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Boys State Golf at Hot Springs

Elementary Picture Day

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

School Lunch: Lasagna, corn, tean bun, tossed greens, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham, baked potato and sour cream, green beans, peach cake, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Allen Walter • Brenda Craig • Lance Flihs • Ramona Helgeson

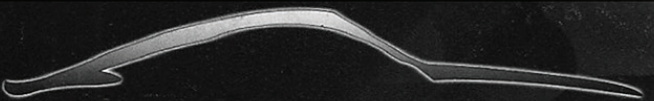
8:45am: Jr. REAL Experience at GHS

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

4:00pm: 7th Gr. VB at Leola Frederick

5:00pm: 8th VB at Frederick

6:30pm: JV VB at Frederick followed by Varsity Match



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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving
5-9 p.m.

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Every Wednesday!

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Classifieds

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Wanted to Rent

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Stearns given 30 day extension on mobile home

It's been a battle since 2010 for Jim and Linda Stearns on their mobile home located at West Third Avenue and N. Washington Street. The mobile home, once their primary residence, has been vacant since the loss of their son nearly six years ago. The mobile home was moved into Groton in 1979 as a custom made new home.

In 2010, the Stearns were sent a letter from the city indicating that the mobile home was unlivable and dilapidated. Marc Johnson, the building inspector at that time, had indicated that the repairs needed to be done to the mobile home would not be worth the expense. Councilman David McGannon said, "It's the appearance of the trailer and it has not been taken care of and I have not heard any plans to fix it." City Attorney Drew Johnson said that the latest letter, issued in July of 2014, indicated that the mobile home has been used as storage. According to city ordinance, an accessory building without a primary residence is not allowed. "It cannot be used as storage without someone living there," Johnson said.

"If looks are the big thing, I will take care of the looks," said Jim Stearns. Jim said that he has been helping his kids with their homes and has not had the time to work on it. He said that three years ago, he had representatives from Liebelt Homes and Centennial Homes come out and inspect the mobile home. "They found it structurally sound," Jim said. Opportunities to sell the mobile home have fallen through during the past few years. "All it takes is the right person to come along and make a reasonable offer and it's theirs," Jim said. "I can't control the market. It might sell in the next 30 days, it might not." He said that the latest letter, indicating that it cannot be an accessory unit caught them out of the blue. "Nothing was said about that in 2010," he said. He questioned the consistency of the city's policies. Stearns said that they have mowed the yard and trimmed around the house to make it look presentable. Gordon Nelson from the Planning and Zoning Commission said that they have been working on the ordinances in the last seven years. "For this particular property, I'm thinking nothing is going to get done," he said. "We have been working with the council to enforce the ordinances."

"We want to work with you," said Mayor Scott Hanlon, "but you can't take forever. We have to set a deadline." Councilman Michelle Muilenburg said that all of the repairs have to be made and that all storage items in the house have to be removed so that it can be inhabitable. If that is done, then the house can be rented out or lived in.

The Stearns were given a 30-day extension. Johnson said if it does not comply at the end of 30 days, the council's next decision is to go to court to have it removed. "You have to get someone over there to live in it or sell it," Johnson said.

The baseball report was presented and this year, the city had a net loss of \$26,242.49, compared to net losses of \$14,292.44 last year, \$16,133.78 in 2012, \$6,095.44 in 2011 and \$14,781.22 in 2010.

David Blackmun gave a report from all the work that is being done at the baseball complex.

The pool report was also presented with the city having a net loss of \$45,658.31 this year, compared to net losses of \$30,341.40 in 2013, \$42,111.10 in 2012, \$21,912.77 in 2011, \$49,163.66 in 2010 and \$21,015.16 in 2009. When the materials arrive, the footings for the pool will be poured for the new slide. David McGannon suggested the old galvanized fence either be gotten rid of or used. It was promised to the soccer group but they have not used it. It was also reported that the pool managers are planning to give a report at the next meeting. The council expressed a gratitude towards the managers for their good job and felt that things this year went really well.

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Councilman David McGannon talked about a tree claim by the lagoon. "It needs to be removed," he said. "It's garbage and does not look good at all. We need to get it in the budget to have it removed or have the guys take it out."

The council is going to apply for a \$5,000 grant through the Department of Agriculture for a tree grant. It would be a 50:50 match. Since the trees are being moved this year at the cemetery instead of next year, the \$2,500 budgeted for tree removal could be used for tree purchase.

Jerri Vedvei resigned from the pool advisory board and now that Burt Glover is on the council, he also needed to get off the board. There was discussion on the future of the advisory board. "Now that there is a book in place and we have an established management system in place, I don't think we need the advisory board," said Councilman Burt Glover. The council accepted Vedvei's resignation and then dissolved the pool advisory board.

There will be a four-way stop sign put in place at West Third Avenue and Lincoln Street. It is currently a two-way stop going north and south. At the present time, there were no recommendations for placing stop signs on West Second Avenue.

The city's cost of water will be going up about \$13,000 a year. The council was notified by WEB Water that the base rate will increase about \$350 a month and the cost per thousand gallons will increase by 20 cents. This will become effective this month. A rate study of the city's water rates will be presented at the next council meeting.

The council will review the outer most point of a structure and take it up for further discussion at the next meeting. There will also be a study done on sidewalks. Any newly platted developments are required to have a sidewalk. Anyone with old sidewalk can have it torn out and not replaced, under current ordinance. Councilman Muilenburg said, "I think we need to review that ordinance." Planning and Zoning would like to change the ordinance that if you have a sidewalk, you can't tear it out and put it into grass. "If you have it (and it needs repair), replace it," Glover said. Johnson said that the sidewalks are for the safety of the kids to keep them off the streets and the city needs to have a maintenance program. The council review the sidewalk ordinance at the next meeting.

The council approved an After School Proclamation, supporting Groton's OST Program.

Heartland Consumers Power District has chosen Groton as the host city for its annual meeting. It is set for October 21, 11 a.m. at the Legion Lounge.

20 Bands to March in Groton

On Friday, October 10th 19 area school bands and the Sound of USD marching band will converge in Groton for the Lake Region Marching Band Festival. The parade of bands will travel from South to North on Groton's Main Street from Railroad Avenue to 9th Avenue, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Following the parade, the Sound of USD will present a field marching show for all bands in attendance.

This festival originated in Milbank, moved to Waubay for 11 years, and arrived in Groton last fall and will remain in Groton for the foreseeable future. Bands will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of three judges from the University of South Dakota. Awards will be given to the top two bands in each of three categories: high school bands, middle school bands, and combined bands. A "People's Choice" award will also be awarded by a separate, secret judging panel placed throughout the parade route.

The festival has become a premier marching event in Northeast South Dakota, attracting bands and spectators from towns across the region. The public is invited to watch the parade of bands on Main Street as well as the Sound of USD's field marching show and awards at the football field. Concessions will be available both on main street during the parade and at the football field.

Attending the festival are bands from Aberdeen Roncalli, Warner, Leola, Langford, Milbank, Watertown, Ipswich, Castlewood, Waubay, Britton-Hecla, Wilmot, Great Plains Lutheran, Miller, Groton, Aberdeen Simons and Holgate, Hoven, Northwestern, and Webster.

Primary sponsors of the festival are Groton Dairy Queen and the Groton Chamber of Commerce.

Netters beat Langford Area

The Langford Area volleyball team came to Groton last night where the host team posted a 3-0 win. Game scores were 25-9, 25-16 and 25-9. Groton also won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-2 and 25-18.

In sets, Groton was 51 of 51 with 15 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 27 sets and 10 assists and Marlee Jones had 24 sets and five assists. Groton was 63 of 73 in serves with 23 ace serves. Audrey Wanner was 17 of 19 with seven ace serves and Marlee Jones was 14 of 18 with six ace serves. Groton was 46 of 56 in spikes with 17 kills. Josie Doeden was 15 of 17 with six kills and Ashley Gibbs was six of eight with three kills. Doeden had all four of Groton's blocks and Kasey Waage had 14 of the team's 43 digs.

Groton's next match is tonight at Frederick.

Service Notice: Bertell Martin

Memorial services for Bertell Martin, 75, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Thursday, October 9 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m.

Bert died October 5, 2014 near Eureka.

GHS Marching Band earns Gold Award at Gypsy Day Parade

The Groton High School Marching Band took home a Gold Award from the Gypsy Day Parade on Saturday, October 4th. Additionally, Groton secured the second highest point total given by the judges, finishing behind only Aberdeen Central, who won Outstanding Band of the Day.

Nineteen area bands marched in the parade and were judged in areas of music execution, marching and maneuvering, and music general effect. Also receiving gold awards were bands from Langford, Aberdeen Roncalli, Simmons/Holgate Middle School, Hoven, Warner, Leola, and Aberdeen Central. Bands from Watertown, Ipswich, Selby, Webster, Milbank, Frederick, Northwestern, White Lake, Redfield, Sully Buttes, and Edmunds Central were given Silver Awards.



Today in Weather History

1970: On October 7th through the 9th, 1970 a record breaking early season snow storm hit parts of southern South Dakota. Snowfall of 5 to 9 inches was common across the southwest and south central on the 7th. Late on October 8th and into the 9th of 1970 the southeast portion of the state was hit. Vermillion received 6 inches of snow on the 9th and that is the largest amount ever recorded there for so early in the season. The 5 inches that fell in Sioux Falls is the earliest significant snow on record for the area. The heavy snows also affected portions of western Iowa and western Minnesota. Amounts of up to 7 inches were recorded in northwest Iowa. The heavy, wet snow snapped many tree branches and downed power lines. Sioux city recorded their heaviest snow for so early in the season. The snow was very wet and heavy, but melted quickly over the next several days.

1844: A major hurricane swept over Jamaica, Cuba, and the Bahamas. 158 vessels were wrecked and 2546 houses were destroyed along the Cuban coast.

2007: A record temperature of 87 degrees during the Chicago Marathon led officials to cancel the race to protect the participants. There was still one fatality.

1970 - Widespread flooding took place across Puerto Rico. Rainfall amounts for the day ranged up to seventeen inches at Aibonito. A slow moving tropical depression was responsible for six days of torrential rains across the island. Totals in the Eastern Interior Division averaged thirty inches, with 38.4 inches at Jayuya. Flooding claimed eighteen lives, and resulted in 62 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1981 - Seattle, WA, received four inches of rain in 24 hours, a record for the city. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - It was another hot day in the southwestern U.S. Tucson, AZ, hit 101 degrees for the second day in a row to again equal their record for the month of October. Phoenix AZ reported a record high of 103 degrees, and Blythe CA and Yuma AZ tied for honors as the hot spot in the nation with afternoon highs of 108 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

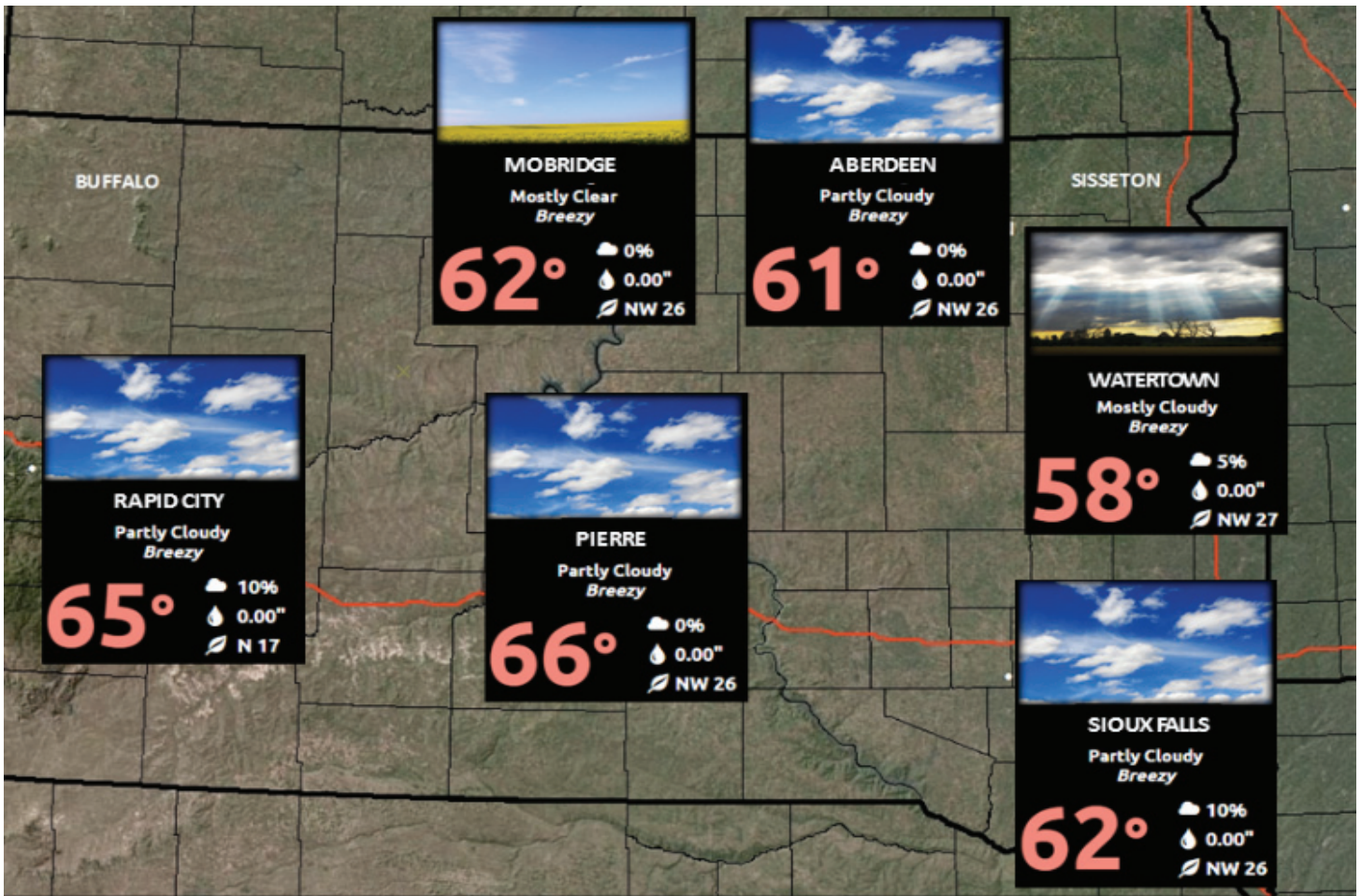
1988 - Morning fog in the central U.S. reduced the visibility to near zero at some locations. Morning lows of 28 degrees at Rockford IL and 24 degrees at Waterloo IA were records for the date. Afternoon highs of 92 degrees at Hollywood FL and Miami FL were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Morning thunderstorms in central Texas drenched San Antonio with 3.10 inches of rain in six hours causing local flooding in northeastern sections of the city. Temperatures dipped below the freezing mark from the Northern Rockies to the Upper Mississippi Valley. (The National Weather Summary)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
Breezy	Mostly Clear	Slight Chc Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny
High: 61 °F	Low: 33 °F	20% High: 61 °F	20% Low: 39 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 55 °F



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 10/7/2014 5:00 AM Central

Besides a few early morning sprinkles over parts of northeast SD and west central MN, it should be a dry day across the region. Winds will again be breezy, but should drop off quickly after sunset.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 63.2°F at 3:59 PM

Low: 29.8°F at 3:45 AM

High Gust: 25 mph at 3:06 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 88° in 2006, 1975, 1966

Record Low: 14° in 2012, 1952

Average High: 62°F

Average Low: 36°F

Average Precip in Oct.: .47

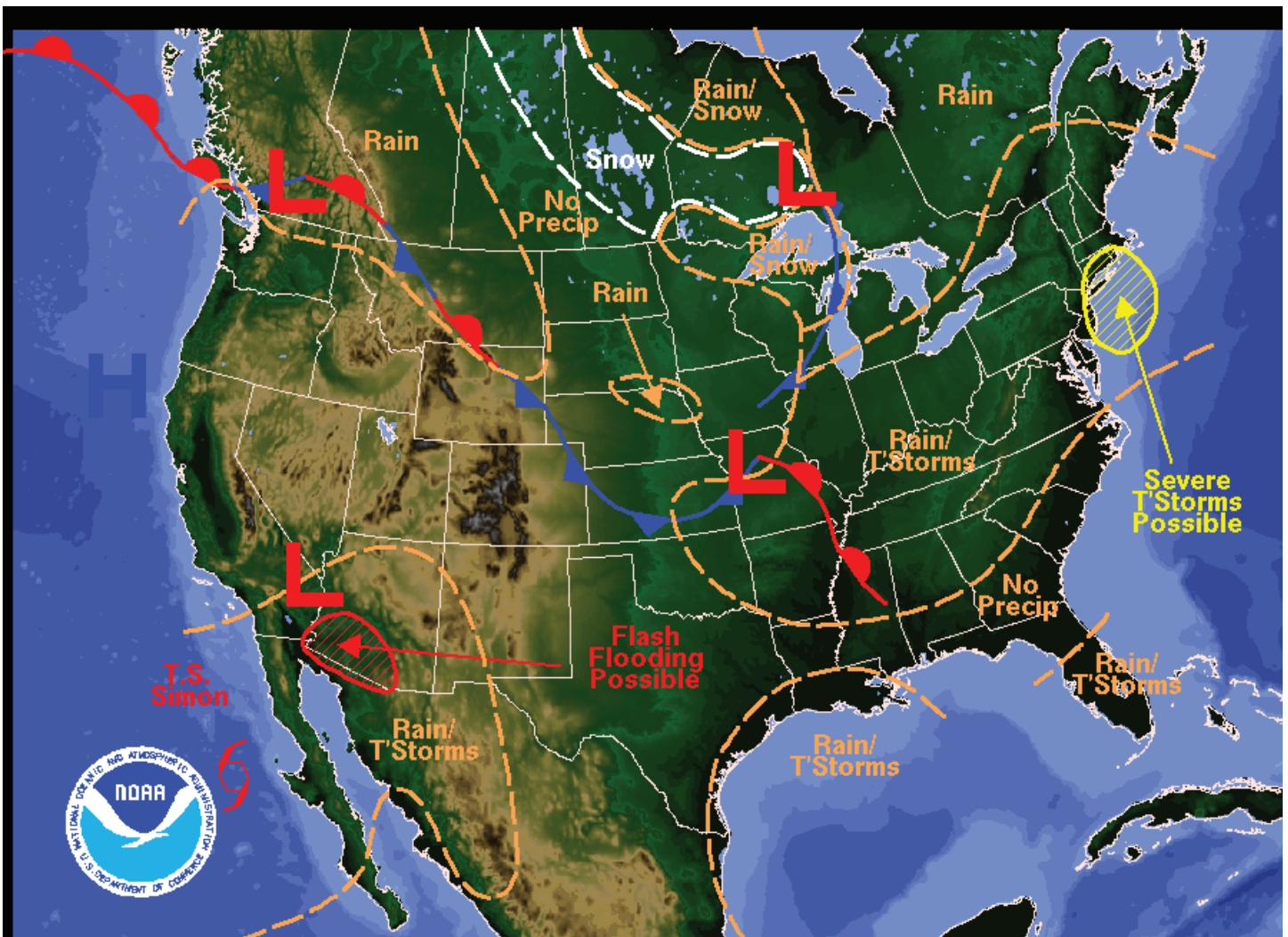
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.02

Average Precip to date: 18.95

Precip Year to Date: 12.96

Sunset Tonight: 7:03 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Oct 07, 2014, issued 3:18 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE BIGGEST GIVER OF ALL

Whenever the thought of "sacrificial giving" enters our minds, it's only natural to think that "there's nothing left for us." While that may be true in some instances, it is not true when we give sacrificially to God.

In Proverbs 3:10 we are advised to give sacrificially to God. If we follow that advice, however, Solomon says that the benefits will far outweigh our gifts.

If we give sacrificially, "Then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine."

Giving to God must be done in light of what our redemption cost Him: His only begotten Son. The cost of that gift is far beyond comprehending or understanding. We have no way to estimate the value of that Gift.

So, when we give "sacrificially," it is not taking something that is "mine" and giving it back to Him. It is "choosing" or "selecting" some of what is already His and trusting Him with it as He has trusted me with what remains in my possession and is under my control.

When we give sacrificially, it is a supreme act of faith. How can that be true? It proves that we believe that God is willing and able to give us more than He did in the first place. Our responsibility is to trust Him. When we do He is obligated to honor His Word in return.

If we follow the wisdom in His Proverbs, we will be rewarded spiritually, mentally, physically and financially. God will not only come through for us in the future. That does not make sense. He will come through for us now!

Prayer: Lord, a "God of tomorrow" is of no help today. Give us a "trusting" faith that will free us from ourselves. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

News from the Associated Press

Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma gifted bison herd

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP) — The Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah has been gifted a herd of bison and will tend to the animals for the first time since the 1970s.

The tribe announced the award from the InterTribal Buffalo Council on Monday. The 40 animals are excess bison from North Dakota and the Badlands National Park in South Dakota. They will arrive by mid-October.

Those sites combine for about 800 head of surplus bison each year.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker says American bison played a critical role for the tribe prior to colonization and there has been a nationwide resurgence of tribes connecting with the animals.

The council also awarded a grant to help the Cherokee Nation provide fencing and supplies for the bison.

Truck crash in ND kills turkeys; SD driver hurt

LAMOURE, N.D. (AP) — A semitrailer crash in southeastern North Dakota killed a number of turkeys.

The Highway Patrol says the semi went out of control on a curve on a county road near LaMoure about 9 p.m. Monday and landed on its side in the ditch.

The semi was hauling a flatbed trailer with cages of turkeys, and the patrol says “a large percentage” of the birds were killed. Authorities did not give a specific number.

Fifty-nine-year-old driver Lavern Lentz, of Huron, South Dakota, was flown to an Aberdeen hospital with what the patrol said were serious injuries.

Group to spend \$1M to support Democrat Weiland

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A political action committee says it will spend \$1 million to support Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Rick Weiland.

Mayday PAC says it'll begin running TV ads Tuesday in Sioux Falls and Rapid City media markets.

The super PAC has the self-proclaimed goal of getting “big money” out of politics. It was founded by Harvard University professor and political activist Lawrence Lessig, who was born in Rapid City.

A super PAC may raise and spend unlimited amounts of money to support candidates for federal office but must operate independently.

The ad says Weiland believes that farmers, ranchers, workers and families “deserve a fair shake.”

Weiland, former Republican Gov. Mike Rounds and independents Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie are vying for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Tim Johnson.

Monday's Scores

The Associated Press

VOLLEYBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Leola/Frederick, 25-23, 25-20, 26-24

Dakota Christian def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-13, 25-12, 25-18

Deubrook def. Iroquois, 25-23, 25-13, 25-13

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Flandreau Indian, 25-11, 25-9, 25-10

Freeman Academy def. Marion, 17-25, 25-19, 25-17, 22-25, 15-10
Great Plains Lutheran def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-5, 25-9, 25-12
Groton Area def. Langford, 25-9, 25-16, 25-9
Hanson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-19, 25-18, 25-18
Ipswich def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-11, 25-14, 25-13
McCook Central/Montrose def. Baltic, 25-22, 25-18, 25-13
Mobridge-Pollock def. McLaughlin, 25-9, 25-11, 25-13
Northwestern def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-13, 25-8, 25-10
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland def. Colman-Egan, 25-17, 21-25, 25-15, 25-23
Potter County def. Hitchcock-Tulare, 25-19, 25-18, 21-25, 25-10
Sargent Central, N.D. def. Britton-Hecla, 25-22, 25-20, 25-9
Spearfish def. Douglas, 25-15, 27-25, 25-18
Wall def. New Underwood, 25-15, 25-18, 25-15

State-by-state look at gay marriage bans

The Associated Press

State bans on same-sex marriages have been falling around the country since summer 2013, when the Supreme Court ordered the federal government to recognize state-sanctioned gay marriages. The high court Monday cleared the way for more expansion by turning away appeals from five states seeking to prohibit it.

The court's decision effectively made gay marriage legal in 30 states and the District of Columbia. The Supreme Court refused to hear appeals from Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin in a ruling also affecting six states where same-sex marriages had been put on hold pending high-court review: Colorado, Kansas, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The remaining state bans are all under legal challenges.

A look at where the issue stands across the country:

— ARIZONA: In a ruling that called into question Arizona's gay marriage ban, a U.S. District Court judge handed a victory Sept. 12 to a gay man denied death benefits after losing his spouse to cancer.

— ARKANSAS: A state judge in May struck down the state's ban. The state Supreme Court brought marriages to a halt and is weighing state officials' appeal. Same-sex couples are also suing the state in federal court. The attorney general's office has asked that proceedings in both cases be put on hold while the U.S. Supreme Court considers whether to take up a case from Utah.

— FLORIDA: A federal judge declared the state's ban unconstitutional in mid-August, joining state judges in four counties. He issued a stay delaying the effect of his order, meaning no marriage licenses would be issued immediately issued for gay couples.

— HAWAII: Same-sex couples sued in 2011 to overturn the state's ban. A federal court later upheld the ban, but then the Legislature last year legalized gay marriage. A 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel heard arguments on the Hawaii case in San Francisco on Sept. 8, along with cases from Idaho and Nevada.

— IDAHO: State officials are appealing a federal judge's decision to overturn the state's ban. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel in San Francisco heard arguments Sept. 8 along with appeals from Hawaii and Nevada.

— KENTUCKY: Two Kentucky cases were among six from four states heard in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court

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of Appeals in Cincinnati on Aug. 6. Rulings are pending on recognition of out-of-state marriages, as well as the ban on marriages within the state.

— LOUISIANA: A parish judge ruled Sept. 22 that the state's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional; the attorney general has appealed to the state's Supreme Court.

— MICHIGAN: The state's ban was overturned by a federal judge in March following a rare trial that mostly focused on the impact on children. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati heard arguments Aug. 6, and a ruling is pending.

— MISSOURI: The state's attorney general, Chris Koster, announced Monday that he wouldn't appeal a Friday circuit court order that Missouri recognize same-sex marriages legally performed in other states. Two other same-sex marriage cases are pending in the state. One is a federal challenge in Kansas City, and the other is a St. Louis case that focuses on city officials who issued marriage licenses to four same-sex couples to trigger a legal test of the ban.

— NEVADA: Eight couples are challenging Nevada's voter-approved 2002 ban, which a federal judge upheld a decade later. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals panel heard arguments Sept. 8, along with appeals from Hawaii and Idaho.

— OHIO: Two Ohio cases were argued Aug. 6 in the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and a ruling is pending. In one, two gay men whose spouses were dying sued to have their out-of-state marriages recognized on their spouses' death certificates. In the other, four couples sued to have both spouses listed on their children's birth certificates.

— TENNESSEE: The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard arguments Aug. 6 on an appeal of a federal judge's order to recognize three same-sex couples' marriages while their lawsuit against the state works through the courts. A ruling is pending.

— TEXAS: A federal judge declared the state's ban unconstitutional, issuing a preliminary injunction. The state is appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which is soon expected to set a date for arguments.

— ELSEWHERE: Other states with court cases demanding recognition of gay marriage are: Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Most lawsuits challenge same-sex marriage bans or ask states to recognize gay marriages done in other states.

South Dakota Volleyball Polls

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Here is the South Dakota Sportswriters Association volleyball poll for the week of Oct.6, 2014. Teams are listed with first place votes in parenthesis, record, points and previous ranking:

Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	(9)	17-4	45	1	
2. Aberdeen Central	-	12-0	36	2	
3. Watertown	-	11-2	25	3	
4. Rapid City Stevens	-	13-2	20	4	
5. Spearfish	-	12-2	6	5	

Others receiving votes: Huron 8-4.

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Class A

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. S.F. Christian	(9)	14-5	45	1	
2. Dakota Valley	-	18-3	36	2	
3. Mount Vernon-Plank	-	16-0	25	3	
4. Wagner	-	15-3	18	4	
5. Pine Ridge	-	20-0	10	5	

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 16-5.

Class B

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Warner	(9)	20-1	45	1	
2. Northwestern	-	13-4	33	2	
3. Chester Area	-	19-1	30	3	
4. Parker	-	18-3	17	4	
5. Arlington	-	18-5	8	5	

Others receiving votes: Elkton-Lake Benton 14-3, Sully Buttes 20-2 .

Pierre committee beginning redistricting efforts

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A new committee has begun meetings to redraw the boundaries for elementary schools in Pierre.

Roughly 20 teachers, administrators, school board members and parents throughout the city's four elementary schools met for the first time Monday to begin the redistricting process. Two of the schools, McKinley and Washington, are set to close in the spring. The area will transition to three elementary schools next fall, including a new building that's currently being built.

Superintendent Kelly Glodt chairs the group. Glodt says the group ultimately hopes to equalize the balance of elementary school populations as much as possible.

Although the committee meetings aren't open to the public, Glodt says the group plans to hold public meetings to receive input on its proposals.

South Dakota Prep Polls

The Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking. With first-place votes in parentheses and total points:

Class 11AAA

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Sioux Falls Lincoln	(9)	6-0	45	1	
2. Sioux Falls Roosevelt	-	5-1	36	2	
3. Brandon Valley	-	3-2	25	3	
4. Sioux Falls O'Gorman	-	4-2	20	4	
5. Aberdeen Central	-	2-2	9	5	

Others receiving votes: None.

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Class 11AA

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Yankton (9)	5-0	45	1	
2. Brookings	-	4-2	35	3
3. Harrisburg	-	4-1	26	2
4. Pierre -	3-2	20	4	
5. Douglas -	5-1	9	5	

Others receiving votes: None.

Class 11A

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Madison (9)	5-1	45	1	
2. West Central	-	4-1	35	2
3. Dell Rapids	-	4-1	28	3
4. Tea Area -	3-2	17	4	
5. Hot Springs	-	3-2	5	5

Others receiving votes: Lennox 3-3, Sisseton 2-3, Vermillion 3-2.

Class 11B

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Parkston (9)	5-0	45	1		
2. Winner -	4-1	36	3		
3. Aberdeen Roncalli	-	6-0	23	4	
4. St. Thomas More	-	5-1	20	2	
5. McCook Central-Montrose	-	5-0	11	5	

Others receiving votes: None.

Class 9AA

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs		
1. Gregory (6)	6-0	42	1		
2. Arlington (3)	6-0	39	2		
3. Woon-Wess Spr.-San Central	-	5-0	27	3	
4. Garretson	-	4-1	13	5	
5. Deuel -	6-0	12	NR		

Others receiving votes: Menno-Marion 3-2.

Class 9A

Rank-SchoolFPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Howard (6)	5-0	42	1	
2. Welsey-Wessington	(3)	5-0	37	2
3. Potter County	-	5-0	26	3
4. Alcester-Hudson-	6-0	21	4	
5. Warner -	4-1	5	5	

Others receiving votes: Herreid-Selby Area 5-1, Philip 5-0.

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Class 9B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Canistota	(9)	5-0	45	1
2. Hamlin	-	6-0	35	2
3. Harding County	-	5-0	25	3
4. Langford Area	-	6-0	17	4
5. Avon	-	4-2	10	5

Others receiving votes: Faith 4-1, Dell Rapids St. Mary 4-1.

Wolf Point woman claims \$297K Wild Card jackpot

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A Wolf Point woman has claimed The \$297,373 Wild Card jackpot from the Sept. 24 drawing.

Montana Lottery officials say Willow Grandchamp bought her winning ticket at a Conoco in Billings. She claimed her winnings on Monday.

Wild Card is played in Montana, Idaho, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The jackpot for Wednesday's drawing is \$210,000.

Jackley: Program helping in battle against meth

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says a system to electronically report the sale of cold medicine is working to block sales to people who might want the product to make the illegal drug methamphetamine.

The Legislature this year approved joining the electronic registry run by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators. Retailers and pharmacists began using it in July.

Jackley says that in the first three months, nearly 1,700 questionable sales were blocked. The blocked sales included a little more than 2,000 boxes of cold medicine that contained pseudoephedrine (soo-doh-eh-FEHD'-rihn), an ingredient in meth.

Jackley says the real-time data-sharing is doing what it's designed to do, without inconveniencing people who are buying cold medicine for legitimate use.

South Dakota state park licenses on sale

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The new South Dakota annual state park entrance licenses are now for sale.

The 2015 sticker features a photo of Bear Butte State Park and will be good through May 22, 2016. The 2014 sticker that includes a photo of an orange tent is valid through May 18.

Licenses can be purchased online, at a state park office or by calling 605-773-3391. They're \$30 each or two for \$45.

The license allows use of the facilities at nearly 60 state park and recreation areas across South Dakota and is required for entrance into designated state parks, recreation areas and lakeside use areas. It does not cover camping costs or additional fees.

Session to give SD, Iowa business owners tax info

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Departments of Revenue in South Dakota and Iowa will be hosting an online session this week to offer sales and use tax information to business owners who conduct business in both states.

The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday. It will include information on how and when to apply for a tax permit, when to charge South Dakota versus Iowa tax, services subject to sales and use tax and filing returns.

Terry O'Neill with the Iowa Department of Revenue and Adam Maska with the South Dakota Department of Revenue will be the presenters. Rob Williams with the University of Northern Iowa will be the moderator.

SD Supreme Court to hear arguments in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court will begin its October court term at the University of Sioux Falls Monday.

The court is scheduled to hear oral arguments through Wednesday. The court is slated to hear three cases each day.

Among the cases that will be presented before the court is that of 35-year-old Shawn Springer. The Minnesota man is serving a 261-year sentence for his involvement in the death of a taxi cab driver in Pierre when he was 16.

Springer is appealing his sentence after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 2012 that prohibits mandatory sentences of life in prison without parole for juveniles.

The court will also hear the case of Aberdeen attorney Brandon Taliaferro, who's asking that his record be cleared of perjury and obstructing law enforcement charges.

SD park now ADA compliant after federal complaint

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — Officials in Keystone have made a local park accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs nearly two years after a federal complaint was filed against the city.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the officials removed sand and installed wood fiber safety surfaces around the playground's equipment, modified the parking lot to include van accessible parking space, and developed a more accessible route to the playground.

The complaint was filed in December 2012 with the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. It alleged the park violated provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

No challenge expected on Missouri abortion law

DAVID A. LIEB, Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — A new Missouri law requiring a 72-hour abortion waiting period is set to take effect this week, and the state's only licensed abortion clinic isn't planning to try to stop it.

Although Planned Parenthood officials have denounced the Missouri law as "onerous" and "burdensome" for women, the organization isn't planning to file a lawsuit before the measure takes effect Friday. That's because abortion-rights groups have determined that their chances of success aren't that good.

"We've had our national attorneys from all of the leading women's health organizations in the country work with us, and we have a consensus that we do not have a route at this time to go to court and to stop this law from going into effect — as disappointing and as frustrating as that is," said Paula Gianino, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri.

An attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, which has challenged other abortion laws, said it also has no plans to try to block the Missouri law from taking effect.

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Missouri's law will impose the second longest abortion waiting period in the nation behind only South Dakota, where the 72-hour period can sometimes extend longer because it doesn't count weekends and holidays. Utah also has a 72-hour requirement, but unlike Missouri, Utah allows exceptions for rape, incest and other circumstances.

Utah's law has not been challenged in court.

A Planned Parenthood affiliate filed a federal lawsuit against South Dakota's law after it passed in 2011 and obtained a preliminary injunction that temporarily blocked it from taking effect. The lawsuit asserted that the waiting period imposed an "undue burden on women's reproductive rights" and violated their constitutional right to equal protection.

But that challenge was dropped in February 2013 at the request of Planned Parenthood. The organization noted that it had adjusted physicians' schedules at its only clinic in Sioux Falls to avoid weeks-long delays and didn't feel confident it could prevail in the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which it said had "ruled against women's interests time after time."

Missouri is covered by the same St. Louis-based federal appeals court.

Supporters of the 72-hour waiting period hope it will lead to fewer abortions by causing women to reconsider whether to go through with the procedure.

"Generally, reflection periods have been consistently upheld as constitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal and state courts," said Denise Burke, vice president of legal affairs at Americans United for Life. "Reflection periods support a truly informed choice."

About half the states, including Missouri, require abortion waiting periods of 24 hours, which were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1992 case involving a Pennsylvania law. The movement toward three-day waiting periods is relatively new, and it's not clear how long of a delay the courts would find reasonable.

Under Missouri's existing law, a doctor, nurse, counselor or social worker must first provide women information about medical risks and alternatives to abortion and offer them an opportunity for an ultrasound of the fetus.

The new law means that a woman wanting an abortion Friday would have to undergo a consultation on Tuesday. But in some cases, a woman could have to wait more than 72 hours, because the Planned Parenthood clinic in St. Louis doesn't perform abortions every day. A woman undergoing a consultation on Thursday would have to wait five days until an abortion could be performed the following Tuesday, Gianino said.

To spare women from driving twice to its St. Louis abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood is offering consultations at its offices in suburban St. Louis, Springfield and Joplin and hopes to develop a network of additional counselors around the state, Gianino said. It also anticipates referring more women for medication abortions at a suburban St. Louis clinic in Illinois, where there is no waiting law.

Although they have no immediate plans to sue, officials at Planned Parenthood and the ACLU left open the possibility of challenging the 72-hour waiting period after it has taken effect. That would require them to find a woman willing to serve as a plaintiff — perhaps someone who is a victim of rape or incest or whose circumstances would make it particularly burdensome to wait, said ACLU attorney Tony Rothert.

"It's difficult to find the right people in the right situation at the right time who would be able to challenge the law effectively," Rothert said.

Sheriff: SD man had meth lab equipment in vehicle

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials with the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Department say they have arrested a man after discovering equipment to manufacture methamphetamine in his vehicle.

The man has not been publicly identified. Officials say he's been charged with manufacturing narcotics, eluding, trespassing and possession of paraphernalia.

Authorities found the equipment Saturday after responding to a call reporting a man checking a Sioux Falls property. The man fled on foot when law enforcement arrived, but was arrested shortly after.

A hazmat team was called to the scene and the area was decontaminated.

The sheriff's department is investigating the incident.

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. U.S. HEALTH PROVIDERS EXPAND EBOLA PRECAUTIONS

Some hospitals even send actors with mock symptoms into emergency rooms to test how good their staff members are at spotting the symptoms of the virus.

2. GOP GRAPPLES WITH GAY MARRIAGE

The Supreme Court's decision to reject appeals from five states reignites a debate between pragmatic Republicans and religious conservatives.

3. AIRSTRIKES HIT ISLAMIC STATE GROUP NEAR SYRIA

Warplanes strike positions held by the militants near a Syrian border town that beleaguered Kurdish forces have been struggling to defend.

4. WHO WINS NOBEL IN PHYSICS

The prize goes to Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano of Japan and U.S. scientist Shuji Nakamura for the invention of blue light-emitting diodes — a new energy efficient and environment-friendly light source.

5. WHY BIDEN IS IN TIGHT SPOT

The vice president's verbal blunders cause more than just a few rough headlines and a momentary nuisance for the White House.

6. HONG KONG PROTESTS WANE

Despite their dwindling numbers, student activists insist the movement is far from defeated.

7. SMUGGLED PHONES SERVE AS LIFELINE FOR NORTH KOREANS

Illegal but widely available in North Korea, cellphones help defectors connect with long-lost relatives and send them desperately needed cash.

8. MOROCCO MULLS LEGAL POT GROWING

The move is intended to aid the economy but the country's Islamic faith creates a strong taboo toward drugs.

9. WHAT STUDIES FIND ABOUT 'TALKING' TO CAR

Voice-activated smartphones and dashboard infotainment systems are so error-prone or complex that they require more concentration from drivers rather than less.

10. COFFEE ADDICT? BLAME YOUR DNA

Scientists have long known that your genetic make-up influences how much java you consume. Now a huge study has identified some genes that may play a role.

AP News in Brief

Ebola prep includes undercover actors and souped-up ambulances for disease that may never come

NEW YORK (AP) — Public hospitals in New York City are concerned enough about Ebola that they've secretly been sending actors with mock symptoms into emergency rooms to test how good the triage staff is at identifying and isolating possible cases.

A small hospital in the Ohio countryside has hung up signs, imploring patients to let nurses know immediately if they have traveled recently to West Africa.

And across the U.S., one of the nation's largest ambulance companies has put together step-by-step instructions on how to wrap the interior of a rig with plastic sheeting while transporting a patient.

Ebola has yet to infect a single person on U.S. soil — the one confirmed case here involves a man who contracted the virus overseas. But health care providers are worried enough that they are taking a wide variety of precautions.

It isn't yet clear whether those preparations are overkill, or not nearly enough. But medical officials and health experts say that, at the very least, the scare is giving them a chance to reinforce and test infection control procedures.

Nurse in Spain sick with Ebola, likely infected while caring for missionary priest who died

NEW YORK (AP) — In a case underscoring the perils of caring for Ebola patients, a nurse in Spain has come down with the disease — the first time someone has caught the disease outside West Africa during the current epidemic.

The nurse's illness illustrates the danger that health care workers face not only in poorly equipped West African clinics, but also in the more sophisticated medical centers of Europe and the United States, said Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease expert at Vanderbilt University.

"At greatest risk in all Ebola outbreaks are health care workers," he said.

The development came Monday as another American sick with the disease arrived back in the U.S. for treatment and President Barack Obama said the government was considering ordering more careful screening of airline passengers traveling from the outbreak region.

The unprecedented Ebola outbreak this year has killed more than 3,400 people in West Africa, and become an escalating concern to the rest of the world. It has taken an especially devastating toll on health care workers, sickening or killing more than 370 in the hardest-hit countries of Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone — places that already were short on doctors and nurses.

Airstrikes target Islamic State positions near embattled Syria border town

MURSITPINAR, Turkey (AP) — Warplanes believed to have been sent by the U.S.-led coalition on Tuesday struck positions held by Islamic State militants near a Syrian border town that beleaguered Kurdish forces have been struggling to defend.

The airstrikes began late Monday and came as Kurdish forces pushed Islamic State militants out of the eastern part of Kobani, where the jihadists had raised their black flag over buildings hours earlier,

according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights. On Tuesday morning journalists on the Turkish side of the border heard the sound of warplanes before two large plumes of smoke billowed just west of Kobani.

The U.S.-led coalition has launched several airstrikes over the past two weeks near Kobani in a bid to help Kurdish forces defend the town, but the sorties appear to have done little to slow the Islamic State group, which captured several nearby villages in a rapid advance that began in mid-September.

The assault has forced some 160,000 Syrians to flee and put a strain on Kurdish forces, who have struggled to hold off the extremists. Hundreds more civilians fled Kobani on Monday as the jihadists advanced, according to the Observatory, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria.

On Tuesday morning, occasional gunfire could be heard in Kobani, also known by the Arabic name Ayn Arab. A flag of the Kurdish force known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG, was seen flying over a hill in central Kobani.

Isamu Akasaki, Hiroshi Amano, Shuji Nakamura win Nobel Prize in physics

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Isamu Akasaki and Hiroshi Amano of Japan and U.S. scientist Shuji Nakamura have won the Nobel Prize in physics for the invention of blue light-emitting diodes — a new energy efficient and environment-friendly light source.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences says the invention is just 20 years old, "but it has already contributed to create white light in an entirely new manner to the benefit of us all."

Fight or flee? GOP White House prospects grapple with gay marriage after Supreme Court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — It took just a few words for the Supreme Court to deal with the question of whether gay marriage is legal. For Republicans thinking about running for the White House in 2016, it won't be that easy.

The court's decision Monday to reject appeals from five states that sought to prohibit same-sex marriage reignited a debate inside the GOP between pragmatic Republican officials eager to avoid a fight over a divisive social issue and religious conservatives, a vocal minority that vowed to redouble its efforts and punish those unwilling to join them.

"For us, it's over in Wisconsin," said Republican Gov. Scott Walker, whose state's appeal was among those the court declined with a two-word order, "certiorari denied" — meaning the lower court's ruling stands.

Walker is seeking re-election in November and is expected to run for president in 2016 if he prevails. "To me, I'd rather be talking in the future now more about our jobs plan and our plan for the future of the state," Walker said. "I think that's what matters to the kids. It's not this issue."

Hong Kong protests thin out as territory's government agrees to talk with student leaders

HONG KONG (AP) — Crowds of protesters who filled Hong Kong's streets with demands for a greater say in choosing the territory's leader thinned dramatically Tuesday after student leaders and the government agreed to hold talks in this increasingly frustrated city.

Just a couple days after tens of thousands of demonstrators thronged the city's streets, only a few dozen students were occupying some stretches of highway, once again snarling traffic and slowing commuters.

One young protester sleepily brushed his teeth as rush hour began, spitting into a storm drain along the blockaded six-lane highway that cuts through the heart of Hong Kong's business district. Nearby, a sleeping demonstrator leaned back in a nylon chair, his mouth open and his eyeglasses askew.

Despite the dwindling numbers of activists on the streets, protest leaders insisted the movement was far from defeated, and vowed to walk away from negotiations if the police used force to clear away the remaining demonstrators. At least a few hundred protesters are thought to be scattered across the city's three main protest areas.

"It's up to the government now. This is the first step, but the pressure has to continue," said Alex Chow, a student leader.

Amid string of verbal blunders, Biden's ability to stick to the script faces fresh questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden's supporters often brush off his slips of the tongue as byproducts of the speak-your-mind politics many Americans crave. But this time, Biden's verbal blunders are causing more than just a few rough headlines and a momentary nuisance for the White House.

Twice in two days, Biden had to apologize to key U.S. allies in the fight against Islamic State militants after accusing the allies of arming and funding al-Qaida-linked groups in Syria. Not only did his comments threaten to jeopardize President Barack Obama's fragile coalition, they also put the White House on the defensive, forced to clean up for Biden without specifically rebutting what he said.

As Biden seeks to fashion himself as a credible alternative to Hillary Rodham Clinton in the 2016 presidential race, his latest missteps have rekindled lingering questions about his ability to serve as commander in chief. After all, voters who affectionately overlook a bit of misplaced candor may be less thrilled by the prospect of a president who has trouble differentiating between what he says in public and in private.

"When he makes missteps, he becomes a character," Democratic strategist Hank Sheinkopf said. "Although he may be successful in lining up some of the Democratic leadership, he will be less likely to get the Democratic nomination if he looks foolish."

In this case, Biden's mistake wasn't in saying something that wasn't true. In fact, what Biden said at Harvard University largely conformed to what Obama administration officials long have said privately. His mistake was in saying it in front of television cameras that carried his remarks to far-away capitals like Istanbul and Abu Dhabi, where exasperated leaders demanded — and received — a mea culpa.

Cellphones smuggled into N. Korea allow defectors to hear from families, and get them cash

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A cellphone smuggled into North Korea helped Lee Seo Yeon take on two missions: one emotional, one financial. But at first, she feared there might be some mistake.

Listening in Seoul, the 40-year-old defector didn't recognize the voice on the other end. It was supposed to be a sister she hadn't spoken to since late 1998, when Lee left her family and waded through chilly, chest-deep waters to enter China.

Lee's sister is not much older than she is, but the voice on the phone "sounded like an old woman's,"

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she said.

"But she remembered the scars I've got on my hip from when she asked me to sit on the edge of a chopstick for fun when we were little girls. She still remembers the name of my friend who lived next door. We talked about things like that, and I ended up crying."

Once Lee was certain she was talking to her sister, a broker took the phone on the North Korean end. Lee transferred 2 million won (\$1,880) to a South Korean bank account belonging to a Korean-Chinese who was working with the broker, who confirmed the transfer and handed the phone back. The arrangement gave Lee's sister 70 percent of the money, with a 30 percent cut for the go-betweens.

Morocco, top hash provider, mulls legislation to break marijuana taboo and legalize growing

KETTAMA, Morocco (AP) — Abdelkhalek Benabdallah strode among towering marijuana plants and checked the buds for the telltale spots of white, indicating they are ready for harvest.

By September much of the crop has been picked and left to dry on the roofs of the stone-and-wood huts that dot the Rif valley, the heart Morocco's pot-growing region. Benabdallah openly grows the crop, despite the risk: "We are regularly subject to blackmail by the gendarmes," he said as he scythed through stalks and wrapped them into a bundle.

Morocco's marijuana farmers live in a strange limbo in which the brilliant green fields are largely left alone, while the growers face constant police harassment. A new draft law may bring some reprieve: It aims to legalize marijuana growing for medical and industrial uses such as textiles and paper, in a radical step for a Muslim nation. That could alleviate poverty and social unrest, but the proposal faces stiff opposition in this conservative country, as well as the suspicions of farmers themselves, who think politicians can do nothing to help them.

Morocco is joining many other countries, as well as some U.S. states, in re-examining policies toward drugs and looking to some degree of legalization. But Morocco's Islamic faith creates a strong taboo toward drugs, despite the centuries-old tradition of growing the plant in the north.

Morocco is one of the world's top suppliers of hashish. The World Customs Authority reports that in 2013, 65 percent of hashish seized at customs worldwide came from Morocco, with most of that going to Europe.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2014. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1954, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. (Anderson made her Met debut in January 1955 playing the role of Ulrica in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera.")

On this date:

In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.)

In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40.

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas

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took place in Galesburg.

In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall, one of the main figures of the Teapot Dome scandal, went on trial, charged with accepting a bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was found guilty and sentenced to a year in prison; he served nine months. Doheny was acquitted at his own trial of offering the bribe Fall was convicted of taking.)

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent Richard Nixon held their second televised debate, this one in Washington.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II concluded his weeklong tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall.

In 1982, the Andrew Lloyd Webber-Tim Rice musical "Cats" opened on Broadway. (The show closed Sept. 10, 2000, after a record 7,485 performances.)

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro (ah-KEE'-leh LOW'-roh) in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed Jewish American tourist Leon Klinghoffer, surrendered two days after taking over the ship.)

In 1989, Hungary's Communist Party renounced Marxism in favor of democratic socialism during a party congress in Budapest.

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

In 2001, the current war in Afghanistan started as the United States and Britain launched air attacks against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps in the wake of the September 11 attacks.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney conceded that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction as they tried to shift the Iraq war debate to a new issue, arguing that Saddam was abusing a U.N. oil-for-food program. Two bombs exploded at a gathering of Sunni (SOO'-nee) Muslim radicals in Multan, Pakistan, killing some three dozen people. Cambodia's King Norodom Sihanouk (nor-oh-DAHM' see-AHN'-ook) abdicated because of poor health. Austrian writer Elfriede Jelinek (ehl-FREE'-duh YEHL'-ih-nehk) won the Nobel Prize in literature.

Five years ago: A top Italian court overturned a law granting Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi immunity from prosecution, allowing trials for corruption and tax fraud to resume in Milan. (Berlusconi was later convicted of tax fraud relating to the purchase of TV rights to U.S. films on his Mediaset network; the corruption trial ended with a court ruling that the statute of limitations had run out.) Americans Venkatraman Ramakrishnan and Thomas Steitz and Israeli Ada Yonath won the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Fashion and celebrity photographer Irving Penn died in New York at 92.

One year ago: The partial federal government shutdown lingered, rattling markets in the U.S. and overseas while a gridlocked Congress betrayed little or no urgency toward resolving the impasse. Americans James Rothman and Randy Schekman and German-born researcher Thomas Suedhof won the Nobel Prize in medicine for discoveries on how proteins and other materials are transported within cells.

Today's Birthdays: Retired South African Archbishop and Nobel Peace laureate Desmond Tutu is 83. Comedian Joy Behar is 72. Former National Security Council aide Lt. Col. Oliver North (ret.) is 71. Rock musician Kevin Godley (10cc) is 69. Actress Jill Larson is 67. Country singer Kieran Kane is 65. Singer John Mellencamp is 63. Rock musician Ricky Phillips is 63. Actress Mary Badham (Film: "To Kill a Mockingbird") is 62. Actress Christopher Norris is 61. Rock musician Tico Torres (Bon Jovi) is 61. Cellist Yo-Yo

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Ma is 59. Gospel singer Michael W. Smith is 57. Olympic gold medal ice dancer Jayne Torvill is 57. Actor Dylan Baker is 56. Recording executive and TV personality Simon Cowell is 55. Rock musician Charlie Marinkovich (Iron Butterfly) is 55. Country singer Dale Watson is 52. Pop singer Ann Curless (Expose) is 51. Rhythm-and-blues singer Toni Braxton is 47. Rock singer-musician Thom Yorke (Radiohead) is 46. Rock musician-dancer Leeroy Thornhill is 45. Actress Nicole Ari Parker is 44. Actress Allison Munn is 40. Rock singer-musician Damian Kulash (KOO'-lahsh) is 39. Singer Taylor Hicks is 38. Actor Omar Benson Miller is 36. Electronic musician Flying Lotus (AKA Stephen Ellison) is 31. MLB player Evan Longoria is 29. Actress Holland Roden is 28. Actress Amber Stevens is 28. Actress Lulu Wilson is 9.

Thought for Today: "If your contribution has been vital, there will always be somebody to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality." - Walter Gropius, German-American architect (1883-1969).