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**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.**

## Several named to NEC All-Conference

Groton Area's football team had several players name to the All-Northeast Conference Football Team. On the first team are seniors Carter Jondahl, Adam Herman and Stevie Fey, and juniors Bennett Shabazz and Brandon Keith. Named as honorable mention were juniors McClain Lone and Patrick Gengerke.

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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### 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

Lisa Sippel Novice Debate in Groton after school Practice ACT at GHS

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

**School Menu:** Meatballs, baked potato, tea



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## All-Conference Lake Region Conference Football Team

Conference champions Langford Area had six players named to the All-Conference football team. They are seniors Jordan Carson, Brady Wieker and Garret Knebel, juniors Lincoln Gibbs and Chance Olson, and sophomore Harley Gibbs. on the honorable mention team were seniors Mason Hanse and Josh Punt. The Lions finished as the State 9B Champions and won the Northeast Conference with a 5-0 record.

The Warner Monarchs finished second in the LRC with a 4-1 record. Those named to the All-Conference team were senior Dawson McNeill, juniors Jack Braun, Nick Evangelisto and Micah Hoellein and sophomore Danzan Gilborne. On the honorable mention team was senior JP Henson.

Faulkton finished 3-2 in the conference and on the All-Conference Team were seniors Lane Melius and Carson Ortmeier and junior Jack Aesoph. Senior Truman Weyand was named to the honorable mention team.

The Leola/Frederick Titans finished 2-3 in the conference. Seniors Stephen Haas and Logan Heupel were named to the All-Conference Team and sophomore Dakota King was named honorable mention.

Ipswich/Edmunds Central finished 1-4 in the Lake Region Conference with senior Bryce Malsam and junior Ben Pond named to the All-Conference Team.

Northwestern finished 0-5 with senior Cody Lefforge named to the All-Conference Team and senior Logan Schentzel named to the honorable mention team.

Langford Area's Lincoln Gibbs was named the MVP on offense and Brady Wieker was named MVP on defense.



Langford Lions 9B Champions





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**Lincoln Gibbs**

**State 9B Photos  
by Kent Erickson**



**Mason Larson**



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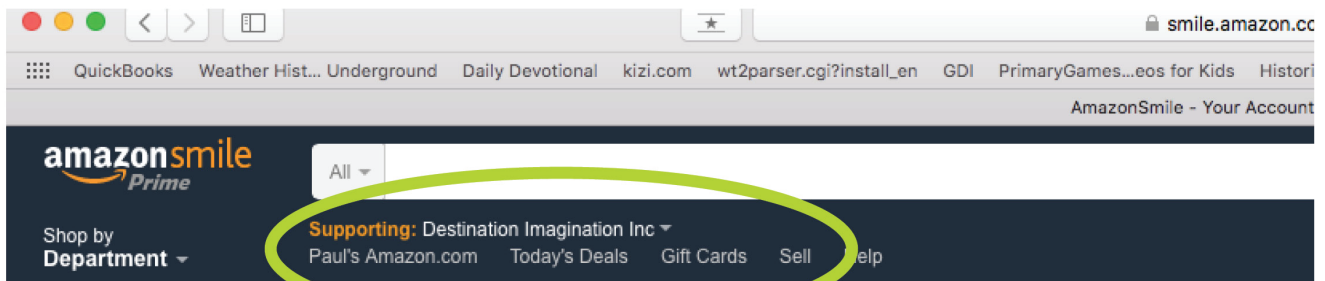


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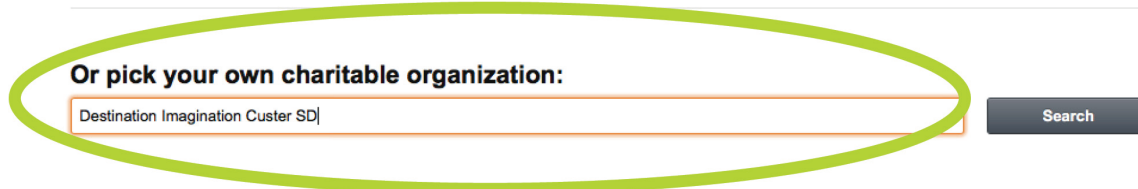
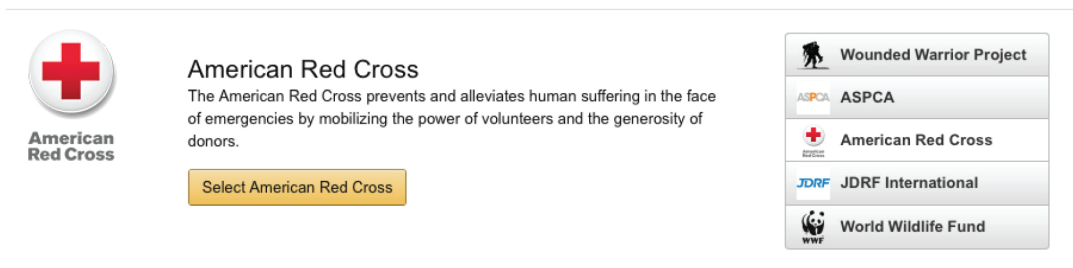
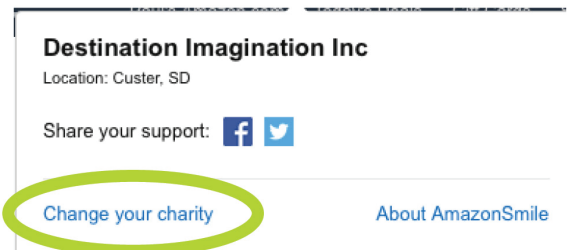
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## Groton Chamber Holiday Boxes are out & about in Groton!

This Week (thru 11/27) – Groton Ford  
\*\*\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Free Oil Change!\*\*

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!



Merry  
Christmas



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## Today in Weather History

November 28, 2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 9 inches fell across parts of northeast South Dakota, causing travel difficulties and school closings. Some snowfall amounts included 6 inches at Britton, Roy Lake, Webster, Waubay, Summit, and Wilmot; 8 inches at Columbia and south of Bristol; and 9 inches at Houghton.

November 28, 2005: A significant winter storm visited the region on November 27-29, 2005, producing a wide range of wintry precipitation across the area. Snow and blizzard conditions occurred across central and north central South Dakota, while freezing rain and ice accumulations took front stage in northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Across most of central and north central South Dakota, snow began in the late afternoon and early evening hours of the 27th, with significant snowfall accumulations occurring by the time the snow ended later in the day on the 28th. Snowfall accumulations ranged from as little as two inches to as much as 20 inches. Strong northwest winds of 30 to 50 mph, with gusts to 70 mph, caused widespread blizzard conditions from the early morning until the late afternoon hours of the 28th. Visibilities were reduced to zero many times across the area with snowdrifts of 5 to 10 feet in some places. Some power lines were also brought down in the Pierre and Fort Pierre area due to snow accumulation and high winds. Many roads, including Interstate 90, were closed due to the treacherous travel conditions. Several accidents occurred during the storm, and many motorists were also stranded. Several people had to be rescued. Schools, businesses, government offices, and many other organizations were closed. FEMA, state officials, and the governor surveyed the storm damage. Some of the significant snowfall amounts included 7 inches at Eureka, 8 inches at Onaka, 10 inches at Onida and Fort Thompson, 11 inches near Presho, 16 inches at Highmore, and 21 inches at Kennebec. To the east of this heavy snow and blizzard area, widespread freezing rain began during the morning to early afternoon of the 27th, creating significant ice accumulations of 1 to over 2 inches. The freezing rain changed to snow on the 28th, and northwest winds increased to 30 to 40 mph, gusting to 60 mph. The high winds and heavy ice accumulations caused several thousand power poles (some steel), along with several thousand miles of power lines, to come down, resulting in widespread power outages. The ice and winds also damaged several hundred miles of high-voltage power lines and towers. Some power substations were also shut down by the ice and wind. Thousands of trees were also either damaged or downed due to the heavy ice accumulations and the wind. Many of the fallen trees and branches caused damage to homes and vehicles. The radio station in Milbank went off the air due to its collapsing radio tower. Tens of thousands of people in many communities and rural areas were without power for several days, with some people without power for as long as two weeks. Telephone and cellular phone service was also down for several days. Countless schools, businesses, government offices, and other organizations were closed for several days. FEMA, state officials, and the governor also toured this damaged area, resulting in a presidential disaster declaration. Hundreds of utility workers from South Dakota, Minnesota, and nine other surrounding states worked 14- to 18-hour days in cold conditions to bring power back to the area. The National Guard also helped with getting generators, cots, blankets, and meals to storm shelters. Generators supplied power to many communities and rural areas, while others continued without power. Shelters were set up for those who did not have generator power or another place to go. There were also problems with livestock with the water supplies cut off for some time. One electric cooperative stated that repairs to the infrastructure would continue for months and years to restore a system that took decades to build. Roads were treacherous with many accidents and rollovers, some resulting in injuries. Due to the icy road conditions, many roads were closed, including Interstate 29. Around noon on the 27th, on US Highway 212 two miles west of Zell in Faulk County, a 59-year old man was killed when his car spun out of control and hit an oncoming pickup truck. Around 1:30pm on the 28th, on Day County Road One about two miles south of Waubay, a 17-year old girl was killed and three others were injured when one vehicle spun out of control and struck a truck in the oncoming lane. Air traffic was also brought to a halt across much of the area. This was one of the largest ice storms in the region's history. One electric cooperative said it was the most damage they had in their 65 years of existence. After the ic-

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ing came snowfall of 2 to 12 inches, which combined with the high winds to bring blizzard conditions and low wind chills to northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota from the morning of the 28th until the early morning of the 29th. Some of the significant snowfall amounts included 7 inches at Watertown, 8 inches at Waubay, 10 inches at Redfield, and 12 inches at Sisseton.

November 28, 1921: New England was in the midst of a four-day ice storm, their worst of record. Ice was more than three inches thick in many places following the storm, and property damage was in the millions of dollars. Northern New England received heavy snow with more than two feet reported in some areas. Overnight freezing rains continued through the day at Worcester, MA while the wind increased to a gale. Streets become impassable even on foot, and whole towns were plunged into darkness without communication. The storm caused 20 million dollars damage to power lines, telephone lines and trees.

1960 - A severe storm produced waves 20 to 40 feet high on Lake Superior. Duluth, MN, was buried under a foot of snow, and clocked wind gusts to 73 mph. The northern shore of Lake Superior was flooded, and property along the shore was battered. Thousands of cords of pulpwood were washed into Lake Superior, and up to three feet of water flooded the main street of Grand Marais. Thunder accompanied the nor'easter . (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Low pressure in the Middle Mississippi Valley produced a mixture of snow and sleet and freezing rain from the Central Plains to the Upper Mississippi Valley. Snowfall totals in Iowa ranged up to ten inches at Red Oak. Totals in Nebraska ranged up to 11 inches at Shickley. Freezing rain made roads treacherous in the Twin Cities area of southeastern Minnesota. Bitter cold arctic air invaded the Northern High Plains Region. Laramie WY was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 18 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




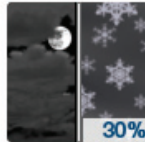



1988 - Thunderstorms spawned five tornadoes in North Carolina during the early morning hours. A powerful tornado ripped through one of the most densely populated areas of Raleigh destroying hundreds of homes and damaging thousands more. The tornado killed four persons along its 83 mile track, and injured 154 others. Total damage was estimated at more than 77 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)


1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds prevailed across southern California. Winds gusted to 70 mph at the Rialto Airport, and several tractor- trailer trucks were overturned east of Los Angeles. High winds also buffeted the northeastern U.S., ushering arctic air into the region. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Montpelier VT, and reached 66 mph at Saint Albans VT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Chance Snow	Snow Likely	Snow	Chance Snow
High: 33 °F	Low: 16 °F	High: 34 °F	Low: 21 °F	High: 32 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 34 °F

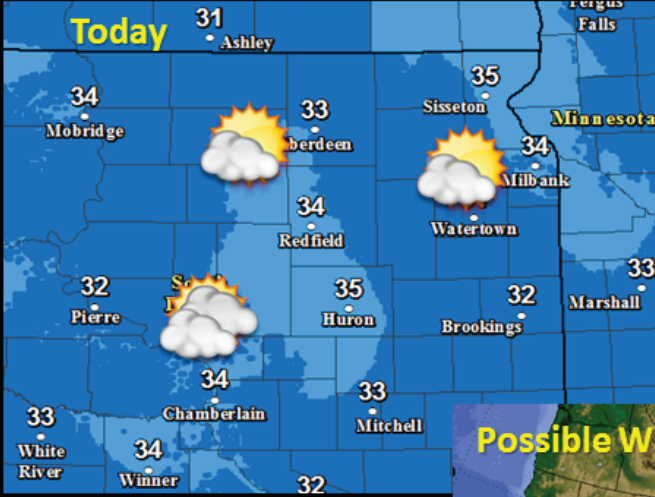


## Milder Today & Sunday

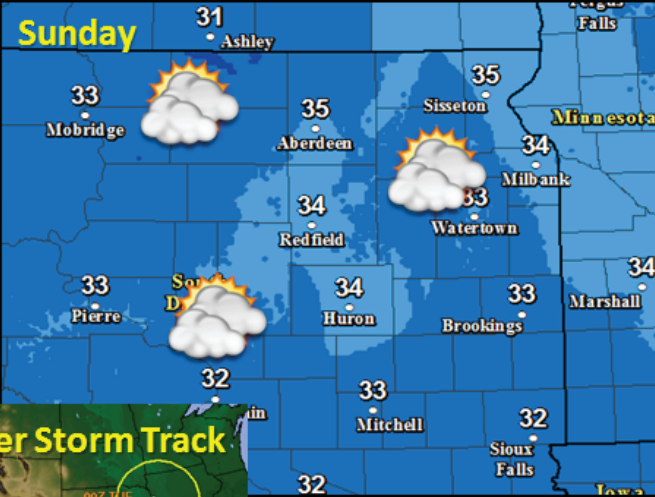
Snow Possible Monday & Tuesday




### Today






### Sunday



### Possible Winter Storm Track



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Arctic air will shift out of the forecast area, with milder readings today and Sunday. A storm system will lift northwards into the region Monday - and continue through Tuesday. This system looks to bring snow to the forecast area, although it is difficult to tell how much the region will get.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 25.5 at 3:34 PM

**Low:** 2.6 at 7:33 AM

**High Gust:** 12 at 3:19 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 59° in 1949

**Record Low:** -21° in 1985

**Average High:** 32°F

**Average Low:** 13°F

**Average Precip in Nov.:** 0.69

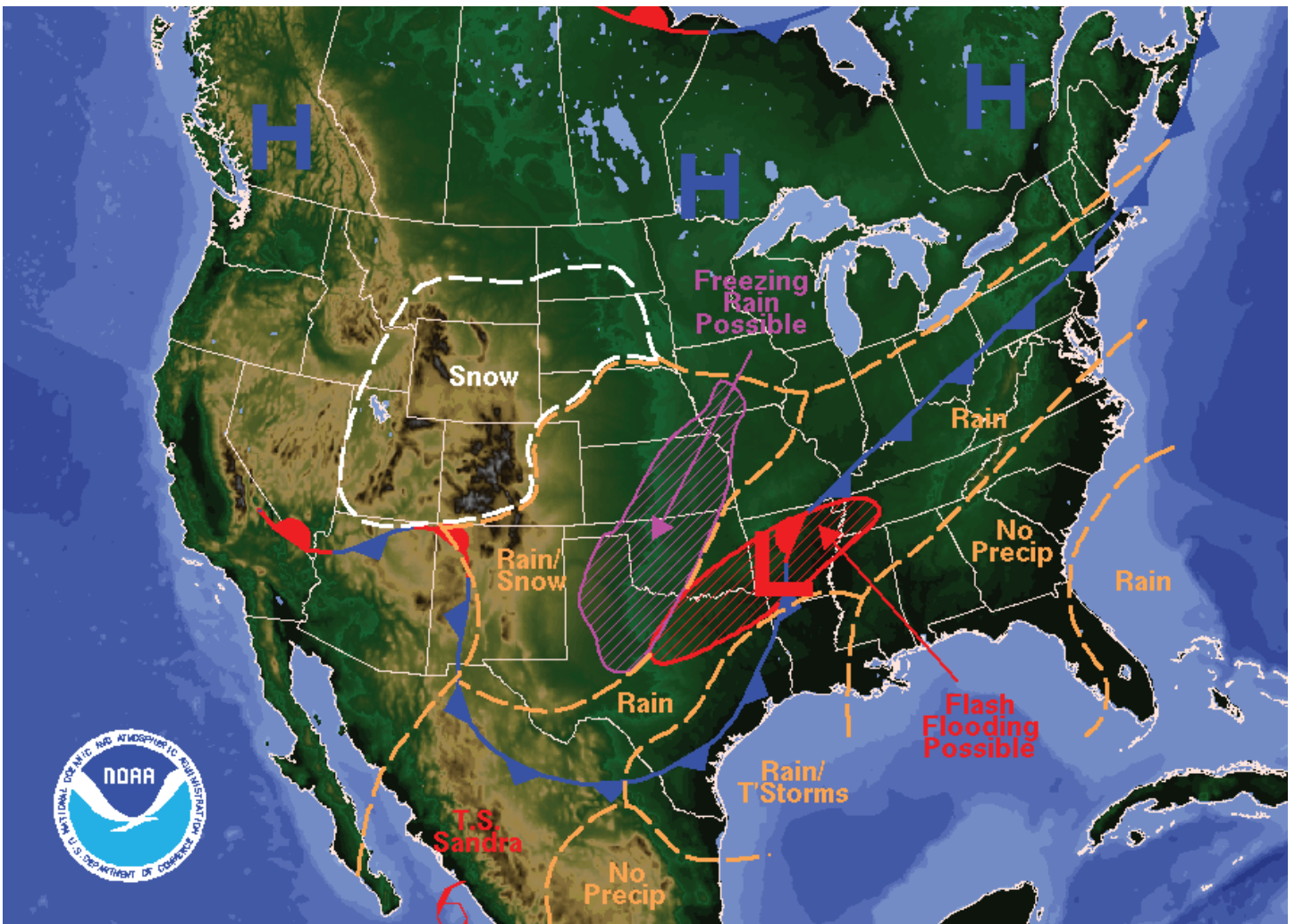
**Precip to date in Nov.:** 0.71

**Average Precip to date:** 21.16

**Precip Year to Date:** 19.82

**Sunset Tonight:** 4:53 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 7:50 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 28, 2015, issued 4:54 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## ONLY THE BEST FOR A KING!

Alexander the Great was the first world conqueror. He is also remembered as one of history's most remarkable men.

Once while riding in his chariot he saw a poor beggar. Moved, he stopped, reached down and gave him several gold coins.

Surprised, his aide said, "Sir, copper coins would adequately meet a beggar's need."

"Oh!" said Alexander. "Copper coins would suit a beggar's need, but gold coins suit Alexander's giving."

What a perfect picture of the greatness of God's grace. There may be times when we think we are not good enough for God's grace or perhaps beyond the limits of His love. We may wonder if He will save someone as lowly or lonely, wretched or worthless as we sometimes feel. We may think that His salvation is for everyone except us.

Paul said that "God's own Son died for us, was raised from the dead for us, is now interceding for us and no one or no thing can separate Him from us."

If God gave His Son for us, He will not withhold any good thing from us. Often, in the scheme of things, we come to the conclusion that because of how we have lived or what we have done, His grace is insufficient rather than sufficient to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Not so!

**Prayer:** Father, in our moments of doubt and despair, may we reach out and up in faith, believing in Your love. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Romans 8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

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## News from the Associated Press

### **SBA, Sioux Falls leaders promote Small Business Saturday**

ST. THOMAS, S.D. (AP) — Small businesses in Sioux Falls are gearing up for their own version of Black Friday.

KELO-TV reports (<http://bit.ly/1PSOAK8>) that John Brown with the Small Business Administration joined Mayor Mike Huether and Joe Batcheller of Downtown Sioux Falls on Friday to talk about supporting local businesses.

Batcheller says that when residents shop local, they help support local roads and local schools. He says it's a way to support friends, family, neighbors and the entire community.

Small Business Saturday is a national initiative to entice shoppers to spend their money locally. There are 27.9 million small businesses in the United States employing 55 percent of the working population.

A variety of downtown stores are having special sales on Saturday.

### **Jones helps No. 6 Maryland hold off South Dakota St 62-55**

ST. THOMAS, U.S. Virgin Islands (AP) — Maryland faced its first real test of the season, and the Terrapins passed.

They had won their first four games by an average of 51.5 points, but had to rally to stay unbeaten.

Brionna Jones had 21 points and 13 rebounds to help the No. 6 Terrapins beat South Dakota State 62-55 on Friday night in the Paradise Jam.

Shatori Walker-Kimbrough added 19 points for Maryland (5-0), which blew a 10-point halftime lead before holding off the Jackrabbits.

With Maryland down 50-48 midway through the fourth quarter, Walker-Kimbrough and Jones took over. The pair combined for eight straight points to give the Terrapins a 56-52 lead with 1:26 left. Madison Guebert hit a 3-pointer 24 seconds later to get the Jackrabbits within one. That was the last point they would get and Maryland hit four of six free throws in the last 1:02 seconds to seal the win.

"They're all not going to be pretty. We hung in there, we were resilient," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said, "It was nice for us to have that kind of test. You're going against a team that isn't going to go away. They had a tough game against Notre Dame and we knew they were going to be a really tough opponent. To come in here and be battle-tested against a great team made us better."

Macy Miller scored 13 points and Guebert added 11 to lead South Dakota State (3-2).

"Maryland is a great team. We played really well. Played good defense, but when it came down to it, we couldn't get the rebounds we really wanted and didn't make the shots at the end," Miller said.

The Terrapins got off to a quick start outscoring the Jackrabbits 17-4 in the first quarter behind Walker-Kimbrough and Jones. The pair combined to score the first 15 points for Maryland. The Jackrabbits missed 16 of their first 17 shots.

"We played very well the last three quarters of the game. Unfortunately we couldn't get enough offense going in the first quarter," South Dakota State coach Aaron Johnston said. "Our 1-for-17 start from the field was a big hole to dig out of. Our defense was excellent and helped keep the game in reach and as our offense picked up we eventually took the lead late in the game. Playing quality opponents is the best way to learn about our true strengths and weaknesses."

Maryland was up 10 at the half before the Jackrabbits rallied. They tied it at 46 on a 3-pointer by Gabrielle Boever, her only points of the game. Miller's layup with 5:36 left gave South Dakota State its only lead at 50-48.

This was the second top 10 team this season that the Jackrabbits hung tough with. They lost to No. 3 Notre Dame by 11 earlier in the season.

"(Games like this) build up our confidence a lot. Losing to Notre Dame by 11 and Maryland by 7, I think going into each and every game we are going to have to use that," Miller said. "We know we can compete



with these good teams.”

TIP-INS:

Maryland: The Terrapins have been ranked in 97 straight Associated Press polls, dating to the preseason poll of the 2010-11 season. ... Jones' career high for points (24) was set against Illinois last season.

South Dakota State: The Jackrabbits have played Maryland once before, losing in Cancun, Mexico, in 2008. ... The Jackrabbits are 16-13 in regular-season tournaments.

UP NEXT:

Maryland will face Pittsburgh on Saturday.

South Dakota State will play Old Dominion on Saturday.

## Authorities release name of man killed in Wolsey accident

WOLSEY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a 38-year-old man killed when the pickup truck he was driving collided with a semi-truck eight miles west of Wolsey.

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

Botha, who the patrol says was not wearing a seat belt, died at the scene. The semi-truck driver, 57-year-old Randy Block, of Fort Pierre, was taken to a Huron hospital with serious, non-life threatening injuries.

The Highway Patrol continues to investigate.

## Improving Griz offense takes on SDSU's stingy defense

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — South Dakota State brings a stingy defense with a chip on its shoulder into its Football Championship Subdivision playoff game against a surging Montana, whose offense has averaged 55 points in each of its last two games.

The first-round game kicks off at 1 p.m. Saturday in Missoula. It will be carried by ESPN3 and DirecTV's ESPN College Extra.

The Jackrabbits (8-3) have allowed just 16.7 points per game, the ninth-best mark in the FCS, and the defense really stiffens when its opponents are in scoring range.

“From about the 40 in, this whole year, we've really locked it in,” said SDSU linebacker T.J. Lally, who has 88 tackles this year. “We've been really, really efficient in the scoring regions.”

SDSU coach John Stiegelmeier said his team's red zone defense has been key in the past couple of years.

“Many times it's a mentality, it isn't a scheme,” he told the Missoulian. “It's a chip on your shoulder. It's that we've got something to prove now.”

Montana's offense has scored 111 points in its past two games with the return of starting quarterback Brady Gustafson, who has passed for 1,460 yards and nine touchdowns in five outings.

“We've got a great receiving corps and it's nice that we're really able to take advantage of them now,” said first-year Griz coach Bob Stitt. “Brady really understands what the defensive secondary is doing. He can get the ball where it needs to go and can also check us into some really good plays that isolate our guys one-on-one.”

Jamaal Jones averages 99 yards receiving per game and has nine TD catches.

SDSU's offense is keyed by receiver Jake Wieneke, who averages 122 yards receiving and has 11 touchdown catches.

Meanwhile, SDSU has given up 184 points all year — including 38 in its 41-38 season-opening win over Kansas. The Jackrabbits gave up just over 10 points per game over the next seven games, but allowed an average of 24 points over the final three games, including a 30-24 double overtime loss to Western Illinois that knocked them out of the Top 5.

“We gave up way too many first downs the last couple games,” Stiegelmeier said. “We're lucky to have beat the University of South Dakota,” after overcoming a 20-point deficit.

“It's catching up to us, is what I'm saying. We need to get back to playing good defense in every phase on the football field,” Stiegelmeier added.

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Montana's defense has kept the team in some games this year as the Griz played with their second-string and then third-string quarterbacks.

Linebacker Kendrick Van Ackeren has 125 total tackles and two interceptions this season.

"Every week you know what you're going to get out of him," Stitt told the Great Falls Tribune. "He flies around and makes plays. He's one of the smartest guys out on the field, which is why he's always in the right place at the right time."

Jeremiah Kose recorded 95 tackles while Tyrone Homes leads the Griz with 20 tackles for a loss and 14 sacks. J.R. Nelson pounced on a bad snap on an Idaho State field goal attempt and flipped the ball to Eric Johnson, who ran 40 yards for a touchdown in Montana's 33-27 overtime victory over the Bengals — a win that kept Montana (7-4) in the playoff chase.

The teams played one common opponent. The Grizzlies defeated four-time defending champion North Dakota State 38-35 in the season-opener, while SDSU fell to the Bison 28-7 in early October. The winner of Saturday's game plays meets the Bison in the second round.

The Jayhawks beat Southern Utah 55-10 in September. The Thunderbirds won the regular season Big Sky Conference title, but did not play Montana (7-4) this season.

## Suspect in custody after shooting at Planned Parenthood

**SADIE GURMAN, Associated Press**

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A gunman burst into a Planned Parenthood clinic and opened fire, launching several gunbattles and an hourslong standoff with police as patients and staff took cover under furniture and inside locked rooms. By the time the shooter surrendered, three people were killed — including a police officer — and nine others were wounded, authorities said.

For hours, police had no communication with the shooter other than intermittent gunfire from inside the Colorado Springs clinic. As the standoff progressed, officers inside the building herded people into one area and evacuated others.

Officers eventually moved in, shouted at the gunman and persuaded him to surrender, police said. About five hours after the attack started, authorities led away a man wearing a white T-shirt.

Police identified him as 57-year-old Robert Lewis Dear of North Carolina. Jail booking records indicate Dear is due in court on Monday.

No other details about the suspect were immediately available, including whether he had any connection to Planned Parenthood.

"We don't have any information on this individual's mentality, or his ideas or ideology," Colorado Springs police Lt. Catherine Buckley told reporters on Friday.

She said Saturday that the items Dear brought to the scene were "no longer a threat," but she would not say what those items were or why they were no longer considered a threat. Investigators expect to study the crime scene for several days, Buckley said.

Planned Parenthood said all of its staff at the clinic was safe. The organization said it did not know the circumstances or motives behind the attack or whether the organization was the target.

"This is not normal. We can't let it become normal," President Barack Obama said in a statement. "If we truly care about this — if we're going to offer up our thoughts and prayers again, for God knows how many times, with a truly clean conscience — then we have to do something about the easy accessibility of weapons of war on our streets to people who have no business wielding them. Period. Enough is enough."

The University of Colorado in Colorado Springs police department identified the officer killed as 44-year-old Garrett Swasey, a six-year veteran of the force. He was married and had a son and daughter, according to the website of his church, Hope Chapel in Colorado Springs.

There were no immediate details about the two civilians killed in the attack. Five officers and four others were hospitalized in good condition, police said.

"Certainly it could have been much, much worse if it were not for the heroism of our police officers to corner the person in the building," Colorado Springs Fire Chief Chris Riley said.

Witnesses described a chaotic scene when the shooting first started just before noon.

Ozy Licano was in the two-story building's parking lot when he saw someone crawling toward the clinic's



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door. He tried to escape in his car when the gunman looked at him.

"He came out, and we looked each other in the eye, and he started aiming, and then he started shooting," Licano said. "I saw two holes go right through my windshield as I was trying to quickly back up and he just kept shooting and I started bleeding."

Licano drove away and took refuge at a nearby grocery store.

"He was aiming for my head," he said of the gunman. "It's just weird to stare in the face of someone like that. And he didn't win."

Inside, terrified patients and staff hid wherever they could find cover. Jennifer Motolinia ducked under a table and called her brother, Joan, to leave him final instructions for the care of her three children in case the gunman found her.

Joan Motolinia said he could hear gunshots in the background as his sister spoke. "She was telling me to take care of her babies because she could get killed," he said.

For others, the first sign that something was wrong was when police officers appeared and ushered people to the building's second floor. Planned Parenthood employee Cynthia Garcia told her mother, Tina Garcia, that the officers wouldn't say why they were gathering everybody together — then she heard the gunshots.

Her daughter and the others were holed up there for hours while the standoff continued, Tina Garcia said.

Some people managed to escape the building and flee to a nearby bank. An armored vehicle was seen taking evacuees away from the clinic to ambulances waiting nearby.

With the immediate threat over, authorities swept the building and turned their attention to inspecting unspecified items the gunman left outside the building and carried inside in bags. They were concerned that he had planted improvised explosive devices meant to cause even more destruction. As of late Friday, police did not say what was found.

## Don't get Grinched by cybercrime during the holiday season

**BREE FOWLER, AP Technology Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Online fraud spikes during the holiday shopping season, as people searching for the perfect gifts take to cyberspace and head to traditional stores armed with their smartphones.

"The Pandora's box of cyberattacks is about to open," says Pete Tyrrell, chief operating officer for Digital Guardian, a Waltham, Massachusetts-based data protection firm. "The cybercriminals are getting more and more creative — and at the end of the day, it's your personal information at risk."

Here are some tips for protecting yourself and your information from online Grinches.

### BEWARE OF GIFTS OF FREE WI-FI

It's awful tempting to sign on to a store's free Wi-Fi while you're out shopping, especially since store walls are notorious for blocking or weakening smartphone data connections. But fraudsters also may be lurking on the networks, ready to use that connection to steal credit card or other personal information.

"People may want to log on to their Best Buy or Amazon accounts to check prices, but open Wi-Fi is probably the least secure place to do that," says Michael Kaiser, executive director of the National Cyber Security Alliance.

And never use open Wi-Fi connections to check bank account information. The last thing you want a hacker to have is a direct connection to your bank account.

If you're tech-savvy enough to use VPN software — short for "virtual private network," a technique for shutting would-be eavesdroppers out of your connection — on your phone, then free Wi-Fi is safe so long as you have the VPN on. For most people, though, it's simply best to stick to your cellular connection.

Shoppers also need to be on the lookout for less high-tech thieves when shopping online in crowded public places like coffee shops, says Nitin Bhandari, senior vice president for products at Opera Software Solutions. That means keepings your screens out of the views of others — even smartphones, which are bigger and easier to read from a distance than they used to be.

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## SWIM AWAY FROM POTENTIAL PHISH

Phishing spikes during the holiday season. Emails that offer great deals on holiday gifts or donation pitches from charities could actually be attempts to steal your credit card or login information. Another popular trick: fake emails supposedly sent by online retailers or shippers such as FedEx or UPS, saying that a payment for an order didn't go through, or that an order didn't ship.

Don't click on links in these emails. It could contain malware or take you to a fake website that looks very much like that of a legitimate company. Instead of getting help, you'll most likely have your personal information stolen.

Panic over the possibility of not getting a gift in time can make people click before they think, Kaiser says. So, it's best to slow down. If you think an email is genuine, just go directly to the company in question's main website.

## CHECK YOUR ACCOUNTS FOR "NAUGHTY" ACTIVITY

Both during and after the holidays, shoppers need to keep a close eye on their accounts. The easiest way to do this is to use the same credit card for all of your holiday shopping. Never use your debit card; if hackers get ahold of your number, they could clean out your bank account.

A dedicated email account can also help keep things organized.

It's also a good idea to use different user names and different passwords for your various shopping accounts. That way if one is compromised, it's less likely that the others will fall to hackers as well, says Tim Francis, the head of "cyber insurance" policies at Travelers.

## IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE ...

Websites and emails that advertise hot deals on popular or hard-to-find gifts, along with free or deeply discounted gift cards, are probably scams. "I still haven't been able to buy an iPad for \$7," Tyrrell joked.

It's best to stick with e-commerce sites you know are real and go directly to those websites. Don't click on Web ads.

Shopping on the websites of companies you've previously done business with can also save you time and hassle, says Steve Platt, a vice president at credit monitoring company Experian.

Online retailers will be on the lookout for fraudsters too. That means they might be more likely to flag a transaction — and slow down your shopping — if they haven't dealt with you before.

"The more information they know about you and your purchases, the more likely you'll have a seamless experience," Platt says.

## Tropical Storm Sandra weakens in Pacific

MIAMI (AP) — Mexico has cancelled tropical storm warnings as Tropical Storm Sandra is weakening rapidly. The storm's maximum sustained winds decreased early Saturday to 40 mph (65 kph).

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Sandra is forecast to become a remnant low later Saturday or early Sunday.

Sandra is about 115 miles (180 kms) south of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and is moving north at 2 mph (4 kph).

The storm is still expected to produce 2 to 4 inches of rain in parts of Mexico, and strong winds are expected in Las Islas Marias.

## Police: Puig gets swollen eye during encounter with bouncer

MIAMI (AP) — Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Yasiel Puig sustained a swollen eye and facial bruises during a fight with a bouncer.

Miami police spokesman Major Delrish Moss said the injuries happened Wednesday night as the Cuban slugger was leaving the Blue Martini bar at bouncers' request following an argument with his sister.

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Major League Baseball plans to investigate, making Puig the second player subject to potential discipline under the sport's new domestic violence policy.

Moss said "at some point" Puig and a bouncer began to fight, leaving Puig with the swollen left eye and "minor bumps and bruises" to his face. Moss said the bouncer got a busted lip and minor facial bruises.

The spokesman said the bouncer claimed Puig sucker-punched him; Puig said the bouncer got too aggressive. Moss said neither wanted to press charges.

A Dodgers spokesman said Friday night the team had no comment.

Limited to 72 games this season because of hamstring injuries, Puig hit .255 with 11 homers and 30 RBIs.

The Cuban defector, who turns 25 next month, makes his offseason home in Miami.

It's the latest in a series of scrapes involving Puig. He was arrested twice for reckless driving in 2013, leading the Dodgers to say they were "very disappointed" with his behavior. In one of the cases, Puig's mother and cousin were in the car with him.

Puig signed a \$42 million, seven-year contract in June 2012.

MLB officials and the players union agreed in August on a new comprehensive policy concerning domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse. The agreement followed a series of high-profile domestic violence cases involving NFL players.

Commissioner Rob Manfred was given broad discretion for determining the length of punishment for players for "just cause." There are no maximum or minimum penalties prescribed in the deal. Manfred also is given the authority to suspend a player with pay while legal proceedings are ongoing.

Earlier this month, the commissioner's office said it had started looking into the Oct. 31 arrest of Colorado Rockies shortstop Jose Reyes after an argument with his wife that police said turned physical at a resort in Hawaii.

Reyes was released after posting \$1,000 bail and issued a warning citation to have no contact with his wife for three days after the arrest. He pleaded not guilty to a charge of abuse of a family or household member.

## Rain, ice coat parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas

**EMILY SCHMALL, Associated Press**

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Heavy rain and icy conditions are likely to stick around through most of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in parts of the central U.S. due to a slow-moving, complex weather system that's being blamed for at least 3 flash-flooding deaths.

"There's a pretty substantial shield of rain extending from parts of Texas across a lot of Oklahoma and into the mid-Mississippi Valley," said John Hart, a meteorologist with the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

The National Weather Service issued ice storm warnings in the Texas Panhandle and central Oklahoma that will remain in effect through noon Saturday, with up to a quarter or half-inch of ice expected to accumulate.

Oklahoma Department of Transportation spokesman Cody Boyd said road crews had been applying salt and sand since Thursday night, noting that roads there were slick and hazardous.

"It is really a weather event with a lot of different aspects," Boyd said Friday. "We definitely understand that people travel to see family and friends (for Thanksgiving), and have to travel back home. If people have to travel ... plan plenty of extra travel time and check conditions before they head out."

Freezing rain and strong winds have been blamed for several fatal accidents in Kansas and Texas since Thursday. The eastern half of Kansas is under a winter weather advisory until Saturday morning, with freezing rain and sleet expected.

No highways in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains were closed despite the icy conditions, but about 100 crashes had been reported as of Friday evening, said Trooper Cindy Barkley of the Texas Department of Public Safety office in Amarillo. She advised motorists to slow down, noting that state troopers "see people passing us all the time. It's so frustrating."



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Forecasters have issued flash-flood watches and warnings from northeast Texas, eastern Oklahoma, southern Missouri and most of Arkansas.

In North Texas, three people died after their cars were washed away in rapid floodwaters. At least one other person remained missing early Saturday, as conditions were too dangerous to search for a 70-year-old woman whose car was swept off a bridge in Fort Worth. A local sheriff's deputy was swept away trying to rescue her, but a dive team later found and rescued the deputy, who was clinging to a tree.

Already, a total 55.23 inches of rain has been recorded at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport this year, topping the annual rainfall record of 53.54 inches set in 1991.

Much of central and western Arkansas could see 5 to 7 inches of rain through Sunday, the weather service said, while the Ouachita Mountain region could get more than 8 inches.

## How Black Friday played out around the country

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Black Friday, the unofficial start to the holiday shopping season, isn't always what people expect.

In Colorado, for instance, marijuana stores got into the act. In Arizona, families skipped the spending frenzy to go hiking. And in Chicago, shoppers snapped photos of demonstrators protesting the police shooting of a black teenager.

Overall, there seemed to be smaller crowds throughout stores and malls across the country.

Here's how the day played out:

### PROTESTS ON CHICAGO'S MAGNIFICENT MILE

Hundreds of protesters blocked entrances to stores in Chicago's high-end shopping district to draw attention to the police shooting of a black teenager.

The demonstration came after the release of a video this week showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald last year. The video touched off largely peaceful protests.

On Friday, some of the demonstrators in Chicago linked arms to form human chains in front of main entrances to stores.

Store employees directed shoppers to exit from side doors. When one person tried to get through the front door of Saks Fifth Avenue, protesters screamed at him, shouting, "Shut it down! Shut it down."

Entrances were also blocked at the Disney Store, the Apple Store, Nike, Tiffany & Co., and Neiman Marcus.

Many shoppers seemed to take the disturbance in stride, and some even snapped photos of the crowd.

Protesters took different approaches. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, for instance, led a prayer with a group from the steps of Chicago's historic Water Tower.

### NO MAD RUSH

Business was brisk but not overwhelming at a Macy's in Kansas City as rain that started Thursday morning continued falling. There didn't appear to be any lines more than a few customers deep.

Gerri Spencer and her daughter left home at 4 a.m. and made their way to a Macy's store several hours later. Spencer said the crowds seemed sparser than in the past when Black Friday meant "getting out at the crack of dawn" to get the best deals.

Some Black Friday shoppers seemed to miss the holiday crowds.

At a Kmart in Denver, Susan Montoya had nearly the entire store to herself. She half-heartedly flipped through a rack of girls' holiday party dresses and looked down the store's empty aisles.

"There's no one out here! No challenge!" she said.

Lynette Norcup also is nostalgic for Black Fridays of the past.

Sitting in the warmth of her daughter's SUV waiting for Wal-Mart to open, the resident of Pleasanton, California said she thinks the excitement has fizzled with stores opening on Thanksgiving.

Norcup misses the challenge of strategizing to score deals.

### WEED FRIDAY

Colorado has a new Black Friday tradition: Marijuana shops drawing shoppers with discounted weed and

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holiday gift sets.

At Denver Kush Club in Denver, about two dozen customers were lined up in subfreezing temperatures and snow showers to take advantage of the deals.

The first few customers got free joints, free rolling papers and a T-shirt with purchase. Medical customers were offered ounces of marijuana for \$99 — a savings of about 50 percent.

The shop blasted reggae music and welcomed the crowd with Green Friday welcome cheers. Similar deals were offered last year, the first in which retail recreational marijuana sales opened.

"We get a lot of people in the first few hours, just like any store on Black Friday," said co-owner Joaquin Ortega. He said marijuana gift-giving is becoming more common, though most were shopping for themselves Friday.

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

At Catalina State Park just north in Arizona, dozens of families and dogs hiked through the saguaro cactus-covered mountains. Many said they didn't plan on shopping on Black Friday anyway.

Krista Wells, of Tucson, said she wanted her daughters to understand that the holidays are about spending time with family, not shopping.

"This is about the season of bringing together and reflecting upon family and getting into the Christmas holiday. I don't think there's a retail holiday," she said.

Jennifer Rojas was hiking down a steep hill with her mother. She said she tries to hike every year after Thanksgiving and likes to avoid the shopping crowds.

"I'd rather appreciate nature, rather than being at a mall or watching TV," Rojas said.

## STORES VS. WEBSITES

For the first time, analysts had predicted more than half of online traffic to retailer sites would come from smartphones than desktops during the four-day Black Friday holiday shopping weekend.

On Friday, there was evidence that shoppers were vacillating between both stores and online.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s chief merchandising officer Steve Bratspies told the Associated Press that the chain saw more shoppers buying both on its website and in its stores than the same time a year ago. Target's CEO Brian Cornell said that online sales on Thanksgiving were strong, outpacing the performance on the holiday a year ago. That's making it Target's biggest day online for sales yet, driven largely by electronics. He also was pleased with store traffic.

And J.C. Penney's CEO Marvin Ellison said that the chain worked hard to make its app more user friendly, and as a result, its online sales.

"We saw customers going back and forth, researching online and then go to the stores," he said.

Meanwhile, Chip Gentry in Atlanta headed out to stores instead of purchasing items online. He walked out of a Best Buy with an Xbox One and extra controller, saving about \$150 in total.

"I'm looking for the deals online and going out to stores to get them," he said.

Kristen Wyatt in Denver, Colorado, Scott Smith in Pleasanton, California, Jonathan Landrum in Atlanta, Mae Anderson, Candice Choi and Anne D'Innocenzio in New York, Bill Draper in Kansas City, Kansas and Astrid Galvan in Tucson, Arizona contributed to this report.

## Today in History The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Saturday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 2015. There are 33 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who then conferred the premiership on John Major.

### On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1861, the Confederate Congress admitted Missouri as the 12th state of the Confederacy after Missouri's disputed secession from the Union.

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In 1905, Sinn Fein (shin fayn) was founded in Dublin.

In 1922, Captain Cyril Turner of the Royal Air Force gave the first public skywriting exhibition, spelling out, "Hello USA. Call Vanderbilt 7200" over New York's Times Square; about 47,000 calls in less than three hours resulted.

In 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Coconut Grove nightclub in Boston.

In 1958, Chad, Gabon and Middle Congo became autonomous republics within the French community.

In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course toward Mars, which it flew past in July 1965, sending back pictures of the red planet.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford nominated federal judge John Paul Stevens to the U.S. Supreme Court seat vacated by William O. Douglas.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1987, a South African Airways Boeing 747 crashed into the Indian Ocean with the loss of all 159 people aboard.

In 1994, serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was slain in a Wisconsin prison by a fellow inmate. Sixties war protester Jerry Rubin died in Los Angeles, two weeks after being hit by a car; he was 56.

In 2001, Enron Corp., once the world's largest energy trader, collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion takeover deal.

**Ten years ago:** Eight-term Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham pleaded guilty to graft and tearfully resigned; the California Republican had admitted taking \$2.4 million in bribes mostly from defense contractors in exchange for government business and other favors. (Cunningham was later sentenced to eight years, four months in prison; his term was cut by more than a year for good behavior.) A corruption scandal brought down the minority government of Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin, the same day a 10-day U.N. Climate Control Conference opened in Montreal.

**Five years ago:** European Union nations meeting in Brussels agreed to give 67.5 billion euros (\$89.4 billion) in bailout loans to Ireland to help it weather the cost of its massive banking crisis. WikiLeaks began disclosing over 250,000 private cables written by U.S. diplomats, divulging candid comments from world leaders and detailing occasional U.S. pressure tactics aimed at hot spots in Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea. Actor Leslie Nielsen died in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, at age 84. Samuel T. Cohen, the inventor of the neutron bomb, died in Los Angeles at age 89. Roger Federer won his fifth season-ending title by beating top-ranked Rafael Nadal 6-3, 3-6, 6-1 at the ATP World Tour Finals in London.

**One year ago:** French President Francois Hollande brought a message of hope to Guinea, where thousands of residents turned out to catch a glimpse of the first Western leader to visit a country hard hit by Ebola. Pope Francis urged Muslim leaders to condemn the "barbaric violence" being committed in the name of Islam against religious minorities in Iraq and Syria as he arrived in neighboring Turkey for a visit aimed at improving interfaith ties. A gunman fired more than 100 rounds at downtown buildings in Austin, Texas, and tried to set the Mexican Consulate ablaze before he died during a confrontation with police.

**Today's Birthdays:** Recording executive Berry Gordy Jr. is 86. Former Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., is 79. Singer-songwriter Bruce Channel is 75. Singer Randy Newman is 72. CBS News correspondent Susan Spencer is 69. Movie director Joe Dante is 68. Former "Late Show" orchestra leader Paul Shaffer is 66. Actor Ed Harris is 65. Former NASA teacher in space Barbara Morgan is 64. Actress S. Epatha (eh-PAY'-thah) Merkerson is 63. Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is 62. Country singer Kristine Arnold (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 59. Actor Judd Nelson is 56. Movie director Alfonso Cuaron (kwahr-OHN') is 54. Rock musician Matt Cameron is 53. Actress Jane Sibbett is 53. Comedian Jon Stewart is 53. Actress Garcelle Beauvais (gar-SEHL' boh-VAY') is 49. Actor/comedian Stephnie (cq) Weir (TV: "The Comedians"; "MadTV") is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dawn Robinson is 47. Actress Gina Tognoni is 42. Hip-hop musician apl.de.ap (Black Eyed Peas) is 41. Actor Malcolm Goodwin (TV: "iZombie") is 40. Actor Ryan Kwanten is 39. Actress Aimee Garcia is 37. Rapper Chamillionaire is 36. Actor Daniel Henney is 36. Rock musician Rostam Batmanglij (bot-man-GLEESH') (Vampire Weekend) is 32. Rock singer-keyboardist Tyler Glenn (Neon Trees) is 32. Actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead is 31. R&B singer Trey Songz is 31. Actress Scarlett Pomers (TV: "Reba") is 27.

**Thought for Today:** "Knowledge is proud that it knows so much; wisdom is humble that it knows no more." — William Cowper, English poet (1731-1800).