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Netters beat Langford Area

Groton Area netters defeated Langford Area in three games, 25-21, 25-15 and 25-9. The match was played Monday night in Langford.

In serving, Groton Area was 59 of 67 with 20 ace serves. Katie Koehler was 17 of 20 with nine ace serves and Payton Maine was 11 of 13 with six ace serves. Langford Area was 42 of 46 with two ace serves. Wendy Barrett was 12 of 13 and Chezney Olson was 10 of 12 with two ace serves.

Groton Area was 70 of 72 in sets with 20 assists. Marlee Jones was 59 of 61 with 18 assists and Koehler was eight of eight with one assist. Langford Area was 50 of 53 with seven assists. Olson was 27 of 28 with two assists and Madison Nelson was 23 of 25 with five assists.

In spikes, Groton Area was 63 of 80 with 30 kills. Carly Wheeting was 11 of 14 with eight kills and Gia Gengerke was nine of 11 with seven kills. Langford Area was 29 of 41 with eight kills. Adyson Dwight was 10 of 15 and Wendy Parrett was 10 of 13 with five kills.

Groton Area won the junior varsity match by game scores of 25-19 and 25-21.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Elementary Pictures
State Golf at Milbank

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken strips, French fries, garlic toast, fruit, romaine salad.

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

Birthdays: Mary Ann Sippel • Jan Dedrickson • Dianne Schelle

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

5:15pm: 7th VB host Leola/Frederick

6:30pm: 8th/JV VB hosts Leola-Frederick followed by varsity match

Wednesday, October 7

MS/HS Picture Day

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

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, broccoli and dip, fruit, mixed vegetables.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Cal & Billie Wagner

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

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: MathCounts at GHS

1:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Ladies Aid LWML

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

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, October 8

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fruit,



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City airport rent drops, so does farmable acres

Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported that Gary Thurston had stopped in at city hall and explained that the acreage of farmable property around the airport was reduced by 10 acres because of the enlarged boundary required by the South Dakota Aviation. "He did not ask for a reduction of rent," Lowary said. "He just pointed it out to us. I propose giving him a refund of rent from this past year's rent." The amount of the refund was \$2,170 and was approved in the bills. The total acreage that the city collects rent on is 109 acres, down from 119 acres. The bid prices for rent were also lower than they were three years ago. Thurston had paid \$217 an acre. The bids this year came in at \$147 an acre from Thurston and \$205 an acre from Shawn Gengerke. The bid was awarded to Gengerke.

The city's property insurance actually went down by \$1,700 when the vehicles were changed from building contents to having comp put on them. The group rate for the city employee insurance will also go down.

Shawn Lambertz was authorized to attend the South Dakota Municipal League Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday in Watertown.

Lowary reported that there is \$79,000 in the checking account and the council approved \$138,489.05 in bills. "I will send out the checks as the money comes in," Lowary said.

Six fines were issued for noncompliance of house numbers. The fine was \$25. Another \$25 fine could be imposed if the house numbers are not up by bill time this month.

The cross at the cemetery has been removed. It has been in the road and it has been getting old. The city was instructed to remove the old and a new one will be installed in the future, more off the road.

In-house safety meetings will be done to make up for the points lost by not attending the safety conference this year.

Dick Kolker had presented the city with a letter representing the Jack Dixon estate. They have a house on Main Street that the estate is trying to sell. Kolker is trying to clear up the title, which has many liens against the property, including \$6,728.90 of special assessment and interest of curb and gutter and sidewalk from the city. Kolker was asking for forgiveness of the special assessment. The city, at one time, had forgiven the payments of the curb and gutter do to Dixon's medical problems, but the policy stated that when the property is sold, the special assessment, with interest, must be made at the time of the sale. Several council members stated they were not very excited about forgiving what was due, as none in the past had been forgiven. "We'd be opening up a can of worms," said Councilman Eddy Opp. The city council tabled any decision until the next meeting.

The city is still at a stand-still for its bonding issue. Lowary reported that the state had approved their part of the bond, but the resolution from Todd Meierhenry has not arrived in Groton, yet.

The council approved to cancel nine checks that have not been canceled since December 2013.

The utility rates for the Groton Community Transit were discussed. For the past year, the average monthly bill for the transit was \$205.77 for utilities. Councilman David McGannon said, "More and more seniors are using the service. "There are an average of 40 to 60 riders per day. "I feel this is a huge benefit to our community," McGannon said. Councilman Burt Glover added, "It's a huge deal for them." The council voted not to charge the transit for any city utilities for 2016.

Groton Hosts the Annual Lake Region Marching Band Festival

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

This festival originated in Milbank then moved to Waubay for 11 years. Since 2013 Groton has hosted the festival and it plans to remain there for the foreseeable future. Bands will be evaluated on their performance by a panel of three judges. The bands will be judged by Aaron Ragsdale and Jacob Wallace music faculty from SDSU, and Al Stewart current superintendent from Grant-Deuel and former Milbank Band Director. Stewart started the Lake Region Marching Band Festival in Milbank before it moved to Waubay. Awards will be given to the top two bands in each of three categories: high school bands, middle school bands, and combined bands. A "People's Choice" award will also be awarded by a separate, secret judging panel placed throughout the parade route.

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

Attending the festival are bands from Aberdeen Roncalli, Warner, Leola, Langford, Milbank, Watertown, Ipswich, Waubay, Wilmot, Great Plains Lutheran, Aberdeen Simmons and Holgate, Hoven, Northwestern, Selby, and Webster.

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



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Today in Weather History

October 6, 1994: During the late afternoon hours, a small tornado traveled for 3 miles along an intermittent path east of Browns Valley damaging several buildings on a local farmstead. Another tornado touched down east of Wilmot, South Dakota in Roberts County. The tornado was on the ground for eight miles and destroyed several small farm buildings, a garage, damaged farm machinery, blew down a grain bin, and uprooted several trees. Several hogs were killed when their shed was destroyed and minor damage was done to some homes. The tornado drove a 6 foot long 1x6 piece of lumber through the center of a large tree limb.

1836 - A second early season snowstorm produced eleven inches at Wilkes Barre PA and 26 inches at Auburn NY. All the mountains in the northeastern U.S. were whitened with snow. (David Ludlum)

1984 - The temperature at Honolulu, Hawaii, reached 94 degrees to establish an all-time record at that location. (The Weather Channel)

1985 - A tropical wave, later to become Tropical Storm Isabel, struck Puerto Rico. As much as 24 inches of rain fell in 24 hours, and the severe flooding and numerous landslides resulting from the rain claimed about 180 lives. (Storm Data)

1987 - The western U.S. continued to sizzle. Afternoon highs of 85 degrees at Astoria OR, 101 degrees at Tucson AZ, and 102 degrees at Sacramento CA, equalled October records. It marked the fourth time in the month that Sacramento tied their record for October. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Cool Canadian air prevailed across the central and eastern U.S. Toledo OH reported a record low of 27 degrees. Limestone ME received an inch of snow. Warm weather continued in the western U.S. Boise ID reported a record high of 87 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Temperatures soared into the 90s across southern Texas. Afternoon highs of 93 degrees at Houston, and 96 degrees at Austin and Corpus Christi, were records for the date. Beeville was the hot spot in the nation with an afternoon high of 101 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

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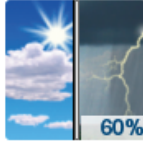






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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny then T-storms Likely	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 69 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 51 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 65 °F



Mild Today, Rain Wednesday

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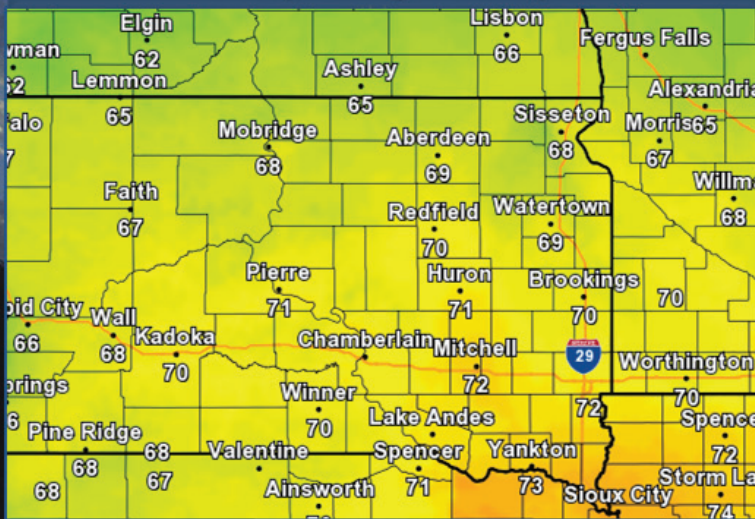


National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Today's High Temps



Weather Headlines



Tonight: Patchy frost possible for far NE SD and west central MN



Wednesday: Shower and thunderstorm chances return to the region



Thursday: Dry, cooler, gusty northwest winds

Published on: 10/06/2015 at 5:05AM

A dry, mild day is anticipated as high pressure slides over the region. Tonight, cool temperatures are expected, especially over parts of far northeast SD and west central MN where patchy frost may be possible. Conditions change Wednesday as a low pressure system tracks from west to east across the Dakotas, bringing shower and thunderstorm chances along with it.

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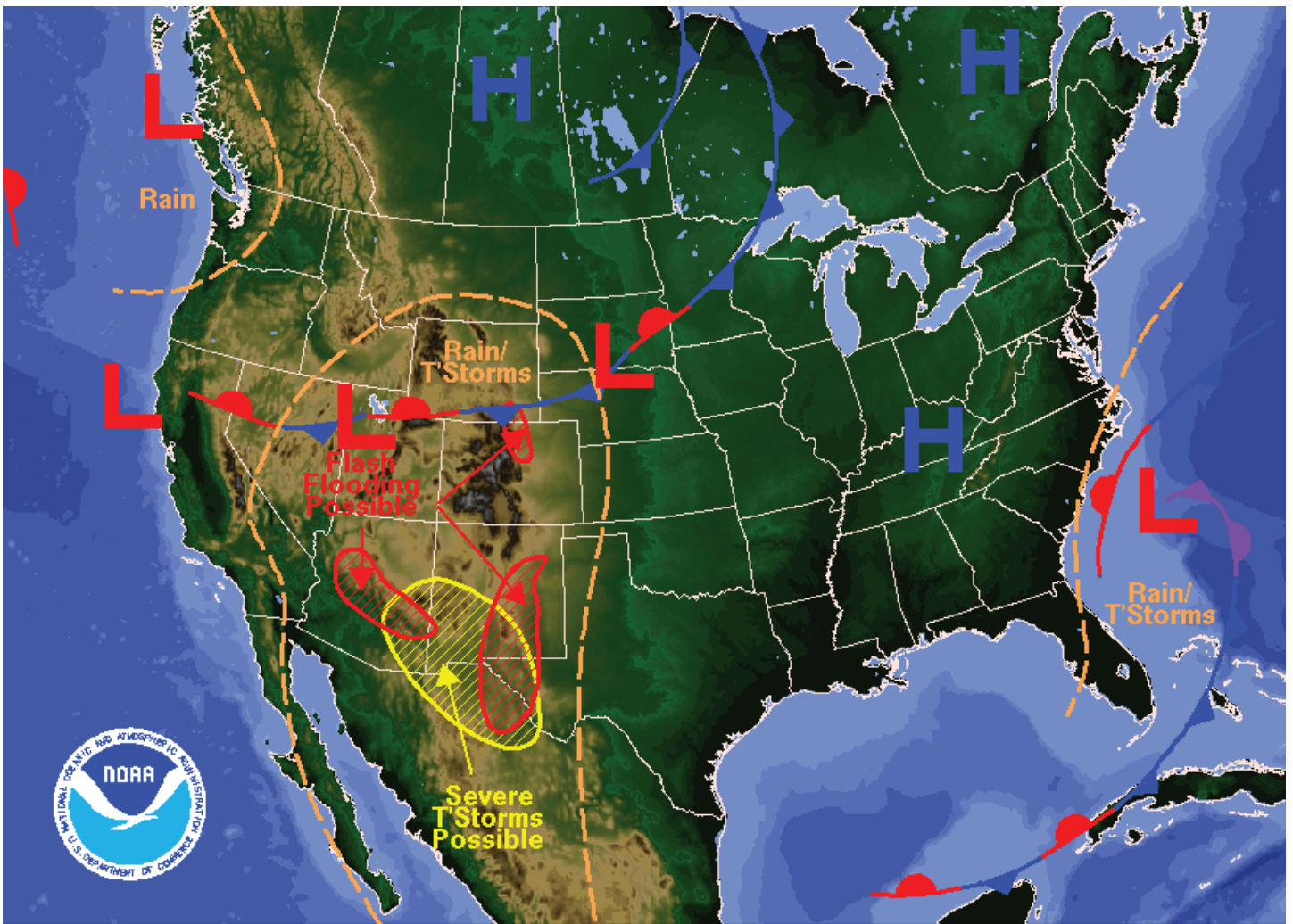
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 62.8
Low: 52.1
High Gust: 14
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 91° in 1961
Record Low: 19° in 2012
Average High: 63°F
Average Low: 37°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.47
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 18.95
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 7:04 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:39 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Oct 06, 2015, issued 4:28 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



HOW BUSY IS TOO BUSY?

Julia Ward Howe once asked a senator to help a wounded soldier.

Came a quick reply, "I've become so busy with my responsibilities as a senator that I can't concern myself with individuals."

"That's remarkable," she replied. "Even God hasn't achieved that level of importance yet."

On one occasion Jesus was offering a word of encouragement to His disciples. They were going into unknown territory to do things they had never done before. Naturally they were afraid. To calm their fears and expand their faith and trust in God, He said, "Not one sparrow can fall to the ground without Your Father knowing it." God's concern includes everything.

We often interpret the word "fall" as "falling in death." But the word "fall" in this verse refers to a bird that is in flight, lands, hops around and then takes off again. Jesus was teaching His disciples that every time a small sparrow hops from one place to another, God is aware of each little "hop" of each little bird.

Whenever we feel insignificant or unimportant, we need to remind ourselves of God watching birds hop.

Prayer: Lord, since You created us and Your Son died for us, how much You care for us is far beyond us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 10:28-31 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

News from the Associated Press

Stolen giant pumpkin stolen returned to South Dakota grower
SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — A giant pumpkin that was brazenly stolen from the yard of a residence in South Dakota has been found and returned.

Matthew Murraine tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1FRqmwm>) that a man found his 100-pound pumpkin in a rural area near Spearfish and returned to him last week.

Murraine says whoever took it had tried to carve it.

On Sept. 18, someone backed a vehicle up to Murraine's house and made off with one of the two large pumpkins he had been growing at his home all summer.

The theft drew national attention, which surprised Murraine. He says he just wanted people in Spearfish to know.

Murraine followed his original plan and donated the pumpkin to another family.

Authorities identify Rapid City man killed in house fire

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have identified a man killed in a house fire.

Authorities say 79-year-old Fred Morgan was pronounced dead at a hospital after being pulled from the home Thursday night.

The official cause of death was not immediately released. Authorities said after the fire that Morgan had suffered burns and smoke inhalation.

The cause of the fire was not immediately known.

After coal plant outage, utility challenged over charges

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — NorthWestern Energy makes its case to state regulators Tuesday in a dispute over at least \$8.5 million that the utility collected from Montana customers after a 2013 power plant outage forced it to buy electricity on the open market.

The South Dakota-based utility said in filings with the state Public Service Commission that the charges offset costs for the replacement power it bought. That happened after the Colstrip coal plant was partially idled for more than six months for repairs beginning in July 2013.

The Montana Consumer Counsel and environmental groups want the money returned to customers. They argue that NorthWestern should have taken out insurance against a possible Colstrip outage, or sued plant operator PPL Montana to recover the cost of getting power elsewhere.

Customers who paid for the replacement power continued to be charged for NorthWestern's investments in Colstrip. NorthWestern is a partial owner of the southeastern Montana coal plant and has more than 350,000 customers in Montana.

"As rate payers, we're already paying for the cost of that unit to be sitting there, not generating power," said Consumer Counsel attorney Monica Tranel. "Asking us to pay for replacement power above and beyond that, because of an outage that was caused by someone working on (the Colstrip plant) was problematic."

The case comes down to whether the utility acted prudently as required under state law when it passed the replacement power costs along to its customers.

NorthWestern spokesman Butch Larcombe said that's just what the company did.

"Most people don't understand this, but with any sort of (power) generation facility, you're going to have time when it's not operating. That's true for wind turbines or natural gas or a coal plant. You have to go get electricity somewhere else," Larcombe said. "That's what the laws and regulations provide."

The Montana Environmental Information Center and Sierra Club also filed challenges to a petition from NorthWestern to the Public Service Commission that would allow its previous charges to customers in the case to stand.

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Mobridge, Keystone to assess pedestrian-friendliness

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The communities of Mobridge and Keystone are getting a state Department of Health grant to help assess the Sioux Falls towns' pedestrian-friendliness.

Chronic disease prevention and health promotion administrator Linda Ahrendt says an average of just 22 minutes a day of physical activity, such as brisk walking, can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease and diabetes.

Ahrendt says the department regularly works with communities to encourage physical activity. Pierre, Sioux Falls, Rapid City and Burke received walk audit grants in 2014.

The department has also partnered with SDSU's Landscape Architecture Program to help Huron, Mitchell, Salem and Volga take a more detailed look at streets, sidewalks and other parts of their built environments to see just how conducive they are to walking and biking.

SD man sentenced for scuffle with arresting officers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota man has been sentenced to 17 months in prison in connection with a scuffle with two arresting officers outside a casino last year.

Acting U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 26-year-old Tony St. John was also ordered to spend two years on supervised release. The Fort Thompson man earlier pleaded guilty to assaulting, resisting and impeding a federal officer.

Federal authorities say St. John kicked an officer in the face while another officer attempted to handcuff him during an arrest on September 2014 outside the Lodestar Casino in Fort Thompson. They say St. John also tried to grab an officer's gun.

Authorities say officers arrested St. John after he was identified as the man who had tried to get a casino patron to give him her car keys.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Leola/Frederick, 25-14, 25-20, 12-25, 25-21

Andes Central/Dakota Christian def. Corsica/Stickney, 21-25, 25-12, 25-21, 25-21

Brookings def. Yankton, 25-12, 30-28, 29-27

Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Freeman, 25-9, 25-13, 22-25, 25-20

Elkton-Lake Benton def. Flandreau Indian, 25-7, 25-9, 25-9

Freeman Academy def. Marion, 25-15, 25-12, 25-21

Groton Area def. Langford, 25-21, 25-15, 25-9

Hanson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-14, 25-19, 25-20

Hitchcock-Tulare def. Potter County, 22-25, 27-25, 25-22, 17-25, 15-9

Lyman def. Kimball/White Lake, 21-25, 25-23, 25-19, 26-24

McCook Central/Montrose def. Baltic, 25-13, 25-20, 25-27, 25-20

Mitchell Christian def. Avon, 20-25, 25-16, 25-19, 25-19

Mobridge-Pollock def. McLaughlin, 25-13, 25-14, 25-16

Spearfish def. Douglas, 25-12, 25-5, 25-17

Tri-Valley def. Garretson, 25-22, 25-18, 25-16

Vermillion def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-22, 27-25, 25-23

Wagner def. Tripp-Delmont/Armour, 25-15, 25-16, 25-20

Wall def. New Underwood, 25-12, 25-22, 25-17

Waverly-South Shore def. Lake Preston, 25-19, 25-23, 25-21

Memorial ceremony held in South Dakota for ex-Gov. Miller

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

Former South Dakota Gov. Walter Dale Miller was remembered Monday as a man who remained cool in a time of crisis during a memorial ceremony at the state Capitol in Pierre.

Miller, who would have turned 90 on Monday, died Sept. 28. His flag-draped coffin lay in state in the Rotunda of the Capitol building before he was eulogized by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, state Attorney General Marty Jackley, one of his grandchildren and others.

Miller served as the state's 29th governor through 1995, taking the oath of office on April 20, 1993, a day after a plane carrying Gov. George Mickelson and seven others went down in eastern Iowa.

"Walter Dale Miller took the oath of office as governor not at a time of celebration as most governors had done, but at a time of sadness and loss," Daugaard said. "He was the right man at the right time. The seasoned, steady cowboy, Walter Dale Miller, was cool in a crisis, and in our sadness, we were reassured knowing he was in charge."

The tall, lanky cowboy epitomized the western South Dakota rancher. Miller almost never appeared in public without his cowboy boots. A toothpick often dangled from his mouth, and when he ventured outside, he completed the look with a western-style sport coat and a cowboy hat.

"When the state needed him, Walt was the cowboy who told you that everything was going to be OK. When our family needed him, he was the cowboy who showed up just at the right time," said Lance Burma, one of Miller's grandchildren.

Miller was born near the towns of Viewfield and New Underwood on Oct. 5, 1925, and spent his life on his family's ranch. After attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Miller ran the 7,000-acre family ranch and was president of Dakota National Life Insurance Co. from 1970 to 1985.

Miller was a prominent Republican member of South Dakota's House of Representatives from 1967 through 1986, and he's the only person in state history to serve as speaker, speaker pro tempore, majority leader, assistant majority leader and majority whip.

When Mickelson won the 1986 gubernatorial race, he made Miller the state's first full-time lieutenant governor and appointed him chairman of a number of task forces. After the plane crash that killed Mickelson, Miller decided to seek his own term as governor in the 1994 election. He lost in the GOP primary to Bill Janklow, who went on to win another term as governor after previously serving eight years in that role.

Miller's funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday morning at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid City. Burial will follow at Viewfield Cemetery, near Miller's Meade County ranch.

Husband of ex-US Senate candidate Annette Bosworth indicted

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The husband of former U.S. Senate candidate Annette Bosworth has been indicted on election law violations in connection with his wife's problematic 2014 campaign.

A Hughes County indictment charges Chad Haber with one count each of offering false or forged instrument for filing and perjury.

Authorities say Haber turned in a petition nominating his wife Annette Bosworth that included false or forged signatures.

A former candidate for state attorney general, Haber, says he received the court summons Saturday and is expected to appear in court later this month. He says the charges are unfounded.

A jury in May found Bosworth guilty of six counts each of perjury and filing false documents in connection with her campaign petitions. She avoided serving prison time when a judge handed down a suspended sentence.

4 injured after helicopter crashes in SD fertilizer plant

PARKSTON, S.D. (AP) — Four people have been hospitalized after the helicopter they were in crashed in the property of a South Dakota fertilizer plant.

AgLand Co-op Fertilizer general manager Bill Pape tells the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1Q28ejD>)

the helicopter took off from the Parkston plant, but never made it off the property before it crashed and came to rest against the building.

Authorities say the incident happened around 11:30 a.m. Monday. The three passengers and pilot were airlifted to hospitals.

Avera Health spokeswoman Lindsey Meyers says two of the victims were taken to Avera St. Benedict in Parkston and are in "good condition."

The conditions of the two other victims were not immediately clear.

Pape says the three passengers were AgLand employees.

The Federal Aviation Administration confirmed the crash but declined to comment further.

Sanford Underground Research Facility hires new lab director

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — The Sanford Underground Research Facility has hired geologist and project manager Walter Weinig as its new lab director.

Weinig begins overseeing daily operations on Monday.

He comes to Sanford Lab from the Denver office of Montgomery and Associates, a water-resource consulting firm based in Tucson, Arizona. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in geology and a Master of Science degree in hydrology and water resources.

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Executive Director Mike Headley says officials have worked with Weinig extensively through the years on the geotechnical designs for the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory and neutrino projects.

Headley says Weinig is a strong leader and will do a great job making sure all experiments at Sanford Lab can succeed.

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. SOUTH CAROLINA EXPECTING SUNSHINE AFTER DELUGE

But even as the rain tapers off, officials warn of the likelihood of more flooding, new evacuations downstream and the destruction left behind.

2. SEARCH INTENSIFIES FOR SURVIVORS AFTER U.S. SHIP SINKS NEAR BAHAMAS

The vessel had more than enough lifeboats for its crew to escape but Hurricane Joaquin likely made this almost impossible.

3. WHO WILL TESTIFY IN SENATE ON AFGHANISTAN

The top American commander in Afghanistan will face questions about future troop levels in the still-volatile nation where the Taliban overran a city and a U.S. airstrike hit a medical clinic.

4. OREGON GUNMAN COMPLAINED ABOUT NOT HAVING A GIRLFRIEND

In a rambling manifesto, Christopher Harper-Mercer also insisted he was mentally sane and others around him were crazy.

5. WHY SYRIA'S CROWDED SKIES POSE DANGER

The air forces of multiple countries are on the attack, often at cross purposes in the nation's civil war, sometimes without coordination, which might result in unintended conflict and further carnage on the ground.

6. KAJITA, MCDONALD WIN NOBEL PHYSICS PRIZE

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences says the two researchers made key contributions to experiments showing that neutrinos change identities.

7. ISRAEL DEMOLISHES PALESTINIAN HOMES

The move comes after a Cabinet meeting in which Netanyahu promised a "strong hand" to quell recent deadly attacks.

8. HOW TRUMP IS VIEWED ABROAD

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In diverse parts of the world, many see his candidacy with a mixture of bemusement, astonishment and alarm.

9. TOP EU COURT BACKS STUDENT IN FACEBOOK PRIVACY CASE

Max Schrems claims that a trans-Atlantic data protection agreement doesn't adequately protect consumers, a verdict that could have far-reaching implications for tech companies.

10. COSTS OF SCANDAL PILING UP FOR VOLKSWAGEN

The price of cheating on emissions tests is likely to run into the tens of billions of dollars and prematurely end the company's long-sought status as the world's biggest carmaker.

AP News in Brief

The Latest: Takaaki Kajita, Arthur McDonald win 2015 Nobel prize in physics

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Latest developments in the announcements of the Nobel Prizes (all times local):

11:55 a.m.

Takaaki Kajita and Arthur McDonald have won the 2015 Nobel Prize in physics.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences cited the researchers "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass."

Despite improving forecast, South Carolina ordeal far from over after historic floods

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina was expecting sunshine Tuesday after days of inundation, but it will still take weeks for the state to return to normal after being pummeled by a historic rainstorm.

Even as the rain tapered off, officials warned of the likelihood of new evacuations — such as one ordered Monday afternoon in one of two towns east of downtown Columbia where two dams were breached.

The governor warned communities downstream that a mass of water was working its way through waterways toward the low-lying coast — bringing the potential for more flooding and more displaced residents.

"This is not over. Just because the rain stops does not mean that we are out of the woods," Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday.

South Carolina's geography and poor spending on infrastructure left several town and cities like islands after roads washed out and creeks topped bridges.

Sunken US cargo ship had sufficient lifeboats for 33 crew members but faced terrible storm

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Crew members trained regularly in calm waters to handle the lifeboats would instead likely have struggled against buffeting by huge 50-foot waves, a vessel taking on water and listing to one side and winds the Coast Guard estimated reached 140 mph. Life rafts can get torn apart. Lifeboats become impossible to drop into the sea.

The options would have quickly grown limited for the crew of the El Faro container ship last week as Hurricane Joaquin approached.

"Sometimes circumstances overwhelm you. You can do all the planning you want," said Steven Werse, a ship captain and secretary-treasurer of the Master Mates and Pilots Union in Linthicum Heights, Maryland. The union is not affiliated with the El Faro's crew or owners.

"Without power, the ship is really at the mercy of the sea," Werse said.

On Monday, four days after the ship vanished, the Coast Guard concluded it sank near the Bahamas in about 15,000 feet of water. One unidentified body in a survival suit was spotted, and the search went on

for any trace of the other crew members. The search was continuing into Tuesday.

Senators to ask US general about future troop levels in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan is facing questions on Capitol Hill about how many troops should stay in the still-volatile nation where the Taliban recently overran a northern city and a U.S. airstrike hit a medical clinic.

When he testifies Tuesday before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Gen. John F. Campbell will be asked whether he thinks President Barack Obama should alter his plan for reducing the U.S. troop presence after 2016 from its current level of about 9,800 to an embassy-based security operation of about 1,000.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Monday the Pentagon is providing options to the White House and Obama will be making decisions about future force levels later this fall.

Campbell is testifying three days after the airstrike on the medical clinic in the northern city of Kunduz killed at least 22 people and wounded dozens more. The clinic was operated by the medical charity Doctors Without Borders.

On Monday, Campbell told reporters at the Pentagon that the airstrike, which is being investigated, was requested by Afghan forces who reported being under Taliban fire. It's unclear whether the clinic was targeted in error or whether U.S. military personnel followed procedure. They are required to verify that the target of a requested airstrike is valid before firing.

Oregon gunman ranted in writings that he had no girlfriend, thought others were 'crazy'

ROSEBURG, Ore. (AP) — The gunman who killed nine people at an Oregon community college before taking his own life ranted in writings he left behind about not having a girlfriend and thinking everyone else was crazy, a law enforcement official said Monday.

The official also said the mother of 26-year-old gunman Christopher Harper-Mercer has told investigators he was struggling with some mental health issues. The official is familiar with the investigation but wasn't authorized to speak publicly because it is ongoing.

Harper-Mercer complained in the writings about not having a girlfriend, and he seemed to feel like he was very rational while others around him were not, the official said.

He wrote something to the effect of: "Other people think I'm crazy, but I'm not. I'm the sane one," the official said. The writings recovered at the shooting scene were a couple of pages long.

Local pastor Randy Scroggins has said his 18-year-old daughter, who survived the shooting, told him the gunman gave an envelope to another student and instructed him to give it to police. The envelope contained a flash drive, Scroggins said.

Syria's skies crowded — and endangered — with multiple air forces striking targets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The skies over Syria are increasingly crowded — and increasingly dangerous.

The air forces of multiple countries are on the attack, often at cross purposes in Syria's civil war, sometimes without coordination. Now, it seems, they are at risk of unintended conflict.

The latest entry in the air war is Russia. It says it is bombing the Islamic State in line with U.S. priorities, but the U.S. says Russia is mainly striking anti-government rebels in support of its ally, President Bashar Assad. The Russians, who are not coordinating with the Americans, reportedly also have hit U.S.-supported rebel groups.

That opens the possibility, however unlikely, of the Americans and Russians coming to blows.

Turkey joined the bombing in August as part of a U.S. coalition. Australia and France joined in September.

Europe's top court backs Austrian student in Facebook privacy case with wide implications

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Union's highest court ruled Tuesday that an agreement that allows companies to freely transfer data to the U.S. is invalid as it does not adequately protect consumers.

The verdict could have far-reaching implications for companies operating in Europe. It does not ban the transfer of data but will allow national authorities to review what kinds of information companies want to send to the U.S., possibly complicating business.

The ruling comes from a case that Austrian law student Max Schrems brought following revelations two years ago by former U.S. National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden about the NSA's surveillance programs.

Schrems complained to the data protection commissioner in Ireland, where Facebook has its European headquarters, that U.S. law doesn't offer sufficient protection against surveillance of data transferred by the social media company to servers in the United States.

Irish authorities initially rejected his complaint, pointing to a 2000 decision by the EU's executive Commission that, under the so-called "safe harbor" agreement, the U.S. ensures adequate data protection.

Trump seems to be the talk of the world, and it's often not flattering

BALMEDIE, Scotland (AP) — Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump is well-known in this serene coastal section of Scotland, where shimmering golden sand dunes meet the ice-blue North Sea and people play on his golf course. He's known in the Himalayas, too, far from any sign with his name on it. And in the Middle East, Africa and beyond.

His is clearly a recognized name worldwide, which is not to say it's a beloved one.

In Balmedie, the real estate mogul is both praised and blamed for building a deluxe international golf course in a previously pristine spot. Some believe he's delivered the jobs and benefits he promised; others think American voters should beware a fast-talking scoundrel.

"He is a strange fish," said Susan Munro, a shop worker who has lived on land adjacent to the new Trump resort for more than 35 years. "If he doesn't get his own way, he just loses it." As she sees it, "He would be a disaster for everyone."

In diverse parts of the world, many see the ascendant Trump candidacy with a mixture of bemusement, astonishment and alarm. It's striking how many people know of him at all.

Amid unrest in West Bank, Israel demolishes homes of Palestinian militants in east Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military on Tuesday demolished homes of two Palestinian militants in east Jerusalem, the army's first concrete steps following a late night Cabinet meeting in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised a "strong hand" to quell recent deadly attacks.

The demolitions come amid weeks of heightened Palestinian unrest in east Jerusalem and the West Bank and a bloody holiday weekend in which four Israelis were killed in shooting and stabbing attacks. Israeli forces have killed four Palestinians during violent protests.

The violence threatens a new Israeli-Palestinian escalation at a time when a political solution to the conflict is increasingly distant and Palestinian frustrations are mounting after years of diplomatic paralysis.

The homes demolished early Tuesday belonged to the families of a man who killed four worshippers and a police officer in a Jerusalem synagogue last year, and a second attacker who killed one person when he rammed a bulldozer into traffic. Although the attackers were immediately killed, Israel often carries out such demolitions of the homes of militants' families, believing it will deter future attacks.

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Also Tuesday, troops sealed off a room at the home of a third attacker, who tried to kill a prominent Orthodox Jewish activist last year, ahead of its potential demolition.

The heat is on: Neighbors breath fire over hazardous haze from Indonesia's burning forests

SINGAPORE (AP) — For weeks now, the quality of life in parts of Southeast Asia has been left to sheer chance — the direction of the wind. Every day, it alone determines which city will be shrouded by peaty white smoke blowing from burning forests in Indonesia.

Like neighbors who must tolerate the bad habits of the family next door, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand have endured the annual problem of smoke that stings the eyes, irritates the throats and shuts down schools and airports. Now their patience is wearing thin, and harsh words are flying across the borders in a departure from region's non-confrontational etiquette.

"We all see it, breathe it; and there is no hiding," former Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong wrote on Facebook.

Some days, the smoke is so bad that the gleaming skylines of Singapore and Kuala Lumpur disappear in an all-encompassing grayness. More than 7,000 schools in peninsular Malaysia were shut on Monday and Tuesday, forcing some 4 million students to stay home. Fifteen final races of the Swimming World Cup meet in Singapore were canceled last week. Tourists are staying away. Respiratory problems are on the rise.

Some have tried to make light of the situation, including wedding couples in Singapore who have commissioned haze-themed photo shoots against famous backdrops.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Tuesday, October 6, the 279th day of 2015. There are 86 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 6, 1973, war erupted in the Middle East as Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel during the Yom Kippur holiday. (Israel, initially caught off-guard, suffered heavy losses before rebounding and pushing back the Arab forces before a cease-fire finally took hold in the nearly three-week conflict.)

On this date:

In 1683, thirteen families from Krefeld, Germany, arrived in Philadelphia to begin Germantown, one of America's oldest settlements.

In 1884, the Naval War College was established in Newport, Rhode Island.

In 1921, the musical "Bombo," starring Al Jolson, opened on Broadway.

In 1927, the era of talking pictures arrived with the opening of "The Jazz Singer" starring Al Jolson, a movie featuring both silent and sound-synchronized sequences.

In 1939, in a speech to the Reichstag, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler spoke of his plans to reorder the ethnic layout of Europe - a plan which would entail settling the "Jewish problem."

In 1949, U.S.-born Iva Toguri D'Aquino, convicted of treason for being Japanese wartime broadcaster "Tokyo Rose," was sentenced in San Francisco to 10 years in prison (she ended up serving more than six).

In 1958, the nuclear submarine USS Seawolf surfaced after spending 60 days submerged.

In 1960, the historical drama "Spartacus," starring Kirk Douglas and directed by Stanley Kubrick, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1976, in his second presidential debate with Democrat Jimmy Carter, President Gerald R. Ford asserted there was "no Soviet domination of eastern Europe." (Ford later conceded that was not the case.)

In 1979, Pope John Paul II, on a week-long U.S. tour, became the first pontiff to visit the White House, where he was received by President Jimmy Carter.

In 1981, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was shot to death by extremists while reviewing a military parade.

In 1989, actress Bette Davis died in Neuilly-sur-Seine (nu-yee-sur-sehn), France, at age 81.

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Ten years ago: President George W. Bush sought to rally flagging public support for the war in Iraq, accusing militants of seeking to establish a "radical Islamic empire" with Iraq as the base.

Five years ago: A presidential commission said the Obama administration had blocked efforts by government scientists to tell the American public just how bad the Gulf oil spill could become and committed other missteps that raised questions about its competence and candor during the crisis. Roy Halladay pitched the second no-hitter in postseason history, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Cincinnati Reds 4-0 in Game 1 of the NL division series. Social networking app Instagram, which enables users to share photos and videos on smartphones, was launched by Kevin Systrom and Mike Krieger.

One year ago: The Supreme Court unexpectedly cleared the way for a dramatic expansion of gay marriage in the United States as it rejected appeals from five states seeking to preserve their bans, effectively making such marriages legal in 30 states. Husband-and-wife scientists Edvard Moser and May-Britt Moser of Norway and New York-born researcher John O'Keefe were named recipients of the Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering the brain's GPS-like system. USA Swimming suspended Michael Phelps for six months as a result of the Olympic champion's second DUI arrest. Actress Marian Seldes, 86, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcaster and writer Melvyn Bragg is 76. Actress Britt Ekland is 73. Singer Millie Small is 69. The president of Sinn Fein (shin fayn), Gerry Adams, is 67. Singer-musician Thomas McClary is 66. Musician Sid McGinnis is 66. CBS chief executive officer Les Moonves is 66. Rock singer Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) is 64. Rock singer-musician David Hidalgo (Los Lobos) is 61. Former NFL player and coach Tony Dungy is 60. Actress Elisabeth Shue is 52. Singer Matthew Sweet is 51. Actress Jacqueline Obradors is 49. Country singer Tim Rushlow is 49. Rock musician Tommy Stinson is 49. Actress Amy Jo Johnson is 45. Actress Emily Mortimer is 44. Actor Lamman (la-MAHN') Rucker is 44. Actor Ioan Gruffudd (YOH'-ihn GRIH'-fihth) is 42. Actor Jeremy Sisto is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Melinda Doolittle is 38. Actor Wes Ramsey is 38. Singer-musician Will Butler is 33.

Thought for Today: "Sin is too stupid to see beyond itself." - Alfred, Lord Tennyson, British poet laureate (born 1809, died this date in 1892).