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Homecoming Theme for 2015-2016 is Holidays.

Daily Themes

- Monday--MS/HS is Sports 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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Tuesday, September 22

MS/HS is Toga Day

Elementary is Sports Day

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

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/Mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: • Katie Kampa • Darin Krueger • Alex McKiver • Keegan Schelle • Jason Mettler • Rose Waage • Madison McNickle • Jay Peterson

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

4:00pm: JHFB at Milbank (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

5:00pm: Boys soccer at Mitchell Christian

5:15pm: Volleyball at Warner (7th/C at 5:15, 8th/JV at 6:30, followed by varsity)

Wednesday, September 23

MS/HS is Tacky Tourist Day

Elementary is Pajama Day

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

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, mixed vegetable, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Carolyn Snyder • Duane Johnson

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 24

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

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Herman, Wheeting are GHS Royalty

Adam Herman and Carly Wheeting have been chosen as the 2015 GHS Royalty at the homecoming coronation held Monday night. They are pictured above with their parents. From left to right are Mark and Kari Herman and their son, Adam; then it is Carly with her parents, Chris and John Wheeting. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Last year's king, Spencer Knecht, puts the crown on the new king, Adam Herman. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Homecoming Royalty Court

In back, left to right, are Carter Jondahl, Jerick Hanson, Aaron Severson and Brady Graf; in front, left to right, are Emily Raap, Marlee Jones, Ashlynn Warrington, Queen Carly Wheeting, King Adam Herman, Zander Harry, Aubray Harry and Jaden Oliver. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Last year's Queen Ashley Gibbs puts the crown on the new queen, Carly Wheeting. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Carly Wheeting and Adam Herman put the G afire after the coronation Monday night. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Zander Harry and Ashlynn Warrington presented the scrolls. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

(Below): "Taylor Swift" and her sidekicks made an appearance at the GHS Homecoming Coronation Monday night. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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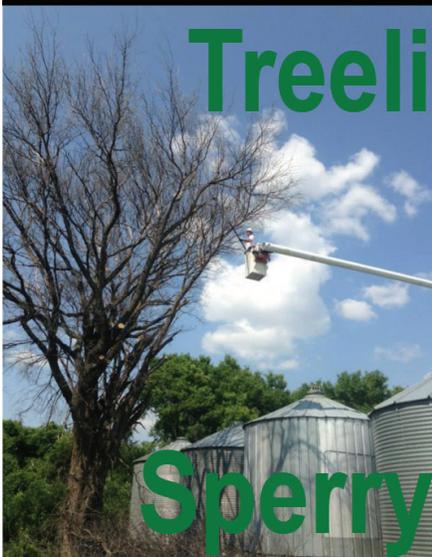
The left photo features some of the cheerleaders performing to the school song. The right photo is the Tiger mascot waving the GHS flag. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)

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Spencer Knecht and Ashley Gibbs returned this year to give up their crowns as GHS Royalty. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Marsha and Mike Braun are this year's Parade Marshals. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



From left to right: Mike Weber was the master of ceremony, Desiree Yeigh talked about band, Chelsea Hanson talked about volleyball, Shaun Wanner about football, Adam Franken about cross country, Clayton Sternhagen about boys soccer, Corey Harder about girls soccer and Greg Kjellsen about boys golf. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)

Coach Shaun Wanner called on Adam Herman, Carter Jondahl and Brady Graf to talk about the football program. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



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Today in Weather History

September 22, 1936: Abnormally warm conditions brought record temperatures to much of central and northeast South Dakota along with west central Minnesota on this day in 1936. Temperatures rose into the upper 90s and lower 100s during the afternoon hours. Pierre and Watertown set record highs of 99 degrees. Mobridge and Sisseton warmed to record highs of 101 degrees. Finally, Kennebec and Aberdeen rose to record highs of 102 and 103 degrees, respectively.

1890 - A severe hailstorm struck Strawberry, AZ. Five days after the storm hail still lay in drifts 12 to 18 inches deep. (The Weather Channel)

1913 - Des Moines, IA, experienced their earliest freeze of record. (The Weather Channel)

1961 - Hurricane Esther made a near complete circle south of Cape Cod. The hurricane then passed over Cape Cod and hit Maine. Its energy was largely spent over the North Atlantic Ocean, however, heavy rains over Maine resulted in widespread local flooding of cellars, low roads, and underpasses. (David Ludlum)

1983 - Forty-one cities reported record cold temperatures during the morning. Houston, TX, hit 50 degrees, and Williston ND plunged to 19 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Hurricane Emily, the first hurricane to roam the Caribbean in nearly six years, made landfall over the Dominican Republic late in the day, packing 125 mph winds. Emily killed three persons and caused thirty million dollars damage. A record high of 92 degrees at Miami FL was their fifth in a row. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - An early morning thunderstorm produced baseball size hail at Plainview, in Hale County TX. Late in the evening more thunderstorms in the Southern High Plains Region produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Plainview TX and Crosby TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Hugo quickly lost strength over South Carolina, but still was a tropical storm as it crossed into North Carolina, just west of Charlotte, at about 7 AM. Winds around Charlotte reached 69 mph, with gusts to 99 mph. Eighty percent of the power was knocked out to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Property damage in North Carolina was 210 million dollars, and damage to crops was 97 million dollars. The strongest storm surge occurred along the southern coast shortly after midnight, reaching nine feet above sea level at ocean Isle and Sunset Beach. Hugo killed one person and injured fifteen others in North Carolina. Strong northwesterly winds ushered unseasonably cold air into the north central U.S., in time for the official start of autumn, at 8:20 PM (CDT). Squalls produced light snow in northern Wisconsin. Winds in Wisconsin gusted to 52 mph at Rhinelander. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

2005 - For the first time in the historical record, two hurricanes reached category-5 intensity in the Gulf of Mexico in a single season as Hurricane Rita intensified before making landfall (Katrina and Rita).

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny	T-storms Likely 70%	T-storms Likely 70%	Chance T-storms 40%	Chance T-storms 30%	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 71 °F	Low: 54 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 74 °F	Low: 55 °F	High: 76 °F



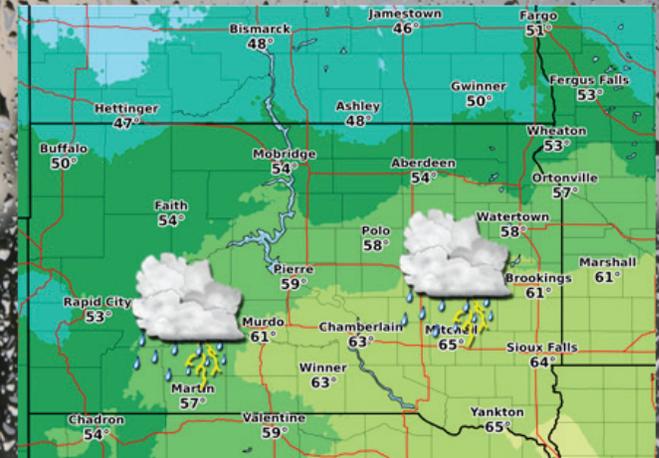
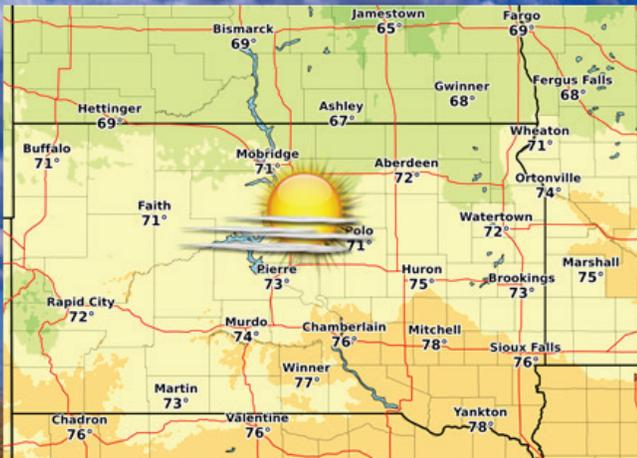
Mild Today – Stormy Tonight Thru Thurs

Today

Breezy east northeast winds
Average Temperatures

Tonight

Showers and thunderstorms
Heavy Rain Possible



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 9/22/2015 5:29 AM Central

Published on: 09/22/2015 at 5:33AM

The heat is gone (for now) as Canadian high pressure has settled to our north. A plume of tropical moisture is headed our way however, which will bring several rounds of shower and thunderstorm activity to the region. The first surge of moisture is headed into the region tonight.

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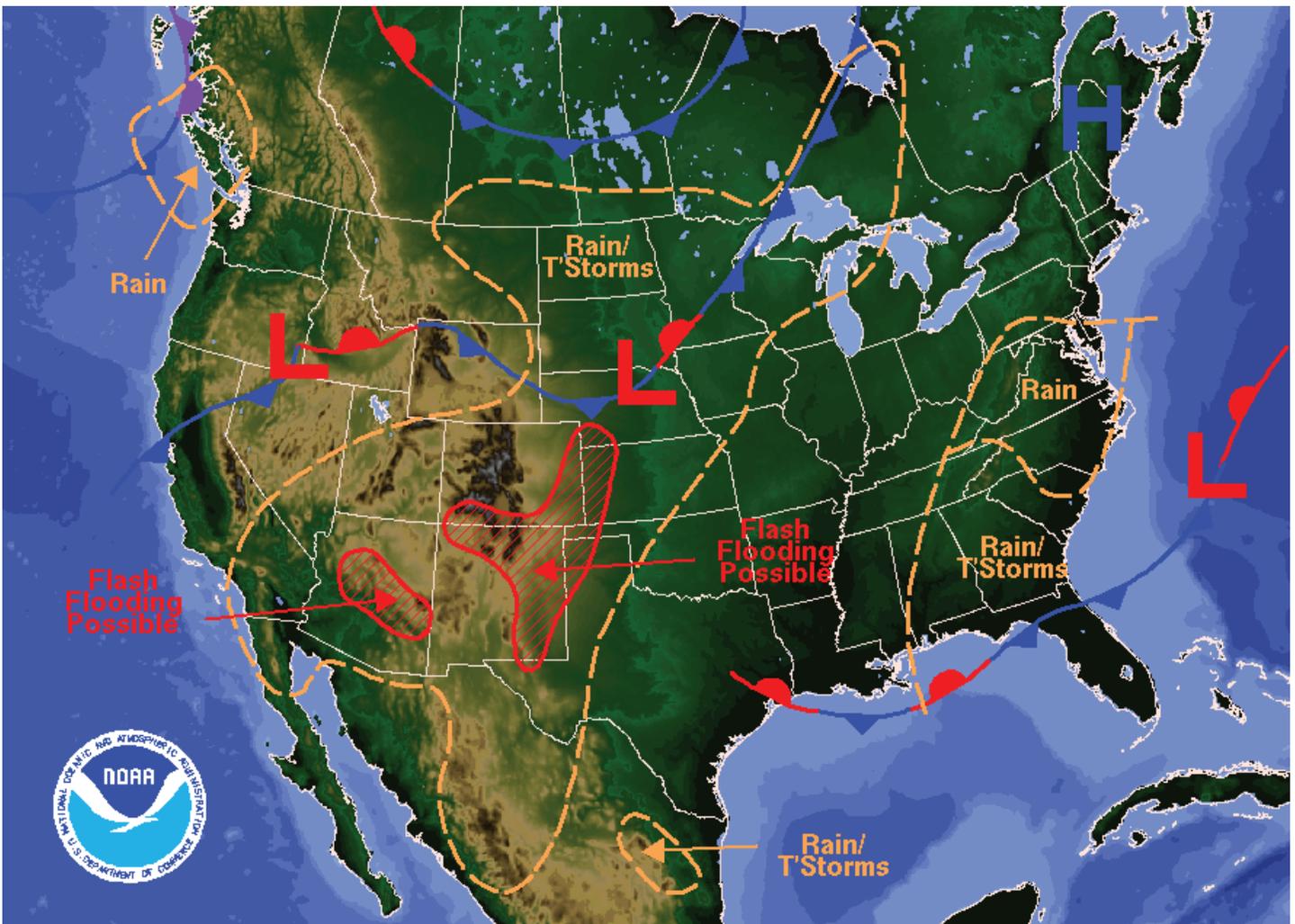
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 90.1
Low: 58.4
High Gust: 23
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 103° in 1936
Record Low: 20° in 1995
Average High: 69°F
Average Low: 43°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 1.62
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.35
Average Precip to date: 17.91
Precip Year to Date: 17.15
Sunset Tonight: 7:31 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:21 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Sep 22, 2015, issued 4:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE OTHER SIDE

While driving over a beautiful mountain pass in North Carolina, my brother said to me, "Larry, I have never seen such beauty. The snowcapped peaks, the cascading waterfalls, the jagged rocks and brilliant blue sky are more beautiful than any I have ever seen! I never expected to see such beauty anywhere."

"Oh," I said, "wait 'til you see the other side."

All of us are anxious to "see the other side." Some because our loved ones have gone on before us and we are lonely. Others long to be free from endless suffering and relentless pain. Many are anxious and worried with problems that are never solved and seem to be tearing us into fragments. Many, however, because we want to see our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Paul encourages us to "Rejoice in our confident hope. To be patient in trouble, and keep on praying." In one verse he gives three commands to the Christian: We are to rejoice, remain patient and pray, knowing and believing that one day, "old things will pass away, and all things will be new" when we get to the "other side."

Prayer: Lord, help us not to lose sight of the "other side" when the cares and concerns of life overwhelm us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Romans 12:12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

News from the Associated Press

US rejects protections for greater sage grouse across West

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

MEAD GRUVER, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The U.S. Interior Department says the greater sage grouse does not need federal protections across its 11-state Western range after some limits were put on energy development and other activities.

Tuesday's announcement signals that the Obama administration believes it has struck a balance to save the widespread, ground-dwelling birds from extinction without crippling the West's economy.

It follows a costly conservation effort, and could help defuse a potential political liability for Democrats heading into the 2016 election.

Federal protections could have brought much more sweeping restrictions on oil and gas drilling, grazing and other human activities from California to the Dakotas.

Republicans have seized on the issue as supposed evidence of wildlife protection laws run amok.

Environmentalists who sued to force Tuesday's decision are certain to challenge it.

Authorities: 6 found dead after house fire were fatally shot

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Six members of a South Dakota family found dead last week in the ruins of their burned home were fatally shot, with one death believed to be a suicide, authorities said.

The office of South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley issued a statement Monday night saying preliminary autopsy results show all six members of the Westerhuis family died of shotgun wounds.

The deaths of Nicole Westerhuis and children Kailey, Jaeci, Connor and Michael have been ruled homicides, the statement said. The manner of death for Scott Westerhuis, Nicole Westerhuis' husband, is suspected suicide, it said.

The Charles Mix County Sheriff's Office and state investigators are looking into the circumstances of Scott Westerhuis' death, according to the statement. Interviews, evidence collecting and forensic testing are ongoing. A spokeswoman for Jackley couldn't immediately be reached for questions late Monday.

"Based on evidence of foul play continuing to be uncovered, law enforcement remains committed to a complete and thorough investigation," Jackley said in the statement.

Firefighters were called to the home near Platte early Thursday morning after a passer-by reported the blaze.

The Platte fire chief said the home was "pretty well destroyed" by the time firefighters arrived.

"It's not a real common occurrence to have a fully engulfed structure fire on arrival," Chief Rick Gustad said.

Authorities did not immediately name the victims, and Jackley's statement Monday did not include their ages. But the Platte-Geddes school superintendent has said Kailey was a third-grader, Jaeci a fifth-grader, Connor an eighth-grader and Michael a high school sophomore.

Jackley called the deaths a "tragic loss" that has affected the entire community. About 1,200 people live in Platte, about 110 miles west of Sioux Falls.

Scott and Nicole Westerhuis both worked for Mid-Central Educational Cooperative, providing speech, language and hearing services to schools. The Westerhuis children participated in several activities including baseball, football, basketball, track, swim team, gymnastics and choir, according to a family friend.

City: Attendance at 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally a record

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sturgis estimates that 739,000 people attended this year's 75th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, setting a record.

The city bases its estimate on a number of things, including state Department of Transportation traffic

counts, sales tax collections and the amount of garbage hauled away during the rally.

Attendance projections for this year's rally in August breached 1 million people. The official estimate didn't reach that but still beats the record of an estimated 633,000 people who flooded Sturgis at the 60th rally in 2000.

Trial of man accused of killing Peterson's son in 2nd week

CANTON, S.D. (AP) — The prosecution has rested its case in the South Dakota trial of a man accused of killing the 2-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

Twenty-nine-year-old Joseph Patterson has pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder and other charges in the October 2013 death of Tyrese Robert Ruffin, who was the son of his girlfriend and Peterson.

Patterson's trial is in its second week. The state rested its case Monday, and it's now the defense's turn to present witnesses.

The main question jurors must answer is whether the death of Tyrese was an accident. Investigators allege that Patterson assaulted Tyrese while they were alone in a Sioux Falls apartment. Patterson says Tyrese choked on a fruit snack.

Patterson faces a mandatory life prison sentence if convicted of second-degree murder.

Rapid City casino robbed at gunpoint; clerk not injured

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are looking for two males who robbed a casino at gunpoint. Authorities say the suspects entered the Uncle Sam's Casino shortly before 6:30 p.m. on Monday, one of them armed with a gun. They demanded money and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The clerk was not hurt.

State education department releasing 2015 report card

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota education officials plan to release the state's 2015 Report Card on Tuesday.

The report will show how schools and school districts in the state performed on the new Smarter Balance tests in English language arts and math. The tests given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 are designed to evaluate whether students are on track to be college ready.

The department released statewide scores from the spring tests on Monday. They show that the percentage of South Dakota students in those grades at or above Level 3 "proficient" was 49.5 percent in English language arts and 41.3 percent in math.

South Dakota Education Secretary Melody Schopp says students in the state performed better than expected on the more rigorous assessment tests.

DOT repairing lighting in southwestern South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation will be making lighting repairs in several areas of southwestern South Dakota beginning next month.

The DOT says the repairs will begin on Monday, Oct. 5 in Pine Ridge, Oglala Lakota, Hot Springs, Custer and Hill City.

Traffic will be controlled with lane closures, and the DOT is asking drivers to slow down in work zones and be prepared for suddenly slowing, merging and stopped traffic. Drivers should also expect to encounter construction workers and equipment adjacent to the roadway.

The \$233,000 project is set for completion by Nov. 20.

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Shantel Krebs to be in Rapid City for Voter Registration Day

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Secretary of State Shantel Krebs is set to be in Rapid City for National Voter Registration Day.

Krebs is speaking at classrooms about civic involvement on Tuesday.

She says nothing is more important to the future of the country than a citizen's right to cast a ballot.

Krebs says there are nonpartisan voter registration drives in Rapid City at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and Western Dakota Tech.

There will also be events in Pierre and Sioux Falls.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Bridgewater-Emery def. Howard, 21-25, 30-27, 25-20, 25-19

Castlewood def. Great Plains Lutheran, 16-25, 25-15, 25-16, 26-28, 15-11

Crawford, Neb. def. Edgemont, 25-17, 25-21, 25-10

Ethan def. Mitchell Christian, 25-22, 25-16, 25-22

Florence/Henry def. Rosholt, 22-25, 25-16, 25-19, 25-18

Freeman Academy def. Alcester-Hudson, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-16

Hamlin def. Estelline, 19-25, 25-14, 25-16, 25-22

Kimball/White Lake def. Wessington Springs, 25-12, 25-20, 25-18

Lemmon def. McLaughlin, 25-11, 25-21, 25-14

Mobridge-Pollock def. Ipswich, 25-13, 25-18, 25-12

Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. James Valley Christian, 25-7, 25-16, 25-15

Sargent Central, N.D. def. Britton-Hecla, 25-10, 25-19, 23-25, 25-22

Sully Buttes def. Timber Lake, 25-13, 25-23, 25-17

Wilmot def. Langford, 25-20, 25-16, 25-19

2 SD parks added to National Register of Historic Places

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two Sioux Falls parks have been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Terrace Park and the Japanese Gardens are now part of a list with more than 80,000 properties selected by the National Park Service. The thousands of sites are considered "worthy of preservation."

The parks and recreation department in Sioux Falls says the city purchased the 52 acres for Terrace Park for \$15,000 in 1916. An outdoor amphitheater, a series of terraces and other features were added beginning in 1922, and an aquatic center was built in 1994.

The Japanese Gardens were constructed in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Today, the area features exotic flowers, arbors and pagodas.

Earning a spot in the National Register is the first step toward eligibility for federal preservation tax credits.

Bosworth appeals board's revocation of her medical license

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former Republican U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth says she's appealing a state board's decision to revoke her medical license after her May felony conviction for election law violations.

Bosworth said she filed her appeal in circuit court Monday. Bosworth also asked that she be able to have her license while she appeals the revocation.

Bosworth is also appealing her conviction on six counts each of perjury and filing false documents.

An attorney for medical board staff argued during this month's revocation proceedings that Bosworth's conduct was a threat to the public.

Bosworth says she loves being a doctor and hopes to be successful. She says she is working on the Pine

Ridge Indian Reservation, where few doctors work, and wants to continue serving there.

NTSB interviews derailed ethanol train engineer, conductor

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal investigators looking into a weekend train derailment in rural South Dakota on Monday began to interview the engineer and conductor of the train, seven of whose ethanol tanker cars left the tracks, causing at least one to catch on fire.

National Transportation Safety Board spokesman Terry Williams said the seven investigators who were deployed to the derailment site are inspecting the train's cars and gathering information from the crew, as well as myriad documents, including track and train inspections. The 98-car train derailed in a rural part of Bon Homme County awash in corn fields between the towns of Scotland and Lesterville.

"They are doing a thorough examination of those cars," Williams told The Associated Press Monday. Investigators arrived at the site Saturday night and began examining the tanker cars Sunday.

No one was hurt when the train, operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe, derailed about 6:15 a.m. Saturday. The train was heading from Mina to Deer Park, Texas, and was traveling 10 mph, which was the allowed speed, Williams said.

The railway has indicated the train derailed over a small bridge that spans a dry creek. Three tankers were compromised and lost their contents.

A detailed investigation will take investigators at least a year to complete. The NTSB will have access to the tankers throughout the probe.

"We look for the cause of the accident, but also any contributing factors," Williams said. "We like to say that we look at the man, the machine and the environment."

BNSF spokeswoman Amy McBeth said Monday that the railway estimates the tracks will reopen Wednesday. She directed all questions about the investigation to the NTSB.

Authorities investigate 'suspicious' fire that destroyed bar

ROSLYN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in northeastern South Dakota are investigating a suspicious fire that destroyed a bar.

The Day County Sheriff's Office says firefighters responded to the fire at the T-Ray's Bar and Grill in Roslyn about 4:30 a.m. Monday. The Roslyn Fire Department and other agencies battled the fire through the early morning hours and the building was deemed a total loss. No injuries were reported.

The sheriff's office says the blaze is considered "suspicious in nature" and remains under investigation. The South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation and the state fire marshal are participating in the probe.

Feds plan announcement on protections for imperiled bird

DENVER (AP) — U.S. officials plan to make a major announcement Tuesday on efforts to protect an imperiled bird that could have implications for the energy and ranching industries.

The Interior Department says governors of Colorado, Montana, Nevada and Wyoming are among those who plan to join Secretary Sally Jewell and other federal officials for the announcement about greater sage grouse at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge outside Denver.

The government faces a Sept. 30 court-imposed deadline to decide whether it should list the chicken-sized birds as a threatened or endangered species.

Greater sage grouse range from California to the Dakotas. They've dwindled from millions to no more than 500,000 amid loss of their sagebrush habitat.

A listing could restrict oil and gas development and grazing across much of the West, though Congress has withheld funding to implement any such decision.

South Dakota releases new student assessment test results

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota students performed better than expected on new, more rigorous assessment tests, although less than half of them reached levels considered proficient, state education officials said Monday.

The Smarter Balance tests are designed to evaluate whether students are on track to be college ready, said Melody Schopp, secretary of the state Department of Education. Scores from tests given in the spring show the percentage of South Dakota students in grades 3-8 and 11 at or above Level 3 "proficient" was 49.5 percent in English language arts and 41.3 percent in math.

Schopp said the results are in line with other states using the Smarter Balance tests, which include Idaho, Missouri, Washington, Oregon, West Virginia, Delaware and California.

"This assessment was definitely more rigorous and it was more meaningful, because it measured things we've never measured before," she said. "Students were asked to demonstrate real-world skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, writing and citing specific evidence as they went through the assessment."

Mary McCorkle, president of the union representing teachers in the state, said the results demonstrate the work going on in classrooms to prepare students with higher-level thinking skills.

"The fact that our students did better than predicted in the first year is a positive," said McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association. "We're pleased with that."

Department officials presented the statewide results to the Board of Education during its Monday meeting in Watertown. The state's full 2015 Report Card is scheduled to be released Tuesday.

Abby Javurek-Humig, director of the state Department of Education's division of assessment and accountability, said the full report will identify the top performing school districts and those in need of additional support. It also will look at student attendance, as studies show those who miss more than 6 percent of classes face significant learning gaps, she said.

Schopp said the majority of South Dakota schools fall into a mid-range for performance, but there are outliers on both ends. She said officials over the next year will look at factors impacting how students performed in some of those lower-scoring schools.

The Smarter Balance assessments replace the previously used Dakota STEP tests, and the first-year scores will provide a new baseline for student achievement, Schopp said, adding that she expects scores to rise in coming years. The 11th grade tests provide an added benefit of assessing whether high school students are ready to attend post-secondary schools or are in need of remedial coursework to help them catch up.

South Dakota in August received a one-year waiver renewal from provisions of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, though the U.S. Department of Education put the state on high-risk status because of "serious problems with its guidelines for teacher and principal evaluation and support systems."

Schopp said the new test results will not be used to evaluate individual teachers.

McCorkle said that the South Dakota Commission on Teaching and Learning partnership is continuing discussion on that federal status, but she believes the state has met the U.S. Department of Education's guidelines. She said South Dakota's teacher effectiveness system is good for schools and students and good for building professional practice.

Attorney general explains plan to revise campaign laws

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley has released an explanation for a ballot measure to create a publicly funded campaign finance program, require additional disclosure and limit lobbying by state officials after they leave government.

Jackley's office said Monday the measure significantly overhauls South Dakota's campaign finance laws.

The campaign finance program would allocate two \$50 credits to voters, who could assign them to candidates. The plan also lowers political contribution limits.

The lobbying portion would bar certain state officials and some employees from lobbying for two years after leaving state government.

Supporters must collect nearly 14,000 signatures by Nov. 9 and have them certified to put it to a public vote in 2016.

Former Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland and former Republican state Sen. Don Frankenfeld are sponsoring the measure.

2 suspects in chase involving gunfire plead not guilty

FAIRFAX, S.D. (AP) — Two people have pleaded not guilty to charges in a chase last month in which South Dakota authorities say shots were fired at sheriff's deputies.

Twenty-nine-year-old Samantha Lane faces 11 charges including attempted murder and 29-year-old Nicholas Speckmeier faces 12 charges including attempted murder. The Daily Republic reports (<http://bit.ly/1Jl7ksP>) that Lane recently pleaded not guilty and Speckmeier pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

The hour-long chase on Aug. 22 began when a deputy attempted a traffic stop outside of Bonesteel. Authorities say the chase involved an exchange of gunfire between deputies and Speckmeier, who was driving the car, and Lane. It ended in Fairfax.

Lane is from Sioux Falls and Speckmeier is from Worthington, Minnesota.

Dakotas tribes to get \$48M through contracts settlement

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Tribes in the Dakotas are getting about \$48 million through a nearly \$1 billion settlement between the federal government and tribes across the country over underfunded federal contracts. Tribal colleges in the two states are getting an additional \$7 million.

The deal was announced last week by the Interior Department and leaders from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Zuni Pueblo and Ramah Chapter of the Navajo Nation. It settles a claim that the government failed to adequately compensate tribes while they managed education, law enforcement and other federal services.

The three tribes were among the lead plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit filed in 1990 on behalf of more than 600 tribes and tribal agencies. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2012 ruled in favor of the tribes, but the \$940 million settlement still must be approved in federal district court.

In South Dakota, the Oglala Sioux Tribe is getting the most money, at about \$12.9 million, according to the settlement agreement.

"We are satisfied with the fine settlement that has been reached here," Oglala Sioux President John Yellow Bird Steele said in a statement. "Previously they paternalistically shorted us and didn't give a darn. We are hopeful that we are now entering into a period of mutual cooperation with the Department of the Interior. We hope the settlement clears the air for the future."

Other South Dakota tribes getting money are: Cheyenne River Sioux, \$6.9 million; Rosebud Sioux, \$5.4 million; Yankton Sioux, \$1.5 million; Lower Brule Sioux, \$1.2 million; Crow Creek Sioux, \$1 million; and Flandreau Santee Sioux, \$876,000.

In North Dakota, the Three Affiliated Tribes is getting the biggest share: just under \$8 million. The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa is getting \$2.5 million, and the Spirit Lake Sioux will get \$1.2 million.

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, which is in both North Dakota and South Dakota, is getting \$2.2 million. The Standing Rock Sioux, also in both states, is getting \$4.3 million.

"Any time we can receive a settlement for some wrongs that were being done, it's quite good news," Standing Rock Chairman Dave Archbambault II said in an interview. "We'll take a look if there's a way to put those funds back toward wherever the tribe pulled the funds from to maintain those programs."

Tribal colleges in the North Dakota cities of Bismarck, Fort Yates, Belcourt and New Town and in the South Dakota cities of Sisseton, Kyle and Mission also are getting money, ranging from \$180,000 to \$4.2 million.

Recipients could get the money as early as next year.

"While this settlement is good news for tribal governments and organizations across the country, there

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is still much work to do to make sure the federal government upholds this nation's trust responsibility," said U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp, a Democrat from North Dakota and a member of the Senate's Indian Affairs Committee.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. WHAT MESSAGE POPE PRESSES IN CUBA

Francis, who will arrive in Washington later today, encourages Cubans at a delicate point in their own history to overcome ideological preconceptions and be willing to change.

2. EU HOLDS MORE MIGRATION TALKS

With bitterness and division in the air, its two emergency meetings this week won't provide any quick solutions to ease the plight of tens of thousands of people seeking sanctuary in Europe.

3. TENSION ON CHINA STATE DINNER MENU

There could be some awkward undercurrents when the Chinese president is honored with a state dinner at the White House on Friday.

4. FOR WALKER, CASCADE OF TROUBLES ENDS RACE

The demise of his presidential campaign is brought by just about everything: financial troubles, a bloated staff, repeated stumbles and flip flops.

5. WHY FRUSTRATION GROWS AMONG YEMENI PRO-GOVERNMENT FORCES

Their push toward the capital against Shiite militants is stalled by no gains on the ground — despite an airstrikes' campaign by a Saudi-led coalition that relentlessly pounds rebel positions.

6. VOLKSWAGEN SETS ASIDE \$7.3 BILLION OVER EMISSIONS SCANDAL

The company says some 11 million diesel vehicles worldwide were fitted with software at the center of the U.S. exhaust revelations.

7. WHO FINALLY APOLOGIZES FOR SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

"All I can do is come before you and ask for forgiveness from you and the people back here. I'm truly sorry for what happened," says the former Peanut Corporation of America owner, who is sentenced to 28 years in prison.

8. GUNMEN ABDUCT 3 FOREIGNERS, LOCAL FROM PHILIPPINE RESORT

The victims are a Norwegian resort manager, two Canadians and a Filipino woman, the military and police say.

9. KENTUCKY CLERK COULD HEAD BACK TO COURT OVER LICENSES

Lawyers for two gay couples and two straight couples question the validity of the new marriage documents and ask a federal judge to order Kim Davis' office to reissue them.

10. 5 YEARS AFTER FACEBOOK PLEDGE, NEWARK SCHOOLS STRUGGLE

Advocates see success in the most visible result so far — many more students in charter schools.

AP News in Brief

Pope ends Cuban trip with Mass at shrine and address to families before heading to Washington

SANTIAGO, Cuba (AP) — Pope Francis ends his visit to Cuba on Tuesday with a Mass at the country's most revered shrine and a pep talk with families before flying north to Washington for the start of his U.S. tour.

Francis' address to families and symbolically potent flight to the United States underscore two of the big themes of his Cuba pilgrimage — encouraging reconciliation within families and between the U.S. and Cuba. He worked behind the scenes as mediator in 18 months of secret talks on re-establishing diplomatic relations between the two nations.

On his arrival in Cuba, the pope described the success of the negotiations as an example of peacemak-

ing for the entire world. The Vatican spokesman said Monday night that this trip was aimed partly at encouraging progress in the continuing effort to normalize U.S.-Cuba ties in fields ranging from commerce to environmental cooperation.

Beyond its importance to the pope, the state of the family has been a longtime concern for the Roman Catholic Church in Cuba. Economic deprivation and successive waves of emigration have left many families broken and divided, and the church has focused intensely in recent years on trying to encourage traditional values like hard work, respect and fidelity that many Cubans worry have been lost over the years.

Those concerns about moral degradation are widespread among Cubans regardless of how religious they are.

EU holds more emergency migration talks as calls for humanitarian action multiply

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union's two emergency meetings on the migration crisis this week won't provide any quick solutions to ease the plight of tens of thousands of people seeking sanctuary in Europe.

As the EU scrambles to respond to scenes of people charging razor-wire fences, suffocating in trucks or bodies washing up on beaches, unity has crumbled as nations in the 28-member bloc trade barbs over who is to blame.

Nothing on the agenda of the meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday will immediately help countries in Eastern Europe and the Balkans to manage their borders now. Or next week.

The inaction certainly won't stop the flow of people moving across Europe, nor will it provide any relief to authorities in individual EU countries trying to slow them down.

Indeed, more than 6,000 people could arrive in Greece alone on Tuesday when interior ministers meet in Brussels and on Wednesday, while EU leaders hold a summit to discuss medium and long-term policy plans.

The Latest: Norway warns migration crisis could get worse if no solution found in Syria

BRUSSELS (AP) — The latest developments as European governments struggle to cope with the huge number of people moving across Europe. All times local:

11:35 p.m.

Norway's foreign minister warns that the refugee crisis will continue and could get worse if no political solution is found to end Syria's civil war.

Borge Brende told reporters after meeting his Lebanese counterpart Gibran Bassil in Beirut that Norway has an agreement with the U.N. refugee agency to receive "a substantial amount of refugees in the three coming years — in fact 7 percent of all the refugees that the UNHCR has asked for."

Dinner with frenemies: Undercurrent of geopolitical tension on menu for China state dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's never good when tension is on the dinner menu.

When Chinese President Xi Jinping and wife Peng Liyuan visit Washington later this week, President Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle, face the daunting task of trying to throw a warm and inviting dinner party for guests of honor accused of cyberspying on the U.S., trampling human rights and engaging in assertive military tactics.

China, in turn, is miffed at the U.S. for what it says are groundless accusations about hacking, and wants the U.S. to butt out of territorial disputes in the South China Sea. Not to mention the Old Faithful of disputes, Taiwan.

Where will all this leave the few hundred guests selected to attend Friday night's lavish state dinner

honoring the Chinese president?

Most likely still thrilled to be there, geopolitics be damned.

Analysis: For Walker, it wasn't one thing that led to campaign's collapse — it was everything

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Scott Walker, it wasn't one thing that led to the demise of his presidential campaign. It was just about everything.

Financial troubles. A bloated staff. Repeated stumbles and flip flops. A candidate that professed to be a fighter, but too often, didn't show all that much fight.

The Wisconsin governor, who dropped out of the Republican race for president on Monday after only two months as a formal candidate, did so after making a litany of mistakes and missteps that could make for a "what not to do" manual for future candidates.

Walker entered the 2016 race as an ostensible Republican darling, shot into the national spotlight by his victories over unions and his triumph in a recall election. With Midwestern appeal and conservative credentials, and buoyed by a rousing performance at a Republican forum in January, he rose to the top very of early polls in Iowa.

That moment in Iowa proved to be Walker's high point. As presidential primaries so often reveal, gleaming resumes don't equal votes or big fundraising totals. And early favorites can quickly fade.

Yemeni pro-government forces' push on capital stalls amid heavy battles with Shiite rebels

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — In Yemen's Marib province, a key battleground in the fighting against Shiite rebels, frustration is growing in the ranks of troops backing the country's president-in-exile after more than a week without gains on the ground.

The pro-government forces' advance on the capital, Sanaa, has stalled as Iran-backed Houthi rebels put up heavy resistance and despite an airstrikes' campaign by a Saudi-led coalition that has relentlessly pounded rebel positions.

The difficulty highlights the stark challenges facing the diverse set of fighters that make up the pro-government forces as they set their goal on Sanaa, about 165 kilometers (103 miles) to the west of Marib.

Ground commanders from the Yemeni army complain of poor logistical coordination, along with slow communication and decision-making between the Marib front-lines and the military leadership in Riyadh. Troops have grown nervous, commanders say, after two incidents when Saudi-led airstrikes hit and killed allied fighters.

In Yemen's war, the coalition against the Houthis is a shaky combination of local and tribal militias, southern separatists, Sunni Islamic militants and army units loyal to President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

Question about Volkswagen's emissions testing crisis

German automaker Volkswagen AG admits that it rigged U.S. emissions tests so it would appear that its diesel-powered cars were emitting fewer nitrogen oxides, which can contribute to ozone buildup and respiratory illness. Here are some questions and answers about the ongoing crisis.

Q. Which vehicles does this affect?

A. Volkswagen installed software in roughly 482,000 diesel passenger cars sold in the U.S. since 2008, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The software turned on the cars' full emissions control systems when the cars were being tested by the government, and then turned off those systems during normal driving. The Jetta, Beetle, Audi A3 and Golf from the 2009-2015 model years are affected, as well as the Passat from the 2014-2015 model years. Volkswagen has halted the sale of 2015 models and is prohibited from selling 2016 models until they are fixed.

Former peanut executive gets 28 years in prison for role in deadly salmonella outbreak

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Before federal marshals led him from the courtroom en route to prison, possibly for the rest of his life, Stewart Parnell apologized years after his company's peanut butter spawned a deadly outbreak of salmonella poisoning.

The former Peanut Corporation of America owner had remained publicly silent in 2009 after authorities traced salmonella blamed for killing nine people and sickening 714 to his plant in rural southwest Georgia. He refused to testify when called before a congressional hearing, and likewise never took the witness stand during the criminal trial that led to his conviction in U.S. District Court a year ago.

A judge Monday sentenced 61-year-old Parnell to 28 years in prison. It's the harshest criminal penalty ever for a U.S. producer in a food-borne illness case and a span his attorneys say might as well be a life sentence. It came down after Parnell, in a shaky voice, spoke to those he had harmed.

"It's just been a seven-year nightmare for me and my family," Parnell told a courtroom filled with families of children who survived violent illnesses and elderly adults who died after eating his company's peanut butter. "All I can do is come before you and ask for forgiveness from you and the people back here. I'm truly sorry for what happened."

Ernest Carter of Chicago, whose grandmother died after snacking on peanut butter crackers linked to Parnell's plant, called the apology "too little, too late."

Ukraine's richest man plays both sides of frontline — propping up government and rebel regime

KRASNODON, Ukraine (AP) — In this town deep in eastern Ukraine's rebel heartland, about a quarter of the population works in the coal mines owned by billionaire Rinat Akhmetov, Ukraine's richest man. Here and elsewhere in territory controlled by the separatist insurgency, the tycoon keeps the lights on and people clothed and fed, with a mixture of jobs, electricity and aid.

At the same time, Akhmetov operates factories on the other side of the frontline, powering Ukraine's economy and pouring hundreds of millions in taxes into government coffers. His steel products, which are finished in rebel territory, are then shipped to the West — where they bring in billions in revenue for Akhmetov that then indirectly props up the separatist government.

The billionaire is able to straddle the frontline by using his fortune and business empire as leverage. His companies provide more than 300,000 jobs across Ukraine, most in the rebel-held east. Meanwhile, his control over utilities that provide electricity and heating to both sides allow him to dictate terms to the government as well as the rebels. Cracking down on Akhmetov's factories in government territory would threaten Ukraine's depressed economy, while a collapse of utilities in the east would undermine the rebels' grip on power.

It makes for a striking picture of economic cooperation between enemy areas: Coal produced in Krasnodon mines, on rebel territory, travels to the Avdiivka coking plant on the government side. Coke is then shipped back to rebel lands, to a metals smelter in Yenakieve, and the metals produced there are transported to government territory on the Azov Sea — for shipping to the West.

Meanwhile, Western purchases, which account for the most of Akhmetov's profits, are helping to keep the rebel territory afloat by fueling economic activity. Akhmetov's Metinvest metals and mining holding posted revenues of \$1.8 billion in the first quarter of the year, a 6 percent increase over the previous year, with Europe accounting for 35 percent of sales and North America for 3 percent. Steel works in rebel-controlled Yenakiyev accounted for a quarter of the company's steel output in the first quarter.

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Europe wants to create online tech giants, but struggles to find Silicon Valley's magic touch

HELSINKI (AP) — Micha Benoliel grew up in France and launched his first technology startup there, but he never forgot the atmosphere of adventure and optimism in San Francisco, where he studied in the early 1990s.

So when he came up with an idea for a smartphone app that could send messages without Internet or cellular connections, he went back to California in 2011 to pursue his dream.

"I knew the only way to change the world was from here," says Benoliel, the CEO of Open Garden, the maker of the FireChat messaging app.

As technology upends industries and lifestyles at breakneck pace, the Old Continent is not producing any of the online giants like Google, eBay or Facebook. Its best and brightest prefer to emigrate to Silicon Valley, or sell their ideas on to U.S. firms before they have a chance to establish themselves.

The European Union's top executives in Brussels are trying to rectify that with a long-term plan of reforms and incentives but face an uphill battle. The 28-nation bloc is, above all, lacking in the risk-taking culture and financial networks needed to grow Internet startups into globally dominant companies.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, September 22, the 265th day of 2015. There are 100 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 22, 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Gerald R. Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed. (Moore served 32 years in prison before being paroled on December 31, 2007.)

On this date:

In 1515, Anne of Cleves, who became the fourth wife of England's King Henry VIII, was born in Dusseldorf.

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Capt. Nathan Hale, 21, was hanged as a spy by the British in New York.

In 1792, the first French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of January 1, 1863.

In 1911, pitcher Cy Young, 44, gained his 511th and final career victory as he hurled a 1-0 shutout for the Boston Rustlers against the Pittsburgh Pirates at Forbes Field.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole (OH'-lee) Olsen and Chic Johnson, began a three-year run on Broadway.

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1950, Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general, joining an elite group that included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," starring Zero Mostel, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances. The secret agent series "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum, premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1985, rock and country music artists participated in "Farm Aid," a concert staged in Champaign, Illinois, to help the nation's farmers.

In 1995, an AWACS plane carrying U.S. and Canadian military personnel crashed on takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, killing all 24 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Rita, weakened to Category 4 status, closed in on the Texas coast, sending hundreds of thousands of people fleeing on a frustratingly slow, bumper-to-bumper exodus. John Roberts' nomination as U.S. chief justice cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee on a bipartisan vote of 13-5.

Five years ago: Rutgers University freshman Tyler Clementi committed suicide by jumping off the

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George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River after an intimate gay encounter in his dormitory room was allegedly captured by a webcam and streamed online by his roommate without his knowledge. (Dharun Ravi (dah-ROON' RAH'-vee) was convicted of invasion of privacy, bias intimidation and other counts and served less than a month in jail.) South African Ernie Els was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame; Doug Ford and two-time major winner Jock Hutchison from Scotland were elected through the Veteran's Category. "American Idol" announced that Jennifer Lopez and Steven Tyler would join Randy Jackson as judges the next season. Pop singer Eddie Fisher, 82, died in Berkeley, California.

One year ago: The United States and five Arab nations launched airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Syria, sending waves of planes and Tomahawk cruise missiles against an array of targets.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda is 88. Former NBA Commissioner David Stern is 73. Actor Paul Le Mat is 70. Musician King Sunny Ade (ah-DAY') is 69. Capt. Mark Phillips is 67. Rock singer David Coverdale (Deep Purple, Whitesnake) is 64. Actress Shari Belafonte is 61. Singer Debby Boone is 59. Country singer June Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 59. Singer Nick Cave is 58. Rock singer Johnette Napolitano is 58. Actress Lynn Herring is 58. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli (an-DRAY'-ah boh-CHEL'-ee) is 57. Singer-musician Joan Jett is 57. Actor Scott Baio is 55. Actress Catherine Oxenberg is 54. Actress Bonnie Hunt is 54. Actor Rob Stone is 53. Musician Matt Sharp is 46. Rock musician Dave Hernandez is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Big Rube (Society of Soul) is 44. Actress Mireille Enos is 40. Actress Daniella Alonso is 37. Actor Michael Graziadei (GRAHT'-zee-uh-day-ee) is 36. Actress Ashley Drane (Eckstein) is 34. Actress Katie Lowes is 33. Rock musician Will Farquarson (Bastille) is 32. Actor Tom Felton is 28. Actress Juliette Goglia is 20.

Thought for Today: "Life resembles a novel more often than novels resemble life." - George Sand, French author (1804-1876).