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Thursday, November 12

District I Leadership CDE at Watertown
School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower and pea salad, tapioca pudding, whole wheat bread.

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

1:30pm: Parent/Teacher Conferences

6:30pm: Groton Lions meet at Dakota Brush on Main Street

6:45pm: Senior Scholarship Info Night

Friday, November 13

Ag Appreciation Banquet in Aberdeen
Debate and Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central
NO SCHOOL - Faculty In-Service

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Lindsey Tietz

Saturday, November 14

Debate and Oral Interp at Aberdeen Central

Anniversary: Loren & Holly Johnson

Birthday: Tricia Keith

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, November 15

Anniversary: Fred & Elaine Wolken

Birthdays: Glenn Cooper • Landon Jondahl • Amber Meister Miller

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

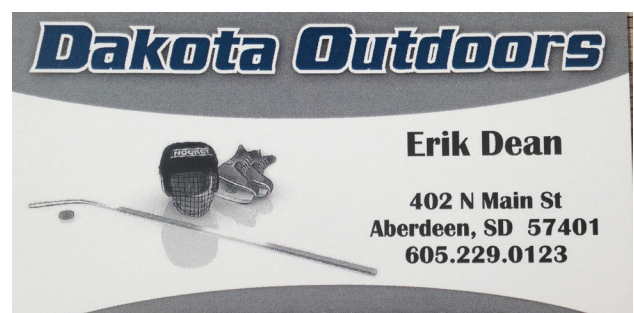
9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

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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The GHS Football team were treated to the Corn Palace in Mitchell. The bus was allowed to park right in front of the Corn Palace and the team was allowed to eat in the arena where they were given a presentation about the history of the Corn Palace.

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Back row L to R: Adam Herman, Tylan Glover, Cody Swanson, Garrett Stene, Mitchell Koens

Front row L to R: Macy Knecht, Aleaya Worlie, Gabbie Kramer, Kari Hanson

All State Chorus

This past weekend, eight Groton Area High School students participated in the South Dakota All-State Chorus in Rapid City. At the beginning of the school year, the students auditioned as quartets and have been rehearsing outside of school to prepare for the event. These students joined over 1000 other South Dakota high school students to perform their concert at the Rushmore Plaza on Saturday night, October 31. The guest conductor was Peter Eklund, a well-known music educator and conductor from Lincoln, Nebraska. The students enjoyed rehearsing with Mr. Eklund, who currently teaches at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The students are under the direction of Mr. Cody Swanson.

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 22, Ken's 20, James Valley 16, Ten Pins 14.

High Games: Vickie Kramp 171, 168; Gert Erickson 168; Penny Stolle 166

High Series: Vickie Kramp 487, Joyce Walter 478, Penny Stolle 459

Conde National League

Team Standings: Mets 14 1/2, Braves 14, Pirates 12, Cubs 12, Giants 11, Colts 8 1/2

Men's High Games: Larry Frohling 199, Troy Lindberg 182, Topper Tastad 182, Chad Furney 170

Men's High Series: Troy Lindberg 499, Allen Walter 486, Larry Frohling 472

Women's High Games: Vickie Kramp 179; Joyce Walter 173, 160, 157; Renee Hanlon 150.

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 490, Vickie Kramp 472, Nancy Radke 432

Groton Prairie Mixed League

Team Standings: Shih Tzus 7, Chipmunks 5, Jackelopes 4, Foxes, 3, Coyotes 3, Pocket Gophers 2

Men's High Games: Roger Spanier 258, Brad Waage 222, 211, Rick Carlson 206

Women's High Games: Vicki Jorgensen 169, Sue Stanley 164, 156, Lori Giedt 164, 156

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 617, Roger Spanier 605, Rick Carlson 551

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 475, Lori Giedt 462, Vicki Jorgensen 440



Oral Interp Team places second

The GHS Oral Interpretation Team had a very successful weekend at the Watertown Pumpkin Stakes held October 31, 2015. The Reader's Theater team of Erin Smith, Jenifer Fjelstad, Kelsey Iverson, Anne Marie Smith, Lily Cutler and Keri Pappas placed second behind a team from Sioux Falls O'Gorman. Cutler also placed fourth in Poetry. Others competing for GHS included Iverson in Dramatic Interpretation, E. Smith and Fjelstad in Duo Interpretation, Cutler in Humorous Interpretation, Pappas in Non-Original Oratory. GHS will have their regional competition on November 17, 2015 in Aberdeen.

Three named to All State Soccer Team

Joy Nay Htoo, a senior, was named to the first team of the South Dakota High School Soccer Coaches Association All State Soccer Team. Named to the second team were seniors James Thompson and Lane Weig.

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November 12-14 

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Friday 9am - 5pm
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Veteran's Day Breakfast at Groton Area



Fourth grader Layne Hanson invited a Veteran friend from his church to the Veteran's Day morning breakfast at the Groton Area Elementary School. He is pictured with Al Froiland and his wife, Sheryl, from Aberdeen. Al served in the US Army from December 1968 to November 1971 as a Helicopter crew chief during the Viet Nam War.



Superintendent Joe Schawn poured coffee at the Veteran's Day breakfast. He is pouring coffee for Eddy Opp, Groton. Opp served in the US Army during the Korean War as a mine defuser.



Third grader Jeslyn Kosel (left) along with her sister, sixth grader Julianna, invited Norman Anderson, Groton, to the Veteran's Day breakfast. Norman attends the church that the girls go to in Pierpont. Norman served in the US Navy for 17 years, serving on eight destroyer ships and troop transport ships during the Korean and Viet Nam wars.

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Groton Area hosts Veteran's Day Program



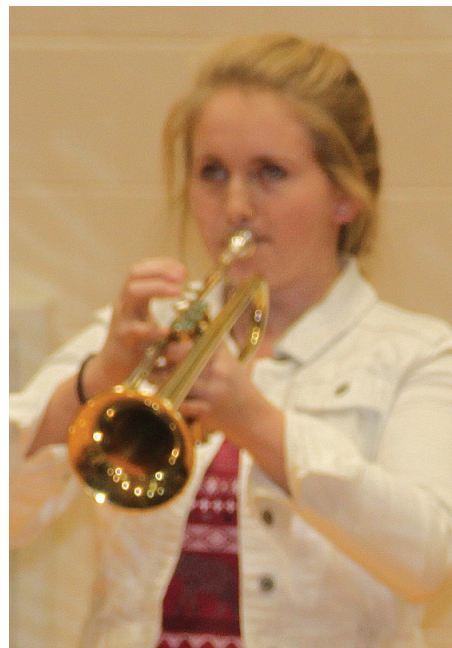
The Chamber Choir sang the "Star Spangled Banner," directed by Cody Swanson.



Jake McKiver and Bob Wengner presented the Colors at the Veteran's Day Program.



Lily Cutler read, "Daddy's Poem."



Katie Miller played, "Taps," as the colors were retired at the end of the program.



Marlee Jones and Kiernan McCranie gave the introductory remarks.



Jenifer Fjelstad read, "A Christmas Poem."

If you missed the Veteran's Day program, you can watch it on the Cube.

<http://www.thecube.com/event/2015-veteran-s-day-program-566755>

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The junior high band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, played, "Echoes of the Civil War."



The junior kindergarten class sang, "Hear Our Thanks Today."



The kindergarten class sang, "God Bless the USA."

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The first and second graders sang, "Oh, I Love America."



Kayla Jensen (left) read about the story of Veteran Karl Rekow (right), who served in the US Air Force.

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Samantha Pappas (left) read the story about her dad, Kelly Pappas, as a Veteran of the US Navy.



The high school band, under the direction of Desiree Yeigh, played the "Service Songs."

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The third, fourth and fifth graders sang, "Three Cheers for America."



The high school choir sang, "O, America!"

The Life of LaVerna Houdek



Services for LaVerna Houdek, 100, of Rio Rancho, New Mexico and formerly of Groton will be 2 p.m., Saturday, November 14, 2015, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton. Pastor Elizabeth Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the church on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m.

LaVerna died Saturday, November 7, 2015 at an assisted living facility in Rio Rancho.

Laverna was born on October 14, 1915 to Frank and Mary Weihrauch in rural Groton, SD. During her 100 years of life she witnessed many cultural changes and technological advances. She attended a small, rural school during her elementary years. During high school, she boarded in town in Groton because daily winter travel was too difficult from the family homestead in the country. She would tell storied about traveling by horse and buggy. Laverna graduated from Groton High School in 1933.

Laverna married Leland Houdek from Orient on October 3, 1937 in Groton. They lived in St Paul, Mn until Leland served in the Army in Germany during WWII. While Leland was at war, including missing in action for 3 months, she worked at the telephone office in Groton as

a telephone switchboard operator. After his return for WWII, they lived in Brookings, SD where their only child, Mary, was born on January 30, 1949.

Laverna retired from Singer Sewing Machine Company after 25 years. At Singer, she was a sewing instructor, a sales person, and the book-keeper. Her successful sales while at Singer earned her several company all expense paid trips.

Throughout her many years of living in Groton, she was active in both the community and her church. She is a lifetime member of Legion Auxillary. Many remember her as a Sunday School teacher at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. She also served on the alter committee, Ladie's Aid and Circle, and the quilting group.

Laverna enjoyed life and church and friends. She was an avid Twins fan even when they were losing; loved auto races; enjoyed sewing for friends and family. She was an incredible seamstress. She enjoyed reading biographies of famous persons.



Great Starter Home! Great Location!

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

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Today in Weather History









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

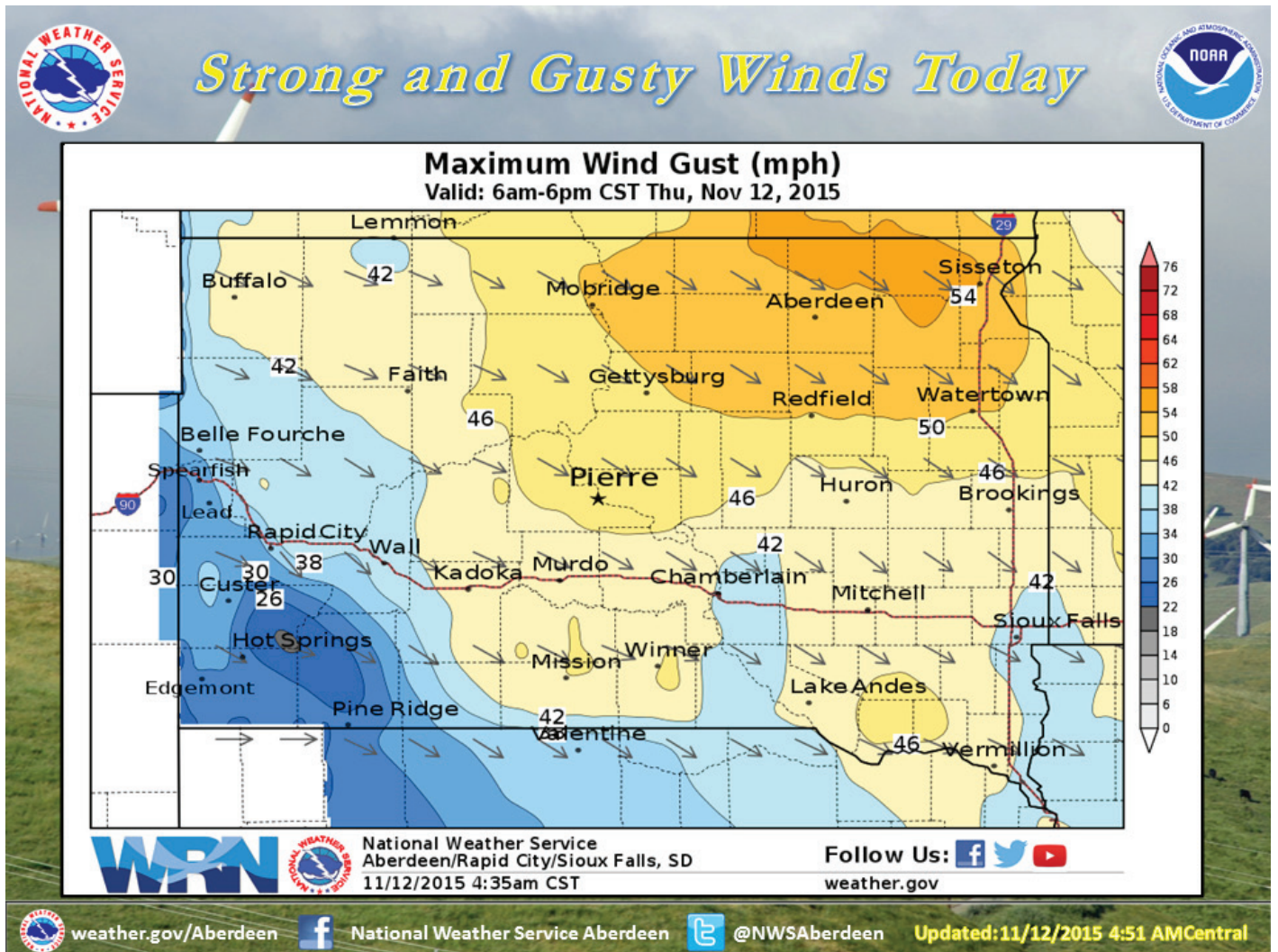
November 12, 2003: High winds brought down a 70-foot gas station sign in Kennebec. The sign fell onto a shed, causing considerable damage to the shed. A 25-foot radio tower on the Kennebec courthouse was also knocked down by the winds.

1970: The deadliest tropical cyclone ever recorded, and one of the deadliest natural disasters in modern times occurred on this day in East Pakistan, now Bangladesh. The Bhola Cyclone first formed over the Bay of Bengal on November 8, and traveled north. This cyclone reached peak intensity, Category 3, on the 11, and made landfall on the coast of East Pakistan the following afternoon. The Bhola Cyclone killed an estimated 500,000 people and caused nearly \$90 million in damage (1970 USD).

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Wind Advisory		Today	Tonight	Friday	Friday Night	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday
								
	Mostly Sunny and Windy	Mostly Clear and Blustery then Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	
	High: 46 °F	Low: 18 °F	High: 49 °F	Low: 30 °F	High: 58 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 57 °F	



A wind advisory is in effect today in anticipation of strong and gusty winds developing by mid morning and persisting into the early evening hours. Northwest winds from 30 to 40 mph with gusts exceeding 50 mph at times will be felt across the area today. The combination of strong winds and lowering afternoon humidity will also bring very high fire danger.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 39.9 at 12:45 PM

Low: 35.4 at 9:49 AM

High Gust: 31 at 4:22 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 67° in 1905

Record Low: -14° in 1896

Average High: 42°F

Average Low: 21°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.34

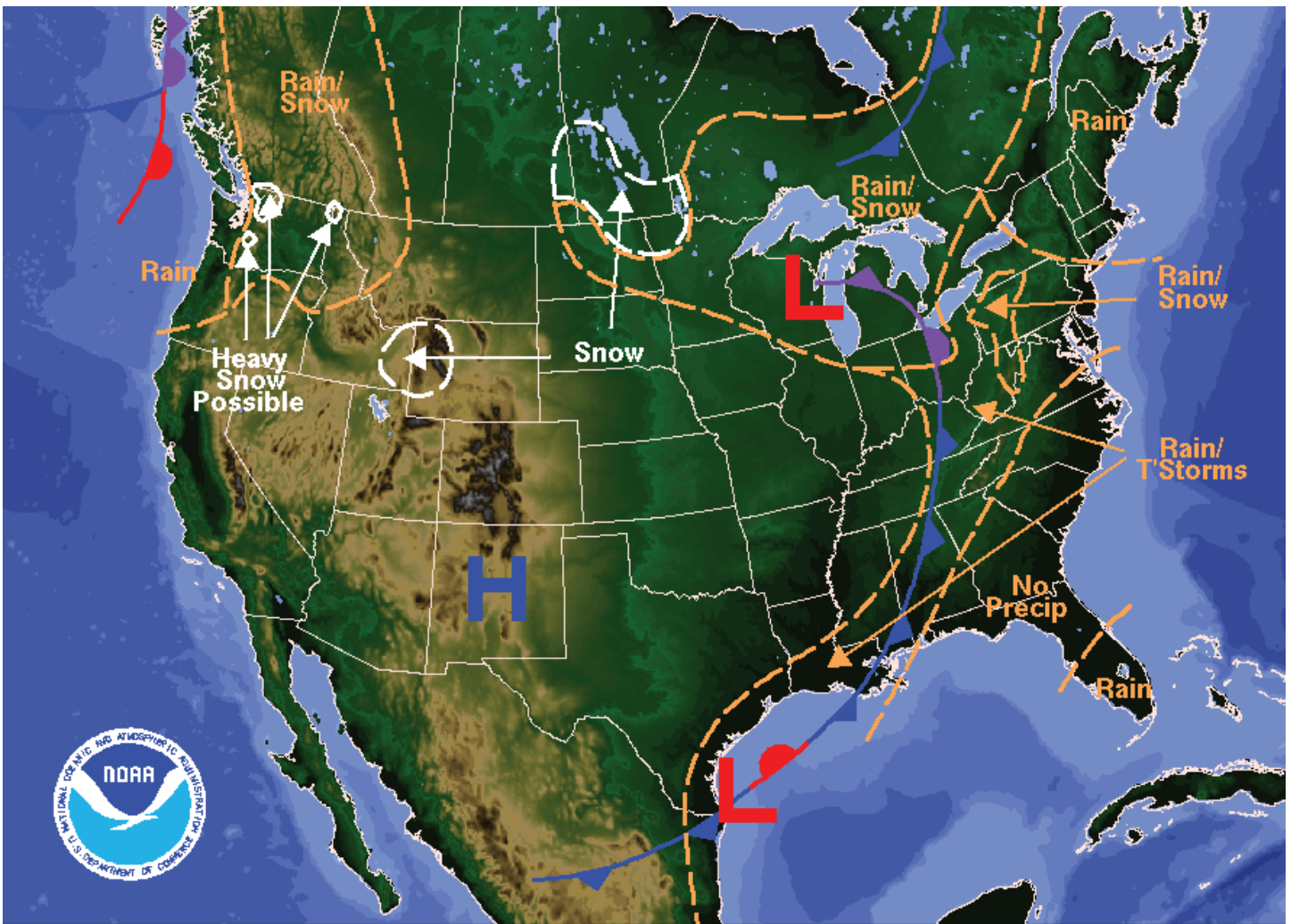
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.39

Average Precip to date: 20.81

Precip Year to Date: 19.50

Sunset Tonight: 5:06 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:29 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Nov 12, 2015, issued 4:01 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



MAKING CHOICES

Sitting on a steel girder high above the ground, Joe opened up his lunch container, looked at his sandwich and said, "Peanut butter and jelly. Three days in a row now, I've had peanut butter and jelly."

"Why are you complaining to me? Complain to your wife. Tell her you don't want peanut butter and jelly," said his friend, John.

"Don't blame my wife," said Joe. "She didn't make them. It's my lunch so I make my own sandwiches."

In one way or another, we all "make our own sandwiches." What goes in between the slices of bread is, in the final analysis, up to us. We can eat the same old thing or experiment with new tastes.

When we receive Christ, we are regenerated spiritually and emotionally and God wants to give us a new way of thinking. The Spirit of God comes to make His home in us and wants us to have the mind of Christ in us to guide us.

Even so, we chose what goes into our lives. We still have our own nature and will, but we do have a new source of insight and wisdom available to us. We can, with the Lord's guidance, fill our minds and hearts and lives with the best that God has to offer if we are only willing to seek His guidance.

Prayer: We ask, Father, that we will allow Your Spirit to guide our choices so that we may live worthy of You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

News from the Associated Press

Woman charged of voluntary manslaughter in reservation death

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota woman is accused in the death of a man on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation.

Stacie Steele, of Fort Yates, is charged with voluntary manslaughter for the Oct. 27 death of Ricky Schnabel. She has pleaded not guilty.

Court documents say Schnabel was killed "upon a sudden quarrel and heat of passion." No further details were released.

Trial is scheduled for Jan. 12 in Bismarck. A federal public defender could not be reached for comment. The reservation straddles the North Dakota and South Dakota border.

GF&P reminds residents not to disturb furbearer traps

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is reminding residents who come across trapping equipment or furbearers in traps not to disturb the animals and equipment.

GF&P wildlife damage program administrator Keith Fisk says trappers will be checking the traps in accordance with state regulations. He says traps and snares are designed to humanely hold furbearers.

The department says trapping is an important component of wildlife management and serves as a critical role in managing South Dakota's furbearer populations. He says more than 3,500 outdoor enthusiasts pursued the renewable natural resource of wild fur as a recreational outdoor activity in 2014.

Many of the state's furbearer seasons opened this past Saturday.

Registration open for Center for Disabilities Symposium

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota says registration is open for the Center for Disabilities Symposium that's set to be held in April.

The event begins April 18 in Sioux Falls. It has been developed for direct service providers, the families of people with disabilities and educators, among many others.

Wendy Parent-Johnson is executive director of the Center for Disabilities. She says the center adds new elements to the event each year.

State maintaining grants with Platte educational cooperative

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A financial examination found no issues with a Platte-based educational cooperative's administration of federal grants beyond a college-readiness program already under scrutiny, South Dakota's education chief said Wednesday.

Secretary Melody Schopp said the Department of Education reviewed its grant relationships with Mid-Central Educational Cooperative after a murder-suicide involving two cooperative employees prompted state officials to take a closer look.

The cooperative handled administration of the federal GEAR UP college-readiness grant for the state until the agreement was canceled in September.

Schopp said the department worked with Mid-Central for several years to address financial concerns before it decided not to renew the contract. The department didn't find criminal concerns and Schopp said the decision was based on financial issues and failure to follow proper accounting procedures.

Hours after the department informed Mid-Central that it was losing its GEAR UP contract on Sept. 16, cooperative business manager Scott Westerhuis shot his wife, Nicole, and four children before setting the family home ablaze and shooting himself. Nicole Westerhuis was the co-op's assistant business manager.

A state-federal investigation into the financial circumstances involving GEAR UP is ongoing, and Attorney

General Marty Jackley has said financial issues appear to have been a contributing factor in the deaths. Few details about the inquiry have been made public.

Schopp said her department completed a risk assessment of grants other than GEAR UP at Mid-Central. The state decided to maintain its other relationships with the cooperative as long as Mid-Central complies with a handful of extra conditions, according to an Oct. 29 department letter to the organization's attorney.

"In light of recent events, Mid Central Educational Cooperative welcomed the (department's) extensive risk analysis efforts and is pleased with the DOE's findings that (the cooperative) is able to continue to provide these important educational services," Mid-Central governing board Chairwoman Pam Haukaas said in a statement through attorney Scott Swier.

Schopp said the agency also asked the Department of Legislative Audit to perform an assessment of the roughly \$3 million in grants and contracts between the state and Mid-Central. Auditors are looking for the risk of noncompliance with requirements expected to be met as a condition of receiving a grant.

Shooting death of man in Rapid City treated as a homicide

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are treating the shooting death of a man as a homicide.

Officers responding to a report of a disturbance about 11 p.m. Tuesday found 56-year-old Michael Crawford, of Rapid City, with a gunshot wound lying in a yard. He was taken to a hospital, where he died.

It's the seventh homicide in Rapid City this year.

Authorities on Wednesday did not immediately say if they have a suspect in the shooting. They are asking anyone with information about the incident to call police.

Study on Rapid City racial friction finds pluses, minuses

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — An independent study on race relations in Rapid City shows friction between the Native American community and the mostly white police force, but also a desire to improve the situation.

The yearlong study was done by two University of South Dakota researchers. A community forum was held Tuesday night to discuss the findings, with more than 150 people attending.

Racial tensions have been strained by several incidents including Native American children being sprayed with beer during a minor league hockey game in January. A man accused of spilling the beer and using racial slurs was cleared of a disorderly conduct charge in September.

The study found distrust and a sense of mutual discrimination among police and American Indians, with both saying they feel racial prejudice from the other group.

Many Native Americans in the city believe they're regularly profiled by police who they say assume Native populations are involved in crime, the Rapid City Journal reports. Another finding was that Native Americans make up 59 percent of those arrested, though they're estimated to make up 23 percent of the Rapid City's population.

But the study also found that there is a desire on the part of both to improve relations. One of the researchers, University of South Dakota professor Rich Braunstein, said police feel they can depend on the Native community to help in investigations, and that the community feels they can depend on police for protection.

Police Chief Karl Jegeris said the police department plans to form a cultural advisory committee made up of volunteer members from the community. The committee would advise Jegeris on race-related issues, working through department coordinator Vaughn Vargas.

"I'm hoping to get all representations on this committee, hopefully be diverse and solve some of these problems before they come across the desk of Chief Jegeris," Vargas said.

Fresh produce delivery company to break ground in SD

DELL RAPIDS, S.D. (AP) — A newly formed company that wants to expedite the delivery process of fresh produce will be breaking ground in South Dakota.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development says Midwest Fresh Logistics will soon begin construction of a 20,000-square-foot facility at the recently established Fiegen Development Park in Dell Rapids.

The building will include office space and a refrigerated area to handle produce.

Ben Bricko is the company's president. He says the facility's goal will be to sort produce coming from states like California, Texas and Washington and transfer it to trucks that will deliver it to wholesalers and regional distribution centers in places including Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Illinois.

Bricko says the facility will begin operations in the spring, weather permitting. The company will initially hire eight to 10 people.

Pierre leaders vote to continue developing event center

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Pierre's City Commission has decided to continue developing an event center and schedule meetings for public input.

Architects earlier proposed a \$14.5 million facility that would have seating for 4,000 people. Mayor Laurie Gill says the commission on Tuesday night voted to continue moving forward, but she says many decisions need to be made before a final design is authorized and the project is approved.

An event center would replace the old downtown City Auditorium, which hosted everything from sporting events to governor inaugurations. It was closed in 2010 because of structural issues and demolished last year.

The city plans to schedule three event center public input meetings by next spring.

South Dakota farmers produce more soybeans, sorghum in 2015

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers this year produced more soybeans and sorghum, thanks to record-high yields.

The Agriculture Department in its latest crop production report forecasts the state's soybean crop at 802 million bushels. That's up 2 percent from last year thanks to a record average yield of 162 bushels per acre.

South Dakota's sorghum production is pegged at 18.1 million bushels, up 91 percent from 2014. The yield of 86 bushels per acre is the highest on record.

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. IRAQI KURDS LAUNCH OFFENSIVE AGAINST IS MILITANTS

Peshmerga fighters, backed by the U.S.-led air campaign, are aiming to retake the town of Sinjar, which the Islamic State group overran last year, triggering the flight, massacre and enslavement of tens of thousands of Yazidis.

2. MISSOURI STUDENT ACCUSED OF THREATENING BLACKS

Hunter M. Park, a 19-year-old sophomore, is charged with making a terrorist threat after his arrest at a residence hall.

3. WHY PROTEST BY MISSOURI'S FOOTBALL TEAM MIGHT UPEND STATUS QUO

More and more, today's athletes are showing willingness to test the limits of their power by organizing efforts and smart use of social media.

4. CARSON PROFITS FROM TIES WITH CONVICTED FELON

The candidate maintained business ties with a close friend who pleaded guilty to defrauding insurance companies and testified on his behalf, The AP learns.

5. WHO SAYS SHE WILL BE "ABOVE THE PRESIDENT"

Some see Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's statement as her willingness to place herself above the law, while others say she's obeying the will of the people.

6. VOLUNTEERS OFFER MEDICAL CARE TO CALAIS MIGRANTS

One of them, Ali, a Baghdad native who runs three dental practices in Wales, made four 10-hour round trips in recent months to mount weekend clinics for camp residents.

7. SLOVENIA STRUGGLES WITH SURGE OF HUMANITY

The largely Catholic nation fears it could be overwhelmed by mostly Muslim refugees if Austria and

Germany decide to stop the massive flow from the Balkans.

8. WHAT MAY HOLD CLUES TO OHIO PLANE CRASH

Investigators will comb charred wreckage, aircraft records, weather information and video for indications of what caused the tragedy that killed nine.

9. NEW YORKERS TRACK HOMELESSNESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Advocates for the homeless see such chronicling as more harassment than help.

10. AUSTRALIAN APPLE STORE UNDER FIRE

The company is accused of racism after a group of black teenagers was asked to leave a store in Melbourne when a staffer expressed concern they would shoplift.

AP News in Brief

Kurdish fighters launch offensive to retake strategic Iraqi town of Sinjar from IS militants

SINJAR, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish Iraqi fighters, backed by the U.S.-led air campaign, launched an assault Thursday aiming to retake the strategic town of Sinjar, which the Islamic State group overran last year in an onslaught that caused the flight of tens of thousands of Yazidis and first prompted the U.S. to launch airstrikes against the militants.

Hours into the operation, the Kurdish Regional Security Council said forces were in control of a section of Highway 47, of one of IS's most active supply lines, and had secured the villages of Gabarra, Tel Shore and Fadhelya.

Some 7,500 peshmerga fighters were closing in on Sinjar from three fronts, the security council said in a statement. In addition to taking the town and the highway, Operation Free Sinjar aimed to establish "a significant buffer zone to protect the city and its inhabitants from incoming artillery."

Heavy gunfire broke out early Thursday as peshmerga fighters began their approach amid heavy aerial bombardment. An Associated Press team saw a small American unit at the top of a hill along the front line calling in and confirming airstrikes.

"(Peshmerga) troops are holding their position, waiting for reinforcements and more airstrikes so they can then move into the center of the town. Airstrikes have been very important to the operation getting to the point where it is now," said Maj. Gen. Seme Busal, commander of one of the front lines.

Suu Kyi's vow to be 'above the president' reflects clash between Myanmar constitution, voters

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Coming from a politician who has spent her career fighting military rule, the statements seem rather authoritarian: "I'll be above the president," who "will be told exactly what he can do."

Though officially barred from the presidency, Aung San Suu Kyi says she will effectively lead the country if her party wins elections that it has so far dominated. Some observers are dismayed by her willingness to place herself above not just the president but the law. Others say she's obeying the will of the people and subverting a military-dictated constitutional clause intended to lock her out of power.

Votes from Sunday's general election have not been fully tallied, but by Thursday afternoon, Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy had nearly clinched the parliamentary majority needed to take over the government early next year. For Suu Kyi, who has tirelessly fought for decades to bring her country democracy, it should be her moment of destiny, but the constitution bars anyone with foreign family members from becoming president. (Suu Kyi's two sons are British, as was her late husband.)

No problem, Suu Kyi said at a news conference shortly before the election. She wanted to assure supporters that she would hold power if her party won — that she would be "above the president," in her words.

She did not explain what she meant at the time, and may have been reacting to speculation that an

estranged reformist leader of the ruling Union Solidarity and Development Party, House Speaker Shwe Mann, might cut a deal to serve as president in an NLD government. Such a prospect would have been dismaying to many of her followers, since Shwe Mann was a senior figure in the previous military government that Suu Kyi fought so hard against.

College student charged with posting threats against blacks at University of Missouri

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — The racial tension at the heart of the protests that led two top University of Missouri administrators to resign intensified at the Columbia campus after the arrest of a white college student suspected of posting online threats to shoot black students and faculty.

Hunter M. Park, a 19-year-old sophomore studying computer science at a sister campus in Rolla, was charged Wednesday with making a terrorist threat after his arrest at a residence hall. The school said no weapons were found.

Park, who is enrolled at the Missouri University of Science and Technology, was jailed in Columbia, about 75 miles to the northwest. Because the county courts were closed for Veterans Day, Park was not expected to appear before a judge until at least Thursday.

The author of the posts, which showed up Tuesday on the anonymous location-based messaging app YikYak and other social media, threatened to "shoot every black person I see." The posts followed the resignations on Monday of the University of Missouri system president and the chancellor of its flagship campus in Columbia.

Another threat said: "Some of you are alright. Don't go to campus tomorrow." The message seemed to echo one that appeared on the website 4chan — a forum where racist and misogynistic comments are common — ahead of the deadly campus shooting at an Oregon community college last month.

Protest by Missouri's football team threatens status quo. Will it catch on elsewhere?

College athletes have more power than ever before, almost everyone can agree on that. What is up for debate is whether that will lead to overdue change, or whether it will throw programs into turmoil.

Protests have been rare during the college athletes' eight-decades and counting campaign for a bigger piece of the pie — and successful protests have been rarer still.

But the winds of change buffeting the power structure of college sports are stronger than at any time since the mini-revolts of the late 1960s and early '70s that focused largely on civil rights. More and more, today's athletes are showing a similar willingness to test the limits of their power through protests, organizing efforts and smart use of social media.

Even before a threatened strike by Missouri football players helped lead to the resignation of the school's president, student athletes were showing their strength off the field.

Two years ago, Grambling State's football team went public with their complaints over the sorry state of the facilities by forfeiting a game against Jackson State. Last March, Oklahoma's football team walked out of spring practice in response to a video showing white fraternity members singing racial slurs. In June, a barrage of tweets by former Illinois lineman Simon Cvijanovic ("WHEN (at)coachbeckman is fired," one tweet began, "you'll hear plenty more stories ...") sparked the investigation that actually did get coach Tim Beckman fired three months later.

Nephews of Venezuela first lady arrested on US drug charges to be arraigned in NY court

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Two nephews of Venezuela's powerful first lady are facing arraignment in New York after being arrested in Haiti on charges of conspiring to smuggle 800 kilograms of cocaine into

the U.S., people familiar with the case said.

The arrest of Efrain Campos and Francisco Flores is likely to exacerbate already tense relations between the U.S. and Venezuela and cast a hard look at U.S. accusations of drug trafficking at the highest levels of President Nicolas Maduro's socialist administration.

The case also comes just three weeks before key legislative elections that opinion polls have been suggesting could hand the ruling party its worst defeat in 16 years as Venezuela's struggles with triple-digit inflation and widespread shortages of basic goods.

"The timing is hardly ideal," Michael Shifter, president of the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue think tank, said in an email after the arrests were revealed Wednesday. "The arrests could give Maduro the excuse he was hoping for to declare a state of emergency and postpone the elections. He will blame the arrests on U.S. imperialism and see them as an attempt to undermine his government."

Speaking on television Wednesday night, influential National Assembly President Diosdado Cabello didn't directly mention the arrests of first lady Cilia Flores' nephews but warned that Washington is trying to destabilize Maduro's government before the elections.

Despite tough-on-crime talk, Carson profits from friendship with dentist convicted of fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential contender Ben Carson has maintained a business relationship with a close friend convicted of defrauding insurance companies and testified on his behalf, even as the candidate has called for such crimes to be punished harshly.

Pittsburgh dentist Alfonso A. Costa pleaded guilty to a felony count of health care fraud after an FBI probe into his oral surgery practice found he had charged for procedures he never performed, according to court records.

Though the crime carries a potential sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison, Costa was able to avoid prison time after Carson helped petition a federal judge for leniency.

That's different from the position Carson took in 2013 as he prepared to launch his presidential campaign, saying those convicted of health care fraud should go to prison for at least a decade and be forced to forfeit "all of one's personal possessions."

At Costa's 2008 sentencing hearing, Carson described the dentist as "one my closest, if not my very closest friend."

'We do what we can': French, UK medical volunteers offer improvised care to Calais migrants

CALAIS, France (AP) — Adnan Kurdu has been living in a world of hurt. For months, he has chewed food to the left of his mouth to try to minimize the pain that starts from a right upper molar and seems, sometimes, to shoot down to his feet.

Kurdu finds salvation at one of the improvised clinics that appear from nowhere in Calais' migrant camp, where medical care for an estimated 6,000 souls depends on volunteers from several countries. After five increasingly graphic minutes seated in a plastic chair at the side of a dirt track, the root of Kurdu's torment is removed — and the Syrian is all smiles.

"Thank you, thank you," he repeats in Arabic to a visiting team of four British dentists led by Dr. Raid Ali. A half-dozen patients who have just witnessed Kurdu's extraction wait their turn to have abscesses and cavities treated. Soon, a tray of bloodied forceps and other single-use implements is full, and Ali's team must find somewhere outside the camp with mains-supply electricity to run their sterilizer.

Ali, a 42-year-old Baghdad native who runs three dental practices in Wales, has made the 10-hour, 870-kilometer (540-mile) round trip from Cardiff four times in recent months to mount two-day weekend clinics that stop only when his equipment stockpile is exhausted.

Tiny Slovenia tries to stem massive migrant surge across Balkans, but more havoc likely

RIGONCE, Slovenia (AP) — Stanko Kovac felt only sympathy for the thousands of migrants who flow chest-deep across freezing rivers to reach Slovenia from Croatia, trudging day and night by his house right at the border. That is, until they started trampling his crops and scaring his cattle and chicken.

"They are poor people forced to flee violence, it is a tragedy," Kovac said by a barn in his sleepy hillside village. "But we can no longer stand the sight. Slovenia is choking under the surge."

The Slovenian farmer's message reflects the general mood in the tiny Alpine state of just over 2 million people, confronted with Europe's worst migrant crisis since World War II. The largely Catholic nation fears it could be overwhelmed by mostly Muslim refugees if neighboring Austria and Germany further west decide to stop the massive flow from the Balkans.

With the European Union estimating that 3 million more migrants will arrive in Europe over the next year, the patience of Slovenians, traditionally known for tolerance, is wearing thin. Their government announced Tuesday that a fence will be put up to control the flow, although not completely to stop it.

Although Slovenia insists it is not shutting down its borders for migrants — like neighboring Hungary did this summer — the curbing of the surge that has seen some 170,000 enter Slovenia since mid-October is bound to trigger a ripple effect down the so-called Balkan migrant corridor that also includes Turkey, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia and Croatia.

Patchwork of laws poses legal quicksand for DraftKings, other fantasy sports betting sites

SEATTLE (AP) — The New York attorney general's decision that daily fantasy sports betting sites FanDuel and DraftKings are illegal gambling operations in his state is a blow to the companies, but the multibillion-dollar industry could have more legal headaches yet to come.

While the sites have opted not to do business in a handful of states, including Washington, where regulators have made clear they're not welcome, they have been up and running in a number of others — like New York — where they're legally dubious. Several states in which the companies are operating have laws similar to New York and Washington, while a few, such as Tennessee, Arkansas and Vermont, have even stricter prohibitions.

That could pose more risk than the companies or their backers — big media companies and professional sports leagues — have let on. Federal law criminalizes gambling businesses that operate in violation of state law, with penalties that can include prison time, fines and seizure of assets.

"This creates a real vulnerability for the industry," said Daniel Wallach, a sports and gaming lawyer in Florida. "That statute gives the government the power to take it all away. They can shut you down."

By his count, daily fantasy sports sites have been operating on shaky legal ground in about a dozen states.

Today in History **The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 2015. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1815, pioneering American suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton was born in Johnstown, New York.

On this date:

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

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

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

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

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

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

In 1975, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas retired because of failing health, ending a record 36-year term.

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

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

In 1985, Xavier Suarez was elected Miami's first Cuban-American mayor.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Actress Eve Arden died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 82.

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

Ten years ago: A U.S.-backed summit in Bahrain meant to promote political freedom and economic change in the Middle East ended without agreement, a blow to President George W. Bush's goals for the troubled region. Jordan acknowledged for the first time that al-Qaida in Iraq had used three foreign suicide bombers to attack Amman hotels three days earlier, killing 60 victims.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama arrived in Japan from South Korea to attend a regional economic summit; it was the fourth and final stop on the president's 10-day tour of Asia. The Supreme Court allowed the Pentagon to continue preventing openly gay people from serving in the military while a federal appeals court reviewed the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. (The policy was rescinded in 2011.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping announced a ground-breaking agreement between their countries to curb carbon emissions blamed for climate change. Landing with a bounce after traveling 4 billion miles, a European Space Agency probe, Philae, made history by successfully reaching the icy, dusty surface of a speeding comet. Los Angeles Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw was a unanimous choice for his third NL Cy Young Award, and Cleveland's Corey Kluber edged Seattle's Felix Hernandez to win the AL honor for the first time. At 17, Lydia Ko became the youngest player to win the LPGA Tour's rookie of the year award.

Today's Birthdays: Rhythm-and-blues singer Jimmy Hayes (Persuasions) is 72. Singer Brian Hyland is 72. Actor-playwright Wallace Shawn is 72. Rock musician Booker T. Jones (Booker T. & the MGs) is 71. Sportscaster Al Michaels is 71. Singer-songwriter Neil Young is 70. Rock musician Donald "Buck Dharma" Roeser (Blue Oyster Cult) is 68. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., is 66. Country/gospel singer Barbara Fairchild is 65. Actress Megan Mullally is 57. Actor Vincent Irizarry is 56. Olympic gold medal gymnast Nadia Comaneci (koh-muh-NEECH') is 54. Actor Sam Lloyd is 52. Rock musician David Ellefson is 51. Retired MLB All-Star Sammy Sosa is 47. Figure skater Tonya Harding is 45. Actress Rebecca Wisocky is 44. Actress Radha Mitchell is 42. Actress Lourdes Benedicto is 41. Actress Tamala Jones is 41. Actress Angela Watson is 41. Singer Tevin Campbell is 39. Actress Ashley Williams is 37. Actress Cote de Pablo is 36. Actor Ryan Gosling is 35. Contemporary Christian musician Chris Huffman is 35. Actress Anne Hathaway is 33. Pop singer Omarion is 31. Folk-rock musician Griffin Goldsmith (Dawes) is 25. Actress Macey Cruthird is 23.

Thought for Today: "I would have girls regard themselves not as adjectives but as nouns." - Elizabeth Cady Stanton (1815-1902).