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Friday, November 27

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Anniversary: Marty & Ellie Sippel

Birthday: Christopher Loutsch

Saturday, November 28

Anniversary: Bill and Jana Duncan

Birthdays: James Washnok • Amanda Geist • Brittany Raap • Sharon Zoellner • Sylvia Campbell
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, November 29

Anniversaries: Curtis & Janice Sombke • Chuck & Carrie Cole

Birthdays: Audrey Thurston • Melinda Eikamp • Travis Swisher • Aubray Harry • Gene Loeschke
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

7:00pm: Snow Queen Contest at GHS Gym

Monday, November 30

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tanner Johnson • Jesse Anderson • Denny Davies

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00pm: Winter Sports Parent-Athlete Meeting

Tuesday, December 1

Baby Shower for Eva Roy Olson, daughter of Nick and Stephanie Olson, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Groton, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eva was born October 7, 2015. They are registered at Target.

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A Prescription for Rural South Dakota

By Rep. Kristi Noem

Our son Booker was pretty sick when he was little. There were a number of times when Bryon and I had to have the conversation: "It's midnight and something's not right again. Do we take him to the hospital? Do we go now? Do we wait until morning? It's not like there's a hospital around the corner." I assume many parents, particularly those in rural South Dakota, have had to ask those questions. It's not always an easy call to make, especially when the roads are icy and temperatures have dipped below zero. But with recent advances in South Dakota's telehealth options, these conversations may become a thing of the past.

Already today, families can see a doctor by just turning on their phones. Both Avera and Sanford Health, for instance, offer smartphone apps that let you connect instantly with a physician who can help parents determine how serious that fever is and what can be done about it. If only they had that when our kids were little!

Perhaps even more incredibly, telehealth programs operating out of South Dakota are giving many local clinics a medical upgrade, shrinking the distance between you and state-of-the-art care.

At the push of a button, your hometown doctor can connect to an experienced emergency physician, an ICU care team, a pharmacist, even specialists in the areas of cardiology or diabetes. Through the use of two-way video feeds – much like you would use FaceTime or Skype – and specialized telehealth instruments, a doctor in Sioux Falls can have access to every bit of data being collected in the exam room.

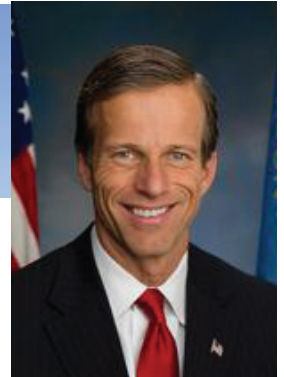
With this information, they can talk your local physician through a crisis that they may not typically deal with or maybe just serve as a second set of eyes to help make sure you're getting the best care possible.

I had the opportunity to tour Avera's telehealth headquarters earlier this year. There were a few dozen computer stations that were staffed by accomplished physicians – many with more than two decades of experience. Each station was lined with four high-definition screens where the specialists could see everything from a patient's vital stats to a real-time video feed of an operation they were counseling a local physician on. In that room, we saw high-quality health care being delivered across the Midwest to even the smallest of rural clinics. Sanford Health offers many of the same options through a similar program.

A growing number of health care providers in South Dakota are being assisted by telehealth professionals like this. The Avera site I visited in Sioux Falls services 235 sites across the Midwest alone and claims to have touched the lives of approximately 790,000 patients – from young families to Medicare recipients.

I never considered a life where Bryon and I weren't raising our kids in rural South Dakota. We saw so much value in what you learn by growing up this way. We've always loved it and I know many families in South Dakota feel the same way. Still, small health care providers are struggling to stay afloat, making it more difficult to attract families to small towns. I'm hopeful new technologies can change this, which is why I'll be fighting to make sure folks in Washington, D.C., understand why that's so important that we support telehealth programs. It's worth the investment. After all, telehealth may just be the prescription we need to bridge the gap between rural America and state-of-the-art medical care.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Giving Thanks **By Sen. John Thune**

The holiday season, especially Thanksgiving, is a good opportunity to reconnect with friends and family so we can share old memories and create new ones along the way. The holidays give us the chance to reflect on and give thanks for the blessings of another year and celebrate our faith that tomorrow will be more joyous and prosperous than today. It is through this faith that I believe America's best days lie ahead, and for that, I am thankful and excited for what is to come.

I consider myself a lottery winner in the fact that I was lucky enough to be born in the greatest country on the face of the Earth, and because of that, my family and I can share in the rich traditions America has afforded us. Each Thanksgiving – depending on the weather in South Dakota, of course – my family tries to enjoy the great outdoors. Whether that's a pheasant hunt in the prairie or a makeshift football game in the backyard, I value every moment I am able to share with them. With two grown daughters, it has been a remarkable opportunity to see them grow and experience life's ups and downs along the way, and I cannot wait to see what is in store for their futures.

President Reagan was right about a lot of things and the importance of family and tradition were among them. He called families the "cornerstone of American society" and said they "nurture, preserve, and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation of our freedoms. In the family we learn our first lessons of God and man, love and discipline, rights and responsibilities, human dignity and human frailty." In today's chaotic world, Reagan's words especially ring true.

In addition to my faith, family, and freedom, I am thankful for the brave men and women who defend and protect them. I often say that without a strong national defense, everything else is just conversation. It is because of the true sacrifice made by our military, who all too often spend the holidays away from their own families, that we are able to carve turkeys, watch football, and spend time with the people we care about. Please remember them this holiday season and the opportunities that are created because of their service – and to all who have served, thank you.

Whether you are traveling or staying home this year, I hope this season is met with joy, happiness, and safety. From my family to yours, happy Thanksgiving and happy holidays.

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Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner draws large crowd



Some of the servers were David Blackmun, Ron Westby, Julie and Loren Flihs, and also pictured is Katie Oliver. The annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner was hosted by Tom and Barb Paepke.



Korbin Blackmun and Hunter Schaller helped serve at the Community Thanksgiving Day dinner held at the Groton Community Center.



There was a large crowd on hand for the annual community Thanksgiving Day dinner.



David Blackmun, Sr., was the official greeter at the event.



Christmas At The Capitol **A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:**

South Dakotans have always known how to make Christmas special. In 1881 the people of Aberdeen decided to celebrate the holiday season by putting up a community Christmas tree. The locals thought the tree would be a nice way to commemorate their first Christmas as a community. All was going according to plan until the railroad agent who had been commissioned to supply the community's Christmas tree showed up with a disappointing delivery. He arrived with a tree that was a measly five feet tall.

Determined to build a more extravagant display, the people of the town gathered in a local store at the corner of Third and Main. They found a large piece of timber and nailed it to the floor and ceiling. Then they attached narrow strips of wood and pieces of evergreen from the real tree to the large piece of timber. They topped off their clever construction with strings of popcorn and cranberries. Thanks to their imagination, the Aberdeen community ended up with a much larger, grander tree than the original.

One hundred thirty-four years later, another group of South Dakotans has been using their creativity to build a special Christmas display. The decorations are slightly more elaborate than the ones in that Aberdeen store. The Capitol display consists of nearly 100 trees – the tallest of which is 29 feet – and the theme for the decorations this year is "Christmas around the World."

Many volunteers have devoted precious hours to decorate the Capitol building for the holidays. As always, they have done a great job.

When I walk into the Capitol building each morning from now until after Christmas Day, I'll be greeted by the rich aroma of pine trees and the sparkling reflection of Christmas lights on the ornaments that decorate those trees. Just walking down the hallway puts me in the Christmas spirit.

I hope you will find time this holiday season to come to Pierre to experience Christmas at the Capitol. The display is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day of the week through Saturday, Dec. 26.

I hope to see you there!

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NSU Choirs Holiday Concert will be Dec. 3

ABERDEEN, S.D. – The 2015 NSU Choirs Holiday Concert on Dec. 3 will feature a piece arranged by a longtime Northern State University music faculty member.

The NSU Concert Choir will perform "Ave Maris Stella," arranged by NSU Interim School of Fine Arts Dean William Wieland. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at First Presbyterian Church, 318 S. Kline St. Tickets for adults cost a suggested donation of \$5, with proceeds going toward the NSU Music Scholarship Program. Tickets for students are free.

The event will feature the NSU Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Early Music Ensemble, all conducted by Dr. Timothy Woods and assisted by Dr. Allan Jacobson. Also performing will be the NSU Vocal Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Dr. Wendy van Gent.

The Chamber Singers will also travel to two concerts that same week. On Saturday, Dec. 5, the Chamber Singers will perform at 7 p.m. at The Abbey in the Hills. Then on Sunday, Dec. 6, they will participate in the 12th annual Christmas on the Prairie at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Hoven with the South Dakota Symphony.

Sopranos

Jueun Ahn, Busan, South Korea
Balie Albrecht, Rapid City
Natalie Allcock, Britton
SeonJu An, Seoul, South Korea
Ashley Aymar, Miller
Mihyeon Ban, Jecheon-si, South Korea
Alexandra Becht, Clear Lake*
Natalie Bierman, Isabel
Chrisandra Bierne, Aberdeen
Taylor Bogue, Aberdeen*\$
Shelby Braun, Warner
Cassandra Bruns, Brookings
Kaitlin Buchholz, Tripp*
Jeeyoung Chun, Incheon, South Korea
Emily Cruse, Huron*+
Emily Davis, Aberdeen*
Annabelle Eastman, Aberdeen
Samie Elbert, Watertown
Seleucia Heintzman, Aberdeen
Hannah Hepperle, Aberdeen
Sasha Hovind, Stirum, N.D.
Jinjoo Kim, Busan, South Korea
Yumi Kim, Ulsan, South Korea
Jeong-Yeon Leem, Ulsan, South Korea
Kaitlynn Loos, Rapid City
Amanda McIlravy, Philip
Zixing Meng, Luoyang Henan, China
Danica Mickelson, Aberdeen
Hyeonji Park, Seoul, South Korea
Carrie Pospishil, Yankton@
Christine Powers, Hot Springs
Kristen Prosper, Aberdeen+
Brittany Quinn, Timber Lake
Alexis Ryan, Medina, N.D.

Katrina Smith, Gettysburg
Elsa Swanson, Chaska, Minn.*+\$
Brooke Thielbar, Luverne, Minn.+
Annie Woodmansey, Pierre*
April Yocius, Astoria*

Altos

Soojin An, Seoul, South Korea
Katie Appl, Aberdeen*+
Shelby Bauer, Aberdeen*+
Kayla Blucher, St. Johns, Antigua
Jio Chong, Goyang-si, South Korea
Kallan Christman, Clark@
Cheri Compton, Aberdeen
Dakota Feller, Blunt+
Anika Fredrick, Buffalo, Minn.
Lindsey Friedrichsen, Huron
Yorou Gan, Shanghai, China
Grace Gasperich, Aberdeen@
Megan Hanson, Pierre*+
Alisyn Hof, Dell Rapids
Haley Hubbard, De Smet*+
Ashley Jenkins, Ellendale, N.D.
Heather Kelsey, South St. Paul, Minn.*\$
Seong-hui Kim, Busan, South Korea
Kayla Nuese, Hendricks, Minn.
Jihyun Park, Busan, South Korea
Kylie Rusch, Bismarck, N.D.@
Kara Schlottman, Rapid City*
Camila Shinoka De Sousa,
Utsunomiya, Japan
Sarka Stehnova, Velke Hamry,
Czech Republic*@
Paige Tooker, Warner*
Ami Umezawa, Kanagawa, Japan@

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Josephine Voegele, Redfield+
Taylor Wall, Breckenridge, Minn.*
Lexi Ward, Aberdeen*\$
Katie Wegleitner, Lake City*\$
Joni Willoughby, Midland*
Lindsey Wilson, Nampa, Idaho+

Tenors

Schuyler Boyd, Yankton+
Eli Corbett, Deadwood*
Austin Fordham, Groton*
Tanner Fuhrer, Mitchell
Harrison Homelvig, Bowman, N.D.*+
Ever Jimenez, Cochabamba, Bolivia
Tyler Lanam, Rapid City*
Curtis Lawrence, St. Francis, Minn.*
Cordell Ring, Onida
Tanner Shabot-Shultis, Aberdeen*\$
Colton Schaefer, Wilmot*
Dustin Schmidt, Huron
Nathan Wilson, Kimball*+

Basses

Brandon Barrett, Britton \$
John Cassens, Faulkton *\$
Scott Glodt, Hoven*+
Tyler Harris, Rapid City
Carl Mathwig, Waconia, Minn.
Austin Metzen, Wahpeton, N.D.
Jon Miller, Kimball*
Tyler Newton, Jamestown, N.D.
Joshua Opp, Aberdeen
Nick Ries, Goodwin
Adam Rye, Sioux Falls*+
Salvatore Scavo, Hightstown, N.J.*+\$
Tyler Smith, Tea*
Luke Snoozy, Dell Rapids
Mason Sundvold, Sioux Falls*+
Will Tiensvold, Sioux Falls*
William Vansteenwyk, Aberdeen
Ben Weber, Rapid City*

* Chamber Singers
+ Early Music Ensemble
\$ Vocal Jazz Ensemble
@ accompanists

South Dakota Top Small State In Text4Baby Enrollment

PIERRE, S.D. – For the third time in four years South Dakota has won the Text4Baby enrollment contest, leading the nation in getting pregnant women signed up to receive free health and safety information via text message. Text4Baby texts information about prenatal care, baby health, parenting and more throughout pregnancy and during baby's first year.

South Dakota enrolled the highest rate of new users among new pregnancies and births of the 13 states with the smallest number of births.

"Text4Baby is a great resource on a wide range of pregnancy health and parenting topics – pregnant women, expectant fathers and even grandparents can benefit from it," said Colleen Winter, family and community health administrator for the Department of Health. "Its ultimate goal is healthier moms and babies and we're happy to help make it available here in South Dakota."

South Dakota received its award Nov. 2 in Chicago at the American Public Health Association's annual meeting. Virginia led the large state category and Oklahoma was the top medium-sized state. Together the three winning states enrolled a combined 7,474 expectant women and new mothers in Text4Baby services. Over 58,600 moms across the country enrolled in the service during the 2015 contest period.

The Department of Health promotes Text4Baby in its local offices and works with other providers to encourage women to enroll. A summary of South Dakota's efforts can be found at <https://partners.text4baby.org/index.php/news>. Learn more about Text4Baby at <http://text4baby.org/>.



Debate Team earns Sweepstakes Award

The Groton Area Debate team competed at the McGovern Invitational debate and oral interp meet on November 20-21, 2015 and earned the first place A School Sweepstakes Award. Competing for GHS at this contest were the following: Top row- Katie Miller, Keri Pappas, Kelsey Iverson, Lily Cutler; Bottom row- Rylee Rosenau and KaSandra Pappas. Not pictured Kayla Jensen. Senior Lily Cutler earned individual placings in the following events: 5th Place Poetry and 4th Place Humorous. Miller, Iverson, Cutler, Keri Pappas, KaSandra Pappas, Jensen, and Rosenau competed in public forum debate, Iverson competed in Serious Reading, Keri Pappas competed in Non-Original Oratory, and Jensen and KaSandra Pappas competed in Duet.

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Americans Spend an Annual Average of \$2,746 on Lunch

By Nathaniel Sillin

If you want to uncover new ways to save money, start by thinking about what you spend on lunch every day.

A new Visa survey shows that American consumers are spending nearly \$3,000 on midday meals each year. But don't lose your appetite – this is actually a great opportunity to budget and save.

Visa's 2015 survey, intended to call consumers' attention to opportunities to save and budget in their discretionary spending, reports that the average American consumer spends roughly \$53 a week or \$2,746 per year on lunch. For meals out, that's an average of \$20 per week or \$1,043 per year. Additionally, Americans eat lunch out an average of nearly twice a week and spend more than \$11 per outing compared with only \$6.30 a day preparing their own.

Who are the biggest spenders on average in the lunch-out crowd? The survey shows that men outspend women by a whopping 60 percent. Men pay an average of \$24.93 each week on meals out, while women dole out \$15.56 by comparison. As for the biggest spenders, the survey found that 1 percent of diners spend \$50 or more lunching out for an average of more than \$9,000 spent a year. Meanwhile, 32 percent of respondents reported they don't buy lunch out at all.

Additionally, students eat out most often and spend the most with a weekly average of \$27.47; retirees spend the least at \$13.92. One worrisome number is that unemployed Americans purchase lunch out more than once a week on average, spending over \$15 weekly.

The most popular spot to eat lunch in America is at home, according to the Visa survey. Forty-two percent of American consumers report that they typically eat lunch at home. The second most popular location to eat lunch? Work. While 53 percent of office workers report they eat lunch at work, 26 percent say they do so right at their desks.

As for regional preference, Southerners lead the nation in frequency of lunches out and overall amount spent on lunch. The average southern resident spends \$1,240 a year on lunches out and an overall \$2,953 between lunches out and those made at home. Northeasterners came in second with highest amount spent on lunching out – \$1,001. Midwesterners followed at \$896 and Americans in the western states at \$866 spend on meals out.

To help Americans monitor their spending on the midday meal, Visa Inc. has developed a new free Lunch Tracker iOS app (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/lunch-tracker-1.0/id1049899081?mt=8>) that calculates monthly and annual spend and helps you adjust your spending habits to save money. Users can take the 30-Day Challenge to start saving, learn cost-cutting tips and share photos of meals with family and friends.

Paying attention to lunchtime spending habits – whether making lunch at home or eating out – can greatly impact your annual finances. Though lunch is a healthy expense, at least some of the close to \$3,000 could be reallocated for other money-smart funds. For example, it could be a great start for an emergency fund, (<http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/emergencyfund>) rent or mortgage, education funds or maybe an affordable holiday.

Bottom line: Small choices can have a big impact on your wallet. Adjusting and tracking your lunch spending habits can be a surprisingly large source of savings.

Nathaniel Sillin directs Visa's financial education programs. To follow Practical Money Skills on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.

Robotics team win Harrisburg VEX Tourney

The GAT (Groton Area Tigers) Wrenches robotics team came home champions from a VEX Robotics competition in Harrisburg on Saturday, Nov. 21. The GAT Wrenches formed an alliance with the Harrisburg's Tiger Robotics A Team in the championship, competing against an alliance of Groton's Geek Squad team and Harrisburg's Tiger Robotics B Team. The GAT Wrenches team includes Thomas Cranford, Noah Tullis and Dragr Monson. Geek Squad members are Chris Zarycki, Garret Stene and Isaac Smith (with Isaac not participating Saturday).

The GAT Wrenches also brought home the trophy for robot design. The Design Award is for the most professional design approach, with the team's engineering notebook of design documentation playing a major role

Another big success for GT Robotics at the Harrisburg competition was that the Galaxy team's robot successfully completed a lift of an alliance team's robot. This is the first time this year any South Dakota team has managed this feat. The Galaxy team includes Lee Williams, Noah Poor and Landon Kokales with Landon not participating Saturday). (See table below for full results of the qualifying rounds.)



Pictured is the GAT Wrenches Robotics Team of Thomas Cranford, Dragr Monson and Noah Tullis. The team took first at Harrisburg. (Photo by Wendy Monson)

Rank	Team Number	Team Name	School	Wins	Losses	Ties	Score Points
1	7686	Tiger Robotics A Team	Harrisburg	7	1	0	226
2	9050C	G.A.T. Wrenches	Groton	7	1	0	121
3	6844D	Robots In Black	Mitchell	5	3	0	165
4	6844B	Mechatron	Mitchell	5	3	0	103
5	9050	G-Force	Groton	5	3	0	69
6	6844E	Team VEXcellent	Mitchell	4	4	0	173
7	9050D	Geek Squad	Groton	4	4	0	86
8	8735	Error 404 Name Not Found	Sioux Falls	4	4	0	67
9	7686B	Tiger Robotics B Team	Harrisburg	3	5	0	82
10	6844	M2K (Made 2 Conquer)	Mitchell	2	5	1	152
11	6844F	Mitchell War Machine	Mitchell	2	5	1	121
12	9050E	Galaxy	Groton	2	5	1	113
13	7686C	Tiger Robotics C Team	Harrisburg	2	5	1	60
14	6844C	MCTE	Mitchell	2	6	0	145

The GT Robotics program is in its fourth year and has five teams with 17 students in grades 6-12 participating this year. The VEX Robotics program requires teams to design, build and program a robot that can perform certain tasks. This year's challenge is "Nothing But Net" and requires each robot to shoot a four-inch ball into two different levels of goals.

Although GT Robotics is not an official school activity, Groton Area School provides a meeting room and this year allowed

use of the school vans for transportation of students to several competitions such as the recent Harrisburg meet. All other expenses (including the cost of gas for transportation) is born by the GT Robotics club. If you are interested in supporting GT Robotics or learning more about the program, please contact volunteer leader Jim Lane at 397-7013.



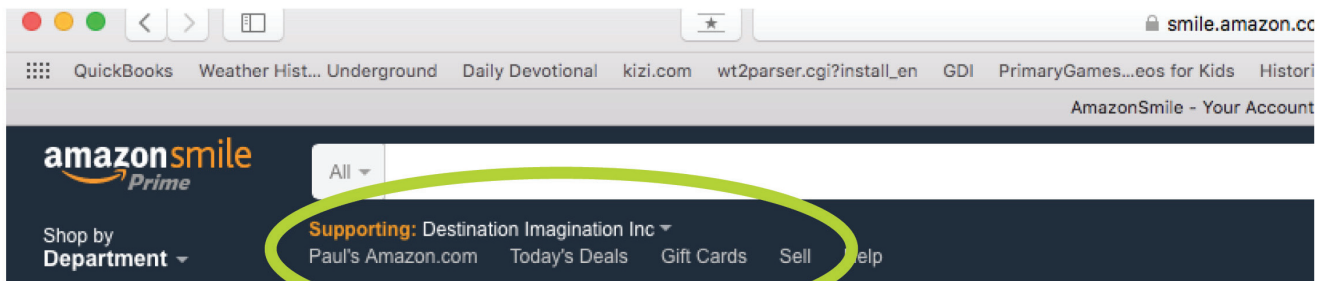
Pictured are the three Mitchell robotists and then Noah Poor and Lee Williams. (Photo by Chris Zarycki)

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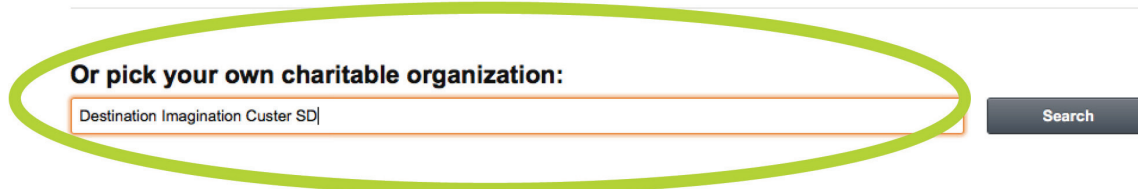
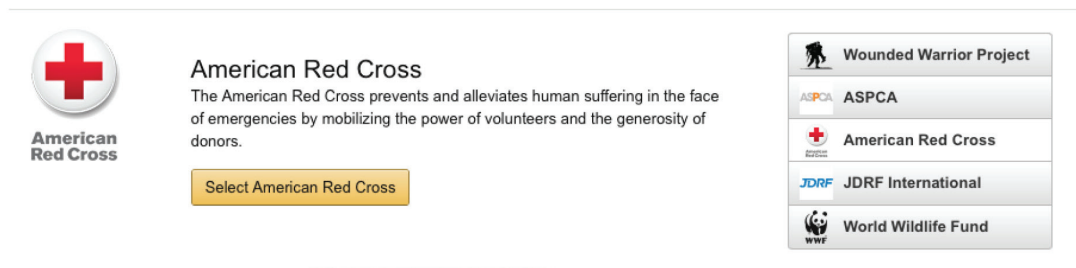
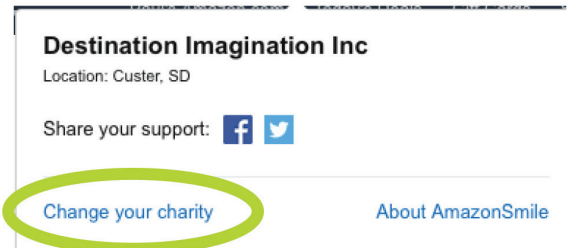
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Next Week (thru 12/04) – Dairy Queen
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR 10" Ice Cream Cake!

Stop by each participating business and register for \$25
Groton Chamber Bucks – or a prize supplied by the business.
Prizes will be drawn weekly – starting over each week with
entries!



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Christmas

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Today in Weather History

November 27, 1960: An ice storm occurred from 40 miles on either side of a line from Pipestone to Brainerd, Minnesota. Power and communication lines were downed, leaving at least 22 communities isolated. Ice coating reported ranged from one half to three fourth of an inch at Lake Benton. Heavy snow fell in eastern North Dakota with blizzard conditions throughout the state. In South Dakota, this storm began as freezing rain on the 27th and remained largely as such in the southeast quarter of the state. The remainder of the experienced blizzard conditions with 5 to 10 inches of snow and winds gusting to 30 to 60 mph. These horrible caused extensive closing of schools and businesses, blocked highways, and disrupted telephone and power services. Slippery highways caused many auto accidents. Some loss of livestock was reported, such as 1,000 turkeys in Gettysburg. Restoration of telephone service alone was estimated to have cost \$210,000 and required up to three days after the storm.

November 27, 1983: A weekend storm that began with light snow on the 26th continued to gather strength, culminating in a blizzard that was accompanied by thunder and lightning during the evening hours on the 27th. The heaviest snowfall occurred from Marshall County SSE to Gregory County in South Dakota, with the heaviest snow falling as thunder snow showers. Snow amounts ranged from 4 to 18 inches. Strong winds up to 50 mph created near zero visibilities and difficult driving conditions as numerous roads drifted shut with up to eight-foot drifts. Numerous accidents ensued, with many people forced to stay overnight in their stranded vehicles. Airlines were forced to cancel all flights as airports were closed into midday on the 28th. Almost all schools and businesses were closed on the 28th and even on the 29th in many areas. Storm total snowfall amounts included 8 inches at Clark; 7 inches at Artichoke Lake, Bryant 1NE, Clear Lake, Victor 4 NNE, and Browns Valley; 6 inches at Wheaton, Wilmot, and Harrold 12 SSW; 5 inches at Kennebec, Sisseton, and Mellette 4W; 4 inches at Watertown, Highmore 1W, Murdo, Redfield, Waubay, Ashton 2S, and Britton; and 3 inches at Aberdeen, Castlewood, Columbia 8N, Onida 4NW, and Pierre.

November 27, 1994: Low pressure developed over eastern Colorado late Saturday the 26th and strengthened over Kansas early on the 27th. By late in the day on the 27th, the low pressure system had developed into the first winter storm for Minnesota. By the early morning hours of the 28th, a swath of snow in excess of 6 inches had blanketed much of southwest through central into northeast Minnesota.

Snowfalls of 6 inches or more occurred south of a line from Gunflint Lake in Cook County to near Ortonville in Big Stone County and along and north of a line from near Blue Earth in Faribault county to Red Wing in Goodhue county. The snow closed the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport for a short time on the 27th, and contributed to hundreds of accidents and at least three fatalities. The greatest snowfall was 14.1 inches in Duluth. In addition, very strong east winds gusted over 50 mph in Duluth causing blizzard conditions. The high winds brought waves in excess of 16 feet crashing against the Lake Superior shoreline in Duluth, covering the Duluth Canal Park Lake Walk with extensive debris. A buildup of ice and snow in combination with strong winds resulted in numerous downed power lines in southeast Minnesota. Widespread heavy snow fell over mostly the eastern half of South Dakota on November 27-28. Peak accumulations were 10 inches at Sioux Falls and 9 inches at Howard and near Canton. Damage resulted mainly from numerous minor traffic accidents. Storm snowfall amounts in this area included 8 inches at Eureka; 7 inches at Victor 4NNE, Leola, Onaka 2N, Roscoe, Faulkton, Columbia 8N, Aberdeen, and Selby; 6 inches at Redfield, Mellette 4W, Bryant 1NE, Blunt, Wheaton, and Raymond 3NE; 5 inches at Pollock, Miller, Milbank 2SSW, Ipswich, Harrold 12SSW, Eagle Butte, Clark, Artichoke Lake, and Onida 4NW; 4 inches at Mobridge, Timber Lake, McIntosh 6SE, Conde, Clear Lake, Pierre, and Ashton 2S; 3 inches at Sisseton, Webster, Waubay, Summit 1W, Presho 7NW, Kennebec, Highmore 1W, Gann Valley 4NW, Castlewood, Browns Valley, Watertown, and Wilmot.

November 27, 1701: Anders Celsius, the astronomer who invented the Celsius, often called the centigrade thermometer scale was born on this date.

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1883 - Fire engines were called out in New York City and New Haven, CT, as a result of the afterglow of the sunset due to vivid red ash from the Krakatoa Volcano explosion in August. (The Weather Channel)

1898 - The Portland storm raged across New England producing gale force winds along the coast and heavy snow inland. A foot of snow blanketed Boston MA, and 27 inches fell at New London CT. Winds at Boston gusted to 72 mph, and wind gusts to 98 mph were estimated at Block Island RI. A passenger ship, the S. S. Portland, sank off Cape Cod with the loss of all 191 persons aboard, and Boston Harbor was filled with wrecked ships. The storm wrecked 56 vessels resulting in a total of 456 casualties. (26th- 28th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Wet weather prevailed across much of the nation east of the Rockies. Sunny and cool weather prevailed in the western U.S. Snow fell in the central U.S., with totals in Kansas ranging up to six inches at Burr Oak. Much of the area from central Oklahoma to southwestern Minnesota experienced its first snow of the winter season. (The National Weather Summary)








1988 - Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in Minnesota. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Windom, and snowfall totals ranged up to 14 inches at Aitkin. Snow drifts seven feet high closed many roads. Fargo ND reported a wind chill reading of 34 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A storm system crossing the north central U.S. spread snow across the Dakotas and Minnesota. Heavy snow fell in western South Dakota, with 18 inches reported at Galena. Strong winds associated with the storm gusted to 50 mph in the Great Lakes Region and the Great Plains, with blowing dust reported in Kansas. Thunderstorms associated with the same storm system produced damaging winds in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana during the evening, with gusts to 73 mph reported east of Ypsilante MI. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed ahead of the cold front. Twenty-three cities from the Gulf coast to the Ohio Valley and the Mid Mississippi Valley reported record high temperatures for the date, including Saint Louis MO with a reading of 76 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)





















2005 - A major winter storm affected parts of Nebraska and the Dakotas during the 27th-28th. Snowfall accumulations of 16-20 inches were observed in parts of eastern South Dakota, while wind gusts exceeding 60 mph also accompanied the snow, creating blizzard conditions. Thousands of power outages were caused by the combination of strong winds and heavy snow. In South Dakota, about 8,000 utility poles and 10,000 miles of transmission line were brought down by the storm (Associated Press).

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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Slight Chance Snow 20%	Chance Snow 30%	Chance Snow 50%
High: 25 °F	Low: 6 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 32 °F

Cold Start To The Holiday Weekend – Snow Moves In Late Sunday

5 Day Outlook - Mobridge, SD					5 Day Outlook - Aberdeen, SD				
Today	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Today	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
									
27° 9°	36° 18°	35° 23° 20%	33° 21° 50%	35° 17° 35%	26° 5°	36° 17°	37° 21° 20%	33° 21° 50%	35° 17° 40%
SW 8	SW 8	SE 10	N 7	NW 12	SW 10	SW 11	S 10	N 9	NW 13
5 Day Outlook - Pierre, SD					5 Day Outlook - Watertown, SD				
Today	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Today	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
									
29° 8°	35° 20°	36° 22° 40%	33° 21° 60%	36° 16° 40%	24° 7°	32° 18°	34° 23° 20%	31° 22° 60%	33° 19° 40%
W 6	S 7	SE 12	NW 8	NW 13	N 10	SW 11	S 8	NE 10	NW 15

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Updated: 11/27/2015 5:18 AM Central

Published on: 11/27/2015 at 5:21AM

Temperatures will be below average today as Arctic high pressure has settled overhead. Closer to average readings can be expected for the weekend however. We will see a system move through for the start of the work week. This system could bring a few inches of snow to South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 24.6 at Midnight

Low: 9.4 at 10:03 PM

High Gust: 26 at 12:12 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 59° in 1949

Record Low: -18° in 1985

Average High: 33°F

Average Low: 13°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.68

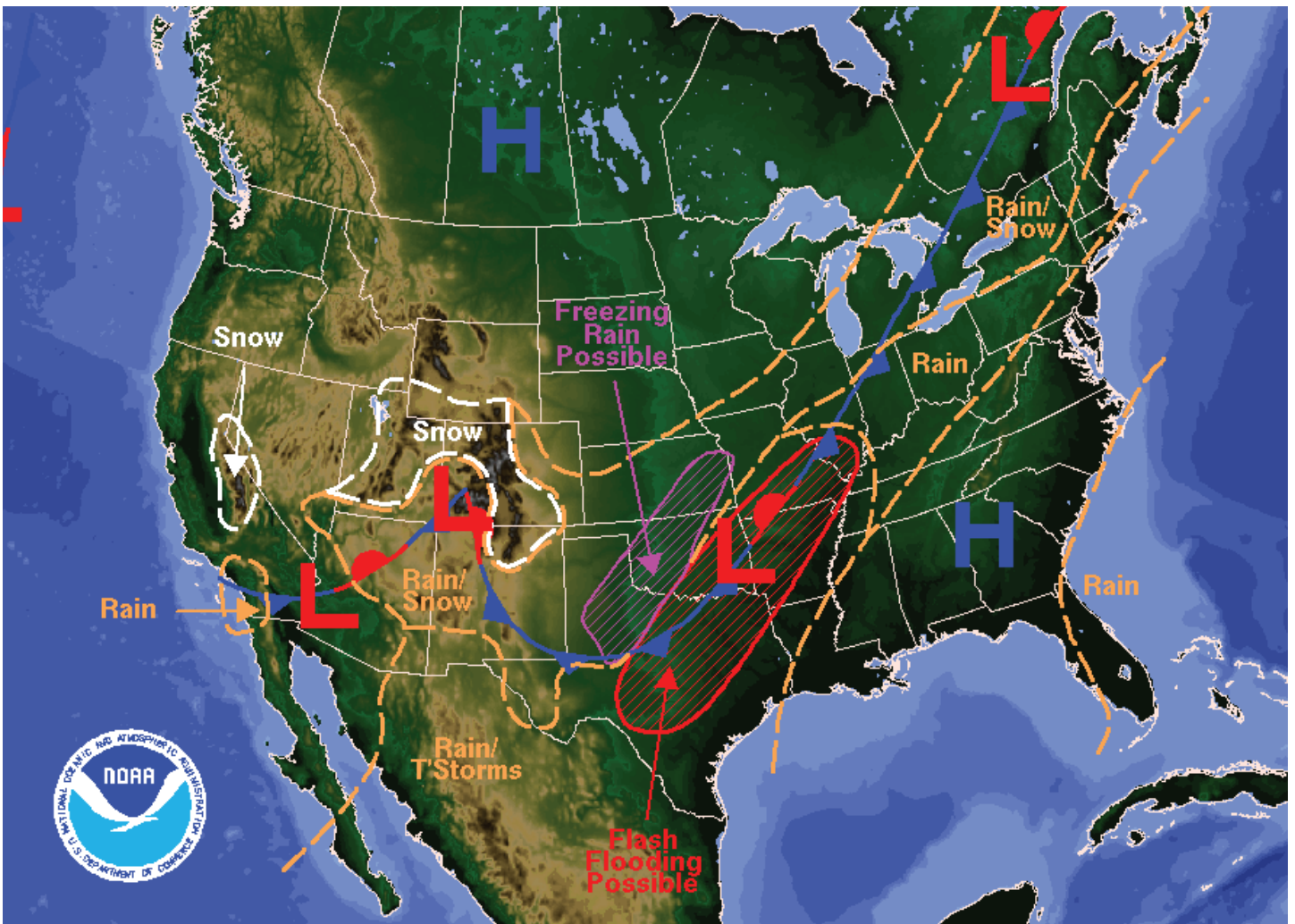
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.71

Average Precip to date: 21.15

Precip Year to Date: 19.82

Sunset Tonight: 4:54 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:49 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Nov 27, 2015, issued 4:28 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LET'S LAUGH!

One day a Christian who was known for having a quick smile and a loud laugh was asked, "Do you know if the Lord ever laughed?"

"I don't know the answer to that, but I do know that He fixed me so I could laugh!" came the answer.

He who laughs, lasts. A physician giving a lecture on "How To Enjoy Life and Live Longer" once said, "It is a known fact that people who laugh actually live longer than those who don't laugh. In fact, if laughter could be prescribed and we could write prescriptions for it, it would be the most popular medication for many illnesses."

Not only are laughter and health related, but so are laughter and holiness. When the Lord brought His children back to Jerusalem, the Psalmist wrote, "We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy!"

The absence of laughter in a person's life suggests the presence of fear or worry, guilt or oppression, defeat or hopelessness. It is as if their future is dark and the light of life has been extinguished. Not wanting to look out and up, around and about, their eyes seem to have no focus.

God has the ability, power and desire to restore to each of us a life that is beyond our expectation or understanding. He can bring triumph out of tragedy, victory out of defeat, peace out of turmoil and life rather than death.

Prayer: Lord, help us to be happy, joyful Christians that reflect a sense of Your peace and presence in all of life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

News from the Associated Press

Economy, oil slowdown might dampen Dakotas holiday sales

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Holiday shoppers in the Dakotas are expected to spend more than they did last year, though a slumping oil economy in North Dakota has retailers there nervous.

North Dakota Retail Association President Mike Rud (rood) is forecasting an increase in holiday sales this year in the 1 ½ to 2 ½ percent range. That would be less than the 3.7 percent increase the National Retail Federation expects nationally.

South Dakota Retailers Association Director Shawn Lyons says about three-fourths of businesses that responded to a survey expect spending to be the same as last year or slightly up.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss says low crop prices and manufacturing slowdowns are weighing down the regional economy. The oil slowdown in North Dakota also has led to a drop in taxable sales.

South Dakota regulators to decide on Dakota Access pipeline

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota regulators are expected to decide Monday whether to grant a construction permit for a pipeline that will cross through the state as it carries oil from North Dakota to Illinois.

The 1,130-mile Dakota Access Pipeline proposed by Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners would move at least 450,000 barrels of crude daily from the Bakken oil patch in western North Dakota through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois, where shippers can access Midwest and Gulf Coast markets.

It needs approval in all four states. South Dakota's Public Utilities Commission held a public hearing on the project in late September and early October.

Supporters of the project cite a need for energy security, point to the jobs it would create and maintain that transporting oil by pipeline is safer than moving it by rail or truck.

Opponents worry the pipeline could contaminate water supplies, farmland and archaeological sites, and harm habitat for wildlife, including endangered species.

Opponents have submitted written comments to the commission since the hearing, and Dakota Access has offered a set of stipulations for its permit. In addition to complying with state and local laws, officials say they would offer quarterly reports to the commission, hire a liaison officer approved by the commission to deal with landowner disputes and log landowner concerns.

The commission will decide whether to grant a construction permit, grant a permit with conditions or deny a permit, the Argus Leader newspaper reported (<http://argusne.ws/1PZ8vFH>).

South Dakota shoppers head to stores on chilly Black Friday

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — It's a chilly start to the holiday shopping season in South Dakota.

Temperatures were in the teens, single digits and in a few places even below zero as shoppers headed out to the stores on Black Friday to land some deals.

The day after Thanksgiving is generally considered the kickoff to the holiday shopping season. It's typically the biggest shopping day of the year — the National Retail Federation expects nearly 100 million people to shop.

Some stores opened Thursday night. Corrine Truebenbach of Aberdeen shopped for bedding at Herberger's on Thanksgiving evening, and told the American News her family was gearing up for Black Friday. She said family members spent an hour after their holiday meal planning their shopping.

1 killed, 1 injured when pickup hits semi west of Wolsey

WOLSEY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say one man was killed and another man was injured when a pickup truck collided with a semi-truck eight miles west of Wolsey.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says the pickup truck was headed east on U.S. Highway 14 just before 2 a.m. Thursday when it crossed the center line and struck a westbound semi-truck.

The 38-year-old pickup truck driver died at the scene. The 58-year-old driver of the semi-truck was hospitalized in Huron with non-life threatening injuries.

The patrol has not released any names pending notification of relatives.

The investigation is ongoing.

Fargo attorneys say ruling on drug dogs shows flaws in law

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Defense attorneys in Fargo who have argued that unwarranted searches with drug-sniffing dogs are unconstitutional and unfair to lower-income people say this week's ruling from the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals backs their premise.

The court said in an opinion released Monday that it was wrong for police in Iowa to bring a drug dog within inches of a resident's apartment window without first obtaining a warrant.

To Fargo lawyers who have seen appeals on warrantless sniffs rejected by the North Dakota Supreme Court, it's a victory for protection against unreasonable searches and seizures. As the law stands now, drug dogs are allowed inside apartments and condos without warrants, but not in private homes.

"The ruling shows that contrary to conclusions of the North Dakota Supreme Court, Fourth Amendment protections equally extend to those who live in multi-family dwellings," Fargo attorney Mark Friese said.

He argued a case in front of the state Supreme Court involving a man who was busted for dealing marijuana after two plainclothes officers with entered his building with a drug-sniffing dog without a warrant or invitation when another resident walked through the locked outside door.

Another Fargo attorney, Scott Brand, defended a client who was arrested when police brought a drug dog into a common hallway that the client shared with another resident in a privately owned condominium. Brand said the hallway in the condo should be considered curtilage, or part of the home, and that gave his client an expectation of privacy.

In the Iowa case, federal judges said the space outside of a man's window was an uncommon area because there was no walkway to the window and there was a bush and grill in front of the window that prevented it from being used as a common area.

Asked about the ruling, Brand cited a U.S. Supreme Court opinion in 2013 overturning a dog sniff on the porch of a private home and said that should be applied equally to residents of all dwellings.

"Curtilage is curtilage and the Fourth Amendment should not bend based on the searched person's socio-economic status," Brand said.

Cass County State's Attorney Birch Burdick said Wednesday he hasn't had time to review the 8th Circuit's ruling and could not comment.

Fargo attorney Charlie Sheeley, however, called it "outrageous to think that a dog sniffing an outside window area from 6 to 8 inches away is an unconstitutional trespass, yet a dog going inside a locked, secure building and sniffing under a door seam is OK.

"It is these types of issues that make the Fourth Amendment so fascinating, and makes being a criminal defense attorney the best job in the world," he said.

Pawn shop, entertainment venue opens in Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 70,000-square-foot pawn shop and entertainment venue in Sioux Falls opened its doors on Saturday.

Badlands Pawn, Gold & Jewelry also features a gun range, firearms retail store, foundry, tattoo shop and a 24-hour live rock 'n' roll radio station. KBAD 94.5 FM went on air at 9 a.m. Saturday.

CEO Chuck Brennan says the owners of American Jewelry & Loan in Detroit consulted with him on the

project. Guests at the weekend grand opening will include Les and Seth Gold from TruTV's "Hardcore Pawn." Brennan is owner of Dollar Loan Center, which has 100 locations in multiple states.

British foreign secretary meets Tunisian leader after attack

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Britain's foreign secretary has met with Tunisian President Beji Caid Essebsi, promising his nation's support after the third deadly attack this year in Tunisia claimed by the Islamic State group.

Philip Hammond said Britain, which is already helping to boost Tunisia's security, also wants to support the country's economic reforms.

He said that is essential as the North African country "grows its new democracy and shows the world it is possible ... for people to live harmoniously together."

A dozen presidential guards were killed in an attack Tuesday on a bus they were in. Britain has paid a heavy price in earlier attacks, with 30 British among the 38 killed in June at a tourist resort near Sousse. A Briton was among 22 killed in March at the Bardo Museum.

Art program gives Boston's homeless a place to create

MARK PRATT, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — In an elegant church in one of Boston's most chic shopping districts, homeless people from across the city gather once a week to express themselves in ways not possible when living on the streets.

As winter approaches, attendance at Common Art increases, and as many as 100 homeless and low-income people paint, draw, knit, sew, make jewelry or engage in other crafts that allow them to boost their self-esteem and make a little cash.

Chris Haubrich started coming to Common Art about 10 years ago when he was homeless and still comes regularly even though he now has an apartment.

"This is the place that saved me," Haubrich said, dabbing at a colorful painting of a parrot. "This is my safety net."

"I was a kid who grew up being told I couldn't do anything," he said. "I had no patience, and this has brought out my patience, given me focus."

Common Art was founded in 1996 when a homeless person told a local pastor that he wanted a place to be creative, said Amanda Grant-Rose, executive director of Common Cathedral, the nondenominational ministry that oversees the program.

"This is an opportunity to escape from their day," she said. "This is an opportunity for self-expression, and it's an opportunity for income."

The art is sold on the sidewalk outside the church, and every Sunday some participants travel to Boston-area churches to sell their work. Pieces can go for a few dollars to \$50 or more.

Participants use the income for more art supplies, maybe a hot meal or even a night or two in a hotel when temperatures plummet, said Heidi Lee, the program's artist-in-residence.

Common Art is now held every Wednesday, without fail, at Emmanuel Episcopal Church on swank Newbury Street — even when Wednesday falls on Christmas, or during the worst of winter storms.

"That's when people really need a place to go," said Lee, whose job is to provide instruction, advice and encouragement.

Art is just one example of the creative outlets that shelters and homeless organizations across the country offer, said Megan Hustings, interim director of the National Coalition for the Homeless. Several cities have street newspapers. Some shelters offer writing and poetry workshops, or even dance, aerobics and yoga classes.

"Homelessness is very difficult, it can be very debilitating, and when you're going through stressful times ... having the opportunity to have some kind of normalized experience is very positive," she said.

Haubrich typically creates mountain scenes using acrylic paints on canvas, but he has branched out recently to animals.

His mountain scenes are inspired by the late Bob Ross, the soft-spoken, bushy-haired art instructor on

the PBS series "The Joy of Painting," he said. The program has boosted his self-worth and taught him how to get along with others.

"I've learned how to respect one another, how to respect different cultures, and I've learned responsibility, leadership," he said.

Artistic experience is not necessary.

"I couldn't even draw a stick figure when I started here," said Jeff Shaw, who mixes joint compound with paint to create abstract works.

All are welcome, whether they choose to participate in artistic expression or not.

On a recent rainy Wednesday, one man sat quietly on the perimeter of the room absorbed in a book. Others spread out sleeping bags and blankets on the stage and fell asleep. Some people just hung out, chatting. Some just showed up for a cup of coffee and a hot meal.

And that's OK.

"You don't have to create," Grant-Rose said. "It's about community. We welcome everybody."

France honors attack victims in city subdued by mourning

LORI HINNANT, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A subdued France paid homage Friday to those killed two weeks ago in the attacks that gripped Paris in fear and mourning, honoring each of the 130 dead by name as the president pledged to "destroy the army of fanatics" who claimed so many young lives.

With each name and age read aloud inside the Invalides national monument, the toll gained new force. Most, as French President Francois Hollande noted, were under the age of 35, killed while enjoying a mild Friday night of music, food, drinks or sports. The youngest was 17. The oldest, 68.

Throughout Paris, French flags fluttered in windows and on buses in uncharacteristic displays of patriotism in response to Paris' second deadly terror attack this year. But the mood was grim, and the locked-down ceremony at the Invalides national monument lacked the defiance of January, when a million people poured through the streets to honor those killed by Islamic extremist gunmen.

Hollande, who in January locked arms with world leaders in a show of global unity against terrorism, sat alone in a hard-backed chair in the cavernous Invalides courtyard, the assembled mourners behind him as victims' names were recited. France's military provided the only images of Friday's ceremony, and no one without an invitation was permitted inside.

The night of Nov. 13, three teams of suicide bombers and gunmen struck across Paris, beginning at the national stadium — where Hollande was among the spectators — and ending in the storming of the Bataclan concert venue. In all, 130 people died and hundreds were injured. The crowd at the stadium shakily sang France's national anthem as they filed outside that night; a military band played the Marseillaise again on Friday, lingering slightly on the refrain: "Aux armes, citoyens!"

The courtyard went silent after the reading of the names finished, broken finally by a mournful cello. Hollande stared straight ahead, before finally rising to speak.

"To all of you, I solemnly promise that France will do everything to destroy the army of fanatics who committed these crimes," Hollande said.

The speech was dedicated above all to the dead and France's young.

"The ordeal has scarred us all, but it will make us stronger. I have confidence in the generation to come. Generations before have also had their identity forged in the flower of youth. The attack of Nov. 13 will remain in the memory of today's youth as a terrible initiation in the hardness of the world. But also as an invitation to combat it by creating a new commitment," he said.

Hollande noted that many of the dead, especially those at the Eagles of Death Metal show at the Bataclan, had careers in music — a music he said the attackers found intolerable.

"It was this harmony that they wanted to break, shatter. It was this joy that they wanted to bury with the blast of their bombs. Well, they will not stop it. We will multiply the songs, the concerts, the shows. We will keep going to the stadiums, and especially our beloved national stadium in Saint-Denis. We will

participate in sports gatherings great and small. And we will commune in the best of emotions, without being troubled by our differences, our origins, our colors, our convictions, our beliefs, our religions. Because we are a single and unified nation, with the same values."

Hollande imposed a national state of emergency hours after the attacks, allowing wide extrajudicial powers including warrantless searches and house arrest. The government said it was temporarily pulling out of the European Convention on Human Rights, and some activists have expressed concerns about indiscriminate police roundups.

Two named fugitives are wanted in connection the Nov. 13 attacks — Salah Abdeslam, whose brother was among the suicide bombers and who is believed to have fled for Belgium that night, and Mohamed Abrini, whose role has never been made clear. Seven attackers died on Nov. 13. Five days later, the Belgian suspected of planning the attacks, his female cousin and another unidentified man were killed in a police raid near the national stadium. The Paris prosecutor said the mastermind, Abdelhamid Abaaoud, planned another imminent suicide attack in the city's main business district.

The Latest: Turkish president says he warned Putin

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The latest developments regarding the war in Syria. All times local.

2:35 p.m.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says he warned Russian President Vladimir Putin of the risks of Russian planes intruding into Turkey's airspace during their meeting earlier this month at a G-20 summit in Turkey.

Erdogan said Friday that Putin urged Turkey to accept the Russian planes "as guests."

Erdogan said he responded: "There cannot be uninvited guests. The region is sensitive."

Erdogan was addressing thousands of supporters on Friday.

He also accuses Russia of backing Syrian President Bashar Assad's "terrorist state" which he says is responsible for the deaths of 380,000 people.

He again challenged Russia to prove allegations that Turkey was buying oil from the Islamic State group, and claimed that IS sells oil to Assad and that Russian companies were involved. ____

2:25 p.m.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan says that he hopes to have an opportunity soon to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin in a step to defusing the crisis over Turkey's downing of a Russian warplane.

Speaking in northwest Turkey on Friday, Erdogan said: "There is a summit in Paris, I believe he (Putin) will also attend. We could sit and talk there."

Erdogoga adds: "I would like to meet (Putin) face to face in Paris. I would like to bring the issue to a reasonable point. We are disturbed that the issue has been escalated."

1:00 p.m.

Hundreds have gathered outside an opposition newspaper in a show of solidarity after two of its journalists were jailed on terror and espionage charges for their reports on alleged government arms smuggling to Syria.

Cumhuriyet newspaper's editor-in-chief Can Dunder, and the paper's Ankara representative, Erdem Gul, were sent to a prison in Istanbul late on Thursday. They are accused of willingly aiding a terror organization and revealing state secrets.

In May, the paper published what it said were images of Turkish trucks carrying ammunition to Syrian militants. Cumhuriyet said the images were proof that Turkey was smuggling arms to rebels — a claim the government rejects.

More than a thousand people at the paper's Istanbul headquarters on Friday, accusing the government of silencing critics and attempting to cover-up the scandal.

12:40 p.m.

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Turkey's foreign minister says Turkey wants to overcome tensions with Moscow over the downing of a Russian plane do through "diplomacy."

Speaking during a visit to Azerbaijan on Friday, Mevlut Cavusolgu urged Russia to help deflate tensions through "level headed statements and acts." His words were carried by Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency.

Cavusoglu said: "we don't favor tensions. We believe we can overcome this problem through diplomacy. We expect the same understanding from our friend and neighbor Russia."

On Friday, aides to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said the Turkish and Russian leaders could meet at a climate summit in Paris next week.

But Dmitry Peskov, spokesman to Russian President Vladimir Putin, refused to speculate over whether Putin was considering a Turkish request for a meeting.

12:35 p.m.

Syrian opposition groups say a new wave of airstrikes on the city of Raqqa — the headquarters of the extremist Islamic State group — has killed at least eight people, including five children.

It wasn't immediately clear who carried out the airstrikes Friday.

The city in northeastern Syria is the Islamic State group's de facto capital and has become the focus of international airstrikes aimed at the group.

A Raqqa-based activist group that reports on IS, known as Raqqa is Being Slaughtered Silently, said that most of the casualties occurred when warplanes targeted the city's Heten School.

The school, like others in Raqqa, has been taken over by IS.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights put the death toll at 12, including the five children.

Russia and a U.S.-led coalition that includes France have been pounding Raqqa.

10:15 a.m.

France's foreign minister says destroying the Islamic State group's Raqqa headquarters is the main objective of the international military campaign.

In an interview with RTL radio on Friday, Laurent Fabius said "neutralizing and eradicating Daesh" is an objective that all countries agree upon, referring to IS by its Arabic acronym. He spoke after a week of intense diplomacy capped by the French president's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Islamic State has claimed responsibility for the downing of a Russian passenger plane over Egypt, as well as the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130 people. Fabius said Putin agreed on the need to focus international efforts against the extremist group and France is drawing up a map of other, moderate groups, to protect them from warplanes.

He also said the international coalition is focusing on oil convoys from the group's territory, which provide a crucial source of income. He said some of the trucks head toward Turkey, and France believes Syrian leader Bashar Assad is also a buyer.

Super Bowl of shopping starts The Associated Press

The Super Bowl of shopping had an early start again this year, but the game isn't over yet.

Early numbers aren't out yet on how many shoppers headed to stores on Thanksgiving. But it's expected that more than three times the number of people who shopped on Thanksgiving will venture out to shop on the day after the holiday known as Black Friday.

Sabrina Rajkumar, 36, a writer from New York, started shopping with her stepmom at Macy's at 7:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving and was just wrapping up at 5:30 a.m. Friday. She found a \$50 bedding set and a dress for her niece marked down to \$25 from \$74 and Godiva chocolates for \$8.

"I'm from New York and I've never done Black Friday before," she said. "We just wanted to experience the madness."

She said she didn't think she'd like it since she usually buys personalized gifts at places like Etsy, but she

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had fun. A highlight was free samples of espresso from machines on sale.

"It was crazy, not as crazy as I expected, but there were still a lot of folks there up to the wee hours," she said.

Overall, the National Retail Federation expected about 30 million to shop on Thanksgiving, compared with 99.7 million on Black Friday. Overall, the trade group estimates about 135.8 million people will be shopping during the four-day weekend, compared with 133.7 million last year. And it expects sales overall for November and December to rise 3.7 percent to \$630.5 billion compared with the same period last year.

But people may not be in the mood to shop much this year. Unemployment has settled into a healthy 5 percent rate, but shoppers still grapple with stagnant wages that are not keeping pace with rising daily costs like rent. And years later, they still insist on the deep discounts they got used to retailers offering during the recession.

Here are the big themes emerging on Black Friday:

HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

For the first time, there's expected to be more people visiting retailers' web sites through their smartphones than on desktop computers or tablets during the first weekend of the holiday shopping season that begins on Thanksgiving Day.

Mobile traffic during the five-day start to what is typically the busiest shopping period of the year is expected to reach 56.9 percent of total traffic, up from 48.5 percent last year, according to IBM Watson

NO ONE WILL START A FIGHT OVER ANYTHING, REALLY

Yet again, trend experts say there's no single item that's making shoppers run to stores. Perhaps that's why some shoppers experienced lighter crowds.

Ron Waxman, 51, a sports agent from New York, was able to shop with ease on Black Friday morning and find a nearby parking spot at 2 a.m.

"It's quiet very quiet," he said. "This is dead for Black Friday."

Toys R Us CEO Dave Brandon said the lines at the stores weren't quite as long as last year for the 5 p.m. opening on Thanksgiving, but the traffic built throughout the night. He declined to give any more details on sales and traffic but said that he saw substantial growth in online sales.

IT'S CHEAP TO GET WARM

Heavy sweaters and winter coats piled up at department stores and specialty chains heading into the Black Friday weekend.

Unseasonably warm weather and a shift in changing shopping habits toward experiences like spas have limited shoppers' appetite for such clothing. So plenty of stores like Macy's, Nordstrom and Dick's Sporting Goods say they plan to further mark down excess goods.

TOYS ARE GETTING PRICEY

Prices are climbing for toys as manufacturers pack lots of technology into them. Deborah Weinswig of the Fung Business Intelligence Center says in a recent report that prices of what the company considers the top 20 expected toys was nearly 36 percent higher than last year, with the average price of \$64.99.

And there are plenty of toys that cost \$100 or more, observed Toys R Us CEO Dave Brandon. He cited Fisher-Price's Smart Bear, which has a suggested price of \$99.99, as an example.

YOU CAN STILL ORDER ONLINE AND GET IT TODAY

More retailers are taking on the challenge of same-day delivery. Amazon has been making an aggressive push to offer same-day delivery to people who've paid its \$99 fee for Prime loyalty club membership. Start-up delivery service Deliv is working with Macy's, Kohl's, Express, Williams-Sonoma and other brick-and-mortar retailers to expand same-day delivery options.

Craft-selling site Etsy is working with Postmates for a holiday season pilot that will let some shoppers in New York City have items delivered to their door within hours for a flat fee of \$20. Apple is also working

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with Postmates on same-day deliveries in New York and San Francisco.

And Uber in October launched UberRush service in New York, San Francisco and Chicago that lets small businesses offer same-day delivery.

IS YOUR NEW SWEATER TRENDING?

eBay's holiday heat map is an interactive map that shows what are the most popular gifts across the country. (THINK: Who's buying what and where?): <https://www.ebayinc.com/holiday/>

WORKERS PROTEST

Wal-Mart workers and their supporters plan to protest outside the daughter of Sam Walton, the company's late founder. The protest outside her New York City apartment will conclude 15 days of fasting, organizers say. The number of days reflects the call for pay of \$15 an hour and full-time work.

Organizers say more than 1,400 people will participate in the action nationwide.

European markets resilient despite earlier China slide

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — European stock markets recouped earlier losses to trade little changed Friday despite an earlier big fall in China's main stock index, which suffered in the wake of news that investigations into the securities industry has widened to include two top brokerages.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, France's CAC 40 was up 0.2 percent at 4,954 while Germany's DAX was unchanged at 11,318. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was down 0.2 percent at 6,378. Wall Street traders were set to return to their desk after the Thanksgiving holiday for what is likely to be a subdued abbreviated session. Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures are both up 0.1 percent.

BLACK FRIDAY: The main focus on Wall Street's return will likely center on retail stocks because of Black Friday, when millions of Americans venture to shops the day after Thanksgiving in search of bargains.

ANALYST TAKE: "Traders will be waiting to see who is first to report 'record sales' from today's shopping bonanza," said Alastair McCaig, market analyst at IG. "As ever the devil will be in the detail, and seasoned traders are only too aware that record sales do not automatically translate into record profits."

CHINA PROBE: Earlier, the news that two major Chinese brokerages were under investigation for possible violation of securities market rules, in what is the latest aftershock of this summer's market plunge. A string of Chinese securities executives have been detained or questioned following a plunge in share prices that began in early June. The investigations were seen by many as an attempt by the ruling Communist Party to deflect blame for a market bubble that it engineered.

ASIA'S DAY: China's Shanghai Composite ended 5.5 percent lower at 3,436.30. Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 retreated 0.3 percent to 19,883.94 and South Korea's Kospi fell 0.1 percent at 2,028.99. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 1.9 percent to 22,068.32.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude was down 76 cents at \$42.28 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, lost 7 cents to trade at \$45.38 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: Trading in the foreign exchange markets was fairly subdued, with the euro down 0.2 percent at \$1.0586 and the dollar flat at 122.63 yen.

2 Palestinians killed after attacking Israeli troops

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops shot and killed two Palestinians after they rammed their cars into soldiers in separate attacks in the West Bank on Friday as the country's defense minister urged Israelis to brace themselves for more violence, saying he cannot see an end to the near-daily Palestinian attacks.

Friday's attacks, in which at least eight Israeli soldiers were injured, were the latest in over two months of bloodshed that erupted over tensions at a sensitive holy site in Jerusalem, sacred to Jews and Muslims, and quickly escalated and spread to the West Bank, Israel and the Gaza border.

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Since mid-September, 19 Israelis have been killed in Palestinian attacks, mostly stabbings and shootings. At least 96 Palestinians have also died, including 61 said by Israel to be attackers. The others died in clashes with Israeli forces.

Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon told Israelis to be prepared for more attacks by Palestinians.

"This terror wave will accompany us in the coming days, the coming weeks and maybe longer than that," Yaalon said at a conference in the Red Sea resort of Eilat.

"It might escalate and therefore we need to prepare," Yaalon was quoted as saying by the Army Radio's website.

In the first attack early Friday morning, police spokeswoman Luba Samri said a Palestinian intentionally drove his car into a group of Israeli soldiers at a bus stop in the West Bank, injuring two before he was shot and killed by soldiers.

Later Friday, the military said a Palestinian rammed his car into Israeli soldiers near the volatile West Bank city of Hebron, injuring six before he was shot and killed by troops at the scene.

Hebron is the largest Palestinian city in the West Bank and a frequent flashpoint for violence. Many of the Palestinians involved in the current round of violence have come from there. Tensions have been running high in Hebron, where some 850 Jewish settlers live amid tens of thousands of Palestinians.

Israel blames the violence on incitement by Palestinian leaders and on social media sites. Palestinians say the attacks stem from a lack of hope for gaining independence after years of failed peace efforts.

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. CHICAGO BRACES FOR POSSIBLE PROTESTS

Demonstrators are poised to disrupt Black Friday shopping with a march through the city's most famous retail district to bring attention to police brutality.

2. READY, SET, SHOP!

It's Black Friday, the official start of the holiday shopping season, and with it the first glimpse of how much people will spend this year.

3. KIDS KILLED AS IS STRONGHOLD BOMBED IN SYRIA

A new wave of airstrikes on Raqqa, the headquarters of the extremist Islamic State group, kills at least eight people — including five children at a school, Syrian opposition groups say.

4. WHO'S SEEKING A COMEBACK IN AFGHAN POLITICS

Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a warlord designated a "global terrorist" by the United States, whose group killed thousands in the civil war, casts himself as an interlocutor who can help bring about peace.

5. WHAT'S DISTRESSING TO POPE ON VISIT TO KENYA

Francis denounces the conditions slum-dwellers are forced to live in in Nairobi, saying that access to safe water and adequate housing are basic human rights.

6. INCREASED RESOLVE FOR UN CLIMATE TALKS

Still reeling, Paris will play host to the U.N. climate conference and delegates are determined to craft a landmark deal to fight global warming.

7. REUNION LEADS TO JOY, TEARS — AND QUESTIONS

Florida woman Mariette Williams reunites with her Haitian mother after 30 years, but amid the joy painful and murky issues surrounding her adoption surface.

8. WHERE PRESIDENTIAL CONTENDERS DIFFER SHARPLY

Stark differences separate Republicans and Democrats on energy and environment issues that underscore the sky-high stakes in the 2016 presidential election.

9. HOW KIDS ARE MAKING ORAL HISTORY

Using an app and instruction from the national oral history project StoryCorps, American students interview their elders for posterity.

10. WHO BROKE THROUGH AT LAMBEAU FIELD

Quarterback Jay Cutler won for the first time on Green Bay's home turf as the Chicago Bears make a late goal-line stand to hold off the Packers 17-13.

Pope calls slum conditions in Nairobi an injustice

By NICOLE WINFIELD and TOM ODULA, Associated Press

Pope Francis denounced the conditions slum-dwellers are forced to live in during a visit to one of Nairobi's many shantytowns Friday, saying access to safe water is a basic human right and that everyone should have dignified, adequate housing.

Residents of the Kangemi slum lined the mud streets to welcome Francis, standing alongside goats and hens outside the corrugated tin-roofed shacks where many of the shantytown's small businesses operate: beauty parlors, cellphone "top-up" shops and storefront evangelical churches.

Those lucky enough to score a spot at St. Joseph's parish erupted in cheers and hymns when Francis arrived, ululating and waving paper flags printed with his photo and the "Kariba Kenya" welcome that has been ubiquitous on the pope's first-ever visit to Africa.

In remarks to the crowd, Francis insisted that everyone should have access to water, a basic sewage system, garbage collection, electricity as well as schools, hospitals and sport facilities.

"To deny a family water, under any bureaucratic pretext whatsoever, is a great injustice, especially when one profits from this need," he said.

Francis, known as the "slum pope" for his ministry in Buenos Aires' shantytowns, has frequently insisted on the need for the three "Ls" — land, labor and lodging — and on Friday he focused on lodging as a critical issue facing the world amid rapid urbanization that is helping to upset Earth's delicate ecological balance.

Kangemi is one of 11 slums dotting Nairobi, East Africa's largest city, and is home to about 50,000 people. The U.N. Habitat program says some 60 percent of Nairobi's population lives on just 6 percent of the city's residential land in these unofficial settlements where residents struggle without basic sanitation or regular running water.

Francis denounced the "injustice of urban exclusion" where private corporations grab land illegally, depriving schools of their playgrounds and forcing the poor into ever more tightly packed slums, where violence and addiction are rampant.

"These are wounds inflicted by minorities who cling to power and wealth, who selfishly squander while a growing majority is forced to flee to abandoned, filthy and run-down peripheries," Francis said.

Francis told the residents that people forced to live in slums actually share values that wealthier neighborhoods can learn from: solidarity and looking out for one another. But he said it was unjust that entire families are forced to live in unfit housing, often at exorbitant prices.

He called for a "respectful urban integration" with concrete initiatives to provide good quality housing for all.

His message was welcomed by residents of Kangemi, who said the city only pipes in water three days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, but it's not safe to drink. Garbage collection goes to only those who can pay for it.

"Some people don't have toilets in their homes," said Emily Night, a mother of two who works at the St. Joseph's HIV counseling program. "Those that do, maybe 50 people are using it!"

Things aren't much better in nearby Kabiria slum.

"It's difficult. There is no water. We drink well water," said Rebecca Nanzala, who attended the pope's visit with the youngest of her three children, 2-year-old Mary. "Some treat it, some don't."

Francis raised the issue of environmental deterioration in cities in his landmark encyclical "Praise Be," saying many megacities today have simply become health threats, "not only because of pollution caused by toxic emissions but also as a result of urban chaos, poor transportation, and visual pollution and noise."

After the visit to Kangemi, Francis received a rock-star welcome at Nairobi's Kasarani sports stadium, where he zoomed around the track in his open-sided popemobile to the delight of the crowd.

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As he tends to do when surrounded by young people, Francis ditched his prepared speech and spoke off-the-cuff at length about problems Kenyan young people are facing, including the temptation to go the way of Kenya's many corrupt officials and institutions or to go off and join an extremist group.

Francis told the crowd that the way to prevent the young from being radicalized is to give them an education and a job.

"If a young person has no work, what kind of a future does he or she have? That's where the idea of being recruited comes from," he said.

Kenyans make up the largest contingent of foreign fighters in the Somali based al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab, which has staged a series of attacks in Kenya.

Francis also urged the kids to resist the temptation of corruption, saying it's like sugar: You develop a taste for it but it's ultimately terrible for you.

Francis said corruption isn't just in politics. "It's in all the institutions, including in the Vatican there are cases of corruption." But he said just because it's rampant doesn't make it right.

"Corrupt people don't live in peace," he said. "Corruption isn't a path of life, it's a path of death."

Later Friday after meeting with Kenya's bishops, Francis heads to Uganda for the second leg of his trip. There, he'll honor the country's Anglican and Catholic martyrs.

On Sunday, he is due to arrive in the Central African Republic, the most dangerous leg of the pilgrimage given the ongoing conflict between Christians and Muslims.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said plans hadn't changed and that the Bangui leg of the trip was still on.

Philippine website to seek tips on missing Marcos paintings

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Philippine government will launch a website to crowd-source tips on the whereabouts of some 200 missing art works, including paintings by Van Gogh, Picasso, and Rembrandt that were owned by former first lady Imelda Marcos, an official said Friday.

The family of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos allegedly amassed billions of dollars' worth of ill-gotten wealth. His widow, now 86 and a member of Congress, became notorious for excesses, symbolized by her huge shoe collection and staggering jewelry collection.

Experts from Christie's and Sotheby's auction houses are concluding Friday a week-long appraisal of jewelry seized after the family fled to Hawaii in 1986, following a popular revolt that ended Marcos' two-decade rule.

Andrew de Castro, a member of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, which is tasked with recovering the ill-gotten wealth, said that the agency would launch a website in a week or two to seek public assistance in locating at least 200 paintings.

A former head of the agency, Andres Bautista, last year said that the missing paintings include works by Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Picasso and Michelangelo. He said the list was compiled from various documents after the Marcoses fled, and had been registered with the Art Loss Register, the world's largest private database of lost and stolen art.

Among the paintings not on the list is one by Claude Monet that was sold for \$32 million in 2010 by former Marcos aide Vilma Bautista. She was sentenced last year by a New York court to up to six years' imprisonment for conspiring to sell the art work and tax fraud.

De Castro said Friday that litigation was ongoing on the Philippine government's lawsuit in New York to recover the proceeds from the sale and three other art works she attempted to sell.

Journalists were again allowed Friday to view and take pictures of the jewelry being appraised, including a rare, barrel-shaped pink Indian diamond that a Christie's representative said was worth at least \$5 million.

Other jewelry included complete sets of diamond encrusted rubies with a brooch whose single ruby stone is bigger than a dollar coin. A Sotheby's representative said they appear to be Burmese rubies. There were also diamond-studded tiaras, including a Cartier tiara with paisley-shaped design.

The jewelry collection, comprising three sets seized in various locations, was valued at \$5 million to \$7 million when it was last appraised in 1988 and 1991. But it is likely to have significantly risen in value, De Castro said.

The jewels have been stored for nearly three decades in the central bank's vault in Manila.

Kids making oral history with StoryCorps holiday project

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High school students across the country are making oral history this week by recording interviews with their elders in an unprecedented effort to stockpile wisdom for the ages.

The Great Thanksgiving Listen was conceived by leaders of the nonprofit oral history project StoryCorps. They're encouraging kids to send their audio recordings to a Library of Congress archive, using a free smartphone app available online at StoryCorps.me.

StoryCorps president and founder Dave Isay hopes to double, in one weekend, the 65,000 audio recordings StoryCorps has collected since 2003.

Some students and their interview subjects talked with The Associated Press before Thanksgiving about their StoryCorps interviews. Here are their stories:

MY RELIGION IS NONVIOLENCE

Sal Monteiro, an ex-con who was part of a deadly carjacking in 1992, made a big impression on Karl Lauture three years ago when he visited Karl's class at Moses Brown, a Quaker school in Providence, Rhode Island.

When Karl's eighth-grade teacher assigned a StoryCorps interview this fall, Karl decided to talk to Monteiro, now a training coordinator at the Institute for the Study & Practice of Nonviolence.

In their interview, Monteiro expressed regret about dropping out of high school and being with a friend who fatally shot a man during the carjacking. Both men went to prison.

"I regret not having enough courage to tell my friend to stop what he was doing," Monteiro said during the 30-minute interview.

Karl said their conversation gave him new perspectives on family and religion. Monteiro talked about the preciousness of family reunions, something Karl hadn't considered.

"I get to see some family members about, like, every other year, and I don't really take in those moments," Karl said. "I think next time I get to see them, I'll really value it."

Monteiro, 43, also told Karl he doesn't believe he needs God or organized religion.

"If anything, my religion would be nonviolence," he said.

Listen: <http://bit.ly/1LCcRfS>

CHOPPING COTTON, BUSING TABLES PART OF PAST STRUGGLES

Long before Bennie Stuart led a small church in Chicago, he chopped cotton for \$3 a day, cleared restaurant tables for \$45 a week and did social work. But his most interesting job may have been his work as a boy in Arkansas. Stuart was paid in eggs.

He cleaned up yards for the elderly and would be allowed to take eggs from the coop. But that was no easy task either, since snakes and the occasional fox were his competition. He later sold the eggs at a local store.

"I needed the money," the 78-year-old minister said with a laugh during an interview in suburban Bolingbrook, roughly 30 miles from Chicago.

Stuart told his granddaughter Vanyce Grant about his struggles in hopes of further convincing her to get a good education.

"She has been blessed with great opportunities that I didn't hardly even dream of having," he said.

Grant, who aspires to be an architect, said she chose to interview her grandfather for the StoryCorps

project because he always has something interesting to say.

"It was just surprising all the things I didn't know," said Grant, 15.

Presidential contenders differ sharply on climate, energy

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders calls climate change the greatest threat to national security. Front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton promises to install more than 500 million solar panels across the country.

On the Republican side, Jeb Bush would phase out tax credits for solar power. Rival Marco Rubio wants to cut the federal gas tax by 80 percent.

They're among the stark differences between the two parties on energy and environment issues that underscore the sky-high stakes for both sides of the debate in the 2016 presidential race.

After President Barack Obama's two terms, business and environmental groups see a game-changing election. Many environmental groups and Democrats fear a potential rollback of the Obama administration's policies on climate change and renewable energy under a Republican president. Business groups and Republicans are eager to boost oil and gas production following years of frustration with Obama.

"At the end of the day, there's a clear choice for all" of the candidates, said Tom Pyle of the pro-business American Energy Alliance. "Either continue the Obama administration's anti-energy agenda or chart a new course that promotes affordable and reliable energy for all Americans."

"Everywhere you look, from New York's Wall Street to Iowa's Main Street, voters are ready for real climate action and the clean energy revolution," countered Khalid Pitts of the Sierra Club, "except if you are a Republican running for president."

Some of the issues dividing the candidates in the presidential election:

CLIMATE CHANGE

Obama heads to Paris on Sunday for an international climate conference, and Republicans are united in opposition to a possible pact and the president's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions from U.S. power plants.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and GOP presidential front-runner Donald Trump are among several Republican candidates who reject mainstream climate science. Ben Carson calls himself a "climate science questioner" and says "the temperature of the earth is always fluctuating."

Bush said at a New Hampshire town hall last month that he thinks the climate is changing and that "humans have some say in it for sure." But, he added, "What I don't want to do is destroy the American economy as the solution."

Rubio asserted at a recent GOP debate that "America is not a planet" and said that when it comes to global warming, he was "not going to destroy our economy the way the left-wing government we are under now wants to do."

Republican candidates all warn that Obama's plan to curb greenhouse gas emission from U.S power plants could cost thousands of jobs and raise electricity costs for businesses and families.

Clinton, Sanders and fellow Democrat Martin O'Malley support the president's Clean Power Plan, calling it a legacy-worthy effort to slow climate change.

OIL & GAS DRILLING

Republican candidates all say they would approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline recently rejected by Obama. Democrats support the president's action.

Republicans also agree on lifting the 40-year-old U.S. ban on crude oil exports; Democrats are opposed. Sanders wants to stop all new oil and gas drilling on federal lands, as well as in the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, while Republicans would expand drilling for oil and natural gas.

Like Sanders, Clinton opposes drilling in the fragile Arctic region, which she calls "a unique treasure."

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But she generally supports drilling on federal lands.

RENEWABLES

Democrats back federal subsidies for renewable energy such as wind and solar power. On the GOP side, the candidates range from skeptical to hostile about a policy several describe as Washington "picking winners and losers."

Trump has long opposed wind power. He famously objected to a proposed wind farm near a golf course he was building in Scotland.

But as a presidential candidate, his views have evolved. At a recent event in Iowa, one of the nation's top wind-farm states, Trump offered grudging support for a federal tax credit for wind energy. While calling wind turbines "very, very expensive" to build and maintain, Trump said he is "OK" with subsidies.

"I don't think they work without subsidy, which is a problem," he said.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie backs credits for wind energy and supports a federal Renewable Fuel Standard that mandates ethanol in gasoline, a policy Cruz has denounced as "corporate welfare." Trump also supports the corn-ethanol mandate, which is hugely popular in early-voting Iowa. Rubio, Bush and Ohio Gov. John Kasich say it should be phased out over time.

"Ultimately, whether it's ethanol or any other alternative fuel ... the markets are going to have to decide this," Bush said.

Democrats back the ethanol mandate as well as incentives for biofuels.

COAL AND NUCLEAR

After running as a champion of coal in 2008, Clinton now calls for protecting health benefits for coal miners and their families and helping retrain them for new jobs. She would use a combination of tax incentives and government grants to help coal-dependent communities repurpose old mine sites and attract new economic investment.

Republicans all support coal production and enthusiastically back nuclear energy; Clinton offers cautious support for nuclear power. Sanders has called for a moratorium on nuclear-plant license renewals and cheered the closure of the aging Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.