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Monday, October 12

NO SCHOOL - Native American Day
Columbus Day (regional holiday)

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread

Anniversaries: Marc & Jane Johnson • Charles & Sabrina Padfield

Birthdays: • Tyler Holm • Heather Merkel • Carroll Nehls • Cadance Jo Tullis • Michaela Kavanaugh
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study
7:30pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

Oral Interp at Milbank

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, fruit, carrots.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chops, au gratin potatoes, peas and carrots, iced honey cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: • Carna Atherton-Pray • Carter Jon-dahl • Michael Shilhanek • Kay Olson
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:15pm: 8th Grade VB at Tulare
5:15pm: C VB Match at Tulare followed by JV at 6:30 followed by varsity match
7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, October 14

PSAT Testing for sophomores and juniors

School Breakfast: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, fruit, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, California blend vegetables, lemon tart bar, whole wheat bread

Birthdays: Angel Lorenz • Lois Pasch • Laverna Houdek • Grady O'Neill

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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Top 5 Money Fears – And How to Tackle Them

By Nathaniel Sillin

Are you worried about your financial situation?

For the eighth consecutive year, the American Psychological Association (APA) identified money as the number one stress trigger, with 72 percent of Americans reporting stress about money and nearly 1 in 5 saying they had skipped or considered skipping going to the doctor due to financial concerns. As for relationships, almost one third of adults with partners reported that money is “a major source of conflict.”

The following are common money stresses, and tips to tackling them.

You’re just one paycheck away from financial disaster. The Corporation for Enterprise Development’s recent Assets & Opportunity Scorecard reported that over 40 percent of American households are “liquid asset poor,” meaning that they have less than three months of savings to help them absorb a financial shock like a lost job, medical emergency or other unforeseen financial expense.

Tip: Build an emergency fund. After learning how to budget (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/budgeting>), building an emergency fund (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/emergencycalc>) is the next essential step in financial planning. Saving and investing for other goals are equally important, but they should follow the creation and annual review of a healthy emergency fund.

You’re lost financially. A 2014 survey by economists from George Washington University and The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania states that only 30 percent of Americans could accurately answer three basic personal finance questions dealing with savings and investment returns. Respondents from other major developed countries – including Germany, the Netherlands, Japan and Australia – scored roughly the same. It’s a global problem.



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Tip: Identify your biggest financial problems. Does every dime you make go toward paying bills? No savings or investments? No emergency fund? Once you've identified your main money blind spots, get help. Reach out to a trusted friend or relative with good money habits or a qualified financial advisor who can help you see where you stand, establish realistic goals and restart your financial education.

You'll never catch up. Bankrate.com's March Financial Security Index said that nearly half of Americans aren't saving enough for emergencies or retirement. Only a quarter of middle-class households earning between \$50,000 and \$75,000 were savings champs, putting away more than 15 percent of their income.

Tip: Forget the past and begin today. Start by figuring out where you stand financially. Then address your expenses and whether there's an opportunity to boost your income so you can make up for lost time.

Your money troubles are putting your closest relationships in jeopardy. Money issues affect all relationships, but couples can be hit the hardest by money secrecy or so-called "financial infidelity."

Tip: Face the music. Get qualified advice, quantify the extent of the problem, make a plan and share the details face-to-face with loved ones or business partners who need to know. Assume you won't be able to control their response, so focus on solving the problem and vow to end your secretive behavior for good.

You can't face financial paperwork. When you can't face bills, statements and other financial calls or communications, it generally reflects financial uncertainty in some form.

Tip: Get help. Pull the information together and get help if you need to. Put payments and other financial decisions on a paper or digital calendar with reminders to act.

Bottom line: Fear about money issues can affect your health and relationships. Diffuse that stress through education, assistance and positive action to improve your financial future outlook.

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

2015 Lake Region Marching Festival



Groton Area Marching Band

Our first band is the Groton Area High School Marching Band under the direction of Desiree Yeigh. They will be marching in exhibition this morning. This is Desiree's first year teaching in Groton, but she has been teaching for a total of 8 years.

The band will be performing the popular song "Centuries" led by four year drum major Kari Hanson

Number of students in Marching Band: 36

Number of students in the school: 180

Band Biography: The Groton Area High School Marching Band performed as an exhibition band. They have 36 students out for marching band. The Groton High School Band marched in their homecoming parade and at Gypsy Days where they received a gold rating and has for many years. The flag routine was choreographed by senior flag captain Aubray Harry and NSU Flag team member Danica Mickelson who is a former student of Desiree Yeigh's from Miller.

On behalf of Mrs. Yeigh and the bands, they want to wish everyone good luck today in the festival. A big thank you is extended to all of the band directors for bringing their bands to the festival. Without your help this wouldn't be possible.

A Special thank you to The Groton Chamber of Commerce, the City of Groton, the Groton Dairy Queen, and all of the individuals that helped make this year's festival possible.

Also they would like to thank SDSU for being our guest exhibition college band this year.

Finally, Mrs. Yeigh thanks all of the volunteers, Mr. Reid Johnson, and the Groton Area School Administration for all of their guidance and assistance in helping her put together the festival.

Coverage of the Lake Region Marching Festival sponsored by

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Band of Merit: Great Plains Lutheran High School - Watertown

Our first band kicking off the high school division is the Great Plains Lutheran High School Marching Band from Watertown, SD. The band is directed by Eric Martens. This is Mr. Martens' tenth year teaching and directing this band.

They will be performing The Best Day of My life led by drum major Megan Winghart.

Number of students in Marching Band: 59

Number of students in the school: 128

Band Biography: The GPLHS Marching Band is in its 6th year marching. "We are thankful to Mrs. Yeigh, the Groton School, and the many people in Groton supporting the Lake Region Marching Band Festival."
– Mr. Martens.

It's a healthier start to the school year with a meal at Subway. Now featuring the simple \$6 menu with turkey breast, black forest ham, meatball, Italian BMT, tuna, and Sweet onion chicken teriaka. and don't forget about the footlong steak and cheese - ohh so good! And for the kids, it's the meal with the Dino-Sized fun bag. Use the smartphone APP to order your meals, pay and accumulate reward points without ever getting out your credit card. It's fun to use and convenient. SUBWAY receives the only "A" on the Eat This, not that Report. So make your next meal and hearty one at SUBWAY of Groton.

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Band of Distinction: Warner (High School) - People's Choice Award

Next up is the Warner Marching Monarchs from Warner High School under the direction of Sharon Schwan. This Sharon's 32nd year teaching out of her 36 total teaching career.

They will be performing Counting Stars led by drum major Lexi Bosel

Number of students in Marching Band: 68

Number of students in the school: 99

Band Biography: Warner Band has participated in the Arlington Marching Festival, Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls as well as a drum line in the Gypsy Days Parade. They are looking forward to a performance at Hobo Days in Brookings, and always enjoy the Lake Region Marching Competition. They received the Band of Distinction and People's Choice the past 2 years. They are very pleased and humbled to have been chosen.

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Webster (High School)

Our final band marching in the High School Division is the Webster Area High School Marching Band under the direction of Patty Baule where she has taught for 33 years!

They will be playing the song Bravio led by drum major Emily Wiley

Number of students in Marching Band: 48

Number of students in the school: HS-126

Band Biography: The Webster Area High School Band marched in the NSU Gypsy Day Parade, as well as the Webster Area Homecoming. They will also march in the Webster Area Light Parade that is a part of the annual pumpkin fest activities on Saturday Oct. 10th. They are pleased to be a part of the Lake Region Marching Festival today.

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Leola (Combined)

Our first band marching in the Combined Division is the Leola High School Band under the direction of Nancy Kindelspire. Nancy has been teaching in Leola for 14 years out of her 15 year teaching career

Leola will be performing the song Rock You Like a Hurricane

Number of students in Marching Band: 35 students grades 7-12

Number of students in the school: 48 in grades 7-12

Band Biography: Leola High School Band enjoys the Lake region Marching Band Festival every year! In the past they have received the Band of Distinction and the Band of Merit. They also march in the Gypsy Day Parade where they have received Gold Plaques. They would like to thank the Groton School District for hosting this event.

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Wilmot (Combined)

Our next Combined Band is the Wolves Marching Band from Wilmot. Wilmot is directed by Sharon Zettlemoyer and she has been teaching there for 3 years.

The band will be performing the song Uptown Funk led by Drum Major Antonia Block

Number of students in Marching Band: 20

Number of students in the school: 199

Band Biography: The Wolves Marching Band has been a tradition at the Wilmot School for years. Though their styles of music have evolved, their love for playing in band has not!

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Waubay (Combined)

Coming up next is the Waubay High School Dragon Band under the direction of Jill Beers. Jill is in her 31 ½ year teaching in Waubay out of her 34 years of teaching.

They will be performing the song Shut Up and Dance led by drum major Sophie Beers.

Number of students in Marching Band: 33

Band Biography: The Waubay Dragon Band hosted this marching band festival for 11 years under the direction of Al Stewart and Jill Beers. The band is excited to be returning to Groton again this year. They are happy that the Groton music department was able to keep this tradition going. Generally the band marches for the Waubay Homecoming parade and the Lake Region Marching Band Festival. We have a younger band this year with 14 of the students being 7th and 8th graders!

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Hoven (Combined)

Next is The Hoven Marching Greyhounds under the direction of Elizabeth Bengs. Elizabeth has been teaching in Hoven for 5 years.

They will be playing Any Way You Want It led by drum major Autumn Simon

Number of students in Marching Band: 34

Number of students in the school: 7-12: 53

Band Biography: The Hoven Marching Band is back for our third appearance at the Lake Region Marching Festival. They have a very rich marching tradition in Hoven- most of their parents and even some grandparents have proudly worn a Hoven marching uniform. The Marching Greyhounds have won numerous awards throughout their history, including many gold ratings at Gypsy Days, as well as Band of Distinction Award from this festival in 2013. The Greyhounds march with a great sense of pride for their band, school, and community. Hoven is very happy to be here- it is a great day for marching band!

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Ipswich (Combined)

Coming up is the Ipswich Marching Band under the direction of Becky Nierman. Becky has been teaching in Ipswich for 10 years.

They will be performing the song Shut Up and Danc

Number of students in Marching Band: 48

Number of students in the school: 99 in 9-12

Band Biography: Ipswich is excited to be marching here today. They appreciate the Groton School and Community for hosting this remarkable event.

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Selby Area (Combined)

Next is the Selby Area High School Marching Band under the direction of Sam Glantzow. Sam has been teaching in Selby for 16 years out of a total 34 years teaching!

They will be playing a combination of Minnesota Rouser and Livin' On A Prayer led by drum major Kara Thorstenson

Number of students in Marching Band: 44

Number of students in the school: 89

Band Biography: The Marching Lions are pleased to return to Groton after a one-year hiatus. They enjoy preparing for this competition and look forward to both performing in it, and watching the other bands.

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Band of Merit: Aberdeen Roncalli (Combined)

Coming up is the Aberdeen Roncalli Marching Band under the direction of Kimberly Carda. Mrs. Carda has been with Roncalli for 19 years.

They will be playing the song Shut Up and Dance led by Drum Major Leah Norton

Number of students in Marching Band: 53 (grades 7-12)

Number of students in the school: 216 (grades 7-12)

Band Biography: The Roncalli Band has marched in the Lake Region Marching Festival since the very beginning of the event, and we are excited to be coming back. Thank you, Mrs. Yeigh and the Groton Area Schools, for sponsoring the event.

Over the years the Roncalli Band has worked to establish a tradition of excellence. In 2014, the Roncalli Band earned 1st place in the combined division in the Lake Region Marching Festival and received a Gold Award at the Gypsy Day Parade. In addition to those two events, the band also marched in the East Central Marching Festival in Arlington this year.

Amanda Imberi, a Roncalli graduate and former flag member, assisted with the flag choreography.

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Northwestern (Combined)

Next is the Northwestern Area Marching Band under the direction of Wendy Thorson. Wendy has been teaching at Northwestern for 16 years out of her 18 year teaching career.

They will be playing a combination of Uptown Funk and Bang Bang led by drum major Darby Duncan

Number of students in Marching Band: 83

Number of students in the school: K-12=241 6-12=140

Band Biography: Northwestern marches grades 6-12, but grades 6-8 rehearse on one day and grades 9-12 rehearse the next day. They only get to rehearse together three times a year. They are also so excited to march this year in our brand new uniforms!

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Band of Distinction: Langford Area (Combined)

Closing out the Combined Band Division is the Langford Area Marching Lions under the direction of Kelly Wieser. Mrs. Wieser is assisted by Laurie Darling and student teacher, DeLayna LaBelle. Kelly has been teaching in Langford for 20 years out of her 26 year teaching career!

They will be performing the song I Want You Back led by drum major's Cora Carroll and Brandy Peterson

Number of students in Marching Band: 70

Number of students in the school: 7-12 = 100

Band Biography: The Langford Area Band has a strong tradition of excellence. In the past, they have received trophies at the NSU Gypsy Day Parade and the Lake Region Marching Festival.

The school boasts a near 100% participation rate in music classes, as well as a strong community support and spirit.

This year's flag captain is Shelby Price.

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Band of Distinction: Holgate/Simmons (Middle School)

Kicking off the Middle School Band Division is the Holgate & Simmons 8th Grade Band from Aberdeen under the direction of Jim Panerio and Sara Weischedel. Their Assistant Director is Dennis McDermott. Mr. Panerio has directed for 22 years out of his total 26 year teaching career. Ms. Weischedel has directed for 6 years out of her total 12 year teaching career and this is Mr. McDermott's 1 year assistant directing this band out of his 33 year teaching career.

They will be performing the song Armada

Number of students in Marching Band: 60

Number of students in the school: each middle school has approximately 500 students

Band Biography: This band is a combination of the two 8th grade bands from the Aberdeen School District. This is their 3rd year participating in the Lake Region Marching Festival. The band marched in the Gypsy Day parade in Aberdeen and will perform at the Central High School Indoor Marching Concert Friday, October 23rd.



Watertown (Middle School)

Next is the Arrow Pride MS Marching Band from Watertown under the direction of Nicole Chlipala. Nicole has been with Watertown for 1/2 year.

They will be performing the song Crunch Time led by Drum Major's Devyn Keller & Braxton Lacher

Number of students in Marching Band: 113

Number of students in the school: 600

Band Biography: The band is made up of 7th and 8th graders. They have attended this festival since 2002 and won best in class 9 times.



Band of Merit: Milbank (Middle School)

Closing out the middle school division is the Milbank Middle School Band under the direction of Susan Karels. Susan been with Milbank for 24 years!

School: Milbank Middle School

They will be performing the song Crunch Time led by drum major's Landon Brown and Alaina Rausch

Number of students in Marching Band: 72

Number of students in the school: 160 (grades 7/8)

Band Biography: The Milbank Middle School bands are glad to be a part of the 13th annual marching band festival. Other marching performances for 2015 were the Milbank Homecoming Parade on September 18 and they presented a short show during Band Night at the September 25 home football game. Thank you to Groton for hosting this event.



Groton Area Junior High (Exhibition)

Marching in Exhibition is the Groton Area Junior High Band also under the direction of Desiree Yeigh. They will be performing the popular song Cool Kids.

Number of students in Marching Band: 35

Number of students in the school: 89 students in grades 7-8

Band Biography: The Groton Area Junior High Band has marched every year in the Groton Homecoming Parade and the Lake Region Marching Festival since it has been held in Groton. They are honored and excited to represent Groton at this festival.

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SDSU (Exhibition)

And now the moment you have all been waiting for, The Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band from South Dakota State University. The pride is under the direction of Mr. Kevin Kessler. This is Mr. Kessler's 1st year at SDSU in his 18 total years of teaching. SDSU will be marching in exhibition.

They will be playing the SDSU School Song Ring the Bell led by drum major's Courtney Anderson, Mitchel Thompson, Tyler Youngquist

Number of students in Marching Band: 200

Number of students in the school: 12,589

Band Biography: The bands at SDSU are celebrating their 125th anniversary of continuous service the University, region, and country. The marching band is celebrating their 50th season of being known as "The Pride of the Dakotas."

This year the band has performed in Platte, South Dakota. Later this month, the band will travel to Springfield and Branson, Missouri where they will perform at the SDSU/Missouri State game.

In 2016 the band will perform at the Youth In Music Marching Band Competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The competition will be held in the new U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings.

The Pride is very grateful for the invitation to perform in Groton today, and welcome anyone interested in SDSU to visit us on campus. We can also be found on the web at sdstate.edu/mus, on Twitter, and on Facebook.

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Desiree Yeigh announced the winners as Tylan Glover, Kari Hanson and Noah Poor helped with the awards ceremony.



The South Dakota State University Pride of the Dakotas Marching Band performed at the football field before the awards presentation.

Today in Weather History

1836 - A third early season storm produced heavy snow in the northeastern U.S. Bridgewater NY received 18 inches, a foot of snow fell at Madison NY, and for the third time all the mountains of the northeastern U.S. were whitened. (David Ludlum)

1918 - Forest fires ravaged parts of Minnesota from the Duluth area northeastward, claiming the lives of 600 persons. Smoke with a smell of burnt wood spread to Albany NY and Washington D.C. in 24 hours. Smoke was noted at Charleston SC on the 14th, and by the 15th was reported in northeastern Texas. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1962 - The "Columbus Day Big Blow" occurred in the Pacific Northwest. It was probably the most damaging windstorm of record west of the Cascade Mountains. Winds reached hurricane force, with gusts above 100 mph. More than 3.5 billion board feet of timber were blown down, and communications were severely disrupted due to downed power lines. The storm claimed 48 lives, and caused 210 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Floyd, the only hurricane to make landfall the entire season, moved across the Florida Keys. Floyd produced wind gusts to 59 mph at Duck Key, and up to nine inches of rain in southern Florida. Sixteen cities in the Ohio Valley and the Middle Mississippi Valley reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 27 degrees at Paducah KY, and 24 degrees at Rockford IL and Springfield IL. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Twenty cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including International Falls MN with a reading of 17 degrees. The town of Embarass MN reported a morning low of 8 degrees. Snow showers in the northeastern U.S. produced five inches at Corry PA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Temperatures again warmed into the 80s in the Central Plains Region and the Middle Mississippi Valley, with 90s in the south central U.S. Six cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Fort Smith AR with a reading of 92 degrees. Strong winds along a cold front crossing the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley gusted to 61 mph at Johnstown PA. (The National Weather Summary)

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Record Breaking Temperatures

...SUMMARY OF RECORD MAX DAILY AND MONTHLY TEMPERATURES SET OR TIED FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER TENTH AND SUNDAY OCTOBER ELEVENTH...

LISTED BELOW ARE CITIES THAT SET OR TIED DAILY MAX TEMPERATURE RECORDS...THE NEW AND PREVIOUS RECORD...AND THE YEAR OF THE PREVIOUS RECORD TEMPERATURE.

...CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA AND WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA...

FOR SATURDAY OCTOBER TENTH

CITY.....NEW RECORD...PREVIOUS RECORD...YEAR SET

ABERDEEN.....93.....89.....1955

MOBRIDGE.....94.....92.....1955

TIMBER LAKE.....90.....90.....1955

FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER ELEVENTH

CITY.....NEW RECORD...PREVIOUS RECORD...YEAR SET

ABERDEEN.....93.....90.....1910

PIERRE.....95.....88.....1943

MOBRIDGE.....92.....90.....1943

SISSETON.....95.....84.....1974

TIMBER LAKE.....91.....88.....1943

WHEATON MN.....97.....87.....1995

LISTED BELOW ARE CITIES THAT SET OR TIED MONTHLY MAX TEMPERATURE RECORDS FOR OCTOBER...THE NEW AND PREVIOUS RECORD...AND THE DATE OF THE PREVIOUS RECORD TEMPERATURE.

...CENTRAL AND NORTHEAST SOUTH DAKOTA AND WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA...

FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER ELEVENTH

CITY.....NEW RECORD...PREVIOUS RECORD...DATE SET

SISSETON.....95.....95.....OCT 10 1955

WHEATON MN.....97.....96.....OCT 5 1963

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Columbus Day



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Tonight



Mostly Clear

Tuesday



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Tuesday Night




Mostly Clear

Wednesday



Sunny

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High: 61 °F

Low: 34 °F

High: 69 °F

Low: 39 °F

High: 68 °F

Low: 41 °



Very Strong Winds Peak This Morning

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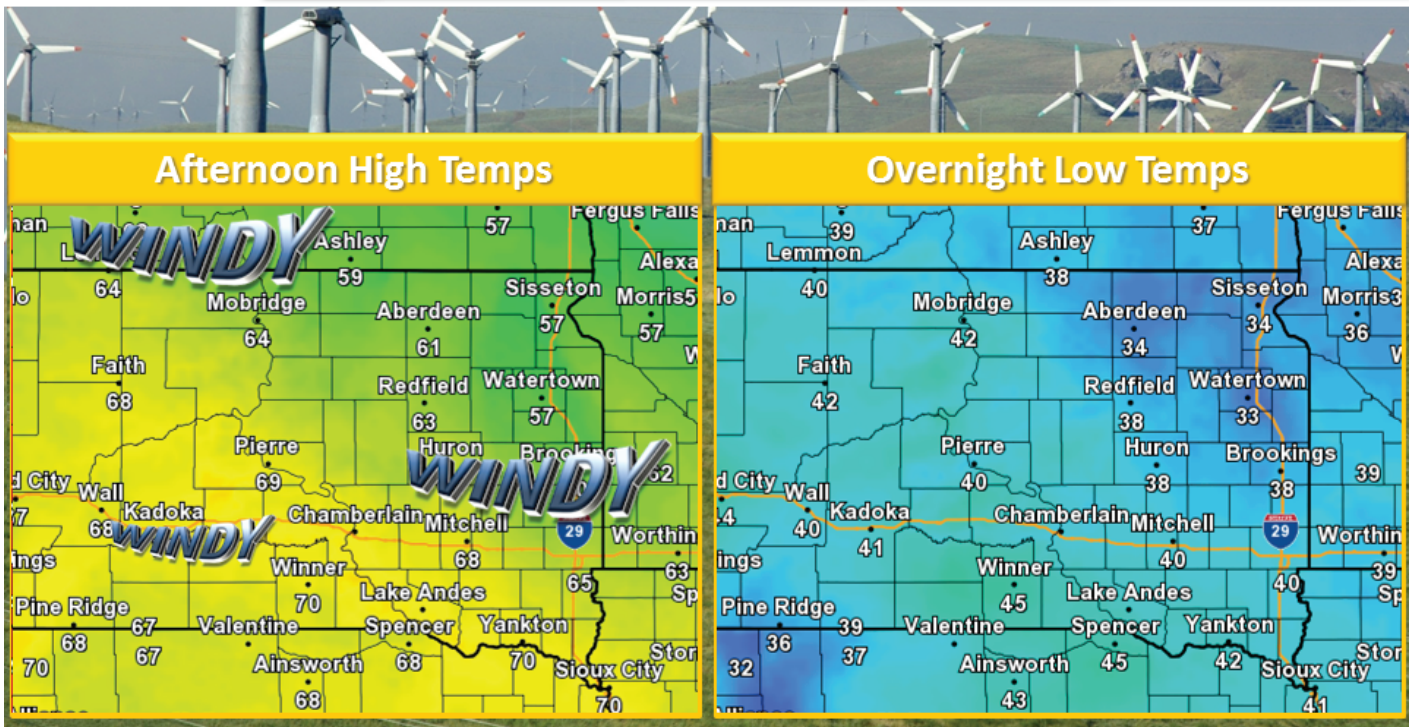
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Very strong northwest winds are expected across the region. Winds will peak early this morning, then will very gradually decrease through the afternoon. Winds gusts up to or exceeding 60 mph are possible for some locations. Much cooler air is expected today and tonight.

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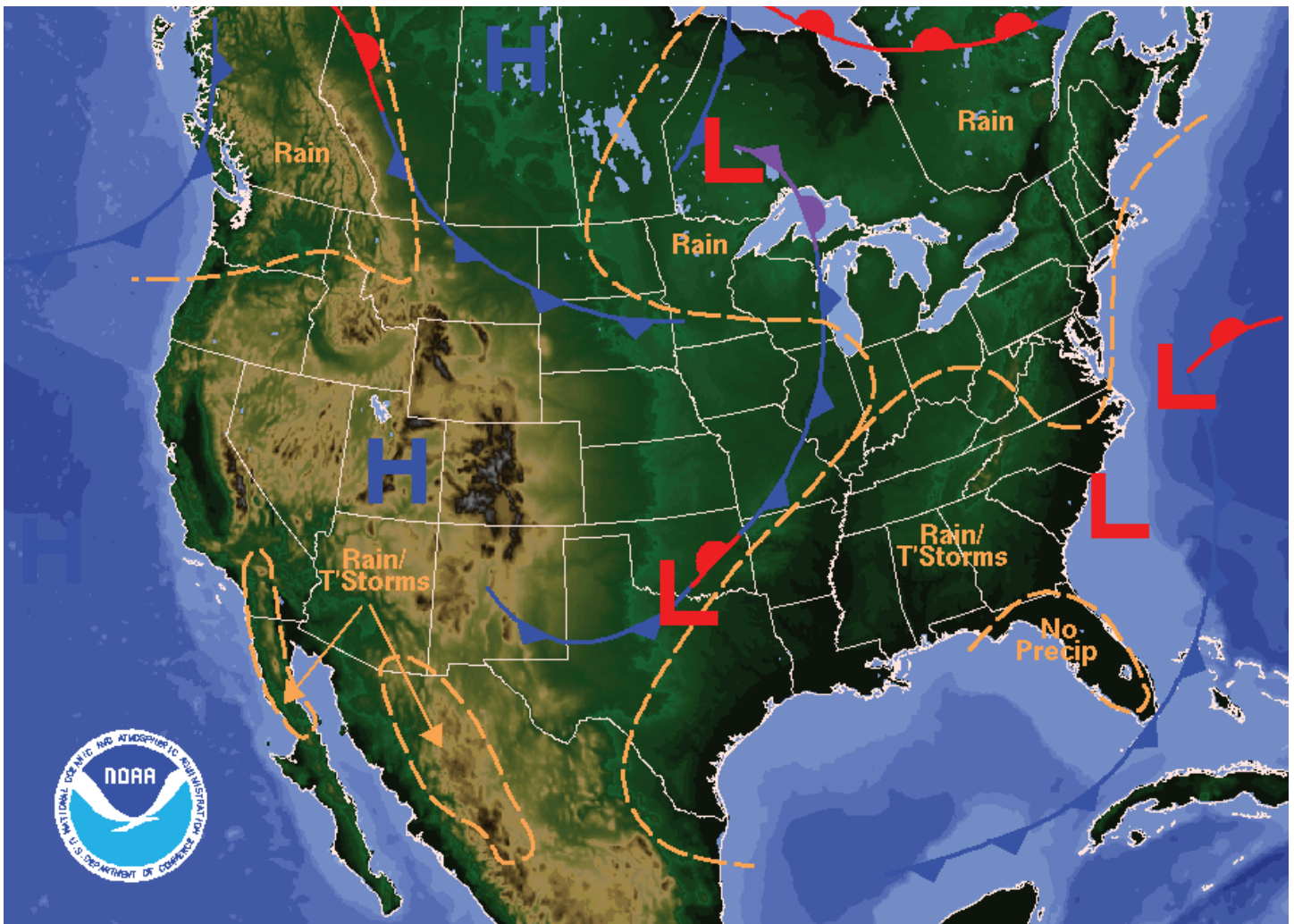
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 89.1 (Aberdeen broke record of 89 in 1910)
Low: 52.3
High Gust: 47
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 87° in 1956
Record Low: 11° in 1917
Average High: 60°F
Average Low: 34°F
Average Precip in Oct.: 0.87
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 19.35
Precip Year to Date: 18.12
Sunset Tonight: 6:53 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Oct 12, 2015, issued 4:03 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
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LEAD ME, LORD

A little boy was hanging onto the leash of a large dog with all of his strength. An amused observer asked, "Where are you taking your dog?"

"Well," he replied, "first I want to see where he's going. Then I'll take him there as long as I can hold on to his leash."

Often we chose to go in a certain direction and try to force God to come with us. We have a goal in mind, a destination in sight or a course charted for our lives. We try to push God into the gaps or squeeze Him into the corners.

However, we were created to be God-led. There are times when God leads us by pulling us along His paths and it seems as though He is working against our interests. There are also times when God works behind the scenes to accomplish His purpose in our lives. But the best times are those times when we go to Him in faith, believing that we need His guidance before taking the first step.

Someone once said, "Go slow to go fast." If we patiently wait upon God in prayer and search His Word for direction we will feel the leading of His Spirit and know where He wants us to go.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to live a life of faith that we express through prayers, patience, obedience and trust. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Genesis 24:27 & 48 And I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son.

News from the Associated Press

North Dakota tribal college closes branch in South Dakota

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A college run by North Dakota tribes has closed a satellite branch in South Dakota, ending a \$1.2 million expansion project after just two years.

The Black Hills Learning Center in Rapid City was developed as a resource center for students taking courses online. In 2013 it was touted by tribal officials in North Dakota, who saw it as a potential training ground for Fort Berthold Reservation's oil workers, and by South Dakota's governor, who hailed it as an opportunity for people to improve their lives through education.

In the end, it attracted fewer than 40 students — about one-fourth the 150 students necessary for survival — and was shut down after the spring semester, United Tribes Technical College President Leander "Russ" McDonald said.

"I see it as a learning experience for the college," he said.

The branch was housed in a building that once was home to National American University, which moved to a new location in 2013. Bismarck-based UTTC launched the learning center in August of that year with a ceremony that included Tex Hall, former chairman of the Three Affiliated Tribes in North Dakota, and South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

A feasibility study indicated the 150-student goal could be reached, a finding that consultant Lee Wolf, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, stands by.

"I pinpoint what the opportunity is," he said of his studies. "How they execute it isn't up to me."

McDonald speculated that other schools in the region might have drawn away potential students.

"The feasibility study projected that there was a significant need for additional educational opportunities in the Rapid City area," he said.

The low number of students and federal budget cuts doomed the center. "We really couldn't afford it," he said. "So what we did was encourage (students) to continue with online programs."

The center had three full-time staff members. One left for another job, one was cut and one was offered a position on the Bismarck campus but declined, McDonald said.

Hall was chairman of the college's board when the center was opened. The Associated Press was unable to contact him for this story because his cellphone mailbox is full. Current Three Affiliated Tribes Chairman Mark Fox did not respond to a request for comment.

Daugaard said he was "sorry that this didn't work out."

"Indian education is an area where South Dakota needs to continue to improve," he said.

Grass fire prompts evacuation of small Standing Rock town

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Most residents of Cannon Ball on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation are back in their homes after a grass fire fanned by strong winds destroyed buildings there and prompted evacuations.

There were no reports of injuries in the Sunday afternoon fire, but the flames burned at least two homes and a church.

Tribal Emergency Manager Elliott Ward tells The Bismarck Tribune several hay bales caught fire north of Cannon Ball on Saturday night, and the flames spread into town Sunday when winds gusted up to 60 mph.

The 875 residents were evacuated after power poles got knocked down. A shelter was set up at the tribal casino near Fort Yates. The Red Cross also set up a shelter in Porcupine.

KXMB-TV reports only about two dozen families are still displaced.

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Arizona to establish new bison herd in conservation effort

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona officials are embarking on an effort to help conserve the American bison. The Game and Fish Department said state officials recently signed an agreement with federal Interior Department officials to establish a bison herd with genetic lineage from the Wind Cave National Park in western South Dakota.

The new herd is to be established in a state-owned wildlife area in northern Arizona.

According to the Game and Fish Department, establishment of the herd is part of a national effort to conserve bison lineages that have high genetic purity, genetic diversity, and rare bison genes.

The department now manages two bison herds that are descendants from an unsuccessful effort to cross-breed bison and cattle more than 100 years ago.

The department says both herds have high levels of cattle DNA.

Cities in the Dakotas experience record-hot weather

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Several cities in the Dakotas experienced record-hot weather over the weekend. The South Dakota cities of Pierre and Yankton and the North Dakota cities of Fargo, Grand Forks and Jamestown were among those setting records on Sunday, with temperatures as high as 97 degrees.

Sioux Falls in South Dakota tied its record for the date Sunday, at 90 degrees. Rapid City set a record Saturday, at 88.

Yankton and Fargo had their warmest day ever recorded in the month of October.

Crazy Horse Memorial celebrating Native Americans' Day

CRAZY HORSE MEMORIAL, S.D. (AP) — The Crazy Horse Memorial is hosting its annual Native Americans' Day celebration.

Activities were scheduled from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mountain time Monday, with a 10 a.m. program featuring cultural leaders, prayers, a Native American dance performance and the announcement of the Crazy Horse Memorial Educator of the Year.

The award honors an individual who has made significant contributions to Native American education, and it includes a \$1,000 grant to the recipient's school library or to student programs of his or her choice.

South Dakota celebrates Native Americans' Day on what is widely recognized in the rest of the country as "Columbus Day."

Police arrest federal fugitive after chase in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police say a 29-year-old federal fugitive who was wearing a bulletproof vest was arrested after a high-speed chase in Rapid City.

Rapid City police say an officer pursued a vehicle driven by Eric LaDeaux after he refused to pull over late Saturday night. Police say the vehicle slowed down at one point to let out a 19-year-old passenger and then LaDeaux continued driving along Highway 385 for two miles before surrendering to officers.

LaDeaux was arrested on eluding and drug charges, several Pennington County warrants and a federal fugitive warrant.

It wasn't immediately clear whether LaDeaux has an attorney.

More cities are recognizing Native Americans on Columbus Day

MARY HUDETZ, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — More cities are recognizing Native Americans on Columbus Day this year as they revive a movement to change the name of the holiday to celebrate the history and contributions of indigenous cultures around the country.

As the U.S. observes Columbus Day on Monday, it will also be Indigenous Peoples Day in at least nine cities for the first time this year, including Albuquerque; Portland, Oregon; St. Paul, Minnesota; and Olym-

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pia, Washington.

Encouraged by city council votes in Minneapolis and Seattle last year, Native American activists made a push in dozens of cities in recent months to get local leaders to officially recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. Their success was mixed.

The campaigns say the federal holiday honoring Christopher Columbus — and the parades and pageantry accompanying it — overlook a painful history of colonialism, enslavement, discrimination and land grabs that followed the Italian explorer's 1492 arrival in the Americas. The indigenous holiday takes into account the history and contributions of Native Americans for a more accurate historical record, activists have argued.

Columbus Day supporters say the holiday celebrates centuries of cultural exchange between America and Europe, commemorates an iconic explorer and honors Italian-Americans, a group that has endured its own share of discrimination.

"For the Native community here, Indigenous Peoples Day means a lot. We actually have something," said Nick Estes of Albuquerque, who is coordinating a celebration Monday after the City Council recently issued a proclamation. "We understand it's just a proclamation, but at the same time, we also understand this is the beginning of something greater."

Native Americans are the nation's smallest demographic, making up about 2 percent of the U.S. population. In recent decades, a significant number of tribal members have moved from reservations to urban areas, where a large majority live today. The shift makes the cities' resolutions and proclamations more meaningful, Estes said.

Congress set aside the second Monday of October as a federal holiday honoring Columbus in 1934. Over the years, Native Americans have slowly begun winning more recognition around the day.

South Dakota renamed Columbus Day to Native American Day in 1990, and it has been an official state holiday ever since. Berkeley, California, has observed Indigenous Peoples Day since 1992.

Parades and festivals that developed around Columbus Day have faced protests that are known for being confrontational, especially in Denver. Anna Vann, a longtime member of the Sons of Italy's Denver Lodge, recalls protests during the 1992 parade, which marked the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage, as the most unnerving and pivotal.

That year, protesters blocked the parade route for several hours, she said. After that, the parade wasn't held again until 2000, and it has been difficult to make it the draw it once was, she said.

"It's been a struggle to even get people to come and attend the parades as spectators," Vann said. "It's a celebration of when the Europeans came over and started their lives here. We wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for this history."

The renewed push for Indigenous Peoples Day carries the sentiment of past decades' protests against Columbus, but it has proven less confrontational, with advocates instead finding traction at City Hall.

"They really didn't prove anything," Rey Garduno, an Albuquerque city councilman and longtime community organizer, said of the confrontational protests. "Whatever victory people took from them, you still ended up at the end of the day in the same place or even worse."

Democrats plan new push for ethics commission over GEAR UP

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democratic lawmakers in South Dakota plan to renew their push for a state ethics commission as questions mount about the handling of public funds at an educational cooperative after an apparent murder-suicide involving two employees.

Rep. Peggy Gibson says she'll make another attempt at creating an ethics panel in the upcoming session, spurred on by last month's events surrounding Platte-based Mid-Central Educational Cooperative. Authorities are investigating former employee Scott Westerhuis' personal finances and his management of the organization as they search for a motive in the killings.

Gibson, who sponsored an ethics commission proposal last session in the wake of the state's EB-5 visa program scandal, said South Dakota needs more government oversight.

Republicans holding supermajorities in the Legislature and controlling the governor's office have largely

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opposed re-establishing such a body. South Dakota had an ethics commission until it was repealed in 1979.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch opposed the ethics commission measure last session. He said an existing legislative oversight committee has successfully exposed weaknesses in oversight of the GEAR UP program managed by Mid-Central, showing that the current system works.

Authorities believe Westerhuis, who had a role in the administration of a federal grant program in South Dakota for Native American college readiness, shot his wife and four children before setting his home ablaze and then killing himself. Gibson compares the troubling scenario involving Westerhuis and the cooperative to a suicide in the investment-for-visa scandal.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley was ready to file felony theft charges and seek an indictment against former cabinet secretary Richard Benda days before authorities say he killed himself with a shotgun in October 2013. The investigation stemmed from allegations that Benda double-billed the state for flights and redirected \$550,000 in economic development money for his own use.

"Where's the oversight? This should not happen in state government, and we've had two, big, massive, incidents," Gibson said. "Why does this keep happening in South Dakota?"

Since Benda's death, Jackley has declined to release law enforcement investigation records, which he has said are exempt from disclosure under state public records law. The state Supreme Court in May ruled against a reporter who pursued their disclosure.

Authorities believe the killings involving Westerhuis, who was business manager at Mid-Central, occurred hours after the state informed the organization it wouldn't renew its contract for managing the GEAR UP grant. It has received \$10.7 million in federal GEAR UP funds over the last four years.

Mid-Central consists of a group of school districts that have banded together to form an educational service unit. The cooperative provides regular and special education services.

The state Department of Education secretary cited financial problems and failures to follow proper accounting procedures at Mid-Central as reasons not to renew the grant. Gov. Dennis Daugaard said he has asked Jackley to look beyond Westerhuis for any evidence of wrongdoing in the administration of the program.

Mid-Central officials declined to comment most recently at the cooperative's Thursday governing board meeting.

"I'm just referring all questions to our attorney," Mid-Central director Dan Guericke said. Scott Swier, the cooperative's lawyer, has also declined to answer most questions until the investigation by the state Division of Criminal Investigation is completed.

Daugaard Chief of Staff Tony Venhuizen said in a statement that the "governor believes that, in cases like GEAR UP, it is best to allow law enforcement and prosecutors to lead the investigation, rather than a political commission."

House Republicans easily blocked the ethics commission plan during the 2015 session, arguing that it was unnecessary and that the EB-5 program was thoroughly examined by the operations and audit committee. Gosch said he largely maintains that view heading into 2016.

"I still think the intention is more of a political ploy," he said. "I think an ethics commission, if in existence, would not have stopped the problems at Mid-Central."

The Legislature passed a Republican-backed proposal during the 2015 session to overhaul conflict-of-interest laws for South Dakota public employees in response to the investment-for-visa scandal.

Senate Democratic leader Billie Sutton, a supporter of a commission, said he envisions a panel that would provide oversight and propose policies to strengthen ethics in politics.

Gibson said her plan will likely look very similar to the measure she authored last session, which was a resolution requesting that lawmakers and the executive and judicial branches develop a plan to restore the commission that would be considered the next year. Gibson said she imagines an impartial group designed to review ethics violations and complaints in all areas of government.

State government shouldn't police itself, Gibson said. Sutton said the existing legislative oversight body, the operations and audit committee, is run by the Republican majority, which limits checks and balances.

"There's been one-party rule for a long, long, long time, and when you have that, I'm just afraid that a

lot of things don't get uncovered," he said.

Having an independent, outside group examining government ethics is beneficial to a state, said Noah Bookbinder, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington. He said that the commissions can offer more confidence that taxpayer funds are used the right way and that the elected class has the people in mind.

"Having a close looks at ethics really helps ensure that public officials are really working for the public," he said.

SD School of Mines to host rocks, fossils ID public event

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is inviting individuals to take their interesting backyard rock or fossil finds to the university's annual identification event.

Paleontology staff and students will study and identify people's finds during the third annual Rock and Fossil ID Day Saturday at the school's Museum of Geology.

Samantha Hustoft is the museum's program assistant. She says quartz is the most common rock brought to the event for evaluation.

Paleontology staff and trained students from the Society of Economic Geologists, Tech Geological Association and Paleo Club will study and identify specimens.

The museum showcases exhibits focusing on paleontology and mineralogy.

South Dakota men see success at National Senior Games

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A retired rancher and a retired veterinarian from South Dakota who did particularly well at this year's National Senior Games are partially attributing their successes to their active lifestyles in the ag business.

At 101 years old, Highmore resident John Zilverberg was the oldest competitor and carried South Dakota's flag during the opening ceremonies at his year's event in July in the Twin Cities, the Tri-State Neighbor (<http://bit.ly/1WQFOx7>) reported. He placed first in the hammer throw and bowling events, and placed second in discus, javelin and shot put.

Zilverberg, a retired rancher who's now 102, credits his ranching background for his ability to stay healthy, active and independent. He still drives his pickup truck, lives in his own house and maintains a garden and a large yard.

"My secret for staying healthy is really not a secret," Zilverberg said. "I grew up on a ranch and did a lot of work there and ate good, healthy food."

His family moved in 1928 from southeastern South Dakota to a ranch north of Holabird. He took over the family ranch when his father fell ill.

"Ranch life helped keep me in shape," Zilverberg said. "There's always a lot of work to do. You get plenty of exercise."

Zilverberg started participating in the South Dakota Senior Games in 1985, a year after it started begin held, and has competed every year since.

Don Phillips, of Sioux Falls, earned six gold medals in 50-, 100-, 200-, 400- and 800-meter races and the 400-meter relays at the 2015 National Senior Games. The retired veterinarian had won six silver medals and three bronze medals at previous National Senior Games, but it was his first time earning gold.

Phillips, 85, has been competing in the senior games for 28 years and is most interested in the running events, especially the middle distance races.

Phillips takes no prescription medication. He said his doctor tells him, "If I had more patients like you, I'd probably be out of business."

The next senior games will be held in 2017 in Birmingham, Alabama.

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Federal grants to help SD programs for new farmers, ranchers

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two organizations in South Dakota will receive a portion of the \$17 million in grants that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is handing out to help new farmers and ranchers.

The federal agency says Dakota Rural Action and South Dakota State University will receive funding to help programs that train and support beginning farmers and ranchers.

Dakota Rural Action in Brookings has been awarded \$225,000 to train 50 beginning farmers and ranchers in whole farm planning, business management, value added marketing and sustainable production methods. The funding is also meant to help 90 beginning producers access several local food marketing initiatives.

SDSU will get nearly \$707,000 to provide a training and mentoring program that assists beginning beef cattle producers. The program includes workshops on livestock production, marketing, finance and leadership.

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. TURKISH PEACE RALLY BOMB TOLL RISES TO 97

No one has claimed responsibility, but the attack bears similarities to a suicide bombing the government blames on the Islamic State group that killed 33 people at a town bordering Syria in July.

2. PALESTINIAN ATTACKS OFFICER WITH KNIFE, IS SHOT DEAD

The recent wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence is marked by Palestinian stabbings and shootings carried out by young Palestinians with no affiliation to militant groups.

3. WHY CLINTON HAS EDGE IN NEVADA, SITE OF DEMS' FIRST DEBATE

She installed staff on the ground in the state six months ago, and her 22 local operatives have recruited more than 3,000 volunteers.

4. WHO MIGHT BE FIGHTING WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA

The state considers allowing inmates with violent backgrounds to work outside prison walls as part of the nation's largest inmate firefighting unit, The AP learns.

5. IRAN SAYS WASHINGTON POST REPORTER CONVICTED

A spokesman for the Iranian judiciary confirms Jason Rezaian's conviction but the verdict's details remain unknown.

6. SOME WANT TO SWAP AD HOC VICTIM TRIBUTES FOR LASTING SHRINES

In Milwaukee, victims' advocates are leading a push to establish publicly funded individual memorials to replace the improvised ones "to promote life and growth and peace."

7. WHAT BEN CARSON'S GUN COMMENTS HIGHLIGHT

His statements suggest that he is a political rookie who prefers to muse on the news of the day rather than offer a clear picture of what he'd seek to do if elected.

8. THAT NEW YORK TWANG

Music City musicians are partnering with a nonprofit that is providing music education in public schools around the city to boost music as a core subject for all students.

9. VOLKSWAGEN RECALLS DIESEL VEHICLES IN CHINA

The move is intended to correct engine software that the automaker has admitted cheats on emissions tests.

10. UTLEY KNOWN FOR PLAYING HARD

He now finds himself in the middle of baseball's hottest controversy after his hard takeout slide broke New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada's right leg.

AP News in Brief

Report: Turkish authorities investigating rally blasts focus IS militants

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Authorities investigating the twin suicide bombings at a rally promoting peace with the Kurdish were focusing on the Islamic State group, comparing DNA samples of the suspected bombers with those obtained from families of extremists they suspect could have carried out the attacks, a newspaper close to the government reported on Monday.

The government meanwhile, raised the death toll in Turkey's deadliest attack in years to 97 and said the victims included a Palestinian. A pro-Kurdish party has said that up to 128 people died in the attacks Saturday outside Ankara's main train station that targeted Turkish and Kurdish activists who were gathering for a rally to call for increased democracy and an end to the renewed fighting between the Kurdish rebels and Turkey's security forces that has killed hundred since July.

The government said Kurdish rebels or Islamic State militants were likely responsible, while mourners accused President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of fomenting violence to gain votes for the ruling party ahead of the Nov. 1 elections.

No one has claimed responsibility, but the attack bears similarities to a suicide bombing the government blames on the Islamic State group that killed 33 Turkish and Kurdish peace activists near the town of Suruc bordering Syria in July.

Hurriyet newspaper said the type of device and explosives used in Ankara were the same as those used in the Suruc attack.

Israeli police: Palestinian attacks officer with knife, is shot dead by police in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian man attacked an Israeli officer with a knife Monday at the entrance to Jerusalem's Old City and was shot dead by police, Israeli police said. It was the latest attack in a recent wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Paramilitary border police officers noticed the Palestinian acting suspiciously and ordered him to take his hand out of his pocket, Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said. The man then attacked an officer with a knife, but he was wearing a protective vest and was not injured, she said.

The attack took place near the Lions Gate of Jerusalem's walled Old City on the predominantly Arab eastern side of the city.

The recent wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence has been marked primarily by Palestinian stabbings and shootings carried out by young Palestinians with no affiliation to militant groups. The seemingly random nature of the attacks has complicated efforts to predict or prevent them.

In recent weeks, at least 25 Palestinians, including nine attackers, have been killed by Israeli forces, while five Israelis have been killed in attacks.

Democrats gather in Nevada for first debate; state is sign of Hillary Clinton's edge

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When the Democratic candidates for president take the stage for their first debate this week in Nevada, they'll do so in a state that serves as a reminder of why Hillary Rodham Clinton is the front-runner for the nomination.

One of the first four states to cast ballots in the presidential contest, Nevada is home to large communities of immigrants — many who have only recently arrived in the U.S. When combined with the state's baroque caucus system, which is so complex that the rules surrounding it run 51 pages, that means winning the state and the largest share of delegates requires a higher degree of organization and effort to get-out-the-vote than in most others.

And so for all the excitement generated to date by Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, and for all the anticipation about whether Vice President Joe Biden will decide to make a late entry into the race, it is Clinton and her campaign that are set up to win when Nevada Democratic caucus next February.

Clinton installed staff on the ground in Nevada six months ago, and she now has 22 paid operatives in the state. They have recruited more than 3,000 volunteers, who have already held events in remote desert towns as well as the state's urban centers. Clinton herself has made wooing immigrants a keystone of her campaign; she announced her immigration policy approach at a Las Vegas high school this spring.

"That's a lot of shoe leather, and they've been on the ground for 5-6 months," Billy Vassiliadis, a veteran Democratic strategist in Nevada who isn't involved in the current race, said of the Clinton campaign's efforts. "That's going to be a challenge that I don't think a Sanders can overcome, that — God bless his heart — I don't think Joe can overcome."

AP Exclusive: California may allow inmates with violent histories into firefighting unit

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California officials are considering allowing inmates with violent backgrounds to work outside prison walls fighting wildfires, and the idea is generating concerns about public safety.

The state has the nation's largest and oldest inmate firefighting unit, with about 3,800 members who provide critical assistance to professional firefighters. That's down from about 4,400 in previous years, however, and so prison officials are looking for ways to add inmates.

Now, only minimum-security inmates with no history of violent crimes can participate. Starting next year, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is proposing adding inmates convicted of violent offenses such as assaults and robberies, if their security classification level has been reduced after years of good behavior.

Officials also are seeking to allow inmates who have up to seven years left on their sentences instead of the current five. Arsonists, kidnappers, sex offenders, gang affiliates and those serving life sentences for murder and other crimes would still be excluded.

"All it does is enlarge the pool of inmates we look at, but it doesn't change the nature of the inmate that we put in camp," Corrections spokesman Bill Sessa told The Associated Press. "We still are not going to put an inmate in camp that has a violent attitude."

Iran says Iranian-American Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian convicted

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Washington Post reporter Jason Rezaian, who has been detained for more than a year on charges including espionage, has been convicted, a spokesman for the Iranian judiciary said.

Gholam Hossein Mohseni Ejechi told state TV Sunday night, "He has been convicted, but I don't have the verdict's details."

Ejechi said Rezaian and his lawyer are eligible to appeal the conviction within 20 days.

Leila Ahsan, Rezaian's lawyer told The Associated Press Sunday "there are no new developments" and said she has not yet received the verdict. Ahsan was not reachable for comment on Monday.

Rezaian was detained with his wife, who is a journalist for The National newspaper in the United Arab Emirates, and two photojournalists on July 22, 2014. All were later released except Rezaian.

SOS via SMS: Suicide prevention groups expanding texting options for young people in despair

BOSTON (AP) — With younger generations using cellphones less for actual conversation and more for text messaging, suicide prevention organizations are setting up ways that let distraught youths seek help that way.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among teenagers and college-age adults, making a text messaging initiative — started this month by Samaritans Inc. of Massachusetts to supplement the more traditional phone help line — a natural, Executive Director Steve Mongeau said.

Nearly 5,300 U.S. residents younger than 24 took their own lives in 2013, the most recent year for which data are available, according to the Washington, D.C.-based American Association of Suicidology. The latest suicide report by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health indicates that 90 state residents ages 5 to 24 killed themselves in 2012.

"We want you, as a person in need, to be able to use the communication platform you feel most comfortable with," Mongeau said, adding that Samaritans is the first suicide prevention organization in Massachusetts to offer the texting option.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has offered text help for suicidal veterans for several years.

Milwaukee advocates seek to swap teddy bear tributes for permanent memorials to crime victims

MILWAUKEE (AP) — On what would have been his friend's 18th birthday, a solemn teenager stared at a slumping display of helium balloons and a giant stuffed doll tied to a tree.

The decorations had been up for weeks as a memorial to Breanna Eskridge, who was gunned down outside her grandmother's Milwaukee home. Jamel Russell came this day to mourn.

Such improvised tributes are part of the landscape in tough neighborhoods across the U.S., symbolizing a complex knot of emotions that community activists and city officials must navigate as they grapple with whether to remove them. To some, they're eyesores, reminders of gang disputes, drug sales and sadness. To others, they're an important acknowledgment of loss and mourning.

In Milwaukee, victims' advocates are leading a push to make these ad hoc memorials into something more lasting. Community organizer Camille Mays has been working with local officials to establish publicly funded individual tributes to replace the makeshift shrines.

"Something that can promote life and growth and peace," she said.

VW recalls diesel vehicles in China to correct engine software that cheats on emissions tests

BEIJING (AP) — Volkswagen is recalling 1,950 diesel vehicles in China to correct engine software that the automaker has admitted cheats on emissions tests.

The recall applies to 1,946 Tiguan sport utility vehicles and four Passat B6 sedans, all of them imported, the company said Monday. It said technical solutions are being developed and have yet to be submitted to Chinese authorities for approval.

Volkswagen's business in China, the largest auto market by number of vehicles sold, has suffered little impact from the global emissions scandal due to the lack of popularity of diesel cars among Chinese drivers. But foreign companies are closely watched by Chinese authorities, and state media publicize suggestions of misconduct.

Europe's biggest automaker has acknowledged it installed software dubbed "defeat devices" on diesel vehicles. They switch on pollution controls when cars undergo emissions tests, but switch off during driving to improve performance.

"Volkswagen would like to sincerely apologize for any inconvenience caused to our customers," the company said in a statement. "We would like to assure that we will do everything humanly possible to win back trust and take care of any concerns."

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Aggressive, hard-nosed play always has been Chase Utley's way; rough slide draws suspension

More than a dozen years ago, Chase Utley put his head down and ran fast around the bases after lining a grand slam for his first career hit.

He hasn't stopped running and playing hard.

Utley goes all-out all the time, whether it's Game 2 of the NL Division Series or the second day of spring training. He only knows one way to play, and he's done it in every one of the 1,633 games he's played.

The six-time All-Star second baseman is an old-school ballplayer who avoids the spotlight and has never been confused for a look-at-me, bat-flipping showboat.

But now Utley finds himself in the middle of baseball's hottest controversy after his hard takeout slide broke New York Mets shortstop Ruben Tejada's right leg on Saturday night.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, October 12, the 285th day of 2015. There are 80 days left in the year. This is the Columbus Day holiday in the U.S., as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 12, 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by a German firing squad for helping Allied soldiers escape from occupied Belgium during World War I. (The night before the sentence was carried out, Cavell met with chaplain H. Stirling Gahan, who later quoted her as saying: "I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards any one.")

On this date:

In 1492 (according to the Old Style calendar), Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

In 1870, General Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Virginia, at age 63.

In 1915, former President Theodore Roosevelt, speaking to the Knights of Columbus in New York, criticized native-born Americans (as opposed to naturalized citizens) who identified themselves by dual nationalities, saying that "a hyphenated American is not an American at all."

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff, Jess Sarber.

In 1935, opera star Luciano Pavarotti was born in Modena, Italy.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance. Attorney General Francis Biddle announced during a Columbus Day celebration at Carnegie Hall in New York that Italian nationals in the United States would no longer be considered enemy aliens.

In 1964, the Soviet Union launched a Voskhod space capsule with a three-man crew on the first mission involving more than one crew member (the flight lasted just over 24 hours).

In 1973, President Richard Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 1984, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher escaped an attempt on her life when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded at a hotel in Brighton, England, killing five people.

In 1994, the Magellan space probe ended its four-year mapping mission of Venus, apparently plunging into the planet's atmosphere.

In 2000, 17 sailors were killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

In 2002, bombs blamed on al-Qaida-linked militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, including 88 Australians and seven Americans.

Ten years ago: China launched its second manned space flight, during which two astronauts orbited Earth for five days. Syria's interior minister, Brig. Gen. Ghazi Kanaan, died in his Damascus office of what authorities said was a suicide. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder (GEHR'-hahrd SHROH'-dur) announced he

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would not participate in Germany's new coalition government, ending seven years in power.

Five years ago: The Obama administration announced it was lifting the six-month moratorium on deep water oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico imposed after the BP oil spill. General Motors CEO Dan Akerson and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner (GYT'-nur) met for the first time in New York to discuss GM's initial public offering as the automaker waited for approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission to sell the shares. At least 44 people were killed when a train hit a bus at a crossing in eastern Ukraine.

One year ago: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed that a health care worker at the Texas hospital where Ebola victim Thomas Eric Duncan was treated before his death had tested positive for the illness in the first known case of Ebola being contracted or transmitted in the U.S. (The worker, later identified as nurse Nina Pham, was treated and declared free of Ebola.) The St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 5-4 to tie the NL Championship Series at one game apiece. Mississippi State was the new No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll, replacing Florida State and making the fastest rise to the top spot in the history of the poll. (The Bulldogs were the first team in the poll's 78-year history to go from unranked to No. 1 in five weeks.)

Today's Birthdays: Actress Antonia Rey is 88. Comedian-activist Dick Gregory is 83. Former Sen. Jake Garn, R-Utah, is 83. Singer Sam Moore (formerly of Sam and Dave) is 80. Broadcast journalist Chris Wallace is 68. Actress-singer Susan Anton is 65. Rock singer-musician Pat DiNizio is 60. Actor Hiroyuki Sanada is 55. Actor Carlos Bernard is 53. Jazz musician Chris Botti (BOH'-tee) is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Claude McKnight (Take 6) is 53. Rock singer Bob Schneider is 50. Actor Hugh Jackman is 47. Actor Adam Rich is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Garfield Bright (Shai) is 46. Country musician Martie Maguire (Courtyard Hounds, The Dixie Chicks) is 46. Actor Kirk Cameron is 45. Olympic gold medal skier Bode Miller is 38. Rock singer Jordan Pundik (New Found Glory) is 36. Actor Brian J. Smith is 34. Actor Tyler Blackburn is 29. Actor Marcus T. Paulk is 29. Actor Josh Hutcherson is 23.

Thought for Today: "The want of logic annoys. Too much logic bores. Life eludes logic, and everything that logic alone constructs remains artificial and forced." - Andre Gide, French author and critic (1869-1951).