, harassing and threatening employees.

Another candidate in the 2014 Senate field, Republican Annette Bosworth, faced the same charges as Walker and was convicted in May following a jury trial. She was sentenced in July to three years of probation, 500 hours of community service and court costs. The state medical board voted last week to revoke her medical license.

Their cases spurred the state Legislature this year to change election law to give the secretary of state power to audit a random sample of the signatures on petitions from statewide candidates. Before, it could only be done on petitions for ballot measures.

State to host legislative training for tribal officials

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Tribal officials and staff who want to learn more about how the state Legislature operates can attend a training session put on by the state Department of Tribal Relations and the Legislative Research Council.

The Tribal Relations Department said Monday that the training at the state Capitol in Pierre will take place on Sept. 28.

The goal is to make sure that tribal officials are able to share effectively with state lawmakers the issues confronting their communities.

Lawmakers gather for the 2016 legislative session in January.

Week of warm, dry weather helps South Dakota crops mature

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A week of warm, dry weather in South Dakota has advanced the maturity of crops including corn and soybeans.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the favorable weather also helped with winter wheat seeding. Twenty-two percent of the crop is in the ground, compared with 13 percent at the same time last year and 15 percent on average.

The barley harvest is virtually done, at 99 percent complete.

Pasture and range conditions in South Dakota are rated 57 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 77 percent adequate to surplus.

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. HOW GOP CANDIDATES HOPE TO TAKE ON TRUMP

Shifting their strategy for the second Republican presidential debate, they aim to engage the billionaire, without inflicting any damage on their own campaigns.

2. WHY SYRIAN REFUGEES LINE UP FOR NEW PASSPORTS

They hope that travel documents will allow them to enter Turkey legally and from there start on a dangerous trek to Europe.

3. 'OTHER DISAPPEARED' LEAVE GAPING HOLES IN MEXICO'S FABRIC

After the 43 Mexican students vanished on Sept. 26, 2014, many others who listed their loved ones in

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the growing registry of 25,000 missing people share their anguish with the AP.

4. FLOOD WATERS TRAP HIKERS, CARRY AWAY CARS IN UTAH

Four people are still missing after flooding killed 12 people in a Utah-Arizona border community and four others in nearby Zion National Park.

5. MOTIVE ELUSIVE IN MISSISSIPPI DOUBLE SHOOTING

Shannon Lamb did not appear to have any beef with professor Ethan Schmidt, and he left a note at his house near Amy Prentiss' body saying he was sorry.

6. WHAT ANTI-ABORTION VIDEOS DRAW SCRUTINY TO

They open a window on a largely unknown corner of science: the middlemen who supply researchers with human fetal cells.

7. RUSSIAN MOVES IN SYRIA FLUMMOX U.S.

The Obama administration is unsure how to respond to Moscow's military buildup, complicating Washington's efforts to combat Islamic State extremists and assist moderate rebels.

8. WILDFIRE EVACUEES TELL STORIES OF DEVASTATION, SURVIVAL

"We got out with the clothes on our back. All of our memories, everything is gone," says ranch manager Martha Grimm.

9. TECH DISRUPTION HANGS OVER FRANKFURT AUTO SHOW

Carmakers are trying to figure out which of the myriad areas to plunge into to fend off the inroads of technology companies.

10. 5 CITIES IN RUNNING TO HOST 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES

The IOC announces the final list of bidders: Budapest, Hamburg, Los Angeles, Paris and Rome.

AP News in Brief

In shadow of Mexico's 43 missing students, thousands of others have vanished and are mourned

COCULA, Mexico (AP) — On the morning of her high school graduation, Berenice Navarizo Segura was delayed for a hair and makeup appointment by an explosion of gunfire in the center of town. Her mother was up before dawn preparing stewed goat and beans for the celebration, and didn't want her to risk going out. Her sister, who had made enough salsa for 60 guests, tried to hold back the spirited 19-year-old with questions: "Do you have your wallet? What about your phone?"

But there was a reason the family called Berenice "Princess." She'd already paid the salon and was determined to look her best for the big day. Accustomed to dodging gun battles in a region overrun by drug cartels, she waited for only 20 minutes after the shooting subsided before rushing out the door with a promise to be quick.

She hopped onto the back of her boyfriend's motorcycle and vanished into the ranks of Mexico's missing. Sixteen other people, including Berenice's boyfriend, disappeared from Cocula on that day, July 1, 2013 — more than a year before 43 students from a teachers college were detained by police in nearby Iguala and never seen again. For all those months, most of the Cocula families kept quiet, hoping their silence might bring children and spouses home alive, fearing that a complaint might condemn them to death.

"What if I report it and my daughter is nearby and they know I reported it, they hurt her or something?" reasoned Berenice's mother, Rosa Segura Giral.

Shifting strategies, GOP's 2016 candidates plan to challenge front-runner Trump at 2nd debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the first Republican presidential debate, most candidates took a hands-off approach to Donald Trump and hoped the brash billionaire would hurt himself.

Instead, he only got stronger.

Trump's unexpected durability has led some of his rivals to shift their strategy for Wednesday's second showdown. Now their goal is to engage Trump, without inflicting any damage on their own campaigns.

The change reflects an evolution in the way Trump is viewed within the Republican Party. No longer dismissed as a summer fling for frustrated voters, Republicans increasingly see Trump as a candidate who could remain atop the field for months and win some early states.

"He's in complete, total control of the political battle space," said Steve Schmidt, a top strategist for Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign.

Migrants continue to breach Hungary's razor-wire fence along Serbian border

ASOTTHALOM, Hungary (AP) — Small groups of migrants continued to sneak into Hungary on Wednesday, a day after the country sealed its border with Serbia and began arresting people trying to breach the razor-wire barrier, while a first group arrived in Croatia seeking another way into the European Union.

Hungarian prosecutors also said they put four Iraqis on trial for "the crime of crossing the border illegally," the first migrants to go to court under new laws that took effect Tuesday aimed at stopping the huge flow of migrants across the border. Televised images from a courthouse in Szeged showed the four men with their hands tied in front of them and their shoelaces removed. A day earlier, authorities arrested 174 migrants for illegally breaching the border or damaging the fence.

While the tough new measures have mostly stopped the flow across the border, isolated groups still managed to crawl under or climb over the forbidding barbed wire of the 175-kilometer (110-miles) border fence to enter the European Union.

Early Wednesday, police on horseback surrounded a group of 14 Afghans, including five young girls and an elderly woman, in a field close to the fence. As they watched over the group, the officers' radio crackled with news of other migrants being detained — one Syrian, one Afghan, a group of 11.

Along the fence early in the morning, there was evidence of how it has been breached, though it was not clear when it happened. In one spot there was evidence that migrants passed over the barrier, with a carpet still covering three rolls of razor wire.

Syrian refugees line up for new passports, hoping they'll smooth the rough journey to Europe

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Hundreds of Syrian refugees line up outside their embassy in Jordan every day for a long shot at a better future — applying for new passports that allow them to enter Turkey legally and from there start on a dangerous trek to Europe.

The crowds in Amman have been turning up since Syria began issuing passports for large numbers of refugees without travel documents. Also, cuts in international aid have made the refugees' survival even tougher in Mideast host countries like Jordan.

In a measure of their despair, some of those waiting in line said they sold their wives' gold dowry or went deeper into debt to pay \$400 for a new passport, double what most make per month with off-the-books odd jobs.

There is also a sense of urgency among the refugees, after several European countries re-imposed border checks in recent days to stem the flow of migrants.

Refugees preparing for the journey said they are willing to gamble. They believe there is no future for them in overburdened Jordan, where they can't work legally or provide for their families.

Man's motive for shooting girlfriend, university professor, in Mississippi still elusive

GAUTIER, Miss. (AP) — Shannon Lamb's motive for fatally shooting his girlfriend and a university colleague remains largely a mystery: The university instructor had no criminal record, he was a well-liked teacher, and police said there was no history of domestic violence between him and Amy Prentiss.

And yet there were some signs of trouble: Cleveland Police Chief Charles "Buster" Bingham said Tuesday that authorities had some indication Lamb and the second shooting victim, Delta State University professor Ethan Schmidt, did not get along.

A student who praised Lamb, Brandon Beavers, said the professor also seemed agitated and jittery, "like there was something wrong with him." And another student, Mikel Sykes, said Lamb told him he was dealing with stress at the end of the 2014-15 academic year.

Lamb also had asked the university for a medical leave of absence, saying he had a health issue of some sort, university President William LaForge has said.

This year, he was only teaching two online classes, and recent changes in the university's hiring policies meant the doctorate Lamb had worked so hard to earn would not guarantee him an automatic tenure track.

Flash floods that hit southern Utah leave at least 16 dead in small town and in national park

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — A van and SUV carrying three women and 13 children sat near the widening stream, waiting for the water to recede so they could cross back to their homes in a small, polygamous town on the Utah-Arizona border.

But in an instant, flood waters engulfed them and the two vehicles were sucked downstream, bobbing in the turbulent water before they tumbled over an embankment. Only three children survived. Twelve of the 16 are dead. One is missing.

Virginia Black watched in horror from her house as she made a video of the once-in-a-century flash flood. "There goes the van!" says Black in a high-pitched voice. "It went over the thing. Oh dear."

Downstream, people rushed to where the vehicles came to a stop. One witness described a gruesome scene of body parts, twisted metal and a young boy who somehow survived.

"The little boy was standing there," Yvonne Holm recalled. "He said, 'Are you guys going to help me?'"

Perplexed US seeks answers, responses to Russian military buildup in Syria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's recent military buildup in Syria has perplexed the Obama administration and left it in a quandary as to how to respond, complicating Washington's efforts to both combat Islamic State extremists and assist moderate rebels trying to oust Syria President Bashar Assad.

Underscoring U.S. uncertainty about Russian President Vladimir Putin's intentions, Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday placed his third phone call in 10 days to Russia's foreign minister, seeking clarity about Moscow's moves, the State Department said. "Kerry made clear that Russia's continued support for President Assad risks exacerbating and extending the conflict, and undermining our shared goal of fighting extremism if we do not also remain focused on finding a solution to the conflict in Syria via a genuine political transition," the department said in a statement.

In the afterglow of the Iran nuclear deal, which was hailed by the Obama administration as the kind of diplomacy that can be achieved when Russia and the United States cooperate, U.S. officials had hoped for a change in Russia's position about Syria, potentially even enlisting its support to move Assad out.

Moscow's latest actions, however, have taken many by surprise and further muddied efforts to fight Islamic State militants while trying to promote political transition in Syria.

In recent days Russia has sent about a half-dozen battle tanks and other weaponry — along with military

advisers, technicians, security guards and portable housing units — to Syria with the apparent goal of setting up an air base near the coastal town of Latakia, a stronghold of the Syrian president.

Anti-abortion group's videos, congressional hearings draw scrutiny to fetal tissue brokers

CHICAGO (AP) — Covert videos released by an anti-abortion group have opened a window on a largely unknown corner of science: the middlemen who supply researchers with human fetal cells from elective abortions.

For decades, these typically small companies or nonprofits have been quietly processing human tissue and filling orders for fetal cells from scientists studying eye disease, HIV, autism and other conditions. Until recently, their biggest challenge was finding an adequate supply because of a nationwide drop in the number of abortions.

Now three players in the tissue-procurement industry — StemExpress, Novogenix Laboratories and Advanced Bioscience Resources, all based in California — face unprecedented scrutiny after the secretly recorded videos raised questions about whether Planned Parenthood or any other entity was illegally profiting from the handling of fetal tissue.

Four congressional committees have begun holding investigative hearings into the matter and anti-abortion activists have targeted the tissue providers on the Internet. StemExpress has had to call police and hire extra security after employees received personal threats. Guards have chased people from the yard at the home of the company's chief executive.

StemExpress also faces a separate inquiry by state officials in Arizona.

Northern California wildfire evacuees tell stories of devastation, survival

MIDDLETOWN, Calif. (AP) — Ranch managers Don and Martha Grimm barely escaped with only the clothes they were wearing as a destructive, fast-moving fire roared toward their Northern California home.

The couple, both in their 70's, held hands as they returned to their neighborhood to find only rubble where their home once stood. Martha Grimm broke down in tears.

"We didn't have a chance to react. It was here and we got out with the clothes on our back. All of our memories, everything is gone," Martha Grimm said.

Like the Grimms, some residents cried as they walked through the rubble of their homes while others shared amazing stories of survival when more people returned to their houses Tuesday and surveyed the twisted metal and smoking ruins left behind by a devastating California wildfire.

Don Grimm said he was surprised to find the ranches' chickens, horses and llamas survived the fire. But ten sheep in a barn didn't make it.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, September 16, the 259th day of 2015. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On September 16, 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On this date:

In 1498, Tomas de Torquemada, notorious for his role in the Spanish Inquisition, died in Avila, Spain.

In 1810, Mexicans were inspired to begin their successful revolt against Spanish rule by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla and his "Grito de Dolores (Cry of Dolores)."

In 1893, more than 100,000 settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."

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In 1908, General Motors was founded in Flint, Michigan, by William C. Durant.

In 1919, the American Legion received a national charter from Congress.

In 1925, the Irving Berlin song "Always" (written for his future wife, Ellin Mackay) was published.

In 1953, "The Robe," the first movie presented in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

In 1965, "The Dean Martin Show" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford announced a conditional amnesty program for Vietnam war deserters and draft-evaders.

In 1982, the massacre of between 1,200 and 1,400 Palestinian men, women and children at the hands of Israeli-allied Christian Phalange militiamen began in west Beirut's Sabra and Shatila refugee camps.

In 1994, a federal jury in Anchorage, Alaska, ordered Exxon Corp. to pay \$5 billion in punitive damages for the 1989 Exxon Valdez (val-DEEZ') oil spill (the U.S Supreme Court later reduced that amount to \$507.5 million). Two astronauts from the space shuttle Discovery went on the first untethered spacewalk in ten years.

In 2007, O.J. Simpson was arrested in the alleged armed robbery of sports memorabilia collectors in Las Vegas. (Simpson was later convicted of kidnapping and armed robbery and sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush ruled out raising taxes to pay the massive costs of Gulf Coast reconstruction in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, saying other government spending had to be cut to pay for the recovery effort. Gordon Gould, a pioneer in laser technology, died in New York City at age 85.

Five years ago: Pope Benedict XVI began a controversial state visit to Britain, acknowledging the Catholic Church had failed to act decisively or quickly enough to deal with priests who raped and molested children. The Seattle Storm completed their undefeated march through the postseason, beating the Atlanta Dream 87-84 for a three-game sweep in the WNBA finals. John "Jack" Goeken, founder of telecommunications giant MCI and father of air-to-ground telephone communications, died in Joliet, Illinois, at age 80.

One year ago: President Barack Obama declared that the Ebola epidemic in West Africa could threaten security around the world and ordered 3,000 U.S. troops to the region in emergency aid muscle. After a day of public pressure from angry fans and concerned sponsors, the Minnesota Vikings reversed course and placed star running back Adrian Peterson on the exempt-commissioner's permission list while he addressed a felony charge of child abuse in Texas. (The Vikings had initially decided that Peterson could play with the team while the legal process played out; Peterson later pleaded no contest to misdemeanor reckless assault for physically disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Janis Paige is 93. Actor George Chakiris is 83. Bluesman Billy Boy Arnold is 80. Movie director Jim McBride is 74. Actress Linda Miller is 73. Rhythm-and-blues singer Betty Kelley (Martha & the Vandellas) is 71. Musician Kenney Jones (Small Faces; Faces; The Who) is 67. Actress Susan Ruttan is 67. Rock musician Ron Blair (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers; Mudcrutch) is 67. Actor Ed Begley Jr. is 66. Country singer David Bellamy (The Bellamy Brothers) is 65. Country singer-songwriter Phil Lee is 64. Actor-comedian Lenny Clarke is 62. Actor Kurt Fuller is 62. Jazz musician Earl Klugh is 62. Actor Christopher Rich is 62. Singer Frank Reed (The Chi-Lites) is 61. TV personality Mark McEwen is 61. Baseball Hall of Famer Robin Yount is 60. Actor Mickey Rourke is 59. Magician David Copperfield is 59. Country singer-songwriter Terry McBride is 57. Actress Jennifer Tilly is 57. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Orel Hershiser is 57. Retired MLB All-Star Tim Lincecum is 56. Actress Jayne Brook is 55. Singer Richard Marx is 52. Comedian Molly Shannon is 51. Singer Marc Anthony is 47. Comedian-actress Amy Poehler is 44. Country singer Matt Stillwell is 40. Singer Musiq (MYOO'-sihk) is 38. Actor Michael Mosley is 37. Rapper Flo Rida is 36. Actress Alexis Bledel is 34. Actress Sabrina Bryan is 31. Actress Madeline Zima is 30. Actor Ian Harding is 29. Actress Kyla Pratt is 29. Actor Daren Kagasoff is 28. Rock singer Teddy Geiger is 27. Actress-dancer Bailey Buntain is 26. Rock singer-musician Nick Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 23. Actress Elena Kampouris (TV: "American Odyssey") is 18.

Thought for Today: "Some problems are so complex that you have to be highly intelligent and well informed just to be undecided about them." - Laurence J. Peter, Canadian writer (born this date in 1919, died 1990).