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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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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.

Senior Menu: Salmon loaf, creamed peas, watermelon, peanut butter brownie, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Eddy & Virginia Nehls

Birthdays: Teresa Davies • Melissa White • Bret Flihs

7:00pm: FB at Milbank

Saturday, September 19

Anniversary: Morgan and Ginger McNickle

Birthdays: Lanny Torguson • Diann Morehouse
10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

1:00pm: Girls soccer host Garretson

3:00pm: Boys soccer host Freeman Academy

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



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New scoreboard is up

Towering high in the northwest corner of Doney Field is the new football scoreboard that was erected yesterday. It should be operational in time for the homecoming game.

Treeline Tree Service

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Sperry Stump Removal

Groton Lions Thank You

Groton Lions Club served breakfast at the 2015 Andover Threshing Show Saturday and Sunday mornings. A VERY big Thank You to Ron at the Airport Cafe for donating the pancake batter. All were very pleased. Thank you to all the workers with special thanks to Lion Troy Lindberg and Lion Greg Heilman for manning the grills. Good Job to all.

Thanks again to all who made this event a great success by attending or helping put it together.

If you would like to join the Groton Lions Club, contact me or any Lions member.

Lion Topper Tastad, Threshing Breakfast Chairman

FBLA Thank You

This summer we had the opportunity to participate in the National Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) in Chicago. There were over 11,000 participants from all US states, China, Canada, and Haiti. While working with our South Dakota leader, we found out that Mrs. Lingbeck did a great job getting our chapter up and running. Our leader said that Groton had a great representation at the state competition for their first year. She also said it was very impressive that we had a group make the national level the first year in operation. We are excited to see how this program develops throughout the year. Thank you, Marlee Jones and Katilyn O'Neil

Thank you to all of our sponsors:

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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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Homecoming Candidates

The Groton Area High School homecoming coronation is set for Monday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Candidates are, back row from left, Carter Jondahl, Brady Graf, Aaron Severson, Jerick Hanson, and Adam Herman. Front row from left are Marlee Jones, Jaden Oliver, Carly Wheeting, Aubray Harry, and Emily Raap.



GRAND OPENING

Thursday, Sept. 17, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
at our new Downtown Location, 111 N Main
Sign up for door prizes
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Groton Homecoming Week 2015

September 21st-September 25th
Order of Events

Homecoming Theme is Holidays

Dress-up Days

- Monday Opposite Gender Day
- Tuesday Toga Day
- Wednesday Tacky Tourist Day
- Thursday Color Day
- Friday Spirit Day

Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes of the day. Pictures will be held in the library at the beginning of advisory each day.

*Parade Marshals are Mike and Marsha Braun.

Royalty candidates for Homecoming Queen

Royalty candidates for Homecoming King

Marlee Jones Carter Jondahl

Jaden Oliver Brady Graf

Carly Wheeting Aaron Severson

Aubray Harry Jerick Hanson

Emily Raap Adam Herman

The week's events

Monday, September 21st

- Coronation practice 3:00 in the gym.
- Cross Country @ Deul 4:00 pm.
- JV Football vs. Milbank @ Groton 4:30 pm.
- Homecoming Coronation 7:30 pm.

o Band will perform 7:00 pm, parade marshals and royalty will be introduced. Introductions of the varsity cross country, golf, football, volleyball, and soccer will follow.

o Pep Rally (Cheerleaders) and Burning of the "G."

o Royalty pictures after pep rally in the gym.

Tuesday, September 22nd

- Cheerleaders, King, and Queen to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.
- King and Queen to Golden Living Center to crown King and Queen 3:00 pm (with Dr. Schwan).
- 7th grade FB @ Milbank 4:00 pm.
- 8th grade FB @ Milbank 5:00 pm.
- Boys Soccer @ Mitchell Christian 5:00 pm.
- 7th grade & C Team VB @ Warner 5:15 pm.
- 8th grade & JV VB @ Warner 6:30 pm.
- Varsity VB @ Warner following JV game.

Wednesday, September 23rd

King and Queen to St. John's Preschool 8:30 am.

Senior volleyball players, girls soccer players, golfers, and cross country runners to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.

Thursday, September 24th

King and Queen to St. John's Preschool 8:30 am.

Boys golf @ Sisseton 10:00 am.

Senior football players and boys soccer players to elementary for lunch 11:15-12:30 pm.

King and Queen to St. John's Preschool 12:45 pm.

Jungle Day 1:30 pm in the arena (grades 9-12).

7th grade FB vs. Aberdeen Central @ Groton 4:00 pm.

Boys soccer @ James Valley Christian 4:00 pm.

Junior High VB vs. Clark/Willow Lake @ Groton 4:30 pm.

JV/Varsity FB vs. Clark/Willow Lake @ Groton 6:00 pm.

Friday, September 25th

1st period attendance as usual 8:30 am.

MS/HS Students dismissed with advisors to work on floats (MS in shop, HS in arena parking lot).

Tailgate lunch 11:30 am @ football field.

Students report to 5th period @ 12:00 pm for attendance. Dismiss for the parade.

Homecoming parade 1:00 pm.

Inflatables in the arena 2:00 pm.

Kiwanis Tailgate supper 5:00 pm @ football field (\$6/plate)

GHS Pep Band 6:30 pm.

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Today in Weather History

September 17, 1911: Pipestone, Minnesota is hit with baseball-sized hail that smashes numerous windows at the Calumet Hotel and high school. The local observer measured hail three inches deep. People got their photos taken in automobiles surrounded by the icy white ground.

September 17, 1969: In the late afternoon 16 miles east of Pierre in Hughes County, 60 mph wind driven penny size hail damaged crops and buildings in the area. Unofficial amounts of 5 to 6 inches of rain also occurred with the storms.

September 17, 1975: Heavy rain and hail fell in the Pierre area during the night flooding streets and some basements. Power lines were downed by the strong winds. The damage estimate was in excess of 100,000 dollars.

September 17, 2000: Lightning started a grassfire in western Stanley County in the early morning hours of the 17th. With the extremely dry and windy conditions, the fire quickly spread and consumed 25,000 acres of grassland before it was brought under control. Smoke from the fire was seen from 40 miles away. The fire also destroyed six outbuildings and an old unoccupied farmhouse. Some roads had to be closed due to the fire and smoke. Several electrical poles were also burned. Many residents were notified of possible evacuations. The fire was finally put out in the early morning hours of the 18th.

1932 - Concord NH was drenched with 5.97 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a record for that location (16th- 17th). (The Weather Channel)

1963 - Nearly two and a half inches of rain fell at Yuma AZ in 24 hours. It was the most intense rain for Yuma during the period between 1950 and 1977. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - A storm produced a band of heavy snow across parts of Wyoming. Totals of 23 inches at Rawlins and 20.7 inches at Lander easily surpassed previous snowfall record totals for so early in the season. (15th-17th) (The Weather Channel)






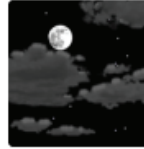

1987 - Thunderstorms produced large hail, damaging winds, and heavy rain in the northeastern U.S. Heavy rain in southwestern Pennsylvania forced evacuation of twenty homes along Four Mile Run Creek, near Darlington. Harrisburg PA established a record for the date with 2.11 inches of rain. A cold front in the central U.S. brought freezing temperatures to parts of Montana and Wyoming. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Early in the morning a tornado hit Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, injuring three persons and causing twenty-eight million dollars damage. A second tornado on the northwest side of San Antonio caused six million dollars damage, and a third tornado in Bexar County killed one person and injured another. Thunderstorms associated with Hurricane Gilbert spawned a total of forty-seven tornadoes in a two day period, with forty of those tornadoes in central and south central Texas. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo hit the Virgin Islands, producing wind gusts to 97 mph at Saint Croix. Hurricane Hugo passed directly over the island of Saint Croix causing complete devastation and essentially cutting off the island from communications. A storm surge of five to seven feet occurred at Saint Croix. The only rain gauge left operating, at Caneel Bay, indicated 9.40 inches in 24 hours. Hurricane Hugo claimed the lives of three persons at Saint Croix, and caused more than 500 million dollars damage. A ship, Nightcap, in the harbor of Culebra, measured wind gusts as high as 170 mph. A cold front brought high winds to the Great Basin and the Rocky Mountain Region, and thunderstorms along the cold front produced wind gusts to 66 mph at Yellowstone Park WY. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

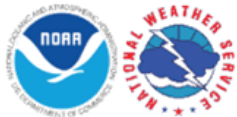
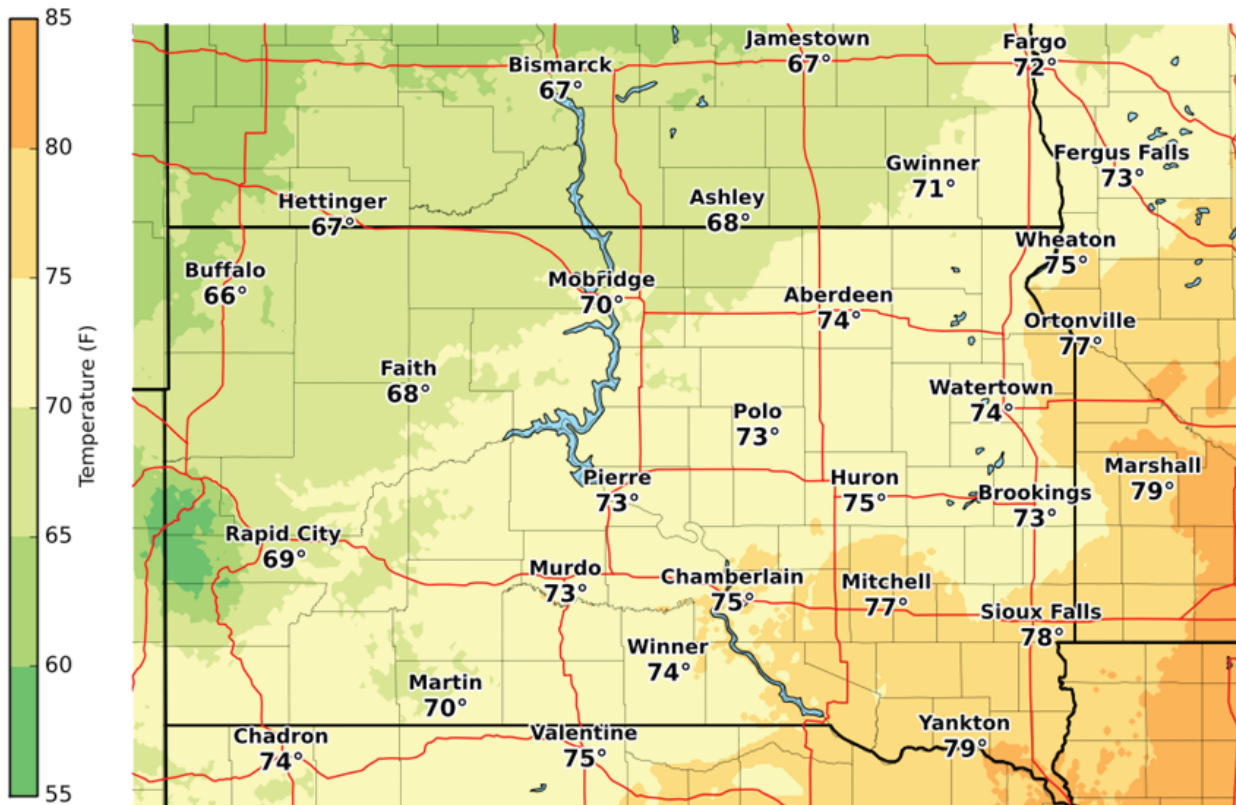
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Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
						
Isolated Showers then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Chance Showers	Decreasing Clouds	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 74 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 47 °F	High: 76 °F

Cooler Temperatures Today

Valid: September 17, 2015



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Cooler temperatures will move into the region today in the wake of a passing cold front. Breezy northwest winds will be felt today with highs rising into the low to mid 70s for most areas. Even cooler temperatures will arrive on Friday, along with good chances for rainfall across central South Dakota and to a lesser extent, northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota.

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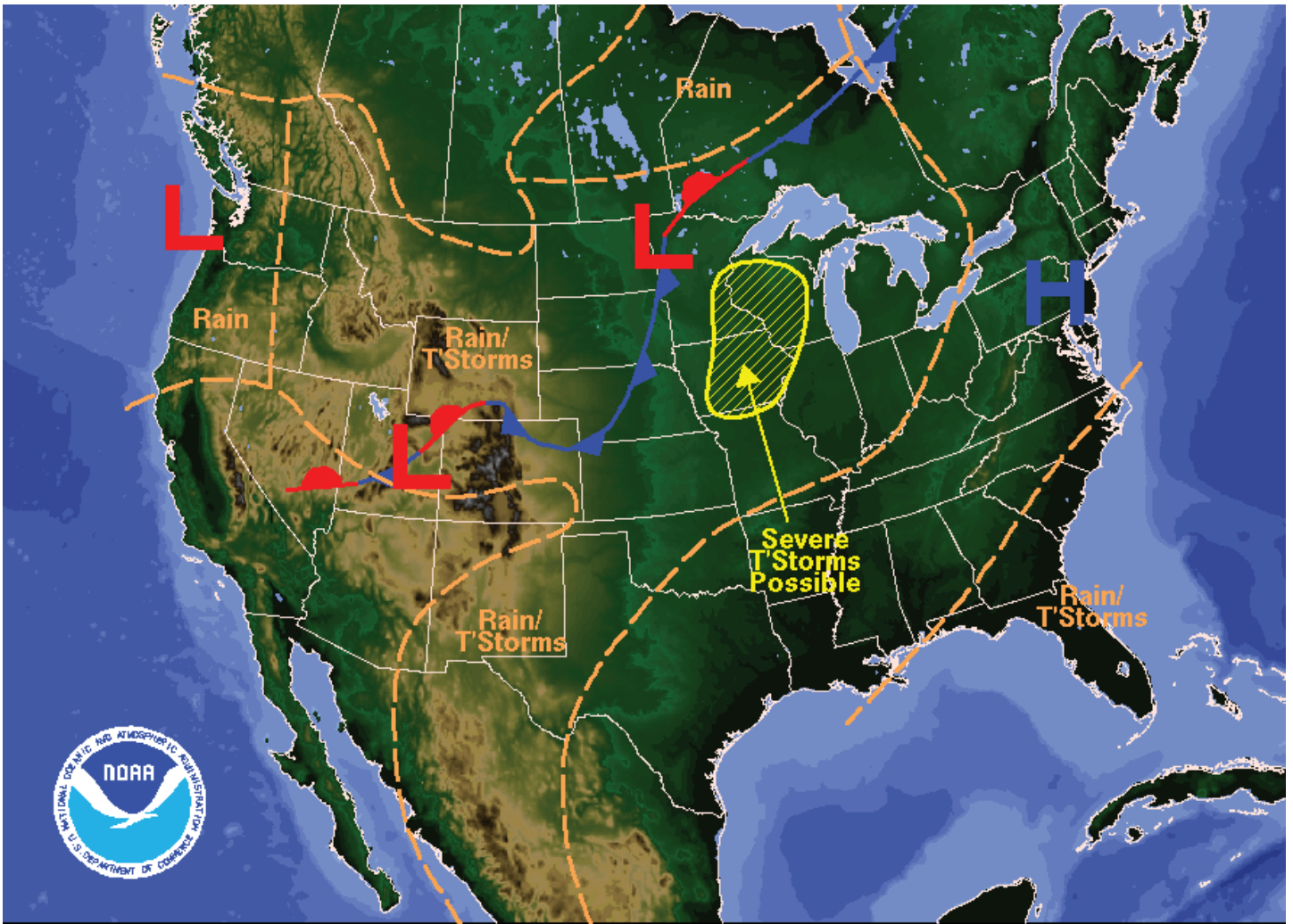
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 86.2
Low: 63.1
High Gust: 22
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 97° in 1955
Record Low: 28° in 1903
Average High: 72°F
Average Low: 45°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.27
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.16
Average Precip to date: 17.56
Precip Year to Date: 16.96
Sunset Tonight: 7:41 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:15 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Sep 17, 2015, issued 4:30 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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REACH OUT

Years ago Ben Franklin Stores was a major, successful retail chain. Many of their customers came from rural areas to shop for their needs. One observant employee overheard some customers describing the difficult time they had in getting to one of the stores to shop. He discussed the problem with Franklin and recommended to him that he open some stores in rural areas. When his suggestion was rejected, he resigned and began building stores closer to the people.

As a result of his vision, Sam Walton's name is known around the world and Wal-Mart stores are everywhere. He did not expect people to come to him.

One day Jesus said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper and let down your nets and catch some fish." Initially, Simon was hesitant saying that he and his co-workers had already tried that and it did not work. Then, after thinking for a moment, he said, "But if You say so, I'll let them down again." And when he followed the advice of Jesus, the results were amazing.

Jesus left a message for each of us: "Go into the world and make disciples!" Fish never come to the fisherman - the fishermen always go where the fish are. Skepticism has ended many opportunities to reach out to win the lost. Like Sam Walton, we must go to the people.

Prayer: Father, may we reach beyond our homes and churches and do all that we can to make disciples. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 5:1-11 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

News from the Associated Press

Feds to pay \$940M to settle claims over tribal contracts

MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The Obama administration has agreed to pay a group of Native American tribes nearly \$1 billion to settle a decades-old claim that they weren't adequately compensated as they managed law enforcement, education and other federal services on reservations.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and Justice Department officials plan to announce the proposed class-action settlement Thursday along with leaders from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Zuni Pueblo and Ramah Chapter of the Navajo Nation. The named plaintiff in the contract-dispute lawsuit first filed in 1990.

The \$940 million proposed payout to the tribes and tribal agencies would represent the latest in a string of major settlements between tribes and the U.S. in the last five years. It still must be approved in federal district court.

"We had been litigating with Indian Country aggressively before the Obama administration came in," Kevin Washburn, head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, told The Associated Press in an interview last week. "Rather than the federal government and tribes fighting all the time and litigating against one another, we need to be partners looking toward the future."

In 2010, the Interior Department settled a class action lawsuit named for Elouise Cobell of the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana for \$3.4 billion dollars over lost royalties owed to generations of individual Indian land-owners. Last year, the administration agreed to a \$554 million settlement with Navajo Nation leaders over the mismanagement of resources on the sprawling, 27,000-square-mile reservation.

The federal government's latest settlement is the result of a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court decision ruling in favor of the tribes in the long-running dispute over federal contracts.

The tribes had argued the government did not appropriate enough money to cover costs under the agreements, and the underfunded contracts meant tribes faced shortfalls as they tried to meet essential needs in their communities ranging from health services to housing.

Since 1975, tribes have been able to opt into federal contracts under the Indian Self-Determination Act and gain oversight of BIA programs meant to fulfill the government's trust obligations to Native Americans.

More than 600 hundred tribal entities, including governments and their organizations, are class members in the lawsuit.

Wind Cave acquires 7 acres on southern boundary of park

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Officials at Wind Cave National Park have bought seven acres of private property along the park's southern boundary and plan to convert a house on the property into a new office.

Superintendent Vidal Dávila says the property owner approached the park three years ago about selling the property, which includes a three-bedroom house and pole barn.

The property is adjacent to Highway 385 and is actually located within the authorized boundary of the park.

Initially, the park plans to use the home to house the offices of the Northern Great Plains Fire Management Office, whose offices are undergoing asbestos abatement.

Officials also acquired a 40-acre parcel that overlooks the southern part of the park earlier in the summer to prevent structures from being built and blocking views of the park.

Historical society to host Native American Day celebration

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is celebrating the return of the Great Sioux Horse Effigy and South Dakota's Native American Day with Lt. Gov. Matt Michels serving as master of ceremonies.

The historical society said Wednesday that the event will be on Oct. 12 in Pierre.

The event at the Cultural Heritage Center includes speakers ranging from state Secretary of Tribal Relations Steve Emery to Kevin Gover.

Gover is director of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington.

The society is also hosting other events in Pierre to celebrate the return of the effigy.

Free dental services to be offered to low-income SD children

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Low-income and uninsured children in southeast South Dakota will soon have the opportunity to receive free dental care.

The Sioux Empire United Way in partnership with dental benefits provider Delta Dental will fund a free clinic Oct. 3.

Individuals who are 18 years old or younger will be able to receive dental screenings and treatments, including fillings, extractions and cleanings.

Dr. Keri Barrow is the event's co-director. Barrow says lack of dental care and the pain caused by it can affect children's behavior and their academic performance.

Organizers are encouraging parents and legal guardians to arrive with their children at the Children's Dental Center in Sioux Falls as early as possible the day of the event as services will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

Rangers find body in dry creek bed at Badlands National Park

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — A body has been recovered from the Badlands National Park after a group of visitors alerted park rangers to an abandoned backpack.

Park officials say the FBI and the Pennington County Sheriff's Office assisted in recovering the remains Wednesday. They say a number of agencies are working together to identify the individual and cause of death.

Park officials say four backpackers notified rangers about a backpack and other personal items they had found in the Sage Creek Wilderness area Tuesday evening. The rangers hiked out to the site Wednesday morning, and after conducting a more extensive search, the remains were found in a dry creek bed at the bottom of the ravine.

SD church burglarized; safe with signed checks stolen

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities are advising parishioners of a western South Dakota church to keep an eye on their bank accounts after the church's safe containing a number of signed checks was stolen.

Police in Rapid City on Wednesday said officers responded to a report of a burglary at the Blessed Sacrament Church Monday. Officers determined the suspects had broken a window to enter the church and rummaged through several offices.

Officers discovered that the safe with the checks was missing after speaking with employees. The checks had been written as offerings to the church.

Detective Dan Trainer says authorities are asking parishioners to check their accounts because they want to be notified if any of the checks are cashed.

State to mull limits on restraint, seclusion in SD schools

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A proposal that would allow schools to physically subdue students only in emergency situations would remove South Dakota from the short list of states that lack regulations governing the use of restraint and seclusion.

An advisory group is scheduled Thursday to discuss the draft rules, which would eventually require the approval of the state Board of Education.

The proposed regulations are important to ensure that South Dakota students aren't hurt and that the practices, especially restraint, are only used "in the most dire situations" by those with proper training, said Linda Turner, director of special education programs at the state Department of Education.

"Not in South Dakota, but nationally, there have been issues where students have been physically harmed, or there have even been cases of death due to improper use of restraint, in particular the method where they're face down on the ground," Turner said. "We want to ensure that something like that doesn't happen in South Dakota."

South Dakota is one of five of states that don't have restraint and seclusion protections for students in place at schools, said Jessica Butler, a national advocate for children with disabilities who tracks restraint and seclusion regulations. She applauded the state for moving forward with the rules.

Restraint includes someone immobilizing a student or using restrictive equipment such as straps or handcuffs. Seclusion refers to confining a student to a room or area without the ability to leave. It's unclear how often both actions are used in state schools, which the proposed rules would require be tracked.

Information released by ProPublica from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights shows that some South Dakota schools reported the use of restraint and seclusion to the federal government during the 2011-2012 school year.

The regulations are still under development, Department of Education spokeswoman Mary Stadick Smith said, and the public will have the opportunity to comment when the Board of Education considers it, which will likely begin next year.

"We do know that people are being trained in the appropriate processes, but this will provide more oversight to the entire system," Turner said.

About two dozen employees among the Mitchell School District's roughly 200 are trained in crisis prevention in the "very unlikely" case it's necessary, superintendent Joseph Graves said. The training includes guidance on when to use the practices and shows specific holds to use that will safely prevent students from harming others, Graves said.

The district until recently had a trainer on staff. Graves said he welcomes state guidelines over restraint and seclusion, which have occurred in the district in recent years.

"It's certainly a rare occurrence, but it does occur," he said.

Standing Rock gets \$500K to help people with disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe has been awarded nearly \$522,000 to help enrolled members on or near the reservation prepare for and obtain a job or become self-employed.

The five-year grant for the tribe on the reservation that straddles North Dakota and South Dakota was authorized by the U.S. Department of Education.

U.S. Sen. John Hoeven says the grant will allow the tribe to provide vocational rehabilitation services that help empower individuals with disabilities to live "fulfilling, independent lives."

U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp says the federal funds will support the "most disadvantaged" and help reverse the "unacceptable" unemployment rates on reservations.

North Dakota pheasant population rises 30 percent from 2014

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's pheasant population has increased by nearly one-third over the past year, thanks to a pleasant winter and favorable weather during the spring nesting season.

The estimated 30 percent increase in birds over 2014 mirrors increases in nearby states including South Dakota where the pheasant population is up about 42 percent. That could spread out hunting pressure, raising the prospects for an even more successful hunt this fall, state Game and Fish Wildlife Chief Jeb Williams said.

"It's nice when everybody is doing good," he said. "You don't necessarily concentrate the hunting pressure in a certain area, a certain state."

Pheasant hunting is big business in North Dakota. More than 50,000 hunters go after upland game including pheasants in a typical year, with each of them spending about \$100 each day that they're in the field, according to state Tourism Division data.

"The increased count will inspire more nonresident hunters to make plans to visit North Dakota this hunting season," Tourism Director Sara Otte Coleman said. "We see a consistent correlation between these counts and the licenses sold. With the nonresidents numbers in the 24,000-30,000 range, the visitor spending is in excess of \$36 million."

Pheasant numbers are up significantly because many birds got through the mild winter healthy and successfully reproduced in the spring, according to Williams.

"The typical peak of the hatch in North Dakota is around the 15th of June," he said. "If you can get a period of time where you avoid some real cold days and lots of rainfall, you're generally going to have pretty good reproduction."

In the prime pheasant habitat of southwestern North Dakota, the late-summer survey by Game and Fish found bird numbers up 34 percent. In the southeast, the jump was estimated at 27 percent.

"Our late summer roadside counts indicate pheasant hunters are going to find more birds in the southern half of the state this fall, with the southwest having the strongest population of young roosters," said Stan Kohn, upland game management supervisor for Game and Fish.

Northeastern North Dakota is not considered a prime pheasant-hunting area because of a lack of good habitat. In the northwest, pheasants are down an estimated 18 percent from last year. The drop is not likely due to oil development in the region, Williams said.

"It's probably more weather-related during nesting season than anything," he said.

North Dakota's regular pheasant season opens Oct. 10 and continues through next Jan. 3. The two-day youth pheasant hunting weekend, when legally licensed residents and nonresidents age 15 and younger can hunt statewide, is Oct. 3-4.

2 women indicted for assaulting man in Eagle Butte

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A federal grand jury has indicted two women on charges of assault with intent to commit murder, alleging they attacked a man and tried to set him on fire in Eagle Butte (BYOOT).

The indictment filed Tuesday also charges Lisa Lone Eagle and Kendra Belt with assault with a dangerous weapon and assault resulting in bodily injury related to the Sept. 6 attack of Thomas Bennett on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

Prosecutors say Lone Eagle and Belt assaulted Bennett with kicks and a metal sledgehammer head and choked him before covering him with a blanket, pouring fuel on it and attempting to light it on fire.

Court records did not list attorneys for Lone Eagle or Belt.

Owner says power cord caused Full Throttle Saloon fire

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The fire that destroyed the Full Throttle Saloon in Sturgis was caused by a malfunctioning electrical cord, according to the owner of the popular biker bar.

"We had a keg cooler behind the main bar, and (workers) had pulled it out multiple times whether for cleaning or switching kegs out," Michael Ballard said. "When they pushed it back, it crinked the power cord and it didn't break the power cord open so that it would arc and throw a breaker. It heated the cord up and beside the cooler was a cardboard box. The cord caught the box on fire, and that's what ignited this fire."

Federal, state and local officials investigated the Sept. 8 fire. Officials earlier this week ruled the blaze accidental but didn't give an exact cause.

The business was billed as "The World's Largest Biker Bar" and had been the subject of the truTV series "Full Throttle Saloon," which aired for several seasons starting in 2009. It was a hotspot during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which draws hundreds of thousands of bikers to the Sturgis area each summer.

The loss is estimated at \$10 million. Ballard said insurance won't cover the entire cost, and he isn't sure yet if he'll rebuild the bar whose amenities included zip lines, musical stages and rental cabins.

"I know in my heart I cannot re-create this place," he said. "It's impossible to re-create what was here. This place grew organically over 17 years, and every year me putting back into it, and building another building or building another bar area, or buying atmosphere, and bringing in stuff from all four corners of the United States."

Some of the items destroyed in the fire were sentimental. They included motorcycle helmets placed on the walls in memory of people who had died, and military medals and patches hung by veterans, Ballard said. Hundreds of people also have been married on the property.

"I'm still digesting everything about rebuilding or what we're going to do or how we're going to move forward," Ballard said. "You know, this is just like losing a family member and trying to replace that family member a week from now. You can't even comprehend having to go down that road."

Suspect in fatal Rapid City stabbing wins pretrial request

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A judge will allow testimony about an alleged outburst by the victim of a fatal Rapid City stabbing during the trial of the suspect.

Twenty-one-year-old Samuel Tyburec is accused of killing roommate Matthew Wassenaar in May by stabbing him in the back five times. He's scheduled for trial in late October on alternate counts of second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter.

Tyburec says he feared Wassenaar and acted in self-defense. His attorney asked Judge Heidi Linngren to allow testimony about an alleged outburst Wassenaar directed toward an instructor at Lake Area Technical Institute. Prosecutors objected to the request, calling the testimony hearsay.

Linngren on Tuesday said she'll allow the testimony but that it will be subject to objection during the trial.

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. GOP CANDIDATES DEBATE MORE THAN TRUMP

The Republican presidential contest takes a substantive and serious turn in the latest prime-time debate, with candidates wrangling over immigration, gay marriage and foreign affairs.

2. THOUSANDS POUR INTO CROATIA AFTER CLASHES

The move sets up a new path toward Western Europe after Hungary uses tear gas and water cannons to keep refugees out of its territory.

3. DECISION ON RATE HIKE MAY BE A TOSS-UP

The Federal Reserve may finally begin raising its benchmark rate from record lows, possibly heralding higher lending rates in an economy that is much sturdier than the one it helped rescue in 2008.

4. WHAT EXPERTS CALL BIGGEST-EVER RESCUE OF ITS KIND

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Since the world was alerted by the AP to a slave island in Indonesia just six months ago, more than 2,000 men have been identified and sent home.

5. MAJOR QUAKE SHAKES NORTHERN CHILE

A magnitude-8.3 temblor in the Pacific rattles Chileans, killing at least five people and shaking the Earth so strongly it is felt on the other side of the continent.

6. HASHTAG #ISTANDWITHAHMED POPULAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Encouragement pours in from across the nation for Ahmed Mohamed, a 14-year-old Muslim boy in Texas, whose homemade electronic clock led to his arrest and suspension from school.

7. TRANSGENDER STUDENT'S BATTLE DIVIDES VIRGINIA TOWN

Determining which restroom a transgender high school student uses is a new and modern question for the rural eastern Virginia county of Gloucester.

8. GM SAID TO SETTLE CRIMINAL CASE OVER IGNITIONS

Federal prosecutors reach a deal with the automaker to resolve a criminal probe into how it broke the law by concealing a deadly problem with small-car ignition switches, sources tell AP.

9. FALLON DECLARES HILLARY CLINTON'S HAIR 'REAL!'

"The Tonight Show" host calls the Democratic presidential candidate a "tough mother" and pulls her hair at her invitation.

10. WHY AUTHORITIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT STADIUM DRONES

While most are flown by hobbyists, law enforcement is worried and trying to figure out how to stop them from doing major damage at sporting events.

AP News in Brief

Analysis: Donald Trump underwhelms as another outsiders stars in GOP's 2nd presidential debate

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Republican voters fed up with Washington and anyone with a background in politics have cheered billionaire businessman Donald Trump as the ultimate 2016 outsider, making him the front-runner for the GOP nomination.

But Trump's lack of experience with public policy was exposed throughout the second GOP presidential debate on Wednesday, a three-hour marathon that delved deep into complicated issues at home and abroad.

It was a night that allowed others to shine, however briefly, as they showed off their command of issues and talked with precision about what they'd do if elected president.

After dominating the first debate a month ago, Trump faced fierce criticism from his Republican rivals from the outset of the debate at the Reagan Presidential Library outside Los Angeles. He disappeared for long stretches and even acknowledged at one point that he has a lot yet to learn about global affairs.

The former reality television star avoided any major gaffes, yet delivered an underwhelming performance by the conventional standards of presidential politics. "He had his tail between his legs tonight," said Republican strategist Kevin Madden.

FACT CHECK: GOP candidates bobble their claims about Planned Parenthood, vaccination risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Viewers of the second Republican presidential debate heard inflated claims about Planned Parenthood abortion practices and the risks of vaccines, as well as a dubious assertion by Donald Trump that he wasn't interested in establishing casinos in Florida back in Jeb Bush's days as a candidate for governor.

Some of the claims in the debate Wednesday night and how they compare with the facts:

TRUMP: "I'm in favor of vaccines, do them over a longer period of time, same amount, but just in little

sections and I think you're going to see a big impact on autism."

THE FACTS: Medical researchers have debunked claims that vaccines given to children can lead to autism and developmental disorders. The Institute of Medicine, part of the National Academy of Sciences, says vaccines are not free from adverse effects, "but most are very rare or very mild." A study that drew a connection between autism and vaccines was retracted in 2010.

For all of that, Trump asserted that a child of one of his employees "went to have the vaccine and came back and a week later got a tremendous fever, got very, very sick, now is autistic."

AP investigation prompts rescue of more than 2,000 slaves, plus arrests, lawsuits, legislation

AMBON, Indonesia (AP) — More than 2,000 fishermen have been rescued this year from brutal conditions at sea, their freedom prompted by an Associated Press investigation into seafood brought to the U.S. from a slave island in eastern Indonesia.

Dozens of Burmese men in the bustling port town of Ambon were the latest to go home, some more than a decade after being trafficked onto Thai trawlers. Grabbing one another's hands, the men walked together toward buses last week. As they pulled away for the airport, some of those still waiting their turn to go home cheered, throwing their arms in the air.

"I'm sure my parents think I'm dead," said Tin Lin Tun, 25, who lost contact with his family after a broker lured him to Thailand five years ago. Instead of working in construction, as promised, he was sold onto a fishing boat and taken to Indonesia. "I'm their only son. They're going to cry so hard when they see me."

The reunion he envisions has played out hundreds of times since March, after the AP tracked fish — caught by men who were savagely beaten and caged — to the supply chains of some of America's biggest food sellers, such as Wal-Mart, Sysco and Kroger, and popular brands of canned pet food like Fancy Feast, Meow Mix and Iams. It can turn up as calamari at fine restaurants, as imitation crab in a sushi roll or as packages of frozen snapper relabeled with store brands that land on our dinner tables. The U.S. companies have all said they strongly condemn labor abuse and are taking steps to prevent it.

In response, a multimillion-dollar Thai-Indonesian fishing business has been shut down, at least nine people have been arrested and two fishing cargo vessels have been seized. In the U.S., importers have demanded change, three class-action lawsuits are underway, new laws have been introduced and the Obama administration is pushing exporters to clean up their labor practices. The AP's work was entered into the congressional record for a hearing, and is scheduled to be brought up for discussion again later this month.

Thousands of migrants pour into Croatia after clashes on border with Hungary

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — Thousands of migrants have begun pouring into Croatia, setting up a new path toward Western Europe after Hungary used tear gas and water cannons to keep them out of its territory.

Croatian police said Thursday morning that some 5,650 migrants have come into the country since the first groups started arriving early on Wednesday. Authorities have been using trains and buses to transfer them to refugee centers in the capital, Zagreb, and elsewhere.

Authorities say they are forming a special body to deal with the influx. Interior Minister Ranko Ostojic said the country has the situation under control. But he warned that "if huge waves start coming through Serbia we must consider different moves."

Croatia represents a longer and more arduous route into Europe for the asylum-seekers from Syria and elsewhere who have been fleeing into Europe in the past months. But they have little choice after Hungary sealed off its southern border with Serbia on Tuesday and began arresting anyone caught trying to enter the country illegally.

Clashes between migrants and Hungarian riot police broke out Wednesday afternoon after people

frustrated at being blocked from the country pushed open a gate at the border. Baton-wielding police responded with tear gas and water cannons, and migrants threw rocks and other objects at the police. Dozens of people were injured.

Seeking clarity on Syria intentions, US plans to accept Russian offer of military talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid increasing unease and uncertainty over Russia's intentions, the Obama administration plans to accept an offer from Russia for direct talks on its military buildup in Syria that U.S. officials believe is aimed at propping up Syrian President Bashar Assad.

Seeking answers to myriad questions about the precise reasoning behind Moscow's recent deliveries of materiel and manpower to a base in northern Syria, U.S. officials said they expect the administration to begin a military-to-military dialogue with Russia in the coming days. The Pentagon will take the lead in the discussions but the exact level, venue and timing have yet to be determined, officials said.

Those details could be announced as early as Wednesday, according to the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Secretary of State John Kerry revealed the Russian offer for talks when he told reporters on Wednesday that Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov had proposed them in a phone call a day earlier. Kerry said he personally thought the idea was a good one, but stressed that the administration was still weighing its merits. Other officials said later that national security adviser Susan Rice had signed off on the talks and that Defense Secretary Ash Carter had agreed.

After their third phone call on the Syria situation since Labor Day weekend, Kerry said Lavrov had proposed a "military-to-military conversation and meeting in order to discuss the issue of precisely what will be done to de-conflict with respect to any potential risks that might be run and have a complete and clear understanding as to the road ahead and what the intentions are."

Top general: Only a handful of US-trained Syrian fighters remain in battle against IS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats lambasted the Obama administration's strategy to combat the Islamic State group after a top U.S. general admitted that just a handful of U.S.-trained Syrian rebels are still on the battlefield fighting the militants.

The four or five fighters still engaged in the campaign is astonishingly short of the U.S. goal to train and equip 5,400 rebels a year at a cost of \$500 million.

"That's a joke," said Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H.

Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., said: "We have to acknowledge this is a total failure. I wish it weren't so, but that's the fact."

After the first 54 were sent in to fight in July, a Syrian affiliate of al-Qaida attacked the group, killing several and taking others hostage while many fled. Asked how many remain, Gen. Lloyd Austin, commander of U.S. Centcom, which oversees the war effort, told the Senate Armed Services Committee: "It's a small number. ... We're talking four or five."

5 things to watch for when the Federal Reserve ends its policy meeting on Thursday

WASHINGTON (AP) — As it does once each quarter, the Federal Reserve will deliver a triple-dose of news Thursday afternoon — a policy statement, economic forecasts and a news conference by Chair Janet Yellen. But all eyes will be on one question:

Is the Fed raising interest rates from record lows?

Economists remain unsure, though the consensus seems to have shifted against the likelihood of an

increase in the Fed's benchmark short-term rate. Turbulence in financial markets, persistently low inflation and risks to the global economy from China's sharp slowdown could lead the Fed to delay a hike until December or later.

Beyond that blockbuster decision, Fed watchers will be looking for other significant nuggets in the stream of information that will emerge Thursday.

Big quake rattles northern Chilean, causing some damage and flooding from small tsunami waves

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — A major earthquake just offshore rattled Chileans, killing five people and shaking the Earth so strongly the tremor was felt in places across South America. Authorities worked into the early hours Thursday assessing damage in several coastal towns that saw flooding from small tsunami waves set off by the quake.

The magnitude-8.3 quake hit off northern Chile on Wednesday night, causing buildings to sway in the capital of Santiago and prompting authorities to issue a tsunami warning for the Andean nation's entire Pacific coast. People sought safety in the streets of inland cities, while others along the shore took to their cars to get to higher ground.

"Once again we must confront a powerful blow from nature," President Michelle Bachelet said in an address to the nation late Wednesday.

Authorities said early Thursday that five people had been killed and one person was listed as missing.

Bachelet urged people who evacuated from coastal areas to stay on high ground until authorities could fully evaluate the situation during the night. Officials said schools would be kept closed in most of the country Thursday.

Russian who 'saved the world' from nuclear war remembers his fateful 1983 decision as 50/50

FRYAZINO, Russia (AP) — The elderly former Soviet military officer who answers the door is known in the West as "The man who saved the world."

A movie with that title, which hits theaters in the United States on Friday, tells the harrowing story of Sept. 26, 1983, when Stanislav Petrov made a decision credited by many with averting a nuclear war.

An alarm had gone off that night, signaling the launch of U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles, and it was up to the 44-year-old lieutenant colonel to determine, and quickly, whether the attack on the Soviet Union was real.

"I realized that I had to make some kind of decision, and I was only 50/50," Petrov told The Associated Press.

Despite the data coming in from the Soviet Union's early-warning satellites over the United States, Petrov decided to consider it a false alarm. Had he done otherwise, the Soviet leadership could have responded by ordering a retaliatory nuclear strike on the United States.

Japan legislative committee approves security bills in sudden vote rejected by opposition

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's ruling party pushed contentious security bills through a legislative committee Thursday, catching the opposition by surprise and causing chaos in the chamber.

Opposition lawmakers surged toward the chairman's seat to protest the vote as ruling party legislators tried to protect him. One lawmaker repeatedly clambered on top of the scrum.

A senior opposition leader later said they would not accept the vote, which happened without them knowing.

If the vote stands, the legislation will go to the upper house of parliament for final approval.

The bills would increase the military's influence, a highly sensitive issue in a country where many take pride in the pacifist constitution.

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Today is Thursday, September 17, the 260th day of 2015. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam (an-TEE'-tum) in Maryland.

In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside Washington D.C.

In 1937, the likeness of President Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

In 1955, Tennessee Ernie Ford recorded "Sixteen Tons" by Merle Travis for Capitol Records in Hollywood.

In 1964, the James Bond movie "Goldfinger," starring Sean Connery, premiered in London. The fantasy sitcom "Bewitched," starring Elizabeth Montgomery, debuted on ABC-TV.

In 1971, citing health reasons, Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, 85, retired. (Black, who was succeeded by Lewis F. Powell Jr., died eight days after making his announcement.)

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin (men-AH'-kem BAY'-gihn) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1984, Progressive Conservative leader Brian Mulroney (muhl-ROO'-nee) took office as Canada's 18th prime minister.

In 1994, Heather Whitestone of Alabama was crowned the first deaf Miss America.

In 2011, a demonstration calling itself Occupy Wall Street began in New York, prompting similar protests around the U.S. and the world.

Ten years ago: Two passengers were killed, more than 100 people hurt when a Chicago Metra commuter train derailed while changing tracks at high speed. Insurgents assassinated a Kurdish member of parliament, his brother and their driver in an ambush north of Baghdad.

Five years ago: Thousands of cheering Catholic schoolchildren feted Pope Benedict XVI on his second day in Britain, offering a boisterous welcome, as the pontiff urged their teachers to make sure to provide a trusting, safe environment. A scientist and his wife who once worked at a top-secret U.S. nuclear laboratory were arrested after an FBI sting operation and charged with conspiring to help develop a nuclear weapon for Venezuela. (After pleading guilty, Pedro Leonardo Mascheroni was sentenced to five years in federal prison while his wife, Marjorie Roxby Mascheroni, received a year and a day; the U.S. government has never alleged that Venezuela or anyone actually working for it had sought U.S. secrets.)

One year ago: The Republican-controlled House voted grudgingly to give the administration authority to train and arm Syrian rebels as President Barack Obama emphasized anew that American forces "do not and will not have a combat mission" in the struggle against Islamic State militants in either Iraq or Syria. George Hamilton IV, 77, a Grand Ole Opry member who was one of country music's first international ambassadors, died in Nashville.

Today's Birthdays: Actor David Huddleston is 85. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 82. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 76. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 80. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 72. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Phil Jackson is 70. Singer Fee Waybill is 65. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 64. Comedian Rita Rudner is 62. Muppeteer Kevin Clash (former voice of Elmo on "Sesame Street") is 55. Director-actor Paul Feig is 53. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 53. Singer BeBe Winans is 53. TV personality /businessman Robert Herjavec

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(TV: "Shark Tank") is 52. Actor Kyle Chandler is 50. Director-producer Bryan Singer is 50. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 49. Actor Malik Yoba is 48. Rock musician Keith Flint (Prodigy) is 46. Actor Matthew Settle is 46. Rapper Vinnie (Naughty By Nature) is 45. Actor Felix Solis is 44. Rock singer Anastacia is 42. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 42. Actress-singer Nona Gaye is 41. Singer-actor Constantine Maroulis is 40. NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson is 40. Pop singer Maile (MY'-lee) Misajon (Eden's Crush) is 39. Country singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran is 36. Rock musician Chuck Comeau (Simple Plan) is 36. Actor Billy Miller is 36. Country singer Desi Wasdin (3 of Hearts) is 32. Rock musician Jon Walker is 30. Actress Danielle Brooks (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 26. Actress-singer Denyse Tontz is 21.

Thought for Today: "We must not say every mistake is a foolish one." - Cicero, Roman scholar (106-43 B.C.).