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## Tuesday, Nov. 18

**Birthdays:** Jerick Hanson • Patricia Kappes • Luverne Strom • Jordan Zoellner • Julie Schaller Junior High GBB at Leola-Frederick. Seventh grade at 4 p.m., eighth grade at 5 p.m.

Debate at Watertown Tourney

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad and dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

**School Breakfast:** Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice.

**School Lunch:** Chili, corn bread, carrot and dip, fresh and canned fruit.

## Wednesday, Nov. 19

**Birthdays:** Larry Remington • Stephen Duncan • Crystal Sippel • Garrett Heitmann • Heather Sippel • Taylor Gustafson • Tanya Nordine • Jerry Abernathy • Michael Krueger

Sixth grade MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School

**School Lunch:** Soft shell taco, tater tots, fresh and canned fruit.

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

**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

## OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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.

## Approach costs are way out of line, says Monson

Stan Monson, Jr., along with his wife, Wendy, as well as Martha Farmen came to the council meeting Monday night to discuss the curb and gutter prices.

Stan led the discussion about the cost of the approaches. He questioned as to why they were not notified ahead of time of the cost of the approaches. He said that he would have done the approach himself for half the money of what he was charged. The cost was \$60 a square ft. There are no administrative fees associated with the approach cost, unlike the curb and gutter which actually costs \$13.90 per linear feet. Then the additional cost of the fillet sections, engineer fees, bond council fees, publication cost as well as the cost of the work done at the alleys all brought the total cost to \$33.53.

Monson said that he did not like the \$60 fee. "That's 43 percent higher than what I can have it done myself. Why was this not brought up ahead of time." Monson presented his letter that he received from the city and no where does it address the approaches.

Councilman Burt Glover said, "At \$60 a square feet, we got hosed," he said. "We need to have people sign off on a sheet indicating that they have been talked to and will know what the cost is going to be."

"You should have it done at a competitive rate, not triple the cost," Monson said. "The rates are way out of line."

Mayor Scott Hanlon said, "I can see some fault with some people," and he said that he will be talking with the folks at Clark Engineering about how to handle this situation.

"I know I'll be beating the drum until I'm off the council," said Councilman Michelle Muilenburg, "but I think we need to look at other engineers."

Monson offered to pay \$37 per ft. instead of the \$60 per ft, as stated in the letter. Glover calculated it out come out to about \$11,000. "I think that is something Clark Engineering could swallow if they want to keep our business," Glover said.

It was uncertain as to who was really responsible for telling the property owners of the work that was going to be done to their driveways. "It's a group effort," said Finance Officer Anita Lowary. "The city and Clark Engineering work together on this."

The council tabled any action on the curb and gutter assessment roll. It was already too late to get the assessment to the county, so for the first year, the payments will have to be made at city hall; thereafter, they will be added to the county payments.

The council gave second reading on the water rate ordinance. WEB is increasing its fee by 20 cents per thousand gallons. The



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council decided to raise the base rate by 50 cents, and also increase usage by 50 cents per thousand gallons for anything over 2,001 gallons. The rates will go into effect with the January 2015 billing.

The city has \$69,000 in its checking account and the bills amounted to \$218,697.97. City Finance Officer Anita Lowary said that the city should be getting around \$250,000 from the county by November 20th.

The council directed the city attorney to draft a letter to Jim Stearns to either have the trailer house removed or the council will proceed with legal proceedings.

More discussion was held on the Groton airport. City Attorney Drew Johnson gave a report of his findings of what the city council could do. He said under the lease agreement with the federal government, it needs to be a public airport, Johnson said, otherwise it could violate the lease. Having it as a publically owned private airport would not be a good option for the city.

The council decided to extend the airport back to its original length and to keep it as a public airport.

The council decided to get an appraisal on the property on which the jail is setting on, south of the community center. Once the council gets the appraisals, they will decide how to sell it - by auction or by sealed bids. The property will be the south 100' of the entire width of the lot.

After an executive session, the council gave second reading to the 2015 salary ordinance. It will give city employees a 5 percent raise, will cover 100 percent of the employee's health insurance and contribute \$260 (down by \$25 from the current level) towards the cost of dependents or family coverage.

## Classifieds

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## What You Need to Know Before Reading New Social Security Statements

No matter how far away you are from retirement, it's important to understand your Social Security benefits – and there's a particularly good reason to do it now.

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is bringing back annual paper benefits statements for the first time in three years. It stopped in 2011 to save money on printing and postage, but Congress and consumer advocates complained that workers needed better access to their data. In September, the agency reversed its decision and announced it's resuming the practice of mailing paper statements to workers in two categories:

Those who are not receiving benefits and are within three months of turning 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60. (After age 60, workers will receive a statement every year.)

Those who still haven't registered for a My Social Security ([www.ssa.gov/myaccount/](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/)) online account.

Why is this important? First, if you've paid into the Social Security and Medicare system, you should understand the benefits you've earned. Second, as the SSA has been closing field offices and reducing services to the public, despite the fact that Baby Boomers are starting to flood the system. It's a good time to confirm and correct benefits due to the longer wait times on the agency's toll free telephone line and field offices.

Start by waiting for your next paper benefits statement or sign up at My Social Security website to review your current data. Here's a quick overview of what your statement tells you:

**Introduction and your estimated benefits.** This section covers four categories. The first is your retirement benefits, which are based on your age when you start drawing them. The calculations are based on three critical ages as examples: 62 (the earliest age you can draw retirement benefits), 67 (the full retirement age for anyone born after 1960) and age 70 (the oldest anyone can start drawing benefits, generally at the highest level if you can wait). The second is disability, which refers to the amount of your monthly disability benefit if you qualify. Third, your family/survivors benefits if a loved one dies. And lastly, your Medicare eligibility and the particular facts to support that conclusion.

**Your Earnings Record.** This is a summary of your earnings that you need to verify for accuracy. Pull your annual tax returns as far back as you can to confirm this information, and if you work with a tax or financial planning professional, double-check their conclusions if you plan to challenge any errors with the SSA.

**Some Facts About Social Security.** Provides additional definitions and guidelines to better understand your statement and includes key contact information.

Most experts will tell you that when it comes to retirement, time is your biggest ally – it gives you the opportunity to invest, save and adjust your plan strategy. Use your statement to do the following:

**Spot and correct errors.** If you and your tax professional spot disparities in your benefit statement make careful notes, gather your evidence and consult the SSA's contact page ([www.ssa.gov/agency/contact/](http://www.ssa.gov/agency/contact/)) to start the correction process remotely or in person.

**Blend Social Security into a broader retirement plan.** Most experts agree Social Security alone won't provide a comfortable retirement. It's never too late to plan.

**Bottom Line:** Even if you're years away from retirement, make sure you understand your Social Security benefits, and that they're accurate and fit into a broader financial plan for your retirement.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs.

## Today in Weather History

1985: Snowfall of 3-8 inches fell over western, central and northern South Dakota, with the greatest amount of 8 inches at Huron in Beadle County and White River in Mellette County. Strong winds exceeding 40 mph over the area produced near-blizzard conditions at times, with considerable blowing and drifting snow. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 6.0 inches in Murdo; 5.5 inches at Gettysburg, 5.0 inches near Stephan, in Eureka, and 12SSW of Harrold; and 4.0 inches in McLaughlin.

1992: Three to eleven inches of snow fell in the northeast third of South Dakota and into west central Minnesota from the 18th into the 19th. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 11.0 inches in Browns Valley and near Bryant; 9 inches near Sisseton, Summit and Wheaton MN, 8 inches near Victor and Wilmot; 7.9 inches at Artichoke Lake MN, and 7.0 inches in Clear Lake.

1421: 72 Dutch villages were swept away when waves from an intense storm system breached coastal dikes on the North Sea coast of the Netherlands. The flood killed 10,000 people.

1873 - A severe storm raged from Georgia to Nova Scotia causing great losses to fishing fleets along the coast. In Maine, the barometric pressure reached 28.49 inches at Portland. (David Ludlum)

1931: Canada saw its highest sustained winds when speeds reached 125 mph in Quebec.

1955 - An early season cold snap finally came to an end. Helena, MT, experienced 138 consecutive hours of subzero temperatures, including a reading of 29 below zero, which surpassed by seven degrees their previous record for the month of November. Missoula MT broke their November record by 12 degrees with a reading of 23 below zero, and Salt Lake City UT smashed their previous November record of zero with a reading of 14 below. Heavy snow in the Great Basin closed Donner Pass CA, and total crop damage from the cold wave amounted to eleven million dollars. (David Ludlum)

1957 - A tornado, 100 yards in width, travelled a nearly straight as an arrow 27-mile path from near Rosa AL to near Albertville AL, killing three persons. A home in the Susan Moore community in Blount County was picked up and dropped 500 feet away killing one person. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - The first of two successive snowstorms struck the northeastern U.S. The storm produced up to 20 inches of snow in southern New Hampshire. Two days later a second storm produced up to 30 inches of snow in northern Maine. (Storm Data)

1987 - It was a windy day across parts of the nation. Gale force winds whipped the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusting to 80 mph in western New York State damaged buildings and flipped over flatbed trailers at Churchville. In Montana, high winds in the Upper Yellowstone Valley gusted to 64 mph at Livingston. Strong Santa Ana winds buffeted the mountains and valleys of southern California. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a warm front drenched Little Rock AR with 7.01 inches of rain, smashing their previous record for the date of 1.91 inches. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A second surge of arctic air brought record cold to parts of the north central U.S. Eleven cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Rochester MN with a reading of 4 degrees below zero. Strong winds ushering the arctic air into the north central U.S. produced squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region. Snowfall totals in northern Ohio ranged up to twenty inches in Ashatabula County and Geauga County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2008: A strong tornado killed eight people in Molweni, South Africa, outside Durban. Cars were rolled, mud huts were completely scoured away, and brick houses were leveled.

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| TODAY                                                                             | TONIGHT                                                                           | WEDNESDAY                                                                         | WEDNESDAY NIGHT                                                                   | THURSDAY                                                                           | THURSDAY NIGHT                                                                      | FRIDAY                                                                              |
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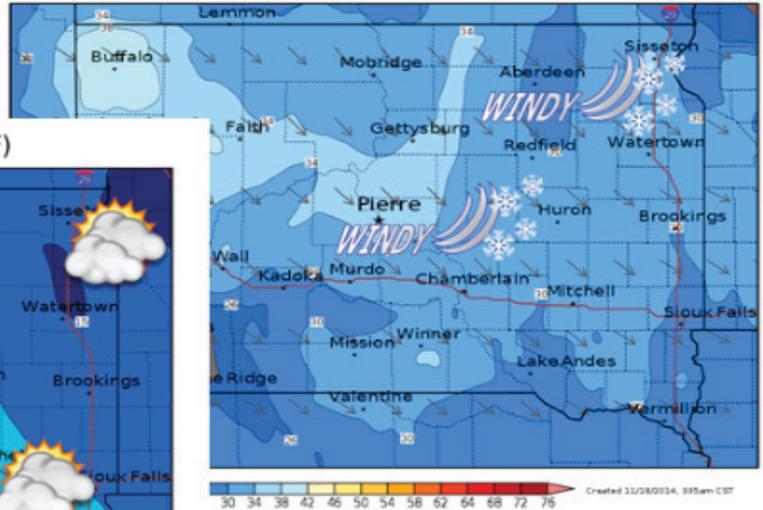


Light Snow Showers This Evening/Overnight  
Little If Any Accumulations



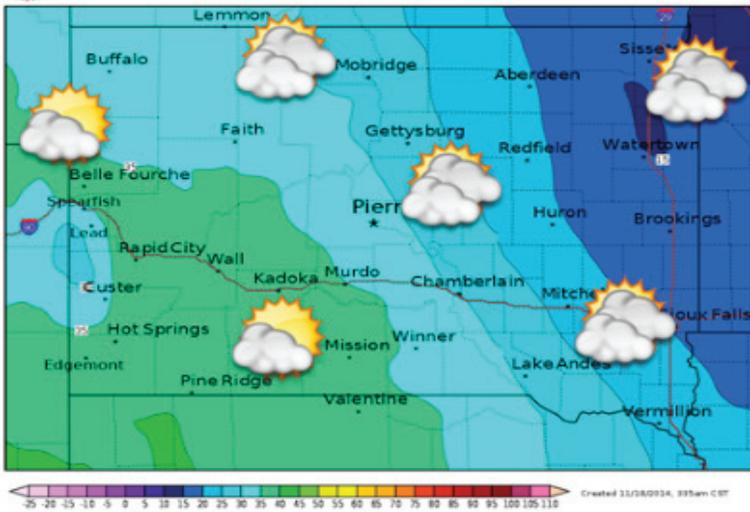
Gusty Winds Tonight/Wednesday

Max Gust (mph), 12-h ending 6am, Wed, Nov. 19



Highs Today

Tue, Nov. 18, Fcst. Max Temp. (°F)



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Updated: 11/18/2014 4:21 AM Central

A clipper system will move into the region this evening and overnight, bringing light snow to the region and gusty northwest winds. Patchy blowing snow is expected tonight. Cold conditions will continue into mid-week.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 14.1°F at 2:22 PM

**Low:** 1.3°F at 7:36 AM

**High Gust:** 24 mph at 11:19 AM

Precip: 0.00

Wind chill was -1 at 12:08 this morning

This morning's Low: 7.9 at 12:21 AM

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 75° in 1908

**Record Low:** -13° in 1896

**Average High:** 38°F

**Average Low:** 18°F

**Average Precip in Nov.:** 0.46

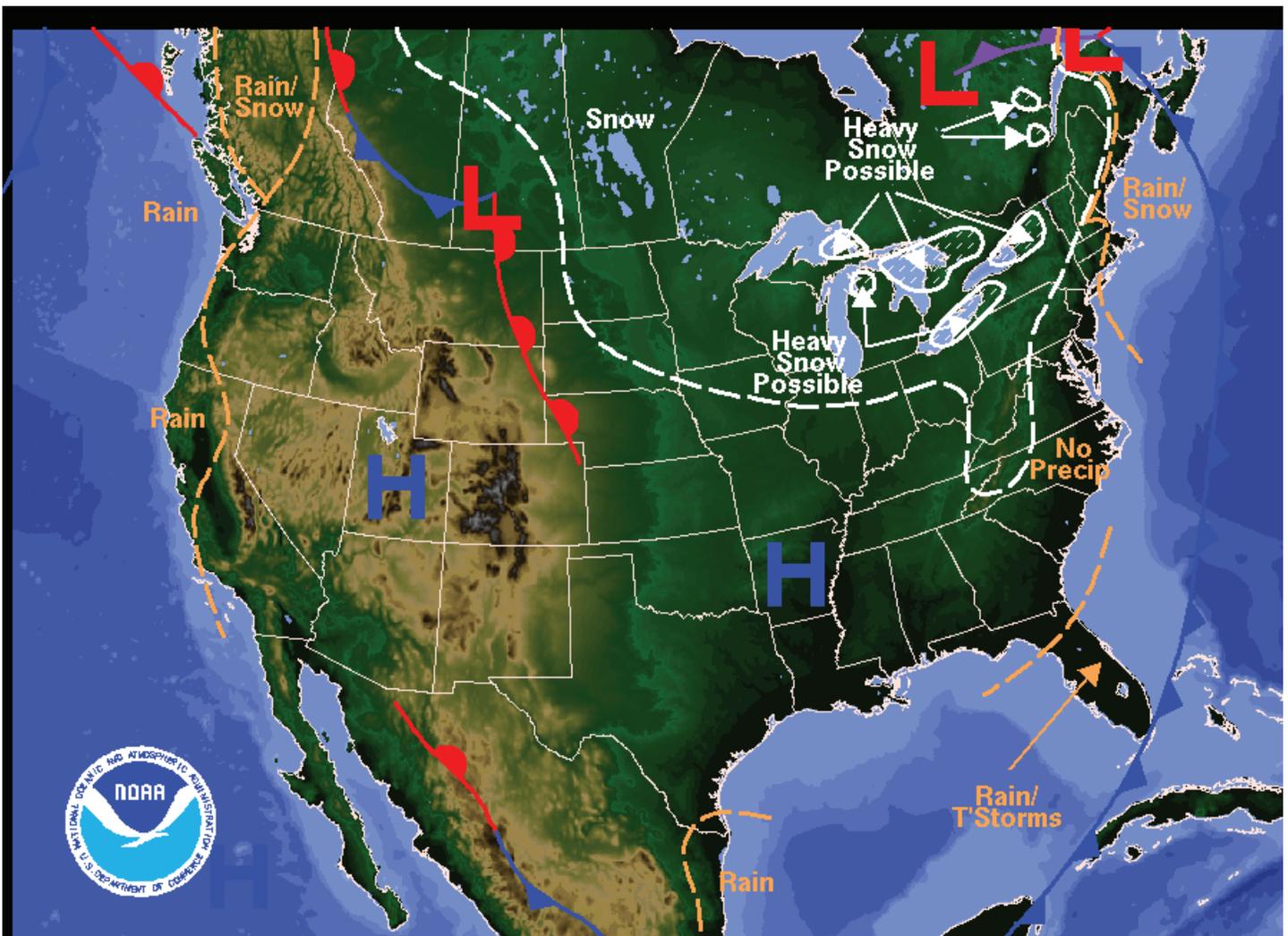
**Precip to date in Nov.:** 0.56

**Average Precip to date:** 20.93

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.79

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:01 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:38 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Nov 18, 2014, issued 2:11 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## DECISIONS! DECISIONS! DECISIONS!

Even before getting out of bed this morning, I had to make a decision: Would I hit the "snooze" button and rest a little longer or would I turn off the alarm and start my day? It is not possible to go for any length of time without having to make a decision. And although all of us are making decisions most of the time, we rarely take time to think about our "decision making process."

Every decision we make affects our lives one way or another. Some decisions last a life time and can bring joy and satisfaction or sorrow and guilt. Some can be changed immediately if we see things going in the wrong direction. Others engulf us and seem to squeeze the life out of us. Often we want to blame others for our decisions, but ultimately, we are accountable for every one.

Solomon provided us with excellent decision making advice: "For lack of guidance a nation falls; but victory is won through many advisors." What applies to a nation also applies to an individual. Gathering information from a variety of reliable people will provide guidance, insight and direction and lead to the best decision.

In this verse, an "uncommon" word is used: guidance. It refers to the "tackle" or the "ropes" that enable a ship to stay on course. People are much like ships: where there is no guidance even the shortest journey can be disastrous. Learning the "ropes" that come from God's wisdom will lead us through the charted course that God has laid out for us before the foundation of the world.

No wonder He is called the Wonderful Counselor!

**Prayer:** Father, may we always seek Your guidance for each decision we make in life. May we always look to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Proverbs 11:14 For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.

## News from the Associated Press

### **Police: Nebraska driver hits pedestrian and flees**

ALLIANCE, Neb. (AP) — Alliance police have arrested a man who they say injured a South Dakota pedestrian in a hit-and-run.

Twenty-eight-year-old Joshua Manning of Aberdeen, South Dakota, was listed in serious condition Monday at a Scottsbluff hospital. Lt. Ken Hart says Manning was struck over the weekend in Alliance. It's unclear how the collision happened.

A 21-year-old Alliance man has been arrested. Hart says he faces charges of DUI resulting in serious bodily injury, willful reckless driving and failure to stop at a serious accident.

### **Man pleads guilty in fatal Minnesota crash**

LUVERNE, Minn. (AP) — A former South Dakota National Guardsman has pleaded guilty in a distracted driving crash that killed a Minnesota cyclist.

Twenty-five-year-old Christopher Weber of Brandon, South Dakota, entered the plea Monday in Rock County court to criminal vehicular homicide. Prosecutors say he will be sentenced in December to 360 days in jail over three years and 300 hours of community service.

Weber tells authorities he was distracted while making a phone call when he hit and killed 33-year-old Andrea Boeve of Steen as she was riding her bike on the side of Minnesota 270 in June. Boeve was pulling a bike trailer carrying her daughters, ages 1 and 4. Court documents show the 4-year-old suffered a broken rib and punctured lung. The younger girl suffered minor injuries.

Weber served in Afghanistan in 2009 and 2010.

### **SD open meetings panel to hear 3 complaints**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Open Meeting Commission gathers Friday in Sioux Falls to consider three complaints against local government panels.

Residents who filed the allegations will make oral presentations to the five state attorneys on the board who will decide if any state laws were violated.

Paul Tuntland filed a complaint against Lincoln Township, Chris Eisenbeis against the Freeman School Board and John Paul Studeny Jr. against the Plankinton School Board.

The state's attorneys include chairman John Steele of Aurora County, Mark Reedstrom from Grant, Lisa Rothschadl of Bon Homme, Emily Sovell from Sully and Kevin Krull of Meade County. Assistant Attorney General Steven Blair helps the board with procedural matters.

The meeting starts at 10 a.m. Friday at the downtown library in Sioux Falls.

### **Volunteers to decorate Capitol Christmas display**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — More than 90 Christmas trees are expected to be decorated at the South Dakota Capitol as part of the annual holiday display.

Volunteers will decorate the trees over the weekend in preparation for a lighting ceremony next Tuesday evening. The theme of this year's decorations is "125 Years of Christmas in South Dakota."

This year's specially featured tree is a 37-foot blue spruce donated by Brandon residents Gus and Joan Rysavy.

The tree can be viewed from Nov. 25 through Dec. 27 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## Lake Sakakawea salmon spawn nets 1.3M eggs

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Fisheries crews collected 1.3 million eggs during their annual salmon spawning operation on Lake Sakakawea.

Dave Fryda (FREE'-duh) with Game and Fish says most of the eggs came from the lake, with the rest from the Missouri River below Garrison Dam. He says the agency surpassed its goal for North Dakota stocking purposes but there may not be enough eggs this year to share with South Dakota and Montana.

The fish cannot naturally reproduce in North Dakota, so state and federal officials collect eggs and transport them to the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery.

Officials plan to stock about 400,000 salmon in Lake Sakakawea next year.

## Scott scores 23; Idaho beats S Dakota St 82-77

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) Mike Scott scored 23 points and Bira Seck added 13 points and 12 rebounds to help Idaho beat South Dakota State 82-77 on Monday night.

Idaho (2-0) trailed 74-75 when Scott found Perrion Callandret for a 3-pointer with 56 seconds left.

South Dakota State's Skyler Flatten missed a 3 on the other end but, after grabbing the offensive rebound, Cody Larson missed a layup before Scott hit a 3-pointer coming out of a timeout to make it 80-75 with 10 seconds left.

Deondre Parks got a quick layup 2 seconds later and immediately fouled Scott, who hit a pair of free throws and closed the scoring at 82-77 with 6 seconds left.

Parks and Jake Bittle scored 18 apiece for South Dakota State (0-2). Larson finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds and Flatten scored 13.

Idaho made 8 of 15 from behind the arc and grabbed 16 offensive rebounds.

## Weber State handles Presentation College 74-49

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Joel Bolomboy scored 20 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked five shots to lead Weber State to a 74-49 win over Presentation College on Monday night.

Jeremy Senglin had 16, Kyndahl Hill 11 and Chris Golden added 10 for Weber State (1-1). The Wildcats were just 4 of 19 from 3-point range, but converted 20 of 23 free throws compared to 6 of 9 for Presentation.

Jeremy Comer led Presentation, a North Star Athletic Association member, with 11 points and Cameron Isreal had 10. The Saints made just 29.2 percent of their 65 field goal attempts and were out-rebounded 46-33.

Weber State led 26-22 at the break, but outscored Presentation 22-7 in the first 7 minutes of the second half for a 44-33 lead.

Bolomboy moved into 10th place in school history for career rebounds.

## Keystone Pipeline vote on Tuesday

DAVID ESPO, AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the eve of a showdown, Maine independent Sen. Angus King left open the possibility on Monday that he would support legislation to approve the controversial Keystone XL Pipeline, which appears just shy of the 60 votes needed to advance.

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"I'm a probable no," King told reporters. Yet he several times refused to rule out voting for the legislation, which has the public support of all 45 of the Senate's Republicans and 14 of its Democrats.

King made his comments as Louisiana Sen. Mary Landrieu, the bill's chief Democratic supporter, claimed anew the measure has the 60 votes necessary. The Republican leading the campaign for the bill, Sen. John Hoeven of North Dakota, was more cautious. "I think we'll get there," he said, although he added he so far has counted only 59 firm supporters.

The bill has fallen victim to Senate gridlock in the recent past, but Landrieu, with her political career at stake, launched an effort last week to find enough Democratic converts for passage. She trails Rep. Bill Cassidy, R-La., in the polls in advance of a Dec. 6 runoff election in Louisiana, but is campaigning as a skilled and seasoned lawmaker with the ability to pass bipartisan legislation vital to her oil-rich state.

The House passed legislation last week to allow construction to proceed, with Cassidy claiming much of the credit.

Even if the bill clears Congress, the White House has discouraged any speculation that President Barack Obama would sign it.

The president has said he wants to allow an environmental review process to be completed, and also to let the Nebraska Supreme Court rule on the legality of a law that allowed state officials to select the pipeline's proposed route.

Supporters of the measure say the pipeline would provide jobs as well as assure that the oil would be processed in the United States. Opponents argue the project could harm the environment, and also say much of the oil would wind up being exported overseas.

## Man indicted in homicide fails to show for hearing

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of raping and strangling a 56-year-old Sioux Falls woman failed to show up for a court hearing.

Forty-one-year-old Christopher Kryger is charged with murder, rape and burglary in the March killing of Kari Ann Kirkegaard. Kryger has pleaded not guilty.

Kryger failed to appear Monday for a motions hearing. His lawyers told Judge Mark Salter they had no idea why their client wasn't there.

Salter and lawyers in the case agreed to reschedule the hearing, but a date has not been set.

## USD receives \$500,000 donation for soccer complex

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota bank has donated \$500,000 toward a new University of South Dakota soccer complex.

School officials announced Monday that First Bank & Trust made the contribution for naming rights to the new complex. The facility is part of a shared track and soccer complex located north of the school's Wellness Center.

The women's soccer team will begin competition on the new field for the start of the 2016 season.

First Bank & Trust is an annual corporate sponsor of USD athletics.

## Winter weather slows harvest across South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Snowfall and below-normal temperatures slowed harvesting progress across South Dakota, but producers remained ahead of last year's pace for corn and sunflowers.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that corn was 92 percent harvested, ahead

of the 87 percent mark last year. Sunflowers were 80 percent harvested, well ahead of last year's 61 percent pace.

The report listed the amount of sorghum harvested at 95 percent, ahead of the 87 percent completed at this time a year ago.

Pasture and range conditions were rated 8 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 32 percent fair, 9 percent poor and 2 percent very poor.

## Krebs aims to be 'forward-thinking' in new role

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Shantel Krebs is shifting from a decade-long tenure in the state Legislature to statewide office.

Krebs, a Republican, breezed to victory over three opponents on Nov. 4 to replace outgoing Secretary of State Jason Gant. As a legislator, Krebs focused mainly on transportation issues and agricultural policies, but she said the secretary of state's office combines her interests in elections — honed as a candidate — and business. The office deals with elections, business services and administrative services.

Krebs said she aims to be a "forward-thinking" secretary of state, focused on improving state elections, boosting voter turnout, improving South Dakota's corporate filing system and overhauling the petition process that candidates can use to get their names on the ballot. Krebs plans to introduce legislation this session to address those issues after meeting with the bipartisan State Board of Elections ahead of the January legislative session.

Pam Lynde, an election board member and the Deuel County auditor, said it's unclear what the board's 2015 legislative priorities will be since it hasn't met for a few months. Board member Linda Lea Viken, appointed by Democrats, said she wants to examine how provisional ballots are working for voters.

Krebs said she also plans to meet with the incoming legislative leadership, which both parties selected over the weekend.

Incoming Senate Majority Leader Timothy Rave, a Baltic Republican, said he doesn't have any specific priorities when it comes to elections issues. But Rave said he's confident Krebs will be a thoughtful secretary of state based on her work as a legislator.

"I'm hungry, and I have the desire to learn," Krebs said. "Nobody will outwork me."

Here's what Krebs is hoping to get done:

### CORPORATE FILINGS

Krebs' goal is to bring the state's business climate for corporate filings in line with other hubs such as Nevada and Delaware. She said South Dakota's tax levels are competitive with those centers, but state laws need to be overhauled to entice corporations — which can often be small businesses — to file here. That process could take up to two years to get moving, Krebs said, but would increase state revenue and could make companies move to South Dakota or establish offices in the state.

### BOOSTING TURNOUT AND OVERHAULING PETITIONS

Roughly 55 percent voter turnout in the November elections disappointed Krebs, who said she'll work to hike it back to previous highs. Krebs said programs such as Kids Voting South Dakota will help educate another generation of voters while also reminding parents to cast their ballots. She's also proposing to overhaul the petition process that candidates can use to get their names on the ballot as a result of issues in the 2014 Republican primary elections to nominate a U.S. Senate candidate. Krebs' plan would give the secretary of state more authority to review petitions, similar to what's on the books for ballot questions.

## WORKING WITH AUDITORS, INDIANS

Publicized problems with voting equipment in Minnehaha County, home of Sioux Falls, spurred a backlash for elections officials there because it delayed election results. Krebs said she wants to work with county auditors across the state to focus on customer service when it comes to casting a ballot. She said that could include additional training for staff and learning from what went wrong in Minnehaha County and sharing it with other auditors. Conflicting allegations on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation also resulted in federal officials flying in to monitor the elections there. Krebs said she wants to work with Native Americans and the auditors to resolve access issues while balancing concerns with county funding constraints.

## Woman sentenced to probation for role in drug ring

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A woman accused of moving marijuana in a case linked to a Sioux Falls homicide has been sentenced to two years of probation.

Fifty-six-year-old Theresa Rasmussen pleaded guilty earlier to a federal drug conspiracy charge. She's accused of running marijuana from California to Sioux Falls for her children.

Rasmussen's daughter, Faith Rasmussen, was the girlfriend of an alleged marijuana dealer who was killed last December. Authorities say Jordan LeBeau was shot to death in a botched robbery planned by other dealers in the Sioux Falls area.

Rasmussen told a judge she had no idea about the extent of the drug network created by her children. Faith Rasmussen is scheduled to be sentenced next week for her role in the drug ring.

## Berget slated for May execution in guard killing

**CARSON WALKER, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The second of two men who killed a South Dakota prison guard is scheduled to die by lethal injection in May, though it could be delayed with an appeal.

Rodney Berget, 52, is scheduled to be put to death sometime between May 3 and May 9, Attorney General Marty Jackley said Monday. The warden of the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls will choose the specific time and day and announce it within 48 hours prior to the execution.

Berget has twice delayed his execution through appeals. His defense attorney, Jeff Larson, said last month he would likely request a stay. Larson was out of the office Monday and unavailable for comment.

Berget was serving life sentences for attempted murder and kidnapping when he tried to escape in April 2011 with Eric Robert, who was serving 80 years in prison for a kidnapping conviction.

Penitentiary guard Ronald Johnson was alone in an area where inmates work on projects such as upholstery and signs when he was attacked with a pipe and killed. Robert then donned Johnson's uniform and tried to move a large box with Berget inside toward the prison gate, but they were caught before getting out.

Robert was executed in 2012. A third inmate, Michael Nordman, was sentenced to life in prison for providing plastic wrap and the pipe used in Johnson's slaying, which happened on his 63rd birthday.

Legal injections have come under scrutiny recently after the process took longer than expected in Ohio and Oklahoma. Sara Rabern, a spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, said those states are not using the single-drug pentobarbital protocol adopted by South Dakota.

Berget would be the 19th person to be executed in South Dakota. The other two men on the state's death row are Charles Russell Rhines and Briley Piper.

## List of recorded 18 executions in South Dakota

The Associated Press

The 18 recorded executions in South Dakota since it was part of Dakota Territory:

- Jack McCall was hanged in Yankton on March 1, 1877, for shooting Wild Bill Hickok in Deadwood.
- Thomas Egan was hanged in Sioux Falls on July 13, 1882, for the murder of his wife. Years later, his stepdaughter admitted to committing the crime while on her deathbed.
- Brave Bear was hanged in Yankton on Nov. 15, 1882, for the murder of a pioneer settler in Sully County in 1879.
- James Gilmore was hanged in Deadwood on Dec. 15, 1882, for the killing of a man on the old Fort Pierre-Deadwood trail.
- James Leehman was hanged on Feb. 19, 1892, for the murder of James H. Burns.
- Nathaniel Thompson was hanged in DeSmet in October 1893 for killing his wife's friend.
- Jay Hicks was hanged in Sturgis in December 1893 for killing and robbing a Meade County rancher.
- Chief Two Sticks was hanged in Deadwood in Dec. 28, 1894, for instigating the slaying of four cowboys.
- Charles Brown was hanged in Deadwood in July 14, 1897, for killing and robbing a Deadwood woman.
- Ernest Loveswar was hanged in Sturgis on Sept. 19, 1902, for the murder of two homesteaders.
- Allen Walking Shield was hanged on Oct. 21, 1902, in Sioux Falls for the murder of a Native American woman named Ghost-Faced Bear.
- George Bear was hanged in Sioux Falls on Dec. 5, 1902, for murder.
- Emil Victor was hanged in Aberdeen on Nov. 16, 1909, for the murder of three people.
- Joe Rickman was hanged in Perkins County in 1913 for the murder of a woman and her daughter.
- George Sitts was electrocuted in Sioux Falls on April 8, 1947 for killing state criminal agent Thomas Matthews and Butte County Sheriff Dave Malcolm near Spearfish.
- Elijah Page was executed by lethal injection in Sioux Falls on July 11, 2007, for the murder of Chester Allan Poage.
- Eric Robert was executed by lethal injection in Sioux Falls on Oct. 15, 2012, for killing South Dakota prison guard Ronald "R.J." Johnson during a failed escape attempt.
- Donald Eugene Moeller was executed by lethal injection in Sioux Falls on Oct. 30, 2012, for the 1990 kidnapping, rape and killing of 9-year-old Becky O'Connell in Sioux Falls.

## Weiland pitches donors to continue election fight

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland doesn't appear to be exiting the political stage quietly.

Weiland sent out a fundraising pitch on Monday calling for donations to fight against the Keystone XL pipeline and to help his campaign pay off its debt.

Weiland lost to Republican Mike Rounds on Nov. 4 in a four-way Senate race that also included independents Larry Pressler and Gordon Howie.

Weiland had dust ups with national Democrats throughout his campaign and he divorced himself publicly from party leaders shortly before Election Day.

In Monday's missive, Weiland calls on supporters to continue funding his team to make South Dakota a "beacon" against big money.

The Weiland campaign didn't immediately respond to requests for comment on Monday.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. FOUR DEAD IN ATTACK ON JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE

Prime Minister Netanyahu vows to respond harshly to the killing of worshippers which Palestinian President Abbas has condemned.

2. HUNT CONTINUES FOR 60TH VOTE IN FAVOR OF PIPELINE

Fifty nine Senators have vowed to support the Keystone pipeline in a vote that will advance the measure today.

3. WEDDINGS REFLECT WANING EBOLA FEAR IN LIBERIA

More and more couples are celebrating their nuptials in public in the country's capital, Monrovia, after the recent drop in infections.

4. WHO HAS MARRIAGE PLANS

Mass Murderer Charles Manson has received a license to wed a 26-year-old woman who visits him in prison.

5. NAVY SECRETARY'S COSTLY TRAVEL COMES AMID CUTBACKS

Ray Mabus racked up the miles, and more than \$4.7 million in costs, on 40 official trips in the past five years.

6. CROP CALAMITY BRUISES EUROPEAN ECONOMIES

A cool summer and abundant rain are affecting the harvest in Mediterranean Europe which may push olive oil prices up.

7. MIDEAST VIOLENCE STANDS IN THE WAY OF IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

President Obama could secure the goal of improved relations with Tehran--but the disagreement between both countries over the Syrian conflict is an obstacle.

8. STATE OF EMERGENCY IN FERGUSON, MISSOURI

Gov. Jay Nixon activates the National Guard ahead of a grand jury decision on whether a white police officer will be charged in the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old in the St. Louis suburb.

9. WHY EARLIER AMNESTY FOR IMMIGRANTS DIDN'T PROVOKE SIMILAR UPROAR

Unlike Obama's planned moves in a divided Washington, amnesties agreed to by Reagan and George H.W. Bush took place amid a sweeping, bipartisan immigration overhaul.

10. HOW A PENNSYLVANIA MOM WANTS TO GET GIRLS INTERESTED IN SCIENCE

Software engineer Kelly Mathews is teaming up with a nonprofit that aims to bridge the gender gap by teaching school girls about tech careers.

## AP News in Brief

### 2 Palestinians storm Jerusalem synagogue, killing 4 Israelis; Netanyahu vows harsh response

JERUSALEM (AP) — Two Palestinians stormed a Jerusalem synagogue on Tuesday, attacking worshippers praying inside with meat cleavers and a gun, and killing four people before they were killed in a shootout with police, officials said.

The attack, the deadliest in Jerusalem in years, is bound to ratchet up fears of sustained violence in the city, already on edge amid soaring tensions over a contested holy site.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed that Israel will "respond harshly" to the attack, describing

it as a "cruel murder of Jews who came to pray and were killed by despicable murderers." U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said he spoke to Netanyahu after the assault and denounced it as an "act of pure terror and senseless brutality and violence."

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas condemned the attack, the first time he has done so since a recent spike in deadly violence against Israelis began. He also called for an end to Israeli "provocations" surrounding the sacred site.

In a statement, Abbas' office said he "condemns the killing of the worshippers in a synagogue in west Jerusalem." The statement called for an end to the "invasion" of the mosque at the holy site and a halt to "incitement" by Israeli ministers.

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## **A chronology of the escalating violence between Israel and the Palestinians in recent months**

JERUSALEM (AP) — It has been a difficult year for Israelis and Palestinians, with the failure of peace talks and a string of violent incidents that shows no signs of ending. Here is a look at some key recent events:

April 24: Nine months of U.S.-mediated peace talks collapse.

May 15: Two Palestinian teens killed in a West Bank clash with Israeli troops on the day that Palestinians mark their uprooting during the Mideast war over Israel's 1948 creation.

June 2: A Palestinian unity government is sworn in, a major step toward reconciliation between the rival Fatah and Hamas factions. Israel denounces the government because it includes Hamas.

June 12: Three Israeli teenagers — Eyal Yifrah, 19, Gilad Shaar, 16, and Naftali Fraenkel — are abducted and killed by Hamas operatives in the West Bank.

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## **With Senate vote nearing, supporters seek last vote needed to pass it and send to President**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the clock ticking, supporters of a Senate bill to approve the Keystone XL pipeline are still scrambling to find the last vote.

With 59 Senators publicly voicing support, the hunt was on for the 60th vote before a critical vote Tuesday to advance the measure. Maine independent Sen. Angus King left the possibility open, telling reporters he was a "probable no."

All 45 Republicans support it, and 11 Democrats have signed onto the bill, along with three others who have publicly said they will vote "yes."

That leaves just one.

The issue has taken center stage in the waning days of this Congress in the hopes it will boost the prospects of Louisiana's Senate candidates.

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## **AP Exclusive: Charles Manson gets license to marry 26-year-old woman who visits him in prison**

CORCORAN, Calif. (AP) — Mass murderer Charles Manson plans to marry a 26-year-old woman who left her Midwestern home and spent the past nine years trying to help exonerate him.

Afton Elaine Burton, the raven-haired bride-to-be, said she loves the man convicted in the notorious murders of seven people, including pregnant actress Sharon Tate.

No date has been set, but a wedding coordinator has been assigned by the prison to handle the nuptials, and the couple has until early February to get married before they would have to reapply.

The Kings County marriage license, viewed Monday by The Associated Press, was issued Nov. 7 for the 80-year-old Manson and Burton, who lives in Corcoran — the site of the prison — and maintains several websites advocating his innocence.

Burton, who goes by the name "Star," told the AP that she and Manson will be married next month.

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## **Governor again activates Guard troops in Ferguson, ahead of grand jury decision in Brown case**

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — As a grand jury weighs possible criminal charges against the white police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, Missouri's governor has again activated the National Guard in an effort to avoid more unrest in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson.

Unlike in August, when Gov. Jay Nixon asked the troops to help quell the sometimes-violent protests that had occurred nightly following the black 18-year-old's death, his latest move is pre-emptive, coming ahead of any decision on whether Ferguson Officer Darren Wilson will be indicted.

There also are some operational differences this time. When Nixon last declared a state of emergency, he put the Missouri State Highway Patrol in charge of a unified local police command and later activated the National Guard to provide security around the command center.

Nixon said the St. Louis County Police Department would be in charge of security in Ferguson after the grand jury decision and would work with the Highway Patrol and St. Louis city police as part of a unified command to "protect civil rights and ensure public safety" in other jurisdictions.

"My hope and expectation is that peace will prevail," Nixon said Monday. "But we have a responsibility — I have a responsibility — to plan for any contingencies that might arise."

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## **Japan's prime minister delays sales tax hike to 2017, calls snap election**

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called a snap election for December and put off a sales tax hike planned for next year until 2017 as the country struggles to fend off recession.

Abe said Tuesday that he decided to postpone a second tax hike after Japan, the world's third-largest economy, slumped into recession due to a tax increase in April. Abe said he will dissolve parliament on Friday. The election is scheduled for mid-December.

Delaying the tax hike will slow Japan's work on repairing its tattered public finances. But Abe said the risk to the economy was a bigger threat.

Fresh elections may seem a puzzling decision given the bad news on the economy. But the Liberal Democrats have a solid majority and hope to further consolidate their power at a time when opposition parties are weak and in disarray.

The general election will seek a renewed public mandate for Abe's all-or-nothing bid to revive Japan's economy, which has suffered from deflation and stagnation for two decades. After taking office two years ago, Abe declared "Japan is Back" and vowed to restore his country's fading economic might.

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## **AP Analysis: Islamic State, ghosts of failed attempts haunt US in Iran nuclear talks**

LONDON (AP) — Bill Clinton tried. So did George W. Bush. Neither succeeded. As President Barack Obama's own second term winds down, he is getting closer than either of his immediate predecessors to the goal of improving U.S. relations with Iran. But he's not there yet, and plenty stands in the way, including a messy and brutal conflict in Iraq and Syria.

As high-stakes negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program resume this week in Vienna ahead of a Nov. 24 deadline for a deal, the ghosts of previous failed attempts at American-Iranian rapprochement loom large. So do very real and current concerns, not least of which are the rise of the Islamic State militancy in Iraq and Syria, fierce opposition to a deal from U.S. ally Israel and open hostility from many in Congress and hardliners in Iran who already look to be trying to derail a potential agreement.

Those issues, combined with the already frustratingly complex nature of the negotiations, have made for slow going and increased the chances of something less than a full deal being struck by next Monday's target. Officials say an extension of the already once-extended talks is possible, but they warn additional delays will invite complications. Diplomats from all sides are eager to meet the deadline.

Obama and his top aides deny that anything other than resolving the nuclear deadlock is in play in the negotiations. Yet, they also acknowledge a deal is key to a broader improvement in relations, something Obama is reported to have conveyed in a recent letter to Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamanei.

Though it hangs over the process, what appears to be a shared U.S.-Iranian interest in defeating the extremist Sunni Islamic State group has been raised only tangentially on the sidelines of the talks. The Obama administration's goal is to ultimately defeat the militants, whose rise it blames chiefly on atrocities committed by Syrian President Bashar Assad and the failure of the previous leadership in Iraq.

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## **Bad weather and parasites batter European olive harvest, may push up olive oil prices**

BEJA, Portugal (AP) — If your favorite bottle of Mediterranean olive oil starts costing more, blame unseasonable European weather — and tiny insects.

High spring temperatures, a cool summer and abundant rain are taking a big bite out of the olive harvest in some key regions of Italy, Spain, France and Portugal. Those conditions have also helped the proliferation of the olive fly and olive moth, which are calamitous blights.

The shortfall could translate into higher shelf prices for some olive oils and is dealing another blow to southern Europe's bruised economies as they limp out of a protracted financial crisis.

"The law of supply and demand is a basic law of the market," said Joaquim Freire de Andrade, president of growers' association Olivum in Portugal's southern Alentejo region, the country's olive heartland. "It's a tough year."

Olive oil is big business in southern European Union countries. They are the source of more than 70 percent of the world's olive oil, bringing export revenue of almost 1.8 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) last year. The United States imported just over \$800 million of that.

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## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 2014. There are 43 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1964, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. as "the most notorious liar in the country" for allegedly accusing FBI agents in Georgia of failing to act on complaints filed by blacks; King, who denied making such a claim, replied, "I cannot conceive of Mr. Hoover making a statement like this without being under extreme pressure."

### On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning allegory about the history of humankind, opened on Broadway.

In 1959, "Ben-Hur," the Biblical-era spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1963, the Bell System introduced the first commercial touch-tone telephone system in Carnegie and Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. A fire at London King's Cross railway station claimed 31 lives.

In 1994, bandleader Cab Calloway died in Hockessin, Delaware, at age 86.

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A-and-M University collapsed. A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted Shawn Allen Berry of murder for his role in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., but spared him the death penalty. American author and composer Paul Bowles died in Morocco at age 88.

**Ten years ago:** Former President Bill Clinton's library opened in Little Rock, Arkansas; in attendance were President George W. Bush, former President George H.W. Bush and former President Jimmy Carter. Former Ku Klux Klansman Bobby Frank Cherry, convicted of killing four black girls in the racially motivated bombing of a Birmingham, Alabama, church in 1963, died in prison at age 74. Britain outlawed fox hunting in England and Wales (Scotland had already abolished hunting). Composer Cy Coleman died in New York at age 75.

**Five years ago:** President Barack Obama visited the Great Wall of China, which he described as "magical," before heading to Seoul, South Korea, for the final stop of his eight-day Asia tour. Two days before turning 92, Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., set a record for longest-serving lawmaker in congressional history at 56 years, 320 days. (That record was broken in 2013 by U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.)

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**One year ago:** Toronto's city council voted to strip scandal-plagued Mayor Rob Ford of many of his powers following a heated debate in which he knocked over a city councilor. NASA's robotic explorer, Maven, rocketed toward Mars on a quest to unravel the ancient mystery of the red planet's radical climate change.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 75. Author-poet Margaret Atwood is 75. Actress Linda Evans is 72. Actress Susan Sullivan is 72. Country singer Jacky Ward is 68. Actor Jameson Parker is 67. Actress-singer Andrea Marcovicci is 66. Rock musician Herman Rarebell is 65. Singer Graham Parker is 64. Actor Delroy Lindo is 62. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 61. Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon is 58. Actor Oscar Nunez is 56. Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 54. Singer Kim Wilde is 54. Rock musician Kirk Hammett (Metallica) is 52. Rock singer Tim DeLaughter (dee-LAW'-ter) is 49. Actor Romany Malco is 46. Actor Owen Wilson is 46. Singer Duncan Sheik is 45. Actor Mike Epps is 44. Actress Peta Wilson is 44. Actress Chloe Sevigny (SEH'-ven-ee) is 40. Country singer Jessi Alexander is 38. Actor Steven Pasquale is 38. Rapper Fabolous is 37. Actor Nate Parker is 35. Rapper Mike Jones is 34. Actress/comedian Nasim Pedrad is 33. Actress Allison Tolman (TV: "Fargo") is 33. Actor Damon Wayans Jr. is 32. Actor Nathan Kress is 22.

**Thought for Today:** "Your way of giving is more important than what you give." - Vietnamese proverb.