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Wednesday, October 14

PSAT Testing for sophomores and juniors
School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, fruit, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread

Birthdays: Angel Lorenz • Lois Pasch • Laverna Houdek • Grady O'Neill

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with youth and parents



The city has been flushing out the sewer mains this week, part of the annual fall maintenance program. Paul Kosel is pictured above observing the flow of water in the sewer line down a man hole. A fire truck and hydrants are used in flushing out the sewer mains. (Photo by Betty Breck)

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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Groton Coffee Cup League

October 13, 2015 Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 12, Ken's 12, Ten Pins 9, James Valley 7.
High Games: Vicki Walter 186 and 167, Joyce Walter 161, Vickie Kramp 157.
High Series: Vicki Walter 474, Vickie Kramp 461, Joyce Walter 417.

What causes glaucoma?

By Richard P. Holm MD

The second leading cause of irreversible blindness in U.S. is from glaucoma. Three million Americans are affected by this condition, and approximately one in ten will eventually get it, although it is more common in people of African or Asian descent.

The big question is, "What causes glaucoma?" I thought I knew the answer to this question, but the more I looked into this topic the more challenging that question became.

Glaucoma by definition is nerve damage causing loss of vision, which mostly affects the peripheral vision. That is, one can still see what he is staring at, but loses the parts of vision outside that central concentrated spot. We think this is mostly due to an elevated pressure of the fluid within the eyeball and so it is treated by using medications or surgical methods to lower the pressure. When glaucoma progresses, even the central vision can be lost.

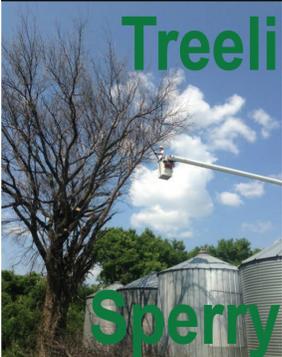
To understand the reason for increased pressure within the eye, one has to first understand the construction of the human eye. Think about an enlarged three-D model.

Begin with a white beach ball and line it with a light sensitive blanket of nerves called the retina. On the front of the ball is a hole called the pupil. The hole looks black since it is usually darker inside the eye, unless a camera flashes. The pupil is outlined by the colorful iris that can constrict or dilate making the hole smaller or larger, allowing just the right amount of light through to reflect on the retina.

Imagine a magnifying glass-like lens smashed up against and behind the hole to focus light, and a smaller clear dome placed over the front of the ball to protect the pupil or hole. Realize both chambers of the eye are filled with fluid. New fluid is constantly being made inside the big ball, and old fluid flows or drains into the front dome chamber where it's removed.

We think some types of glaucoma happen when the optic nerve is damaged by fluid pressures inside the big chamber becoming too high and tight sometimes because the fluid removing canals are plugged, and sometimes because flow into the front chamber is blocked. And there are several reasons for that blockage. Boy, is this complicated!

And to make it even more confusing, sometimes glaucoma nerve damage happens while the pressures inside the eye are normal. Go figure. Once again physicians and scientists are puzzled and are still searching for the complete answer to the question, "What causes glaucoma?"



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Gas Prices Continue to Climb in South Dakota

Oct. 13, 2015 – South Dakota's statewide regular gasoline price average is nine cents higher than one week ago and now stands at \$2.496. This price is up slightly from \$2.476 one month ago; however, South Dakotans are still enjoying a considerable savings of seventy cents less per gallon year-over-year.

"It appears the refinery maintenance season is nearing its peak," said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota. "Planned and unplanned refinery maintenance caused South Dakota's pump prices to rise in early October when the Midwest's refinery utilization rate fell below 80 percent, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Now that work is nearing completion and we're anticipating a drop in pump prices."

| | Today | Last Week | Change | Sept. 15 | Change | Last year |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Aberdeen | \$2.398 | \$2.467 | -\$0.069 | \$2.383 | \$0.015 | \$3.249 |
| Brookings | \$2.599 | \$2.428 | \$0.171 | \$2.386 | \$0.213 | \$3.117 |
| Huron | \$2.518 | \$2.452 | \$0.066 | \$2.643 | -\$0.125 | \$3.327 |
| Mitchell | \$2.523 | \$2.328 | \$0.195 | \$2.490 | \$0.033 | \$3.030 |
| Pierre | \$2.730 | \$2.638 | \$0.092 | \$2.658 | \$0.072 | \$3.178 |
| Rapid City | \$2.486 | \$2.471 | \$0.015 | \$2.632 | -\$0.146 | \$3.351 |
| Sioux Falls | \$2.404 | \$2.286 | \$0.118 | \$2.168 | \$0.236 | \$2.976 |
| Vermillion | \$2.407 | \$2.303 | \$0.104 | \$2.384 | \$0.023 | \$3.077 |
| Watertown | \$2.481 | \$2.475 | \$0.006 | \$2.372 | \$0.109 | \$3.257 |
| Yankton | \$2.583 | \$2.427 | \$0.156 | \$2.548 | \$0.035 | \$3.282 |
| South Dakota | \$2.496 | \$2.408 | \$0.088 | \$2.469 | \$0.027 | \$3.193 |

While heartland prices have been see-sawing, the national gasoline price average has been relatively stable since September 15. Nationally, after 13 consecutive days of holding steady at \$2.29 per gallon, the national average price for regular gasoline began ticking higher last week, reaching today's price of \$2.31 per gallon, an increase of two cents per gallon compared to one week ago. However prices have fallen for 47 of the past 57 days for a total slide of 36 cents. On the whole, pump prices are lower across the country. Nationally, drivers are paying an average of three cents less per gallon month-over-month, and 89 cents less on this date one year ago.

AAA says that before the end of the year, drivers could see the national average fall below \$2 per gallon for the first time since 2009, assuming crude oil prices do not increase and there are no unexpected supply disruptions.

For the second week in a row, retail averages are below \$3 per gallon in every state. California (\$2.91) remains the nation's most expensive market for retail gasoline and is joined by Hawaii (\$2.88), Nevada (\$2.86), Alaska (\$2.73) and Illinois (\$2.57) in the rankings as the top five most expensive markets. Motorists in South Carolina (\$1.97) and New Jersey (\$1.99) are paying averages below \$2 per gallon, and five other states are within five cents of this benchmark.

"Global oil markets remain in flux. Nobody has any idea where oil prices are headed," said Buskohl. "The general secretary for OPEC has provided little insight into the cartel's plans for future production. However, he did indicate he felt basic supply and demand fundamentals may lead non-OPEC countries to reduce their output."

Domestic oil prices had an end-of-week boost last week driven by a weakening U.S. dollar and news that U.S. oil rigs were down by nine from the week before but West Texas Intermediate crude oil lost \$2.53 Monday on the NYMEX, settling at \$47.10 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at AAA.com/mobile.

Today in Weather History

October 14, 1969: Cold air settled over the area in the overnight producing lows from six degrees in Custer, Gillette, and Devils Tower to fifteen degrees in Dupree, Hot Springs, and the Rapid City Airport.

1957 - Floodwaters roared through a migrant labor camp near the town of Picacho AZ flooding fifty cabins and a dozen nearby homes. 250 migrant workers lost their shelters. The month was one of the wettest Octobers in Arizona weather history. (The Weather Channel)

1965 - Heavy rains hit the coastal areas of southeastern Florida. In a 24 hour period rains of twenty inches were reported from Deerfield Beach to Fort Lauderdale, with 25.28 inches on the Fort Lauderdale Bahia-Mar Yacht Basin. Flooding that resulted caused considerable damage to roads and streets. The rains inundated numerous newly planted vegetable fields, and some residences. Ten miles away just 4.51 inches of rain was reported. (14th- 15th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1981 - Four days of heavy rain across northern Texas and southern Oklahoma came to an end. The heaviest rains fell in a band from southwest of Abilene TX to McAlester OK, with up to 26 inches reported north of Gainesville, in north central Texas. The heavy rains were the result of decaying Hurricane Norma, which also spawned thirteen tornadoes across the region. Seven deaths were attributed to the flooding. (Storm Data)

1984 - Dense fog contributed to a 118 vehicle accident on I-94, just south of Milwaukee WI. It was the seventh day of an eight day stretch of dense fog. At the time of the accident the visibility was reported close to zero. (Storm Data)

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1987 - Sixteen cities, mostly in the Appalachian Region, reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 43 degrees at Lake Charles LA, 35 degrees at Augusta GA, and 27 degrees at Asheville NC. Gale force winds buffeted the Carolina coast. Light snow fell across parts of Wyoming, Colorado, and western South Dakota. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Forty cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Elkins WV was the cold spot in the nation with a record low of 18 degrees above zero. Thunderstorms in Arizona drenched Phoenix with nine inches of rain in nine hours, the fifth highest total for any given day in ninety-two years of records. Carefree AZ was soaked with two inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather over Michigan during the morning, and over New York State and Connecticut during the afternoon and evening hours. Thunderstorms spawned two tornadoes, and there were ninety reports of large hail or damaging winds, including seventy reports of damaging winds in New York State. A tornado at McDonough NY killed one person and injured three other people. Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 105 mph at Somerset. Temperatures warmed into the 80s and lower 90s over much of the nation east of the Rockies, with eleven cities reporting record high temperatures for the date. Afternoon highs of 81 degrees at Beckley WV and Bluefield WV equalled October records. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

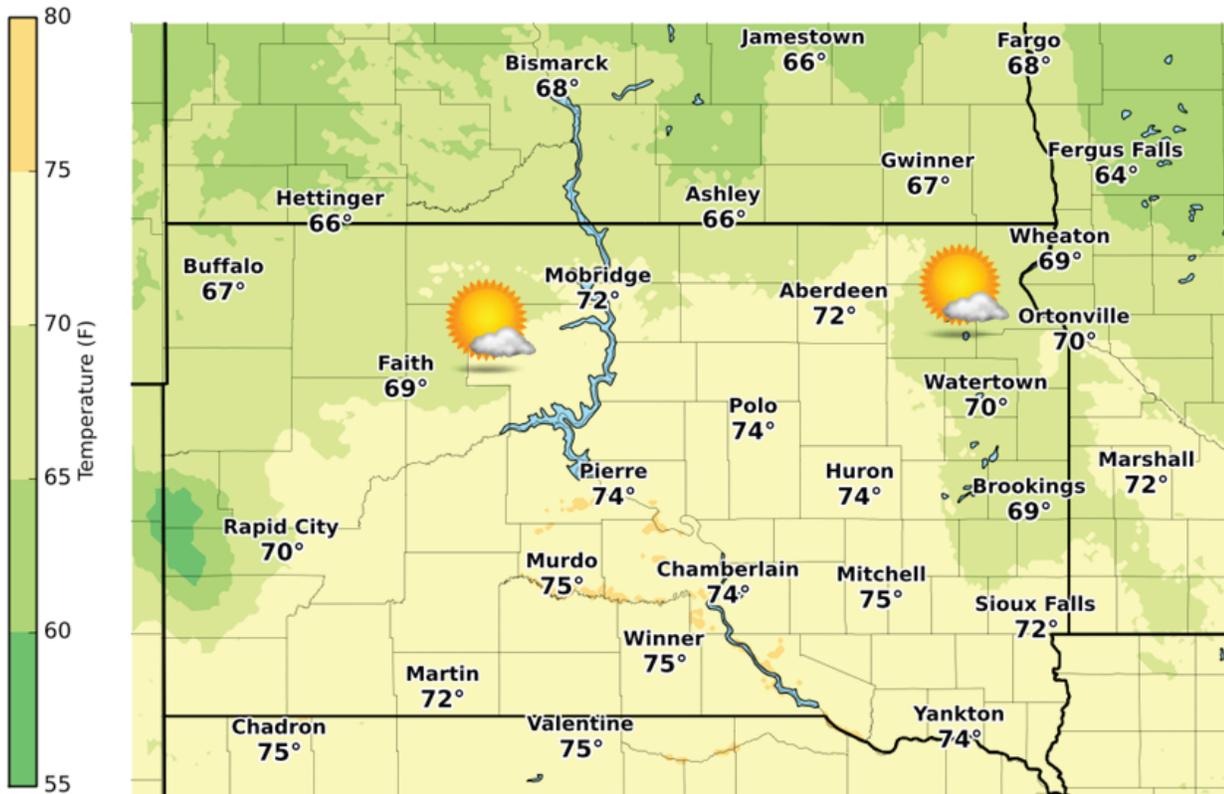
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| Today | Tonight | Thursday | Thursday Night | Friday | Friday Night | Saturday |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Patchy Frost then Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Mostly Sunny then Sunny and Breezy | Mostly Clear | Mostly Sunny | Partly Cloudy | Sunny |
| High: 72 °F | Low: 36 °F | High: 60 °F | Low: 25 °F | High: 52 °F | Low: 30 °F | High: 57 °F |

Pleasant Temperatures Continue

Valid: October 14, 2015



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Another day of mostly sunny skies and above normal temperatures are in store for the region today as broad surface high pressure remains in control of the weather. Enjoy it while it lasts though because colder temperatures are quickly approaching and will be here as soon as Thursday as a cold front will be making its way across the region. In fact, by early Friday morning there is potential for a hard freeze as lows dip down into the 20s for many areas.

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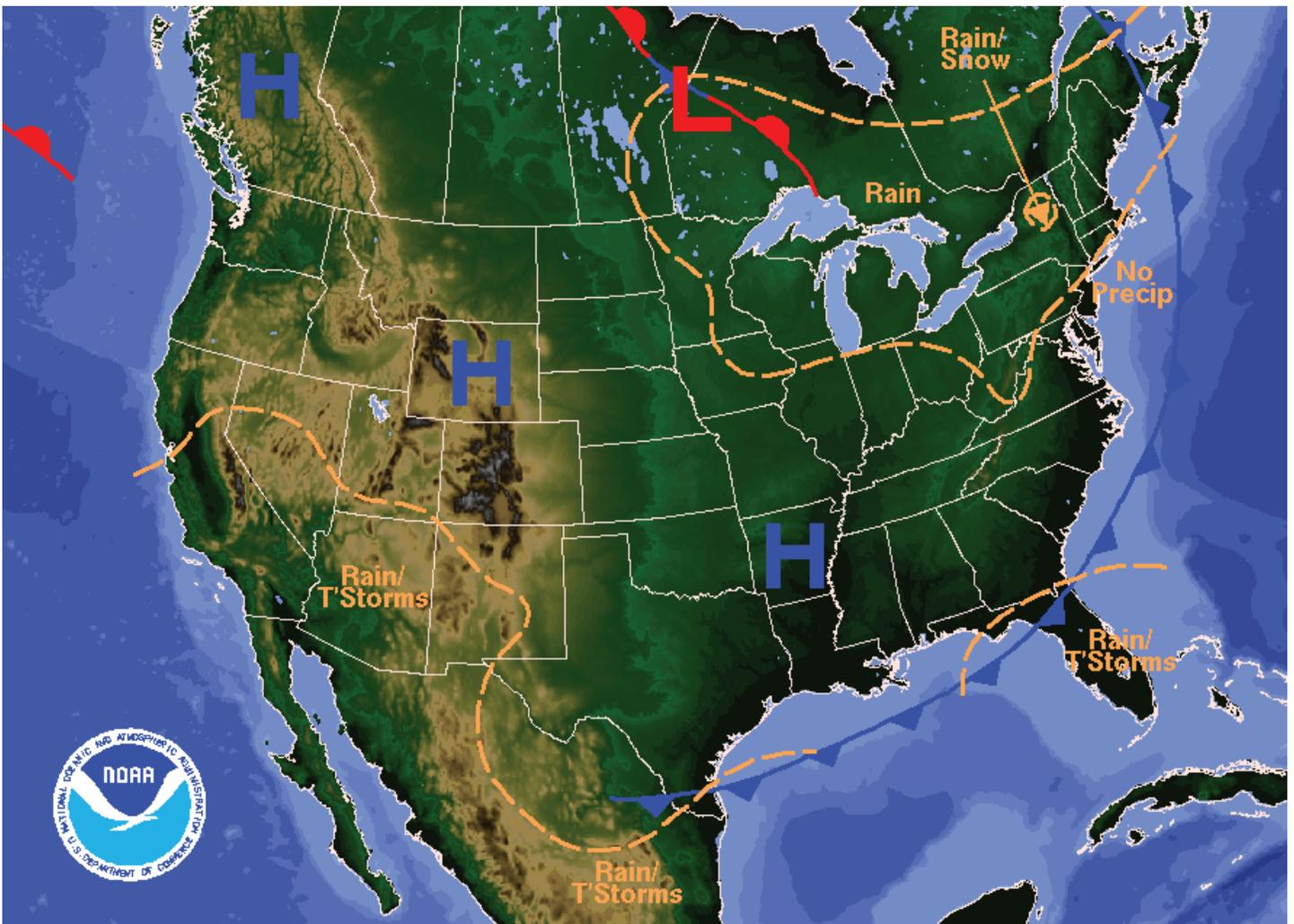
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 65.7
Low: 31.0
High Gust: 15
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 89° in 1906
Record Low: 10° in 1937
Average High: 60°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 1.01
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 19.49
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 6:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Oct 14, 2015, issued 4:33 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LOVE ENOUGH TO CARE

Day after day Amy Jo came home from school crying. Her classmates were unkind and hurtful. They made fun of her uncontrolled movements, her limping, twisting and drooling. She could hardly sit or stand still without jerking.

One day she wrote a letter to an editor. In it she said: "I have a problem in school. Kids laugh at me because of the way I walk and talk. I have cerebral palsy. I just want one day when no one laughs at me and makes fun of me."

First one paper carried her story, and then another. Eventually it was carried by many newspapers and she received an astounding number of letters that brought her hope, comfort and encouragement.

Many people have broken hearts, not because of mental or physical disabilities. Their hearts ache and their shoulders droop because they are left out, feel unwelcome or unacceptable - even in our churches.

Jesus said that loving one's neighbor was the second most important commandment and Paul said it was more important than any spiritual gift. Love is not a word; it is a way of life - the Christ-filled life.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to seek out the lonely, the abandoned and the neglected and give them Your love. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls ends ban on MMA bouts at city-owned facilities

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Leaders in Sioux Falls have ended the city's decade-old ban on mixed martial arts competitions at city-owned facilities.

The City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to repeal the 2005 ordinance prohibiting MMA fights in city parks and buildings and requiring bouts held at private sites to be licensed by police.

Councilwoman Christine Erickson led the effort to end the ban, saying it kept the popular sport's biggest promotion companies away from Sioux Falls.

Erickson says the ban was adopted during a time when the sport was largely unregulated. South Dakota last year established a regulatory athletic commission that oversees fighting sports.

The council's action opens the door for promoters such as Ultimate Fighting Championship that use large venues to consider bringing events to Sioux Falls.

SD regulators to revisit polygamists group's water request

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota regulators are set to revisit a polygamist group's application to draw water more quickly at its remote Black Hills compound.

The Water Management Board is scheduled Wednesday to consider the application, which faces opposition from nearby landowners.

The panel voted in July that the group needed to return with more details before the board decides. Seth Jeffs, brother of imprisoned sect leader Warren Jeffs, appeared reluctant to answer questions in July. Jeffs told the board he's unaware how many people live at the compound, though he spends almost all his time there.

Jeffs also said he doesn't know much about the leadership of a trust there run by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The group says the water is for houses, gardens and orchards.

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Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Central def. Watertown, 25-12, 25-13, 30-28

Alcester-Hudson def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-17, 25-16, 25-16

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Burke/South Central, 25-18, 25-21, 16-25, 25-16

Bon Homme def. Scotland, 25-11, 25-14, 25-7

Brandon Valley def. Yankton, 25-16, 25-22, 25-16

Brookings def. Huron, 28-30, 25-18, 25-12, 31-29

Chester def. West Central, 25-9, 25-16, 25-20

Clark/Willow Lake def. Flandreau, 28-26, 25-13, 25-18

Colome def. Gregory, 25-22, 25-21, 25-23

Custer def. Hot Springs, 25-19, 25-19, 25-20

Dakota Valley def. Lennox, 25-12, 23-25, 25-17, 25-11

Dell Rapids def. Deubrook, 19-25, 25-22, 25-19, 25-23

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-19, 25-19, 23-25, 25-21

Estelline def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-21, 25-14, 25-22

Faulkton def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-20, 25-21, 21-25, 23-25, 15-13

Flandreau Indian def. Marty Indian, 21-25, 25-15, 25-20, 25-12

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Freeman Academy def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-23, 25-16, 25-13
Grant County, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-16, 26-24, 25-20
Groton Area def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 17-25, 25-22, 25-14, 25-27, 15-9
Hanson def. Menno, 25-14, 25-16, 25-10
Howard def. Iroquois, 25-12, 25-18, 25-19
James Valley Christian def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 15-25, 25-17, 19-25, 25-14, 17-15
Lead-Deadwood def. Red Cloud, 25-8, 22-25, 25-22, 25-17
Leola/Frederick def. Ipswich, 25-18, 25-22, 25-23
Marion def. Freeman, 25-7, 25-20, 25-15
McCook Central/Montrose def. Garretson, 25-23, 23-25, 25-8, 25-15
Milbank Area def. Madison, 8-25, 25-22, 25-22, 11-25, 15-10
Mobridge-Pollock def. Aberdeen Roncalli, 25-13, 25-17, 25-21
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-18, 25-14, 25-11
Oelrichs def. Crazy Horse, 25-11, 25-12, 25-18
Platte-Geddes def. Miller, 25-16, 25-22, 23-25, 25-21
Ponca, Neb. def. Vermillion, 25-23, 25-21, 25-15
Potter County def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-18, 25-22, 25-16
Rapid City Central def. Sturgis, 25-15, 25-9, 23-25, 25-20
Rapid City Christian def. Edgemont, 25-14, 25-21, 25-19
Rapid City Stevens def. Douglas, 25-11, 25-16, 25-19
Sioux Falls Christian def. Tri-Valley, 25-20, 25-17, 25-20
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 22-25, 25-19, 28-26, 25-13
Sioux Falls Washington def. Harrisburg, 25-22, 24-26, 25-22, 25-16
Sioux Valley def. Arlington, 29-27, 25-22, 22-25, 25-11
Sisseton def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-16, 25-23, 25-17
Sully Buttes def. Stanley County, 25-8, 25-11, 25-20
Sunshine Bible Academy def. Wessington Springs, 25-19, 25-20, 25-19
Tea Area def. Beresford, 25-21, 28-26, 25-19
Valentine, Neb. def. Todd County, 25-13, 25-22, 25-12
Wagner def. Parkston, 25-20, 25-21, 25-17
Warner def. Redfield/Doland, 24-26, 25-12, 23-25, 25-17, 15-11
Webster def. Langford, 25-12, 25-22, 25-11
Wilmot def. Britton-Hecla, 23-25, 25-23, 25-11, 25-22
Winner def. Chamberlain, 25-20, 25-15, 25-22

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Police: Pregnant woman clings to getaway car to stop driver

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say a pregnant woman jumped onto a moving vehicle to try to stop a man from stealing money from a competition.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the woman saw 23-year-old Austin Johnson take the cash box early Sunday, chased him and kept him from closing the door of his sport utility vehicle. Clemens says she jumped onto the running boards as the SUV began to move.

Clemens says the woman got on the running boards because she was afraid of getting dragged under the SUV. She fell off when the SUV crashed into a pole.

Clemens says she broke her left arm and right leg, but the fetus was not injured.

Johnson faces aggravated assault and other charges. It's unclear if he has legal representation.

Man wanted on multiple felony warrants arrested in SD

BOX ELDER, S.D. (AP) — A man wanted on multiple felony warrants is now in custody after law enforcement authorities located him in western South Dakota with the help from several tips.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 28-year-old Jessie Krebs was arrested Monday in Box Elder. The sheriff's office says authorities received several tips Monday indicating that Krebs was in the Box Elder area. Deputies with the help of the Box Elder Police Department located Krebs in a trailer home where he was hiding inside a closet.

Authorities say Krebs was arrested on multiple charges including aggravated assault, possession of a controlled substance and burglary.

Pennington County Jail records show Krebs is being held without bond. It wasn't immediately clear if he has an attorney who could comment on the charges.

SD Teacher of the Year to be announced Thursday

OACOMA, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Teacher of the Year will be announced during a ceremony Thursday in Oacoma.

The winner will be selected from five finalists who have already been chosen to represent different regions of the state because of their outstanding work.

The finalists for the award are Kim Davidson from the Rosholt School District; Heidi Holforty from the Huron School District; Sarah Lutz from Stanley County School District, Shelly Mikkelson from the Belle Fourche School District; and Kaye Wickard of the Ipswich Public School District.

The winner in South Dakota will be in the running for the National Teacher of the Year, which will be announced during a ceremony in Washington in April.

Case shows split in school, police inquiries into rape claim

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota student accused of sexual assault is suing the school that suspended him, a case that highlights the differences in how university and criminal investigations of such reports are carried out.

Koh Evan Tsuruta, who is charged with rape, assault and false imprisonment, has denied the allegations and wants Augustana University to halt its investigation that will determine if he is expelled until his criminal case is resolved. A federal judge has denied his request, and Tsuruta is considering whether to appeal.

The lawsuit focuses on federal nondiscrimination policies that require schools to conduct swift investigations into reports of sexual assault with rules and a purpose different from those of criminal trials.

Augustana's proceedings use the lower "preponderance of evidence" standard, not the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard of criminal cases, said Tsuruta's attorney, Shawn Nichols. He said the investigation denies Tsuruta his right to confront witnesses, his right to counsel, his right against self-incrimination and presumes guilt instead of innocence.

"Nothing about it is intuitive," Nichols said. "You have educators who have little desire or training to adjudicate criminal matters."

Tsuruta is already suspended, is under court order to have no contact with his accuser and is living three hours away in Iowa, making the proceedings unnecessary, said Nichols.

Augustana's campus safety director and Vince Roche, an attorney representing the school, did not respond to messages seeking comment.

In a court filing, Roche said the university is fulfilling its obligations under the federal Title IX by following its grievance procedures, and is ensuring fairness to both Tsuruta and the woman who accused him. He did not give examples.

Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, saying it interferes with students' right to receive an education. Sexual harassment and sexual violence fall under that umbrella. A 2011 memo from the Department of Education told schools not to wait for the conclusion of criminal investigations and take

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immediate steps to protect students.

Lisa Maatz, a spokeswoman for the Washington-based American Association of University Women, said university investigations thus have a different goal than criminal trials, as a school is responsible for maintaining a safe campus. She said constitutional protections are offered in criminal courts because a person's liberties are at stake, and universities don't jail people for violating student codes of conduct.

"They're looking to see what they can do right off the bat to help the survivor maintain what she needs to do to stay in school, and also to see if any school rules have been violated," Maatz said.

Tsuruta, 25, was arrested in August and indicted in relation to a July 3 incident at his apartment. A 23-year-old woman said that after returning with others from a bar and being left alone with Tsuruta, he prevented her from leaving and raped her, according to the arrest affidavit. He is scheduled to be arraigned Thursday.

Tsuruta, who was suspended shortly after being arrested, denied the allegations to the university through his attorney but indicated that he would not provide a statement for Augustana's investigation while criminal charges are pending. Augustana's investigator said that without it, "the only conclusion this Investigation can draw is that if he had obtained consent, he would have shared how he done so," according to court records.

Jonathan Taylor, director of the advocacy group Boys and Men in Education, called that language "disconcerting" and said it puts the burden of proof on the person accused.

Taylor said at least 89 similar lawsuits have been filed across the nation since 1992, with only a handful of students successfully arguing for a stay of a suspension or expulsion.

Mark Hathaway, a Los Angeles attorney who has sat in on more than a dozen university sexual assault hearings but is not involved in Tsuruta's case, said he believes the criminal court system is better equipped to handle such serious issues when a student's education and future is at stake.

Maatz disagreed that universities lack the ability or expertise to handle such proceedings. She said Title IX has been around for more than 40 years, and schools have been enforcing their own student codes of conduct for centuries.

Rapid City mayor proposes plan to boost President's Plaza

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender and developers of President's Plaza say they hope that splitting a publicly funded parking garage and a privately funded high-rise into separate projects will help jump-start the long-stalled downtown development.

The \$50 million President's Plaza was first proposed in 2006. It's to include a mix of residential, retail and hospitality space. It's been delayed by a strained relationship between City Hall and the developers.

Allender on Monday announced a proposal to get the project moving again after more than a month of talks involving the mayor's office, City Council leaders and developers. The City Council will need to approve.

School of Mines student arrested after dorm room raid

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A student at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City is facing charges after authorities raided his dorm room.

Police say they found various drugs including cocaine and marijuana in the room of 19-year-old Tyler Prins of Foxfield, Colorado. They also searched his vehicle and say they found a semiautomatic pistol, a .22-caliber rifle and an AR-15 rifle.

Prins is charged with distribution/manufacture of a controlled drug and ingestion of a controlled substance. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney, and a telephone listing for him couldn't be found.

Authorities say the raid by a drug enforcement team Friday was part of an ongoing investigation.

Panel won't consolidate lawsuits against federal water rules

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A federal judicial panel says lawsuits challenging a new Obama administration rule aimed at regulating some small waterways should proceed independently.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers had asked that the lawsuits against the new rules be consolidated in a single district court. The U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation denied the request Tuesday.

The seven-judge panel says there are several lawsuits pending in seven district courts across the country. The panel's order says "centralization will not serve the convenience of the parties."

States challenging the rules say they go too far and could be costly to landowners, while the government says they would safeguard drinking water for 117 million Americans.

Last week, a federal appeals court put the regulations on hold nationwide.

Second Standing Rock Reservation fire fully contained

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — A large grass fire on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in the Dakotas was fully contained Tuesday, while students and staff at a school affected by an earlier fire had a second day off from classes.

The fire near Wakpala that started Monday grew to about 4.5 square miles, but no structures were threatened and no injuries were reported, said Johnelle Leingang, the tribal chairman's executive secretary and a member of the tribe's emergency response team.

It was contained early Tuesday, though officials were still monitoring flare-ups and putting out isolated hot spots, she told The Associated Press.

"You've got all this brush and trees," Trail City Fire Chief Kelly Landis told The Bismarck Tribune. "This is going to be a five-day-to-a-week job getting that all out."

Wind gusts surpassing 50 mph on Sunday and Monday fanned the two large reservation fires. Conditions were much calmer Tuesday, with the National Weather Service reporting wind speeds in the single digits and teens.

Students and staff at a school in Cannon Ball that was damaged by a larger fire Sunday likely won't be able to return for a couple of weeks.

The elementary school suffered smoke damage, and flames melted plastic equipment on the playground. Classes were canceled Monday and Tuesday.

Starting Wednesday, the 115 students and teachers will go to the high school in Solen, Superintendent Justin Fryer told KXMB-TV.

The Cannon Ball blaze burned nearly 8 square miles, destroyed three houses and a church, and prompted hundreds of people to be evacuated. The flames spared the school but covered desks and equipment with soot and ashes.

"We'll have to wipe everything down, and maybe do it twice," custodian Jesse Black Cloud told the Tribune.

The school will be contacting its insurance company to cover the cost of cleanup and repairs. Officials also are in the process of trying to secure a federal grant for a new school, as parts of the current facility date to the 1930s.

Cancer program focused on Natives gets Ralph Lauren donation

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A program that for years has worked to improve cancer cure rates and treatment among South Dakota's Native American population is getting some help from the fashion industry.

The Walking Forward program managed by Avera Health has been awarded a \$50,000 donation from the Pink Pony Fund of the Polo Ralph Lauren Foundation.

Walking Forward assists Native Americans who live in Rapid City and surrounding communities as well as the Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations. It provides Native Americans access to clinical trials, palliative care and screening for colorectal, cervical, breast and prostate cancer.

Since September 2013 in the U.S., 25 percent of the purchase price of Pink Pony products benefits the

Pink Pony Fund to support programs for cancer screening, early diagnosis, treatment, research and patient navigation.

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. CLINTON'S STRONG DEBATE SET TO LIFT SUPPORTERS

It may have heartened Democrats who've spent the summer worrying that the email controversy demonstrates fundamental problems with her campaign and political skills.

2. PERUVIAN MILITARY FAILS TO ACT AS NARCO PLANES FLY FREELY

Small-engine aircraft are loaded with drugs at landing strips just minutes by air from military bases in the remote valley where about two-thirds of Peru's cocaine originates, an AP investigation finds.

3. WHOM TALIBAN TARGETED DURING BRIEF RULE OF AFGHANISTAN'S CITY

In Kunduz, the insurgents hunted down not only those accused of working with security forces, but women's rights advocates and journalists.

4. HOW GERMAN SCHOOLS COPE WITH MIGRATION CRISIS

The expected influx of nearly 400,000 child refugees this year prompts the country to add extra teachers and "welcome classes" to help kids integrate.

5. ISRAEL BEGINS DEPLOYING TROOPS IN CITIES

The move is the first implementation of the security cabinet's measures to combat a rash of Palestinian shooting and stabbing attacks against Israeli civilians and soldiers.

6. LAMAR ODOM FOUND UNCONSCIOUS AT NEVADA BROTHEL

The 35-year-old former Los Angeles Laker is in a Las Vegas hospital and there is no immediate word on his condition.

7. UNREST DEALS NEW BLOW TO NEPAL'S TOURISM

Just when the country was recovering from the earthquake that killed thousands and chased away tourists, protests by ethnic groups and fuel shortages are again keeping visitors away.

8. WHY MANY SEE PLAYBOY AS GLAMOROUS RITE OF PASSAGE

The magazine — once considered racy, even obscene — becomes a benign and perhaps even stuffy icon of an era when sex was ... well, sexy.

9. SAILORS MIGHT GET EXTENDED PATERNITY LEAVE

Navy Adm. John Richardson says officials in Washington are discussing increasing the 10-day paid leave for fathers upon the birth of a child.

10. CUBS MAKE IT TO NLCS FOR 1ST TIME IN 12 YEARS

"This obviously right now is very rewarding, but we have a couple more series and hopefully we can celebrate like this two more times," Chicago third baseman Kris Bryant says.

AP News in Brief

Analysis: Clinton strong debate performance may hearten anxious supporters and donors

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Forceful and confident in debate, Hillary Rodham Clinton may have heartened jittery Democrats who've spent the summer worrying that her mishandling of the email controversy demonstrates more fundamental problems with her campaign and political skills.

And her strong performance Tuesday night just might be enough to spark second thoughts among one of her biggest potential threats: Vice President Joe Biden, who continued deliberating whether to enter the race as he watched the debate at his home at the Naval Observatory in Washington.

Perhaps conscious of the threat Biden could pose, Clinton sought to defuse questions about her record by portraying herself as President Barack Obama's natural successor, the person he turned to when look-

ing for his first secretary of state. When asked how she'd differ from Obama, Clinton mildly noted that she would be the first woman president if elected.

Much of the forum amounted to a referendum on Clinton's nearly quarter century in politics: Her vote for the Iraq war, shifts to the left on issues like trade, the private email server she used while secretary of State and her foreign policy judgment. She defended herself but acknowledged that everyone on stage had "changed a position or two" during their political careers.

One of the most notable moments came when Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, her most formidable opponent, rose to her defense on her much-criticized use of a private email server as secretary of state.

AP FACT CHECK: Clinton revises trade history in Democratic debate, Sanders off on income claim

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton revised history in the Democratic debate when insisting she's not a flip-flopper on a trade deal she promoted as secretary of state but turned against as a presidential candidate.

Bernie Sanders overstated the share of wealth being taken by the richest Americans, a subject that goes to the core of his campaign.

A look at some of the claims in the debate among Democratic rivals Tuesday night and how they compare with the facts:

CLINTON on the Trans-Pacific Partnership: "I did say, I hoped it would be the gold standard" of trade agreements.

Narco planes ferry cocaine from remote valley under nose of Peru's military

MAZAMARI, Peru (AP) — It happens about four times a day, right under the nose of Peru's military: A small single-engine plane drops onto a dirt airstrip in the world's No. 1 coca-growing valley, delivers a bundle of cash, picks up more than 300 kilos of cocaine and flies to Bolivia.

Roughly half of Peru's cocaine exports have been ferried eastward on this "air bridge," police say, since the rugged Andean nation became the world's leading producer of the drug in 2012.

Peru's government has barely impeded the airborne drug flow. Prosecutors, narcotics police, former military officers and current and former U.S. drug agents say that while corruption is rife in Peru, the narco-flight plague is the military's failure because it controls the remote jungle region known as the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro river valley.

Wilson Barrantes, a retired army general who has long complained about military drug corruption, said giving the military control over the valley is "like putting four street dogs to guard a plate of beefsteak."

Deputy Defense Minister Ivan Vega, who runs counterinsurgency efforts in the region, said that he was not aware of any military officials under investigation. "Corruption exists, but we are always looking out for it," he said. "If we know of anyone involved, we'll throw the book at them."

Israeli military begins deploying troops in cities to help police counter wave of attacks

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military began deploying hundreds of troops in Israeli cities Wednesday to assist police forces in countering a wave of deadly Palestinian shooting and stabbing attacks that have created panic across the country.

The military's deployment of six companies marks the first implementation of measures by Israel's security cabinet to counter the attacks that have intensified dramatically in recent days. The cabinet met late into the night and announced steps early Wednesday that included allowing police to seal off points of

friction or incitement. Many of the recent attackers have come from Arab areas of Jerusalem, prompting calls to seal off those neighborhoods to contain potential attackers.

The cabinet also decided to strip residency rights and demolish homes of some attackers and draft hundreds more security guards to secure public transport.

Israeli police said 300 soldiers had already been incorporated into their deployment on the streets.

Also Wednesday, Israel's internal security minister said the bodies of dead Palestinian attackers should not be returned to their families for burial.

Taliban targeted women's activists, journalists during brief rule of northern Afghanistan city

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Within hours of seizing the northern Afghan city of Kunduz last month, Taliban fighters went door-to-door, hunting down not only those accused of working with security forces, but women's rights advocates and journalists.

Government troops took back much of the city three days later, and on Monday the Taliban announced the withdrawal of their last fighters. But the Taliban's brief foray into the city offered a chilling reminder of its violent Islamic rule in the late 1990s, and of what could await the country if it returns to power.

In announcing their capture of the city on Sept. 28, the Taliban vowed to protect civilians and property, presenting themselves as liberators.

But residents say the insurgents immediately went on a rampage, looting shops and killing those who stood in their way. Shah Bibi fled to Kabul with her six children after militants barged into a neighbor's home and shot dead five young boys. "The bodies lay everywhere," she said.

Women's rights advocates and journalists say they were singled out, and many joined the exodus from the city. The U.N. says half of the 300,000 residents of Kunduz fled. It's unclear how many have since returned.

Ethnic protests, fuel shortage latest blows to Nepal's earthquake-ravaged tourism industry

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Just when Nepal was recovering from the devastating earthquake that killed thousands, flattened hundreds of thousands of houses and chased away foreign tourists, protests by ethnic groups and severe fuel shortages are again keeping visitors away from the nation known for highest peaks in the world.

The comeback that the damaged tourism industry had hoped would begin in October, normally the high season for visitors, has failed to materialize, in part because of protests and other troubles that began in August.

"We have already had at least 40 percent cancellations from tourists who had planned to visit Nepal in autumn season, and that number is expected to be much, much more," said Hari Man Lama of Kathmandu-based Incentive Tours, who added that it would take at least a year for the industry to recover.

This time of year at the tourist hub of Thamel in Kathmandu, people usually walk shoulder to shoulder along the narrow alley lined with stores for trekking gear, souvenirs, cafes and restaurants. Yet today, there is only a thin presence of visitors.

Those who have made it to Nepal are having difficulty getting around because of the fuel shortages.

For men of a certain age, Playboy was a glamorous rite of passage

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six decades can change things. Playboy — once considered racy, even obscene — has become a benign and perhaps even stuffy icon of an era when sex was ... well, sexy.

With explicit Internet sex available in a nearly infinite variety, Playboy decided skin — no matter how gorgeously photographed — was no longer paying the bills. More than a year ago, it banned full nudity

on its website, and on Tuesday announced it would do the same for its U.S. print edition.

Still, generations of men fondly remember Playboy as a rite of passage.

Ken Williamson, 65, of Palmdale, California, remembers being busted around 1960 when he took a Playboy to class to read.

Sheriff: Former NBA star Lamar Odom found unresponsive at Nevada brothel, hospitalized

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Former NBA and reality TV star Lamar Odom was hospitalized after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel, authorities said.

The former Los Angeles Laker and member-by-marriage of the Kardashian family was in a Las Vegas hospital Tuesday night and there was no immediate word on his condition, officials said.

The Nye County Sheriff's Department was called at about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday to Love Ranch in Crystal, Nevada, about 70 miles outside of Las Vegas for a report of an unresponsive man needing an ambulance, Sheriff Sharon A. Wehrly said in a statement.

The 35-year-old was stabilized and taken to Desert View Hospital in nearby Pahrump, the statement said. Officials then tried to have him airlifted to Las Vegas, but the 6-foot-10-inch Odom was too tall for the helicopter that was available and he was driven by ambulance to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center.

Dennis Hof, who owns the Love Ranch and other legal brothels in Nevada, said his staff had picked up Odom from a home in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Sweet Home Chicago! Cubs advance to NL Championship Series for 1st time since 2003

CHICAGO (AP) — When it was over, Anthony Rizzo jumped around Wrigley Field and hugged everyone in sight. The moment was in his grasp, and he was determined to hold onto it for as long as possible.

The All-Star slugger endured several seasons of losing with the Chicago Cubs before they finally got into the playoffs again, and he was more than ready to enjoy the franchise's first appearance in the NL Championship Series in more than a decade.

"Obviously times weren't easy the last few years, but with all the talent we had and all the talent we were building, everyone knew that the Cubs were coming," a drenched Rizzo said as he celebrated Chicago's clinching 6-4 victory over St. Louis in the NL Division Series on Tuesday, "and we're here, and hopefully we can keep this thing going."

Rizzo, Javier Baez and Kyle Schwarber homered as the Cubs finished off the rival Cardinals with their third consecutive win, leading to a wild scene on the inside and outside of their century-plus-old neighborhood ballpark. It was the first time they had clinched a postseason series at Wrigley, and the North Siders savored the accomplishment — at least for one night.

Much of a raucous, towel-waving crowd of 42,411 lingered as manager Joe Maddon posed for a selfie with his wife, and Jon Lester sprayed champagne with his young son. Rocker Eddie Vedder partied on the mound.

Debate Takeaways: Clinton on offense, defuses email issue

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders and three more Democratic presidential hopefuls met Tuesday night at the Wynn Las Vegas resort and casino for the party's first prime-time debate.

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Here are five takeaways from the debate in Nevada.

CLINTON VS. SANDERS

Buffeted by an email controversy and sagging poll numbers, Clinton was on defense for much of the summer. But from the first moments of the debate, Clinton went on offense against Sanders, who has emerged as her chief rival for the Democratic nomination.

When Sanders said the U.S. should look to countries like Denmark, Sweden and Norway on the economy, Clinton replied that while the U.S. sometimes needs to "save capitalism from itself," America was much different.

"We are not Denmark. I love Denmark, but we are the United States of America," Clinton said.

Clinton later said the Vermont senator wasn't tough enough "at all" on gun violence in the Senate and noted he had opposed the 1993 Brady bill and supported 2005 legislation to give gun manufacturers immunity from lawsuits. Sanders said it was a "large and complicated bill," but Clinton wasn't buying it.

"It wasn't that complicated to me. It was pretty straightforward to me," Clinton said.

ON THE QUESTION OF EMAILS

Clinton had to know she would be pressed during the debate about her use of a private email account and server during her tenure as secretary of state. And she said, again, she had made a mistake in doing so.

But she had to be pleased that the moment moved on to laughs — and a handshake with Sanders.

In perhaps the most memorable exchange of the debate, Sanders dismissed the issue as one not worth voters' time with a cranky one-liner.

"Let me say something that may not be great politics," Sanders said, "but I think the secretary is right, and that is that the American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails!"

Clinton and the audience cheered, and she and Sanders smiled and shook hands. "Thank you, Bernie," she said.

CNN moderator Anderson Cooper tried to refocus the candidates on the matter, but that only gave Clinton the chance to slam the GOP-led congressional committee investigating the matter as "basically an arm of the Republican National Committee."

"It is a partisan vehicle, as admitted by the House Republican Majority Leader, Mr. (Kevin) McCarthy, to drive down my poll numbers," she said. "Big surprise. And that's what they have attempted to do."

CLINTON'S FLIP-FLOPS

Clinton had some weak moments, too. She was taken to task for her shifting views on the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal and her recently announced opposition to the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Liberals in the Democratic party are strongly opposed to both.

Clinton defended herself, asserting that everyone on stage had "changed a position or two" during their political careers.

She said when she served as President Barack Obama's secretary of state, she had hoped the Pacific Rim trade agreement would be "the gold standard," but in the end she said "it didn't meet my standard."

And even though she had said in 2010 she was "inclined" to support the Keystone pipeline, Clinton implied she had stayed neutral on the Canada-to-U.S. pipeline throughout her tenure.

"I never took a position on Keystone until I took a position on Keystone," Clinton said in a line that had echoes of John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign. Kerry famously said he had voted for an \$87 billion wartime funding bill "before I voted against it."

THE OTHERS SHOW THEY'RE LIKELY ALSO-RANS

The three other Democratic candidates have struggled to gain traction against Clinton and Sanders, and it didn't look like they established any footing in the debate.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley did the best of the three, stressing his record of promoting liberal

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causes during his two terms, but he was also forced to defend his record on criminal justice as Baltimore's mayor.

He also tried to tap into the notion that another Clinton in the White House is one too many. He said the nation "cannot be this dissatisfied" with the nation's politics and economy "and think that a resort to old names is going to move us forward."

Shot back Clinton: "I would not ask anyone to vote for me based on my last name. I'd ask them to listen to what I'm proposing, look at what I accomplished in the Senate, as secretary of state, and then draw your own conclusion."

Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee's best moment may have come at the outset, when the former senator explained his decision to switch from Republican to independent to Democratic during his career by saying he was a "block of granite" on the issues.

Former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb appeared openly frustrated at not having equal time and at times talked over Cooper, the moderator.

Neither had a true breakout moment, raising questions about whether they might make a return appearance on stage during the next debate in Iowa.

THE BIDEN FACTOR

If Vice President Joe Biden was looking for an opening to join the Democratic field, the debate didn't appear to give him one.

Clinton made no obvious stumbles in the debate and Sanders played the role of her more liberal counterpart. O'Malley presented himself as a can-do former governor and mayor who has championed an array of progressive causes.

Biden's name didn't come up during the debate, and the exchanges during the forum didn't leave an impression of a party in need of a white knight to ride to its rescue.

After months of considering whether to make a late entry into the race, the debate may have shown that Biden's window of opportunity has passed.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, October 14, the 287th day of 2015. There are 78 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 14, 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th president of the United States, was born in Denison, Texas.

On this date:

In 1066, Normans under William the Conqueror defeated the English at the Battle of Hastings.

In 1586, Mary, Queen of Scots, went on trial in England, accused of committing treason against Queen Elizabeth I. (Mary was beheaded in February 1587.)

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt, campaigning for the White House as the Progressive ("Bull Moose") candidate, went ahead with a speech in Milwaukee after being shot in the chest by New York saloonkeeper John Schrank, declaring, "It takes more than one bullet to kill a bull moose."

In 1939, a German U-boat torpedoed and sank the HMS Royal Oak, a British battleship anchored at Scapa Flow in Scotland's Orkney Islands; 833 of the more than 1,200 men aboard were killed.

In 1944, German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel committed suicide rather than face trial and certain execution for allegedly conspiring against Adolf Hitler.

In 1947, Air Force test pilot Charles E. ("Chuck") Yeager (YAY'-gur) broke the sound barrier as he flew the experimental Bell XS-1 (later X-1) rocket plane over Muroc Dry Lake in California.

In 1959, actor Errol Flynn died in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, at age 50.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy suggested the idea of a Peace Corps while

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addressing an audience of students at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In 1964, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev was toppled from power; he was succeeded by Leonid Brezhnev as First Secretary and by Alexei Kosygin as Premier.

In 1977, singer Bing Crosby died outside Madrid, Spain, at age 74.

In 1987, a 58-hour drama began in Midland, Texas, as 18-month-old Jessica McClure slid 22 feet down an abandoned well at a private day care center; she was rescued on October 16.

In 1990, composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein (BURN'-styn) died in New York at age 72.

Ten years ago: The Treasury Department reported that the federal deficit hit \$319 billion for just-ended budget year 2005, down from the previous year, but still the third highest to that time. Blond, blue-eyed British actor Daniel Craig was named the star of the next James Bond film, "Casino Royale."

Five years ago: Chile's 33 rescued miners posed with President Sebastian Pinera and were examined by doctors a day after they were freed from their underground prison. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadi-najad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) taunted archenemy Israel from just across the tense border in Lebanon, rallying tens of thousands of Hezbollah supporters.

One year ago: A second nurse at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas came down with Ebola after contracting it from a dying patient. (The nurse, Amber Joy Vinson, was later declared free of the disease.) After a conspicuous public absence of nearly six weeks, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un appeared in images released by state media attending a pair of events, dispelling rumors that he was gravely ill, deposed - or worse. Cuban-American actress Elizabeth Pena, 55, died in Los Angeles. The San Francisco Giants topped the St. Louis Cardinals 5-4 for a 2-1 lead in the NL Championship Series. The Kansas City Royals a commanding 3-0 lead in their AL Championship Series with a 2-1 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Roger Moore is 88. Classical pianist Gary Graffman is 87. Movie director Carroll Ballard is 78. Former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 77. Country singer Melba Montgomery is 78. Fashion designer Ralph Lauren is 76. Singer Sir Cliff Richard is 75. Actor Udo Kier is 71. Singer-musician Justin Hayward (The Moody Blues) is 69. Actor Harry Anderson is 63. Actor Greg Evigan is 62. TV personality Arleen Sorkin is 60. World Golf Hall of Famer Beth Daniel is 59. Singer-musician Thomas Dolby is 57. Actress Lori Petty is 52. MLB manager Joe Girardi is 51. Actor Steve Coogan is 50. Singer Karyn White is 50. Actor Edward Kerr is 49. Actor Jon Seda is 45. Country musician Doug Virden is 45. Country singer Natalie Maines (The Dixie Chicks) is 41. Actress-singer Shaznay Lewis (All Saints) is 40. Singer Usher is 37. TV personality Stacy Keibler is 36. Actor Ben Whishaw is 35. Actor Jordan Brower is 34. Director Ben Zeitlin is 33. Actress Skyler Shaye is 29. Actor-comedian Jay Pharoah (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 28.

Thought for Today: "If a problem cannot be solved, enlarge it." - Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969).