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Wednesday, October 21

School Breakfast: Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, bread stick, fruit, tri potato.

Senior Menu: Hamburger with multigrain bun, coleslaw, baked beans, ice cream sundae.

Birthdays: Gary Heitmann • Mary Rix • Paige Harris • Jackie Hein • Kathleen Engel • Tony Lyren

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: Sixth Grade MathCounts at Warner

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

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, October 22

END OF FIRST QUARTER

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburgers, French fries, fruit, romaine salad.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, Ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Grams • Margaret Sippel • Savanna Larson • Kara Kettering • Dustin Falk • Bill Shilhanek • Kara Pharis Zimmerman • Nathaniel Geist • Janice Hanson • Sherry Hanson • Shane Haskell • Bill Shilhanek

7:00pm: Football at Parkston

Friday, October 23

NO SCHOOL - INSERVICE

St. John's Youth Group to Valley Fair

Hot roast beef combination, carrots, Mandarin oranges, peanut butter cookie

Birthdays: Duane Kurtz • Carrie Cole • Melo-

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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Groton Garden Club

The Groton Garden Club met at the Golden Living Center October 19 at 5:30 p.m. Hosting the meeting were Pat Larson, Deloris Knoll and Hazel McKittrick.

Ten members answered roll call with how they met Gladys Dirks, a member who celebrated her 100th birthday.

There will be a fall area meeting for the SDFGC on Saturday, Oct. 24, in Watertown. Eunice McCollister will attend. She also reported that the Smokey Bear poster contest information has been distributed to the elementary school. The posters are to be returned by November 20th.

The next meeting will be November 16 at Marj Overacker's home at 5 p.m. Linda Anderson will give the program.

Following the meeting, Eunice McCollister gave the program, "Why You Should Leave the Leaves."



Great Starter Home! Great Location!

Located right across from the elementary school at 805 N 1st St., this home features a spacious back yard, 2-stall garage, full finished basement with wash room and bathroom. Main floor has two larger bedrooms with walk-in closets and one smaller bedroom, a spacious living/dining room and a cozy kitchen. The home has dual fuel (electric/natural gas) and a newer lifetime warranty water heater. Contact Dick Kolker at 605/397-8464. Asking \$150,000.

A little lady is on her way!

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.....

Sydney is registered at Target



The Life of Ramona Rossow



Memorial services for Ramona Rossow, 75, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Friday, October 23, 2015 at the Presbyterian Church, Groton. The Rev. Terry Kenny will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Ramona died Sunday, October 18, 2015 at Golden Living Center in Groton.

Ramona Kay was born on September 16, 1940 in Aberdeen to Carl and Alma (Breheim) Liebel. She attended school in Groton and continued her college education in Minnesota. On December 23, 1959 she was united in marriage with Gerald Rossow at the Presbyterian Church in Groton. Together, they were blessed with four boys. Ramona worked over 30 years in the laundry department at Golden Living Center. She enjoyed spending time with her family and attending activities and sports events for her children and grandchildren.

Celebrating her life is her husband, Jerry of Groton, her sons, Rick (Melanie) Rossow of Glenwood Springs, CO; Marc (Jayne) Rossow of Austin, TX; Jamie Rossow of Groton, her grandchildren: Morgan, Tyler, Jeraka, Shay, Sydney, Parker and Taryn. Ramona is also survived by her sisters, Linda Donovan of Vermillion and JoAnn Dietrich of Flandreau.

Preceding her in death was her infant son, Roger, her parents, her sister, Verna Mae and brothers, Gene, Melvin, Charles and Duane.

Honorary Urnbearers will be all of Ramona's grandchildren.

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NEW BALLOONS!



26" GET WELL SOON BEARY
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Today in Weather History

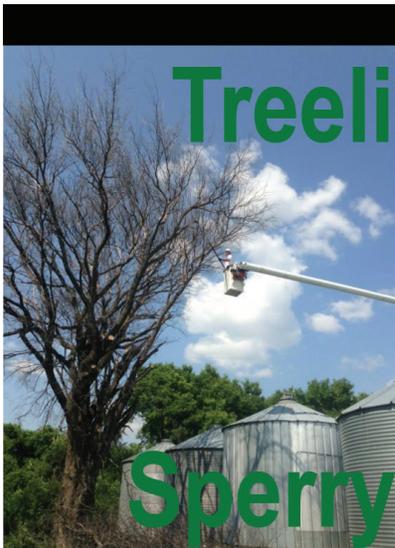
1934 - A severe windstorm lashed the northern Pacific coast. In Washington State, the storm claimed the lives of 22 persons, and caused 1.7 million dollars damage, mostly to timber. Winds, gusting to 87 mph at North Head WA, produced waves twenty feet high. (David Ludlum)

1957 - The second in a series of unusual October storms hit southern California causing widespread thunderstorms. Santa Maria was drenched with 1.13 inches of rain in two hours. Hail drifted to 18 inches in East Los Angeles. Waterspouts were sighted off Point Mugu and Oceanside. (20th-21st) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Cold arctic air continued to invade the central U.S. Eleven record lows were reported in the Great Plains Region, including lows of 12 degrees at Valentine NE, and 9 degrees at Aberdeen SD. Temperatures warmed rapidly during the day in the Southern and Central Plains Region. Goodland KS warmed from a morning low of 24 degrees to an afternoon high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Joan, the last hurricane of the season, neared the coast of Nicaragua packing 125 mph winds. Joan claimed more than 200 lives as she moved over Central America, and total damage approached 1.5 billion dollars. Crossing more than 40 degrees of longitude, Hurricane Joan never strayed even one degree from the 12 degree north parallel. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Unseasonably cold weather continued to grip the south central and southeastern U.S. Twenty cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Calico AR with a reading of 26 degrees, and Daytona Beach FL with a low of 41 degrees. Squalls in the Great Lakes Region finally came to an end, but not before leaving Marquette MI buried under 12.7 inches of snow, a record 24 hour total for October. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Becoming Sunny and Breezy	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Slight Chance Rain	Rain	Rain	Slight Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny
High: 59 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 45 °F	High: 55 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 56 °F



Breezy With Close to Average Temps Today
Widespread Rain Thursday PM-Friday PM



weather.gov/Aberdeen



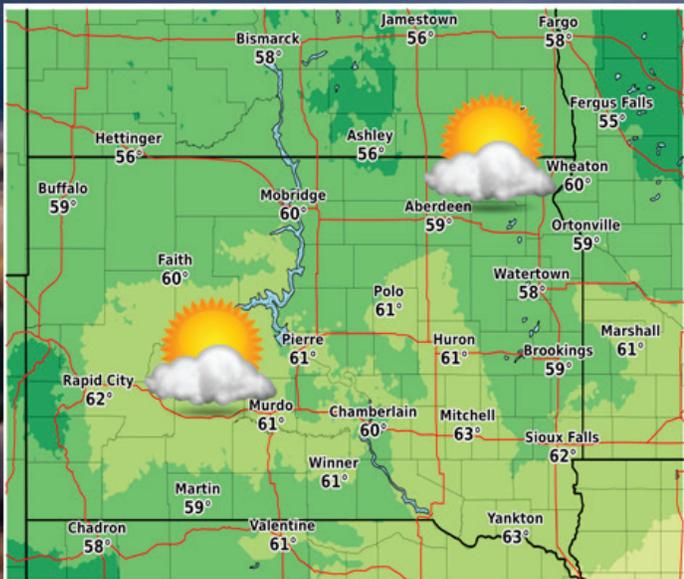
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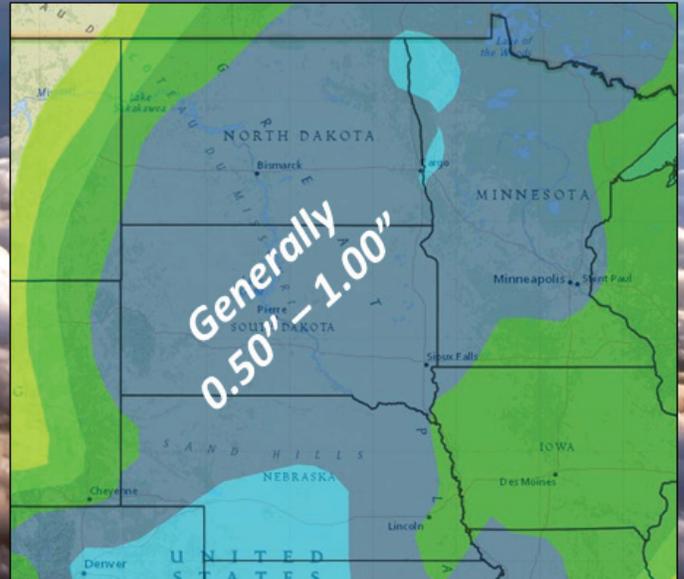
@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 10/21/2015 4:27 AM Central

Wednesday Highs



Potential Total Rainfall through Friday



Published on: 10/21/2015 at 4:29AM

Temperatures will be closer to average with high pressure overhead. A system moving out of the central plains will bring some much needed moisture to the region during the afternoon Thursday and persisting well into Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 79.7 at 7:11 PM

Low: 44.6 at 8:21 AM

High Gust: 13 mph at 11:31 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 86° in 1947

Record Low: 9° in 1987

Average High: 55°F

Average Low: 31°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.49

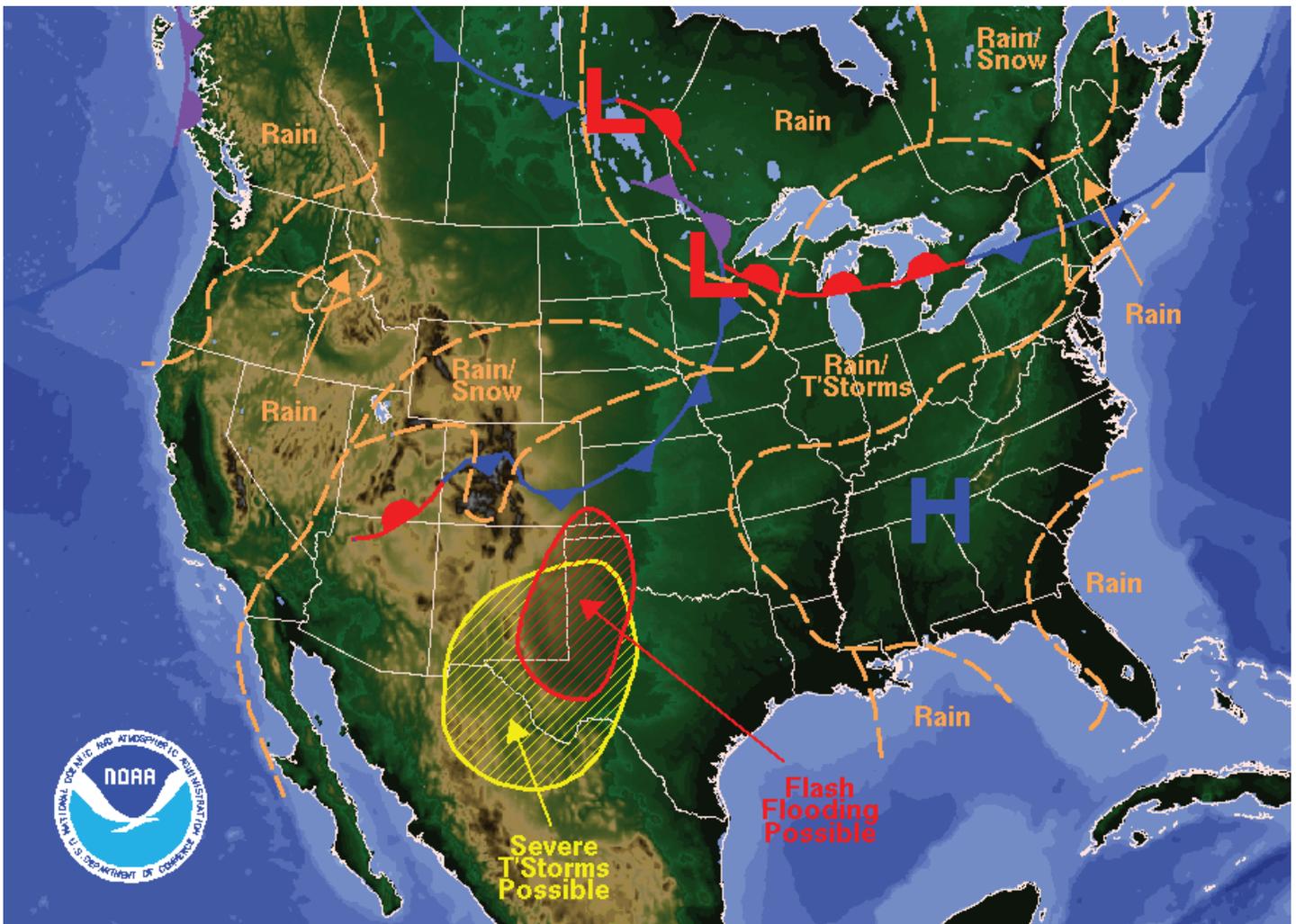
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 19.97

Precip Year to Date: 18.12

Sunset Tonight: 6:38 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:58 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Oct 21, 2015, issued 4:43 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



STRESS AND DISTRESS

A man hurrying to meet a deadline was caught in a traffic jam. As his anger grew and his patience diminished, he noticed a bumper sticker that read, "Go ahead and honk. It's your ulcer." It added to his rage and he tried to strangle his steering wheel by squeezing it as tightly as he could.

Stress invades all of our lives and quickly causes distress. Whether it is a problem we are having difficulty solving, a goal we can't achieve or a decision that eludes us, we all face events that seem to be more than we can bear or beyond our capabilities. What then?

Peter said, "Give all your cares and worries to God for He cares about what happens to you!" When we refuse to give our stressors and struggles to God, we reveal our lack of trust in His strength. Often this shows a lack of humility on our part because we are saying to Him: "I really don't need You - I can do this all by myself!" It takes real humility to admit to God that we need His help and the help of others who care for us. We need to recognize our limitations and His love and willingness to do for us what we can't do for ourselves.

Prayer: Father, give us grace for our grief, faith for our fears and peace and directions for every decision. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Peter 5:7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

News from the Associated Press

Starting USD running back out for season with broken arm

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — University of South Dakota starting running back Trevor Bouma is done for the season after breaking an arm.

Bouma suffered the injury Saturday in USD's 24-21 upset of four-time defending FCS champion North Dakota State. Bouma rushed 20 times for 94 yards in the game and caught two passes for 80 yards.

Coyotes coach Joe Glenn says Bouma is scheduled for surgery on the broken arm — the same one he broke a year ago that cut his season five games short. He'll miss the final five games again this year.

The junior from Le Mars, Iowa, was leading the Missouri Valley Football Conference in yards per carry and was the league's fifth-leading rusher.

The game also was costly for NDSU, which lost quarterback Carson Wentz to a broken wrist.

Sturgis police chief retiring after quarter century

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — The man believed to be the longest-serving police chief in South Dakota history is calling it a career.

Sturgis Chief Jim Bush says he's retiring in January. He'll be succeeded by Assistant Chief Geody VanDe-water.

Bush joined the Sturgis force in 1978 and became the chief in 1990. One of his jobs has been overseeing the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, which draws hundreds of thousands of people to the region.

Sturgis Mayor Mark Cartensen says Bush has been "a role model for our department and departments around the state."

Man accused of killing roommate on trial in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of fatally stabbing his roommate is on trial in Rapid City.

A jury was seated Tuesday in the trial of 21-year-old Samuel Tyburec, who's accused of killing 25-year-old roommate Matthew Wassenaar in May by stabbing him in the back five times.

Tyburec has said he feared Wassenaar and acted in self-defense. He's pleaded not guilty to alternate counts of second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter.

The trial is expected to last through the rest of the week. Tyburec could face a life sentence if convicted.

South Dakota redesigns government accountability website

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The Bureau of Finance and Management has overhauled the state's government transparency website to help people access financial information more easily.

The governor's office says the bureau expects the update to make it easier to add more functionality in the future. The office says the website is friendly for mobile devices.

The website was created in 2008 to help the public get access to state fiscal information. For example, users can search for vendor payments and government contracts.

SD 4-H Youth Council selects Make-A-Wish for service project

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State 4-H Youth Council has selected the state's chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation as the recipient of its annual community service project.

Audrey Rider with the South Dakota State University Extension says youth in counties across South Dakota will be collecting cash donations throughout 2016 with the goal of raising between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the foundation.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The amount that the 4-H Youth Council hopes to raise would be enough to grant one wish for a child in South Dakota.

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Rider says the county that raises the most money will receive a prize.

The 4-H Youth Council is a statewide leadership team made up of 25 4-H participants who were chosen for their leadership abilities.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Ipswich, 25-19, 25-23, 25-22
Alcester-Hudson def. Lennox, 25-12, 25-16, 25-19
Arlington def. Colman-Egan, 25-12, 25-18, 25-14
Avon def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-16, 25-13, 26-24
Baltic def. Howard, 19-25, 25-12, 25-15, 21-25, 15-12
Beresford def. Vermillion, 25-16, 22-25, 25-14, 25-16
Bon Homme def. Parkston, 25-14, 25-14, 25-19
Boyd County, Neb. def. Gregory, 25-17, 25-17, 25-19
Britton-Hecla def. Langford, 25-19, 25-12, 25-15
Canby, Minn. def. Sisseton, 25-17, 25-18, 25-12
Castlewood def. Estelline, 25-8, 25-21, 25-20
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte def. McLaughlin, 25-13, 25-20, 25-10
DeSmet def. Dell Rapids St. Mary, 25-9, 25-14, 25-15
Deubrook def. Great Plains Lutheran, 25-18, 25-18, 25-23
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Waverly-South Shore, 25-16, 25-12, 25-21
Faulkton def. Edmunds Central, 25-21, 25-5, 25-11
Florence/Henry def. Lake Preston, 25-12, 25-18, 25-8
Hankinson, N.D. def. Rosholt, 25-9, 25-13, 25-15
Hanson def. Freeman, 25-9, 25-14, 25-11
Harrisburg def. Brandon Valley, 25-23, 28-26, 23-25, 21-25, 15-10
Hitchcock-Tulare def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 17-25, 25-23, 25-18, 16-25, 15-11
Huron def. Pierre, 25-19, 15-25, 25-14, 25-19
Irene-Wakonda def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-18, 17-25, 25-17, 25-15
James Valley Christian def. Wessington Springs, 25-23, 25-16, 25-16
Lead-Deadwood def. Douglas, 25-22, 24-26, 25-12, 25-23
Lemmon def. Bowman County, N.D., 25-13, 25-17, 25-23
Linton-HMB, N.D. def. Mobridge-Pollock, 10-25, 25-20, 25-19, 25-18
Lyman def. Highmore-Harrod, 23-25, 25-18, 25-21, 20-25, 15-11
Madison def. Dell Rapids, 25-11, 25-17, 25-17
Marion def. Canistota, 25-19, 25-12, 25-23
McCook Central/Montrose def. Tea Area, 25-12, 20-25, 25-16, 20-25, 15-7
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Tri-Valley, 25-13, 27-25, 25-14
Northwestern def. Groton Area, 25-11, 25-23, 25-8
Parker def. Flandreau, 25-18, 25-5, 25-17
Pine Ridge def. Red Cloud, 26-24, 25-21, 13-25, 25-21
Platte-Geddes def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-18, 25-23, 25-20
Rapid City Christian def. Harding County, 19-25, 25-20, 25-17, 14-25, 15-13
Redfield/Doland def. Tiospa Zina Tribal, 25-7, 25-7, 25-8
Sioux Falls Christian def. Southwest Minnesota Christian, Minn., 25-19, 25-17, 25-16
Sioux Valley def. Chester, 25-21, 25-16, 25-17
Spearfish def. Sturgis, 26-24, 25-17, 25-21
St. Francis Indian def. Todd County, 25-23, 25-16, 25-19
St. Thomas More def. Hot Springs, 13-25, 25-17, 23-25, 25-6, 15-11
Sully Buttes def. Herreid/Selby Area, 21-25, 25-9, 25-21, 25-16

Timber Lake def. Faith, 25-14, 25-21, 21-25, 27-25
Wagner def. Winner, 25-21, 25-16, 25-14
Warner def. Webster, 25-15, 25-11, 26-24
Watertown def. Mitchell, 25-10, 25-12, 25-17
Waubay/Summit (VB) def. Leola/Frederick, 25-9, 25-13, 22-25, 15-25, 15-13
White River def. Chamberlain, 14-25, 28-26, 25-13, 25-15
Wilmot def. Ortonville, Minn., 25-14, 25-14, 25-15
Wolsey-Wessington def. Sunshine Bible Academy, 19-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-17
Gayville-Volin Triangular
Omaha Nation, Neb. def. Marty Indian, 25-7, 25-2, 25-15
Kadoka Triangular
Kadoka Area def. Stanley County, 25-11, 25-20, 25-22
Kadoka Area def. New Underwood, 25-19, 25-14, 25-11
Stanley County def. New Underwood, 25-23, 25-14, 25-14
Wall Triangular
Custer def. Hill City, 25-18, 25-12, 25-14
Wall def. Hill City, 22-25, 25-18, 25-19, 25-20
Wall def. Custer, 29-27, 25-18, 15-25, 27-25

NDSU starting QB Wentz out 6-8 weeks with broken wrist

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press
REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State starting quarterback Carson Wentz will miss the rest of the regular season after breaking a bone in his throwing wrist, the school announced Tuesday.

Wentz will have surgery Wednesday on the wrist he hurt Saturday during the team's 24-21 loss to South Dakota, Bison athletic department spokesman Ryan Perreault said. Wentz has a "non-displaced fracture" and is expected to miss six to eight weeks. The team hasn't ruled out a possible return in the postseason.

"Carson means a lot to this program both on and off the field, and nobody on this team is more disappointed about this setback than he is," said coach Chris Klieman. "We're still going to count on him to help lead this team and mentor our younger players."

Initially thought to be a sprain, further tests Monday and Tuesday confirmed the fracture.

NDSU is the four-time defending Football Championship Subdivision champion. The Bison are 4-2 this season and ranked No. 8 in both national polls after the upset loss to the Coyotes ended their 26-game home winning streak.

Wentz, a 6-foot-6, 235-pound senior from Bismarck, is a two-year starter. His backup is redshirt freshman Easton Stick, of Omaha, Nebraska.

In six games this season, Wentz has thrown for 1,454 yards — an average of about 242 per game — with 16 touchdowns and two interceptions. He also has rushed for 215 yards and four scores.

Last season, he threw for 3,111 yards and 25 touchdowns, with 10 interceptions, and set NDSU single-season records for passing attempts, completions, yards and total offense. He scored the winning touchdown in last season's FCS championship game in which the Bison downed Illinois State 29-27 and was named most valuable player.

NDSU travels to Indiana State (4-2) on Saturday. The Sycamores are ranked No. 18 and No. 21 in the two national polls.

Garcia Cano reported from Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Suspect accused of hitting man with toilet tank lid arrested

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police in Sioux Falls say they have arrested a man suspected of hitting another man with the lid of a toilet tank and stabbing him with scissors.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens says 18-year-old Bruce Godfrey Jr., of Sisseton, faces various charges including aggravated assault in connection with the Monday incident.

Clemens says Godfrey stabbed the 34-year-old victim in the shoulder, chest and neck. Clemens says the victim's head was also bleeding because Godfrey had hit him with a toilet tank lid.

It's unclear if Godfrey has an attorney who could comment on the charge. Records show he is being held at the Minnehaha County Jail.

Clemens says the victim told officers he had no recollection of why he was attacked. Clemens says all parties involved had been drinking.

Sioux Falls high school teacher receives \$25K Milken award

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls high school teacher has received a \$25,000 prize for furthering excellence in education.

Roosevelt High School English teacher Gina Benz received a 2015 Milken Educator Award in a surprise school gathering Tuesday.

Benz teaches advanced placement language and composition as well as foundations of language and composition, a class that includes English language learners and special education students.

Each year, the award from the Milken Family Foundation honors educators nationwide whose contributions generally go unrecognized.

Jane Foley is senior vice president of the Milken Educator Awards. Foley says Benz is known for having "a steady demeanor and is a model of character and integrity."

Since South Dakota joined the Milken Educator Awards program in 2002, a total of \$450,000 has been awarded to 18 South Dakota recipients.

Nebraska county seeks solutions for panhandlers in Whiteclay

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) Officials in a northwest Nebraska county are looking at ways to address aggressive panhandling and other alcohol-related problems in a village known for selling beer on the border of a dry South Dakota Indian reservation.

The Sheridan County Board of Commissioners met with Whiteclay residents and business owners on Monday and will convene again on Nov. 9. The tiny village sells the equivalent of millions of cans of beer each year, mostly to residents of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Commissioner James Krotz says some business owners have complained about growing numbers of intoxicated people who loiter on sidewalks and urinate and defecate in public. Krotz says he isn't sure the county can change all the problems in Whiteclay, but officials hope to make the situation safer.

Dry weather aids South Dakota harvest, increases fire danger

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dry weather over the past week in South Dakota helped farmers with harvest but also increased the risk for wildfires in the state.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that the planting of winter wheat in South Dakota is wrapping up, and the harvest of soybeans has reached 90 percent.

About one-third of the corn, sorghum and sunflower crops are in the bin.

The third cutting of alfalfa hay is at 95 percent complete.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 50 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 71 percent adequate to surplus.

Tougher rules sought for gunfight skits after real shooting

ASTRID GALVAN, Associated Press

TOMBSTONE, Ariz. (AP) — A man in Old West attire drew a revolver, fired a series of shots, and his nemesis fell to the ground with a gunshot wound.

It was supposed to be a simulation of a Wild West showdown in the town made famous by the gunfight at the O.K. Corral. But it wasn't good acting — the shooting was real.

The performer's gun fired live rounds instead of blanks Sunday, wounding a fellow actor and giving a bystander a small cut on her neck from a ricochet or shrapnel.

The shooting has led the Arizona town of Tombstone to write up new regulations for the gunfight re-enactments that draw thousands of visitors every year.

Mayor Dusty Escapule said Monday that an inspector checks weapons used in the performances to ensure blanks are loaded. But the actor from the group Tombstone Vigilantes showed up late, and his weapon — a .45-caliber handgun — was not examined, he said.

"I was dumbfounded," Escapule said of learning about the shooting. "I was just appalled the Vigilantes would allow one of the actors to not have their weapons checked."

The town near the U.S.-Mexico border is drawing up more regulations for the mock gunbattles, mandating inspections to ensure blanks are used and requiring background checks for every actor, Escapule said.

He said that he will present the new ordinance at a City Council meeting next week and that all outdoor gunfights are on hold as the investigation unfolds.

Town Marshal Bob Randall said he believes the shooting was an accident, but he will recommend that prosecutors charge the actor with aggravated assault. He said the Tombstone Vigilantes are normally "very good at what they do, and they check their weapons religiously."

When asked why the gun wasn't checked for bullets, he said: "That's the question of the day. Anybody that's been around firearms knows the first thing you do is check your weapon."

The wounded actor, Ken Curtis, was listed in good condition Monday at Banner-University Medical Center in Tucson, hospital spokeswoman Elyse Palm said. She declined to give further details about his injuries. Curtis said he couldn't discuss the shooting when reached at the hospital.

The bystander, a tourist, did not require medical treatment.

Randall said the marshal's office inspected the weapon and found one live round and five casings that indicated the gun was filled with real bullets.

Tombstone, about three hours southeast of Phoenix, was a booming silver mining town in the 1800s before it went bust. It now has about 1,500 residents, and it mostly caters to visitors who come to see gunfight re-enactments and historical sites.

The town relies on its Old West past, and tourism is the main economic driver. The streets resemble a Hollywood movie set, with historic old saloons and buildings that double as souvenir shops. Besides shooting re-enactments, visitors can attend mock hangings, graveyard tours, ghost tours and wagon rides.

Sunday's shooting came during the busiest time of year as the town hosted its famous Helldorado days, an annual festival that began in 1929. Hundreds of people were near the shooting when it happened, Randall said.

It left locals and tourists in shock. Teresa Benjamin, who dresses in late 1800s prairie outfits to promote a local business, said she worries about the effect on tourism.

"This is our livelihood. This is tragedy," Benjamin said.

But it piqued the interest of some tourists. Mitch Treese stopped in Tombstone on his way to nearby Bisbee out of curiosity.

"We wanted to see if it was really true. They got us on the hook," Treese said.

The shooting was reminiscent of a 2011 incident in Hill City, South Dakota, where a man fired a loaded gun during a Western-themed re-enactment and wounded three tourists. The man, a convicted felon, was sentenced to more than seven years in prison after authorities say he tried to cover up the fact that he used live rounds in the shooting.

Authorities identify man killed in vehicle crash in Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Highway Patrol has identified an Aberdeen man killed in a vehicle crash in the city.

Authorities say 33-year-old Joshua Gonzales died when he lost control of his Suburban on a curve Sunday night and hit a tree. He was declared dead at the scene.

Gonzales was alone in the vehicle.

Spearfish to open \$5.8M facility built after 2013 blizzard

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — City leaders in Spearfish are set to open a \$5.8 million facility built to replace a city-owned call center that collapsed during a blizzard two years ago.

The Atlas Building, funded by insurance money, is tentatively set to open in early November, with Mass Markets as the main tenant, the Rapid City Journal reported. The City Council in October 2014 signed a seven-year-lease with the Iowa company formerly known as TMone.

The company has been operating out of the city's recreation center since the call center collapse during the October 2013 storm that dumped as much as 4 feet of snow on western South Dakota's Black Hills. No one was in the building when it collapsed, and computer servers were spared.

"We're really excited to have the new building and a better work life for our folks," business owner Anthony Marlowe told the Black Hills Pioneer. "I can't say enough about the city of Spearfish for sticking to it and sticking through it."

The company's workforce in Spearfish went from about 250 to about 150 after the storm. It plans to add 100 jobs after the move, the Pioneer reported.

"Saving Mass Markets was a great benefit to the community," City Administrator Joe Neeb said.

Neeb said he also is looking forward to hosting recreational activities such as roller skating in the center once Mass Markets is in its new location.

"That was a nice indoor space for a lot of activities, especially with the weather starting to turn cooler," he said.

10 Things to Know for Today

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Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. ASSAD MEETS PUTIN IN MOSCOW

This is the first known trip abroad for Syria's embattled leader since the civil war erupted in his country in 2011.

2. AP FOLLOWS MIGRANT'S 'JOURNEY OF DEATH INTO LIFE'

Mohammed al-Haj's trek from war-torn Syria to Germany is part of an historic movement of humanity: More than 600,000 people this year have crossed land and sea, seeking sanctuary in Europe.

3. WHAT REP. RYAN SAYS ABOUT HOUSE LEADERSHIP POST

The Wisc. Republican suggests he will seek the speakership role if fellow GOP lawmakers unite behind him.

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South Koreans who've attended the past events say there are strict rules when talking with relatives from the authoritarian North.

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DERRIK J. LANG, AP Entertainment Writer

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Beginning Wednesday, the town of Reston, Virginia, is ceremoniously changing its name to Hill Valley, McFly's fictional hometown. The Washington West Film Festival will feature a marathon screening of the trilogy Wednesday and a Sunday screening of the original film, with appearances by stars Christopher Lloyd and Claudia Wells, as well as screenwriter-producer Bob Gale.

"Back to the Future" Day will be celebrated in Southern California during the four-day "We're Going Back" fan event. The festivities will occur at locations featured in the film series, including a tour of the Hill Valley town square on the Universal Studios lot, an "Enchantment Under the Sea" dance at the Hollywood United Methodist Church and a screening in the parking lot of the Puente Hills Mall, where McFly famously blasted off in Doc Brown's time-traveling DeLorean.

The "We're Going Back" fan event will also host the premiere of "Back in Time," a documentary about the franchise's legacy featuring interviews with such notables as Michael J. Fox and Steven Spielberg. The documentary will also be released digitally Wednesday.

Other celebrations include a re-creation of Hill Valley on Thursday in Fillmore, California, where part of the franchise was filmed, and Million McFly March, a gathering of fans dressed as McFly that will begin at the Burbank, California, location of Burger King depicted in "Back to the Future."

For those who don't want to leave home, the trilogy is exclusively streaming on Amazon Prime, and Universal is releasing a special edition trilogy box set in light-up packaging resembling Doc Brown's flux capacitor.

AP News in Brief

Syria's President Assad met with Russian leader in Moscow, in 1st trip abroad since 2011

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — President Bashar Assad has traveled to Moscow in his first known trip abroad since war broke out in Syria in 2011, meeting his strongest ally Russian leader Vladimir Putin. The two leaders stressed that the military operations in Syria— in which Moscow is the latest and most powerful addition— must lead to a political process.

The visit Tuesday reflects renewed confidence from the embattled Syrian president after Russia and Iran, another staunch ally, dramatically escalated their support recently as Moscow began carrying out airstrikes on Syrian insurgents and Tehran sent hundreds of ground forces.

A Syrian official confirmed Wednesday that Assad had returned to Damascus. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Syria's conflict began in March 2011 after the government cracked down violently on largely peaceful protests against Assad's rule. The protests gradually became an armed insurgency and a civil war that has killed a quarter of a million people in the past five years.

Moscow, a traditional ally of the Assad family, started an air campaign on Sept. 30 against what it said are terrorist groups threatening Syria and Assad's rule. It became the latest international power to deepen its involvement into the increasingly intractable conflict that saw a mushrooming of armed groups, including the Islamic State group and al-Qaida.

Paul Ryan seeks unity from divided House GOP for speaker's bid, but may not find it

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan is seeking unity in a place it's rarely found, telling House Republicans he will serve as their speaker only if they embrace him by week's end as their consensus candidate.

It's a big "if" for a House GOP that's careened from one crisis to another in recent years, with a compromise-averse band of hardliners forcing a partial government shutdown two years ago, ultimately driving out the current House speaker, and scaring off his No. 2.

That left Ryan, the GOP's 2012 vice presidential nominee, to get dragged reluctantly into seeking a job he never wanted. As he announced late Tuesday that he would seek the speakership, Ryan made clear that he would do so only with conditions. He wants the endorsement of the major caucuses of the House, including the hardline Freedom Caucus.

That's the group whose threats against Speaker John Boehner pushed him to announce he would resign by month's end and forced Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy to abruptly drop his campaign to replace him.

Coming days will tell if Ryan can win their support or become their latest victim.

Mohammed's Journey: A Syrian's long odyssey from war, in hopes of sanctuary in Europe

AT THE SERBIAN-HUNGARIAN BORDER (AP) — At the edge of a Balkan vineyard, Mohammed al-Haj lay down under a tree to collect his thoughts. Come nightfall, he and the other Syrians with him would make a run for it, past the fence of chain-link and barbed wire being built along the Hungarian border to keep them out, past the armed border guards.

It was a make-or-break moment in a journey across a continent. In the last few hours, he'd cased the border, planning how they would make their dash through the fields from Serbia into Hungary. His mind was racing. Had he missed anything?

His vision drifted up to the late afternoon sky, crisscrossed by the white streams of passenger jets. He watched one plane go by, then another, then another. Full of normal passengers on normal voyages. He thought of the life he was certain he would reach, in Germany.

"One day soon, I'll travel by planes like those," he mused.

The dream of normalcy after a life destroyed by Syria's civil war had sustained the 26-year-old throughout his journey. Across the Aegean Sea where others like him had drowned. Through miles of walking under hot sun. Through rain and muddy fields, crowded train stations and long bus rides, lack of sleep, confusion, impatience, exhaustion, fear and anger — the constant barrage of every emotion, except one. Never despair, never a moment of despair or surrender.

Trudeau promises stark policy departures, says he'll withdraw jets from IS bombing campaign

TORONTO (AP) — With a host of policies that differ dramatically from his predecessor, Justin Trudeau's victory over the most conservative leader in Canada's history will reverberate beyond the country's borders.

The first major shift came Tuesday when Trudeau announced he had spoken with President Barack Obama and told him he will remove Canada's six fighter jets from the U.S.-led bombing campaign against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

Among the other areas in which Trudeau differs from Conservative Stephen Harper: climate change, immigration and whether relations with the U.S. should hinge on the future of the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Speaking at a rally in Ottawa, the 43-year-old Trudeau — son of one of the country's most dynamic politicians — underlined the sea change.

"I want to say this to this country's friends around the world: Many of you have worried that Canada has lost its compassionate and constructive voice in the world over the past 10 years. Well, I have a simple message for you on behalf of 35 million Canadians. We're back," he declared.

Israel's Netanyahu sparks uproar by suggesting WWII-era Palestinian leader inspired Holocaust

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is under fire for suggesting that a World War II-era Palestinian leader convinced the Nazis to adopt their Final Solution to exterminate European Jews.

Holocaust experts are slamming Netanyahu's comments as historically inaccurate. Critics are saying Wednesday the statement amounts to incitement against modern-day Palestinians in the midst of a wave of violent unrest and Israeli-Palestinian tensions.

Netanyahu told a group of Jewish leaders on Tuesday that the Mufti of Jerusalem, Nazi sympathizer Haj Amin al-Husseini, convinced Hitler to destroy the Jews.

"Hitler didn't want to exterminate the Jews at the time, he wanted to expel the Jews," Netanyahu said. When Hitler asked al-Husseini what to do, Netanyahu said he replied: "Burn them."

AP-GfK Poll: After debate, voters say Hillary Clinton is most electable in White House race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats appear to be rallying around Hillary Rodham Clinton after her command performance in the party's first presidential debate, with strong majorities viewing her favorably and more saying she can win the White House than any of her rivals, a new Associated Press-GfK poll shows.

The survey released Tuesday finds that Clinton has regained traction in the 2016 primary contest following a summer slump, with nearly 8 in 10 Democrats saying they have a positive opinion of her. That's a slight uptick for Clinton, eight points better than the last time the question was asked in an AP-GfK poll in July.

To the extent that there is a desire for an alternative to Clinton in the Democratic field, the poll finds that Vice President Joe Biden appears more able to provide it than the insurgent campaign of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Nearly 7 in 10 Democrats said they had a favorable view of Biden, who has spent months weighing whether to jump into the race. Only about half of Democrats say that about Sanders.

Sanders isn't necessarily unpopular among Democrats, but the longtime political independent is still not well known. A third said they don't know enough about him to have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion.

New York police officer dies after being shot in head while responding to reports of armed man

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York City police officer died after being shot in the head in a gun battle while pursuing a suspect following a report of shots fired, police said.

"He is the fourth New York City police officer murdered in this city in the last 11 months," Police Commissioner William Bratton said during a press conference at Harlem hospital where Officer Randolph Holder, 33, was pronounced dead Tuesday night. "That's about as bad as it gets," he said.

Dozens of Holder's fellow officers stood outside the hospital early Wednesday morning and saluted as the ambulance carrying their fallen comrade left. Afterward, many embraced one another.

"Tonight, he did what every other officer in the NYPD does when the call comes — he ran toward danger," Bratton said. "It was the last time he will respond to that call."

The shooting in Manhattan's East Harlem neighborhood happened while the 5-year veteran and his partners were responding to a call of shots fired.

The Latest: Hundreds of migrants push into Croatia after miserable, cold night in the open

DOBOVA, Slovenia (AP) — The latest news as migrants make their way across Europe by the tens of thousands, fleeing war or seeking a better life. All times local:

10:55 a.m.

Hundreds of migrants have pushed their way into Croatia after spending the night out in the open in freezing cold, waiting to cross from Serbia into the European Union.

Exhausted and chilled, migrants on Wednesday started walking down the muddy border passage and over the corn fields. Croatian police had deployed on the boundary to stop them but then moved away.

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Today is Wednesday, October 21, the 294th day of 2015. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On October 21, 1892, schoolchildren across the U.S. observed Columbus Day (according to the Gregorian calendar) by reciting, for the first time, the original version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy for The Youth's Companion. The pledge, which has been revised several times, originally went, "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1805, a British fleet commanded by Adm. Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville (luhn-nay-VEEL'), France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the German city of Aachen (AH'-kuhn).

In 1945, women in France were allowed to vote in parliamentary elections for the first time.

In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened to the public in New York.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1967, the Israeli destroyer INS Eilat was sunk by Egyptian missile boats near Port Said (sah-EED'); 47 Israeli crew members were lost.

In 1971, President Richard Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court. (Both nominees were confirmed.)

In 1985, former San Francisco Supervisor Dan White - who'd served five years in prison for killing Mayor George Moscone (mahs-KOH'-nee) and Supervisor Harvey Milk, a gay-rights advocate - was found dead in a garage, a suicide.

In 1995, Maxene Andrews of the Andrews Sisters died in Hyannis, Massachusetts, at age 79.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Wilma tore into Mexico's Yucatan peninsula as a Category 4 storm, after killing 13 people in Haiti and Jamaica. The Kansas Supreme Court unanimously struck down a state law that punished underage sex more severely if it involved homosexual acts, saying "moral disapproval" of such conduct was not enough to justify the different treatment.

Five years ago: Eight current and former officials pleaded not guilty to looting millions of dollars from California's modest blue-collar city of Bell. (Seven defendants ended up being convicted, and received sentences ranging from home confinement to 12 years in prison.) French police used tear gas and water cannon against rampaging youth in Lyon while the French government showed its muscle in parliament, short-circuiting tense Senate debate on a bill raising the retirement age from 60 to 62. James F. Neal, the attorney who prosecuted Jimmy Hoffa and key Watergate figures, and defended Elvis Presley's doctor and the Exxon Corp. after the Alaska oil spill, died in Nashville at age 81.

One year ago: In South Africa, Oscar Pistorius was sentenced to five years in prison for killing girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp; legal analysts said under the law, the man known as the "Blade Runner" because of his carbon-fiber running blades, would have to serve 10 months, or one-sixth of his sentence, in prison before he was eligible for house arrest. North Korea abruptly freed Jeffrey Fowle, an American, nearly six months after he was arrested for leaving a Bible in a nightclub. Former Washington Post executive editor Ben Bradlee, 93, died in Washington. The San Francisco Giants defeated the Kansas City Royals 7-1 in the first game of the World Series.

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Today's Birthdays: Actress Joyce Randolph is 91. Author Ursula K. Le Guin is 86. Rock singer Manfred Mann is 75. Musician Steve Cropper (Booker T. & the MG's) is 74. Singer Elvin Bishop is 73. TV's Judge Judy Sheindlin is 73. Actor Everett McGill is 70. Musician Lee Loughnane (LAHK'-nayn) (Chicago) is 69. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is 66. Actress LaTanya Richardson Jackson is 66. Musician Charlotte Caffey (The Go-Go's) is 62. Movie director Catherine Hardwicke is 60. Actress-author Carrie Fisher is 59. Singer Julian Cope is 58. Rock musician Steve Lukather (Toto) is 58. Actor Ken Watanabe (wah-tah-NAH'-bee) is 56. Actress Melora Walters is 55. Rock musician Che (chay) Colovita Lemon is 45. Rock singer-musician Nick Oliveri (Mondo Generator) is 44. Christian rock musician Charlie Lowell (Jars of Clay) is 42. Actor Jeremy Miller is 39. Actor Will Estes is 37. Actor Michael McMillian is 37. Reality TV star Kim Kardashian (kahr-DASH'-ee-uhn) is 35. Actor Matt Dallas is 33. Actress Charlotte Sullivan is 32. Actor Aaron Tveit (tuh-VAYT') is 32.

Thought for Today: "Silence is sometimes the severest criticism." - Charles Buxton, English writer (1823-1871).