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Birthdays: Mike Profeta • Debbie Herron • Clarence Hannon • Heidi Locke

Netters lose Region Title

Groton lost to Sisseton in the Region 1A title volleyball match last night, 3-0. Stats were not available from the match.

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The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Groton's Veteran's Day Program



The All State Chorus members sang the "Star Spangled Banner."



Luke Smith played Taps as the flags were retired at the end of the program.



Robert Wegner and Jake McKiver walk up to the flags to retire them at the end of the program.

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The Junior High Band performed, "This Is My Country."



The junior kindergarten and kindergarten students sang, "This Land is Your Land."

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The first and second graders sang, "Have You Ever Seen a Yankee Doodle?"



The third and fourth graders sang, "I Love That Grand Old Flag."



The fifth graders sang, "The Caissons Go Rolling Along."

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The high school choir sang, "Song for the Unsung Hero."



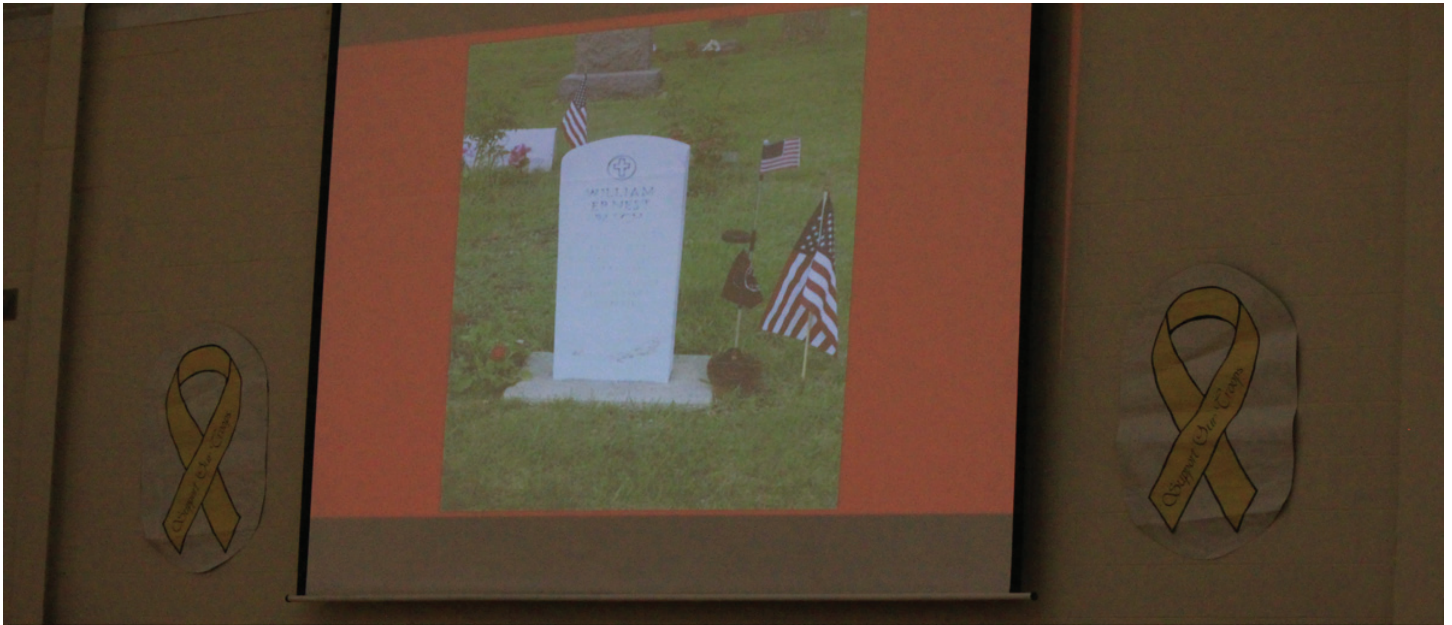
Haley Unzen and Courtney Kurtz were the masters of ceremony.



Reid Johnson played the trumpet as the high school chorus sang, "Song for the Unsung Hero."

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Don Pasch was the keynote speaker. He talked about losing his brother, Bill, during the Viet Nam War. Don is an Associate Member of the Viet Nam Veterans.



The High School Band performed the Service Songs.

Today in Weather History

1993: A winter storm moved through the area on November 12th and 13th. A wintry mixture of precipitation in the form of freezing rain, sleet, and snow began during the afternoon on the 12th in western portions of Minnesota, while heavy snow fell in a swath from southwest South Dakota through central and northeast parts of the state, with generally four to eight inches reported. The snow was also preceded by freezing rain in south central South Dakota. Significant accumulation of ice occurred within about a 70-mile wide area from west central Minnesota into the Arrowhead region. Up to five inches of snow fell on top of the ice, making travel extremely hazardous. In South Dakota, locally heavier snowfall amounts included 12 inches at Midland and 10 inches central Hughes County. Several schools and other community events were closed due to the ice and snow. In south central South Dakota, trees were damaged by heavy ice, some of which fell on power lines, causing outage. Other snowfall amounts include; 8.0 inches in Blunt; 7.0 inches in Murdo and near Victor; and 6.0 inches near Onida, Faulkton, Highmore, and Leola.

2003: High winds brought down a 70-foot gas station sign in Kennebec. The sign fell onto a shed, causing considerable damage to the shed. A 25-foot radio tower on the Kennebec courthouse was also knocked down by the winds.

1906 - The mercury soared to 106 degrees at Craftonville, CA, a November record for the U.S. (The Weather Channel)

1959 - Between Noon on the 11th and Noon on the 12th, a winter storm buried Helena, MT, under 21.5 inches of snow, which surpassed their previous 24 hour record by seven inches. (The Weather Channel)

1968 - A severe coastal storm produced high winds and record early snows from Georgia to Maine. Winds reached 90 mph in Massachusetts, and ten inches of snow blanketed interior Maine. (David Ludlum)

1974 - A great Alaska storm in the Bering Sea caused the worst coastal flooding of memory at Nome AK with a tide of 13.2 feet. The flooding caused 12 million dollars damage, however no lives are lost. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Heavy snow spread across much of New England. Totals in Massachusetts ranged up to 14 inches in Plymouth County. The seven inch total at the Logan Airport in Boston was their highest of record for so early in the season, and the 9.7 inch total at Providence RI was a record for November. Roads were clogged with traffic and made impassable as snowplow operators were caught unprepared for the early season snowstorm. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)




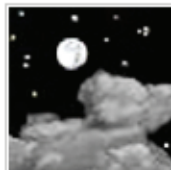



1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather in the Lower Mississippi Valley during the afternoon and early evening hours. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Bovina MS. Morning thunderstorms drenched Atlanta TX with more than four inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thirty-three cities reported record high temperatures for the date as readings soared into the 70s and 80s from the Southern and Central Plains to the Southern and Middle Atlantic Coast Region. The afternoon high of 80 degrees at Scottsbluff NE was a record for November, and highs of 76 degrees at Rapid City SD and 81 degrees at Chattanooga TN were the warmest of record for so late in the season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2003 - Thunderstorms developed in southern California and produced torrential downpours across parts of the Los Angeles area. More than 5 inches of rain fell in just 2 hours in southern Los Angeles, producing severe urban flooding. Small hail also accompanied the storms, accumulating several inches deep in some areas of the city. Nearly 115,000 electrical customers lost power as the storms affected the area (Associated Press).

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY
						
Snow Likely High: 22 °F	Slight Chc Snow Low: 6 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 18 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: -13 °F	Sunny High: 15 °F	Chance Snow Low: 4 °F	Chance Snow High: 19 °F



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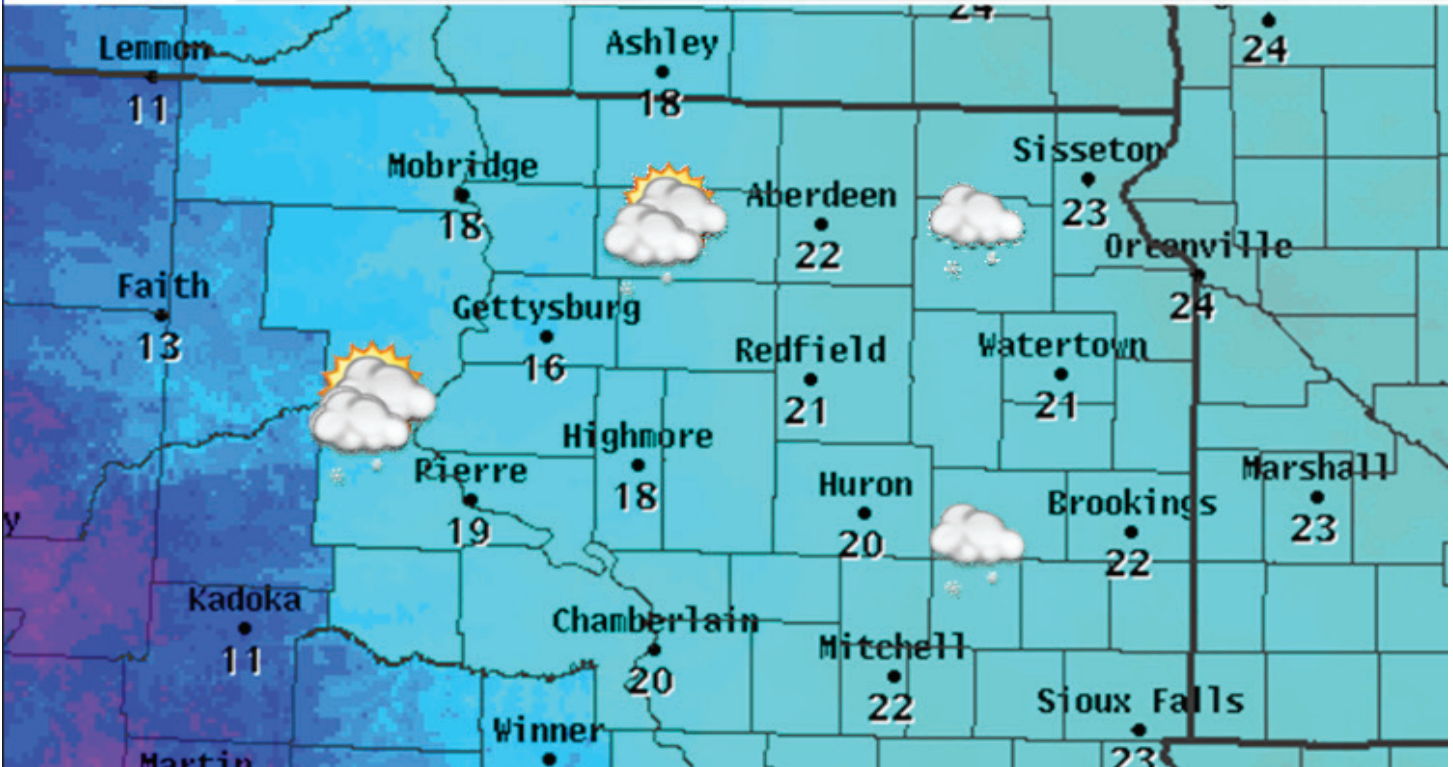
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Upper level low pressure will drift southeast across the area today, bringing areas of light snow. Accumulations will remain less than an inch. Cold temperatures will continue with highs only in the teens and 20s, which is well below normal for this time of year. A blustery northwest breeze will make temperatures feel even colder with the wind chill factor.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 19.7°F at 1:36 PM

Low: 9.3°F at 10:43 PM

High Gust: 21 mph at 11:13 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 67° in 1905

Record Low: -14° in 1896

Average High: 42°F

Average Low: 21°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.32

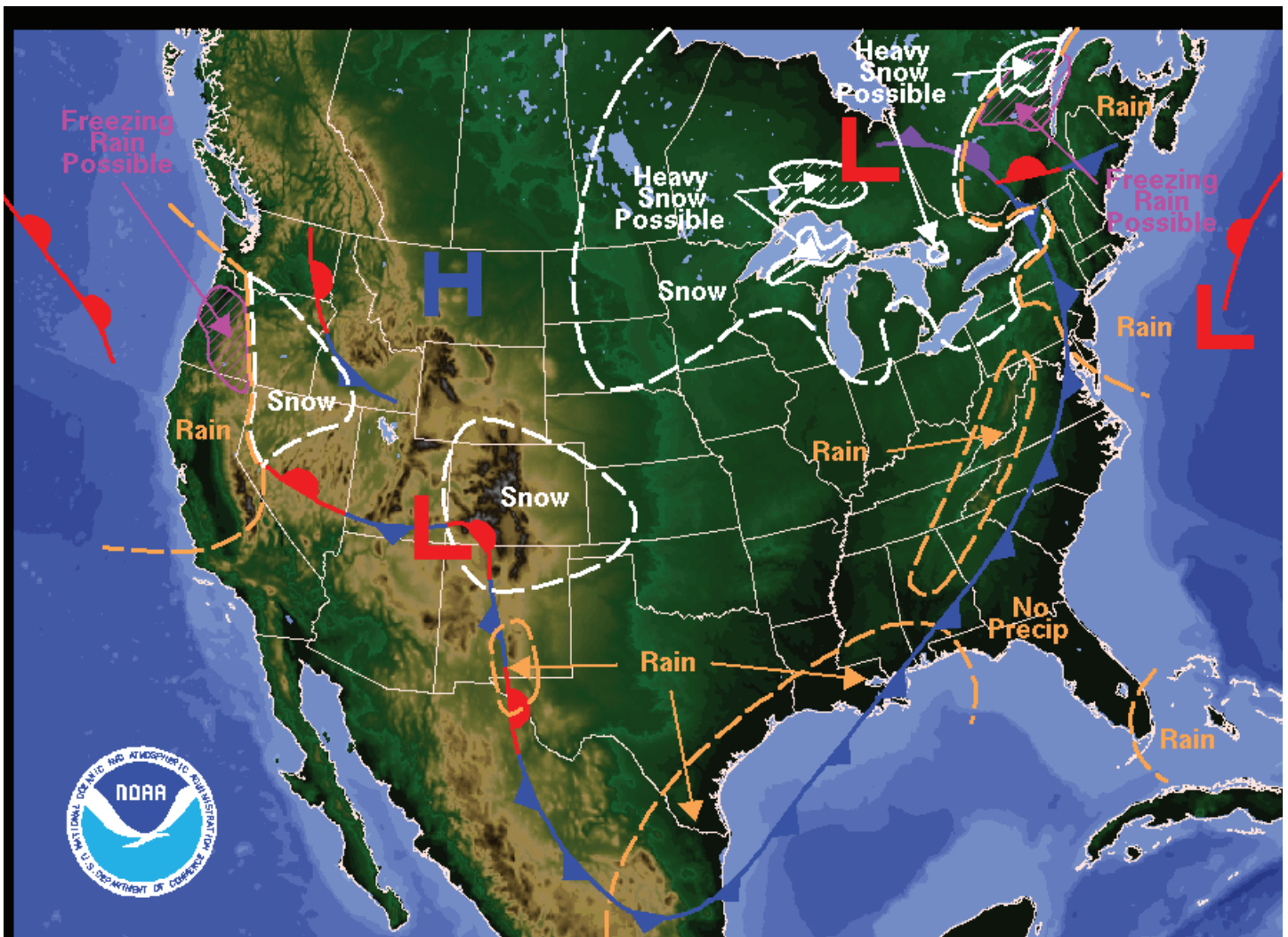
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56

Average Precip to date: 20.79

Precip Year to Date: 13.79

Sunset Tonight: 5:07 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:30 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Nov 12, 2014, issued 3:49 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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DISGRACE OR WISDOM: OUR CHOICE

The word "pride" seems to be closely connected to those who are arrogant or who have an unreasonably elevated opinion or value of themselves. It presents a picture in our minds of one who looks down on others with an attitude of superiority or condescension. Often, we look at those who we consider "full of pride" as also being "full of themselves and their abilities." They cannot see God as the giver of each and every gift they have. In Hebrew, it comes from a word meaning "to boil" and when water boils, we know it cannot be contained without problems.

A person of "humility" is one who is seen as being submissive to authority, compliant and willing to listen, observe and learn. A humble person does not attempt to keep others from being recognized or rewarded for what they have accomplished. Their modesty gives God the credit for what He has done through them. And they also understand that all things come from God and, in all reality, belong to Him.

Is it any wonder, then, that Solomon says, "When pride comes, then comes disgrace; but with humility comes wisdom." If we see ourselves as being above and beyond others, as possessing more ability and knowledge than others, more of anything and everything than others, where will we find room for growth and what is our need for wisdom - especially God's wisdom. We "have it all together." No wonder the proud end up in disgrace.

But the humble? They are open, honest, able and willing to recognize their need for God and His wisdom.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize our limitations and failures and to depend on You to fill our need for wisdom. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

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News from the Associated Press

Firefighters still battling flames at Pierre motel

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Firefighters are still battling some flames at a motel in Pierre where a fire broke out Tuesday and displaced dozens of tenants.

Firefighters are still working to put out small flare-ups at the Capitol Inn and Suites where the fire was first reported around 4 p.m.

Fire Chief Ian Paul tells KCCR-AM an explosion was reported at one apartment at the motel, but says it's unclear what caused it. He says state officials will investigate.

Police Chief Dave Panzer says a body was pulled from a motel room, but says the person's death is unrelated to the fire. He says the death is being classified as an "unattended death."

The Red Cross says it took in 14 residents of the motel that's located about two blocks east of the capitol.

Arctic chill settles across Upper Midwest, Rockies

DAVID N. GOODMAN, Associated Press

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — The Arctic chill that has gripped the Upper Midwest and Rockies is spreading.

Other parts of the U.S. are expecting sharp drops in temperature in the coming days from a powerful weather system that hit Alaska with hurricane-force winds over the weekend. The system has dumped 3 feet of snow in some places.

A look at the system and its effects:

SNOW, SNOW AND MORE SNOW

As much as 3 feet of snow blanketed parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, while up to 18 inches fell in northern Wisconsin, and parts of central Minnesota saw more than 16.

Many roads were snow-covered and slippery Wednesday morning in the Upper Peninsula, where residents are accustomed to snowy conditions. Of his drive into work, meteorologist Justin Titus said that roads were "just rutted out and kind of felt like you were driving over a washboard."

The National Weather Service said some lake-effect snow, mainly in Michigan, is forecast through the weekend.

SNOW DAY DREAMS DASHED

The early wintry weather in the Midwest this week gave Principal Lynn Grewing an opportunity to test a virtual classroom: She asked students of St. Cloud Cathedral high school in central Minnesota to work from home using laptops or iPads.

Grewing said her students' cherished snow days are now a thing of the past.

"This is what we will be doing every single snow day going forward," she said. "I'll be honest. There has been some grumbling."

Private schools such as Cathedral, as well as some public school districts nationwide, are starting to use the flexibility that technology provides to meet school mandates without needing makeup days when bad weather keeps students at home.

Cathedral senior Tommy Auger said doing classwork at home using his school-provided MacBook Air

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didn't feel very different to a day in class. Once they got over the initial disappointment of missing a snow day off, Auger said he and his classmates agreed they would rather skip a day of sledding than make up the missed school days in the summer.

"It's hard to think ahead, but it's definitely better," he said.

THE COLD

The unseasonably low temperatures were spreading. The chill was expected to hit the Appalachians and mid-South by Wednesday morning, and the East Coast by Thursday.

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Nord reported from Pierre, South Dakota.

Associated Press writers contributing to this report include Kyle Potter in St. Paul, Minnesota; Seth Borenstein in Washington; Matt Brown in Billings, Montana; Kevin Burbach in Bismarck, North Dakota; David Runk in Detroit; and Gretchen Ehlke in Milwaukee.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

Volleyball

Region 1A Championship: Sisseton def. Groton Area, 25-14, 25-18, 25-23

Region 2A Championship: Redfield/Doland def. Sioux Valley, 25-23, 25-23, 25-18

Region 3A Championship: Sioux Falls Christian def. Madison, 23-25, 25-18, 25-27, 25-18, 15-7

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Region 4A Championship: Dakota Valley def. Tea Area, 25-10, 25-11, 25-20
Region 5A Championship: Mt. Vernon/Plankinton def. Wagner, 15-25, 25-20, 25-13, 16-25, 16-14
Region 6A Championship: Miller def. Winner, 23-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-15
Region 7A Championship: Pine Ridge def. Red Cloud, 25-17, 25-20, 25-18
Region 1B Championship: Warner def. Summit, 25-18, 25-14, 25-11
Region 2B Championship: Sully Buttes def. Potter County, 25-23, 25-17, 25-22
Region 3B Championship: Arlington def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-16, 25-19, 25-15
Region 4B Championship: Chester def. Ethan, 25-15, 25-18, 25-21
Region 5B Championship: Parker def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-8, 25-13, 25-11
Region 6B Championship: Kimball/White Lake def. Burke/South Central, 25-18, 25-16, 22-25, 25-21
Region 7B Championship: Jones County def. Wall, 25-19, 26-24, 22-25, 25-19
Region 8B Championship: Harding County def. Timber Lake, 25-19, 25-23, 26-24

Foxx, South Dakota officials talk transportation

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PUKWANA, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx on Tuesday rode over sections of rail track that had previously been repaired with federal help and rattled over portions that haven't been regularly used for years.

About 42 miles of those mostly derelict tracks from Chamberlain to Presho will soon be restored with the help of a roughly \$12 million federal grant. Rehabbing that stretch of railway will open up grain-shipping opportunities for farmers in south-central South Dakota who currently must use trucks to transport their grain to faraway railways.

The roughly \$28 million project comes as the region sees significantly increasing crop yields. The rail redevelopment has also attracted a roughly \$40 million grain facility on the line, said Steve Halverson, a farmer and leader of Rails to the Future, a coalition of producers that has been orchestrating the project with the Department of Transportation. Moving their crops by rail could save farmers up to a quarter per bushel and is expected to open up new markets because of connections to regional rail hubs when the repairs are finished in 2016.

"It opens access up to the world, basically, for this grain production," Halverson said.

U.S. Sen. John Thune, who showed off the project with South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard, has served on the Senate panel that deals with railway. As he lamented that the railway west of Chamberlain have sat unused, he rolled between his fingers a nail that read "1935," the year it was hammered into a tie on the tracks.

Thune, Daugaard and Foxx rode in a truck equipped to traverse the railway, and shortly after it shifted on to the broken-down tracks, it began to tilt sideways because of the uneven rails. The men let out a short laugh as they tipped toward a ravine, and the truck eventually righted.

Foxx has traveled to more than 40 states to discuss transportation initiatives and tour projects. He said rehabbing old infrastructure is exactly what the country should be doing and pointed to investments like the grain facility that occur when the government funds infrastructure projects.

Foxx and South Dakota officials also discussed the importance of a far-reaching federal highway bill, which is necessary to keep the Highway Trust Fund solvent past May. Thune will head the Senate committee that addresses transportation matters when Republicans assume control of the chamber next year, and he and Foxx discussed federal funding for highway projects.

Thune said he hopes to reach a five or six year deal on infrastructure funding, and Foxx said a long-term solution is necessary to ensure that states can be confident moving forward on projects. That lack of assurance concerned South Dakota officials when they outlined state-based transportation funding measures last week.

"It's hard to help meet (a state's) vision when you don't have much in your pocket and you don't have much to offer," Foxx said. "To borrow a phrase, it's not a good way to run a railroad."

Bollen: EB-5 'scandal' result of media, politics

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The former administrator of the federal EB-5 investment-for-green-card program in South Dakota is defending it and accusing the media and political figures of drumming up an unwarranted scandal.

In his written answers to questions from the state Government Operations and Audit Committee, Joop Bollen also acknowledged that he had been interviewed by federal investigators about the program. His responses, which became public Monday night ahead of the committee's Thursday meeting, are the first time he has made extensive public statements about EB-5; he's refused to testify in person before lawmakers and for months has declined to comment to the media.

South Dakota was one of the pioneers in EB-5 financing under Bollen and former Governor's Office of Economic Development secretary Richard Benda. The program recruits wealthy immigrant investors for projects in exchange for green cards. But for more than a year, South Dakota's EB-5 program has been investigated by state and federal authorities.

Benda committed suicide last year as state officials prepared felony theft charges against him in connection with the financial misconduct, which left the state short of more than \$500,000.

In a preface to his answers, Bollen said that he had been interviewed twice by the FBI in 2013, noting that both interviews focused on Benda. He said he was told Benda was the target of the investigation and wrote that because of an active investigation into the EB-5 program and SDRC, Inc., there are "limits" on what he can say.

Bollen headed the program for the state when he was in charge of the South Dakota International Business Institute at Northern State University. The program was privatized in 2009 and turned over to SDRC Inc., a company which Bollen had founded and served as president.

In his response, Bollen defended the EB-5 program as a "fabulous economic development tool" and says the only "scandal" is that the program has been "decimated as a result of the political and media insanity that has prevailed in South Dakota."

"There seems to be a complete lack of interest for the truth unless it benefits one's own political agenda and aspiration, or their version of the story," Bollen wrote.

The program became the most talked-about issue of the election cycle in South Dakota this year, as it brought into question whether two Republican governors knew of the mismanagement at the economic development office.

Democratic state lawmakers became the most zealous critics of the program, as they hosted a series of press conferences exclusively to call on Bollen, Gov. Denis Daugaard and former Gov. Mike Rounds to testify before the committee. Little to no new information was presented at the Democratic press events, but they allowed the critics to keep the topic before voters as Daugaard was challenged for re-election and Rounds was in a four-way contest for a U.S. Senate seat, races that both men ultimately

won.

Daugaard and Rounds declined to appear before the committee, but the Republican politicians submitted written answers to the panel.

Defeated Democratic gubernatorial candidate state Rep. Susan Wismer and state Sen. Larry Lucas were among the most outspoken critics. Wismer did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday, and Lucas, who crafted some of the questions Bollen answered, could not be reached.

Snow buries parts of Rockies, Upper Midwest

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — People in the Upper Midwest and Rockies woke up to frigid temperatures Tuesday, with heavy snow blanketing some areas. Other parts of the country are expecting a dose of the icy weather later this week from a powerful storm that hit Alaska with hurricane-force winds over the weekend.

A look at the storm system and its effects:

SNOW, SNOW ... AND TUMBLEWEEDS

More than 2 feet of snow blanketed parts of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, and more was on the way before the front was expected to exit Wednesday. Northern Wisconsin also got as much as 18 inches of snow, and parts of central Minnesota more than 16.

The weather wasn't enough to persuade Joe Meath to flee Minnesota, even though he won nearly \$12 million in a state lottery game two months ago. Meath was busy with his small snowplow business, taking care of his customers in his Chevy truck with nearly 300,000 miles on it.

"I don't know what I'd be doing if I wasn't doing this today," Meath told KMSP-TV.

At Northern Michigan University, journalism student Mikenzie Frost said she was headed out the door to figure skating practice early Tuesday when she learned her school, like many others in the region, was closed. So, she shifted plans.

"Going to buy a shovel because we don't have one," Frost said. "We're probably the only people in the U.P. (Upper Peninsula) that don't have one."

In Colorado, some residents were shoveling out from under tumbleweeds rather than snow. Winds of up to 60 mph caused tumbleweeds to pile up several feet high in and around Colorado Springs and Pueblo as the storm system moved into the region Monday.

The National Weather Service called for snow to taper Wednesday, except for more lake-effect snow mostly over Michigan.

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Unseasonable cold was far more widespread, with the cold air in the Rockies and Midwest spilling into the Pacific Northwest. The chill was aiming for the Appalachians and mid-South by Wednesday morning and the East Coast by Thursday.

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In Denver, temperatures in the teens prompted officials to move a Veteran's Day ceremony indoors.

AT LEAST SOME OF THE CATTLE ARE READY

With only a few inches of snow, ranchers in the Dakotas were upbeat, mindful of intense storms in October 2013 that killed at least 43,000 cattle that hadn't yet developed protective winter coats.

"We've had enough cool weather (this year) that they're haired up like bears," said South Dakota Stockgrowers Association President Bob Fortune, who ranches near Belvidere. "They can take winter now."

But Wyoming rancher Ogden Driskill said conditions in his northeastern corner of the state turned cold so abruptly that cattle hadn't yet developed that thick coat. He said the cold was more of a risk to calves who might sicken than to mature cattle.

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Dakotas soybean crops forecast to be record size

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The soybean crop in the Dakotas is forecast to be record size this year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture in its Nov. 10 report pegs North Dakota's soybean crop at 201 million bushels, up 42 percent from last year. South Dakota's crop is estimated at 230 million bushels, up 24 percent over the year. Both production figures would be state records.

South Dakota's corn crop also is forecast to be a record — 815 million bushels, up 1 percent. However, about 16 percent of the crop remains in the field, with some of it now covered by snow that could hamper the rest of the harvest.

North Dakota's corn production is estimated at 352 million bushels, down 11 percent from 2013. About one-fourth of the crop remains in the field.

Resurvey of small grains farmers changes little

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A resurvey of hundreds of small grains farmers in eight Upper Midwest and West states has resulted in only minor changes to the federal government's official estimates of the

nation's wheat, barley and oats crops.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual late-September small grains summary usually is the final word on those crops. Because of weather delays, many farmers this year still had crops in the field when they were surveyed about production in early September, meaning they had to guess at what their final production would be.

USDA in October resurveyed 1,400 affected farmers in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming, and used the information to update the official production estimates Monday.

The wheat production estimate dropped less than half a percent, from 2.04 billion bushels to 2.03 billion. The barley estimate went from 180 million bushels to 177 million, a drop of about 1 1/2 percent. The oat estimate went from 70.5 million bushels to 69.7 million, down only 1 percent. Such small changes are not likely to affect prices that consumers pay in the grocery store for foods such as bread, pasta and cereal.

The USDA has done resurveys before, though never in so many states, according to Anthony Prillaman, head of the National Agricultural Statistics Service's field crops section. The number of small grains farmers resurveyed this year amounted to about 2 percent of the 66,300 that were originally interviewed.

In North Dakota, which has had a string of wet falls, it was the fifth time in six years that USDA has revised the wheat production estimate. North Dakota leads the nation in growing spring wheat for baking and durum wheat for pasta.

USDA has not considered pushing back the annual Sept. 30 small grains summary. Resurveys often result in only minor changes and don't cost that much to conduct, according to agency officials.

Delaying the report would impact other USDA reports, and "it would mean delaying final estimates for all small grains in all states, including winter wheat, for the sake of occasional delays in a small number of states," Prillaman said.

There is no call among market analysts for delaying the Sept. 30 report, according to Darin Newsom, a senior analyst at the Omaha, Nebraska-based market information company DTN.

"Logically it can't happen unless they detach the small grains summary from the quarterly stocks report," he said. "I don't see it occurring anytime soon."

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 Wednesday:

1. U.S., CHINA MAKE KEY CLIMATE CHANGE PLEDGES

The world's top two polluters agree on taking ambitious action to limit greenhouse gases, setting an example for other nations one year before key negotiations in Paris.

2. WEALTHY NATIONS' SUMMIT TO FOCUS ON GLOBAL GROWTH

Amid sluggish economic conditions, the G-20 summit in Australia is zeroing in on boosting the world's GDP by \$2 trillion.

3. DRONES MAKE UNAUTHORIZED FLIGHTS NEAR AIRPLANES AND AIRPORTS

The FAA is receiving daily reports that the unmanned aircraft are flying close to helicopters and planes.

4. STERILIZATION DEATHS HIGHLIGHT PLIGHT OF INDIAN WOMEN

Twelve women died and dozens fell ill following operations held as part of a nationwide birth control

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campaign in the poor, overpopulated country.

5. HOW EGYPT'S NEXT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION COULD GO

With the banning of the Muslim Brotherhood and the suppression of dissenting voices, the country's poll will mostly likely produce a rubber-stamp parliament.

6. THIS TARGET'S MOVING AT 41,000 MPH

The European Space Agency is trying to land a scientific probe on a streaking comet in one of the most audacious space adventures ever.

7. DEMOCRATS LOSE ONE MORE SEAT

Alaska's senate race goes to GOP's Dan Sullivan who beat incumbent Mark Begich, handing Republicans another victory in the midterm election.

8. WHY FIVE GLOBAL BANKS WERE FINED

Regulators are imposing a \$3 billion fine on Citibank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS and HSBC Bank for attempting to manipulate foreign exchange markets.

9. WHAT LENT SIZZLE TO VETERANS DAY IN US

Rihanna and Bruce Springsteen are among headliners at a free concert on the National Mall intended to raise awareness of issues affecting veterans.

10. MLB NAMES MANAGERS OF THE YEAR

Baltimore's Buck Showalter wins the AL award for the third time. Washington's Matt Williams, who played under Showalter, gets the NL prize.

AP News in Brief

With eye on future climate treaty, US and China strike emissions deal, prod others to act

BEIJING (AP) — A groundbreaking agreement struck by the United States and China is putting the world's two worst polluters on a faster track to curbing the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming. With the clock ticking on a worldwide climate treaty, the two countries are seeking to put their troubled history as environmental adversaries behind them in hopes that other nations will be spurred to take equally aggressive action.

The U.S., a chief proponent of the prospective treaty, is setting an ambitious new goal to stop pumping as much carbon dioxide into the air. China, whose appetite for cheap energy has grown along with its burgeoning economy, agreed for the first time to a self-imposed deadline for when its emissions will top out.

However, it wasn't clear how either the U.S. or China would meet their goals, nor whether China's growing emissions until 2030 would negate any reductions in the U.S.

The dual announcements from President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping, unveiled Wednesday in Beijing, came as a shock to environmentalists who had pined for such action but suspected China's reluctance and Obama's weakened political standing might interfere. In Washington, Republicans were equally taken aback, accusing Obama of dumping an unrealistic obligation on the next president.

In fact, the deal had been hashed out behind the scenes for months. U.S. officials said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry floated the idea during a visit to China in February, and Obama followed up by writing Xi in the spring to suggest that the world's two largest economies join forces.

Obama, Xi unveil array of agreements as they seek to downplay persistent US-China tensions

BEIJING (AP) — Following an intense two days of talks, President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping unveiled an array of agreements on climate change, military cooperation and trade as they sought to overcome persistent tensions between the world's two largest economies.

Areas of discord still bubbled to the surface during their rare joint press conference in the heart of the Chinese capital. Obama gently pressed Xi on human rights and rejected rumors that the U.S. is fueling pro-democracy protests in Hong Kong, while the Chinese president repeatedly reminded his American guest that his nation wants to be seen as an equal to the United States.

As he closed his first visit to China in six years, Obama said he and Xi have reached a "common understanding on how the relationship between our two countries should move forward."

"Where we have disagreements, we will be candid about our intentions, and we will work to narrow those differences where possible," Obama said shortly before departing for Myanmar, his second stop on a three-country trip through the Asia-Pacific region.

Both Obama and Xi heralded a joint commitment to cut greenhouse gases, an agreement that came about after months of secret talks between officials from both countries. The pact is meant to signal to other heavy-polluting nations that the U.S. and China are in sync on the need to tackle climate change in the lead-up to a high-stakes summit in Paris next year.

AP Exclusive: Reports of drones flying near manned planes and airports are up dramatically

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is getting near-daily reports — and sometimes two or three a day — of drones flying near airplanes and helicopters or close to airports without permission, federal and industry officials tell The Associated Press. It's a sharp increase from just two years ago when such reports were still unusual.

Many of the reports are filed with the Federal Aviation Administration by airline pilots. But other pilots, airport officials and local authorities often file reports as well, said the officials, who agreed to discuss the matter only on the condition that they not be named because they weren't authorized to speak publicly. Michael Toscano, president of a drone industry trade group, said FAA officials also have verified the increase to him.

While many of the reports are unconfirmed, raising the possibility that pilots may have mistaken a bird or another plane in the distance for a drone, the officials said other reports appear to be credible.

The FAA tightly restricts the use of drones, which could cause a crash if one collided with a plane or was sucked into an engine. Small drones usually aren't visible on radar to air traffic controllers, particularly if they're made of plastic or other composites.

"It should not be a matter of luck that keeps an airplane and a drone apart," said Rory Kay, a training captain at a major airline and a former Air Line Pilots Association safety committee chairman. "So far we've been lucky because if these things are operating in the sky unregulated, unmonitored and uncontrolled, the possibility of a close proximity event or even a collision has to be of huge concern."

Mali reports 2 new Ebola deaths in capital; not believed linked to earlier case

BAMAKO, Mali (AP) — Malian authorities on Wednesday reported two new deaths from Ebola that are not believed to be linked to the only other known case in the nation, an alarming setback as Mali tries to limit the fallout from the epidemic ravaging other countries in the region.

The announcement came just a day after Malian health authorities said there had been no other reported cases — let alone deaths — after a 2-year-old girl who had traveled to Mali from Guinea succumbed to the virus in late October.

Communications Minister Mahamadou Camara said Wednesday that a nurse working at a clinic in the capital of Bamako died Tuesday, and tests later showed she had Ebola. A patient she had treated who died on Monday was later confirmed to have had Ebola.

It was not immediately clear why health workers at Clinique Pasteur in Bamako did not suspect the patient — a Guinean national — had Ebola. Nearly 5,000 people have died this year in West Africa from the virus, which first erupted in Guinea, which borders Mali.

The news comes just as public health officials were starting to think Mali had avoided the worst and is a stark reminder that the disease is hard to track and the entire region remains vulnerable as long as there are cases anywhere.

European Space Agency says landing craft separates from Rosetta probe for descent to comet 67P

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — The European Space Agency's unmanned Rosetta probe successfully released a lander toward the surface of comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko on Wednesday, putting it on its final seven-hour journey to a historic rendezvous with the fast-moving lump of dust and ice.

The audacious landing attempt is the climax of a decade-long mission to study the 4-kilometer (2.5-mile) wide comet. It is also the end of a 6.4 billion-kilometer (4 billion-mile) journey on which Rosetta carried its sidekick lander Philae piggyback.

"It's on its own now," said Stephan Ulamec, Philae Lander Manager at the DLR German Aerospace Center. "We'll need some luck not to land on a boulder or a steep slope."

If successful, it will be the first time that a spacecraft has landed on a comet. Confirmation of a landing should reach Earth by about 1603 GMT (11:03 a.m. EST).

ESA announced early Wednesday that the 100-kilogram (220-pound) lander's active descent system, which uses thrust to prevent the craft from bouncing off the comet's surface, could not be activated. Instead, the agency is relying on ice screws and a harpoon system to secure the lander.

A look at key moments in the space probe Rosetta's 10-year journey to link up with comet 67P

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Here's a look at key moments during Rosetta's incredible trip:

March 2, 2004: Europe's unmanned probe Rosetta takes off from Kourou, French Guiana, after a series of delays, including an abandoned January 2003 launch window because of a rocket problem.

Workers on Ebola front say need for help urgent as Congress deliberates \$6 billion aid request

WASHINGTON (AP) — Health workers on the front line of the Ebola crisis say the need for urgent help isn't letting up, as Congress begins considering President Barack Obama's \$6.2 billion emergency aid request to fight the disease.

Despite reports that the number of infections is slowing in some parts of West Africa, cases still are rising in other areas — and aid organizations say thousands of health care workers are needed to treat Ebola over the next few months.

"We're not yet at a point where we can have confidence that we're turning the corner, even in Liberia," said Andy Gleadle of the International Medical Corps, which is running a treatment center in Liberia and plans to open another in that country and two more in Sierra Leone.

Even with increasing global attention to the epidemic, it takes time to train new health workers, build field hospitals, and buy protective equipment for doctors and nurses.

"Let's say President Obama gives us another \$5 million tomorrow morning — which would be very nice, thank you — but it takes weeks to absorb that funding and implement it on the ground," added Gleadle, who is responsible for the charity's response in Sierra Leone.

Doctors rush to central India after 12 women die following sterilization surgery

NEW DELHI (AP) — A team of doctors rushed to central India on Wednesday after at least 12 women died and dozens of others fell ill following sterilization surgery held as part of a free, nationwide program aimed at limiting births in the world's second-most populous nation, officials said.

The case highlights the risks women face in reproductive health in a country struggling with high population growth and widespread poverty.

A total of 83 women, all villagers under the age of 32, had the operations Saturday as part of the federal government's free sterilization campaign and were sent home that evening. But dozens later became ill and were rushed in ambulances to private hospitals in Bilaspur, a city in central Chhattisgarh state.

By Wednesday morning, at least 12 women had died, officials said.

The apparent cause of death was either blood poisoning or hemorrhagic shock, which occurs when a person has lost too much blood, state deputy health director Amar Singh said, though the preliminary results from autopsies were expected to be released Wednesday.

APNewsBreak: GOP promises Louisiana's Cassidy an energy panel seat, boosting Senate campaign

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Republicans have promised Bill Cassidy a seat on the Senate's energy committee if he defeats Democratic Sen. Mary Landrieu in Louisiana's runoff election next month, potentially undercutting one of her main arguments for re-election.

Landrieu has repeatedly touted the importance of her seat on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in her campaign for a fourth term representing a state with a robust oil and gas industry.

While she will no longer serve as the committee's chair in the GOP-led Senate in the next Congress, Landrieu has campaigned hard on her place as the committee's senior Democrat — and Cassidy's inability to get a seat on the panel as a freshman senator.

"The question is, do you want somebody on the committee or do you want a rookie that has no seniority and is likely to not even get on the committee," Landrieu said as she kicked off her runoff campaign.

But incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said in a statement released to The Associated Press that he will appoint Cassidy to the committee should Cassidy win his Dec. 6 runoff election against Landrieu.

Regulators fine 5 banks \$3.4 billion for attempted foreign exchange manipulation

LONDON (AP) — U.S., British and Swiss regulators have fined five global banks \$3.4 billion for attempting to manipulate foreign exchange markets — the latest penalties for an industry previously criticized for rigging interest rates and for their role in triggering the global financial crisis.

The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the U.K. Financial Conduct Authority and the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority said Wednesday that Citibank, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Royal Bank of Scotland, HSBC Bank and UBS had agreed to settlements totaling almost \$3.4 billion. The FCA said it is continuing to investigate Barclays Bank.

"Today's record fines mark the gravity of the failings we found, and firms need to take responsibility for putting it right," said Martin Wheatley, chief executive of the FCA. "They must make sure their traders do not game the system to boost profits."

Some \$5.3 trillion changes hands every day on the global foreign exchange market, with 40 percent of trades occurring in London. Currencies including dollars, pounds, euros and yen trade in the loosely regulated market dominated by a group of elite banks. But those trades have an even wider impact because companies around the world use market prices to value assets and manage currency risks.

The regulators found that between Jan. 1, 2008 and Oct. 15, 2013, the five banks failed to adequately train and supervise foreign currency traders. As a result, traders were able to form groups that shared information about client activity, using nicknames such as "the players," "the 3 musketeers" and "1team, 1 dream."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2014. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1984, space shuttle astronauts Dale Gardner and Joe Allen snared a wandering satellite in history's first space salvage; the Palapa B2 satellite was secured in Discovery's cargo bay for return to Earth.

On this date:

In 1787, severe flooding struck Dublin, Ireland, as the River Liffey rose.

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In 1815, American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1936, the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened as President Franklin D. Roosevelt pressed a telegraph key in Washington, D.C., giving the green light to traffic.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. (The Allies ended up winning a major victory over Japanese forces.)

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

In 1969, news of the My Lai Massacre in South Vietnam in March 1968 was broken by investigative reporter Seymour Hersh.

In 1977, the city of New Orleans elected its first black mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, the winner of a runoff.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov (ahn-DROH'-pawf) was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1987, the American Medical Association issued a policy statement saying it was unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person had AIDS or was HIV-positive.

In 1994, Olympic track-and-field gold medalist Wilma Rudolph died in Brentwood, Tennessee, at age 54.

In 2001, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 headed to the Dominican Republic, crashed after takeoff from New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 people on board and five people on the ground.

Ten years ago: A jury in Redwood City, California, convicted Scott Peterson of murdering his pregnant wife, Laci, and dumping her body into San Francisco Bay. (Peterson, who maintains his innocence, remains on death row.) Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was buried at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah, a day after his death in a French military hospital.

Five years ago: Army psychiatrist Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan was charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder in the Fort Hood, Texas, shooting rampage. (Hasan was later convicted and sentenced to death.) James R. Lilley, a longtime CIA operative and later the U.S. ambassador to China, died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

One year ago: An international panel of architects announced that the new World Trade Center tower in New York would replace Chicago's Willis Tower as the nation's tallest building upon its completion. Terry Francona of the Cleveland Indians won the AL Manager of the Year award in a close vote, and Clint Hurdle of the Pittsburgh Pirates was a runaway winner in the National League after both guided small-budget teams to the postseason. British composer John Tavener, 69, died in Child Okeford, England.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 71. Singer Brian Hyland is 71. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 71. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 70. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 70. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 69. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 67. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., is 65. Country/gospel singer Barbara Fairchild is 64. Actress Megan Mullally is 56. Actor Vincent Irizarry is 55. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci (koh-muh-NEECH') is 53. Actor Sam Lloyd is 51. Rock musician David Ellefson is 50. Retired MLB All-Star Sammy Sosa is 46. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 44. Actress Radha Mitchell is 41. Actress Lourdes Benedicto is 40. Actress Tamala Jones is 40. Actress Angela Watson is 40. Singer Tevin Campbell is 38. Actress Ashley Williams is 36. Actress Cote de Pablo is 35. Actor Ryan Gosling is 34. Contemporary Christian musician Chris Huffman is 34. Actress Anne Hathaway is 32. Pop singer Omarion is 30. Folk-rock musician Griffin Goldsmith (Dawes) is 24. Actress Macey Cruthird is 22.

Thought for Today: "It's all right to have a train of thoughts, if you have a terminal." - Richard R. Bowker, American publisher (1848-1933).