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Wednesday, October 22

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Green beans, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hot pork combination, mashed potatoes and gravy, green and gold beans, carrot-raisin salad, pear halves.

Birthdays: Adam Grams • Margaret Sippel • Savanna Larson • Kara Kettering • Dustin Falk • Bill Shilhanek • Kara Pharis • Nathaniel Geist • Janice Hanson • Sherry Hanson • Shane Haskell
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

7:00pm: Emmanuel Luther League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: United Methodist Sr High UMYF

Thursday, October 23

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

School Lunch: Chicken patty on hamburger bun, oven fries, tossed greens, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, brownie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Duane Kurtz • Carrie Cole • Melodee Lane • Brooklin Nordine • Tricia Kurth • Whitney Krueger • Shay Rossow • Kassie Dunbar • Randy Stanley

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back 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.

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

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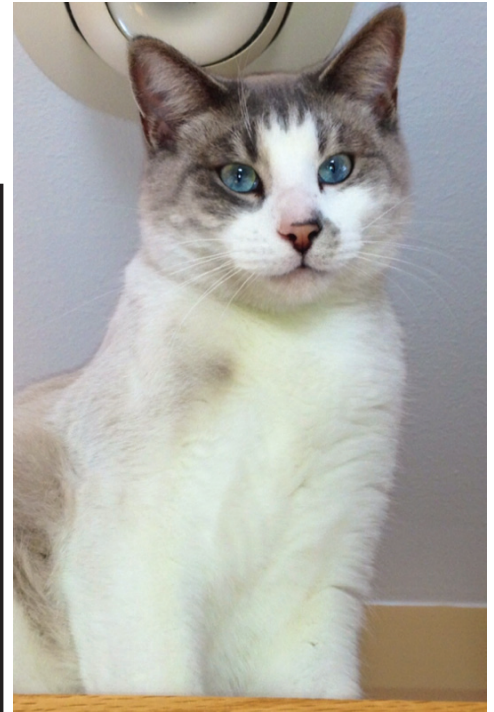
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South Dakota's DI AD is retiring

South Dakota's Creativity Association will be looking for a new Affiliate Director (AD) as Cozy Dorton retires after serving as AD for 21 years. The association oversees South Dakota's Destination Imagination program.

South Dakota's first creativity program was Olympics of the Mind (OM) which was started in 1981. Dorton attended a workshop at the School of Mines in Rapid City. "I was hooked that day and began the program in Custer," Dorton said.

In the beginning, there was just a state event as the program was sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Education and the Gifted Association. The state event was held at the School Mines as their staff produced most of the tournament officiating and organizing. In 1983, Congress decided that the term "Olympics" should only be used by the National Olympics, the Paralympics and Special Olympics. The name was then changed to Odyssey of the Mind which existed until the spring of 1999.

At the World Finals in May 1999, the ADs were told that Odyssey of the Mind had been closed by the IRS due to some irregularities in how the For-Profit and Non-Profit boards were set up - they were too intertwined. So in a settlement, no one was to use the name OM and the raccoon mascot was not to be used. At that point, there was no program available.

Dorton was part of the reorganization of the new group. "During that summer, some of us worked together to fund and attain the new 501(c)(3)," Dorton said, "while others worked on writing challenges and challenge forms. The Declaration of Independence form was written in Philadelphia that summer in July, along with all of the original challenges for the new organization. I attended the first organizational meeting of the new charter group in Chicago and we called ourselves Phoenix....and the mascot was a Strider....in that amazing three months we had a program that launched September 1, 1999, with six challenges. We had a brand new program available to teach valuable life-long skills to students everywhere."

Meanwhile in South Dakota, the organization picked a new name: South Dakota Creativity Association, Inc., and they chose to remain under the 501(c)(3) umbrella of headquarters. The state board decided in October to join Destination ImagiNation. In November of 1999 Odyssey of the Mind regrouped. The South Dakota Creativity Association had a choice to make- go back to the Odyssey of the Mind program or stay with Destination Imagination. Because of the positive changes the SDCA saw in the DI program, they decided to stay with



Cozy Dorton is retiring after 21 years at the helm of South Dakota's Creativity Association. (Photo by Lorie Steinhauer)

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Destination Imagination.

SD Destination Imagination offers K-12 and university level students a unique, idea-development process through an after-school activity, which is offered in 48 states and 30 countries. Skills learned include higher level thinking, teamwork, problem solving—they see themselves as innovators... the development of each student's creativity is continual throughout the season and beyond. DI's tagline is "We teach the creativity process from imagination to innovation."

Dorton said, "Students return because they know it has made a difference in them....better team member, better problem solver, better thinker, better organizer....students have gained confidence and tried new things....experienced failures and successes. As students become young adults, they also know these skills have helped them be a person working to make the world a better place."

After 39 years of teaching in Custer, Dorton retired in 2010. "I continued with the Affiliate Director position and became more focused in trying to move the vision forward to become stronger," Dorton said. "I think it is time to share the vision with more people. It is time to bring in new ideas and new energy into this leadership position. We need these changes to expand and grow our program."

Dorton will continue to be the Affiliate Director through this school year. "I have learned that as I have begun to say goodbye to long time friends and new friends from around the world and here in the United States, this will be a year of grieving....and of gratitude. I am thankful to have known so many wonderful people in my life. I am determined to communicate better through Facebook and some old fashioned ways to—phone calls and snail mail letters. One dream I hope to pursue is writing or collaborating on a book."

Enjoying her second retirement is something Dorton is looking forward to. "I want to appreciate more time with my husband and family," she said. "We want to travel to some areas of our great country we have not seen. And to regain the rooms in our house "lost to DI storage" in these past years.

Dorton has had a passion for her position and for the program. "The Destination Imagination program encourages teams of learners to have fun, take risks, focus, and frame challenges while incorporating STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts, and service learning," she said. "Our participants learn invaluable 21st century skills including creative and critical thinking, teamwork, perseverance, courage, ethics, respect for others and their ideas, and the collaborative problem solving process.

Each year, I am privileged to hear stories of the difference this program has made in people's lives--getting a job, earning a scholarship, changing careers, landing a promotion, being a leader or inventor...even being a better parent. I am very proud and blessed to have been a part of the enrichment these programs have given to someone's quality of life.

Now the search is on to find a new Affiliate Director for South Dakota's Destination Imagination program. The news is being shared with member schools and to advertise for the position. If anyone is interested in applying, contact Maria Kendle, president of the South Dakota Creativity Association Board of Directors at maria.kendle@k12.sd.us.

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Wildcats beat Lady Tigers in volleyball

Groton's volleyball team suffered a 3-0 loss to the hands of the Northwestern Wildcats Tuesday night in Mellette. Game scores were 25-17, 25-14 and 25-16.

Kasey Waage led the Tigers with 12 of 12 serves and an ace serve and had nine of the team's 41 digs. Courtney Kurtz also had nine digs and led the Tigers in sets with 48 of the team's 54 and having 11 assists. Josie Doeden was seven of eight in serving, was 12 of 15 in spikes with three kills and had one of the team's four blocks. Tori Bjerke had three blocks. Ashley Gibbs was 12 of 12 in spikes with four kills as Groton was 66 of 75 with 14 kills. The Tigers were 41 of 49 in serves with two ace serves.

Groton also lost both of the junior varsity and C matches.

The Lady Tigers will be at Britton-Hecla on Friday.

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Today in Weather History

1992: Record heat occurred on this date in late October in 1992. Temperatures rose into the upper 70s to the mid 80s across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. The record highs were 79 degrees at Mobridge and Timber Lake, 80 degrees at Sisseton, 82 degrees at Aberdeen, 83 degrees at Wheaton, and 85 degrees at Pierre. Although not a record high, Kennebec rose to 87 degrees on this date in 1992.

1965 - The temperature soared to 104 degrees at San Diego, CA. Southern California was in the midst of a late October heat wave that year. Los Angeles had ten consecutive days with afternoon highs reaching 100 degrees. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A guest on the top floor of a hotel in Seattle, WA, was seriously injured while talking on the phone when lightning struck. Several persons are killed each year when the electrical charge from a lightning bolt travels via telephone wiring. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Yakutat, AK, surpassed their previous all-time yearly precipitation total of 190 inches. Monthly records were set in June with 17 inches, in September with 70 inches, and in October with more than 40 inches. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987) Twenty-two cities in the eastern U.S., most of them in the southeast states, reported record low temperatures for the date. Morning lows of 30 degrees at Athens GA, 28 degrees at Birmingham AL, and 23 degrees at Pinson AL, were the coldest of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary) Showers produced heavy rain in southern California, with amounts ranging up to five inches at Blue Jay. Flash flooding resulted in two deaths, ten injuries, and more than a million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A "nor'easter" swept across the coast of New England. Winds gusted to 75 mph, and large waves and high tides caused extensive shoreline flooding. A heavy wet snow blanketed much of eastern New York State, with a foot of snow reported in Lewis County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A storm system moving out of the Gulf of Alaska brought rain to the Northern and Central Pacific Coast Region, with snow in some of the mountains of Oregon, and wind gusts to 60 mph along the Oregon coast. Six cities in Florida reported record low temperatures for the date, including Tallahassee with a reading of 34 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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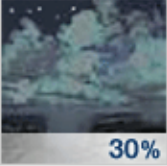





ENDORSEMENTS:

- ★ Family Heritage Alliance
- ★ The National Rifle Association
- ★ South Dakota Right to Life

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
						
70%	30%					
Showers Likely High: 64 °F	Chance Showers Low: 39 °F	Sunny High: 71 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 41 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 74 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 41 °F	Sunny High: 65 °F



Scattered Showers Today

Continued Mild Into The Weekend

weather.gov/Aberdeen

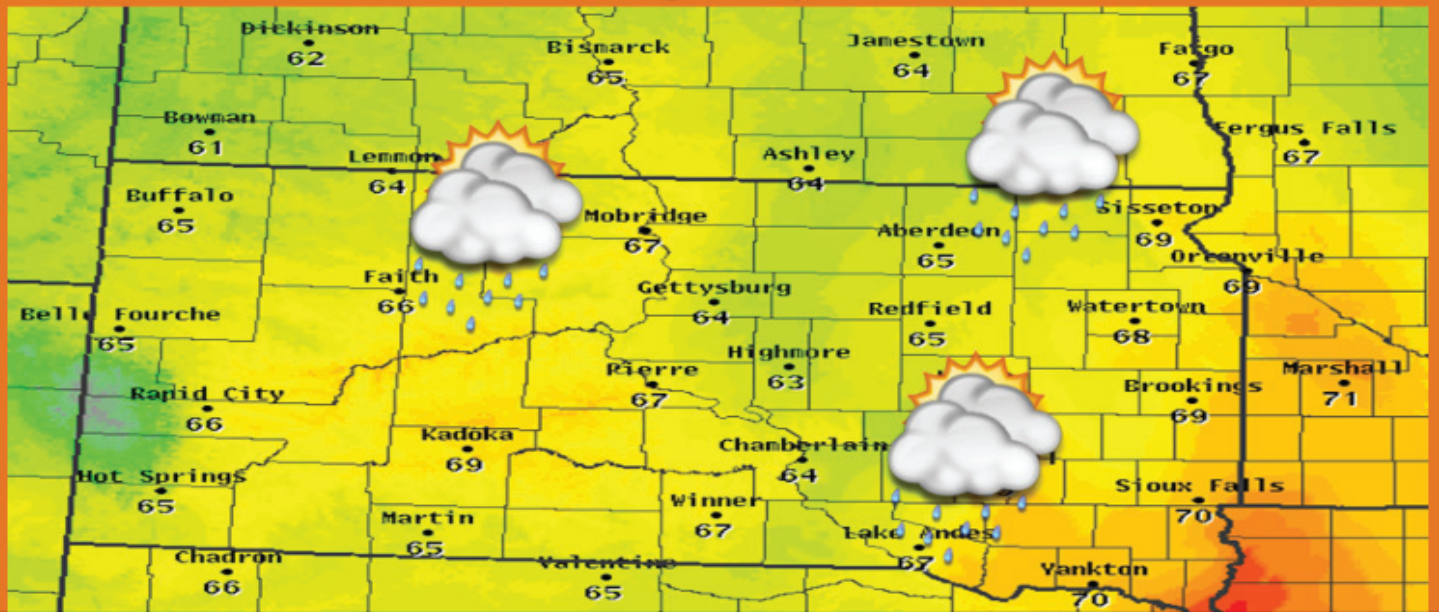


National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Highs Today



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

Updated: 10/22/2014 3:53 AM Central

A weak weather system will push across the forecast area today. Light rain showers will move through with totals between a tenth and a quarter inch. Temperatures will remain mild for the next several days.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 79.2°F at 4:02 PM

Low: 49.0°F at Midnight

High Gust: 32 mph at 10:27 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 82° in 1992

Record Low: 8° in 1895

Average High: 55°F

Average Low: 30°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.49

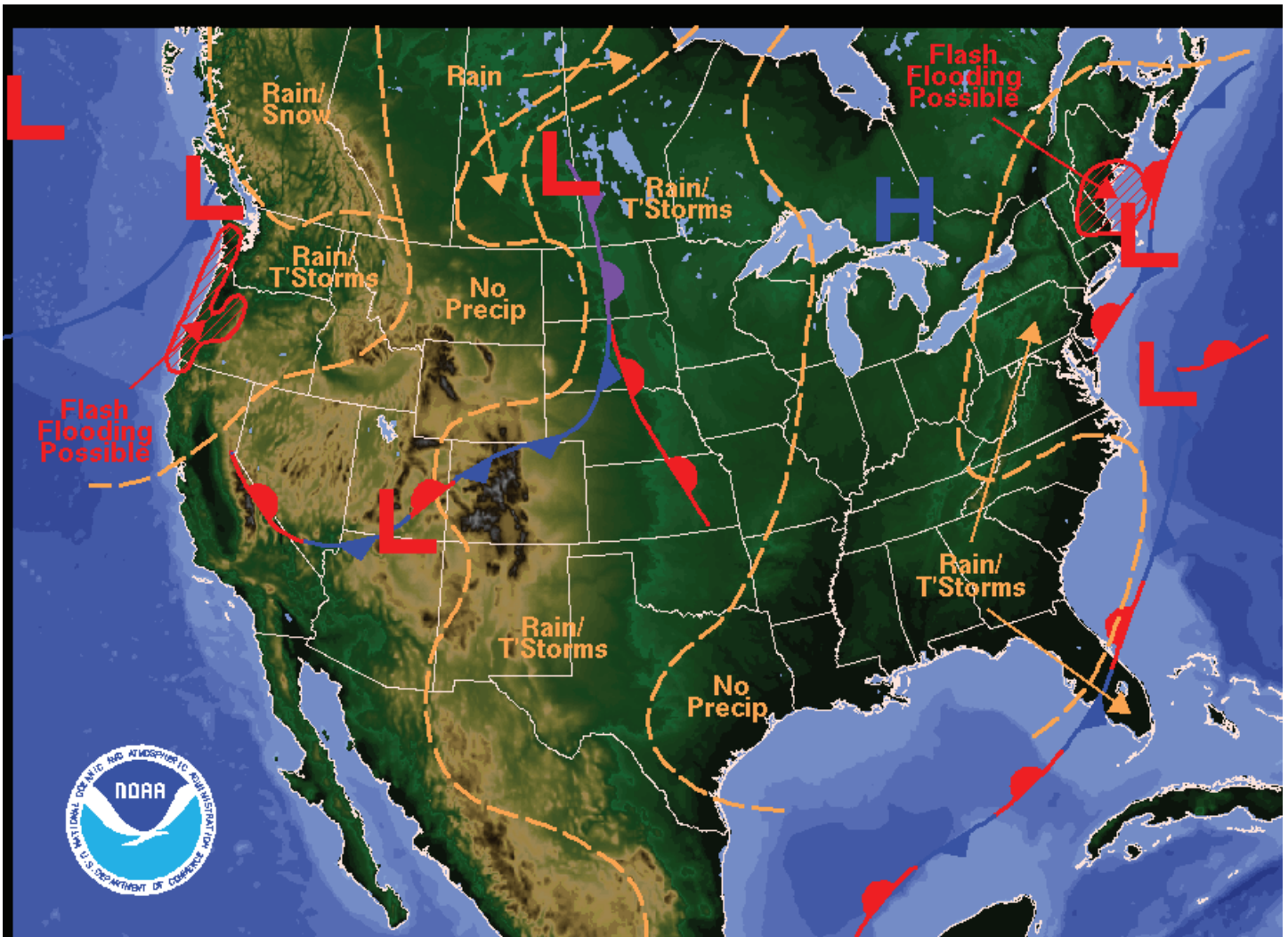
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.11

Average Precip to date: 19.97

Precip Year to Date: 13.05

Sunset Tonight: 6:36 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:01 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Oct 22, 2014, issued 3:03 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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NOW WHAT?

One of the most influential teachers in my life was "Gunny Smith." I met him one beautiful, sunny fall evening in Newport, RI. He stood as straight and rigid as the flag pole beside him. As new Navy Chaplains, we had no idea about what to expect. But, one look at his crisp uniform, brightly shined shoes, short hair and steady gaze left no doubt in our minds that what we expected didn't matter. Our lives were in his hands. He knew it. We would soon believe it.

With an obvious confidence in his voice, he said, "Gentlemen, I will soon become the most loved and feared person you will ever meet." He lived up to that statement. He was responsible to teach us how to live as officers in the Navy and how to survive in combat if necessary. He took his responsibilities seriously.

Solomon took his responsibilities as a father seriously, too. He warned his son to "continually bind God's laws around his heart, tie them around his neck... so when you walk, they will guide you, when you sleep they will watch over you, and when you awake they will speak to you." In other words, wherever he was, no matter the circumstances, whether night or day, "His law" would be a lamp and a light always, and, when necessary, correct and discipline him.

"Gunny" and Solomon knew and accepted their responsibilities whole heartedly. They were well aware of the fact that lives depended on their effectiveness to shape the conduct and attitude of the "un-trained."

Prayer: We pray, Father, that parents will not fail You in their duty to train "Your" children to obey You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 6:23 For this command is a lamp, this teaching is a light, and correction and instruction are the way to life,

News from the Associated Press

Former state worker to get transportation honor

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pierre man who worked for the state three decades is to be inducted into the South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor next week.

The state Department of Transportation says Tim Bjorneberg worked for the agency for 31 years. A banquet for him is scheduled Tuesday.

The deadline to get tickets is Thursday.

Extension service says aphids showing up on wheat

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The warm fall weather is likely to blame for aphids that have been reported on winter wheat in central and southern South Dakota.

Counties where the bug has been spotted include Hand, Hanson, Davidson and Aurora.

SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist Ruth Beck says the aphids carry a virus that is transferred to the wheat and can result in reduced crop yields.

She says wheat farmers should look for the bug in their fields and call the agency or treat their crops if the infestation is bad enough.

The aphids are dark-green and have a brown band across their abdomen.

Wind Cave National Park ready for controlled burn

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) — National Park Service officials and fire fighters are ready for a nearly 2,200-acre planned fire at Wind Cave National Park in southwest South Dakota.

The blaze is scheduled for Thursday and is expected to last three days. The burn will keep ponderosa pine trees from encroaching on the prairie land.

The fire will be in the park's southwest corner. About 50 firefighters will be on hand.

Smoke is expected to be heavy along Highway 385 and the surrounding region. Portions of the highway will be closed periodically because of the smoke.

The prescribed fire program began in 1972. Parts of the park are burned in a controlled setting every year. The fire removes the buildup of dead brush that could fuel a wildfire and rejuvenates the prairie grasses.

Gubernatorial candidates to debate on KELO-TV

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The three candidates for governor will square off Wednesday night in the final gubernatorial debate before the midterm election.

Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Democrat Rep. Susan Wismer and Independent Mike Myers will debate on KELO-TV on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. Central Time.

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Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

VOLLEYBALL

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Arlington def. Colman-Egan, 25-13, 25-15, 25-14
Avon def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-10, 25-17, 27-25
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Madison def. Dell Rapids, 25-9, 29-27, 25-14
Milbank def. Webster, 25-9, 25-14, 25-15
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Tri-Valley, 25-18, 25-16, 25-19
Northwestern def. Groton Area, 25-17, 25-14, 25-16
Parker def. Flandreau, 25-17, 26-24, 25-7
Parkston def. Bon Homme, 25-13, 25-21, 23-25, 25-22
Pine Ridge def. Red Cloud, 25-16, 25-18, 25-18
Rapid City Christian def. Harding County, 25-23, 25-19, 19-25, 18-25, 15-13
Redfield/Doland def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-12, 25-11, 25-8
Sioux Falls Washington def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-14, 25-18, 25-22
Spearfish def. Sturgis, 19-25, 25-12, 25-23, 25-17
St. Thomas More def. Hot Springs, 25-15, 25-10, 25-22
Sully Buttes def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-14, 25-21, 25-17
Tea Area def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-27, 25-17, 25-22, 25-23
Timber Lake def. Faith, 25-13, 16-25, 25-22, 25-18
Viborg-Hurley def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-18, 25-19, 25-17
Wagner def. Winner, 22-25, 25-13, 25-15, 25-5
Warner def. Leola/Frederick, 25-9, 25-12, 25-10

Watertown def. Aberdeen Central, 25-20, 13-25, 19-25, 27-25, 15-11
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Wilmot def. Waubay, 25-15, 25-16, 25-9
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Custer def. Hill City, 25-15, 25-16, 25-22
Wall def. Custer, 25-23, 25-19, 25-21
Wall def. Hill City, 25-16, 25-14, 25-19
Gayville-Volin Triangular
Gayville-Volin def. Marty Indian, 25-14, 25-9, 25-15
Gayville-Volin def. Omaha Nation, Neb., 25-11, 25-3, 25-15
Kadoka Triangular
Kadoka Area def. Stanley County, 25-17, 25-17, 17-25, 25-17
New Underwood def. Kadoka Area, 25-13, 25-16, 25-23
New Underwood def. Stanley County, 25-27, 25-22, 25-16, 25-22, 17-15

Suspect plans to plead guilty in oil patch killing

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

SIDNEY, Mont. (AP) — A Colorado man is set to plead guilty to killing a small-town Montana high school teacher in a slaying that shone a harsh light on the darker side of the Northern Plains' oil boom.

A plea agreement with prosecutors filed Tuesday calls for a 100-year sentence for Michael Keith Spell, 25, on a charge of deliberate homicide for the 2012 death of Sherry Arnold. A charge of attempted kidnapping would be dropped.

Spell is due to appear Wednesday before state District Judge Richard Simonton in Sidney, a town of 6,200 near the North Dakota border.

Prosecutors want the Parachute, Colorado, man to serve his time in prison. Defense attorney Al Avignone said he will ask for Spell to be sentenced to the state health department, which could allow him to serve his time in a facility for the mentally disabled. The defense also reserved the right to ask for a lesser sentence.

Simonton will have the final say.

Arnold, a mother of two and popular teacher in close-knit Sidney, was killed just blocks from her house after going out for a morning jog on Jan. 7, 2012.

Her body was found more than two months later, buried in a shallow grave in a once-quiet part of North Dakota that over the past decade has become the center of one of the country's largest oil plays.

Experts for the state and defense have testified that Spell is mildly mentally disabled. He struggles to read and write, and has a history of low IQ scores. Those findings prompted prosecutors to drop their pursuit of the death penalty.

"He's going to be intellectually disabled until the day he dies," Avignone said. "But that doesn't mean he can't learn and he can't learn life skills."

Richland County attorney Mike Weber said he would oppose any sentence short of prison.

"We'll be arguing for Montana State Prison. That's our position," Weber said.

The plea agreement was signed by Spell, his attorneys, Weber and Assistant Attorney General Joel Thompson. Weber said Thompson was instrumental in reaching the agreement.

Accomplice Lester Van Waters pleaded guilty last year in a deal that called for him to testify against

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Spell if the case went to trial. Waters in turn would be spared the death penalty and receive 100 years in prison.

He has not yet been sentenced.

Court documents say that just before Arnold's murder, Spell and Waters travelled to Sidney from Colorado, using crack cocaine throughout their journey. They told friends and family they were searching for work in the Bakken oil fields along the Montana-North Dakota border.

Authorities have said Spell choked or otherwise asphyxiated Arnold during an attempted abduction.

Spell's attorneys did not dispute that he was involved in the events leading to Arnold's death. Yet they maintained there was no conclusive evidence he was the one who killed her.

Spell implicated Waters as the killer in interviews with law enforcement soon after his arrest.

Weiland raises \$400,000 at tight Senate race's end

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democrat Rick Weiland's U.S. Senate campaign says it has raised about \$400,000 in the final fundraising period disclosed before the November elections.

Campaign adviser Steve Jarding says Weiland raised the funds between Oct. 1 and Oct. 15. Reports detailing expenditures and money raised in that period are due on Thursday.

Weiland had previously raised \$550,000 in the quarter that ended on Sept. 30 and had about \$250,000 on hand.

Weiland is engaged in a tough four-way race for South Dakota's open Senate seat. Republican Mike Rounds and independents Gordon Howie and Larry Pressler are vying for the seat being vacated by retiring U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, a Democrat.

Preliminary fundraising numbers from Weiland's opponents were not immediately available Tuesday.

Noem sailing toward win, Robinson lacking traction

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two weeks are left before the general election and Republican U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem is still seen as the prohibitive favorite for another term, while her Democratic challenger Corinna Robinson has struggled to build name recognition.

Robinson, a retired Army veteran, is seeking to unseat Noem, who was first elected in 2010. Noem, who is South Dakota's lone member in the U.S. House, has focused on such issues as agriculture and human trafficking.

Noem said her priority if re-elected would be to focus on policies that would help grow South Dakota's economy, including two trade agreements being negotiated with nations in the Asian-Pacific region and with the European Union that could increase the state's agricultural exports.

"In South Dakota, we have over 20,000 jobs that rely on agriculture," Noem said. "If we were able to expand our exports, South Dakota's economy would go crazy."

She said she believes Congress's abysmal approval ratings could improve if Republicans earn the six extra seats they need to gain control of the U.S. Senate. She said if both chambers were under GOP control, more bills would have the potential of getting to President Barack Obama's desk.

Robinson said she would focus on education legislation that would address increasing teacher salaries and promoting careers in the field of technology.

"It's no longer about being the strongest military, although national security is vitally important," Robinson said. "We have to be able to drive economically, and technology is going to be a big part of that."

Robinson said she knew going into the race that defeating Noem would be "a tremendous task." Noem

has raised significantly more funds than Robinson, with contributions from political action committees representing the agriculture and railroad industries.

The campaign arms of House Republicans and House Democrats have stayed out of the South Dakota race, a sign that both view Noem as a clear favorite. That's a shift from previous election cycles, when the seat was viewed as more competitive.

Noem raised more than \$350,000 between July 1 and Sept. 30, while Robinson's supporters contributed nearly \$30,000 to her campaign during the same period. By the end of the third quarter this year, Noem had \$1.05 million cash on hand compared to Robinson's \$11,500.

Robinson said she couldn't raise as much money as her opponent because as a government employee she was banned from doing so until she moved from Virginia to Rapid City to start her campaign. Robinson spent 25 years in the Army and later worked as a civilian at the Pentagon and the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

FBI investigating child's death on reservation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Federal and tribal officials say they're investigating the death of a child on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation in north central South Dakota.

FBI spokesman Kyle Loven tells KSFY-TV that the child's death has been ruled suspicious.

Loven did not give the news station any more details. He says more information will be released as the investigation continues.

Jackley seeks May execution for Rodney Berget

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

Attorney General Marty Jackley has asked South Dakota court officials to set a spring execution date for a man ordered to die for his role in killing a state prison guard during an escape attempt 3½ years ago.

Jackley has requested that Rodney Berget, 52, die by lethal injection at the State Penitentiary in Sioux Falls the week of May 3, 2015.

"The state believes that due process has been satisfied and is requesting that the sentence be carried out in the interest of justice," Jackley said in a statement Tuesday.

Defense attorney Jeff Larson said if the court grants the date, he likely will request a stay. He said it was too early to comment on possible legal grounds for such a request.

Berget and another prisoner, Eric Robert, attacked penitentiary guard Ronald Johnson during an April 2011 escape attempt. Johnson was alone in an area where inmates work on projects such as upholstery and signs. Robert donned Johnson's uniform and tried to move a large box with Berget inside toward the prison gate. They were caught before leaving the prison.

Robert was executed in 2012. A third inmate, Michael Nordman, was sentenced to life in prison for providing plastic wrap and a pipe used in the slaying of Johnson, which happened on his 63rd birthday.

Jackley said in an interview that he consulted with the state Department of Corrections and with Johnson's widow before deciding on which week to request. One reason for the choice is that "there's considerable work for the Department of Corrections in preparing for carrying out a death sentence," he said.

Legal injections in other states, like Oklahoma and Arizona, have been scrutinized recently after taking longer than expected. Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said South Dakota has not experienced those problems and its program won't change.

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Rabern said states where execution went awry are not using the single-drug, pentobarbital protocol adopted by South Dakota. She would not disclose the source of the state's supply.

Berget was sentenced to death in February 2012 for his role in killing Johnson. The state Supreme Court overturned the sentence in January 2013, saying a circuit judge had improperly considered a statement Berget made to a psychiatrist. Berget last year was sentenced to death again.

Larson appealed on his behalf, saying a lower court should have allowed new evidence before Berget was resentenced. State Supreme Court justices rejected that argument this past August.

Jackley said if his chosen week is approved, the specific date and time will be announced closer to the execution.

Barring any delays, it will be "a final resolution from a legal sense," Jackley said. "With a victim's family that has had to go through this, certainly it's a long healing process."

There have been 18 executions in South Dakota history. The last was Oct. 30, 2012, when Donald Moeller, 60, was executed for the 1990 kidnapping, rape and killing of a 9-year-old Sioux Falls girl.

Feds reaffirm state's sex offender registry

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice has reaffirmed South Dakota's compliance with a national sex offender registration act.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says the state's Sex Offender Registry continues to comply with the federal Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

South Dakota currently has 3,300 registered sex offenders living in the state.

Jackley says the state has a compliance rate of 98.9 percent and has had only 36 instances of non-compliance.

South Dakota was the originally the fourth registry in the nation to be certified.

South Dakota finished its renewal process in May. The Department of Justice reaffirmed the state's compliance status this week.

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. US TIGHTENS EBOLA SCREENING AT AIRPORTS

The move responds to pressure from some Congress members and the public to impose a travel ban on the three countries at the heart of the outbreak.

2. WHERE LIBERIANS ARE STRANDED

The Ebola outbreak in the West African nation has forced many of its citizens to live as refugees in neighboring Ghana until the threat from the disease abates.

3. HOW OHIOAN WAS FREED BY NORTH KOREA

No immediate explanation was offered for the release of 56-year-old Jeffrey Fowle who had been detained in Pyongyang for nearly six months.

4. WHO IS LAUNCHING A CHARM OFFENSIVE

Threatened with a referral to the International Criminal Court for human rights violations, North Korea is courting the diplomatic corps at the UN with private briefings and cappuccino meetings.

5. THE CLINTONS ARE DEMOCRATS' MOST BANKABLE ASSET THIS ELECTION SEASON

Bill and Hillary have been crisscrossing the country to help Democratic candidates, some of whom are

distancing themselves from an unpopular President Obama.

6. COLORADO TEENS POSSIBLY TRIED TO JOIN ISLAMIC STATE GROUP

FBI agents helped bring the three girls back to Denver after stopping them in Germany.

7. BEN BRADLEE DIES AT 93

The hard-charging editor guided The Washington Post through its coverage of the Watergate scandal.

8. JIHADI BEDOUIN'S DEATH IN SYRIA STUNS ISRAEL

Israeli society is struggling to understand how a young doctor from Israel's nomadic Arab community became a member of the Islamic State terrorist group.

9. MCDONALD'S PROMISES CHANGES AT US RESTAURANTS

The pledge comes after a fourth straight quarter of sales declines and a 30 percent drop in profits.

10. ROYALS' OCTOBER SIGNATURE IS DECIDEDLY GENTEEL

It's become iconic during Kansas City's run to the World Series. When Royals' fielders make great plays, teammates salute them by tipping their caps.

AP News in Brief

Ohioan due home after surprise release from North Korea; US still pressing for 2 others

CINCINNATI (AP) — News that an Ohio man had been freed from North Korea after being detained there for nearly six months triggered the same response in his wife and former co-workers: Delight.

Jeffrey Fowle's wife cried out with joy, the family's attorney said Tuesday. And a manager in the suburban Dayton city where Fowle formerly worked said they were "delighted to hear the news."

The State Department announced Tuesday that the 56-year-old Miamisburg resident was released nearly a half-year after he was taken into custody after leaving a Bible at a nightclub. He had been awaiting trial.

Attorney Timothy Tepe said Fowle was able to later call his wife himself on his way home. He was expected to arrive in Ohio on Wednesday, his former employer said in a statement.

Two other Americans who have been convicted of crimes in North Korea are still being held.

Liberians exiled by Ebola crisis pray for end of outbreak, suffer humiliation and boredom

BUDUBURAM CAMP, Ghana (AP) — Henry Boley left Liberia to attend a conference in Nigeria just days after his twins were born. Now, weeks later, he can't get home. Amanda Johnson, a 50-year-old Liberian living in Ghana, awaits her fiance's departure from their home country for their wedding, but refuses to return home because of Ebola.

Hundreds of Liberians are stranded in Ghana, separated from their families because of poverty, fear and logistics. Some are waiting for flights to resume after most airlines cancelled flights to Liberia. Others are having trouble navigating or affording the circuitous route back by bus. Many others feel it's too risky to return home, even if their spouses or children are desperately urging them to.

Boley and Johnson are neighbors in a camp for refugees just outside Accra, the Ghanaian capital, where they monitor the news for any signs that Ebola is slowing down in their home country. Their exile is likely to continue as the worst outbreak of the disease in history continues infecting more people in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone, with a total death toll of more than 4,500.

Ghana, which is still free of Ebola, has become the hub for an intensified international response to the crisis, with the U.N. Mission for Ebola Emergency Response based in Accra. Ghana is one of 14 West African counties seen as being at risk, and authorities have set up at least three Ebola isolation centers across the country in case there is an outbreak.

Boley, a 40-year-old Christian pastor, has been stranded for weeks. He is bored and often thinks of his babies, whom he barely knows.

US closes gap in Ebola screening of air travelers as states try to prepare hospitals, nurses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is closing a gap in Ebola screening at airports while states from New York to Texas to California work to get hospitals and nurses ready in case another patient turns up somewhere in the U.S. with the deadly disease.

Under the rule going into effect Wednesday, air travelers from the West African nations of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea must enter the United States through one of five airports doing special screenings and fever checks for Ebola. A handful of people had been arriving at other airports and missing the checks.

A total of 562 air travelers have been checked in the screenings that started Oct. 11 at New York's Kennedy airport and expanded to four others last week, Homeland Security officials said. Four were taken from Washington's Dulles airport to a local hospital. None had Ebola.

The other airports are Newark's Liberty, Chicago's O'Hare and Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson.

The tightened rules for West African travelers come as Rwanda — an Ebola-free country in East Africa — said it would begin checking visiting Americans for the disease because of the three cases that occurred in the U.S.

As Islamic State group pushes toward Baghdad, Iraqi tribes in Abu Ghraib buck takeover

ABU GHRAIB, Iraq (AP) — The Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib, best known for its infamous prison, sits close enough to Baghdad's airport that you can see the control tower in the distance. It's an enticing potential prize for Islamic State militants.

For now, this Sunni-dominated town remains beyond their grip, despite recent reports to the contrary. Markets buzz with shoppers and young women in colorful clothes and headscarves walk freely through the streets.

That's thanks in large part to the support of local Sunni tribal leaders who fought against extremists in the past are vowing to do so again. But to win the fight, they also need to combat long-held feelings of discrimination and what residents feel are arbitrary detentions and disappearances that continue to fuel resentment against the country's Shiite majority.

New tanks and checkpoints have left Abu Ghraib more militarized in recent weeks. At some checkpoints, Associated Press journalists on a recent visit saw heavily-armed volunteers in black ski masks standing alongside the military, quizzing locals and checking vehicles.

A report by Amnesty International last week said Iraq's Shiite militias have abducted and killed scores of Sunni civilians with tacit government support in retaliation for Islamic State group attacks. Tens of thousands of militiamen wear military uniforms but operate outside any legal framework and without any official oversight, it found.

For former Washington Post editor Ben Bradlee, good journalism coincided with good timing

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a charmed life of newspapering, Ben Bradlee seemed always to be in just the right place.

The raspy-voiced, hard-charging editor who invigorated The Washington Post got an early break as a journalist thanks to his friendship with one president, John F. Kennedy, and became famous for his role in toppling another, Richard Nixon, in the Watergate scandal.

Bradlee died at home Tuesday of natural causes, the Post reported. He was 93.

Ever the newsman and ever one to challenge conventional wisdom, Bradlee imagined his own obituary years earlier and found something within it to quibble over.

"Bet me that when I die," he wrote in his 1995 memoir, "there will be something in my obit about how The Washington Post 'won' 18 Pulitzer prizes while Bradlee was editor." That, he said, would be bunk. The prizes are overrated and suspect, he wrote, and it's largely reporters, not newspapers or their editors, who deserve the credit.

Bill and Hillary Clinton are playing a top surrogate role for Democrats in 2014

AURORA, Colo. (AP) — Bill and Hillary Clinton are the validators-in-chief for Democrats struggling through a bleak campaign season in states where President Barack Obama is deeply unpopular.

With speculation rampant about whether Hillary Rodham Clinton makes a second presidential run, the power couple has blanketed the political map this fall, attending fundraisers and get-out-the-vote rallies for a long roster of Democratic candidates. In states like Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina and Colorado, the Clintons are an asset at a time when many Democrats need a big name to help inspire supporters. The Clintons usually campaign for candidates on their own.

On the campaign trail, the former president, in particular, is in his element.

"I feel like an old racehorse in a stable and people just take me out and put me on the track and slap me on the rear to see if I can run around one more time," the ex-president joked at a recent Democratic Party event in New Hampshire — a theme he has used before while campaigning this round.

Obama appeared at his first political rallies last weekend — in Democratic-friendly Maryland and his home state of Illinois — but the Clintons can go where the president might not be helpful.

AP-GfK Poll: 4 factors shaping the upcoming midterm election, and another that's not

WASHINGTON (AP) — Someone has to win.

Most Americans say they dislike both the Republicans and the Democrats, but a new Associated Press-GfK poll finds more of them now say they would like the GOP to control Congress over the Democrats. That's in part because, on major issues including the economy and protecting the country, Republicans have gained an edge as the more trusted party among likely voters. But one major issue making headlines recently does not appear to be making much difference in how Americans are viewing the election, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

Five things to know from the AP-GfK poll: Four that are shaping the contest, and one that likely won't.

THE ECONOMY, STILL TOPS

Most Americans remain deeply concerned about the direction of the economy, and the GOP is in a position to take advantage of that concern. Sixty-one percent of Americans describe the economy as poor, while only 38 percent say that it is good. Nine in 10 likely voters call the economy an extremely or very important issue, topping all other issues tested in the poll by more than 10 percentage points.

NKorea tries on the charm to avoid being referred to Int'l Criminal Court for rights abuses

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — For an envoy of the North Korean government, which virtually bans the average citizen's contact with the outside world, Kim Ju Song looks breezily connected. A tablet computer is propped on his table in the United Nations' bustling delegates lounge. He hands out his name card with a Gmail address and mobile number and suggests a "coffee meeting to exchange views."

The young adviser to North Korea's foreign ministry is on an unusual mission that's almost certainly doomed to fail: Persuading the world that his country's dreadful human rights situation isn't so bad after all.

Faced with the threat of a referral to the International Criminal Court, Pyongyang is trying on the charm.

Diplomats and observers describe the attempt at openness as both ridiculous and remarkable. The North Koreans, once known for simply picking up the phone at their mission and hanging it up again, now hold press conferences and private briefings where they invite, and even answer, questions. "Don't hesitate to contact me," one official told a room of startled diplomats last week.

Diplomats also say they detect what normally isn't part of the North Koreans' remote presence at the United Nations: fear.

Death of promising doctor who mysteriously turned jihadi shocks Israel

HURA, Israel (AP) — He was a quiet whiz kid at the top of his class in Israel, who overcame tough odds in this minority Arab village to become a star medical student and hospital intern.

Could Othman Abu al-Qiyan have been radicalized by Israel's conflict with the Palestinians — or something else?

No one can quite explain what happened and why, but in his community in Israel's southern Negev desert, where many even serve in the Israeli army, his sudden transformation into a jihadi killed in Syria fighting for the Islamic State group is treated as a dark and dangerous mystery.

In three years of war in Syria, dozens of educated and seemingly progressive Muslims from Western countries have been lured to what they perceive to be a heroic jihadi battle against President Bashar Assad.

In Israel, the phenomenon is still marginal. Israel's Shin Bet security service estimates that only about 30 Arabs have departed for Syria to take part in the fighting. Just a handful have joined IS — the extremist group notorious for its beheadings of foreign journalists and aid workers.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 22, the 295th day of 2014. There are 70 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 22, 1934, bank robber Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd was shot to death by federal agents and local police at a farm near East Liverpool, Ohio.

On this date:

In 1746, Princeton University was first chartered as the College of New Jersey.

In 1797, French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin (gahr-nayr-AN') made the first parachute descent, landing safely from a height of about 3,000 feet over Paris.

In 1836, Sam Houston was inaugurated as the first constitutionally elected president of the Republic of Texas.

In 1883, the original Metropolitan Opera House in New York held its grand opening with a performance of Gounod's "Faust."

In 1928, Republican presidential nominee Herbert Hoover spoke of the "American system of rugged individualism" in a speech at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1953, the Franco-Lao Treaty of Amity and Association effectively made Laos an independent member of the French Union.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy revealed the presence of Soviet-built missile bases under construction in Cuba and announced a quarantine of all offensive military equipment being shipped to the Communist island nation.

In 1964, Jean-Paul Sartre was named winner of the Nobel Prize in literature, even though the French writer had said he would decline the award.

In 1979, the U.S. government allowed the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment - a decision that precipitated the Iran hostage crisis. French conductor and music teacher Nadia Boulanger died in Paris.

In 1981, the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization was decertified by the federal government for its strike the previous August.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan signed into law sweeping tax-overhaul legislation.

In 1991, the European Community and the European Free Trade Association concluded a landmark accord to create a free trade zone of 19 nations by 1993.

Ten years ago: In a wrenching videotaped statement, aid worker Margaret Hassan, kidnapped in Baghdad, begged the British government to help save her by withdrawing its troops from Iraq, saying these "might be my last hours." (Hassan was apparently killed by her captors a month later.) President George W. Bush signed a corporate tax overhaul to close loopholes and provide \$136 billion in new tax breaks for businesses, farmers and others.

Five years ago: Mortars fired by Islamic militants slammed into Somalia's airport as President Sheik Sharif Sheik Ahmed boarded a plane, sparking battles that killed at least 24 people; the president was unhurt. Gunmen kidnapped Gauthier Lefevre, a French staff member working for the International Committee of the Red Cross, in Sudan's western Darfur region. (Lefevre was released in March 2010.) Comedian Soupy Sales died in New York at age 83.

One year ago: The United States defended drone strikes targeting al-Qaida operatives and others, rejecting reports by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International questioning the legality of attacks that the groups asserted had killed or wounded scores of civilians in Yemen and Pakistan.

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Today's Birthdays: Black Panthers co-founder Bobby Seale is 78. Actor Christopher Lloyd is 76. Actor Derek Jacobi is 76. Actor Tony Roberts is 75. Movie director Jan (yahn) de Bont is 71. Actress Catherine Deneuve is 71. Rock musician Leslie West (Mountain) is 69. Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour is 67. Actor Jeff Goldblum is 62. Rock musician Greg Hawkes is 62. Movie director Bill Condon is 59. Actor Luis Guzman is 57. Actor-writer-producer Todd Graff is 55. Rock musician Cris Kirkwood is 54. Actor-comedian Bob Odenkirk is 52. Olympic gold medal figure skater Brian Boitano is 51. Christian singer TobyMac is 50. Singer-songwriter John Wesley Harding is 49. Actress Valeria Golino is 48. Comedian Carlos Mencia is 47. Country singer Shelby Lynne is 46. Reggae rapper Shaggy is 46. Movie director Spike Jonze is 45. Rapper Tracey Lee is 44. Actress Saffron Burrows is 42. MLB player Ichiro Suzuki is 41. Actor Jesse Tyler Ferguson is 39. Christian rock singer-musician Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) is 38. Actor Michael Fishman is 33. Talk show host Michael Essany is 32. Rock musician Rickard (correct) Goransson (Carolina Liar) is 31. Rock musician Zac Hanson (Hanson) is 29. Actor Jonathan Lipnicki is 24. Actress Sofia Vassilieva (vas-ihl-lee-A'-vuh) is 22.

Thought for Today: "There is no such thing as notoriety in the United States these days, let alone infamy. Celebrity is all." - Christopher Hitchens, Anglo-American author and essayist (1949-2011).