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

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, tossed greens, fresh and canned fruit.

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Smith Open House

An Open House Bridal Shower honoring Laura Smith (bride to be of Taylor Anderson) will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 9:00-11:00am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

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Milbank Area beat Groton Area in Volleyball



Courtney Kurtz lifts the ball up and over the net to make it a 6-17 game.

game, 25-17.

The Lady Tigers battled the Bulldogs with in a closer battle in the second game. The game was tied at 3, 7 and 10 with two lead changes before Milbank scored seven straight points to take an 18-10 lead. "They had some big hitters who had great matches and we give them credit for that," Hanson said, "however we made a lot of mistakes at key points in the match and couldn't keep any momentum."

Milbank Area went on to win the second game, 25-19.

Groton Area kept it close for the first part of the third game, but Milbank Area rallies shut down the Tiger momentum as the Bulldogs won the third game, 25-13.

"We are still an inexperienced team and it's going to take some time for the girls to learn how to play with each



Maggie Simon gets a kill to make it a 9-18 game.

Milbank Area showed its force Thursday night as the visiting Bulldogs defeated Groton Area in volleyball action, 3-0.

"Milbank is a good team and they played well," said Coach Chelsea Hanson. "Good teams know how to exploit weaknesses and they did that to us tonight. We got caught standing on defense a lot and they kept putting the ball where we weren't."

Milbank took an quick 17-5 lead in the first game. Groton rallied to make it 18-10, but the Bulldogs went on to win the first



Sydney Thorson returns the ball with Kasey Waage in the background.

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other," Hanson said. "We will probably see Milbank again in the region tournament and I think we can give them a much better game."

In sets, Groton was 88 of 88 with 13 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 84 sets with 11 assists. Milbank was 88 of 88 with 26 assists, all by Mikaela Hoeke.

Groton was 43 of 51 in serves with seven ace serves. Josie Doeden was eight of 10 with three ace serves and Audrey Wanner was eight of 11 with two ace serves. MacKayla Schuelke was 11 of 11 in serves with three ace serves to lead the Bulldogs.

Groton was 86 of 104 in spikes with 15 kills. Tori Bjerke was 15 of 17 with five kills and Kurtz was nine of nine with four kills. Milbank had 36 kills with Brittany Ackerman being 30 of 34 in spikes with 26 kills.

Wanner had one block for Groton and Kaley Withers and Brittany Ackerman each had one for Milbank.

Groton had 84 digs with Kasey Waage having 34, Wanner 17 and Ashley Gibbs 13. Milbank had 59 digs with Ackerman and Caryssa Mielitz each having 12 for Milbank.

Groton is 3-2 on the season while Milbank is 5-3.

"To win games we have to serve and hit aggressively and limit our errors" Hanson said. "We just didn't do that tonight. I have confidence in this team, they just have to have it in themselves."

Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-18 and 25-20. Groton also won the C match by game scores of 25-20 and 20-14.



Tori Bjerke gets a top over to score a point for Groton Area.



Audrey Wanner digs for the ball and returns it to the other side.

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Today in Weather History

1559: The first hurricane in recorded U.S. history hit Pensacola, FL. As many as seven Spanish expedition ships may have been destroyed.

1991: Near record or record cold hit central and northeast South Dakota on this day in 1991. Temperatures fell into the 20s during the morning bringing a hard freeze to much of the area. Pierre and Mobridge had record lows of 24 degrees while Timber Lake set a record low of 21 degrees. Near record lows of 28 degrees and 22 degrees occurred at Aberdeen and Kennebec, respectively.

1947 - The eye of a hurricane passed directly over New Orleans, and the barometric pressure dipped to 28.61 inches. The hurricane killed fifty-one persons, and caused 110 million dollars damage. It produced wind gusts to 155 mph while making landfall over Fort Lauderdale FL two days earlier. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1955: Hurricane Ione made landfall near Morehead City, NC with winds over 100 mph. 16.63 inches of rain fell near Maysville, NC. 40 blocks of New Bern, NC were underwater at one point. Seven people lost their lives and total damage was \$88 million. This was the third hurricane to cross eastern North Carolina in 5 weeks.

1967 - Hurricane Beulah deluged Brownsville, TX, with 12.19 inches of rain in 24 hours, to establish a record for that location. Hurricane Beulah made landfall on the 20th near the mouth of the Rio Grande River, where a wind gust to 135 mph was reported by a ship in the port. (19th-20th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cool autumn-like weather invaded the Central Rockies. Temperatures dipped into the 30s and 40s, with readings in the teens and 20s reported in the higher elevations. Gunnison CO was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 15 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a fast moving cold front produced severe weather in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan. Eight tornadoes were reported, including five in Indiana. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 74 mph at Wabash IND. Winds associated with the cold front itself gusted to 69 mph at Kenosha WI. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast Region. Cape Hatteras NC was deluged with nearly 3.50 inches of rain in three hours. Syracuse NY reported 1.77 inches of rain, a record for the date, and Chatham NJ reported an all-time record of 3.45 inches in one day. Hurricane Hugo headed for the Bahamas, and Tropical Storm Iris, following close on its heels, strengthened to near hurricane force. (The National Weather Summary)

2003: Frog eggs rained on Berlin, CT, during a rain shower from Hurricane Isabel. Since frogs in Connecticut do not lay eggs so late in the year, scientists believed that the storm had carried the eggs from its landfall point in North Carolina, more than 500 miles away.

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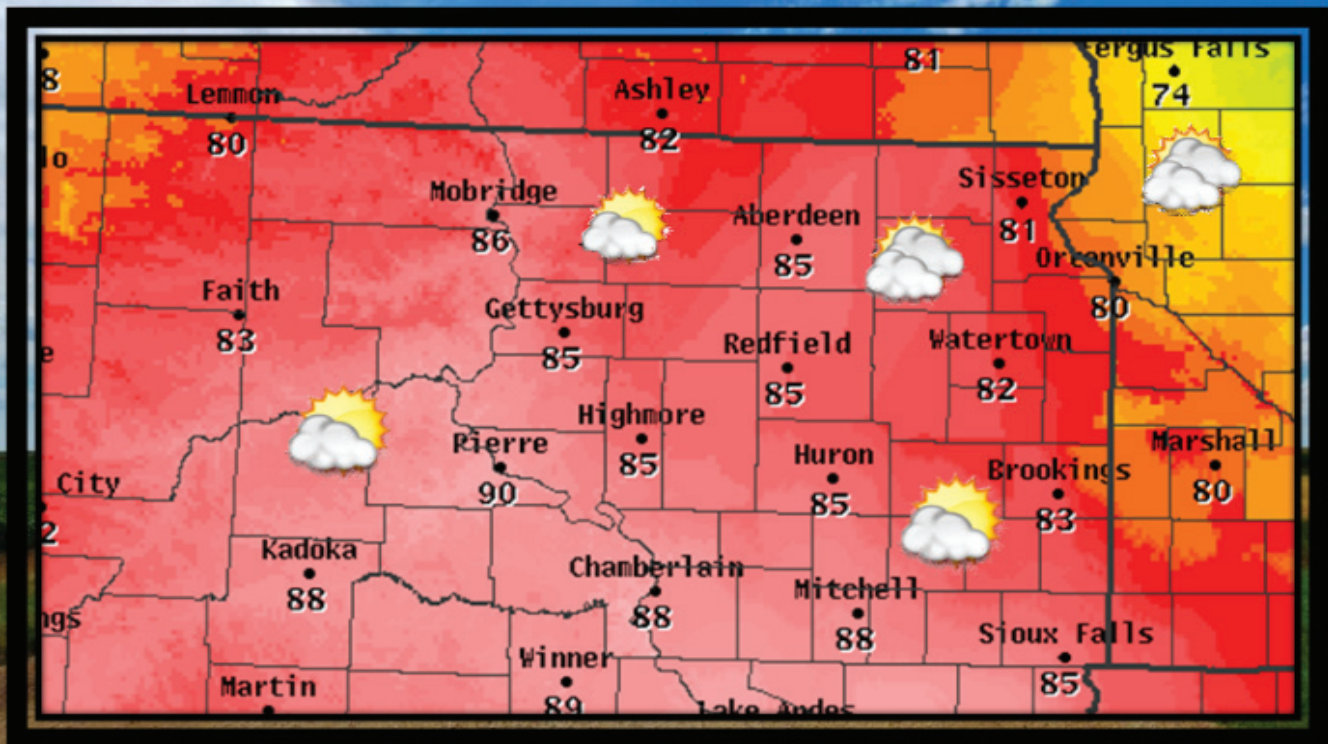
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 85 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 55 °F	Breezy High: 75 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 46 °F	Sunny High: 71 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 46 °F	Sunny High: 74 °F

Very Warm Today



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 9/19/2014 5:30 AM Central

After some morning rain showers and clouds over northern portions of the forecast area, expect drying conditions and decreasing clouds during the afternoon. Rather warm temperatures are expected across the region, with highs in the 80s for most areas. Portions of central South Dakota could even see 90 degrees. Gradually cooling temperatures are forecast for the weekend, but still remaining mild.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 79.7°F at 3:22 PM

Low: 47.6°F at 5:38 AM

High Gust: 31 mph at 5:35 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 101° in 1895

Record Low: 26° in 1938

Average High: 71°F

Average Low: 44°F

Average Precip in Sept.: 1.34

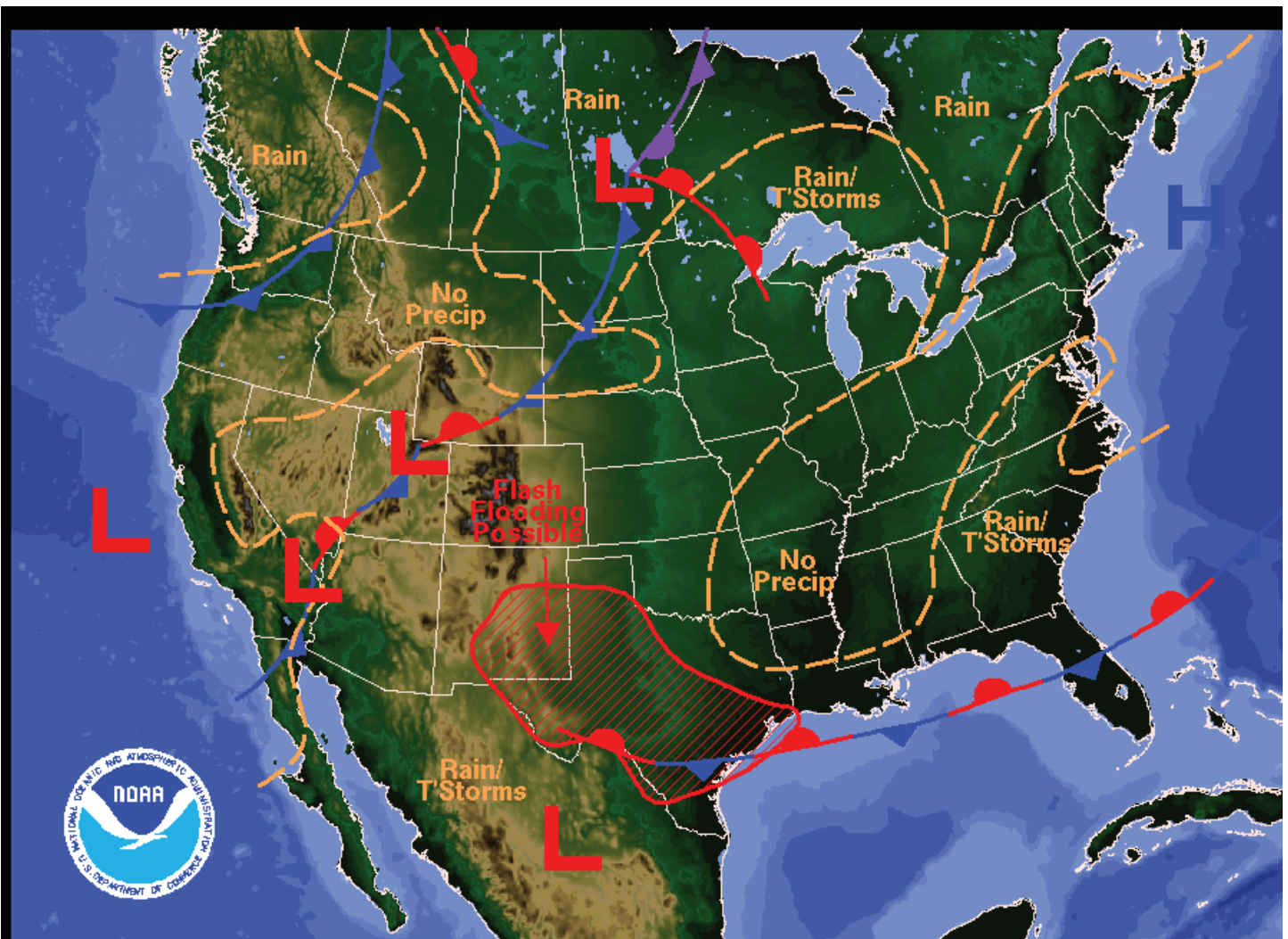
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.26

Average Precip to date: 17.63

Precip Year to Date: 12.56

Sunset Tonight: 7:37 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:18 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Sep 19, 2014, issued 3:06 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A DESPERATE CALL

"Larry," he said to get my complete attention, "don't go next door and play with Richard. He's not good for you to be around."

"OK, Dad. I won't." At least not while you're looking, I said to myself, under my breath.

Not long after the warning, I heard his penetrating whistle that could be heard throughout the neighborhood. However, I was next door, on the roof of Richard's garage with some other friends having a great time. Now, the "good time" was over. I looked down from the roof, and there he was standing at the foot of the ladder. I knew I was busted. He spoke, I refused to obey, and the party was over.

"How long will you simple ones love your simple ways?" wrote Solomon. Or, if he was talking to me today it would mean, "Larry, why were you so careless to allow yourself to drift into temptation. Don't you remember I gave you a warning? Why didn't you follow my advice?"

This verse contains a certain sadness: "How long..." will it take to get your attention? I warned you, didn't I? When will you ever "grow-up" and accept the wisdom I offered you? I offered you my best: wisdom that would last a lifetime and you rejected it.

But rejecting God's wisdom is very costly. In verse 25 there are some tragic words to describe the end results of disobeying God: "Since you rejected me when I called...and ignored my advice...and would not accept my rebuke, I will laugh at you." God's grace has its limits.

Prayer: Lord, how blest are those who hear Your Word, accept it and follow it. Rejecting it has its consequences. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 1:22 "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"

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News from the Associated Press

Nemo celebrating 125th anniversary this weekend

NEMO, S.D. (AP) — The Black Hills town of Nemo is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Activities exploring the town's history will run all day Saturday at the Nemo Guest Ranch Branding Iron Restaurant.

Current and former residents are encouraged to bring along old photos, newspaper articles, historical documents and family histories.

Events center opening its doors in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — It's opening day for a \$117 million events center in Sioux Falls.

The 12,000-seat Denny Sanford Premier Center took two years to build. It will hold hockey, football, basketball, rodeos and concerts.

The building will be the home to two Sioux Falls sports franchises, the Stampede of the United States Hockey League and the Storm of the Indoor Football League.

Stampede spokesman says the arena is comparable to a National Hockey League facility.

Keith Thompson, senior project manager with Koch Hazard Architects, says the design included 1,000 sheets of architectural drawings. He says the arena is "second to none."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Friday, followed by an open house from 5 to 10 p.m.

Thursday's Scores

The Associated Press

VOLLEYBALL

Aberdeen Central def. Watertown, 25-19, 11-25, 20-25, 25-15, 15-8

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Redfield/Doland, 25-22, 25-21, 12-25, 25-22

Andes Central def. Platte-Geddes, 22-25, 25-19, 25-18, 25-13

Arlington def. DeSmet, 25-18, 25-13, 25-13

Bennett County def. New Underwood, 25-21, 25-22, 15-25, 27-25

Bon Homme def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-10, 25-12, 25-23

Chester def. Flandreau, 25-9, 25-9, 25-11

Crow Creek def. Lower Brule, 25-19, 13-25, 25-12, 25-21

Dakota Valley def. Canton, 25-14, 25-8, 25-17

Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Colman-Egan, 26-24, 25-19, 25-19

Elk Point-Jefferson def. Tea Area, 25-21, 22-25, 25-22, 21-25, 15-8

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Estelline, 25-12, 25-15, 25-16

Ethan def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-5, 25-12, 25-8

Eureka/Bowdle def. Edmunds Central, 25-17, 25-13, 25-13

Freeman def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-19, 25-20, 22-25, 25-23

Great Plains Lutheran def. Grant-Deuel, 25-13, 25-11, 25-20

Hamlin def. Britton-Hecla, 25-17, 25-20, 25-13

Hanson def. Avon, 22-25, 25-13, 25-20, 25-12

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Hemingford, Neb. def. Edgemont, 25-9, 22-25, 25-12, 25-9
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-23, 25-17, 25-21
Howard def. Canistota, 25-14, 25-23, 25-5
Huron def. Brookings, 25-21, 23-25, 25-23, 25-19
Jones County def. Stanley County, 25-19, 25-23, 25-14
Kimball/White Lake def. James Valley Christian, 25-9, 25-13, 25-11
Lead-Deadwood def. Custer, 20-25, 25-16, 12-25, 25-23, 16-14
Madison def. Beresford, 25-22, 26-28, 25-16, 25-19
Marion def. Centerville, 25-21, 25-14, 22-25, 25-11
McCook Central/Montrose def. Menno, 24-26, 25-7, 25-16, 25-16
Milbank def. Groton Area, 25-17, 25-19, 25-12
Miller def. Faulkton, 25-19, 25-14, 25-12
Mobridge-Pollock def. McIntosh, 25-22, 25-17, 25-7
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Mitchell Christian, 25-16, 25-19, 25-13
Northwestern def. Ipswich, 25-8, 25-11, 25-17
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Lake Preston, 19-25, 25-23, 16-25, 26-24, 16-14
Parker def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-11, 25-21, 25-11
Parkston def. Lennox, 28-26, 25-22, 25-6
Pine Ridge def. Hot Springs, 25-14, 25-19, 25-10
Rapid City Christian def. White River, 25-19, 28-26, 21-25, 25-22
Rapid City Stevens def. Sturgis, 25-14, 25-18, 25-15
Red Cloud def. St. Francis Indian, 25-17, 18-25, 26-24, 25-15
Sioux Falls Christian def. Harrisburg, 25-20, 18-25, 25-23, 15-25, 15-11
Sioux Valley def. Castlewood, 25-8, 25-16, 24-26, 25-14
Sisseton def. Clark/Willow Lake, 25-19, 25-16, 27-25
Spearfish def. Douglas, 25-20, 25-19, 25-11
St. Thomas More def. Belle Fourche, 25-21, 25-11, 25-19
Summit def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-13, 25-22, 25-22
Tri-Valley def. Dell Rapids, 25-12, 25-10, 23-25, 26-28, 15-5
Viborg-Hurley def. Bridgewater-Emery, 25-23, 25-19, 20-25, 25-23
Webster def. Deuel, 25-18, 25-18, 25-19
West Central def. Garretson, 25-15, 25-16, 25-14
Wilmot def. Waubay, 25-13, 25-18, 25-22
Wolsey-Wessington def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-17, 25-5, 25-17
Boyd County Triangular
Boyd County, Neb. def. South Central, 25-8, 25-18
Freeman Triangular
Freeman Academy def. Baltic, 22-25, 25-23, 25-14, 25-18
Freeman Academy def. Gayville-Volin, 25-15, 25-20, 24-26, 15-13

Economy remains slow in rural parts of 10 states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A new survey suggests economic growth in rural areas of 10 states in the Plains and the West will continue slowing down in the next few months.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss said Thursday that crop prices are significantly lower than last year, and that's a drag on the economy in rural areas.

The overall economic index from the monthly survey of bankers declined to 48.2 in September from August's already weak 48.3 reading.

The survey indexes range from 0 to 100. Any score below 50 suggests decline in the months ahead.

The bankers continue to doubt the economy. The confidence index fell to 33.4 in September from August's 39.9.

Bankers from rural areas of Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

SD prison inmate charged with killing cellmate

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota inmate serving a 75-year sentence on rape and sexual contact charges involving children was indicted Thursday on allegations that he killed his cellmate at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls.

The grand jury's indictment charges Douglas Ipsen, 28, with alternate counts of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter for the death of convicted killer Kent Davidson. Ipsen could be convicted on one of those three charges.

The 37-year-old Davidson, whose body was found in his cell, died from strangulation and asphyxia, according to his death certificate. He was hurt late on Sept. 7 and died early on Sept. 8. Authorities said a bedsheet was used in the slaying.

Attorney General Marty Jackley would not discuss details of the investigation including motive. It's unclear whether Ipsen has an attorney.

Ipsen is serving 60 years for first-degree rape of a child and an additional 15 years for sexual contact with a child under the age of 16, both out of Butte County. He arrived at the penitentiary on September 2010.

The South Dakota Department of Corrections had deemed Ipsen a "low moderate" risk, while Davidson was assessed as a "moderate" risk. The men became cellmates April 30.

Since the killing, Ipsen is being housed in a single-cell at a disciplinary unit of the penitentiary's Jameison Annex, Corrections Department spokeswoman Mandy Nielsen said.

Davidson pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in April in the 2013 shooting death of his girlfriend Crystal Schulz. Her body was found in a shed at her mother's rural Chamberlain residence, and Davidson was arrested hours later after a standoff with police.

Schulz and Davidson were engaged, but court documents show that Schulz was ending the relationship.

Davidson's mother, Pamela Davidson, told The Associated Press on Monday that she's now lost both of her children. Her younger son, Travis, was killed in a car crash six years ago this month.

The woman, who lives in Jamestown, North Dakota, said she hadn't spoken to her son, Kent, in about three years and said the hardest part is she wasn't able to say goodbye. His body was cremated in Sioux Falls before it was sent to North Dakota.

In addition to murder charges, Davidson also was serving a five-year sentence for forgery out of Tripp

County and a five-year sentence for second-degree escape out of Minnehaha County.

Police arrest Huron Middle School teacher

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A seventh-grade teacher at Huron Middle School has been arrested on charges of disseminating harmful materials to a minor and marijuana possession, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Thomas Wendelgass, 30, was arrested Thursday afternoon on charges stemming from alleged inappropriate conversations between the teacher and a person under the age of 18, according to the South Dakota Attorney General's Office. Both charges are Class One misdemeanors.

Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman with the Attorney General's office, said she couldn't elaborate on the details of the case because there may be additional charges.

Huron Schools Superintendent Terry Nebelsick said the alleged incidents didn't take place on school grounds and the marijuana was not found at school. He also said the allegations don't involve a current student or other staff members.

Nebelsick said Wendelgass has been suspended while the case is pending and is not to have contact with district students.

Wendelgass is starting his second year as a geography teacher at Huron Middle School, but Nebelsick said he's known him all his life. Nebelsick said he was the Huron High School principal when Wendelgass graduated from there in 2002.

"Obviously I have great faith in every one of our 300-some staff members so I'm heartbroken when something like this comes up in any organization and most particularly in one I've been a part of for 21 years," he said.

It was unclear Thursday afternoon whether Wendelgass has legal representation.

NDSU-Montana game features plenty of Sioux Falls

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State has made a habit in the last several years of slipping into Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and snatching a few key high school football players who might otherwise go to South Dakota State, South Dakota or another Football Championship Subdivision program.

This weekend, the Bison are facing one who got away in Montana's standout senior, free safety Matt Hermanson.

The Bison, who take on the visiting Grizzlies in Saturday's matchup of the first- and fourth-ranked FCS teams, have six players from Sioux Falls, which is 250 miles south of Fargo.

Two NDSU regulars — offensive guard Austin Kuhnert and wide receiver Trevor Gebhart — as well as freshman linebacker Dan Marlette played for Hermanson's dad, Brian, at Sioux Falls Washington High School. And former NDSU head coach Craig Bohl, who left for Wyoming after last year's third straight FCS title, pushed hard to land Matt Hermanson, offering him a scholarship when he was a junior.

"NDSU has kind of stolen a few guys from South Dakota," Brian Hermanson said Thursday. "I know one of Craig's priorities was to recruit Sioux Falls. ... Even if we didn't have a player he would stop in and ask about players in the state."

But a change in coaching fortunes at NDSU played a key part in getting Matt Hermanson to Montana. Mike Breske, an assistant for the Bison for just one year in 2009 and Brian Hermanson's college teammate at South Dakota State, moved to Montana in 2010 and, in essence, took Matt Hermanson with him.

"Mike and I have been friends for 30-some years and I think Matt felt comfortable at Montana," said Brian Hermanson, who stepped down in 2013 after building Washington into a state power. "It has been a good fit for him. They have won a lot of games and he's had a lot of success."

Breske is now the defensive coordinator at Washington State.

Matt Hermanson, a three-year starter, entered this season with 239 career tackles, good for 29th in school history. He's had a banner start to his senior season, second on the team with 23 tackles and No. 1 in solo stops with 12. He has two interceptions, a forced fumble and a quarterback sack.

Kuhnert said he's excited for the high school reunion — which includes backup Montana cornerback Chris Parker, too — but there hasn't been any contact among the former teammates.

"We have just been kind of keeping our ways and we'll let the game talk for itself," he said.

Perhaps no player on the Bison roster knows the Grizzlies better than offensive tackle Landon Lechler, whose hometown of Beach, North Dakota, is a mile from the Montana border. He was recruited early by the Grizzlies and faced some of their players in a Montana-North Dakota all-star high school football game.

"When I was growing up, CBS was on the Griz game and NBC was on the Bison game," Lechler said. "It will be fun to get out there."

Jackson County sued over Indian voting issue

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A group representing four members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe has filed a federal lawsuit against Jackson County, claiming it doesn't given equal voting access to Native American voters.

Part of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation is located in the county. Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law filed the complaint Thursday in Rapid City.

It says Jackson County has refused to open a satellite office in Wanblee, so people who live on the reservation have to drive farther to the county seat of Kadoka to register to vote and cast ballots early.

The state's attorney could not be reached. The county auditor said she hadn't seen the complaint.

Wind Cave offering free tours Sept. 27

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument will be offering free tours Sept. 27 as part of National Public Lands Day.

Vidal Davila is the superintendent of Wind Cave National Park. Davila says Public Lands Day is the country's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands.

Davila adds that both caves are offering volunteer opportunities and will be part of the more than 2,200 sites across the country participating in the effort.

The Park Service says tours of Wind Cave's Natural Entrance start at 9 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. Visitors are encouraged to bring sturdy walking shoes and a light coat as the cave is 54 degrees.

Jewel Cave visitors may choose either the Scenic Tour or Discovery Talk program. Tours begin at 9:20 a.m.

Winning Powerball tickets sold in 2 SD cities

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — A Powerball ticket sold in Aberdeen is worth \$10,000 in the Wednesday drawing, and a ticket sold in Rapid City is worth \$20,000.

South Dakota lottery officials say both tickets matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's \$10,000 third prize. The odds are 1 in about 650,000.

The Rapid City winner purchased an option for \$1 that doubled that prize.

The winners have about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot sits at \$196 million for the next drawing, on Saturday.

Official weight of ND state-record goldeye reduced

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota wildlife leaders have reduced the official weight of a huge gold-eye caught by a 9-year-old Velva boy this summer, but it is still the biggest fish of its type ever caught in the state and will be considered for a world record.

North Dakota's Game and Fish Department has determined the goldeye that Brayden Selzler caught in Lake Audubon in late July is 4 pounds, 3 ounces — not 4 pounds, 12 ounces as initially thought.

The person who weighed the fish on an official scale at a Garrison convenience store erred when recording the fish's weight. The fish was mistakenly recorded as 4 pounds, 12 ounces, rather than 4.2 pounds, which would convert to 4 pounds, 3 ounces.

The store official reported the error about 10 days after the fish was weighed, and Game and Fish set out to verify the new weight, said Greg Power, fisheries chief for the agency.

"They (the Selzler family) had frozen it, and whenever you freeze a fish, you lose weight," Power said.

To estimate the lost weight, the agency used a process that involved netting about half a dozen cisco, which are similar to goldeye, freezing them for a similar length of time, then measuring the average weight loss and applying it to the goldeye.

The new weight still breaks the previous state record by 6 ounces. Craig Unser of Mandan had held the record with a goldeye he landed in New Johns Lake in 1998.

"The good news is, it's still a state record, and if he wants to go for the world record, it might still qualify for that," Power said.

Selzler's goldeye is bigger than the recognized overall all-tackle world record of 3-pounds, 13-ounces held by Gary Heuer, of Aberdeen, South Dakota. Selzler plans to ask the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wisconsin, to consider whether his catch is a world record.

The hall's executive director, Emmett Brown Jr., said he couldn't speculate about the chances of whether the fish is a world record until he receives the application. But he said the hall would closely review the process used to calculate the fish's weight after it was frozen.

"By my way of thinking this sounds like a 4 pound, 3 ounce fish that we may or may not ultimately recognize," Brown said.

Brayden's mother, Dorothy Jo Selzler, said her son plans to have the fish mounted once the process is finished.

AP News in Brief

Voters in Scotland reject independence in historic vote with unprecedented turnout

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Scottish voters have resoundingly rejected independence, deciding to remain part of the United Kingdom after a historic referendum that shook the country to its core.

The decision prevented a rupture of a 307-year union with England, bringing a huge sigh of relief to Britain's economic and political establishment, including Prime Minister David Cameron, who faced calls for his resignation if Scotland had broken away.

The vote on Thursday — 55 percent against independence to 45 percent in favor — saw an unprecedented turnout of just under 85 percent.

"We have chosen unity over division," Alistair Darling, head of the No campaign, said early Friday in Glasgow. "Today is a momentous day for Scotland and the United Kingdom as a whole."

Independence leader Alex Salmond's impassioned plea to launch a new nation fell short, with Scots choosing instead the security of remaining in union with England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Still, the result establishes a whole new political dynamic in the United Kingdom, with Cameron appearing outside No. 10 Downing Street to pledge more powers for regional governments.

Alibaba poised for stock market stardom as it begins trading on the NYSE, could raise \$25B

NEW YORK (AP) — Chinese e-commerce powerhouse Alibaba will say "open sesame" to the New York Stock Exchange on Friday, as its shares begin trading in a highly anticipated debut that could raise up to \$25 billion.

The company priced its initial public offering of stock Thursday evening at \$68 per share, the top end of the expected price range, according to Alibaba. The shares will trade under the ticker "BABA" on the NYSE. The IPO values Alibaba at \$167.62 billion. That's bigger than the current market value of companies such as Amazon, Cisco, and eBay.

The company has enjoyed a surge in U.S. popularity over the past two weeks as investors met with executives, including its colorful founder Jack Ma. As part of the so-called roadshow, would-be investors heard a sales pitch that centered on Alibaba's strong revenue growth and seemingly endless possibilities for expansion. Demand has been so high that the company raised its expected offering price to \$66 to \$68 per share from \$60 to \$66 per share on Monday, setting the stage for what could be the biggest ever IPO.

Alibaba said it is offering 320.1 million shares for a total offering size of \$21.77 billion. Underwriters have a 30-day option to buy up to about 48 million more shares. That means the offering size could be as much as \$25 billion.

The main reason investors appear breathless about the 15-year old Alibaba: It offers an investment vehicle that taps into China's burgeoning middle-class.

Islamic State plot to conduct beheadings in Australia raises questions about group's reach

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The Islamic State plot to carry out random beheadings in Sydney alleged by police is a simple and barbaric scheme that has shaken Australians. But terrorism experts on Friday questioned whether the ruthless movement had the capacity or inclination to sustain a terror campaign so far from the Middle East.

Police said they thwarted such a plot by detaining suspects and raiding more than a dozen properties across Sydney on Thursday.

The Islamic State militant group has beheaded three Westerners in the Middle East in recent weeks and recorded the brutal slayings to make propaganda videos widely condemned.

Two of the 15 people whom police had detained Thursday have been charged. Nine were freed before the day was over, and the rest released on Friday.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott conceded it was difficult to safeguard the Australian population against such attacks.

Millennia-old archaeological sites in Iraq and Syria face looting, destruction under militants

BAGHDAD (AP) — For more than 5,000 years, numerous civilizations have left their mark on upper Mesopotamia — from Assyrians and Akkadians to Babylonians and Romans. Their ancient, buried cities, palaces and temples packed with monumental art are scattered across what is now northern Iraq and eastern Syria.

Now much of that archaeological wealth is under the control of extremists from the Islamic State group. The militants have demolished some artifacts in their zealotry to uproot what they see as heresy, but they are also profiting from it, hacking relics off palace walls or digging them out to sell on the international black market.

Antiquities officials in Iraq and Syria warn of a disaster as the region's history is erased.

In Iraq, black market dealers are coming into areas controlled by the Islamic State group or in safe regions nearby to snap up items, said Qais Hussein Rashid, head of the state-run Museums Department, citing reports from local antiquities officials still in the area.

When the militants overran the northern city of Mosul and surrounding Ninevah province in June, they captured a region where nearly 1,800 of Iraq's 12,000 registered archaeological sites are located. They snapped up even more as they pushed south toward Baghdad.

Convicted felon shoots, kills his 6 grandchildren, daughter, himself in small Florida town

BELL, Fla. (AP) — A man who spent time in prison a decade ago for the shooting death of his young son killed six of his grandchildren, including an infant, his adult daughter and himself in a rampage at a home where authorities in the small Florida town say they had been called to in the past.

The shooter, 51-year-old Don Spirit, called 911 Thursday afternoon to say he might harm himself or others, Gilchrist County Sheriff Robert Schultz said at a news conference. When a deputy arrived, Spirit committed suicide and authorities then found the seven gunshot victims "all over on the property," Schultz said.

Schultz wouldn't say if a weapon was recovered or what sort was used. He didn't have a motive for the massacre but said deputies had been to the home in the past for various reasons.

"There's still a lot of unanswered questions. There's going to be questions that we're never going to get answered," he said.

Schultz also did not say if slain 28-year-old Sarah Lorraine Spirit was the mother of any of the two boys and four girls, some of whom spent a lot of time at the rural home.

Congress OKs aid to Syrian rebels fighting Islamic State militants, sends measure to Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation requested by President Barack Obama authorizing the military to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels fighting Islamic State militants in the Middle East is headed for his signature after a sweeping Senate vote.

The bipartisan 78-22 tally Thursday blended support from Obama's close Democratic allies and some of his fiercest GOP critics, including top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell of Kentucky. It put leading contenders for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination on opposite sides. Some of Obama's liberal allies defected.

The legislation also provides funding for the government after the end of the budget year on Sept. 30, eliminating any threat of a shutdown in the run-up to November elections that will seat a new House and decide control of the Senate. The House approved the bill on Wednesday.

Obama said the support from both Republicans and Democrats "shows the world that Americans are united" in combating the Islamic State group. He said the militants thought they could frighten or intimidate Americans, but the Senate vote had showed them they were wrong.

"As Americans, we do not give in to fear," Obama said. "We pull together. We stand together."

Home Depot says data breach affected 56 million debit and credit cards, malware eliminated

NEW YORK (AP) — Home Depot said Thursday that a data breach that lasted for months at its stores in the U.S. and Canada affected 56 million debit and credit cards, far more than a pre-Christmas 2013 attack on Target customers.

The size of the theft at Home Depot trails only that of TJX Companies' heist of 90 million records disclosed in 2007. Target's breach compromised 40 million credit and debit cards.

Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement retailer, said that the malware used in the data breach that took place between April and September has been eliminated.

It said there was no evidence that debit PIN numbers were compromised or that the breach affected stores in Mexico or customers who shopped online at Homedepot.com. It said it has also completed a "major" payment security project that provides enhanced encryption of customers' payment data in the company's U.S. stores.

But unlike Target's breach, which sent the retailer's sales and profits falling as wary shoppers went elsewhere, customers seem to have stuck with Atlanta-based Home Depot. Still, the breach's ultimate cost to the company remains unknown. Greg Melich, an analyst at International Strategy & Investment Group LLC, estimates the costs will run in the several hundred million dollars, similar to Target's breach.

AP Interview: Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei blasts government but is hopeful about youth

BEIJING (AP) — China's best-known artist dissident Ai Weiwei blasted his country's Communist government for losing its principles and using underhanded ploys to try to silence critics.

The bearded artist, whose supporters say he was hit with a \$2.4 million tax bill in retribution for his outspokenness and activism, also criticized fellow Chinese artists for failing to speak up while he was singled out.

Yet Ai said he was optimistic about the country's younger generation in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press this week at his Beijing studio, where he talked about the English-language version of a Danish documentary released this week about his tax case.

"Before, I was naive enough to think that a political regime, a strong society, would never use unsavory means in legal cases. If you bring a charge against someone, you do it in the normal way. You should not defame and frame someone and silence their voice," Ai said.

The outspoken artist has been virtually silenced in China over the past couple of years, though he occasionally speaks to foreign journalists, and Ai said he was warned by police not to conduct this week's interview or face unspecified consequences.

French president: First French airstrike destroys depot of Islamic State group in Iraq

PARIS (AP) — France announced Friday it had conducted its first airstrike in Iraq and had destroyed a logistics depot held by the Islamic State group.

The office of President Francois Hollande said Rafale fighter jets struck the depot in northeastern Iraq on Friday morning and the target was "entirely destroyed."

"Other operations will follow in the coming days," said Hollande's office in a statement. It did not elaborate on the type of material at the depot or its exact location.

At a news conference a day earlier, Hollande said France had agreed to "soon" conduct airstrikes requested by Iraq to bolster its fight against IS fighters who have captured swaths of the country.

He stressed that France wouldn't go beyond airstrikes in support of the Iraqi military or Kurdish Peshmerga forces, and wouldn't attack targets in Syria, where IS has also captured territory.

AP Photos: Scenes from Iraq's second largest city before militant takeover

CAIRO (AP) — Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, is locked under the rule of extremists from the Islamic State group trying to purge it of everything they see as contradicting their stark vision of Islam.

A trove of photographs now housed at the Library of Congress offers a glimpse of a different Mosul — before wars, insurgency, sectarian strife and now radicals' rule. The scenes were taken in the autumn of 1932 by staff from the American Colony Photo Department during a visit to Iraq at the end of the British mandate.

The photos show many of the sites that have now borne the brunt of the Islamic State group's wrath. Since capturing the city in June, the militants destroyed at least 30 shrines and historic sites they see as promoting idolatry and heresy.

Among the sites were the tombs of figures revered as prophets by Muslims, including Seth, said to

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be the third son of Adam and Eve, and Jonah, who in stories told in the Bible and the Quran was swallowed by a whale. One site the extremists couldn't destroy was the 840-year-old Crooked Minaret, a minaret that leans like Italy's Tower of Pisa. When the militants came to blow it up, residents formed a human chain around it to protect it.

In one of the old images, the Crooked Minaret towers over a street in central Mosul, adjacent to a Yazidi shrine. The shrine was gone long before militants overtook the city, but it reveals a time when different religious faiths could coexist here. Yazidis belong to an ancient sect that the radicals consider heretical, and Islamic State group fighters have driven tens of thousands of Yazidis from their homes when they seized their towns last month.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, September 19, the 262nd day of 2014. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On September 19, 1777, the first Battle of Saratoga was fought during the Revolutionary War; although British forces succeeded in driving out the American troops, the Americans prevailed in a second battle the following month.

On this date:

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, visiting Los Angeles, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro ended up staying at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

In 1964, the family TV show "Flipper," about a dolphin adopted by a Florida family, premiered on NBC.

In 1970, the situation comedy "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1985, the Mexico City area was struck by a devastating earthquake that killed at least 9,500 people.

In 1989, a Paris-bound DC-10 belonging to French airline UTA was destroyed by a bomb over Niger, killing all 170 people on board. (A French court later convicted six Libyans in absentia for the bombing; Libya agreed in 2004 to pay \$170 million in compensation, although it stopped short of acknowledging responsibility.)

In 1994, the medical drama "ER" premiered on NBC-TV.

Ten years ago: Hu Jintao (hoo jin-tow) became the undisputed leader of China with the departure of former President Jiang Zemin (jahng zuh-MEEN') from his top military post. Militants decapitated three hostages believed to be Iraqi Kurds in a videotape that surfaced hours after Iraq's prime minister said that January elections would be held on schedule. The United States suffered its biggest Ryder

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Cup loss in 77 years as it lost to the Europeans, 18 1/2 to 9 1/2. "The Sopranos" won best drama series at the Emmy Awards while "Arrested Development" won best comedy series. Country singer Skeeter Davis, 72, died in Nashville.

Five years ago: Russia said it would scrap a plan to deploy missiles near Poland after Washington dumped a planned missile shield in Eastern Europe. Art Ferrante, 88, half of the piano duo Ferrante and Teicher, died in Longboat Key, Florida. (Lou Teicher had died in 2008 at age 83.)

One year ago: Signaling a dramatic shift in Vatican tone, Pope Francis said in a published interview that the Roman Catholic church had become obsessed by "small-minded rules" about how to be faithful and that pastors should instead emphasize compassion over condemnation when discussing divisive social issues such as abortion, gays and contraception. A Texas appeals court tossed the criminal conviction of former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, saying there was insufficient evidence for a jury in 2010 to have found him guilty of illegally funneling money to Republican candidates. Hiroshi Yamauchi, 85, who ran Nintendo for more than 50 years, died in central Japan.

Today's Birthdays: Author Roger Angell is 94. Host James Lipton (TV: "Inside the Actors Studio") is 88. Actress Rosemary Harris is 87. Former Defense Secretary Harold Brown is 87. Actor Adam West is 86. Actor David McCallum (TV: "NCIS") is 81. Singer-songwriter Paul Williams is 74. Singer Bill Medley is 74. Singer Sylvia Tyson (Ian and Sylvia) is 74. R&B singer Freda Payne is 72. Golfer Jane Blalock is 69. Singer David Bromberg is 69. Actor Randolph Mantooth is 69. Rock singer-musician Lol Creme (10cc) is 67. Former NFL running back Larry Brown is 67. Actor Jeremy Irons is 66. Actress Twiggy Lawson is 65. TV personality Joan Lunden is 64. Singer-producer Daniel Lanois (Ian-WAH') is 63. Actor Scott Colomby is 62. Musician-producer Nile Rodgers is 62. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Reggie Williams is 60. Singer-actor Rex Smith is 59. Actor Kevin Hooks is 56. Actress Carolyn McCormick is 55. Celebrity chef Mario Batali is 54. Country singer Jeff Bates is 51. Country singer Trisha Yearwood is 50. Actress-comedian Cheri Oteri is 49. News anchor Soledad O'Brien is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Espranza Griffin (Society of Soul) is 45. Celebrity chef Michael Symon is 45. Actress Sanaa Lathan (suh-NAH' LAY'-thun) is 43. Actress Stephanie J. Block is 42. Rock singer A. Jay Popoff (Lit) is 41. "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon is 40. TV personality Carter Oosterhouse is 38. Actress-TV host Alison Sweeney is 38. Rock musician Ryan Dusick is 37. Folk-rock singers-musicians Tegan (TEE'-gan) and Sara Quin are 34. Actor Columbus Short is 32. Rapper Eamon is 31. Christian rock musician JD Frazier is 31. Actor Kevin Zegers is 30. Actress Danielle Panabaker is 27.

Thought for Today: "He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state." - Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).