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Tuesday, February 9

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

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

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

Birthdays: Dale Ringgenberg, Kathy Kundsén, Lorin Fliehs, Renee Marzahn

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

4:00pm: JHBBB at Britton (7th at 4, 8th at 5)

6:30pm: BBB at Britton (JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, Feb. 10

School Breakfast: Egg omelette, fruit, juice,



There were lots of young cheerleaders that performed at half time of the varsity game last night in Groton. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
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Coming up this week at gdilive.com

Tuesday, Feb. 9: BBB at Britton-Hecla (JV and Varsity)

Friday, Feb. 11: GBB host Britton-Hecla (Varsity)

Saturday, Feb. 12: GBB/BBB host Mobridge-Pollock

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Lady Tigers hold off Roncalli, again

The Lady Tigers hosted Aberdeen Roncalli in a non-conference and Groton held off a late Roncalli rally to win, 49-45. The evenly matched teams kept the game close most of the way. Roncalli jumped out to a six point lead and led at the end of the first quarter, 10-7. The Cavaliers held a six point lead again in the second quarter, but the Tigers rallied at the end of the half and the game was tied at 22. Groton surged ahead in the third period to take a 38-31 lead. The Tigers opened up a 10-point lead in the fourth period, 43-33, but the Cavaliers rallied to within three, 48-45, with under a minute left in the game, but Groton went on to win, 49-45.

Audrey Wanner scored 19 points to lead the Tigers. She also scored 19 points the first time these two teams met earlier in the season. Carly Wheeting added 10 followed by Katie Koehler with nine, Harleigh Stange six and Jessica Bjerke had five points.

The Cavaliers were led by Megan Streier with 12 points followed by Mariah Winegar and Grace Imbery each with nine, Jamie Ewart had seven, Tayler Morgan had four, Kennedy Lorenz three and Amber Dix added one free throw.

Groton made 54 percent of its field goals, was four of 12 from



Jessica Bjerke makes this three-pointer. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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the line, had 15 team fouls, two blocks with Bjerke and Wheeting each having one, five steals with Koehler having three, and 21 rebounds with Wheeting having nine.

The Cavaliers made 14 of 59 field goals for 24 percent, was 14 of 18 from the line, had 27 rebounds with Ewart and Imbery each having seven, 11 turnovers, 17 team fouls, three steals and four assists.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 26-24. Scoring for Groton: Miranda Hanson 5, Jenny Doeden 5, Alex Stene 4, Taylor Holm 4, Payton Maine 2, Gia Gengerke 2, Madison Sippel 2.

Roncalli also won the C game, 17-13. Scoring for Groton: Madison Sippel 5, Portia Kettering 4, Kaycie Hawkins 4.

Groton, now 11-6 on the season, will host Britton-Hecla on Friday. Roncalli, now 9-8, will travel to Clark on Thursday.



**Above is Audrey Wanner.
To the left is Katie Koehler.**

(Photos by Julianna Kosel)



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Valentine's Day and Olde Bank Floral



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Today in Weather History

February 9, 1899: Extreme cold blanketed most locations east of the Rocky Mountains during the first half of February. For South Dakota, the minimum temperature was the lowest that has been experienced for many years, at least, and probably since its settlement. The week ending the 13th of February, the Weather Bureau stated: "With respect to temperature, this week is probably the most remarkable in the history of the Weather Bureau, over the greater part of the country east of the Rocky Mountains a large number of stations reporting the lowest temperatures recorded since their establishment. Over the whole region, extending from the eastern Rocky Mountain slope to the Atlantic coast and from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, the average daily deficiency exceeded 20 degrees and ranged from 30 degrees to 35 degrees over an extensive area embracing the central valleys and portions of the Lake Region."

The cold weather that culminated in the extremes, in South Dakota, began on January 26th and continued with little abatement over most of the state, until February 12th. During the first twelve days of February the daily average temperatures, at the Weather Bureau stations ranged from zero to 27 degrees below zero.

February 9, 1994: Widespread record cold occurred across central, north central, and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Record lows were set at Aberdeen, Mobridge, Pierre, Sisseton, Timber Lake, and Wheaton. Overnight lows were in the 30s to 40s below zero across the entire area. Aberdeen fell to 45 degrees below zero which was just one degree off the all-time record low of 46 degrees below zero. Mobridge fell to 38 degrees below zero and Pierre fell to 35 degrees below zero. Watertown came just one degree short of their daytime record with 35 degrees below zero.

1933 - The temperature at Moran, WY, located next to Teton National Park, plunged to 63 degrees below zero to establish a state record. The temperature at the Riverside Ranger Station in Montana dipped to 66 below zero to establish a record for the state, and a record for the nation which stood until 1954. (David Ludlum)

1934 - The mercury dipped to 51 degrees below zero at Vanderbilt to establish a record for the state of Michigan. The temperature at Stillwater plunged to 52 degrees below zero to establish a record for the state of New York. (David Ludlum)




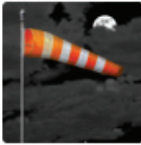





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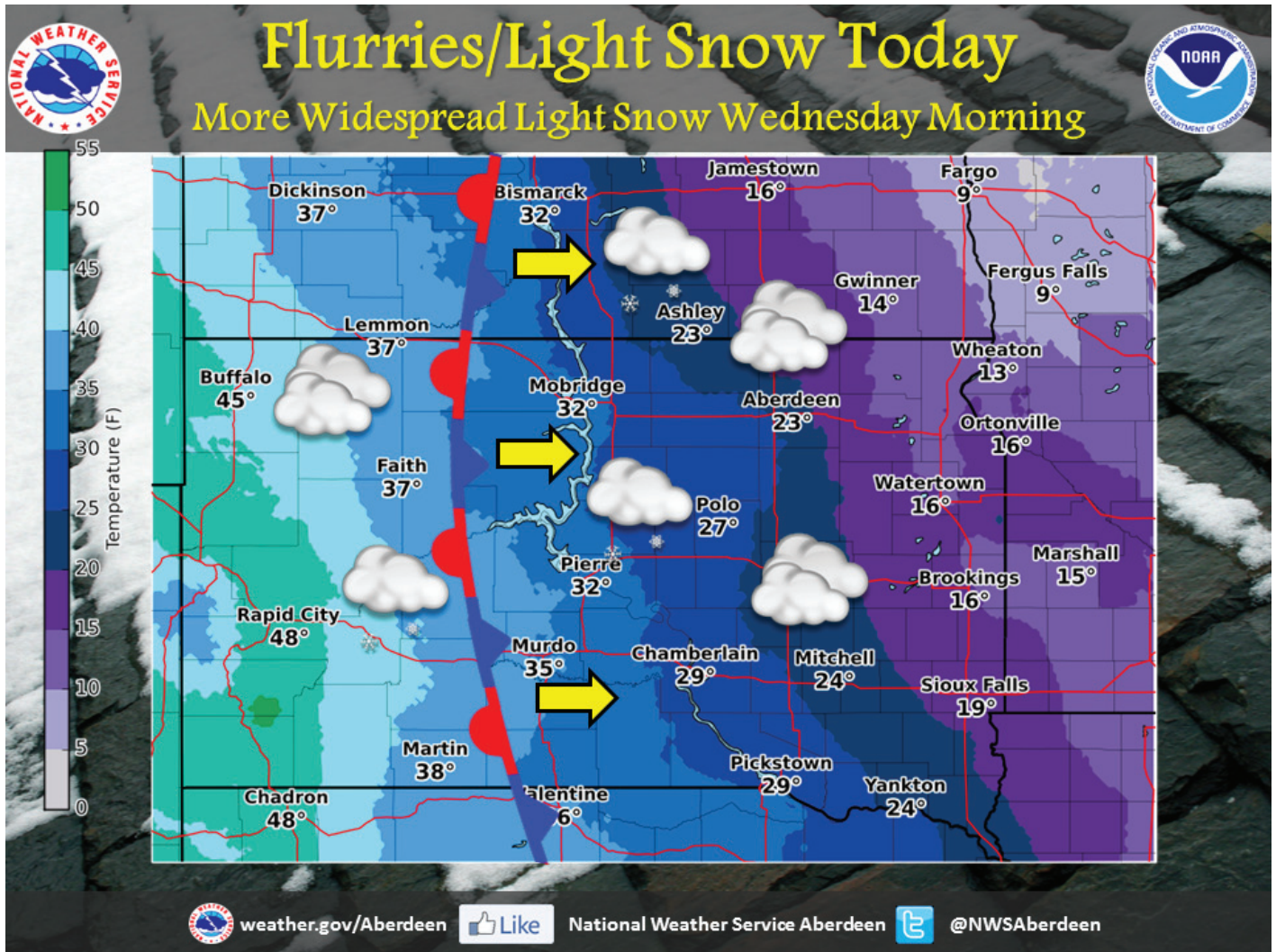
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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy and Breezy	Chance Snow and Areas Blowing Snow	Chance Snow and Areas Blowing Snow	Partly Sunny and Blustery	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 50 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 28 °F	Low: 14 °F	High: 26 °F



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A frontal boundary stalled across the region will provide the focus for some light snow and flurries today. A wave dropping out of Canada will bring more widespread light snow to the region early Wednesday. There may also be a few pockets of freezing drizzle to watch for. Accumulations will generally range around and inch or two for the James Valley and Sisseton hills region.

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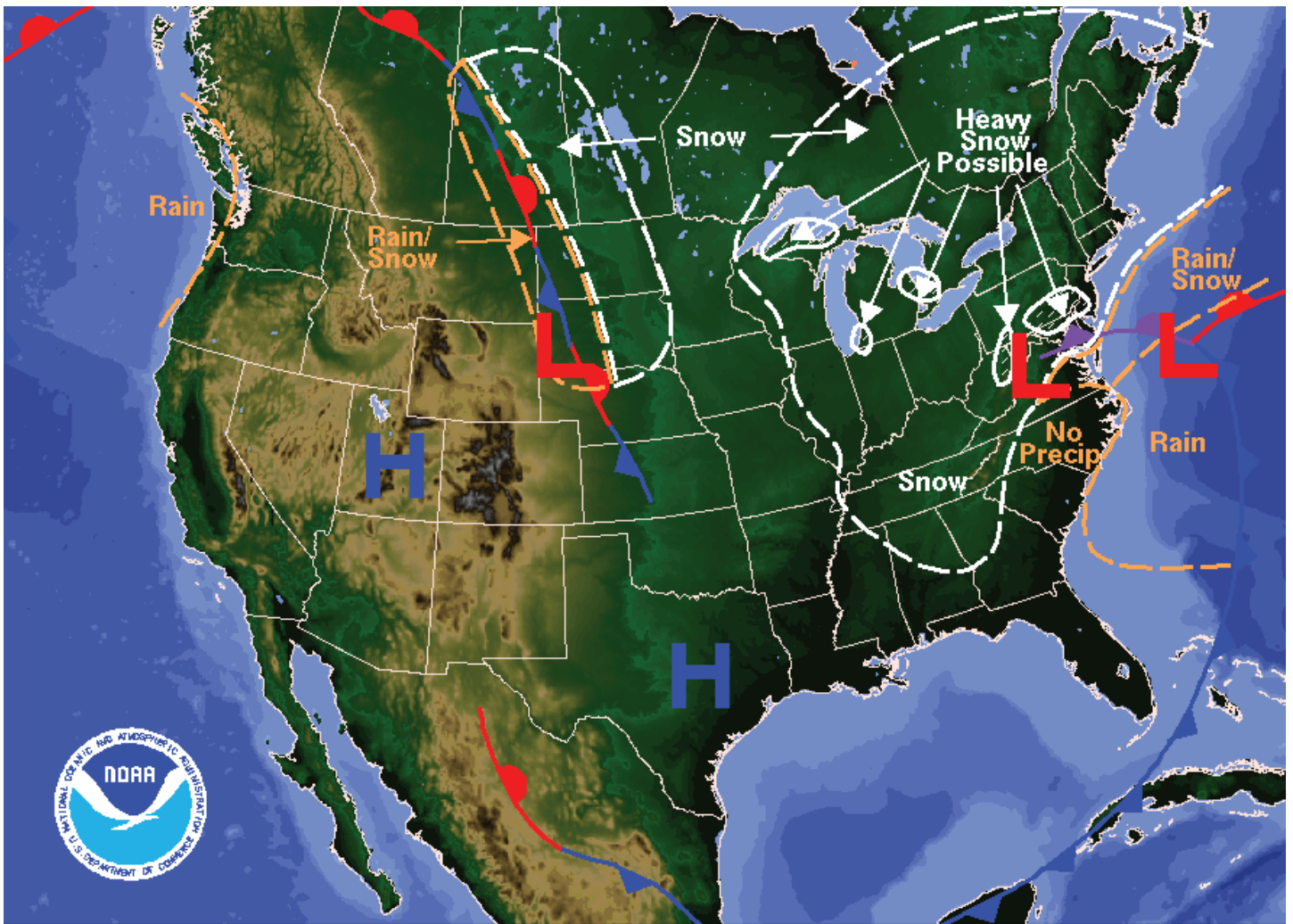
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 28.5 at 2:49 PM
Low: 13.4 at 11:54 PM
High Gust: 36 at 0:05 PM
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 53° in 1977
Record Low: -45° in 1994
Average High: 26°F
Average Low: 5°F
Average Precip in Feb.: 0.14
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 0.61
Precip Year to Date: 0.00
Sunset Tonight: 5:51 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:43 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Feb 09, 2016, issued 2:19 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WHY NOT THE BEST?

A doctor listened quietly as his patient carefully described his many symptoms. After reflecting on all of his complaints, the doctor said, "The best thing for you to do is to give up alcohol and all of the rich foods that you eat."

"Oh, me," said the patient. "What's the next best thing?"

Why is it that we are willing to accept what is second best when God wants to give us His very best?

Paul said, "As the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like Him and reflect His glory even more." The key that unlocks the door to God's heart is, "as the Spirit works within us." Much like the patient, we must be willing to change. How? By allowing the Spirit to work within us if we want the very best that God has for us.

God has always wanted us to have His very best. We must never forget that we were made "in the image of God." As we read, remember, and reflect on the teachings of God's Word, our knowledge of Who He is and what He is really like deepens. Then the Holy Spirit will help us to change into the likeness of Christ, if and when we are willing to allow Him to work within us!

Prayer: Help us, Father, to never settle for what is second best when Your desire for us is to be our very best. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 3:18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

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News from the Associated Press

Gov. Dugaard signs energy savings contract bill into law

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Dugaard has put his signature on a bill for the first time during the 2016 legislative session.

The governor's office announced Monday that Dugaard had signed the bill into law.

The proposal enables state and local governments to enter into contracts that allow energy efficiency upgrades to be paid for through the savings they create.

Dugaard says the measure will "allow public officials to be better stewards." He says the contracts have long been used in the private sector.

The 2016 legislative session began Jan. 12.

Lawmakers are set to wrap up their man run in mid-March and return for consideration of gubernatorial vetoes at the end of that month.

Mount Rushmore Society buys green space near memorial

KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) — The Mount Rushmore Society says it has bought 15 acres of land near the intersection of Highway 244 and 16A in Keystone to preserve and maintain the green space bordering Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

The Mount Rushmore Society announced the purchase as one of its accomplishments over the past year highlighted at an annual meeting celebrating its 85th anniversary.

The society also paid off a \$17 million loan the board had financed in 1996 to privately fund and construct Mount Rushmore's parking garage. It also completed the Youth Exploration Area, a project for which it donated \$300,000.

The society donated nearly \$240,000 in educational and interpretive funding for the park through the Mount Rushmore Bookstores and Mount Rushmore Audio Tour.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Alcester-Hudson 60, Menno 46

Britton-Hecla 71, Wilmot 51

Castlewood 50, DeSmet 47

Gregory 56, Lyman 50

Hamlin 48, Arlington 47

Hanson 62, Freeman 37

Huron 72, Mitchell 38

Mitchell Christian 78, Sunshine Bible Academy 25

Philip 69, Wall 37

Potter County 64, Miller 46

Todd County 63, Stanley County 59

Wessington Springs 72, Andes Central 67, OT

POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd. to Feb 11.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Andes Central 69, Wessington Springs 28

Avon 55, Freeman 45

Britton-Hecla 44, Wilmot 42

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Dakota Valley 57, Sioux City, North, Iowa 46
Dupree 68, Takini 17
Ethan 91, Canistota 39
Groton Area 49, Aberdeen Roncalli 45
Hankinson, N.D. 44, Rosholt 33
Ipswich 58, Langford 32
Irene-Wakonda 58, Alcester-Hudson 34
Lemmon 48, Grant County, N.D. 46
Little Wound 50, St. Francis Indian 45
McCook Central/Montrose 53, West Central 46
McIntosh 49, Harding County 43
Mitchell Christian 33, Sunshine Bible Academy 19
Sisseton 64, Ortonville, Minn. 52
Solen, N.D. 76, Wakpala 57
Sully Buttes 71, Philip 36
Timber Lake 66, Standing Rock, N.D. 57
Todd County 63, Stanley County 14
White River 64, Lyman 63, OT
Wolsey-Wessington 38, Lake Preston 25
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Florence/Henry vs. Estelline, ppd.
Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd. to Feb 19.

Utility reduces steep rate increase for Montana customers

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A utility serving 26,000 eastern Montana customers scaled back its proposal for a steep rate hike on Monday, just a day before the matter was scheduled to go before state regulators for a public hearing.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. planned to file a new application with the Montana Public Service Commission reducing the proposed rate hike from 21 percent to 13.3 percent, spokesman Mark Hanson said.

The change came after the Montana Consumer Counsel and a group representing large electricity customers had objected to the increase.

"This is a fair settlement for the company and our customers," Hanson said. He added that the smaller rate hike means the utility will be able to take in less revenue than it needs.

The utility has said it needs to cover costs that include its share of \$400 million in pollution controls at coal plants in Montana and South Dakota.

A public hearing on the company's request is scheduled to begin Tuesday before the Public Service Commission at the Dawson County Courthouse in Glendive. It's expected to last several days.

Commissioners in December rejected an interim increase sought by MDU, saying they needed to study the matter further. A final order is due by March 25.

The 13 percent increase would be phased in over two years and cost residential customers on average \$6.38 per month. It would bring in about \$7.4 million annually in additional revenue for MDU, Hanson said.

A 21-percent increase would have cost customers \$14.80 per month on average and generated about \$11.8 million annually.

"It's a good outcome for customers," said Dennis Lopach, an attorney for the Consumer Counsel, which negotiated with MDU to lower the increase.

The Consumer Counsel has said previously that MDU's proposal was excessive and based on flawed projections of how fast its assets would lose value in coming years.

The costs cited by MDU include new pollution controls at power plants in Sidney, Montana, and Big Stone

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City, South Dakota; a newly constructed \$77 million gas plant near Mandan, North Dakota; a \$220 million wind farm in North Dakota and two small natural gas plants in Sidney.

PSC Commissioner Kirk Bushman said the five-member panel will look closely at those projects as it considers the rate hike. Bushman said some increase was likely.

"We can't just say, 'You can't raise rates,'" Bushman said. "If they can show under reasonable circumstances they had to build out and invest so much in their infrastructure, by law they're allowed to recover" those costs from customers.

When the rate increase was first announced last year, it included a fee for some customers who use their own wind or solar power. That provision was dropped under an agreement between MDU and a group known as The Alliance for Solar Choice, which intervened in the case.

House approves religious protection bill, sends it to Senate

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state House has approved a bill that would bar the government from taking actions such as revoking the tax exempt status of an organization because of religious beliefs about marriage, sex outside of marriage or transgender rights.

The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1Lcplfy>) reports that the House voted 46-10 on Monday to approve the measure. It now heads to the Senate.

Republican Rep. Scott Craig is the main House sponsor of the plan. He says it's about protecting the freedom of speech of people who have conservative views.

Craig says the Founding Fathers "never intended erotic freedom to trump religious freedom."

Opponents argue the bill would allow for discrimination against certain minority groups. Democratic Rep. Peggy Gibson says that the bill would cause potentially costly legal issues for the state.

Sales tax hike for teacher pay passes state House committee

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The half-cent sales tax increase that would help fund Gov. Dennis Daugaard's teacher pay plan passed its first legislative test Monday, but it now faces a competing push from the House Republican leader to increase salaries without raising taxes.

The House Committee on Appropriations voted unanimously to advance the sales tax plan. It could be debated on the House floor Wednesday.

Education advocates celebrated the passage of the bill, which also received no opposing public testimony.

"I'm grateful to everyone who testified to present that united front that this is right, this is what we need and this is what we're going to do for our students," said Mary McCorkle, president of the South Dakota Education Association, a professional organization with more than 5,000 members.

Pressure has mounted to raise teacher pay, which a state task force studying education funding said is the lowest of the 50 states and District of Columbia. But it takes two-thirds support in each chamber to pass a tax hike through the Legislature.

Predicting that the sales tax increase is unlikely to succeed, House Majority Leader Brian Gosch appointed a group of lawmakers to search for a contingency plan, and the governor received the results of their efforts last week.

Daugaard is "optimistic" about his proposal and dedicated to "funding a solution this year," Chief of Staff Tony Venhuizen said in a statement.

The sales tax increase would raise more than \$100 million in the upcoming budget year, most of which would be put toward helping raise the state's target average teacher salary to \$48,500 per year. If approved, it would be the first permanent increase to South Dakota's sales tax rate of 4 cents per dollar in nearly half a century.

About \$62.4 million from the sales tax hike would go toward teacher salaries and about \$40 million would go to property tax relief, according to the governor's office.

Gosch said he would "prefer to not take more taxpayer dollars out of people's pockets."

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One alternative proposal would use current state dollars phased in over three years to add accountability into the system, with \$30 million put toward teacher pay in the first year and \$20 million each in the second and third years, he said. Gosch said if the money didn't go toward teacher pay, less would be forthcoming in the next year.

Another plan would shift revenues schools use to pay for facilities and maintenance to be put toward educator salaries.

Gosch said he is waiting for feedback from Daugaard before publicly releasing all of the details.

Venhuizen said Daugaard wouldn't comment about private conversations with legislative leaders, but added that the governor "feels strongly that a solution must be based on sound budget projections."

Democrats unsuccessfully pushed an amendment to the sales tax bill during the Monday hearing that would have routed the roughly \$40 million that Daugaard proposed for property tax relief back toward teacher pay.

"We need to be bolder," Democratic House leader Spencer Hawley said. "We need to take that big step, and do it this year, and do it right."

USDA to survey 2,900 South Dakota farmers about plans

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture will be sending surveys to some 2,900 farmers in South Dakota to determine their plans for the upcoming growing season.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service conducts its March Agricultural Survey to provide the first survey-based estimates of South Dakota producers' planting intentions for the year.

The USDA says the survey provides factual data that underpins projections, making it one of the most important surveys the service conducts each year. The statistics service will mail the survey questionnaire in February and compile and analyze the information for a March 31 release.

State House committee approves abortion information measure

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A measure that would require abortion providers to tell women undergoing drug-induced abortions that they may be able to have a live birth if they change their mind has passed through a legislative committee.

The House State Affairs committee voted unanimously to approve the bill. It now heads to the full chamber.

The measure would require practitioners to inform women undergoing medical abortions, in which two drugs are taken separately, that they may be able to discontinue the abortion if they don't take the second drug.

Republican Rep. Leslie Heinemann says it "behooves" lawmakers to provide that opportunity.

Mitch Richter is a lobbyist for the South Dakota Campaign for Healthy Families. He says the bill is an example of politics getting in the way of good health care.

Teen dies in head-on crash near Harrisburg

HARRISBURG, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Highway Patrol says a 16-year-old Canton girl was killed in a head-on crash in southeastern South Dakota.

The patrol says the crash happened Sunday morning near Harrisburg and Alysen Voss was killed at the scene.

Troopers say 41-year-old Brandi Brouwer of Harrisburg suffered minor injuries and was taken to a Sioux Falls hospital.

Troopers say the teenage driver's vehicle crossed the center line on State Highway 11 and hit Brouwer's vehicle.

Neither vehicle had passengers.

Trump, Sanders look to emerge from New Hampshire with wins

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

KATHLEEN RONAYNE, Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders hope to emerge from New Hampshire's primary Tuesday with their first wins of the 2016 presidential election, victories that would boost credibility for both of these breakout campaigns.

Trump leads a Republican field that has been in flux in the final days of campaigning across snowy New Hampshire. A rocky debate performance by Florida Sen. Marco Rubio has jeopardized his chance to pull away from a trio of governors and firmly establish himself as the chief rival to Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz.

In the two-person race for the Democratic nomination, Sanders has held an advantage over Hillary Clinton in New Hampshire for weeks. Clinton started her day Tuesday at a Manchester polling site, thanking volunteers and local supporters. She declined to offer a prediction of the outcome as polls showing her facing a double-digit deficit against Bernie Sanders.

"This is a great process and as I have said over the last couple of days we're going to keep working literally until the last vote is cast and counted," she said.

The state is friendly territory for the Vermont senator and a must-win if he's to have a chance of staying competitive with Clinton as the race moves to more diverse states that are seen as more hospitable to the former secretary of state.

"We're running a very radical campaign because we are telling the American people the truth and that's something that is not often told in the political world," Sanders said Monday as he urged supporters to help him pull out a win. The senator finished second to Clinton in the leadoff Iowa caucuses by the narrowest of margins.

The enthusiasm behind Trump, a real estate mogul with who has never held political office, and Sanders, an avowed democratic socialist, underscore the public's anger with the current political system. Even if neither candidate ultimately becomes their party's nominee, those who do will have to reckon with the voter frustration they've tapped into.

After finishing behind Cruz in Iowa, Trump has spent the past week both protesting that result and stepping up more traditional campaign activities. While he's long preferred large rallies, he spent the final full day of campaigning holding some smaller town hall events.

Trump did get in a shot at Cruz during a massive rally in Manchester Monday night. When an audience member shouted out an insult directed at Cruz — a vulgar term for "coward" — Trump repeated the term and jokingly reprimanded the woman.

The large Republican field was winnowed after Iowa, but there remains a crowded grouping of more traditional candidates, including Rubio. Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, Ohio Gov. John Kasich and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie have all staked their White House bid on New Hampshire, hoping a strong showing here will lead voters — and crucial financial donors — to give their candidacies another look.

Rubio appeared to be breaking away from the governors after a stronger-than-expected showing in Iowa, but stumbled in Saturday's debate under intense pressure from Christie. The New Jersey governor has relentlessly cast the young senator as too inexperienced and too reliant on memorized talking points to become president.

Rubio played into Christie's hands by responding with the same well-rehearsed line each time he was challenged by the governor. Rival campaigns hope the moment was enough to give voters pause when they head to the polls on Tuesday.

In his final swing through the state Monday, Christie urged voters to pick a candidate who "has the maturity, and the steadiness, and the aggression to protect our country and put us back in the right spot."

Kasich, who has prided himself on avoiding attacks on his rivals, said he hoped New Hampshire voters are "fed up with the negative."

If Rubio and the governors finish in a pack Tuesday, it's likely to frustrate Republican Party elites who are eager to coalesce around a single candidate to challenge Trump and Cruz. Some party leaders believe both

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Trump and Cruz are unelectable in the general election, especially if Clinton is the Democratic nominee. Despite the expectations of a loss in New Hampshire, Clinton has campaigned aggressively in the state. Amid her rallies and town hall events, she's knocked on voters' doors and made surprise visits to local coffee shops and restaurants.

"I am thrilled to be here the day before the first in the nation primary to make my final push to convince as many Granite staters as possible to come out and vote for me," Clinton said during a stop in Manchester Monday.

Behind Clinton's upbeat demeanor, however, are growing concerns within her campaign about her standing with young people, who are flocking to Sanders. Some Clinton supporters also fear she isn't doing as well with female voters as she should be, a concern that was magnified after high-profile women backing her campaign made eyebrow-raising comments that appeared to disparage women supporting her rival.

Lock of Lennon's hair expected to fetch \$10K at auction

DALLAS (AP) — A lock of hair snipped from the head of John Lennon as the Beatle prepared for a film role is expected to sell for \$10,000 at a Dallas auction later this month.

Heritage Auctions said in a news release Monday that the 4-inch lock was collected by a German hairdresser who trimmed Lennon's hair before he started shooting "How I Won the War."

The dark comedy, released in 1967, follows the World War II misadventures of British troops led by an inept commander.

The auction will be held Feb. 20 and Heritage says it will include other rare items linked to The Beatles, such as a signed photograph of all four members.

Memorabilia from other artists such as Elvis Presley and Led Zeppelin also will be auctioned.

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. TRUMP, SANDERS LOOK TO EMERGE FROM NEW HAMPSHIRE WITH WINS

Their victories would lend needed credibility to the unexpected candidates' pursuit of their parties' nomination.

2. WHY HONG KONG ACTIVISTS, POLICE CLASH

Protesters angered over authorities' plans to crack down on the food hawkers in a crowded Kowloon neighborhood hold running battles with law enforcers.

3. WHO IS CHARGED WITH ROLE IN KAYLA MUELLER'S DEATH

The wife of a senior Islamic State leader who was killed in a U.S. raid last year admits that she and her husband kept the aid worker captive along with several other young female hostages.

4. DEATH TOLL IN GERMAN TRAIN CRASH RISES TO AT LEAST 8

"This is the biggest accident we have had in years in this region and we have many emergency doctors, ambulances and helicopters on the scene," says a police spokesman.

5. WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH ARCHITECTURE OF WHITE SUPREMACY

People across the South are debating whether to preserve the remnants of their Jim Crow history, from segregated waiting rooms to "whites only" water fountains and long-abandoned schools for black children.

6. NORTH KOREA ADOPTS STRATEGY OF DELIBERATE BELLIGERENCE

Sometimes it's nuclear tests, sometimes it's rocket launches. And sometimes Pyongyang simply fakes it.

7. MORE THAN 1 MILLION ARE BESIEGED IN SYRIA

A new report which presents the numbers challenges the United Nations, which estimates just half that amount and has been accused by some aid groups of underplaying a crisis.

8. OBAMA TO RELEASE \$4 TRILLION-PLUS BUDGET FOR 2017

It comes as the deficit, which had been falling over the duration of his two terms, has begun to creep up, above the half-trillion mark.

9. SNOWFLAKES TO DESCEND ON EAST COAST

The National Weather Service says New York City, Philadelphia, and portions of New Jersey could see 4 to 8 inches of snow.

10. PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

The Denver Broncos will board fire trucks and roll slowly through the crowd-lined streets of the Mile High City to celebrate winning the Super Bowl.

What should be done with architecture of white supremacy?

JAY REEVES, Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Growing up in the 1950s, William Bell had to enter Birmingham's segregated Lyric Theatre through a side entrance, marked "COLORED," that was walled-off from the elegant lobby. He climbed a dimly lit stairwell to watch movies from the steep balcony where black patrons had to sit for generations.

Now the city's mayor, he recalls the Lyric's beauty, but also the way it isolated black people.

The inequity built into The Lyric Theatre's very architecture is a painful reminder of the city's ugly past as one of the most segregated places in America. But it also serves as a living history lesson, a symbol of how the Deep South has changed since the courts ended discriminatory Jim Crow laws.

Preservationists had to decide whether to keep reminders of The Lyric's discarded color line before they unveiled an \$11 million restoration of the 102-year-old theater, which had been closed for decades. In this case, they chose to highlight the history, installing a glass door with the etched words "Historic Colored Entrance" in the lobby wall so patrons can peer into the past.

Across the South, people are struggling with similar questions: What does a changing region do with the vestiges of back-alley service windows, segregated waiting rooms, dual water fountains and abandoned schools that once formed the skeleton of a society built on oppression?

Northern states have such reminders, too. A black heritage trail in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, includes all-black burial grounds and a plaque which explains that blacks were forced to sit in designated pews in New England churches through the mid-1800s. In Detroit, murals decorate a 6-foot-tall concrete wall built in 1941 to separate a new development meant for whites from an existing black neighborhood.

But the issue has become particularly acute in the South, where millions still remember living through segregation. More so than in the past, many older people and younger generations now feel a need to discuss the legacy of Jim Crow, said Robert Weyeneth, a University of South Carolina history professor who specializes in preservation.

"It has become more complicated today because people are more willing to think about the preservation of the architecture of white supremacy," Weyeneth said. "Initially, no one wanted to save these things."

Some say it makes them uncomfortable to see reminders of segregation at the Lyric, but the mayor believes people must see history as it really was, even if that means glancing up at the segregated balcony where he sat as a young boy. The ornate theater was beautiful, he recalls, but blacks up there could never mingle with the white patrons far below.

"The best seats were on the front row of the balcony because you could flick popcorn or peanuts down and it would land in their hair," said Bell, now 66, grinning at the memory.

"We should not shield ourselves from our past," he added.

Some other places around the South where communities have had to come to terms with the physical reminders of segregation:

OAKLAND CEMETERY - ATLANTA

Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery, with 70,000 graves dating to 1850, is a reminder that segregation was meant to last eternally in the Jim Crow South, and operators don't shy away from its history.

The city-owned cemetery was divided by race for generations until the City Council ended the practice in 1963, and today some black people are buried in previously all-white sections. That includes Atlanta's first black mayor, Maynard Jackson, who died in 2003 and lies in an ivy-covered grave.

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Telling the story of this segregated past is part of the educational mission at Oakland, said executive director David Moore. A brochure, guided tours and audio exhibits explain the cemetery's black section, which holds about 12,000 graves, and signs denote the black section and other areas at Oakland, which also includes a Jewish section and a mixed-race "Potter's Field" for indigent burials.

A recent visitor complained that the story of slave burials and segregation was "sad" and shouldn't be discussed. Moore disagrees.

"Cemeteries provide a great place for people to look and try to figure out what happened before," he said.

MONTPELIER TRAIN DEPOT - ORANGE, VIRGINIA

Built in 1910 when Virginia and the rest of the South had laws that prevented whites and blacks from mingling in many public spaces, the Montpelier Train Depot at Orange, Virginia, was constructed with two waiting rooms — one for whites and another for blacks. Preservationists at President James Madison's Montpelier estate, where the white-and-yellow depot is located, decided to keep the segregated waiting rooms when the structure was renovated in 2010.

The depot remains an active U.S. Post Office, and some favored taking down the "WHITE" and "COLORED" signs that hang over the waiting room entrances. Instead, the depot has been equipped with exhibits that explain the legal history of "separate but equal" laws and their effects on black residents during the Jim Crow era.

JONES COUNTY COURTHOUSE - ELLISVILLE, MISSISSIPPI

The metal plaques attached to two concrete water fountains outside the Jones County Courthouse in Ellisville, Mississippi, hide an ugly truth: one fountain was exclusively for whites and the other for blacks during the segregation era.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sought the removal of the dual fountains in 1989, calling them a painful reminder of segregation, but the white-controlled board of supervisors refused. Instead, officials plastered over the "COLORED" and "WHITE" inscriptions, which reappeared once rain washed away the plaster.

County leaders then decided to cover the old racial inscriptions with plaques denoting the year the courthouse was built, 1908. Today, the twin water fountains still flank the courthouse stairs. Nearby on the lawn stands a monument to Confederate veterans.

BUTLER BEACH - ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

There's little to let visitors know that Frank B. Butler County Park was once a thriving resort for blacks located just south of segregated St. Augustine Beach, Florida, on the Atlantic Coast.

The park's website tells the story of Butler, a black businessman who saw the opportunity for a black beach in the segregated South during the first half of the 1900s. The resort he created grew to include bathhouses, a casino, pavilions, a motel and other amenities for blacks who weren't allowed at white-only beaches in the South.

Yet those structures disappeared generations ago, and black historian Bernadette Reeves laments the lack of markers at the site on scenic A1A to explain its significance.

"Can you imagine that the whole Atlantic Ocean wasn't big enough for whites and blacks to swim together?" she said.

ROSENWALD SCHOOLS - REGIONWIDE

Philanthropist Julius Rosenwald spurred the construction of more 5,300 schools for blacks across the South over a two-decade period ending in 1932, and efforts to save those buildings are spotty.

Rosenwald built the schools at the urging of black leader and educator Booker T. Washington, who founded Tuskegee University in rural east Alabama and had a firsthand view of the inherent inequality of "separate but equal" schools for blacks and whites. Rosenwald's schools bridged the gap that white-controlled governments wouldn't fill.

Today, some communities and groups have embraced the preservation of Rosenwald schools, which typically were wood-frame structures built along rural roads. Yet the National Trust for Historic Preservation estimates that fewer than 450 survive today.

Belligerence as strategy: Pyongyang and its provocations

TIM SULLIVAN, Associated Press Writer

In Japan, the prime minister said North Korea would be committing a “grave, provocative act” if it followed through on plans to launch a long-range rocket. South Korea warned of “searing consequences” if the launch went ahead. Moscow and Washington, which rarely agree on much of anything these days, both denounced Pyongyang’s plans. Even China, North Korea’s closest ally, said it was worried.

But in the end, the international outrage didn’t make any difference. On Sunday, Pyongyang launched its rocket — which it says was designed only to carry a satellite into orbit, but which much of the world insists was a camouflaged long-range missile test — and then proudly proclaimed its success.

Because North Korea learned long ago that it could achieve a great deal with deliberate belligerence.

Here’s a look at Pyongyang’s provocations.

NUCLEAR TESTS

Years after North Korea first agreed to shut down its nuclear weapons program, even as it quietly built it up, Pyongyang no longer makes a secret of its ambitions. Its 2012 constitution enshrines its status as a nuclear state. When it set off its fourth nuclear weapons test just a few weeks ago, infuriating the international community, it called the explosion “a great deed of history.”

The test “guarantees the eternal future of the nation,” the government declared. If the statement was over the top, there was also truth amid the hyperbole.

North Korea is an impoverished nation with a military often reduced to using decades-old Soviet equipment. It is profoundly isolated, facing sanctions that cut it off from most international trade. Its leaders are mocked regularly in the Western media.

Nuclear weapons, though, make the world pay attention. Even to a country so poor that 24-hour electricity is considered a luxury.

North Korea’s nuclear weapons technology has given it immense international negotiating power, allowing Pyongyang to alternate nuclear tests with talks to ratchet back its weapons programs. Over the years, those talks have resulted in billions of dollars in aid.

The nuclear tests are also powerful messages for domestic consumption, proof of how North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, like his father and grandfather before him, had developed the country’s military technology to withstand the ever-looming threats of South Korea and the United States.

Or as Kim put it in his New Year’s address: “If invasive outsiders and provocateurs touch us even slightly, we will ... answer with a merciless, holy war of justice.”

ROCKET LAUNCHES

Nuclear weapons are inherently dangerous, of course, but they are far more dangerous if they can be launched quickly against targets around the world.

That, however, requires missiles, along with the technology to miniaturize nuclear explosives so they can fit onto warheads.

In announcing its launch plans, Pyongyang insisted its intentions were peaceful, calling it part of a “space development program” and saying the rocket would carry an Earth-observation satellite.

Many experts believe the North’s rockets look more like they are designed to carry satellites into space — and less like long-range missiles — but the technology is similar, and forbidden by a series of U.N. resolutions.

As a result, much of the world denounced the Sunday launch as yet another ballistic missile test, and one more step toward a North Korean arsenal of nuclear weapons capable of striking as far away as the United States.

The announcement was also quickly followed by demands to further tighten trade restrictions on North Korea, already among the most-sanctioned nations in the world. It also sparked renewed calls, particu-

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larly from U.S. officials, for China to exert pressure on Pyongyang. While Beijing quickly expressed regret Sunday that North Korea had "obstinately insisted in carrying out a launch," it also pushed back against simply ratcheting up sanctions.

China's U.N. ambassador, Liu Jieyi, said any new U.N. resolution should "do the work of reducing tension, of working toward denuclearization."

Beijing has also made clear it believes there is plenty of blame to go around, and that it does not like being lectured to by Washington.

Soon after the January nuclear test, China's official Xinhua News Agency said the United States was responsible for much of the tension on the Korean Peninsula, saying "it boils down to Uncle Sam's uncompromising hostility ... flaring up the country's insecurity and thus pushing it toward reckless nuclear brinkmanship."

Such talk is welcome in Pyongyang, which has long portrayed itself as a courageous nation standing up to American aggression. Strained relations between Beijing and Washington also give North Korea more room for its own diplomatic maneuvering.

FAKING IT

What happens when you want to demonstrate your military might but your technology isn't quite ready? If you're North Korea, experts say, sometimes you fake it. Or at least you exaggerate.

Pyongyang called its January nuclear blast a successful test of a hydrogen bomb, proof that North Korea was now "equipped with the most powerful nuclear deterrent."

Well, probably not. Weapons experts said there was little chance that Pyongyang had detonated an H-bomb. At best, they said, Pyongyang had set off a "boosted" explosion, which uses hydrogen isotopes but has far less strength than a traditional two-stage hydrogen bomb.

Or take North Korea's purported submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

In 2015, when North Korea announced it had successfully launched a missile from a submarine, experts said it may have actually been fired from an underwater testing barge.

Then, last month, a North Korea television report appeared to show leader Kim Jong Un proudly watching a successful underwater launch of a KN-11 missile. But detailed analysis of the footage done at the Middlebury Institute for International Studies, a leading proliferation research center in Monterey, California, instead found a carefully edited collection of video clips. Hidden amid the splicing was a completely different reality, they said. The missile, the Middlebury scholars found, most likely exploded moments after leaving the water.

US senator calls for investigation of cruise ship in storm

FREIDA FRISARO, Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Federal transportation officials might soon be looking into a Royal Caribbean cruise ship that ran into high winds and rough seas in the Atlantic Ocean over the weekend.

Sen. Bill Nelson has called for the National Transportation Safety Board to investigate the voyage that forced frightened passengers into their cabins overnight Sunday as their belongings flew about, waves rose as high as 30 feet, and winds howled outside.

"The thing about this storm was that it was forecast for days. So why in the world would a cruise ship with thousands of passengers go sailing right into it?" Nelson said Monday on the Senate floor, according to a news release from his office.

The National Weather Service's Ocean Prediction Center had issued an alert for a strong storm four days in advance, Susan Buchanan with the weather service said. The first warning was issued Saturday for possible hurricane-force winds in the area the ship was scheduled to sail through.

Royal Caribbean announced Monday that the ship was turning around and sailing back to its home port in New Jersey. No injuries were reported, and the ship suffered only minor damage.

"I was shaking all over," passenger Shara Strand of New York City wrote to The Associated Press via

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Facebook on Monday. "Panic attack, things like that. ... I've been on over 20 cruises, I've been through a hurricane, it was never like this. Never."

Sixteen-year-old Gabriella Lairson says she and her father, Sam, could feel the ship, Anthem of the Seas, begin to sway by 2:30 p.m. Sunday. The captain directed passengers to their cabins. There, the Lairsons heard glasses shatter in the bathroom, and they put their belongings in drawers and closets to prevent them from flying across the room. They ventured to the balcony, where Sam Lairson shot video of wave after wave rising below.

"The winds were so strong that I thought the phone would blow from my hands," Sam Lairson, of Ocean City, New Jersey, said in an email. "After that we had to keep the doors to the balconies sealed."

The ship — with more than 4,500 guests and 1,600 crew members — sailed Saturday from Cape Liberty, New Jersey. It was scheduled to arrive for a stop at Port Canaveral, Florida, at noon Monday, then move on to other stops in the Caribbean. But Royal Caribbean said on its corporate Twitter account that the ship would turn around and sail back to Cape Liberty.

"This decision was made for guests' comfort due to weather forecasts" that would continue to affect the ship's itinerary," Royal Caribbean tweeted.

Guests will get a full refund and a certificate toward a future cruise. Passengers onboard buzzed happily about that news, Strand said.

Gabriella Lairson said that by early Monday morning, people were out and about on the ship, checking out the minor damage in some public areas.

Lairson praised the crew and captain. "They did everything they could to make us feel comfortable," she wrote to the AP on Facebook. She said she and her father were a little disappointed the ship was turning around, but she called it "the best thing for the safety of everyone."

Fellow passenger Jacob Ibrag agreed. "I can't wait to get home and kiss the ground," said Ibrag, who saw water flowing down stairs and helped some people who were stuck in an elevator Sunday as he made his way to his cabin per the captain's orders. The 25-year-old from Queens, New York, then stayed in his cabin until noon Monday, at one point filling his backpack with essentials in case of an evacuation.

Robert Huschka, the executive editor of the Detroit Free Press, was onboard and started tweeting when the inclement weather hit. He told USA Today that the ordeal was "truly terrifying." He described the cruise director nervously giving updates, and he later posted photos of shattered glass panels on a pool deck.

But Huschka was among passengers who found a silver lining in the storm. On Monday, he posted: "The good news? They never lost the Super Bowl signal. Perfect TV picture throughout storm!"

Royal Caribbean gave guests free Internet access and a complimentary cocktail hour, spokeswoman Cynthia Martinez said in an email. "Feeling better after the happy hour they just put on for the guests," Sam Lairson joked.

And despite her own worries, Strand said her daughter, 8-month-old Alexa, slept through the entire episode.

World stocks down on growth jitters, Japan dives 5.4 percent

The Associated Press

Global markets sank Tuesday, led by a 5.4 percent slide in Tokyo, as renewed jitters about the global economy set off a wave of selling in banking stocks.

Equity markets have been in a slump so far this year after a lackluster 2015. Several factors have kept investors in a selling mood, including falling crude oil prices, waning growth in China and increased risk of recession in other major economies if market volatility takes a toll on business confidence and investment.

Losses Tuesday were less severe in Europe than Asia. In early trading, France's CAC 40 was down 0.7 percent at 4,038.41 and Germany's DAX fell 0.5 percent to 8,933.11. Britain's FTSE 100 eased 0.1 percent to 5,638.21.

Futures augured more downside on Wall Street. Dow futures were down 0.5 percent at 15,915.00. S&P 500 futures dropped 0.5 percent to 1,843.90.

"There is a genuine concern that stress in asset markets will start affecting real economics," said Chris Weston, chief market strategist at IG in Melbourne, Australia.

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"This period of sustained volatility and deterioration in credit will impact businesses and one has to be concerned about how many households are feeling this drawdown in the financial markets," he said in a market commentary.

The prospect of Federal Reserve rate increases after several years of ultra-easy monetary policy had also unnerved markets. But the prospect of hikes in the near term has faded because of the market turmoil.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 dived 5.4 percent to close at 16,085.44 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 fell 2.9 percent to 4,832.10. Markets also fell in Southeast Asia. China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and South Korea were closed for Lunar New Year holidays.

Banking stocks were hammered by concerns that profits will suffer from another downturn in the global economy. National Australia Bank dropped 4.8 percent in Sydney and Mizuho Financial slid 6.2 percent in Tokyo.

Benchmark U.S. oil was up 73 cents at \$30.42 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$1.20, or 3.9 percent, to close at \$29.69 a barrel in New York on Monday. Brent crude was 53 cents higher at \$33.42 in London. The contract dropped \$1.18, or 3.5 percent, to close at \$32.88 a barrel in London.

The euro rose to \$1.1177 from \$1.1186 on Monday. The dollar fell to 115.37 yen from 115.58 yen.

Primary puts values of retail campaigning to the test

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MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Donald Trump upended the traditions of New Hampshire campaigning when he opted for mega-rallies over living room conversations and diner stops, spending less time in the first primary state than any of his rivals. Yet the businessman goes into the state's Tuesday primary with the hope of clinching his first win.

The trio of governors vying for second place — Ohio Gov. John Kasich, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush — campaigned with a more personal touch. They're betting that a near-constant presence and a one-handshake-at-a-time approach is what really matters in 2016, as it has in this state many times before.

In between are Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz, two candidates running a multi-state strategy that's meant fewer and briefer stops through the first primary state, albeit trips that include a traditional grassroots flavor.

The results on Tuesday night will be a test of sorts over which approach works in today's political landscape, with some candidates offering dire warnings that a strong showing for those who have rejected New Hampshire's tradition of campaign trail intimacy could harm the state's first-in-the-nation status.

"If you reward those folks who don't show up here, there is no reason for New Hampshire to be first," Christie told voters Friday morning in Durham, urging them to cast aside Trump, Cruz and Rubio.

Others say such hand-wringing is overblown.

"I've been at it too long to believe (the primary) is transitory," said Tom Rath, a longtime New Hampshire GOP adviser who is backing Kasich. "It'll survive. Trust me."

Polling leading up to Tuesday's contest shows Trump maintaining his wide lead in the GOP field while the remaining candidates are clustered together for second or third place. For Kasich, Christie and Bush, a strong showing in New Hampshire is essential for keeping their White House hopes alive after weak showings in Iowa.

The three have campaigned intensely here; Kasich and Christie have spent more than 70 days in the state since early 2015, with Kasich holding more than 100 town hall events. Bush, likewise, has spent more than 50 days in the state, as has Carly Fiorina, who has all but fallen out of the political conversation.

Cruz and Rubio, meanwhile, aren't focusing solely on New Hampshire, a strategy that paid off for both in Iowa and could pay dividends in South Carolina's Feb. 20 primary.

At various points, Cruz was absent from New Hampshire for as long as two months at a time, although he's packed his schedule this week with tours of local business and visits to VFW halls, taking questions from voters at each appearance.

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Trump, by contrast, embraced the style of campaigning his rivals have been practicing for months for the first time just 24 hours before voting began.

The billionaire kept things small and personal throughout the day, as he supplemented his usually large and raucous rallies with intimate town hall events and a lunch with Rotary Club members. While Trump clearly thrives off the intensity of larger crowds, he appeared relaxed and at home in the more intimate, in-the-round settings of an Elks Lodge in Salem and the Londonderry Lions Club, pacing gently, kibitzing and interacting with audience members as he led question-and-answer sessions.

Voters seemed to appreciate his more up-close style.

Salem resident Kyle Harris, 54, who works in telecommunications, walked into Trump's first event torn between the businessman and Rubio, and with questions about whether Trump was approachable enough.

"Seeing him in an arena makes me feel like I'm going to a Bruins game. This is how you get to know the people," he said. Indeed, the close-up interaction convinced Harris to vote for Trump.

Trump may have come late to the game, but it's this type of up-close interaction that New Hampshire's fierce primary defenders say is valuable regardless of Tuesday's outcome.

"We make the president a better president because at some point in time, this process forces them to look real people in the eye, not through a television screen," Rath said.

If Kasich, Christie and Bush don't have strong showings, it's not necessarily a reflection that the value of retail is dead, said Dante Scala, a political scientist at the University of New Hampshire and a longtime primary observer. All three are competing for a similar slice of the electorate, leaving potential for voters to split evenly among them.

"In some ways, it's too much grassroots politicking spread among too many candidates," Scala said.

Steve Duprey, a Republican National Committeeman from New Hampshire, says it's too early to write off the value of grassroots New Hampshire campaigning.

"This is an unusual cycle, it is an unusual time, we have a candidate who's campaigning in an unusual way," Duprey said of Trump. "That doesn't mean the old model doesn't work. Let's see how the results come in."

Paltrow describes years of messages from accused stalker

ANTHONY McCARTNEY, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The letters addressed to Gwyneth Paltrow came for years, often with unsolicited items ranging from pornography and sex toys to religious books, earrings and clothes.

The last package for Paltrow arrived in January 2015 and is now part of a stalking case against Dante Soiu, a man the actress had previously faced in court in a proceeding that resulted in him spending years in a mental institution for his lewd missives in 1999 and 2000.

On Monday Paltrow faced Soiu once again, this time in a case filed over 66 letters and packages he has sent the actress in recent years with notes about his desire to marry her, discussing her death and religious writings. With furrowed brow and at times fighting back tears, Paltrow described the impact of the letters, which first began arriving shortly after she won her best actress Academy Award in 1999 and resumed after a hiatus in 2009.

"I felt very upset by it. It defied logic, and I found it very, very upsetting," Paltrow said, noting the later letters came after she had two children. "This was something I had been through a very long and traumatic experience with already," she said, wiping her eyes.

Soiu has pleaded not guilty to felony stalking of the actress, and his attorney contends his writings were non-threatening and focused primarily on scripture and his desire to minister to the actress. His attorney also noted that unlike in 1999, Soiu hadn't traveled to try to meet Paltrow recently.

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Her fear is a key element of the felony stalking case against Soiu. Testimony will resume Tuesday.

Paltrow's head of security Terry Abbott testified Monday that he always informed his client when a letter from Soiu was received, but he stopped providing her details from them after one debriefing "caused

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her too much distress.”

Paltrow, 43, testified about letters and packages she received from Soiu dating to 1999, including several that contained pornography, sex toys and statements that he wanted to cleanse her of sin.

“This is a case that has gone on for Ms. Paltrow for 17 years,” Deputy District Attorney Wendy Segall said during opening statements. “Her sense of security has been shattered by this man.”

Soiu was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2000 in a previous trial involving the pornographic messages he sent to Paltrow. He was sent to a mental institution for several years, but re-arrested last year after sending the actress new correspondence.

The recent batch letters described Soiu’s intention to marry the actress as well as a pair of earrings he sent her in 2009 as a Christmas gift, some second-hand clothes and a Weight Watchers cookbook. He has also sent her religious books, and forwarded her letters he has sent to President Barack Obama and actress Angelina Jolie.

One letter described Paltrow “bowing to death.” The actress said the reference was disturbing.

In another, Soiu is accused of writing, “I have a goal: to marry Gwyneth Paltrow and take care of her.” “I felt very upset by it,” Paltrow said.

“This has been a very long and very traumatic experience already,” Paltrow said.

Soiu, who is from suburban Columbus, Ohio, shook his head during portions of Segall’s opening statement and Paltrow’s testimony.

Her testimony came a day after Paltrow appeared at Super Bowl 50, cheering on Coldplay and her friend, Beyonce Knowles, during their halftime performance.

Party like it’s 1999: Denver to celebrate another Super Bowl

DENVER (AP) — Denver’s getting ready to party like it’s 1999.

Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to flood a downtown park and a 1.5-mile-long parade route Tuesday to celebrate the Denver Broncos’ first Super Bowl championship in 17 years.

Officials won’t give specific turnout predictions, but the last time Denver won the Super Bowl in 1999, the downtown party drew an estimated 375,000 people. A year before that, when the Broncos won the Super Bowl for the first time, about 650,000 people showed up.

“Were probably expecting hundreds of thousands,” said Mike Stott, a spokesman for Mayor Michael Hancock.

Tuesday’s celebration starts at 10 a.m. with a concert featuring Colorado natives Big Head Todd and The Monsters, 3OH!3 and Funkiphino.

The parade steps off at noon near Union Station, with fire trucks carrying players, coaches and general manager John Elway, who was quarterback the last time the Broncos won.

Hancock and Gov. John Hickenlooper will also be in the parade, which is expected to take an hour to arrive at the City and County Building, where the rally takes place.

Police spokesman Doug Schepman wouldn’t talk about the specifics of security but said plenty of officers will be present. He said the city is in regular contact with state and federal law-enforcement officials but he wouldn’t discuss any conversations they’ve had about Tuesday’s events.

Alcohol and — this being Colorado — marijuana will be banned.

Fans began celebrating Sunday night as the clock ticked down on the Broncos’ 24-10 win over the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 50.

Scores of fans took to the streets in central Denver in a mostly peaceful but boisterous celebration.

The crowd became unruly at times, but officers for the most part watched from the sidewalk. Police reported a handful of arrests, mainly for criminal mischief.

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Paltrow read excerpts of many of the notes Soiu sent in measured tones during her two-and-a-half hours of testimony, but broke down when a prosecutor asked if she was afraid of him and feared for her children's safety. "Yes," the actress tearfully responded.

Her fear is a key element of the felony stalking case against Soiu. Testimony will resume Tuesday.

Paltrow's head of security Terry Abbott testified Monday that he always informed his client when a letter from Soiu was received, but he stopped providing her details from them after one debriefing "caused her too much distress."

Paltrow, 43, testified about letters and packages she received from Soiu dating to 1999, including several that contained pornography, sex toys and statements that he wanted to cleanse her of sin.

"This is a case that has gone on for Ms. Paltrow for 17 years," Deputy District Attorney Wendy Segall said during opening statements. "Her sense of security has been shattered by this man."

Soiu was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 2000 in a previous trial involving the pornographic messages he sent to Paltrow. He was sent to a mental institution for several years, but re-arrested last year after sending the actress new correspondence.

The recent batch letters described Soiu's intention to marry the actress as well as a pair of earrings he sent her in 2009 as a Christmas gift, some second-hand clothes and a Weight Watchers cookbook. He has also sent her religious books, and forwarded her letters he has sent to President Barack Obama and actress Angelina Jolie.

One letter described Paltrow "bowing to death." The actress said the reference was disturbing.

In another, Soiu is accused of writing, "I have a goal: to marry Gwyneth Paltrow and take care of her."

"I felt very upset by it," Paltrow said.

"This has been a very long and very traumatic experience already," Paltrow said.

Soiu, who is from suburban Columbus, Ohio, shook his head during portions of Segall's opening statement and Paltrow's testimony.

Her testimony came a day after Paltrow appeared at Super Bowl 50, cheering on Coldplay and her friend, Beyonce Knowles, during their halftime performance.

New England mops up as snow falls on East Coast

MARK PRATT, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — A wind-driven winter storm that brought blizzard conditions to Cape Cod and dropped several inches of snow on southeastern Massachusetts is expected to bring snow to other parts of the East Coast.

Snowflakes will still be flying Tuesday as New England residents continue mopping up from the storm that could eventually leave behind more than a foot of snow in some communities.

The National Weather Service said other areas also will get snow, although much less. New York City,

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Philadelphia, New Jersey and northern New England could get 4 to 8 inches by late Tuesday or early Wednesday. By the time the storm ends, eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island could accumulate 5 to 9 inches of snow.

Travel was expected to be slow at best even on well-treated roads, but schools across the region that were closed on Monday were expected to reopen.

The storm also was expected to last into early Tuesday in New Hampshire, where the first-in-the-nation presidential primary is being held. The weather service said snow will be light and fluffy and accumulation will be modest.

Forecasters said some areas of the Cape and Martha's Vineyard will have received about a foot of snow by Tuesday morning after the storm continued overnight. Some areas had about 9 inches of snow by Monday night. The weather service said the islands appeared to have met the conditions for a blizzard.

Boston got about 5 inches by late Monday, and areas of south Boston received moderate coastal flooding.

New England residents were warned to be vigilant after driving on treacherous roads caused accidents. In Connecticut, a bus carrying about 70 passengers from New York City to the Mohegan Sun casino crashed on a snowy Interstate 95 and fell on its side in Madison. At least 30 people were injured, and the northbound side of I-95 was temporarily shut down.

Palestinian doctor aims to boost West Bank medical services

MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH, Associated Press

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — After Dr. Saleem Haj-Yahia performed the first-ever successful artificial heart transplant in the West Bank last month he was greeted with flowers, balloons and cheering crowds and publicly praised by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

The British-educated cardiologist has become a media darling in his native land and now speaks of ambitious plans to raise the level of the entire Palestinian medical infrastructure.

"I've done enough in the U.K. and now it's time to do something in my country for my people," said Haj-Yahia, 47. "In the U.K. you cannot have a bigger impact, because the system is working well while here any significant efforts can make a difference."

Haj-Yahia's goal involves far more than mere national pride. He seeks to increase Palestinian medical self-sufficiency, and make the Palestinian medical system less dependent on its Israeli counterpart. For years, any complicated operations or sophisticated treatments have had to be carried out in Israeli hospitals, creating both a dependency and a major expenditure for the already cash-strapped Palestinian government.

"Most of the Palestinian patient transfers to Israel were heart and cancer cases and we managed to reduce them largely," said Haj-Yahia, seated in his office at An-Najah University in the West Bank city of Nablus. "Some Palestinian doctors from New York, experts in transplanting marrow, will join in the near future and we will be in the first line in the world in this field."

Since returning home in 2014 to become dean of the medical school at the An-Najah teaching hospital, Haj-Yahia has focused on improving the hospital's capabilities in the fields of cancer treatment and organ transplants. Local health officials say that his efforts have already yielded tangible results.

Dr. Amera Hindi, head of the Medical Transfer Unit in the Palestinian Health Ministry, said the money spent on transferring Palestinian patients to Israeli hospitals has dropped by 30 percent in the last year. She credited the "development of the medical services in the Palestinian hospitals."

The Palestinians see increasing the self-reliance of their medical system as a harbinger of autonomy on other fronts and a form of preparation for the overall independence they seek as a future state.

"If we succeed in building the system, the medicine will see huge developments" Haj-Yahia said. "It's our duty to build the system with the new generation of doctors who are joining our universities."

Haj-Yahia was born in an Arab village in Israel and earned his first medical degree at the prestigious Technion in the northern city of Haifa before pursuing higher education in Britain. He trained in the Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospital in London, where he served as a transplant fellow from 2002-2009 and was involved in the development of the artificial heart program and lung transplant program.

After spending four years running a cardiac transplant program in Glasgow, Scotland, he decided to ac-

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cept An-Najah's offer to return home — saying it offered him a rare opportunity to really influence change. In January, he transplanted an artificial heart into an 18-year-old boy who was suffering from severe heart failure.

"He was on the verge of death and would have died in two months if this operation wasn't done," Haj-Yahia said.

The patient, Ahmad Sabareh, now says he is making plans to attend university soon. "I lifted weights today. I'm doing well," he said while watching TV in his hospital room. "It's a new life ... I have lots of plans for the future."

Haj-Yahia's work has resonated widely in Palestinian society, where medical education is relatively new, particularly among the students at An-Najah, 4,000 of whom study medicine, pharmacy and nursing.

"Professor Haj-Yahia inspires every one of us. He made us much more confident of our education and ourselves," said second-year student Dalia Yaesh.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Shrove (preceding Ash Wednesday) Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2016. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Virginia.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected provisional president of the Confederate States of America at a congress held in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II. Daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York by CBS.

In 1971, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko (chehr-NYEN'-koh).

In 1986, during its latest visit to the solar system, Halley's Comet came closest to the sun (its next return will be in 2061).

In 2001, a U.S. Navy submarine, the USS Greeneville, collided with a Japanese fishing boat, the Ehime Maru (eh-hee-mee mah-roo), while surfacing off the Hawaiian coast, killing nine men and boys aboard the boat.

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush defended U.S. surveillance efforts, saying spy work helped thwart terrorists plotting to use shoe bombs to hijack an airliner and crash it into the tallest skyscraper on the West Coast. Kidnapped American journalist Jill Carroll appeared in a video aired on a private Kuwaiti TV station, appealing for her supporters to do whatever it took to win her release "as quickly as possible."

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(She was freed on March 30, 2006.) British entrepreneur Sir Freddie Laker died in Hollywood, Florida, at age 83.

Five years ago: Thousands of workers went on strike across Egypt, adding a new dimension to the uprising as public rage turned to the vast wealth President Hosni Mubarak's family reportedly amassed while close to half the country struggled near the poverty line. Rep. Christopher Lee, R-N.Y., abruptly resigned with only a vague explanation of regret after gossip website Gawker reported that the married congressman had sent a shirtless photo of himself to a woman on Craigslist. Lindsay Lohan pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to felony grand theft of a \$2,500 necklace. (Lohan later pleaded no contest to taking the necklace without permission and served 35 days of house arrest.)

One year ago: President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, meeting at the White House, rallied behind efforts to reach a long-shot diplomatic resolution in Ukraine. More than 2 feet of fresh snow piled up in parts of New England, breaking records set during the Blizzard of 1978. Ed Sabol, the NFL Films founder who revolutionized sports broadcasting, died in Scottsdale, Arizona, at age 98.

Today's Birthdays: Television journalist Roger Mudd is 88. Actress Janet Suzman is 77. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 76. Actress-politician Sheila James Kuehl (kyool) (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 75. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 74. Actor Joe Pesci is 73. Singer Barbara Lewis is 73. Author Alice Walker is 72. Actress Mia Farrow is 71. Former Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., is 70. Singer Joe Ely is 69. Actress Judith Light is 67. Rhythm-and-blues musician Dennis "DT" Thomas (Kool & the Gang) is 65. Actor Charles Shaughnessy is 61. Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe is 59. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 55. Country singer Travis Tritt is 53. Actress Julie Warner is 51. Country singer Danni Leigh is 46. Actress Sharon Case is 45. Actor Jason George is 44. Actress Amber Valletta is 42. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 40. Rock singer Chad Wolf (Carolina Liar) is 40. Actor A.J. Buckley is 39. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 37. Actress Ziyi Zhang is 37. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Irina Slutskaya is 37. Actor David Gallagher is 31. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 29. Actress Rose Leslie is 29. Actress Marina Malota is 28. Actress Camille Winbush is 26. Actor Jimmy Bennett is 20.

Thought for Today: "You can fall in love at first sight with a place as with a person." — Alec Waugh, English author (1898-1981).