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Monday, November 16

Groton Garden Club Meets

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

School Menu: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrots, fruit.

Senior Menu: Beef stew, buttermilk biscuits, Waldorf salad, sherbet.

Birthdays: Halley Schmidt • Allen Baker • Greg Clocksene • Harleigh Winther • Roger Krueger

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:00pm: 7th Grade GBB at Webster, 8th grade at 5 pm

7:00pm: City Council meeting

Tuesday, November 17

Oral Interp regions at Aberdeen

Watertown Novice Debate

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

School Lunch: Beef stew, biscuits, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, squash, molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: John Gustafson • Virginia Needham • Betty Breck

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

4:00pm: 7th Grade GBB host Leola-Frederick with 8th grade at 5 pm

6:30pm: All School Play at GHS Gym

Wednesday, November 18

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

School Menu: Softshell taco, refried beans, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Change

By Richard P. Holm, MD

As summer wanes, autumn falls upon us, and winter shovels in, we are reminded that to survive we must face change.

I attended two funerals this last month and wondered how both surviving 80-plus year old men/widowers were going to handle the loss of their spouses and all that is about to change. No question, survival depends on their capacity to change. I hope that they would, over time, take the opportunity to connect more with friends, their grandchildren, the people in their church, and spend more time with new or long put-off hobbies, while appropriately mourning their loss for a time... and then moving on. But then again, the death of a wife and the adjustments needed to go on might be too daunting, and could take one or both of them out in short order.

It is not an uncommon story that after the death of a spouse, the elderly partner dies within the month. Sometimes this comes as the result of a particular type of heart failure that follows severe emotional loss, sometimes from malnutrition and dehydration when depression causes one to stop eating, sometimes there is no explanation, and sometimes the remaining spouse dies from suicide.

Some may perceive the spousal-team dying so closely together as a romantic elderly Romeo and Juliet-like love-story; so poignant and heart warming. But the truth is that it may be an unnecessary death that could have been prevented.

No caring and compassionate person would want their partner to follow them so closely into the grave. When love is true, then they would want the one left behind to see that change is an opportunity to continue on in another way, to find fresh interests, to discover new joy.

Other life changes can be similarly challenging, such as having a new diagnosis of cancer, moving out of a home in which one had lived for many years, suffering a financial crisis, and so on.

We know that the ability to handle change is like working and stretching a muscle. If you don't use it, you will lose it. Stagnation can cause rigidity, weakness, despondency, death, but movement can cause flexibility, strength, happiness, life.

As winter shovels in, we are reminded that to survive we must face change, and then we can be alive to see spring again.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, visit his website, www.PrairieDoc.org. On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, and streams live at www.PrairieDoc.org.

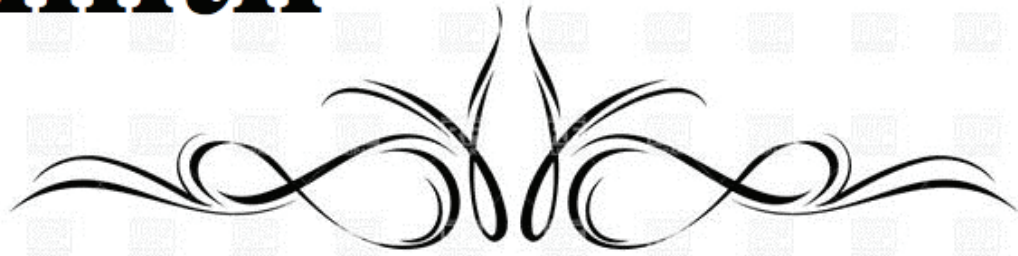
2015 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

December 1, 2015

Parents of children ages 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena . Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

a bridal
SHOWER
for **Marah**
Smith



Come and Go Shower

Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Groton, South Dakota

Shane Van Diest and Marah are registered at
Bed, Bath and Beyond and Amazon

Think Twice About Spending That Bonus

By Nathaniel Sillin

When is a bonus not a bonus? When you fail to think about what that extra income will mean to your overall finances.

I don't mean to spoil the fun. Bonuses, particularly if they recognize your great performance during the year, are rewarding in a number of ways beyond money. It means your work is being noticed and you might rise higher in the organization – always a good thing.

However, in many organizations, bonus compensation has developed and transformed to a new entity, very different from how it was a generation ago. So before you book your dream trip to an exotic beachfront resort, take a closer look.

According to human resources and management consulting firm Aon Hewitt, (<http://www.aon.com/human-capital-consulting/>), some 90 percent of employers have either implemented or are considering something called "variable pay systems" that mean a greater reliance on "incentives, bonuses and cash awards," to reward high-performing employees.

Employers are signing on because it helps them slow the growth of overall payroll, which is the biggest fixed cost in any business. It also offers a way to boost performance among workers at all levels.

What do one-time bonuses or a conversion to a variable-pay system mean for you? Potentially, this could result in changes to your tax situation, the overall value of your employer- and government-based benefits and therefore, your long-term financial picture. Here are some questions to ask:

What kind of bonus is it? Make sure you understand whether a bonus is a one-time award or a shift to an ongoing bonus system. This is a money and a career question. If you are going to be evaluated under new benchmarks and measurements for work you've done every day, you should fully understand these new guidelines and how you can maximize them in your best interest.

Get qualified advice. A one-time bonus or a long-term change in the way you're being compensated is an important financial event. Consider speaking with a qualified financial planner or tax expert about any bonus news you receive and see how they think you should handle the money. Keep in mind that the Internal Revenue Service generally considers bonuses as supplemental wages that can be taxed at a higher rate. Check IRS Publication 15 for more detail. Keep in mind that your salary level – not extra money you get from bonuses or other incentives – provides the basis for calculating your employee benefits and what a lender might offer for mortgages or other credit. In some cases, it might be better to save or invest that bonus than to spend it outright.

Ask questions. Read any paperwork that accompanies your bonus information, write down questions and take them to your employer's designated human resource representative or manager directly.

Be practical, but don't forget the fun. Consider treating your bonus like your paycheck – evaluate what essential needs should to be addressed first and figure out what you can spend for fun.

Make a change if you need to. As more employers adopt variable pay and performance grading systems, consider issues beyond the money. For example, if you are doing work you love, will meeting new performance targets change how you feel about your job? Are you ready to take on the challenges of a workplace where you're graded and evaluated in a different way than you are used to? In some environments, new employee compensation methods can be liberating and financially rewarding; in others, it can make it tougher to stay. See where you stand, and if changing jobs might be worthwhile, consider looking for a better opportunity (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/lifeevents/work/landingjob.php>).

Bottom line: The way workers are being paid is changing. It's important to understand how one-time or annual bonuses might affect your long-term finances.

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Putney Putovers 4-H

The Putney Putovers 4-H club met October 7, 2015, at the Groton Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Carly Wheeting. Flag pledges were led by: US- Jillian Hughes, State- Lane Tietz, and 4-H-Caleb Hanten. Roll call was completed with the topic, "Hunting Safety Tip". New members, Ashley Johnson, Aspen Johnson, and Carter Simon, were welcomed. The secretary's report was read by Alexis Simon and approved by Tage Taylor and seconded by Hailey Monson. The treasurer's report was read by Lucas Simon and approved by Dylan Krueger and seconded by Taryn Taylor. No bills incurred this month. Community Service was reported by Carly Wheeting who helped referee at volleyball games and helped with a drive for school. Alexis Simon is working as the volleyball student manager. Lucas & Cole Simon helped serve at church. Lane Tietz helped pick and deliver pumpkins to a Church for an activity.

In new business, new members were discussed. New members who are age 8 prior to January 16th 2016 can join. Valuable resources are available at the Brown County 4-H office for both new and seasoned members. National 4-H week is Oct 4-10th, and in celebration the Putney Putovers 4-H club will set up projects for exhibit in the Groton Elementary School. Junior leaders will have a meeting in Aberdeen on October 14th. County premiums were discussed and anyone with a green exhibit tag needs to turn them into the office. The annual 4-H Recognition Event will be held Sunday, November 8th at 2pm at the Eagles in Aberdeen to celebrate and recognize achievements. Putney Putovers will be one of the hosts for the event. Cookies will be provided for the event by Hughes, Monson's, Taylor's, and Hanten's. Setup for the event will be done by Hughes and Kruegers. Congratulations to Carly Wheeting who was part of the State Livestock Judging team. A decision was made to donate \$60 to the charity "Sweet Dreams"; the motion was made by Alexis Simon and seconded by Alexis Hanten.

A demonstration was given by Lane Tietz how to make a "Homemade Air Freshener". A demonstration was also given by Carter Simon on how to make "Mason Jar Mummies". The next meeting date/time is to be determined, as well as the next host/hostesses. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Caleb Hanten and seconded by Porter Johnson. The meeting was adjourned and the club met at the Groton Elementary School to set up the 4-H exhibit.

---Hailey Monson, Secretary

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Today in Weather History

November 16, 1996: A strong area of low pressure brought 6 to 9 inches of snowfall to most of central and parts of north central South Dakota on the 16th, while widespread freezing rain associated with the warm front of the system, along with 4 to 10 inches of snow, fell in northeast South Dakota. Travel was significantly affected, and a few minor accidents occurred during the storm. Several sporting events and activities were also postponed or cancelled. Strong north winds late on the 16th into early the 17th resulted in near-blizzard conditions across northeast South Dakota. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 9.0 inches 12SSW of Harrold; 8.5 inches near Highmore; 8.2 inches in Roscoe; 8.0 in Eureka; 7.9 inches near Mellette; 7.0 inches in Waubay; 6.5 inches in Murdo and Redfield; 6.0 inches in Kennebec and Miller; 5.5 inches near Victor; and 5.3 inches in Sisseton.

1958 - More than six inches of snow fell at Tucson, AZ. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1959 - The most severe November cold wave in U.S. history was in progress. A weather observing station located 14 miles northeast of Lincoln MT reported a reading of 53 degrees below zero, which established an all-time record low temperature for the nation for the month of November. Their high that day was one degree above zero. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - High winds and heavy snow created blizzard conditions across parts of eastern Colorado. Wind gusts reached 68 mph at Pueblo, and snowfall totals ranged up to 37 inches at Echo Lake. In Wyoming, the temperature dipped to 14 degrees below zero at Laramie. Strong thunderstorms in Louisiana drenched Alexandria with 16.65 inches of rain in thirty hours, with an unofficial total of 21.21 inches north of Olla. Flash flooding in Louisiana caused five to six million dollars damage. (15th-16th) (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - A powerful low pressure system in the north central U.S. produced high winds across the Great Lakes Region, with wind gusts to 60 mph reported at Chicago IL. Heavy snow blanketed much of Minnesota, with eleven inches reported at International Falls. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Snow and gusty winds invaded the north central U.S. Winds gusting to 40 mph produced wind chill readings as cold as 25 degrees below zero, and blizzard conditions were reported in Nebraska during the late morning hours. High winds around a powerful low pressure system produced squalls in the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Whitefish Point MI, and snowfall totals in Michigan ranged up to 19 inches at Hart, north of Muskegon. (15th-16th) (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2006 - An F-3 tornado strikes Riegelwood, NC causing eight deaths and twenty injuries

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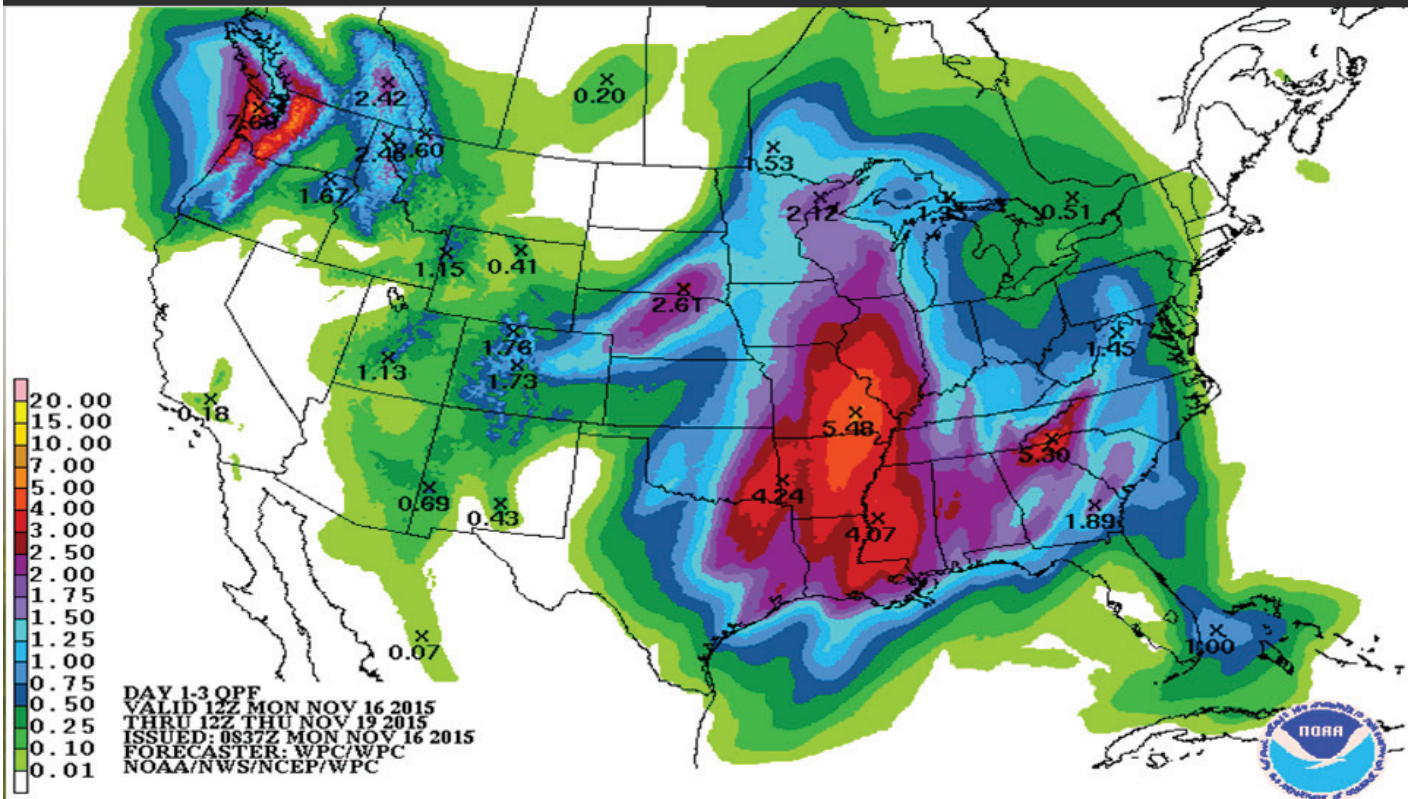
Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
10%	80%	70%	60%	50%		
Breezy. Patchy Drizzle then Cloudy	Rain	Rain Likely and Breezy	Rain Likely and Breezy	Chance Rain and Windy	Partly Cloudy and Windy	Mostly Sunny and Breezy
High: 57 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 47 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 36 °F



Active and Wet Through Mid-Week



Forecast Precipitation Through Thursday Morning



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

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A good chunk of the United States will become wet over the next couple days as a deep upper level trough moves out of the Rockies. A strong surface low pressure system will move northeast over the central Plains Tuesday into Wednesday, spreading rainfall into South Dakota and Minnesota. Getting more specific to our region, it appears the heaviest rainfall amounts will be across southeast South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 65.1 at 2:37 PM

Low: 34.6 at 7:20 AM

High Gust: 23 at 2:12 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 71° in 2001

Record Low: -12° in 1955

Average High: 39°F

Average Low: 19°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.43

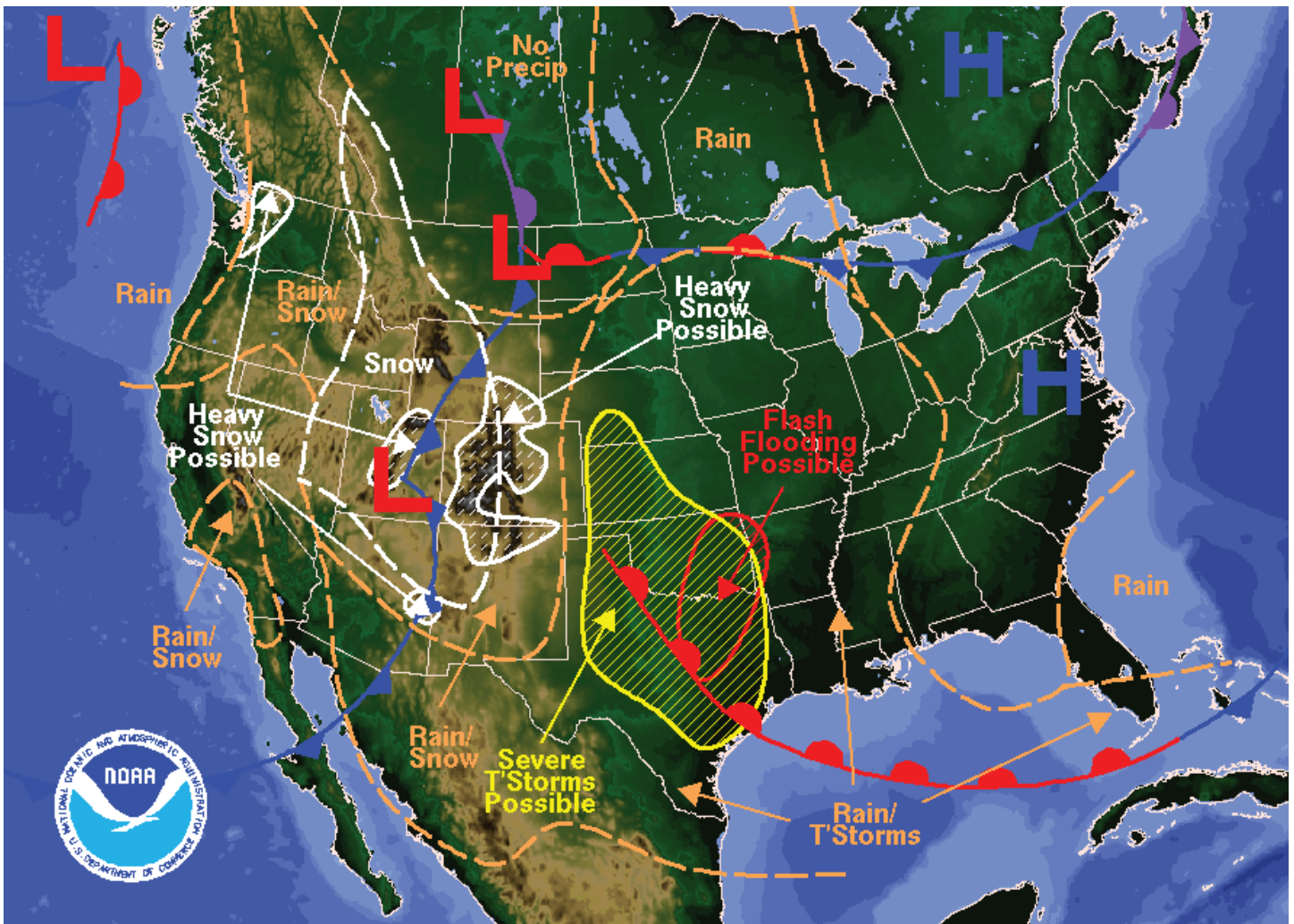
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.39

Average Precip to date: 20.90

Precip Year to Date: 19.50

Sunset Tonight: 5:02 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:34 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Nov 16, 2015, issued 5:37 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WORDS WORK!

Hearing had become a rather serious problem for him as he aged. So, Grandpa decided to purchase a hearing aid. After completing the various tests and adjustments, he began to wear it with much enjoyment. Everyone was delighted that he was more responsive and involved during their conversations. However, no one saw the small, almost invisible device in his ear.

Delighted at how his life had improved, he went back to visit his doctor to thank him for his help. As he was about to leave the office the doctor said, "I'm sure that your family and friends are as happy as you are!"

"Are you kiddin'!" chuckled Grandpa. "They don't know I have it and they sure don't know that I can hear now. I've changed my will three times in two weeks."

How would our words be different if all the world was listening to everything we said? How would our words be different if, when we went to say something about someone, that "one" was there, part of the conversation - listening and participating? Would the conversations ever begin and could we look them in the eye as we spoke?

"May my words...and thoughts...be pleasing, Oh, Lord." A good way to begin each day is to dedicate our mouths to God asking that His love will guide our words.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to realize that our words are at work, helping or hurting, blessing or breaking, bringing life or death. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

News from the Associated Press

Plane makes emergency landing at Sioux Falls airport

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A plane bound for Chicago was forced make an emergency landing at Sioux Falls Regional Airport within 20 minutes of taking off from the facility.

An American Airlines official says the plane took off shortly after 12:30 p.m. Sunday and was back on the ground by 12:50 p.m. after the pilot reported an engine issue and decided to head back to the airport. No injuries were reported.

The plane was carrying more than 50 passengers for Envoy Air, a regional carrier for American Airlines. The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident.

Flags flying at half-staff in honor of Paris attacks victims

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Flags on public buildings across South Dakota are flying at half-staff through sunset Thursday as a sign of respect for victims of the attacks in Paris last week.

President Barack Obama ordered the gesture of solidarity with France by proclamation Sunday. In his proclamation, Obama says the “terror attacks” Friday were an assault on all of humanity.

The U.S. flag is also being lowered to half-staff at the White House, federal buildings across the country and American military and diplomatic stations around the world.

The terrorist rampage across Paris killed 129 people and wounded hundreds more.

South Dakota’s new poet laureate to speak in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota’s new poet laureate, Lee Ann Roripaugh (ROAR’-i-paw), will speak at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre on Monday night.

Roripaugh, a University of South Dakota English professor, was appointed South Dakota’s sixth poet laureate in July. She is director of the university’s creative writing program and editor-in-chief of South Dakota Review.

The talk begins at 7 p.m. It’s sponsored by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation and a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council.

Foundation President Michael Lewis says it’s an excellent opportunity for residents to be introduced to the new state poet laureate and learn about her work. The program will also be available statewide via the Digital Dakota Network.

Robertson leads South Dakota over CS Northridge 76-72

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) — Eric Robertson scored 6 of his 16 points in the final three minutes to help South Dakota beat Cal State Northridge 76-72 at the Northern Illinois Showcase on Sunday.

Robertson was 6 of 9 from the floor, and made all four of his free-throw attempts. Casey Kasperbauer and Tre Burnette scored 13 points each, and Shy McClelland added 11 for South Dakota (1-2).

Jason Richardson had 22 points and seven assists to lead Cal State Northridge (1-2).

Richardson made a 3-pointer, and split a pair of free throws to put the Matadors up 68-66 with 3:08 to play. Robertson scored on a jumper and layup, and made a pair of free throws along with Trey Norris, and the Coyotes led 74-69.

Richardson made another 3-pointer, but McClelland made two more free throws with seven seconds left to seal it.

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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. FRENCH OFFICIAL IDENTIFIES SUSPECTED MASTERMIND OF PARIS ATTACKS

Belgian Abdelhamid Abaaoud is also reportedly linked to thwarted attacks on a Paris-bound high-speed train and Paris area church.

2. WORLD LEADERS PRESSED FOR RESPONSE TO PARIS ATTACKS

The Group of 20 leading rich and developing nations is set to outline its coordinated response at a summit in Turkey.

3. NEW IDEAS TO TACKLE SYRIA REFUGEE CRISIS

The central approach: Rather than struggle to gather waning humanitarian aid, invest billions raised on financial markets to develop the overburdened Mideast nations hosting them, like Lebanon and Jordan.

4. HOW GOP REACTS TO PARIS ATTACKS

The tragedy intensifies Republican opposition to letting thousands of Syrian refugees come to the United States.

5. MOBSTERS HUNGRY FOR ROME'S EATERIES

Italian officials launch a series of investigations in which mafia clans are suspected of buying up Roman tourist restaurants to launder cocaine profits.

6. WHICH ENERGY SOURCE IS NOT GOING AWAY ANYTIME SOON

Demand for coal is leveling off, but it is here to stay for decades, no matter how many billions of dollars of investment go into cleaner energy like wind and solar.

7. WHO MIGHT GO TO NORTH KOREA

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will visit Pyongyang this week for a possible meeting with leader Kim Jong Un, a South Korean news report says.

8. PROTESTS ERUPT AFTER BLACK MAN SHOT BY POLICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

"We have been saying for a significant amount of time that Minneapolis is one bullet away from Ferguson," says Jason Sole, chair of the Minneapolis NAACP's committee.

9. MORE STUDENTS COME TO US COLLEGES FROM CHINA, INDIA

Meanwhile, the number of Americans studying abroad grows by only 5 percent, falling short of expectations.

10. GOOGLE ANTSY AS CALIFORNIA SLOW ON SELF-DRIVING CAR RULES

State regulators want the company to prove these vehicles of the future already drive as safely as people.

Gunfire, clashes with Israeli troops kill 2 Palestinians

MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH, Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Gunfire and clashes with Israeli troops left two Palestinians dead and three wounded at a Palestinian refugee camp near Jerusalem early Monday, a Palestinian health official said.

According to Palestinian Health Ministry spokesman Mohammed Awawdeh, a 21-year-old and a 28-year-old were killed during an exchange of gunfire between Palestinian militants and Israeli troops at the Qalandia refugee camp. The camp straddles the area between the West Bank and Jerusalem's municipal boundaries.

The Israeli military said troops entered Qalandia to demolish the home of a Palestinian who the army says shot and killed an Israeli motorist in the West Bank this summer. The motorist had stopped to give the Palestinian directions to a nearby spring.

The presence of Israeli troops in the camp carrying out the demolition spurred Monday's clashes. The army said Palestinians opened fire at the Israeli forces and they returned fire at the attackers. Three "hits" were confirmed, the military said, without elaborating.

It was unclear if a third Palestinian was killed. Palestinian officials said one Palestinian was taken into Israeli custody. Military spokeswoman Libby Weiss said troops had made no arrests at the scene.

Hundreds of Palestinians threw firebombs and rocks at Israeli forces while they were demolishing the

home, and troops fired rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades to disperse the protesters, the military said.

The latest killings come amid a wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence in the last two months. Palestinian attacks, mainly stabbings, have killed 14 Israelis, and at least 83 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, including 53 Israel says were involved in assaults. The rest were killed in clashes with security forces.

In recent days, Israel has renewed a policy of demolishing homes belonging to Palestinians accused of carrying out deadly attacks against Israelis. On Saturday, Israel demolished three homes in the West Bank belonging to attackers who killed an Israeli couple in front of their children in the West Bank on Oct. 1. Also that day, the military demolished a fourth home belonging to a man who killed an Israeli on his way home from a basketball game.

Israel says home demolition is a legal and effective tool to deter attacks, but critics say the tactic amounts to collective punishment.

Missouri student president: School has racism, also unity

SUMMER BALLENTINE, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — When Payton Head ran for student president at the University of Missouri — a school now known for one student's hunger strike and other protests against the administration's handling of racial bias and hostility on campus — he promised to "ignite Mizzou."

"We've definitely done that," Head, a black 21-year-old senior from Chicago who identifies as queer, told The Associated Press.

Recent racist incidents, including one directed at Head, and the perceived lack of response by administrators led to the hunger strike and a threatened boycott by the football team. Tensions seething at the school culminated early last week with the resignations of University of Missouri System President Tim Wolfe and Columbia campus Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin.

But despite the turmoil, Head is challenging a narrative that has come to define the university as a hotbed of hate and racism.

"The actions of a few members of our community don't speak for the majority," Head said. "The problem is when we have an administration, we have leadership who continues to send signals to these students that this kind of behavior will be tolerated on this campus."

That "allows these incidents to keep occurring," he said.

Head, who is studying political science and international studies, has spoken out publicly about his own experiences with racism during his time at the university, most recently in September.

He faced a turning point his sophomore year, when he said men in a pickup truck yelled racial slurs at him repeatedly as he was walking to a party. He said that was the first time he dealt with "blatant racism."

"It broke my heart, because I was really trying to find my place at Mizzou," Head said.

He said the event shook him so much that he considered transferring to a historically black college that had offered him a full ride. Instead, he stayed — motivated to push for change and social justice through student government.

He ran for Missouri Students Association president the next year. Head said he had been told he wouldn't win because he's black and at the time was not a member of a fraternity. To his surprise, he was elected in what turned out to be a record-setting election for voter turnout.

"Students want change, and students want an inclusive campus," Head told reporters Nov. 8 near the campsite of the Concerned Student 1950 group, where he joined members in calling for Wolfe to step down. Wolfe resigned the next day.

Head, who also has joined those students in protests and marches, has been both denounced and praised for how he has handled a difficult year.

He said he's received hate mail and death threats recently, mostly in response to his criticism of the administration.

He's also gotten blowback after posting on social media Nov. 10 about what police later said were unconfirmed reports of Ku Klux Klan members on campus in the wake of anonymous threats to students this past week, including a threat from one user to "shoot every black person I see." University of Missouri

police Maj. Brian Weimer said that day that there was no evidence that KKK members were found in the area. Head has since apologized.

But Head added that he's also received "amazing" support from students, with some thanking him when they see him on campus.

Maiya Putman, director of student activities for the Missouri Students Association, said Head is generally "well-liked and well-received" by students, citing his involvement in social justice issues. She said the past few weeks have been hard on him and that he's handled the situation "the best way that he could."

"This has been a really tumultuous and challenging year," Putman said. "I don't know how anyone else would have been able to handle everything he's gone through."

Head, whose term ends in January, said it's been frustrating at times. He said he's tried to convey to administrators for a year that black students, disabled students and many others deal with discrimination regularly.

He said his first meeting with Wolfe didn't come until Nov. 6, days before students were to pick a successor for Head. The elections were rescheduled for this week because of the upheaval on campus.

With new administrators in place, Head has said tension likely will only heighten as some who might not have perceived racial issues on campus grapple with what has occurred.

At the same time, Head described the campus as "more united now than ever."

Racism "does exist; it's here," Head said. "But also there is love."

2 zebras flee circus, run through Philadelphia streets

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When you hear hoofbeats, the saying goes, you should think horses, not zebras. In Philadelphia on Sunday, you would have been wrong.

A pair of zebras escaped from a circus and went running through the streets of west Philadelphia before they were recaptured, police said.

The two animals somehow fled the UniverSoul Circus outside the Mann Center for the Performing Arts in west Philadelphia at about 2 p.m. Sunday. A circus spokesman told The Philadelphia Inquirer in a statement that the animals "briefly went on the loose." No injuries were reported.

Witnesses took to social media to post photos and video footage of the animals running through the streets before police confirmed their recapture at about 3 p.m. Sunday.

"Zebras in custody," police said on their Twitter account. "They are already sporting old-timey prisoner getup ahead of trial and sentencing. Have faith, fellas."

Last month, a circus trapeze artist at the UniverSoul Circus show fell into the crowd during a performance in Philadelphia.

Police said the 19-year-old performer fell about 30 feet from his apparatus on Oct. 31 and landed in the crowd. A witness told The Philadelphia Inquirer that he bounced off a safety net then landed among the spectators. No injuries were reported to anyone in the crowd and circus officials said the performer was expected to make a full recovery from a lower back injury.

After dog's death, an effort to ban guns to put pets down

RIK STEVENS, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The death of a brown-and-white, mixed breed named Bruno on the northern fringe of New Hampshire's White Mountains has sparked an angry response from animal rights activists who want to ban owners from using a gun to "put down" old, sick or dangerous dogs.

"It was done in such a cruel manner. The dog was shot multiple times and left to die," said Katie Treamer, one of the founders of Justice For Bruno, a group lobbying to make it a felony to shoot a pet to death in New Hampshire. "In this day and age, it's just not a responsible way to euthanize a pet."

A humanely placed bullet is a generations-old method of dispatching pets in rural parts of the country where a veterinarian's syringe can be expensive and hours away. And even those angry at how Bruno died

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say outlawing the practice isn't likely because it is so deeply ingrained in the nation's agrarian traditions, where farmers and ranchers have long put down domestic animals with a gunshot.

New Hampshire is among 27 states plus the District of Columbia that have no laws governing "emergency euthanasia," according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. Justice For Bruno has contacted state officials and its change.org petition has more than 36,000 signatures in support of a new law.

State Rep. John Tholl, who lives in New Hampshire's north country and chairs the House public safety committee, said a ban on shooting a pet as a form of euthanasia faces long odds, especially in rural states.

"It's been common practice for people up here to put down their animals — not just dogs — because they're hurt in such a way that they can't be saved or they're so old that they need to be relieved of suffering," Tholl said. "And the cost to do that through a vet is quite expensive."

The dog whose death prompted calls for new legislation, however, was not injured.

Bruno was found shot four times in September in the former timber city of Berlin. Bruno's owner, Ryan Landry, said in a Facebook posting he was forced to put down the year-and-a-half old dog because it had bitten his children. Landry declined to be interviewed by The Associated Press.

Treamer said Landry had other options, including returning Bruno — no questions asked — to the shelter where he was adopted. If the dog truly was dangerous, then medical euthanasia administered by a trained professional would have been the preferred way to end Bruno's life, she said.

State laws restricting emergency euthanasia vary.

Maine's law is explicit: "An animal may be shot if it is restrained in a humane way, it is performed by a highly skilled and trained person using a weapon that will produce instantaneous death by a single shot." Several states allow law enforcement, veterinarians or animal welfare workers to shoot a pet if the animal is injured, sick or dangerous. In New York, "no person shall euthanize any dog or cat by gunshot except as an emergency procedure for a dangerous dog or a severely injured dog."

Tholl also says shooting is humane when done right.

"Let's face it, there are people who are qualified to put down an animal with one shot," he said.

Growing up on a western Massachusetts farm, John Gralenski, now 80, sometimes had to put down sick or injured pets. He never liked it but he adamantly opposes outlawing the practice.

"I think they should have that right," said Gralenski, who lives in rural Shelburne, on the New Hampshire-Maine line. "When I was a kid, we always had dogs and if it was my dog and the dog got sick, there wasn't any money for a vet."

Once he had to put a dog out of its misery after it got hit by a car and broke its hip.

"I was just a kid and it was my responsibility," he said.

A decade ago, Gralenski adopted Zelda, a now-13-year-old beagle rescued in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. He knows he'll eventually face a decision about how to put her down.

"Zelda and I are buddies," he said. "It's probably been 15 years since we had one (that needed to be put down). It does not get easier in your old age. I guess it depends on how I feel financially at the time."

Joanne Bourbeau, the Vermont-based northeastern regional director for the Humane Society of the United States, acknowledged that enforcement might be difficult but just having a law on the books could serve as a deterrent.

"We would have a way to follow up," she said. "With the veterinary forensics we have now, it's very easy to prove that a crime was committed."

Christopher Almy, district attorney in Maine's Penobscot and Piscataquis counties, said his office has prosecuted plenty of animal cruelty cases over his three decades of service but he couldn't recall bringing a case against someone for putting their pet down. One recent case focused on a woman who shot and killed her entire herd of 10 goats, though the cruelty charge stemmed from the condition of a couple of the goats, not the way they were killed.

For her part, Treamer says times have changed and there are far better ways to end a pet's life. She couldn't imagine such a death for Dozer, her 5-year-old, pit bull-boxer mix.

"Just because that's the way it's always been done, that's not the way it should still be done," she said.

Pharmacy owner returns wallet months after man lost it

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A man has gotten back his wallet, which contained \$1,200 in cash, two months after losing it thanks to an Albuquerque pharmacy owner.

KRQE-TV in Albuquerque reports (<http://bit.ly/1PuLFav>) that the owner of Sam's Regent Pharmacy discovered the wallet at a local restaurant on Friday.

The wallet contained cash, an ID card and six credit cards.

The pharmacy owner called police and gave them the wallet.

The police were able to find the owner and return the wallet to him.

According to police, the wallet's owner had misplaced it about two months ago.

Future uncertain for rare white deer at former weapons site

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ROMULUS, N.Y. (AP) — Hundreds of ghostly white deer roaming among overgrown munitions bunkers at a sprawling former Army weapons depot face an uncertain future after living and breeding largely undisturbed since the middle of last century.

The white deer — a genetic quirk that developed naturally on the 7,000-acre, fenced-in expanse — have thrived, even as the depot itself has transitioned from one of the most important Cold War storehouses of bombs and ammunition to a decommissioned relic.

Now, as local officials seek to put the old Seneca Army Depot up for bids next month, there is concern that the sale could also mean the end of the line for the unusual white deer. A group of residents dedicated to saving the animals has proposed turning the old depot into a world-class tourist attraction to show off both its rich military history and its unusual wildlife. The Nature Conservancy also is looking at options for preserving the largely undeveloped landscape.

"When we ran bus tours on a limited basis between 2006 and 2012, we had people come from all over the United States to see the deer," said Dennis Money of Seneca White Deer Inc. "People are enchanted by them."

The white deer owe their continued existence to 24 miles of rusting chain-link perimeter fencing that went up when the depot was built in 1941, capturing several dozen wild white-tailed deer in the area's extensive woodlands. The white deer are natural genetic variants of the normal brown ones. They're not albinos, which lack all pigment, but are leucistic, lacking pigment only in their fur.

In the wild, white deer are short-lived, being easy targets for predators and hunters looking for a unique trophy. Small herds of white fallow deer roam protected sites in Ireland and on the campus of the Argonne National Laboratory in Illinois, but the Seneca Army Depot has the largest known population of white white-tailed deer, Money said.

With protection from the Army and its fence, the Seneca white deer have grown to an estimated 200. If buyers take down the fence, the white deer aren't expected to last long.

For now, the white deer, and about 600 brown ones, roam woods and fields surrounding overgrown weapons storage bunkers, cracked roads and rusted railroad tracks. In the bright sunshine of midday, small groups of deer can be glimpsed in mowed lanes and clearings maintained by the Army. But early morning and evening are the best time to see them, and cars pull over along bordering public highways as people stop to watch. Visitors aren't allowed inside the fence.

"They're a huge tourist attraction," said Lisette Wilson, who runs a farm store and bakery with her husband across the highway from the depot fence. "People are astonished. It's quite the spectacle for them." The store's most popular product is "White Deer Poop," a confection made of white chocolate, almonds and cranberries, she said.

"I see white deer every day," Wilson said. "They're beautiful animals. I'm very concerned they'll lose their habitat when the property is sold."

The depot, completed a month before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, provided for the ordnance

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storage needs of the nation for 60 years. It covered an area larger than the city of Syracuse, 40 miles to the northeast, and stored bombs and ammunition in 500 steel-and-concrete bunkers called igloos.

The Army Corps of Engineers has maintained the site during environmental cleanup operations since the depot closed in 2000. The Army plans to finish cleanup work by the end of next year, leaving the land and its deer under the care of new owners.

Bob Aronson, executive director of the Seneca County Industrial Development Agency, said his goal is to sell the whole parcel by the end of the year to one or several buyers. All offers will be considered, he said, noting that the greatest interest has been from farmers who would graze cattle and grow crops.

Seneca White Deer has launched a fundraising drive in hopes of buying at least 2,000 to 3,000 acres, if not the whole site, for a tourist attraction and wildlife preserve, Money said.

Jim Howe, director of The Nature Conservancy's regional chapter, said the preservation group is conferring with several groups about protecting the former depot's wildlife habitat while opening it for recreation, tourism and sustainable economic development.

Another hope for the deer has come from Aronson's offer to the towns of Varick and Romulus, where the depot lies, that they can have the land within their borders for a dollar if they want to market it themselves.

Varick Town Supervisor Bob Hayssen said his town is considering that deal.

"If we get it," he said, "we'll earmark 1,000 acres as an eco-park for the white deer."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2015. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Nov. 15, 1945, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was founded at the conclusion of a conference in London. "The Lost Weekend," starring Ray Milland and Jane Wyman, was released by Paramount Pictures. "The Friendly Ghost," an animated short featuring the debut of Casper, was released by Paramount's cartoon division.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

In 1914, the newly created Federal Reserve Banks opened in 12 cities.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1939, mob boss Al Capone, ill with syphilis, was released from prison after serving 7 1/2 years for tax evasion and failure to file tax returns.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, Academy Award-winning actor Clark Gable died in Los Angeles at age 59.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral on an 84-day mission.

In 1989, six Jesuit priests, a housekeeper and her daughter were slain by army troops at the University of Central America Jose Simeon Canas in El Salvador.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, making it harder for government to interfere with religious practices.

Ten years ago: Hoping to reverse the deterioration of pension plans, the Senate voted 97-2 to force companies to make up underfunding and live up to promises made to employees. (The bill, however, has yet to become law.) Vice President Dick Cheney joined the chorus of Republican criticism of Democrats who contended the Bush administration had manipulated intelligence on Iraq, an accusation Cheney called "one of the most dishonest and reprehensible charges ever aired in this city." "This Is Your Life" host Ralph Edwards died in West Hollywood at age 92.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore

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Giunta, the first living service member from the Afghanistan and Iraq wars to receive the nation's top military award. U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel was convicted on 11 of 13 charges related to financial misconduct, prompting fellow lawmakers to censure the 80-year-old New York Democrat. The engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton was announced in London. Hollywood publicist Ronni Chasen, 64, was shot to death in her car on Sunset Boulevard. (Police believe the killer was Harold Martin Smith, who took his own life when confronted by officers.) Roy Halladay of the Philadelphia Phillies unanimously won the NL Cy Young Award.

One year ago: The Islamic State group released a video featuring a masked militant standing over the severed head of Peter Kassig, a former U.S. soldier-turned-aid worker in Syria; President Barack Obama denounced the killing as one of "pure evil." President Obama returned to Washington following the conclusion of the Group of 20 economic forum in Brisbane, Australia. Erica Enders-Stevens won the Auto Club NHRA Finals in Pomona, California, to become the first woman to earn the Pro Stock world championship title.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Clu Gulager is 87. Journalist Elizabeth Drew is 80. Blues musician W.C. Clark is 76. Actress Joanna Pettet is 73. Actor Steve Railsback is 70. Actor David Leisure is 65. Actor Miguel Sandoval is 64. Actress Marg Helgenberger is 57. Rock musician Mani is 53. Country singer-musician Keith Burns (Trick Pony) is 52. Tennis player Zina Garrison is 52. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Dwight Gooden is 51. Jazz singer Diana Krall is 51. Actor Harry Lennix is 51. Rock musician Dave Kushner (Velvet Revolver) is 49. Actress Lisa Bonet (boh-NAY') is 48. Actress Tammy Lauren is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bryan Abrams (Color Me Badd) is 46. Actress Martha Plimpton is 45. Actor Michael Irby is 43. Actress Missi Pyle is 43. Olympic gold medal figure skater Oksana Baiul (ahk-SAH'-nah by-OOL') is 38. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal (JIHL'-ehn-hahl) is 38. Pop singer Trevor Penick is 36. NBA player Amare Stoudemire is 33. Actress Kimberly J. Brown is 31. Rock singer Siva Kaneswaran (The Wanted) is 27. Actor Casey Moss (TV: "Days of Our Lives") is 22. Actor Noah Gray-Cabey is 20.

Thought for Today: "An American who can make money, invoke God, and be no better than his neighbor, has nothing to fear but truth itself." - Marya Mannes, American critic (1904-1990).