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## Monday, August 10

**Senior Menu:** Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, zucchini bread.

**Birthdays:** Drew Hjermstad • Peyton Jondahl • Ron Westby • Jess Bunn

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:30 p.m.: School Board Meeting

## Tuesday, August 11

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

**Birthdays:** Joshua Clocksene • Carol Dix • Jeff Stolle • Renee Tastad Mc Donald • Samantha Jondahl • Tylan Glover • Christina Kramp

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

## Wednesday, August 12

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

**Anniv:** Shawn & Michelle Kelly

**Birthdays:** Alexa Nilsson • Amber Wolken • Haida Boyd • Jadyne Geffre • James Westby • Fern McPartland

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: C&MA Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, Kids Club

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## The Life of Raymond Alberts



Services for Raymond Alberts, 94, of Groton will be 11 a.m., Monday, August 10, 2015 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen.

Raymond died Thursday, August 06, 2015 at Avera St. Lukes, Hospital, Aberdeen.

Raymond was born on December 27, 1920 in Groton to George and Alma (Yelkin) Alberts. He attended grade school in Putney and later graduated from Groton High School. Ray and his brother traveled to San Francisco, California, where they lived and worked for several years. Ray returned home to South Dakota and began his lifelong career in farming. He farmed in partnership with his brothers, Kenneth and George for many years. Raymond was united in marriage with Eunice Hein on March 4, 1962 at Zion Lutheran Church in Andover. Together they were blessed with two daughters. Following his retirement, the couple moved into Groton.

Raymond was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Groton. He enjoyed his work on the farm, and had a love for the outdoors. In later years, he began repairing and refinishing woodwork and furniture pieces. He collected antiques and could often be found at local auction sales.

Celebrating his life is his wife, Eunice of Groton, his daughters, Karen (Scott) Phillips of Colton, SD; Diane (Dean) Heimann of Omaha, NE, his grandchildren: Patrick Phillips, Kevin Phillips, Emily Heimann, Nathaniel Heimann, Raymond Phillips, his brother, George (Doris) Alberts of Groton, sisters, Lusena Manning of Aberdeen, Mavis (Julius) Kirschenman of Aberdeen, his sister-in-law, Arliss Alberts of Aberdeen and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers, Kenneth, Jess, Clarence and his sister, Leona. Honorary Casketbearers will be Emery Sippel, Harry Pharis, Gary Sumption, Gerald Osterman, Herman Lier, Wayne Hein and Ka Alberts.

Casketbearers will be Scott Phillips, Dean Heimann, Patrick Phillips, Kevin Phillips, Emily Heimann, Nathaniel Heimann and Raymond Phillips.

## 190 Bills Passed, But More Work Remains

By Rep. Kristi Noem

If you read the headlines, it's difficult not to get frustrated with what's happening in our country. Almost every day it seems we open the newspaper or turn on the news or scroll through Facebook to read about a new crisis, more gridlock, or greater dysfunction. It makes you wonder what is going on in this country? That's how I feel sometimes, anyways.

The good news is, however, we aren't standing idly by. Step by step, we're getting things done.

At this point, we're just over halfway through the year. Already, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed 190 bills, far more than the historical average of 125 bills by this point.

The legislative process these bills have undergone has been more open too. Every perspective has had the opportunity to be debated. In fact, the House of Representatives has considered more than 600 amendments, which is double the historical average. The result has been a Congress that is more effective, with 29 bills being enacted into law this year – once again, well above the historical average of 21.

Of course, it's not all about the numbers. The bills that have become law have been meaningful as well. The Clay Hunt Act aims to prevent veteran suicides, which happen at a rate of about 22 per day, by giving veterans better access to mental health resources. The USA Freedom Act strictly limits the NSA's bulk data collection. The Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, which I helped author, represents one of the most expansive anti-human trafficking laws this decade. The Medicare Access and Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act shifts the focus toward the quality of care, not the quantity. And new trade legislation puts strict oversight and accountability restrictions on the administration's trade negotiations.

Additionally, the House has held dozens of oversight hearings, focusing on everything from the IRS's targeting of conservative groups to the 2012 terrorist attack in Benghazi to executive overreach. Together with the Senate, we also passed the first bicameral 10-year balanced budget plan since 2001.

Despite several accomplishments, there are still major issues that must be overcome. In the coming weeks, the House will take up legislation that stops the President's proposed nuclear deal with Iran. While I'm cautiously optimistic we have enough votes to get the legislation through both sides of Congress, we continue to work toward achieving a veto-proof majority that can override the President.

Funding for road and bridge repairs expires in October as well, but we have been working on a real, multi-year fix that may include reforms to at least a portion of the tax code.

Other tax reforms – known as tax extenders – are also on the agenda for the last half of the year. The House has already passed a number of these so-called extenders, including a permanent fix to Section 179 – a section of the tax code that is important to many South Dakota ag producers.

While the House has also pushed forward legislation addressing sanctuary cities, the President's health care law, and immigration, I am doubtful we can find enough common ground with the administration to make responsible changes. Nonetheless, we'll keep pushing our ideas forward.

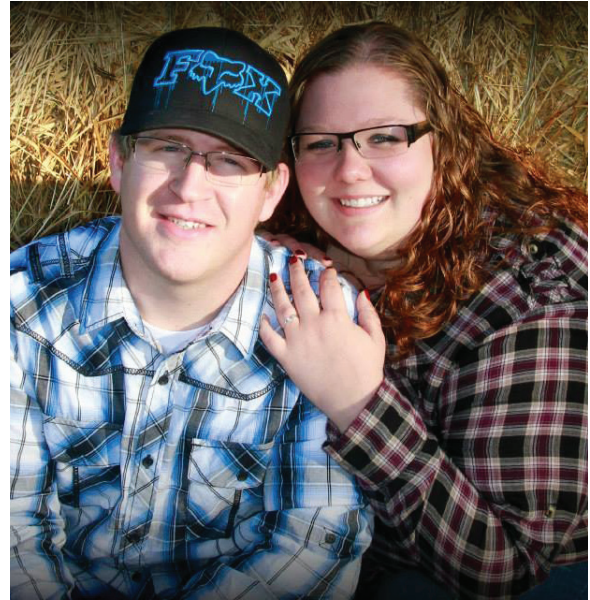
I am continuously striving for a more efficient, effective, and accountable government. As part of that, I believe it's my responsibility to show you what has been accomplished, while admitting to the challenges that lay ahead. There's a lot of work to be done, but we're making progress – one step at a time.

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## Friendly Fellows and Daisies

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies club met August 2nd at Wylie Park. The meeting was called to order by Dylan Frey. American Pledge was led by Kassidy Larson and the 4-H pledge was led by Kamryn Fliehs. Roll call topic was Favorite food. There were no communications. Treasures Report was approved by Nicole Marzahn and second by Logan Ringgenberg. Secretaries Report was approved by Hannah Sumption and second by Madelyn Sumption. Old Business was the rocket launch and ice cream social. Trey Wright closed Old Business and Kaitlyn Ringgenberg second. New Business is the Brown County Fair. Andrew Marzahn closed New Business and Hannah Miller second. Other Business is the launched rockets and Wylie park activities. Meeting was adjourned by Landon Marzahn and seconded by Mallory Miller. Talks and demos were given by Nicole Marzahn on how to make a God's Eye and Breanna Marzahn on Glass Etch. Lunch was served by the pot lock. Submitted by Kaitlyn Ringgenberg



## Scherbenske, Geist are engaged

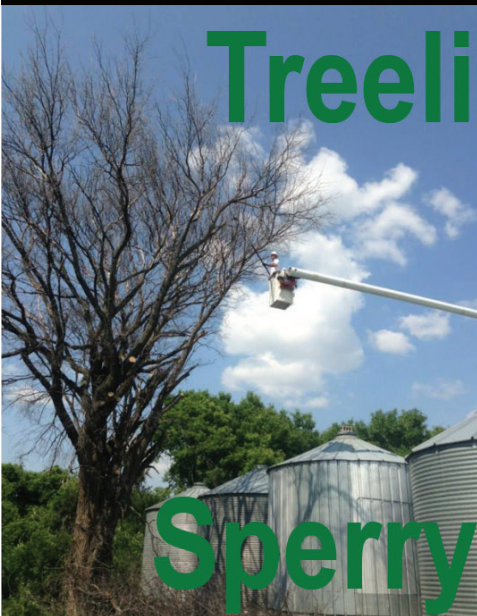
Jamie Scherbenske and Shanna Geist of Roscoe, SD are engaged and plan a September 12th wedding at United Methodist Church in Conde, SD. Parents of the couple are Ernest & Gail Scherbenske of Roscoe, SD and Tim & Betty Geist of Conde, SD. The Groom-to-be graduated from Western Dakota Tech and is employed at Schurr's Manufacturing. The Bride-to-be graduated from Lake Area and Presentation College and is employed at Avera St. Luke's.

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## 10 Reasons Why You Might Be Financially Stressed By Nathaniel Sillin

Stress can come from everywhere – career, school, family, relationships, health – and especially money. The American Psychological Association (APA) recently reported that money remains the number one stressor for 72 percent of Americans. In fact, money has led the APA's annual stress survey since its debut in 2007, the year before the financial crash that took the U.S. economy into its worst slump since the Great Depression.

Are you financially stressed? Here are 10 major signs of financial stress and ways to take action.

1. You wonder if your job is secure. Even though the economy has improved in recent years, employers still cut and reassign workers and make occasional adjustments in pay and benefits. If you've spotted changes in other departments or news accounts suggest a shift in your industry, start thinking ahead. Action Plan: Build up your emergency fund to cover six months or more of basic living expenses, update your resume and get organized for a potential job search.

2. There's no money to save or invest. If meeting basic expenses is a struggle and you have no savings or investments at all, it's time for a serious review of where your money is going. Action plan: Making a basic budget is the first step to tracking every penny spent. Figure out extras you can cut and set more aside for savings and debt payoff.

3. You have disagreements with a spouse or partner about money. A 2013 University of Kansas study noted that arguments about money are the top predictor of divorce. Action plan: Share information about all debt and legal issues and exchange respective credit reports and credit score data as you plan to solve all money problems together.

4. You are paying bills late. Late payments can hurt your credit score (<http://www.myfico.com>). Action plan: Set up a physical or digital calendar to keep track of payment dates and budget in order to put more money toward debt and eventually savings.

5. You imagine a windfall. Waiting for a bonus, an inheritance or even a winning lotto ticket to ease your financial stress indicates you have a tendency toward financial denial. Action plan: If your current efforts at budgeting, saving money or paying off debt aren't working, consider a reality check with a qualified financial advisor.

6. You use your home equity like a cash register. Home equity loans or lines of credit can provide an interest-deductible solution for a variety of important needs, but a down housing market can wipe out your equity. Action plan: Either refinance if you qualify or stop using the line entirely until you can pay down the balance.

7. You're considering drawing from retirement funds to solve money problems. Think twice before taking out loans against these funds. Interrupting your retirement planning, particularly over the age of 50, can have significant financial consequences. Action plan: Re-budget your finances and seek qualified advice to help you find another solution.

8. Late and overdraft fees are piling up. According to the Pew Charitable Trusts, the average bank overdraft fee is \$35; credit card late fees are similar. Action plan: Schedule bill payments and opt for online billing when possible to save time on mailing. If you have to pay additional late fees, ask your bank or credit card company if it might forgive the fee; many will remove one fee a year.

9. You're late on student loan payments. It is difficult to have student loans (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>) forgiven, cancelled or discharged (eliminated) in bankruptcy if you can't pay. Paying late can also hurt your credit score. Action Plan: Seek qualified financial advice that specifically addresses the type of student debt you have and resolve to pay bills on time.

10. Your accounts are disorganized. It's difficult to reach important financial goals when you really can't track your finances. Action plan: Get some advice from a trusted friend or a qualified financial professional about how to best organize your accounts and whether online account management may be right for you.

Bottom line: Reducing your financial stress is a healthy decision. Review your money habits and get qualified help if necessary to lessen this burden.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney](http://www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney).

## Today in Weather History

August 10, 1886: An estimated F3 tornado moved southeast from 10 miles northwest of Aberdeen. This massive tornado destroyed four homes and a dozen barns. This is the earliest significant tornado on record for Brown County.

August 10, 2007: Several supercell thunderstorms developed along a surface frontal boundary during the evening bringing large hail, damaging winds, along with a couple tornadoes. An EF0 tornado touched down north of Timber Lake with no damage reported. Another EF0 tornado touched down briefly north of Trail City with no damage occurring. Wakpala, in Corson County, and Mobridge saw golf ball sized hail. The hail broke some windows and damaged the siding on several houses in the Mobridge area.

1856 - The Isle Derniere (Last Island) disaster occurred off the coast of Louisiana. A storm tide drowned 140 vacationers as a five foot wave swept over Low Island during a hurricane. (The Weather Channel)

1882 - Sandusky OH noted a four minute snow squall during the morning, frost was reported in the suburbs of Chicago, and a killing frost was reported at Cresco IA. (The Weather Channel)

1898 - The temperature at Pendleton OR climbed all the way to 119 degrees at set a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1924 - Colorado's deadliest tornado killed a woman and nine children in one house along its twenty-mile path east southeast of Thurman. Mennonite men had left the farm to provide possible aid, as the 200-yard wide storm was first seen while far away.(The Weather Channel)

1936 - The temperature soared to 114 degrees at Plain Dealing, LA, and reached 120 degrees at Ozark AR, to establish record highs for those two states. (The Weather Channel)

1980 - Hurricane Allen came ashore above Brownsville, TX, dropping fifteen inches of rain near San Antonio, and up to 20 inches in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Tidal flooding occurred along the South Texas coast. Hurricane Allen packed winds to 150 mph, and also spawned twenty-nine tornadoes. Total damage from the storm was estimated at 750 million dollars. (David Ludlum)

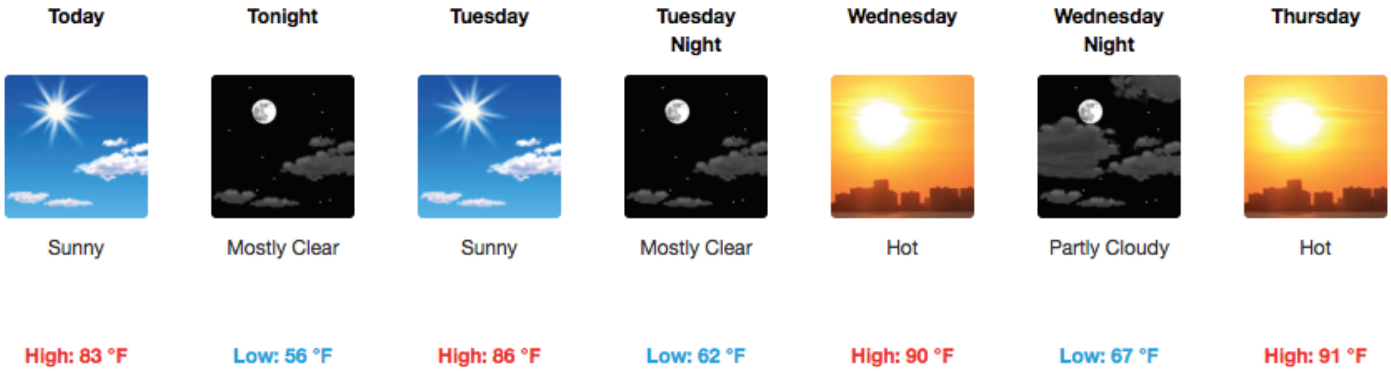
1987 - Unseasonably hot weather continued in the southeastern U.S. Ten cities in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina reported record high temperatures for the date. Macon GA hit 101 degrees. A tropical depression deluged southeastern Texas and southwestern Louisiana with torrential rains. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Citizens of Bluefield, WV, where the Chamber of Commerce provides free lemonade on days when the temperature warms into the 90s, were able to celebrate their record high of 90 degrees. Eight other cities also reported record high temperatures for the date,including Bismarck ND with a reading of 102 degrees.(The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thirty-eight cities in the south central and southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date, including Asheville NC with a reading of 48 degrees, and Victoria TX with a low of 63 degrees. Oklahoma City OK reported a record cool afternoon high of 71 degrees, and the daily high of 64 degrees at Raleigh NC established a record for August. In Arizona, a record sixty-four day streak of 100 degree days at Phoenix came to an end.(The National Weather Summary)

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Nice Today...Warmer on Tuesday and Wednesday

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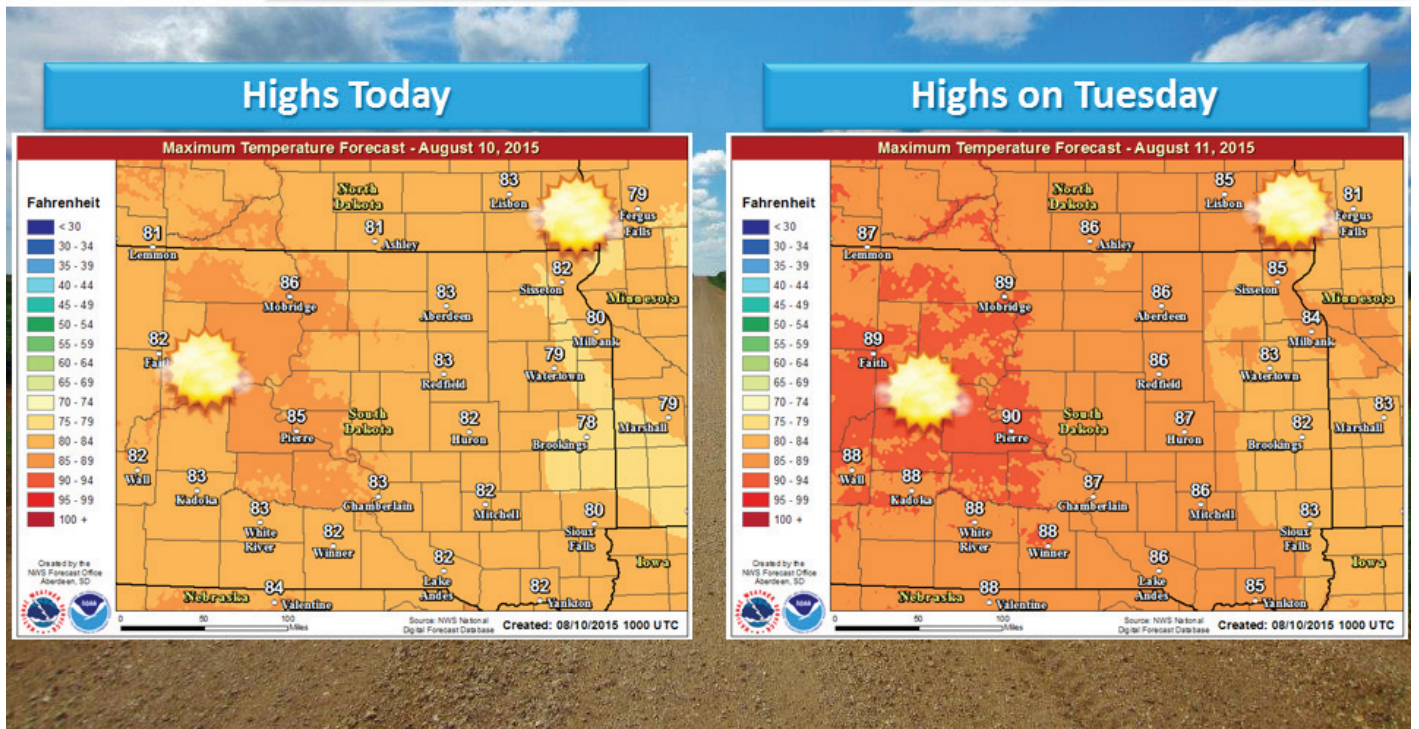
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An area of high pressure over the region will bring dry conditions through the first half of the work week. High temperatures today will warm into the low to mid-80s. Highs on Tuesday will climb into the mid to upper-80s.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 82.3 at 2:00 PM

**Low:** 63.5 at 7:50 AM

**High Gust:** 17 at 6:03 PM

**Precip:** 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 106° in 1947

**Record Low:** 42° in 1985

**Average High:** 83°F

**Average Low:** 58°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 0.79

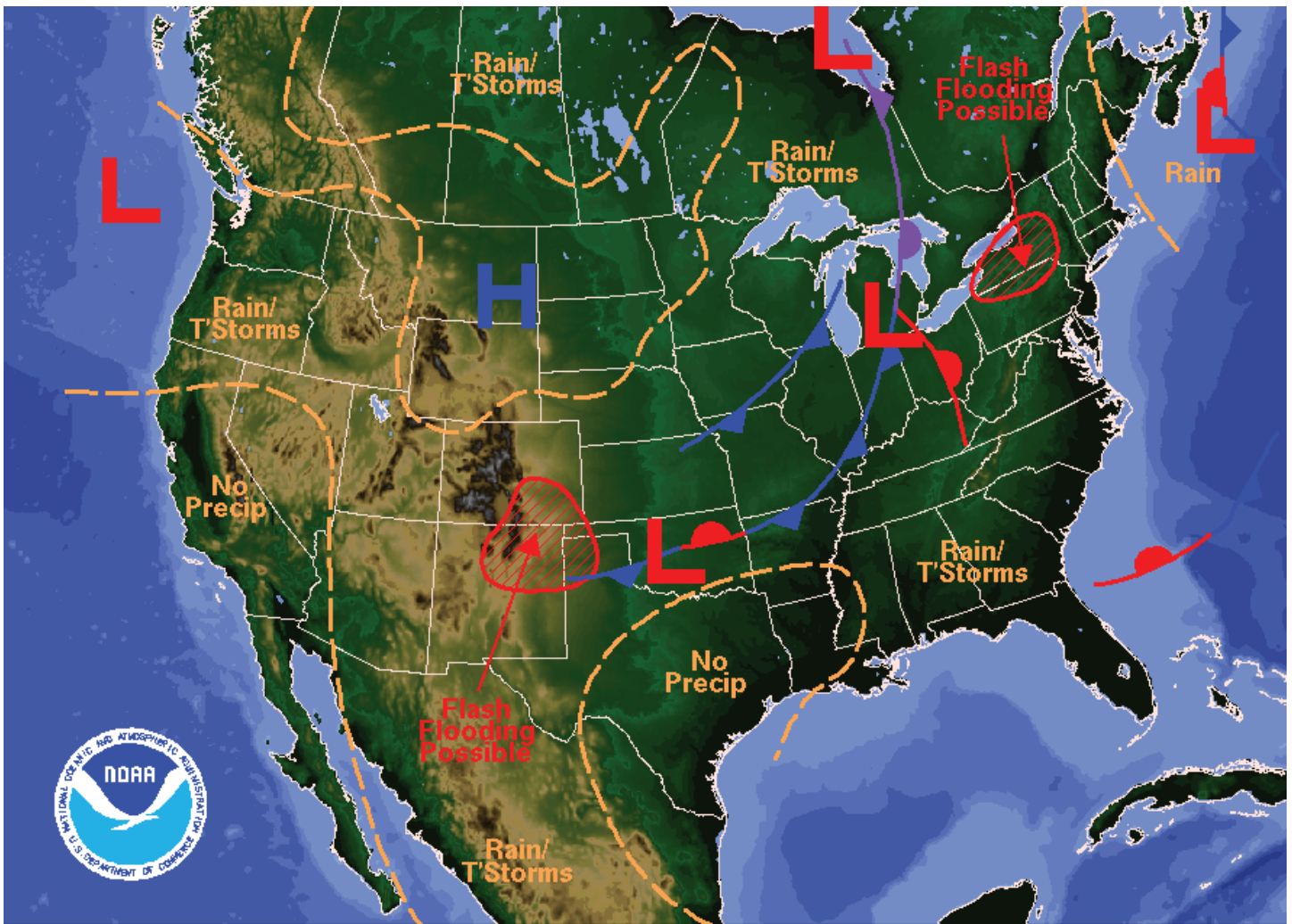
**Precip to date in Aug:** 2.22

**Average Precip to date:** 14.65

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.79

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:49 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:29 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Aug 10, 2015, issued 4:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## GOOD FOR EVIL

A truck driver went into a café and ordered a hamburger, French fries, a piece of pie and a cup of coffee. Shortly after he placed his order, a group of bikers came in and surrounded him. When he was served, they ate his food. Quietly, the trucker stood up, walked to the cash register and paid his bill. He said nothing as he walked past them and out the door.

"He's really not much of a man," said one of the bikers.

"And he's really not much of a driver either," said the cashier. "He just ran over three bikes in the parking lot."

In Romans 12 Paul describes the central values for Christian living. In particular he says that if we have truly experienced God's grace, we will want to share it with others. Forgiveness is a good example.

Often we say that we forgive others for the wrongs they have done to us. But, forgiveness is much more than quietly offering kind words under our breath that only God hears. Forgiveness is active not passive. If we have trouble forgiving someone and the hate remains lodged in our hearts, perhaps we might do something special – like offering them a small gift. That always helps!

And as we do so, think of the gift God gave to us in His Son Who died to forgive us of our sins against Him.

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to be forgiving and loving of those who harm us even as You through Christ forgive us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Romans 12:17-21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Firefighter who died in California remembered in home state**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of people turned out in Rapid City over the weekend to pay their respects to a firefighter who died while working on a forest fire in California.

Thirty-eight-year-old David Ruhl was on temporary assignment with the Big Valley Ranger District of the Modoc National Forest when he was killed late last month. The U.S. Forest Service says he died of carbon monoxide poisoning and smoke inhalation.

A procession and memorial service were held Sunday afternoon in Rapid City. U.S. Forest Service Associate Chief Mary Wagner attended, saying Ruhl's death was "felt by every member of the Forest Service."

Gov. Dennis Daugaard ordered flags in South Dakota to be flown at half-staff in Ruhl's honor on Monday, the day of his funeral in Rapid City.

### **Wisconsin man killed in crash on I-90 in South Dakota**

VALLEY SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a Wisconsin man was killed and three others were hurt when the pickup he was driving on Interstate 90 crashed two miles west of the South Dakota-Minnesota border.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol said in a news release Sunday that 51-year-old Joel Mecikalski of Hortonville died in the Saturday afternoon crash. The Highway Patrol says he was driving the pickup and lost control, and it went into the median and rolled.

According to the Highway Patrol, Mecikalski was ejected from the pickup, which was pulling a camper and motorcycle trailer. One passenger, 50-year-old Angie Gay, suffered serious injuries that were not life-threatening.

The Highway Patrol says two other passengers from Appleton, Wisconsin, had minor injuries.

### **Man shocked while taking apart equipment at Sioux Falls fair**

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a man was taken to a hospital after suffering an electric shock while taking apart carnival equipment at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls.

The Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office says the 50-year-old Houston man was shocked around 8 p.m. Sunday after the close of the Sioux Empire Fair. Sgt. Joe Bosman says the man was not initially alert but regained consciousness before being taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

According to Bosman, fair attendees were gone by the time the incident occurred. The fair closed its run Sunday.

### **State senator joins leadership of national lawmaker group**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Sen. Deb Peters has been chosen to be part of the leadership of a bipartisan group that serves state lawmakers and legislative staff.

Peters is serving as the vice president of the National Conference of State Legislatures. She will transition to the presidency of the organization in 2017.

Peters says she's looking forward to serving as vice president for the year.

Peters is from Hartford. She has held her Senate seat since 2011, and before that she served in the state House of Representatives.

## State agriculture secretary selected for fellowship program

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's agriculture secretary has been selected to serve as a fellow in a nationwide conference of state government leaders.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Lucas Lentsch is one of 48 state leaders from across the country that was selected for the Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by the Council of State Governments.

The annual seminar was founded in 1933 and seeks to develop the next generation of leaders from all three branches of state government. This year's program will be held from Aug. 28 to Sept. 2 in Lexington, Kentucky.

Lentsch was nominated for the program by Gov. Dugaard. He was selected from a national pool of applicants by a committee of elected and appointed state officials.

Past program graduates include governors, U.S. senators and members of Congress.

## Firefighter fatally struck by tree while battling wildfire

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — A U.S. Forest Service firefighter was killed in the Lake Tahoe area after he was struck by a tree while battling a wildfire -- the second firefighter killed in a California blaze since the summer wildfire season got underway, officials said.

Michael Hallenbeck, 21, of Shingle Springs, Calif., was hit Saturday during the initial attack on a fire that broke out south of the Echo Summit mountain pass, the agency said in a statement Sunday.

On July 30, a firefighter was killed by a wildfire in the Modoc National Forest while he scouted the area for ways to fight the blaze. U.S. Forest Service firefighter David Ruhl, of Rapid City, South Dakota, had been on temporary assignment since June in California, where he was an assistant fire management officer for the Big Valley Ranger District.

"The grief we are feeling at the sudden loss of two of our firefighters ... reminds us of the sacrifices these men and women make every day," said Randy Moore, the agency's Pacific Southwest regional forester.

More than 10,000 firefighters have been dispatched to fight 20 wildfires burning in drought-stricken California.

The largest wildfire in the state was burning in Lake, Yolo and Colusa counties and prompted the evacuations of hundreds of residents. The wildfire 100 miles north of San Francisco has destroyed 43 residences, 53 outbuildings and eight other structures.

The fire, which has charred nearly 109 square miles since igniting July 29, was 85 percent contained Sunday, the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said.

Some firefighters battling that massive blaze were rushed Sunday afternoon to a new wildfire that broke out several miles away near the community of Lower Lake and exploded to 4.7 square miles, or 3,000 acres, in a few hours, CalFire Capt. Joe Fletcher said.

The blaze forced the evacuation of residents of the rural Jerusalem Valley, who had been forced out of their homes on July 31 by the larger Rocky Fire and allowed to return on Thursday when the area was no longer threatened by the flames.

The two wildfires will likely merge, Fletcher said.

In Central California, a wildfire that consumed 9 square miles of the Sequoia National Forest was nearly contained.

## Wildlife center operator says Deadwood location up for sale

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota woman who in recent months opened a wildlife education center that houses wolf cubs and fox kits in Deadwood is selling its business property in the town.

Owner Terri Petter tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1KWFirG>) that Fur-Ever Wild has decided to sell its Deadwood location because of changes in rules and regulations from the city and the state.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has blocked Petter from allowing the public to pet the animals. An ordinance recently passed in Deadwood has stopped Fur-Ever Wild from increasing the number of housed animals.

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Petter says the ordinance would block growth for the business. Some opponents of the facility have worked against it at the state and local level.

## South Dakota father, son injured in Nebraska plane crash

HARTINGTON, Neb. (AP) — A father and son from South Dakota were injured after their single-engine plane crashed in a northeast Nebraska farm field.

The Cedar County, Nebraska sheriff's office says 56-year-old Ronald Feimer and 16-year-old Alan Feimer of Yankton, South Dakota, were taken to a Yankton hospital after the crash Saturday afternoon.

Authorities say Ronald Feimer was flying the Cessna 172G aircraft when it crashed near an intersection about three miles south of Yankton just before 5 p.m.

Their injuries were not disclosed, but a hospital official says they are no longer patients at the facility. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the crash.

## 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. VIOLENCE WRACKS MICHAEL BROWN ANNIVERSARY PROTEST

A man who opened fire on officers in Ferguson, Missouri, is in critical condition after being struck when the officers returned fire, police say, marring what had been mostly a peaceful weekend.

### 2. TRUMP'S POLICIES LACK DETAILS

The Republican frontrunner's precise position on health care, illegal immigration and job growth has not been part of his campaign so far.

### 3. WHY POPE IS BIPARTISAN DARLING

Francis thrills Democrats with his teachings on climate change, social justice and immigration. And his message on life and the Catholic Church's opposition to abortion comfort Republicans.

### 4. MICHIGAN CONSIDERS COMPENSATING EXONERATED

The Great Lake State is poised to join 30 other states who provide the wrongfully convicted with financial support.

### 5. WHAT HAS HINDERED EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Drones have interfered with firefighting aircraft 13 times so far this year, up from only four fires last year, prompting calls for more oversight and self-policing.

### 6. STINKING MATS OF SEAWEED PILING UP IN CARIBBEAN

Beaches are being fouled by algae that is attracting biting sand fleas and smells like rotten eggs, a development that has tourists changing plans.

### 7. NEW HEARING BEGINS FOR DETAINED REPORTER

The trial of a Washington Post journalist held in Iran more than a year ago and charged with espionage resumes, a case condemned by press freedom groups.

### 8. NEW TEST GAUGES DOGS' CITY SAVVY

The American Kennel Club's new "urban canine good citizen" test recognizes abilities that make city living more manageable for dogs, owners and others.

### 9. 'JACKASS' STAR ARRESTED

Steve-O climbed a crane in Hollywood, inflating a large killer whale balloon and lighting fireworks in a protest against SeaWorld.

### 10. ON FIELD, IN THE BOOTH, A WINNER

Frank Gifford, who died at 84, was as well known for being a buffer for Don Meredith and Howard Cosell on "Monday Night Football" as for his versatility as a MVP player for the New York Giants.

## AP News in Brief

### **County police chief: Man who opened fire on officers in Ferguson critically injured**

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — A man who opened fire on officers in Ferguson, Missouri, on the one-year anniversary of Michael Brown's death was critically wounded when the officers shot back, St. Louis County's police chief said early Monday.

Chief Jon Belmar said at a news conference that officers had been tracking the man, who they believed was armed, during a protest marking the death of Brown, the black, unarmed 18-year-old whose killing by a white Ferguson police officer touched off a national "Black Lives Matter" movement.

The man approached the officers, who were in an unmarked police van, and opened fire, Belmar said. The officers returned fire from inside the vehicle and then pursued the man on foot when he ran.

The man again fired on the officers, the chief said, and all four officers fired back. He was struck and fell.

The man was taken to a hospital, where Belmar said he was in "critical, unstable" condition. Authorities didn't immediately release the identities of anyone involved, but Tyrone Harris told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch the injured man was his son, Tyrone Harris Jr.

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### **Republican Donald Trump's approach to policy a mystery amid lack of detail, swings in ideology**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Donald Trump's position on health care? Repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act "with something terrific."

On what to do with an estimated 11 million immigrants currently living in the country illegally? "We're going to have plenty of time to talk about it," he told reporters during a recent trip to the U.S. border with Mexico.

As Trump pushes ahead with an establishment-bucking campaign for the Republican presidential nomination, the real estate developer and former reality TV star's decidedly unconventional approach to politics includes forgoing — so far — any substantive discussion of public policy.

Identifying problems and presenting preferred solutions is usually standard operating procedure for candidates for office at any level, perhaps none more so than president. Developing policy is a key role of campaign staff, and the resulting work is touted in speeches and rollouts designed to win headlines and voters alike.

Most of the other candidates for president in 2016 have records of public service, having cast votes as lawmakers or executed policy as governors. Those who lack such time in office, such as retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, have still staked out clear positions on issues that include health care and managing the economy.

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### **Members of Congress looking forward to pope's speech next month and bracing for his challenge**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A political pope is sure to seize his opportunity when he addresses a political body. So both Democrats and Republicans are looking forward to Pope Francis' remarks to Congress next month — and bracing for them, too.

The pope thrills Democrats with his teachings on climate change, social justice and immigration. At the same time, his message on life and the Catholic Church's traditional opposition to abortion comfort Republicans.

There is genuine giddiness among Catholic Democrats — many of whom have long been uncomfortably at odds with their church over abortion rights — about the pope's strong emphasis on addressing poverty and the environment.

"I've been waiting for this pope all my life," said liberal Massachusetts Democrat Jim McGovern, 57. "I

find him inspirational and I know a lot of other people do, not just Catholics.”

The pope comes to the Capitol on Sept. 24, where he will be the first pontiff to ever address a joint meeting of Congress. He will also appear on a West Front balcony to greet the public.

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## **From wildfires to commercial flights, drones becoming a dangerous and growing nuisance**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As Jason Thrasher lowered his helicopter to a park with seven firefighters aboard, he saw what he thought was another firefighting chopper battling a blaze that was threatening homes.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pilot suddenly identified the object as a four-rotor drone only 10 feet from his windshield, forcing him to make a hard left to avoid a collision about 500 feet above ground, according to a report he filed the next day.

“If that drone came through my windshield, I have no idea what could have happened,” Thrasher said in a phone interview. “If that drone hits my tail rotor, for sure it’s going to be catastrophic.”

The near-miss last September in Nevada City, about 60 miles northeast of Sacramento, explains why drones have quickly become a serious nuisance and concern for firefighting pilots and other first responders, fueling calls for more oversight and self-policing in the skies.

The U.S. Forest Service has tallied 13 wildfires in which suspected drones interfered with firefighting aircraft this year — 11 since late June — up from four fires last year and only scattered incidents before. Last month, the sighting of five drones in a wildfire that closed Interstate 15 in Southern California and destroyed numerous vehicles grounded crews for 20 minutes as flames spread.

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## **Assailants fire shots at US Consulate in Istanbul; 1 attacker injured**

ISTANBUL (AP) — Two assailants opened fire at the heavily-protected U.S. Consulate building in Istanbul on Monday, touching off a gunfight with police before fleeing the scene, Turkish media reports said.

Police later caught one person in connection with the attack, but provided no details, the state-run Anadolu Agency said. One of the assailants — a woman — was injured in the crossfire and was captured inside a nearby building where she hid, the private Dogan news agency reported. No one else was injured in the onslaught.

Hours earlier an overnight bomb attack at a police station in Istanbul injured three policemen and seven civilians and caused a fire that collapsed part of the three-story building. Police said the assailants exploded a car bomb near the station. Unknown assailants later fired on police inspecting the scene of the explosion, sparking another gunfight with police that killed a member of the police inspection team and two assailants.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility and it was not known if the assaults were connected.

Also Monday, Kurdish rebels in the southeastern province of Sirnak fired at a helicopter carrying conscripts who either finished their term of duty or were taking leave, killing one of them and injuring one other, the military said. Four soldiers were also killed in Sirnak province, when their armored vehicle was attacked with a roadside bomb, the Dogan news agency reported.

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## **Iran court concludes final hearing for Washington Post reporter charged with espionage**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The final hearing for a Washington Post reporter detained in Iran more than a year ago and charged with espionage ended on Monday, with a verdict expected in the coming days in a trial that has been condemned by the newspaper and press freedom groups.

The fourth closed-door hearing in the trial of Jason Rezaian, who has American and Iranian citizenship, ended after a few hours devoted to his defense. Rezaian was tried by a Revolutionary Court, which hears sensitive cases, including those related to national security.

His lawyer, Leila Ahsan, told The Associated Press after the hearing that she expects a verdict "in a week." The trial began in May.

Rezaian's mother, Mary, who was outside the court with his wife, Yeganeh Salehi, told reporters her son was innocent, a victim of the hostility between Iran and the United States dating back to the 1979 Islamic revolution.

"He is paying the price of the suspicion, the animosity and the paranoia between the two countries," she said.

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## **Long a holdout, Michigan considers compensating wrongfully convicted \$60K per year in prison**

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — One newly exonerated inmate walks free every couple of months in Michigan, which has released more innocent prisoners than all but four states. Julie Baumer was one of them, missing four years of family life and career advancement due to a child abuse conviction after her nephew's head injuries were mistakenly blamed on shaken-baby trauma.

Yet Michigan, unlike 30 other states that have provided the wrongfully convicted with financial support, is just beginning to seriously confront the issue after years of stalled efforts and a prolonged economic downturn.

"There's no closure," said Baumer, a 39-year-old former mortgage loan officer who now works an entry-level administrative assistant job for a parish near Detroit. She first stayed in a homeless shelter and has struggled to mend relationships with family members who'd lost hope of her 10- to 15-year sentence ending early.

"It's just an open wound that continually oozes emotional pain," she said.

The first steps to remedy the plight of Baumer and others came in June, when a legislative committee approved a bill that would provide \$60,000 for each year of wrongful incarceration plus lost wages, medical expenses and attorney fees.

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## **Suspect in death of Vermont social worker scheduled to make first court appearance**

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — The Vermont woman who police say shot and killed a social worker because she was upset about losing custody of her 9-year-old daughter is scheduled to make her first court appearance.

Jody Herring has been held without bail since shortly after her arrest Friday following the death of Lara Sobel who police say was shot twice in the head as she came of the Barre office building that houses the regional office of the state Department for Children and Families.

Police also believe that before shooting the 48-year-old Sobel, Herring shot and killed two cousins and an aunt in the neighboring town of Berlin. But no charges have been filed in connection with the deaths of Regina Herring, 43, and Rhonda Herring, 48, the suspect's cousins; and Julianne Falzarano, 73, an aunt.

Herring, 40, is to appear in Vermont Superior Court in Barre on Monday afternoon to answer a first-degree murder charge in Sobel's death.

On Sunday, about 300 people packed into Barre's Old Labor Hall to pay tribute to Sobel before marching to the parking lot where she was shot.

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## **New test gauges dogs' city savvy, from navigating busy sidewalks to taking elevators**

NEW YORK (AP) — They're skills any city dweller needs: Taking strangers and noisy streets in stride. Riding calmly in elevators. Hopping a cab or subway. And ignoring tempting food all around you.

Magneto, a 170-pound Leonberger dog, was out to show he could do all that as he sauntered along a crowded Manhattan street this past week. He waited patiently with owner Morgan Avila for a light to

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change, clambered in and out of a curbside car, and proved unfazed by a fallen McDonald's bag and a hug from a passer-by.

Soon, Magneto was officially declared an "urban canine good citizen," the American Kennel Club's new title recognizing proper city-dog deportment.

"This ultimately will help the cause of dogs everywhere," AKC training director Mary Burch says.

The test is debuting at a time when Americans are showing increasing interest in bringing dogs along in public settings. States including California, Florida and Maryland have in the last decade started allowing dogs on restaurant patios, and similar legislation is waiting to be sent to New York's governor.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, August 10, the 222nd day of 2015. There are 143 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 10, 1945, a day after the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Imperial Japan conveyed its willingness to surrender provided the status of Emperor Hirohito remained unchanged. (The Allies responded the next day, saying they would determine the Emperor's future status.)

### On this date:

In 1792, during the French Revolution, mobs in Paris attacked the Tuileries (TWEE'-luh-reez) Palace, where King Louis XVI resided. (The king was later arrested, put on trial for treason, and executed.)

In 1821, Missouri became the 24th state.

In 1846, President James K. Polk signed a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution.

In 1874, Herbert Clark Hoover, the 31st president of the United States, was born in West Branch, Iowa.

In 1913, the Treaty of Bucharest was signed, ending the Second Balkan War.

In 1921, Franklin D. Roosevelt was stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island of Campobello.

In 1949, the National Military Establishment was renamed the Department of Defense.

In 1969, Leno and Rosemary LaBianca were murdered in their Los Angeles home by members of Charles Manson's cult, one day after actress Sharon Tate and four other people had been slain.

In 1975, television personality David Frost announced he had purchased the exclusive rights to interview former President Richard Nixon.

In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed a measure providing \$20,000 payments to still-living Japanese-Americans who'd been interned by their government during World War II.

In 1993, Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1995, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols were charged with 11 counts in the Oklahoma City bombing (McVeigh was convicted of murder and executed; Nichols was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter and sentenced to life in prison). Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, announced she had joined the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

**Ten years ago:** A defiant Iran resumed full operations at its uranium conversion plant. President George W. Bush signed a \$286 billion transportation bill. Tennessee prison inmate George Hyatte and his wife, Jennifer, surrendered in Columbus, Ohio, a day after she'd ambushed two prison guards at a courthouse, killing one of them, to help her husband escape. (Both later pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and were sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

**Five years ago:** The House pushed through an emergency \$26 billion jobs bill that Democrats said would save 300,000 teachers, police and others from layoffs; President Barack Obama immediately signed it into law. Talk radio host Dr. Laura Schlessinger quoted the "N-word" 11 times in an on-air conversation with a caller who she said was "hypersensitive" to racism; Schlessinger ended up apologizing. Hollywood producer David L. Wolper, 82, died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

**One year ago:** Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki resisted calls for his resignation and accused the country's new president, Fouad Massoum, of violating the constitution (al-Maliki stepped down three days



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later). Rory McIlroy won his second straight major championship and fourth of his young career, rallying on the back nine in the PGA Championship in Louisville, Kentucky.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Rhonda Fleming is 92. Singer Ronnie Spector is 72. Actor James Reynolds is 69. Rock singer-musician Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) is 68. Country musician Gene Johnson (Diamond Rio) is 66. Singer Patti Austin is 65. Actor Daniel Hugh Kelly is 63. Folk singer-songwriter Sam Baker is 61. Actress Rosanna Arquette is 56. Actor Antonio Banderas is 55. Rock musician Jon Farriss (INXS) is 54. Singer Julia Fordham is 53. Journalist-blogger Andrew Sullivan is 52. Actor Chris Caldovino is 52. Singer Neneh Cherry is 51. Singer Aaron Hall is 51. Boxer Riddick Bowe is 48. Actor Sean Blakemore (TV: "General Hospital") is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lorraine Pearson (Five Star) is 48. Singer-producer Michael Bivins is 47. Actor-writer Justin Theroux is 44. Actress Angie Harmon is 43. Country singer Jennifer Hanson is 42. Actress JoAnna Garcia Swisher is 36. Singer Cary Ann Hearst (Shovels & Rope) is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nikki Bratcher (Divine) is 35. Actor Aaron Staton (TV: "Mad Men") is 35. Actor Ryan Eggold is 31. Actor Lucas Till is 25. Reality TV star Kylie Jenner is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "It is easier to make a saint out of a libertine than out of a prig." - George Santayana, Spanish-born philosopher (1863-1952).