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Tuesday, November 3

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

School Lunch: Chicken sandwich, puzzle tots, carrots, fruit.

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

Anniversary: Jon & Gayleen Voss

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

4:30pm: Volleyball regional at Milbank (3 matches)

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 4

NCRC Testing Seniors

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

School Lunch: Mini corn dog, baked beans, lettuce salad, fruit.

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

Birthdays: • Lon Craig • Violet Moore • Lori Craig Webb • Parker Rossow • Carla Kjelden

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Roncalli

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Sarah Circle

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation



50th Anniversary

Doug and Arlis Doeden will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with an open house. The event will be held Friday, Nov. 6, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Olive Grove Clubhouse.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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BBB Scam Alert -- It's Back! Scammers Impersonate the IRS

Nov. 2, 2015--The IRS impersonation scam is one of the most persistent cons BBB has ever seen. It reappears every few months, and this fall it's back with a vengeance. BBB has received continuous complaints about aggressive calls by fake IRS agents.

How the Scam Works:

You get a call or a voice mail message from someone claiming to be from the IRS. In the most recent version of this scam, the "IRS agent" informs you that you are being sued for unpaid taxes. She/he may give you a fake badge number and name.

The "representative" tries to pressure you into paying a fee by using a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. You're told that if you don't pay it immediately, the "IRS agent" will sign a warrant for your arrest. No matter how much the caller threatens you, don't fall for it!

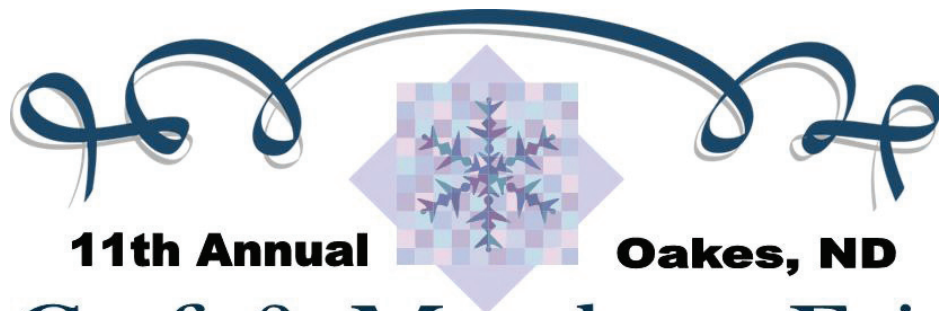
How to Spot an IRS Impostor Scam:

Be wary if you are being asked to act immediately. Scammers typically try to push you into action before you have time to think. The IRS will always provide an opportunity to question or appeal what you owe. The IRS doesn't initiate contact on overdue taxes by phone, text or email and won't call about payment or overdue taxes without first contacting you by mail. The tip off to the rip off is that you are receiving the call or message. Do not respond to these messages. If you receive a direct call simply hang up.

If you owe taxes or you think you might, contact the IRS at 800.829.1040 or irs.gov. IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there is one.

Report the incident to the Department of the Treasury at 800-366-4484 or tigta.gov.

For More Information, Check out the IRS website to learn more about scams and report suspicious activity.



11th Annual

Oakes, ND

Craft & Merchant Fair

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Many local Merchants
hosting specials &
Holiday Open Houses
around Oakes as well!

Sponsored by:
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9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Throughout Event!



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Region 1A Volleyball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Scores:

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 6:00 PM / Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

#4 Groton Area

Scores:

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 2
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Scores:

#5 Aberdeen Roncalli

Date: 11-10-2015
Time: 7:00
Site: Milbank Armory

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#3 Webster Area

Scores:

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Scores:

#6 Britton-Hecla

Date: 11-5-2015
Time: 20 minutes after Match 4
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

#2 Milbank Area

Scores:

Date: 11-3-2015
Time: 4:30 / Match 1
Site: Milbank Armory

Scores:

Scores:

#7 Tiospa Zina

School	Seed Pts.
Sisseton	42.13
Milbank Area	41.92
Webster Area	40.48
Groton Area	40.32
Aberdeen Roncalli	40.00
Britton-Hecla	36.95
Tiospa Zina	36.21

Groton Area advances to final four with last play of the game TD



Seric Shabazz returns to the field for the Groton Area Tigers after being out since the second game of the season.

It does not get any more exciting than this. The buzz around town this morning is about last night's amazing football game in Groton. Three seconds left on the clock. Groton at the four yard line, trailing by five points. Bennett Shabazz finds an opening and the Groton crowd goes wild as the Tigers pulled out a 32-31 win over Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan to advance to the final four. "I felt whoever had the ball last would win the game," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "Our kids never gave up and this game was a credit to our players. This is the time of year we, as coaches, have to motivate and give them confidence."

The game featured big plays. Just how big? Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan scored on a 56 yard, but not to be outdone, Adam Herman took a kickoff return 98 yards to score. Bennett Shabazz and receivers had their best night of the season as Shabazz

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completed 10 of 13 passes for 143 yards. Shabazz also had 19 carries for 84 yards and three touchdowns. Seric Shabazz, who had been out with an injury since the second game of the season, made a return with two carries for 29 yards.

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan wasted no time putting points on the board. On the Seahawks fourth play, Sam Arend scored with a 56 yard run with only 59 seconds gone in the game. Jesse Grosdidier kicked the PAT and it was 7-0.

Groton Area got a pair of first downs, but ended up punting on fourth and one. The Seahawks threatened to fly away with the game as on their next possession, Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan went for it on fourth and nine to get a first down, then four plays later scored on a four yard pass from Grosdidier to Camden Myers. The PAT kick was good by Grosdidier and it was quickly 14-0 with 3:08 left in the first quarter. Then Adam Herman caught the kickoff at the two yard line and turning on his wheels, he avoided tacklers and found openings and dashed the entire length of the football field to score for the Tigers. James Thompson kicked the PAT and now it was 14-7 with 2:51 left in the first quarter. "I thought that was a huge return by Adam," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We're down 14-0 and they (Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan) shoved the ball down our throats on the first two series. That touchdown put us right back in the game."

Groton Area had good field position late in the second quarter and punched it in with a 27 yard run by Bennett Shabazz with 2:44 left. The PAT kick was off to the side and Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan held on to a 14-13 lead. The Seahawks returned the kickoff to the Tiger 32 yard line and with eight seconds left in the half, Grosdidier kicked a 26 yard field goal to make it 17-13 at half time.

Trevor Pray had a nice catch that moved Groton Area down to the Seahawk four-yard line. On the next play, Bennett Shabazz would score on a four-yard run and Groton Area took the lead for the first time, 19-17, as the PAT kick was no good.

They are role models and educators. Their work requires a great deal of time and energy for very little pay. Who are these unsung heroes? The simple truth about education -based activities in South Dakota is this: without a committed team of coaches and administrators, it just wouldn't be possible. School activities, they bring out the best in all of us. This message presented by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

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Bennett Shabazz on the run, looking for an open receiver.

Then the marathon began. Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan would start on its own 49 yard line. Securing three first downs, the Seahawks would hit paydirt with six seconds gone in the fourth quarter. It was a two-point conversion as Grosdidier scored on a pass to Camden Myers and the lead went back to the Seahawks, 25-19.

Now it was Groton Area's turn. Starting on their own 26 yard line, the Tigers got two first downs. On fourth and eight, the Tigers did a fake punt and Shabazz got the first down to keep the drive alive. Groton got another first down and now were knocking on the door at the six yard line. On a drive that went 74 yards on 15 plays and nearly six minutes off the clock, the Tigers would recapture the lead on a Bennett Shabazz one-yard run. Thompson kicked the PAT and it was Groton Area leading, 26-25.

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan was back on the attack. Getting two first downs, the Seahawks would score on a five-yard run by Sam Arend with 4:34 left. They went for the two-point conversion which failed and it was Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan back on top, 31-26.

The nailbiting final drive by the Tigers had more drama than a soap opera. There was a lot of real estate for the Tigers to tackle, starting at their own 30 yard line with 4:26 left in the game. On second and 10, Groton called a time-out, then got a first down to the Tiger 43-yard

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line. Groton called another timeout with 3:54 left. On third and 14, Groton used its last timeout. The play resulted in a seven-yard gain, but now Groton was faced with a fourth and seven and no timeouts. Going for it, the Tigers lunged forward trying to get that crucial first down. It was so close on that play that the officials had to do a measurement and Groton got the first down by half the length of the football. Groton was now on the Seahawks' side, but barely, at the 47 yard line, with 1:48 left. A penalty on Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan gave Groton Area a first down and the ball down to the 22 yard line. The time was ticking. On third down and four yards to go, Carter Jondahl ran the ball out of bounds at the five yard line to stop the clock with three seconds left. "Carter made a smart decision to catch the ball and get out of bounds," Wanner said. "You have to practice stuff like that. If he would have tried to score and not make it, the game would be over and we would have lost."

Forty-eight minutes of football would be decided on the last play of the game. "I have had this play in my back pocket for 29 years," Wanner said. "We used it when Brett Schwan played for me in Ipswich and we used it when Travis Kurth played for me in Langford." But Wanner was getting a little nervous when Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan called two straight time-outs. "I was going to switch it up, but I decided not to and I'm glad I didn't change it," he said. "The play works only once." There were three options to score. "Carter would motion out of the backfield. If a linebacker goes with Carter, then our second option is to go to the tightend. Having a 6-8 tightend doesn't hurt either. If their linebacker moved out, now it was a matter of playing catch. The third option was to have Bennett run up the middle. The middle was closed down and Hunter Lerew was open for the touchdown. Bennett did a good job with that play."

Hunter Lerew would make the catch in the endzone with no time left on the clock and Groton Area advanced to the final four with a 32-31 win.

"Three years ago we lost on the last play of the game to Aberden Roncalli," Wanner said. "Four years ago we lost on the last play to Sioux Valley. It was sure nice for us to be on the other end, winning on the last play of the game."

Groton Area had more first downs, 17-13. The Tigers had 34 carries for 167 yards. Bennett Shabazz had 19 carries for 84 yards and three touchdowns, Carter Jondahl had five carries for 38 yards, Ceric Shabazz had two carries for 29 yards, Adam Herman had eight carries for 16 yards. Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan had 42 carries for 186 yards. Sam Arend had 29 carries for 154 yards and three touchdowns.

Bennett Shabazz completed 10 of 13 passes for 143 yards and one touchdown. Trevor Pray had three catches for 62 yards, Adam Herman had two for 28 yards, Patrick Gengerke had one for 23 yards, Brandon Keith had one for 15 yards, Ceric Shabazz with one catch for nine yards, Carter Jondahl with one catch for 11 yards and Hunter Lerew had one for four yards and one touchdown. Jesse Grosdidien completed

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six of 13 passes for the Seahawks for 88 yards and one touchdown. Camden Myers had four catches for 87 yards.

There was only one fumble in the game, and the Seahawks regained the loose ball. Groton Area only had two penalties for 10 yards while the Seahawks had seven for 45 yards.

Leading tacklers were Hunter Lerew and Trevor Pray with 10 each and Adam Herman and Brandon Keith with nine each. Camden Myers had 11 tackles for the Seahawks and Ethan Riggs had 10.

Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan ends its season at 6-4. Groton Area, now 8-2, will travel to Winner on Saturday for a semifinal game.

"Winner doesn't do anything fancy," Wanner said. "We're going to go and give it our best. I've been through games where we played teams that were very good and ended up winning, so anything is possible. This will give the kids an opportunity to do some things. We're going to out play and have fun. We have not played our best game, yet. That is yet to come on Saturday."

Not to brag or anything, but


In the CUBE-cast of the game

Groton Daily Independent had 2520 views


Aberdeen American News 1272

AND thanks to Justin Olson for doing the play-by-play for the GDI CUBE.

AND thanks to all those who watched the game on the GDI CUBE.



Groton Area High School has a final score




11/02/15 FB - Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan Seahawks vs. Groton Tigers

3 Likes
1,272 Views
3 Clips


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	Groton Area	32	
A	Bridgewater-Emery	31	11/2 F football



Groton Area High School has a final score



11/02/15 2nd Round FB Playoffs: Groton Area hosting Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan

7 Likes
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0 Clips

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	Groton Area	32	
A	BEE	31	11/2 F football

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South Dakota FFA announces National Convention Results

The 88th National FFA Convention was held Oct. 28-31, 2015, in Louisville, K.Y. Thousands of students from across the country, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands competed in Career Development Events (CDEs), the Agriscience Fair, Proficiency areas, and more.

Teams ranking in the Silver area:

Horse Evaluation – Groton: Katie Miller, Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Kate Helmer, Colton Hokana

Individuals ranking in the Silver area:

Dairy Cattle Handling – Nicholas Achen, Groton

Horse Evaluation – Kate Helmer, Groton; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Groton

Individuals ranking in the Bronze area:

Horse Evaluation: Colton Hokana, Groton; Katie Miller, Groton

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Veteran's Supper

In honor of our Veterans and their spouses, the American Legion Auxiliary, is sponsoring a free Veterans Day Supper on November 11 from 6 to 8 at the American Legion hall, Groton. Make your reservation now by calling the Legion at 397-2603 or Jan Seibel at 448-5524.



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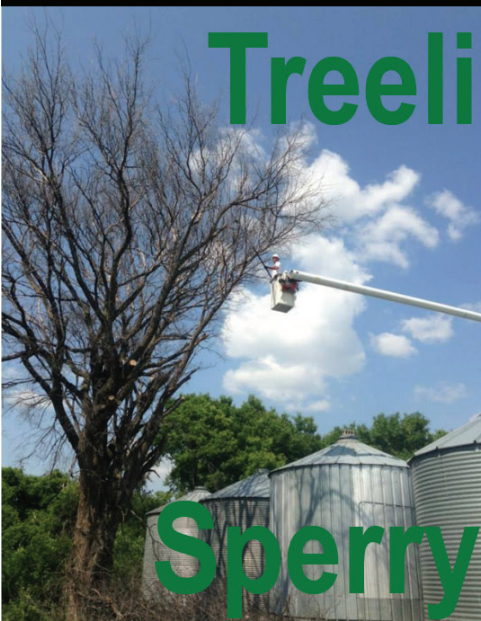
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1st Round
Tuesday, October 27

Quarterfinal Round
Monday, November 2

Semifinal Round
Saturday, November 7

Championship Round
Friday, November 13



2015 Class 11B Football Playoffs

Region 1

Time: 5:00 p.m. CT @ Swisher Field

#1 Aberdeen Roncalli	50
#4 Red Cloud*	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Groton

#2 Groton Area	27
#3 Mobridge-Pollock	21

Region 2

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Volga

#1 Sioux Valley	27
#4 McCook Central/Montrose*	7

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Tri-Valley

#2 Tri-Valley	34
#3 Beresford	13

Region 3

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Winner

#1 Winner	46
#4 Parkston*	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Chamberlain

#2 Chamberlain	18
#3 Bridgewater-Emerly/Ethan	36

Region 4

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Custer

#1 Custer	50
#4 Little Wound	28

Time: 6:30 p.m. MT @ Martin

#2 Bennett County	50
#3 Lead-Deadwood	6

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Winner

#1 Winner	50
#8 Bennett County	8

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Groton

#4 Groton Area	32
#5 Bridgewater-Emerly/Ethan	31

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Swisher Field

#2 Aberdeen Roncalli	14
#7 Tri-Valley	35

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Custer

#3 Custer	21
#6 Sioux Valley	44

Time:

#1 Winner	
#4 Groton Area	

Time: 1:30 p.m. CT @ Dakotat

Time:

#7 Tri-Valley	
#6 Sioux Valley	

Quarterfinal 1

- Winner
- Aberdeen Roncalli
- Custer
- Groton Area
- Bridgewater-Emerly/Ethan
- Sioux Valley
- Tri-Valley
- Bennett County

* Denotes at-large team (cannot host 1st round game)

> Teams are re-seeded after 1st Round

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1st Round

Tuesday, October 27

Region 1

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Langford

#1 Langford Area	49
#4 Faulkton Area	16

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Hayti

#2 Hamlin	52
#3 Bison*	0

Region 2

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Alcester

#1 Alcester-Hudson	30
#4 Wall*	8

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Dell Rapids

#2 Dell Rapids St. Mary	38
#3 De Smet	42

Region 3

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Colome

#1 Colome	54
#4 Lower Brule*	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Corsica

#2 Corsica-Stickney	32
#3 Burke/South Central	18

Region 4

Time: 5:30 pm. MT @ Buffalo

#1 Harding County	46
#4 Edgemont*	6

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Faith

#2 Faith	32
#3 Timber Lake	0

Quarterfinal Round

Monday, November 2

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Langford

#1 Langford Area	50
#8 Hamlin	33

Time: 6:30 p.m. CT @ Corsica

#4 Corsica-Stickney	40
#5 Faith	14

Time: 5:00 p.m. MT @ Buffalo

#2 Harding County	40
#7 De Smet	22

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Colome

#3 Colome	38
#6 Alcester-Hudson	36

Semifinal Round

Saturday, November 7

Time:

#1 Langford Area	
#4 Corsica-Stickney	

Time:

#2 Harding County	
#3 Colome	

Championship Round

Friday, November 13

Time: 10:30 a.m. CT @ DakotaDome

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2015 Class 9B Football Playoffs

Quarterfinal Teams

Langford Area	46.500
Harding County	44.875
*Colome	44.125
Corsica-Stickney	44.125
#Faith	43.500
#Alcester-Hudson	43.500
#De Smet	43.500
Hamlin	43.500

* Denotes at-large team (cannot host 1st round game)

* Tie broken by result of head-to-head competition

> Teams are re-seeded after 1st Round

Tie broken by average of opponents' seed

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1st Round
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Championship Round
Thursday, November 12

Region 1

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Waubay

#1 Webster Area	15
#4 Britton-Hecla	12

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Clark

#2 Clark/Willow Lake	0
#3 Bon Homme*	28

Region 2

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Chester

#1 Chester Area	56
#4 Deuel*	6

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Baltic

#2 Baltic	40
#3 Arlington/Lake Preston	8

Region 3

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Forestburg

#1 Woon./Wess. Sp./San. Cent.	40
#4 Mt. Vernon/Plankinton*	24

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Wolsey

#2 Wolsey-Wessington	22
#3 Miller	9

Region 4

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Herreid

#1 Herreid/Selby Area	60
#4 Lyman*	16

Time: 6:30 p.m. CT @ Fort Pierre

#2 Stanley County	32
#3 Gregory	8

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Waubay

#1 Webster Area	35
#8 Bon Homme	28

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Selby

#4 Herreid/Selby Area	14
#5 Wolsey-Wessington	44

Time: 6:30 p.m. CT @ Wessington Springs

#2 Woon./Wess. Sp./San. Cent.	52
#7 Baltic	12

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Chester

#3 Chester Area	21
#6 Stanley County	27



2015 Class 9AA Football Playoffs

Time:

#1 Webster Area	
#5 Wolsey-Wessington	

Time: 1:30 p.m. CT @ DakotaDome

Time:

#2 Woon./Wess. Sp./San. Cent.	
#6 Stanley County	

Quarterfinal Teams

#Webster Area	46.875
Woon./Wess. Sp./San. Cent.	46.875
Chester Area	46.125
Herreid/Selby Area	46.000
#Wolsey-Wessington	44.500
Stanley County	44.500
Baltic	42.375
Bon Homme	42.125

* Denotes at-large team (cannot host 1st round game)

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Tie broken by average of opponents' seed points

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1st Round
Tuesday, October 27

Quarterfinal Round
Monday, November 2

Semifinal Round
Saturday, November 7

Championship Round
Thursday, November 12



2015 Class 9A Football Playoffs

Region 1

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Waverly

#1 Waverly-South Shore	44
#4 Castlewood/Estelline*	28

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Warner

#2 Warner	38
#3 Eureka/Bowdle	0

Region 2

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Canistota

#1 Canistota	52
#4 Gayville-Volin	0

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Colman

#2 Colman-Egan	26
#3 Parker	36

Region 3

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Scotland

#1 Scotland	28
#4 Andes Cent./Dak. Chr.	18

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Alexandria

#2 Irene-Wakonda*	58
#3 Hanson	44

Region 4

Time: 6:30 p.m. CT @ Onida

#1 Sully Buttes	16
#4 Potter County*	8

Time: 6:00 p.m. MT @ Lemmon

#2 Lemmon/McIntosh	6
#3 Philip	14

Time: 7:00 p.m. CT @ Canistota

#1 Canistota	50
#8 Irene-Wakonda	13

Time: 7:00 p.m. @ Waverly

#4 Waverly-South Shore	16
#5 Warner	10

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Onida

#2 Sully Buttes	42
#7 Parker	6

Time: 6:00 p.m. CT @ Scotland

#3 Scotland	40
#6 Philip	6

Time:

#1 Canistota	
#4 Waverly-South Shore	

Time:

#2 Sully Buttes	
#3 Scotland	

Time: 10:30 a.m. CT @ DakotaDome

Quarterfinal Teams

Canistota	46.875
#Scotland	44.125
Sully Buttes	44.125
Waverly-South Shore	43.750
Warner	43.750
Philip	41.750
Parker	41.375
Irene-Wakonda	40.125

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**Jills and Jeans 4H
Club Harvest Carnival
Saturday, Nov. 7th**

5-7 pm

Andover Legion Hall

Soup Supper

Carnival Games

Cake Walk

**Bring a non-perishable donation for
the Needs Anonymous Food Bank
and you will be entered to win a
door prize.**

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Today in Weather History

November 3, 2003: Heavy snow fell across the area. Snowfall of 6 to 9 inches fell across Big Stone County in Minnesota, with nine inches in Ortonville. Heavy snow of up to eight inches fell across Grant County in South Dakota. Six inches fell at Big Stone City and 8 inches fell at Milbank. Heavy snow also fell from the early morning to around noon across parts of central South Dakota. Six inches of snow fell at Kennebec, Fort Thompson, Gann Valley, and Miller.

1927: Historical flooding occurred across Vermont from November 2nd through the 4th. This flood washed out 1285 bridges, miles of roads and railways, and several homes and buildings. Eighty four people were killed from the flooding, including Lt. Governor S. Hollister Jackson.

1966: An early season snowfall, which started on the 2nd, whitened the ground from Alabama to Michigan. Mobile, Alabama had their earliest snowflakes on record. Louisville, Kentucky measured 13.1 inches, Nashville, Tennessee reported 7.2 inches and Huntsville, Alabama had 4 inches of snow.

1890 - The temperature at Los Angeles, CA, reached 96 degrees, a November record for 76 years. (David Ludlum)

1927 - Somerset VT was deluged with 8.77 inches of rain to establish a 24 hour record for the state. (3rd-4th) (The Weather Channel)

1961 - A rare November thunderstorm produced snow at Casper, WY. (3rd-4th) (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Twenty-one cities, mostly in the Ohio Valley, reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 80 degrees at Columbus OH was their warmest reading of record for so late in the season. Showers and thundershowers associated with a tropical depression south of Florida produced 4.28 inches of rain at Clewiston in 24 hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A sharp cold front brought about an abrupt end to Indian Summer in the north central U.S. Up to a foot of snow blanketed Yellowstone Park WY, and winds in the mountains near the Washoe Valley of southeastern Wyoming gusted to 78 mph. Unseasonably warm weather continued in the south central U.S. Del Rio TX tied Laredo TX and McAllen TX for honors as the hot spot in the nation with a record warm afternoon high of 91 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Cold weather prevailed in the central U.S. Six cities in Texas, Minnesota, and Michigan, reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 7 above zero at Marquette MI was their coldest reading of record for so early in the season. (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Rain	Rain Likely then Chance Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 67 °F	Low: 46 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 47 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 46 °F



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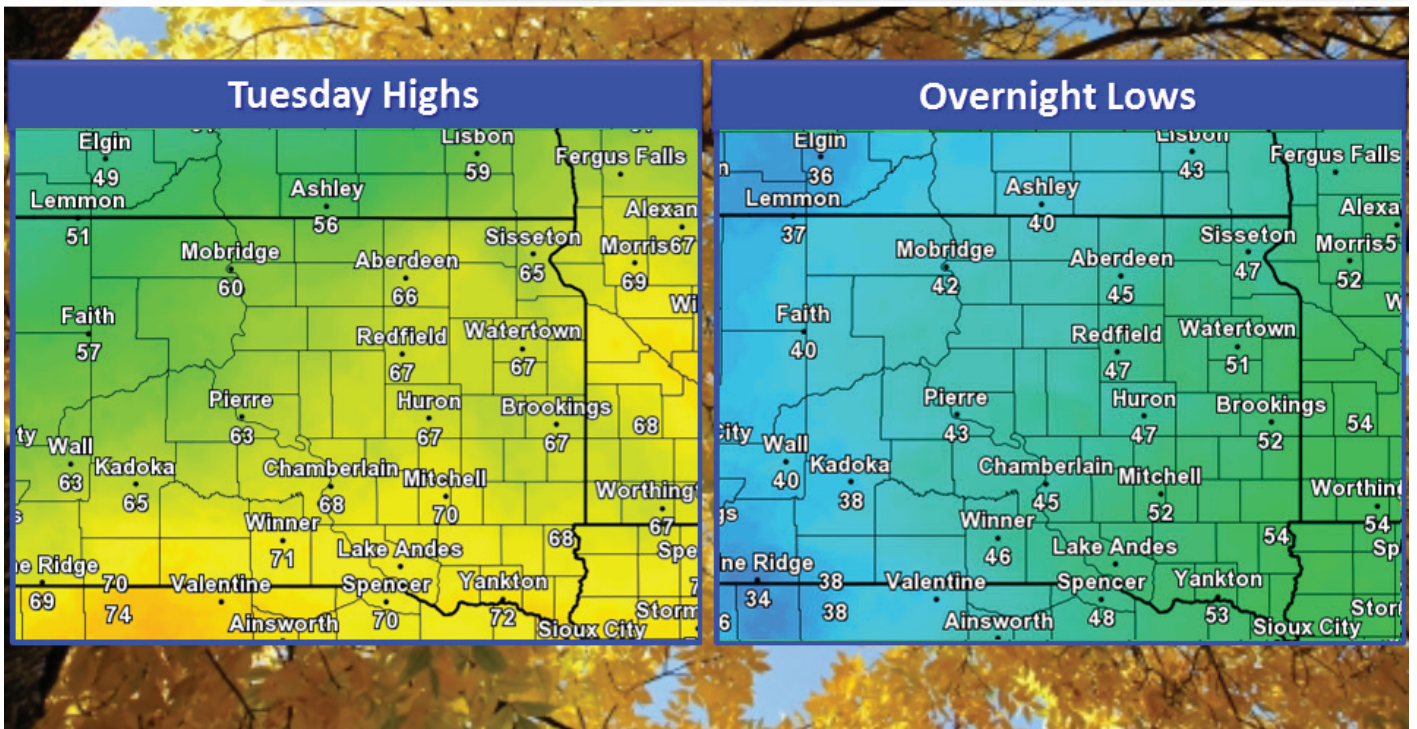
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Unseasonably warm temperatures and mainly dry conditions are expected today and through much of Wednesday. However, a front is expected to move from west to east across the Dakotas later in the day Wednesday. Rain is also expected behind that front late Wednesday night and Thursday. Cooler temperatures will follow Thursday afternoon.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 69.4 at 2:02 PM

Low: 46.5 at 7:16 AM

High Gust: 17 at 1:47 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 75° in 1903

Record Low: 1° in 1991

Average High: 48°F

Average Low: 25°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.09

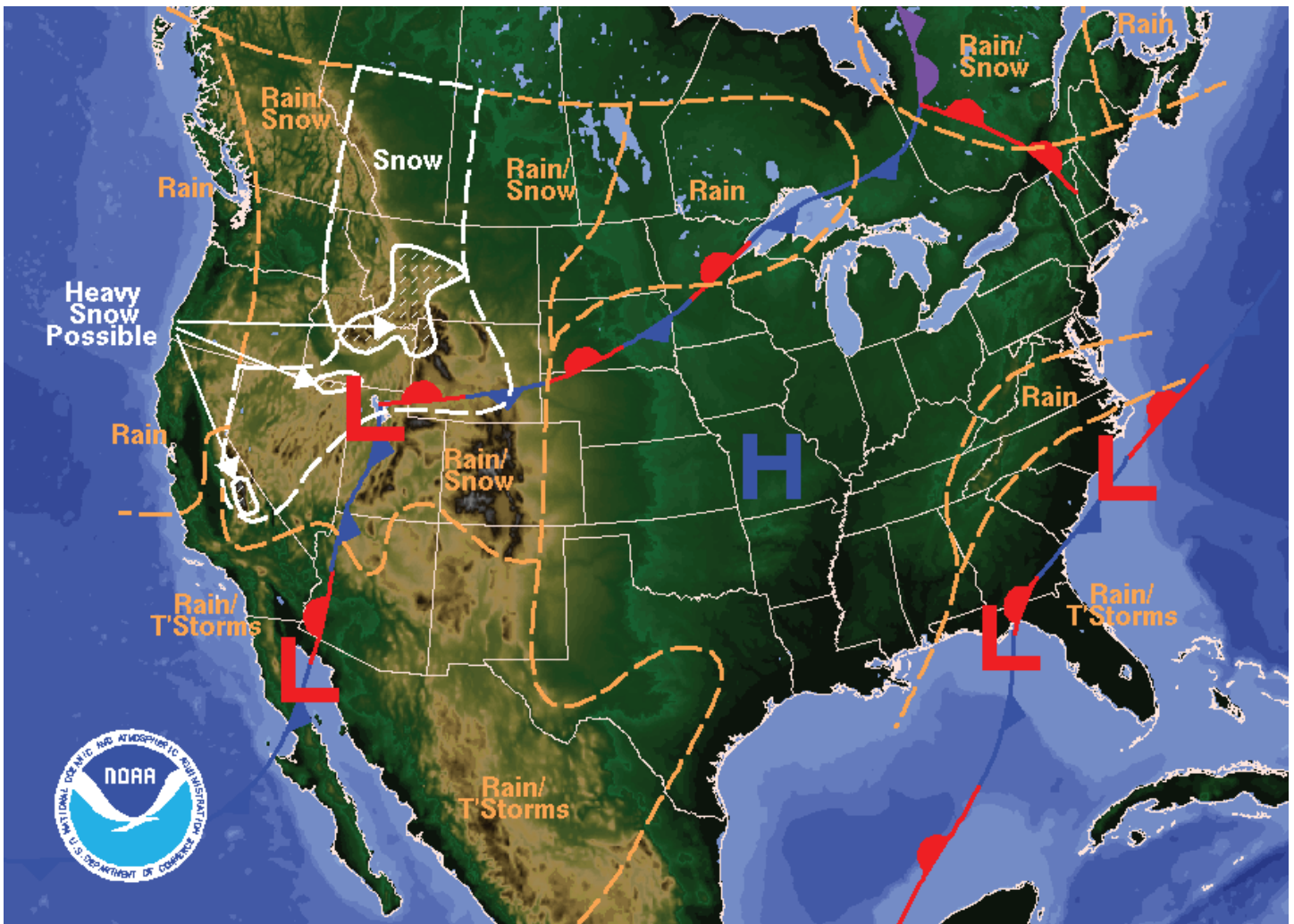
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.56

Precip Year to Date: 19.11

Sunset Tonight: 5:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:16 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Nov 03, 2015, issued 2:39 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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IS IT LUCK OR IS IT LABOR?

Gary Player, the great golfer, was completing the final hole in the final round of an important tournament. His ball landed in a sand trap and it appeared as though he would not win. He walked into the bunker, looked at his ball and then the green, and then positioned himself for a make-or-break swing. Finally, he blasted the ball with all of his might; it went up into the air and rolled into the cup!

One of his spectators shouted, "You were sure lucky, Gary!"

"Yes," he replied, "but the more I practice and the harder I work, the luckier I get!"

Luck waits for someone or something to turn up and bring good fortune. It spends countless hours looking into the future believing that there will be a turn of events, an unanticipated shower of good things falling from the clouds, an unexpected opportunity that comes in the mail or over the phone. Luck seems to suggest that if we wait long enough, patiently enough, quietly enough, good things will happen.

Some think that chance happenings, good or bad, are a result of one's "luck." Is there such a thing? Is there a reference to it in God's Word? No. But He does say that we are to seek and trust His understanding of things, not ours.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, not to wait and wonder, but to work and watch for signs and signals that give us Your directions. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

TransCanada asks US to suspend pipeline application review **ROB GILLIES, Associated Press**

TORONTO (AP) — After waiting seven years for a decision, the company behind the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to Texas has asked the U.S. State Department to suspend its review of the project. The move comes as the Obama administration increasingly appeared likely to reject the pipeline permit application.

TransCanada said Monday it had sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry requesting that the State Department suspend its review of the pipeline application. Until recently, it would have been unimaginable for the Calgary, Alberta-based company to ask for a delay.

Some pipeline opponents contend that TransCanada hopes to delay the review process in hopes that a more sympathetic Republican administration will move into the White House in 2017 and approve it.

The State Department review is mandated as part of the application process because the \$8 billion pipeline crosses an international border. The State Department does not have to grant TransCanada's request for a pause in the review and instead can continue the process.

"We have just received TransCanada's letter to Secretary Kerry and are reviewing it. In the meantime, consideration under the Executive Order continues," State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said.

The White House declined to comment.

Prior to TransCanada's announcement Monday, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama intended to make a decision on the pipeline sometime before his presidency ends in January 2017.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her main challengers for the Democratic presidential nomination are already on record as opposing Keystone. All of the leading Republican presidential candidates support the pipeline.

"In defeat, TransCanada is asking for extra time from the referees, and clearly hoping they'll get a new head official after the election. It's time for the current umpire, President Obama, to reject this project once and for all," said environmental activist Bill McKibben, co-founder of the group 350.org.

TransCanada spokesman Mark Cooper denies the suspension was intended to avoid having approval for the pipeline denied by the Obama administration.

"Our focus isn't on the political machinations of what this president may or may not do or who may be in office a year from now," Cooper said.

TransCanada said it would hold a conference call with reporters Tuesday morning to discuss the issue.

The company said such a suspension would be appropriate while it works to secure approval of its preferred route through the Nebraska in the face of legal challenges. TransCanada anticipated it would take seven to 12 months to get route approval from Nebraska authorities.

The 1,179-mile (1,900-kilometer) long pipeline has long been a flashpoint in the U.S. debate over climate change. Critics oppose the pipeline which would transport oil tapped from the Alberta oil sands, saying it requires huge amounts of energy and water and increases greenhouse gas emissions. They also express concern that pipeline leaks could potentially pollute underground aquifers that are a critical source of water to farmers on the Great Plains.

Pipeline supporters maintain it will create jobs and boost energy independence. They also say pipelines are a safer method of transporting oil than trains, pointing to recent cases of oil train derailments.

Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts reiterated his support for Keystone in a statement issued by his spokesman Taylor Gage.

"The Governor has been clear ... that it will be the safest pipeline built yet in our state, and that it will bring good-paying jobs and property tax revenue to Nebraska's counties," it said.

Both North Dakota senators, Democrat Heidi Heitkamp and Republican John Hoeven, criticized the Obama administration's long delay in approving the pipeline.

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Hoeven said it's "clear" that the administration intends to deny the pipeline permit, which he claimed would have "a chilling effect on the willingness of other companies to invest in important energy infrastructure projects in the United States."

TransCanada announced the project in 2008, which has undergone repeated federal and state reviews. The pipeline would be built from Canada through Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries along the Texas Gulf Coast.

Delays in approving the pipeline have caused friction between the U.S. and the outgoing Canadian Conservative government of Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Harper was frustrated by Obama's reluctance to approve the pipeline and the issue damaged U.S.-Canada relations. Although incoming Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who is sworn in Wednesday, supports Keystone, he argues relations with the U.S. should not hinge on the project.

Canada needs infrastructure in place to export its growing oil sands production. Canada relies on the U.S. for 97 percent of its energy exports. Alberta has the world's third largest oil reserves, with 170 billion barrels of proven reserves. But a sharp decline in the price of oil makes many of the new oil sands projects less viable.

Large-scale exercise set next month in bomber training site

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The first large-scale exercise in a huge bomber training area over the Northern Plains is scheduled for early next month.

The exercise is set Dec. 2-3 in the 35,000-square-mile Powder River Training Complex over the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming, according to Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.

The exercise "is designed to train aircrew under realistic scenarios," and people in the region can expect to see many different types of aircraft in the sky, the Air Force said. Non-military aircraft are urged to check Federal Aviation Administration notices and avoid areas where the military planes will be flying.

The Air Force has said previously that as many as 88 civilian flights a day could be delayed when large-scale exercises are conducted.

"This type of training is limited to 10 days each year, with each exercise lasting no more than three days, and (will) only occur once every three months," the Ellsworth statement said.

The FAA in March approved the plan to roughly quadruple the training airspace, making it the largest over the continental U.S. The move came over the objections of some people in the region who worry about military planes disrupting civilian flights, rural communities and ranching operations. Advocates say it will boost military training while reducing costs.

The airspace will primarily be used by B-1 bombers from Ellsworth and B-52 bombers from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. The first flights in the expanded training area occurred in mid-September.

Sioux Falls Council clears the way for ride-hailing services

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — City Council members in Sioux Falls have approved rules to enable ride-hailing services such as Uber to operate in the city.

The decision isn't popular with taxicab and limousine drivers who feel they aren't being treated fairly. But Councilman Dean Karsky says it fosters free enterprise.

The council on Monday voted 7-1 to establish a separate category in the city's vehicle-for-hire ordinance and a unique licensing system for services that use cellphone apps to connect drivers with ride-seekers.

Those drivers won't need an individual city license like traditional cabbies, but a service such as Uber will need a \$1,500 license to cover anyone driving for them. They also must do background checks on drivers.

Taxi drivers say the rules give their competition an unfair advantage.

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Merry band of daredevils presenting show in SD next year

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota residents will get a chance to witness a merry band of daredevils present a host of stunts and other tricks when the Sioux Falls Stadium hosts the Nitro Circus Live show for one night next year.

Billed as the “greatest action sports show,” Nitro Circus Live will be in Sioux Falls July 22. The show includes a standard fare of freestyle motocross, BMX and what organizers promise to be “death-defying stunts and mind-blowing tricks.”

The show, organizers say, will include the “Nitro Bomb,” which features “multiple athletes flipping simultaneously, while during unbelievable FMX trains riders slice through the air wheel-to-wheel, mere inches apart.”

Tickets for the show go on sale Friday.

Attorney general to discuss murder-suicide investigation

PLATTE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley plans to discuss on Tuesday his office’s investigation into the apparent murder-suicide and fire that left a family of six dead.

Investigators believe Mid-Central Educational Cooperative business manager Scott Westerhuis shot his wife and four children in September, then set the family home near Platte ablaze before shooting himself.

That was just hours after the state Department of Education informed Mid-Central that it was losing a \$4.3 million federal GEAR UP contract because of financial problems and failure to follow proper accounting procedures.

The Division of Criminal Investigation’s inquiry encompasses Scott Westerhuis’ personal finances, and Gov. Dennis Daugaard has asked Jackley to also look for evidence of wrongdoing in the administration of GEAR UP, a Native American college readiness program.

FBI offering reward for information on Eagle Butte death

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the death of East Lee near Eagle Butte (BYOOT).

Lee’s body was discovered on Oct. 20 at Brueske Lake near Eagle Butte. The FBI says Lee was discovered to have died from a single gunshot wound to the head, and that he was killed on either Oct. 19 or Oct. 20.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Thornton announced the reward. The FBI asks that anyone with information on the death to call the agency’s Pierre office at (605) 224-1331.

Monday’s Scores The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 9A

Quarterfinal

Canistota 50, Irene-Wakonda 13

Scotland 40, Philip 6

Sully Buttes 42, Parker 6

Waverly-South Shore 16, Warner 10

Class 9AA

Quarterfinal

Stanley County 27, Chester 21

Webster 35, Bon Homme 28

Wolsey-Wessington 44, Herreid/Selby Area 14

Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 52, Baltic 12

Class 9B

Quarterfinal

Colome 38, Alcester-Hudson 36

Corsica/Stickney 40, Faith 14

Harding County 40, DeSmet 22

Langford 50, Hamlin 33

Class 11B

Quarterfinal

Groton Area 32, Bridgewater-Emery 31

Sioux Valley 44, Custer 21

Tri-Valley 35, Aberdeen Roncalli 14

Winner 50, Bennett County 0

Weekend crash on I-90 near Wall kills 1, injures 4 others

WALL, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle crash on Interstate 90 near Wall over the weekend killed one man and injured four others from St. Louis.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol on Monday identified the fatal victim as 21-year-old Andrii Ponomar. He was one of five occupants in the vehicle that went in the ditch and rolled shortly after 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Authorities say the incident happened when 20-year-old Mykola Serhienko lost control of the 2004 Pontiac Vibe he was driving. They say Serhienko, 20-year-old Artem Boiko and 20-year-old Artem Kurhan suffered injuries that are serious but not life-threatening.

Another passenger, 29-year-old Ivan Iskorostenskyi, suffered life-threatening injuries.

The Highway Patrol says Ponomar was pronounced dead at the scene. The agency says only the driver was wearing a seatbelt.

The incident remains under investigation.

Sioux Falls closes deal to buy downtown rail yard for \$27.3M

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — After more than a decade of negotiations, Sioux Falls is now the official owner of the 10 acres of land in the city's downtown where a rail yard has sat for over 100 years.

City officials and Burlington Northern Santa Fe closed the \$27.3 million purchase Monday in a transaction that used federal funds that were secured by South Dakota's congressional delegation in 2005. The move is expected to lead to an eventual redevelopment of the elongated parcel and spur economic growth in the heart of the city.

"That land, I think that if you look 25-50 years from now ... it's going to be one of the most incredible parts of our town," Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether said during the announcement of the purchase. "It will be what I would consider an economic development juggernaut, and it will be a safe one."

City officials have not determined what will sit on the land, which is broken up by a number of streets. The final decision will likely be made by a different administration because the start of any redevelopment project is years away.

The city will take control of the property in two years after BNSF finishes construction of new siding tracks, as well as a new connection track nearby. The city will then allow a contractor to remove the yard tracks and prepare the land for redevelopment.

Development on the land is expected to begin in 2018. Huether, whose second four-year term will end that same year, said the city will be putting out a request for proposals to figure out what could be built on the 10 acres.

"We are dreaming big, but we've got these private developers (who) are also dreaming big in terms of ideas or potential that they see for that land," Huether said. "I think what you are going to find is that even prior to 2018, you'll see that the city of Sioux Falls will try to help spur on those big dreams and get people talking and trying to figure out what they should do."

Farmer corn trade lawsuits against Syngenta reach 2,000

DAVID PITT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — About 2,000 farmers, grain handlers and corn exporters have filed lawsuits against Swiss biotechnology company Syngenta now that a federal judge has ruled their cases have merit and will move forward.

The lawsuits allege Syngenta's introduction of Agrisure Viptera, a new genetically modified corn seed, interrupted trade with China in 2011, costing the U.S. corn industry an estimated \$1 billion to \$3 billion.

More than 1,860 cases have been filed since December from 22 states including Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. The cases have been consolidated before a Kansas City, Kansas judge.

Syngenta argues it had no duty to protect farmers from a drop in corn prices but the judge has ruled the law requires manufacturers to exercise reasonable care not to create a risk of widespread harm with products.

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Gateway Inc. co-founder Mike Hammond dies at age 53

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — Mike Hammond, who co-founded computer maker Gateway in an Iowa farmhouse in 1985 and helped turn it into an American success story by shipping PCs straight to customers in boxes with a spotted-cow design, has died at age 53.

Hammond died Thursday at his home in Sioux City, Iowa, funeral director Korey Robinson with the Meyer Brothers Funeral Home said Monday.

Hammond started Gateway Inc. with brothers Ted and Norm Waitt, selling what became among the most popular computers on the market. The success was short-lived, though, in the fast-changing computer industry.

The firm began by selling components for Texas Instruments computers out of a farmhouse on a cattle farm that Waitt's family owned outside Sioux City in northwest Iowa. The Gateway brand of computers

began shipping directly to consumers a few years later.

In 1991, the company started shipping its computers in distinctive containers decorated with cow spots. Hammond helped manage the company's operations in Iowa and South Dakota. After retiring from Gateway, he started Dakota Muscle to restore and repair classic cars.

Former Sioux City Mayor Jim Wharton, who worked with Hammond, told the Sioux City Journal that he thinks Hammond's contributions were underappreciated at the company.

"He was always in the background," Wharton said. "He was the nuts and bolts of the organization. ... So widely respected, and one of the smartest guys I ever met."

Gateway used a business model similar to Dell's by waiting to build computers until orders were placed. But Gateway mostly targeted consumers, not the business market that Dell went after.

Gateway struggled as more players entered the personal computer business and profit margins shrank. The company tried to expand into consumer electronics and opened retail stores, but didn't succeed there.

It went from 24,600 employees in 2000 to 1,800 after it started closing the stores in 2001 and refocusing on its core computer business.

Then in 2007, Gateway was sold to Taiwanese company Acer Inc. for \$710 million. Only a handful of employees remain at Gateway's North Sioux City, South Dakota, operation.

Former Secretary of State employee charged in flag theft

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former Secretary of State employee has been charged with one count of theft after an original, handmade South Dakota flag dating back to Deadwood's Old West days disappeared from that office, the state's attorney general said Monday.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said Garrett Devries, 26, who now lives in Washington D.C., has been charged with one count of theft having a value in excess of \$400. State investigators recovered the circa-1909 flag on Oct. 8 in Washington.

A message left for Devries was not immediately returned.

Jackley said that recovering the flag without damage or further incident was his office's priority.

"As with any charging decision and potential resolution, I am balancing the nature of the crime with the level of cooperation and acceptance of responsibility," he said in a statement.

A tentative plea hearing is set for Nov. 23.

The azure blue and gold flag had been displayed on a stand inside the Secretary of State's office in Pierre through numerous administrations. Secretary of State Shantel Krebs, who took office on Jan. 2, said an employee who had worked under an earlier administration and was returning to work that day noticed the flag was not there.

Krebs said her office conducted a thorough search for the flag before reporting the disappearance to the Department of Legislative Audit as part of a request to audit records and capital assets from the previous secretary of state, Jason Gant. The audit department referred the matter to Jackley's office in July, and a probe tracked down the prized possession to the nation's capital.

The flag was created in 1909 after Sen. Ernest May of Deadwood came into the South Dakota Historical Society office and said that the Deadwood sheriff, Seth Bullock, wanted a state flag.

Legislative librarian Ida Anding designed the flag, which features a blazing yellow sun on the front surrounded by "South Dakota" arched atop the sun and "The Sunshine State," South Dakota's original slogan, arched below. The opposite side features a colorful state seal.

Money was appropriated to produce two of the flags, according to Wi-iyohi, an early South Dakota Historical Society newsletter said. One went to the secretary of state, and it remains in that office because state statute designates the Secretary of State as the keeper of historical documents and the state seal. The second original flag was given to Bullock, and it is preserved at the historical society's office in Pierre.

Man gets 10 year-term in Standing Rock Reservation killing

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A Fort Yates man was sentenced Monday to 10 years in federal prison for killing a woman on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, after reaching a plea deal sparing him a life term because of fears by prosecutors about ensuring a conviction.

Lance Summers, 30, pleaded guilty in August to second-degree murder in the slaying last year of 38-year-old Natalie White Lightning of Cannon Ball. The charge carried a maximum penalty of life in prison but the plea deal between Summers and prosecutors called for 10 years, and U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland approved it Monday. Summers will be on probation for five years following his prison time.

"I'm sorry this whole thing happened," Summers told the judge. "I wish it never happened. That's about it."

White Lightning was last seen by friends on March 17, 2014, and her body was discovered on April 22 by two people walking through heavy vegetation on the 2.3 million-acre reservation that straddles North Dakota and South Dakota.

Court documents allege that on March 18 Summers raped White Lightning and choked her with one hand on her throat.

When Summers and a 17-year-old boy — both of whom appeared to have been drinking — realized White Lightning was not breathing, Summers called Fort Yates police, according to the documents. He said there was an unresponsive woman lying in the field where White Lightning's body was later found, the documents say.

Summers and the 17-year-old were arrested at the scene after a brief foot chase. Charges against the teen are pending in juvenile court.

Court records say the boy was crying and told police, "There is a woman out there," and, "Natalie's still out there." After they were arrested and placed in the back of a squad car, Summers told the boy not to "say anything about this," the documents say. Officers searched the field in darkness but were unable to find White Lightning.

Jana Miner, a public defender representing Summers, said he made three calls to authorities on White Lightning's cellphone but refused to give out details.

Miner and assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Delorme have said an autopsy found that suffocation, hypothermia and alcohol intoxication were factors in White Lightning's death.

Prosecutors agreed to the plea deal, fearing that a jury would not find testimony from the juvenile arrested in the case was credible, Delorme said. Another factor was that the exact cause of death was not determined, he said.

Miner said it was a "roll of the dice" for prosecutors to pursue stiffer charges and sentencing against her client, telling the judge there was "good evidence for the government and not-so-good-evidence."

Miner has said there was no evidence that her client "had physical contact" with White Lightning. She said, however, that her client matched a DNA sample taken from a cigarette butt found near White Lightning's body.

Delorme said the victim was found with her "pants pulled down." But he said it would be difficult to prove that Summers had undressed White Lightning since people suffering from hypothermia have been known to "get a sudden warming" feeling and strip off their clothes before dying.

Survey gives yet another sign of Midwest economic slowdown

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Figures plunged in an October survey of supply managers in nine Midwest and Plains states, the third straight month of declines that suggest a regional economic slowdown, according to a report released Monday.

The overall Mid-American Business Conditions Index dropped to 41.9 last month, compared with 47.7 in September and 49.6 in August.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey, again blamed the lower survey figures on the strong U.S. dollar and global economic weakness.

"At the national level, prices at the wholesale level declined by 12.1 percent for farm products and by

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25.5 percent for energy prices. This weakness has been showing up in our surveys over the last three months," Goss said.

The wholesale inflation index for October fell to 45.3, its lowest level since May 2009, and down from September's 46.8.

"As regional growth has slowed, so have inflationary pressures at the wholesale level," Goss said. "I expect weaker inflationary pressures and growth to push the Federal Reserve to delay a rate hike until 2016," he said.

The survey results are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth. A score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Economic optimism, as reflected by the business confidence index, dropped to 42.3 from 43.4 in September.

"Falling agriculture and energy commodity prices, along with global economic uncertainty, pushed supply managers' expectations of future economic conditions lower for the month," Goss said.

The index for new export orders also plummeted, hitting 38.2 last month, compared with 42.4 in September.

"The strong U.S. dollar, making U.S. goods less competitively priced abroad, and a weaker global economy, battered new export orders for the month," Goss said.

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. FIRST 10 BODIES OF EGYPT PLANE CRASH IDENTIFIED

The Russian jet, flying from Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg crashed over the Sinai Peninsula, killing all 224 people onboard.

2. COMPANY BEHIND KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE ASKS FOR PAUSE IN APPLICATION REVIEW

The move comes with the U.S. government apparently poised to reject the controversial project before Obama leaves office.

3. WHY PROBLEM OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO JUMP FROM JOB TO JOB

A tattered network of laws and lax screening allowed law enforcers accused of sexual misconduct to stay on the beat, an AP investigation reveals.

4. WHO SAYS SAILING PAST CHINESE ISLES NOT A THREAT

The head of U.S. Pacific military forces gives assurances the decision to send a guided-missile destroyer into the South China Sea was meant to demonstrate the principle of freedom of navigation.

5. EU TESTS NEW SCREENING PROCESS ON REFUGEE-HIT GREEK ISLAND

If it works, authorities plan rapid expansion to other migrant "hotspots" struggling to cope with the influx of hundreds of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty.

6. VATICAN LEAKS SCANDAL GROWS

Citing confidential documents, the book "Merchants in the Temple" by Gianluigi Nuzzi exposes millions of euros in potential lost rental revenue and greedy monsignors.

7. ISRAEL SHUTS DOWN PALESTINIAN RADIO STATION

The Israeli military says Hebron-based Al Hurria incited violence in the volatile West Bank city.

8. TRUMP'S LATEST BOOK HITS THE SHELVES

It reads like a campaign manifesto, boasting past success stories but offering few details on how he would implement his policy goals as president.

9. WHAT DOMINATES TEEN MEDIA TIME

Teenagers spend nearly nine hours a day absorbing media and despite all the new options, music and television remain the favorites.

10. KUECHLY, PANTHERS FIND WAYS TO WIN

Graham Gano kicked a 52-yard field goal in overtime to lift the Carolina Panthers to a 29-26 win over the Indianapolis Colts to remain the NFC's only unbeaten team.

AP News in Brief

First 10 bodies of Egypt plane crash identified in Russia as search for cause continues

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — The first 10 bodies of victims of Saturday's plane crash over Egypt were identified by their families Tuesday, Russian officials said.

Metrojet's Airbus A321-200 en route from Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh to St. Petersburg crashed over the Sinai Peninsula on Tuesday, killing all 224 on board. The overwhelming majority of the passengers were Russian holidaymakers flying home.

Alexei Smirnov of the Russian emergency situations ministry said that a total of 140 bodies and more than 100 body parts were delivered to St. Petersburg on two government planes on Monday and Tuesday and that a third plane is expected to bring more remains later on Tuesday.

Confusing reports and theories emerged on Monday as to what could have caused the crash.

Some aviation experts raised the possibility that a bomb on board the Airbus brought it down, while others cited an incident in 2001 when the aircraft grazed the runway with its tail while landing.

AP Investigation: Broken system lets problem officers jump from job to job

Law enforcement officers accused of sexual misconduct have jumped from job to job — and at times faced fresh allegations that include raping women — because of a tattered network of laws and lax screening that allowed them to stay on the beat.

A yearlong Associated Press investigation into sex abuse by cops, jail guards, deputies and other state law enforcement officials uncovered a broken system for policing bad officers, with significant flaws in how agencies deal with those suspected of sexual misconduct and glaring warning signs that go unreported or get overlooked.

The AP examination found about 1,000 officers in six years who lost their licenses because of sex crimes that included rape, or sexual misconduct ranging from propositioning citizens to consensual but prohibited on-duty intercourse. That number fails to reflect the breadth of the problem, however, because it measures only officers who faced an official process called decertification and not all states have such a system or provided records.

In states that do revoke law enforcement licenses, the process can take years. And while there is a national index of decertified officers, contributing to it is voluntary and experts say the database, which is not open to the public, is missing thousands of names.

Some officers are permitted to quietly resign and never even face decertification. Others are able to keep working because departments may not be required to report all misdeeds to a state police standards commission, or they neglect to. Agencies also may not check references when hiring, or fail to share past problems with new employers.

TransCanada asks US to suspend its review of application for controversial Keystone pipeline

TORONTO (AP) — After waiting seven years for a decision, the company behind the proposed Keystone XL pipeline from Canada to Texas has asked the U.S. State Department to suspend its review of the project. The move comes as the Obama administration increasingly appears likely to reject the pipeline permit

application before leaving office in January 2017.

TransCanada said Monday it had sent a letter to Secretary of State John Kerry requesting that the State Department suspend its review of the pipeline application. Until recently, it would have been unimaginable for the Calgary, Alberta-based company to ask for a delay.

The pipeline company said such a suspension would be appropriate while it works with Nebraska authorities to secure approval of its preferred route through the state that is facing legal challenges in state courts. TransCanada anticipated it would take seven to 12 months to get route approval from Nebraska authorities.

The State Department review is mandated as part of the application process because the \$8 billion pipeline crosses an international border. The State Department does not have to grant TransCanada's request for a pause in the review and instead can continue the process.

"We have just received TransCanada's letter to Secretary Kerry and are reviewing it. In the meantime, consideration under the Executive Order continues," State Department spokeswoman Elizabeth Trudeau said.

EU tests new screening process on Greek island where over 300,000 migrants have arrived

LESBOS, Greece (AP) — A garbage-strewn hillside on this Greek island has become the European Union's testing ground for a new fast-track registration process for migrants. If it works, authorities plan rapid expansion to other refugee "hotspots" struggling to cope with the influx of hundreds of thousands of people fleeing war and poverty.

Thousands are camping out here in a tent city that has sprung up around the police registration center chosen for the pilot program, which includes translators and police interviewers who use a secret questionnaire aimed at helping to quickly determine the migrants' country of origin.

The EU chose to launch the program on Lesbos, because it is on the front-line of Europe's migrant crisis. The island has been stretched to the limit with more than 300,000 migrants processed here this year, more than three times the island's population — and most have landed in the past six weeks. Germany said Monday it expects other fast-track registration centers at migrant hotspots to begin functioning by the end of the month.

Francisco Ramos, a soft-spoken Spanish policeman, is currently in charge of running the new program, which is housed in a converted freight container surrounded by razor-wire and guarded by riot police. Ramos and his colleagues interview more than 1,000 migrants and refugees per day to try to quickly establish their identity and pass the information on to police forces and authorities around the EU.

"First the migrants are identified. They are screened. The purpose of this step is to establish the real nationality," he said. "There are some migrants who are not telling us their real nationality."

Iraq's Ahmad Chalabi, leading voice behind 2003 US-led invasion, dies of heart attack at 71

BAGHDAD (AP) — Ahmad Chalabi, a prominent Iraqi politician and leading advocate of the 2003 U.S.-led invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein, has died of a heart attack, Iraqi state TV reported Tuesday.

The report said he died in Baghdad but did not provide further details on the circumstances of his death. He was 71.

Chalabi, a secular Shiite politician who lived in exile for decades, was a leading proponent of the invasion to topple Saddam and provided false information indicating that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. He had close ties to many in the Bush administration, who viewed him as a favorite to lead Iraq after the 2003 intervention.

However, he had a falling out with the Pentagon following the invasion, and was largely sidelined by other Iraqi leaders, many with close ties to neighboring Iran. Chalabi had been serving as the chairman

of parliament's finance committee, and was previously a deputy prime minister.

The first deputy speaker of parliament, Sheik Humam Hamoudi, lamented Chalabi's death as a "big loss" to Iraq, calling him "an example of perseverance and dedication."

Vatican leaks scandal heats up with book exposing waste, internal resistance to pope

The Vatican's new leaks scandal intensified Tuesday as a book detailed the mismanagement and internal resistance that has been thwarting Pope Francis' financial reform efforts.

Citing confidential documents, it exposed millions of euros in potential lost rental revenue, the scandal of the Vatican's saint-making machine, greedy monsignors and a professional-style break-in at the Vatican.

"Merchants in the Temple," by Italian journalist Gianluigi Nuzzi, is due out Thursday but an advance copy was obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press. Its publication, and that of a second book, come days after the Vatican arrested two members of Francis' financial reform commission in an investigation into stolen documents.

The Vatican on Monday described the books as "fruit of a grave betrayal of the trust given by the pope, and, as far as the authors go, of an operation to take advantage of a gravely illicit act of handing over confidential documentation."

"Publications of this nature do not help in any way to establish clarity and truth, but rather generate confusion and partial and tendentious conclusions," the Vatican said.

What's involved in recovering black box, bodies from El Faro ship? Ocean expert explains

BOSTON (AP) — It's 15,000 feet beneath the waves — deeper than the final resting place of the Titanic.

What's involved in efforts to recover the data recorder of the cargo ship El Faro? What about the bodies of the 33 crew who were aboard when the ship sank off the Bahamas a month ago during Hurricane Joaquin?

David Gallo of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, who helped locate the wreckage of an Air France jetliner off Brazil in 2011 and joined one of the final expeditions to the Titanic's ocean grave, spoke to The Associated Press on Monday about the challenges and decisions facing recovery workers.

Pistorius case being heard by Supreme Court, prosecutors again pushing for murder conviction

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa (AP) — Oscar Pistorius' case is being heard by South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeal, where prosecutors are again pushing for a murder conviction against the double-amputee athlete for shooting his girlfriend.

Prosecutors and Pistorius' defense lawyers present arguments Tuesday to a panel of five judges, who will decide if Pistorius' manslaughter conviction should stand or if it should be changed to a more serious murder conviction. The judges could also order another trial.

Prosecutors say a judge made an error at Pistorius' trial last year when she acquitted him of murder for killing Reeva Steenkamp. Pistorius was instead found guilty of culpable homicide, a charge comparable to manslaughter, and sentenced to five years in prison.

The Olympic runner, who is currently under house arrest, was not at Tuesday's hearing.

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LB Luke Kuechly, unbeaten Panthers keep finding ways to win games

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Luke Kuechly is the first to admit the Carolina Panthers don't always win pretty. Seems the team's gritty star middle linebacker wouldn't have it any other way.

"That's not what we do," Kuechly said after Carolina's 29-26 overtime win Monday night over the Indianapolis Colts. "We just find a way to win at the end of the game, and that's what makes it fun here is we keep it exciting. You never know what to expect."

Kuechly had a chance to put away the Colts at the end of regulation, but he dropped Andrew Luck's pass in the end zone.

The 2013 NFL Defensive Player of the Year allowed a wet football to slide through his hands with 2 seconds left in regulation. Adam Vinatieri kicked a field goal from there to send it overtime.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 3, the 307th day of 2015. There are 58 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 3, 1900, the first major U.S. automobile show opened at New York's Madison Square Garden under the auspices of the Automobile Club of America.

On this date:

In 1839, the first Opium War between China and Britain broke out.

In 1903, Panama proclaimed its independence from Colombia.

In 1911, the Chevrolet Motor Car Co. was founded in Detroit by Louis Chevrolet and William C. Durant. (The company was acquired by General Motors in 1918.)

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won a landslide election victory over Republican challenger Alfred M. "Alf" Landon.

In 1954, the Japanese monster movie "Godzilla" was released by Toho Co.

In 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 2, the second manmade satellite, into orbit; on board was a dog named Laika (LY'-kah) who was sacrificed in the experiment.

In 1960, the Meredith Willson musical "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" opened on Broadway with Tammy Grimes in the title role.

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson soundly defeated Republican Barry Goldwater to win a White House term in his own right.

In 1970, Salvador Allende (ah-YEN'-day) was inaugurated as president of Chile.

In 1979, five Communist Workers Party members were killed in a clash with heavily armed Ku Klux Klansmen and neo-Nazis during an anti-Klan protest in Greensboro, North Carolina.

In 1986, the Iran-Contra affair began to come to light as Ash-Shiraa, a pro-Syrian Lebanese magazine, first broke the story of U.S. arms sales to Iran.

In 1994, Susan Smith of Union, South Carolina, was arrested for drowning her two young sons, Michael and Alex, nine days after claiming the children had been abducted by a black carjacker.

Ten years ago: Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, pleaded not guilty to a five-count felony indictment in the CIA leak case. (Libby was later convicted, but had his 30-month prison sentence commuted by President George W. Bush.) Merck and Co. won its first court battle over its Vioxx painkiller when a New Jersey state jury found the drugmaker had properly warned consumers about the risks of the medication.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama acknowledged that Democrats had taken "a shellacking" in midterm elections. The Federal Reserve announced a plan to buy \$600 billion in Treasury bonds over the next eight months in an attempt to boost lending and stimulate the economy. Former Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin died in Moscow at age 72.

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One year ago: Thirteen years after the 9/11 terrorist attack, the resurrected World Trade Center opened for business, marking an emotional milestone for both New Yorkers and the nation. Tom Magliozzi, 77, one half of the brother duo who had hosted National Public Radio's "Car Talk," died near Boston.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Peggy McCay is 88. Actress Lois Smith is 85. Actress Monica Vitti is 84. Former Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis is 82. Actor-dancer Ken Berry is 82. Actor Shadoe Stevens is 69. Singer Lulu is 67. Comedian-actress Roseanne Barr is 63. Actress Kate Capshaw is 62. Comedian Dennis Miller is 62. Actress Kathy Kinney is 62. Singer Adam Ant is 61. Actor Dolph Lundgren is 58. Rock musician C.J. Pierce (Drowning Pool) is 43. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evgeni Plushenko is 33. Actress Julie Berman (TV: "General Hospital") is 32.

Thought for Today: "Love is never merely an amiable tolerance of whatever form human frailty and folly may take." - Josiah Royce, American philosopher (1855-1916).