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## Apts for Rent

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**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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### Monday, Nov. 21

Senior Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli, garlic toast, sherbet.

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

School Lunch: Super nachos, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit.

5 p.m.: Junior High GBB at Frederick (7th at 5 p.m., 8th at 6 p.m.)

6:30 a.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7 p.m.: City Council meeting at the Groton Community Center

7:30 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

### Tuesday, Nov. 22

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California Blend Veggies, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

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

School Lunch: Mini cheese pizza, green beans, carrots and dip, fruit.

4 p.m.: JH GBB at Roncalli (7th at 4 p.m., 8th at 5 p.m. at the Roncalli Elementary School)

### Wednesday, Nov. 23

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Senior Menu: Chili, corn bread, coleslaw, Lime Pear Jell-O.

7 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Thanksgiving Eve Service

### Thursday, Nov. 24

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## Benefit for Doug Sippel Nov. 26 @ 4 pm Groton Legion

Doug has encountered health issues  
and is not able to work.

Please come and show your support  
as well as having a great afternoon  
with friends and family of Doug.

Silent Auction  
Live Auction

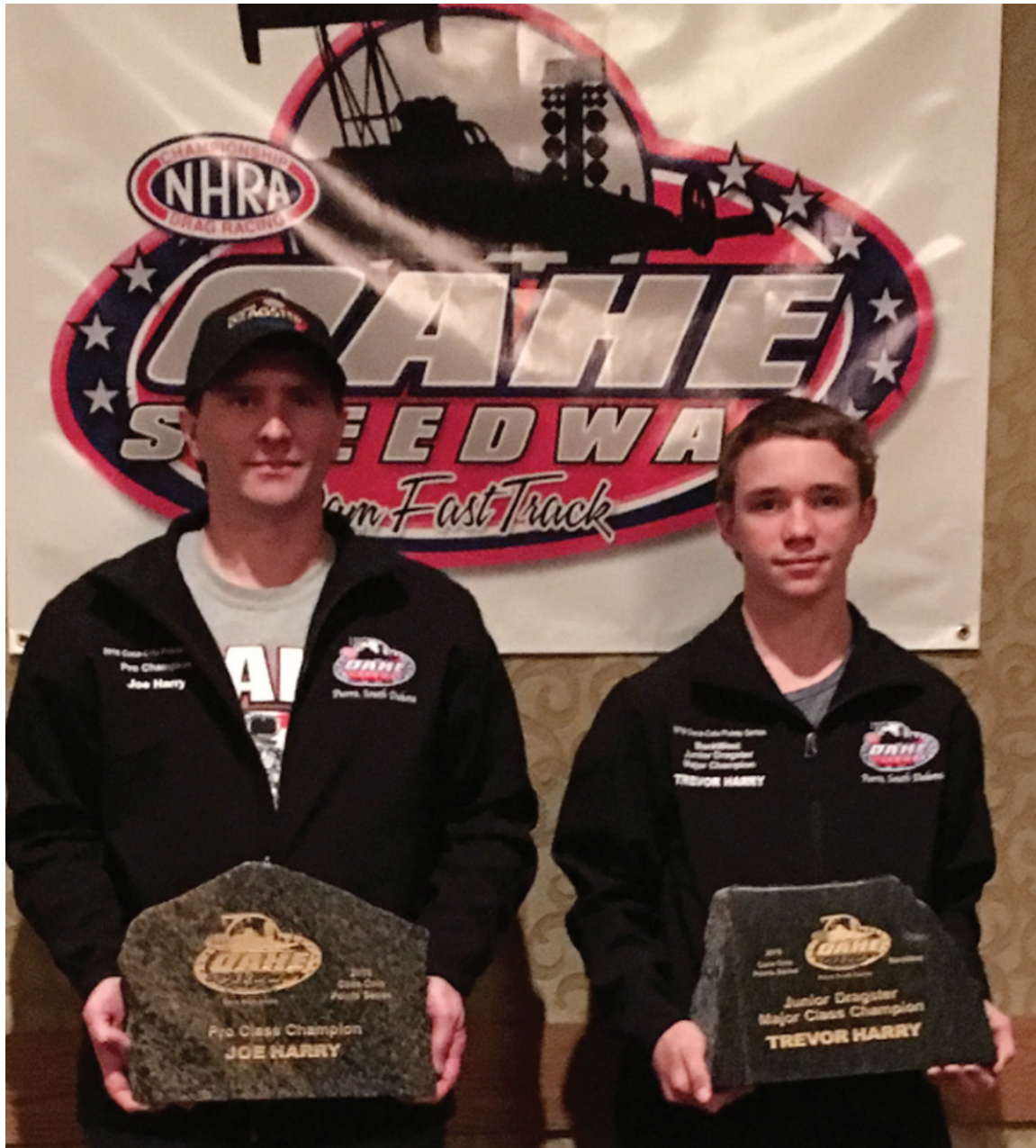
Food served  
at 5 pm  
Free will offering

Fund set up at First State Bank in Groton  
in the name of "Doug Sippel Benefit"

Event sponsored by Friends of Doug Sippel

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A father-son combination from Ferney were the 2016 Oahe speedway drag racing points champions. Joe Harry in Pro Et class and his son, Trevor Harry, in Junior Dragster Major class. Hunter Monson (of Groton) was High school points champion and runner up in Street trophy. (Courtesy Photo)

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## Plenty to be Thankful for This Year

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday season for many of us, and it's a special time of year where we show gratitude for all the blessings in our lives. I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve the people of South Dakota in the U.S. Senate, and for the love and support of my family as I do this job.

I'm also thankful for our men and women in uniform, many of whom may be far away from their friends and families for the holidays. This Veterans Day, I attended activation ceremonies in Parkston and Huron to send off the South Dakota National Guard 153rd Engineer Battalion and Forward Support Company as they left South Dakota for a 10-month deployment to Kuwait. We are grateful for their service and sacrifice, and for that of their loved ones back home.

This year, Americans endured a long, tiring campaign season that ended in an historic election result most of us did not foresee. Despite the many challenges we face as a nation, I am more hopeful than ever about our future. With a Republican partner in the White House for the first time in eight years, we in Congress will now have an ally in our desire to make meaningful and necessary reforms to the way Washington does business. We'll work to roll back many of the overreaching, overly burdensome regulations that are stifling job growth and creativity in this country. We'll work to make sure hard-working Americans can bring home more of their paycheck to support their families and re-invest in our economy. We are excited to consider our new president's recommendation for the Supreme Court. America will finally have the opportunity to see a change in Washington, and I am very thankful for that.

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving season, I would encourage South Dakotans to take some time to give back to our neighbors and communities. The state of South Dakota was recently ranked fourth in the nation for volunteering, which is no surprise to any of us who live here. I'm thankful to live in a state where neighbors lend a helping hand whenever they can, to those who need it. There are plenty of opportunities to give back during this holiday season. We can volunteer at our churches, donate our time or money to help prepare a community supper for those who may not otherwise have a warm meal on Thanksgiving or help out at a local food bank or charity.

My family and I want to wish all South Dakotans a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. It is the warmth and generosity of the people of South Dakota who make our state the best place in the world to call home. May God continue to bless you and your families.

## A Thanksgiving service in Dakota Territory

A good supper and dancing capped festivities at a fur trading post on Nov. 19, 1812, in present-day South Dakota.

It was "what might be called the first Thanksgiving service in the state," wrote Donald Parker in an article in "South Dakota Historical Collections and Report."

The occasion was to celebrate the completion of building the trading post. John C. Luttig, the post's clerk, wrote in his journal that the post's great door had been hung at 4 p.m. in a ceremony that included a salute of seven guns and three rounds of muskets. The post was given the name Fort Manuel.

"In the Evening a good Supper and a cheerful glass of whisky was given to the Men, and a Dance at which all the Ladies then in the fort attended, concluded the Day," Luttig wrote.

Fort Manuel was notable for more than a Thanksgiving celebration.

The fort was associated with Manuel Lisa, one of the best-known fur traders and entrepreneurs in the early history of the West.

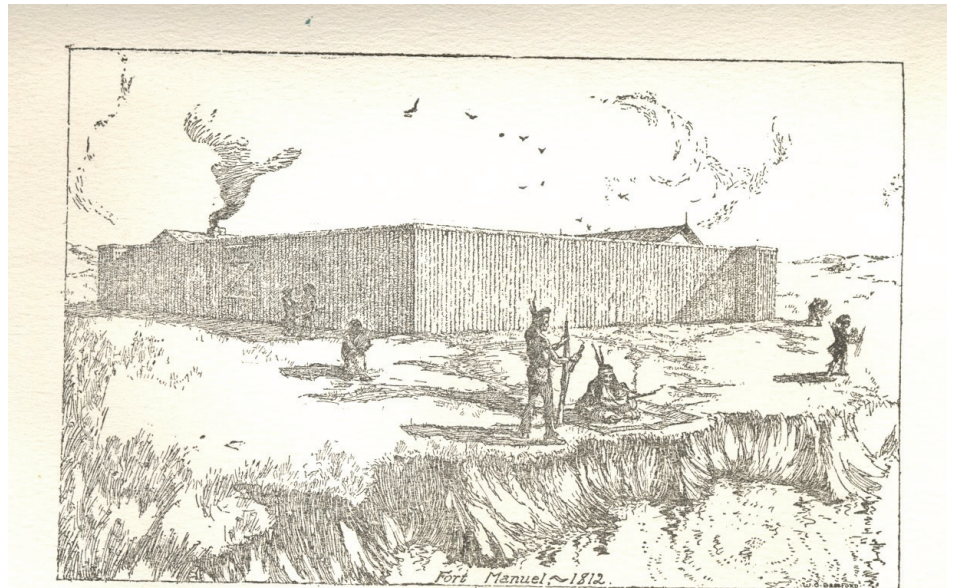
"It was Lisa, more than any other man of his era, who established the pattern of trade and commerce in the northern plains and mountains region," according to a 1977 newsletter of the Historical Preservation Center in Vermillion.

Manuel's system of trade centered on strategically placed posts which enabled exchange with American Indians, security for company operatives and bases for extension. This idea was later perfected by the American Fur Company, but Lisa and his associates dominated the fur trade from approximately 1807-1820, according to the newsletter.

Lisa, 1772-1820, was born in New Orleans or Cuba of Spanish parents and came to St. Louis, Mo., in the 1790s. He led the first trading expedition to the upper Missouri River in 1807 and established a fur trading post at the mouth of the Bighorn River. This was Montana's first trading post and one of many Lisa would build.

Lisa and other St. Louis fur traders formed the Missouri Fur Company in 1809. He left St. Louis for the upper Missouri in May 1812, with a party of 87 men and two barges carrying merchandise, cows, hogs, cats, and chickens. These were "perhaps the first domesticated animals ever carried to the upper Missouri," according to Parker.

In August 1812, Lisa selected a site north of the Grand River on the west side of the Missouri River on which to build a fur trading post that would serve as headquarters for himself and his men. Luttig wrote that the location was the third point above Arikara villages and described the site as a beautiful prairie



FORT MANUEL

**The portrait is from the Internet of Manuel Lisa. The drawing of Fort Manuel is from a drawing by W.O. Bassford and is from the book "Luttig's Journal of a Fur-Trading Expedition on the Upper Missouri 1812-1813" edited by Stella M. Drumm, copyright 1920 by Missouri Historical Society.**



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bluff with several bottoms of fine timber around it. The men used this timber to construct a stockade, blacksmith shop, warehouse, living quarters and other buildings.

Luttig's journal tells of daily life at Fort Manuel. American Indians visited the fort daily to trade and to live inside the fort. Some of the men of the fur company were away trading at Indian camps, some as far as 200 miles away. Luttig's journal entry for Dec. 20, 1812, states that the wife of fur trader Tous-saint Charbonneau died of a putrid fever while at Fort Manuel. Many historians believe the woman was Sacagawea, who accompanied the Lewis and Clark Expedition. But by not specifying her name, Luttig left doubt about her identity.

The U.S. Congress declared war on the United Kingdom in June 1812. Lisa used Fort Manuel to hold the American Indians along the Missouri River loyal to the American cause during the War of 1812, according to State Historian Doane Robinson in "Doane Robinson's Encyclopedia of South Dakota."

Luttig's last journal entry is on March 5, 1813. It is believed that American Indians attacked the fort that day, causing Lisa and the others at the fort to abandon it.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. Find us on the web at [www.sdhsf.org](http://www.sdhsf.org). Contact us at [info@sdhsf.org](mailto:info@sdhsf.org) to submit a story idea.

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## Sippel to celebrate 95th Birthday!

Emery Sippel of Groton will celebrate his 95th birthday on November 25. Greetings may be sent to 402 E. 15th Ave., Groton, SD 57445-2290.

## 2017 DOG LICENSES AVAILABLE NOW!!

**Licenses due by Dec. 30, 2016**

**Fines start after Dec. 30, 2016**

Dogs CAN NOT be licensed without providing updated rabies shot information, please bring records for each dog to City Hall

Please contact City Hall as soon as possible if you no longer have any dogs

Spayed or neutered dogs are \$5 per dog, otherwise \$10 per dog



## Kavanaugh to student teach in Sioux Falls

Dakota State University student Mikaela Kavanaugh is student teaching 2nd grade during the 2016-2017 school year in Sioux Falls, S.D. Kavanaugh is an elementary education/special education major from Groton, S.D.

To be accepted into the teacher education program, students must maintain a 2.6 cumulative grade point average and a 2.7 in their major. They must successfully pass the Praxis Pre-Professional Skills Test and the Praxis content exam in their area of preparation, and successfully complete all coursework and field experiences. Candidates work in multi-cultural settings, special education classrooms, regular education classrooms, and volunteer settings with K-12 children prior to acceptance into student teaching.

The majority of student teachers are placed in districts within a 60-mile radius of Madison, S.D.



**L to R: Jenifer Fjelstad, Mitchell Koens, Macy Knecht, Tylan Glover, Alex Kern, Aleaya Worlie, Thane Henschel, and Gabbie Kramer.** (Courtesy Photo)

## All-State Chorus

Recently, eight Groton Area High School students participated in the South Dakota All-State Chorus in Sioux Falls. At the beginning of the school year, the students auditioned as quartets and have been rehearsing outside of school to prepare for the event. These students joined 982 other South Dakota high school students to perform their concert at the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center on Saturday night, October 29. The guest conductor was Jerry Blackstone, a GRAMMY award winning conductor from the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre and Dance, where he conducts the Chamber Choir, teaching conducting at the graduate level, and administers a choral program of eleven choirs. The students enjoyed rehearsing with Dr. Blackstone. The students are under the direction of Mr. Cody Swanson.

## Winter Wheat Needs Winter to Survive

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Unlike its cousin spring wheat, winter wheat depends upon cold, winter weather for survival.

"For most of us wheat is wheat; however there is a distinct difference between spring and winter wheat, even though the vegetative characteristics of these two wheat types are very similar," said David Karki, SDSU Extension Agronomy Field Specialist.

Karki explained that unlike spring wheat, winter wheat can withstand freezing temperatures for extended periods of time during the early vegetative stage and actually requires exposure to freezing or near freezing temperatures to trigger reproductive stage.

"In other words, if winter wheat does not go through a period of cold temperatures, then it will not produce seed," Karki said.

### Cold Acclimation

In early fall, newly emerged winter wheat seedlings are no different than spring wheat seedlings. However, in order to survive cold winters with subfreezing temperatures, winter wheat has to be exposed to a series of cooler temperatures early in the growth stage.

Scientists refer to this weather condition as "cold acclimation" or simply "hardening."

"The acclimation is possible due to gradual decreases in daily temperatures in the fall after the wheat has emerged," Karki said.

Winter wheat plants adapt to rapidly decreasing temperatures in late fall or winter by lowering moisture content of the crown which is the growing point at the base of the shoot. This process decreases the accumulation of carbohydrates, and slowing down the overall growth process.

"This greatly helps with frost resistance and other winter conditions that a winter wheat plant has to go through during its life cycle," Karki said.

Cold acclimation generally starts when the temperature starts to fall below 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Vernalization

Vernalization is the other factor winter wheat depends upon to maximize yields.

"Once cold acclimation is achieved, winter wheat requires an extended period of temperatures below 40 degrees Fahrenheit to trigger its reproductive phase the following spring," Karki said.

He explained that the amount of time and range of temperatures required varies among varieties.

Winter wheat varieties that are adapted to northern climates are usually more tolerant to extended subfreezing temperatures than those adapted to southern environments.

The most winter hardy varieties can withstand crown temperatures as low as negative 15 degrees Fahrenheit.

### Survival tips

Better winter survival is achieved when winter wheat is no-till seeded into crop stubble and plants in the fall are 3 to 4 tiller stage before going into winter.

"Crop stubble helps catch snow throughout the winter and form an insulating blanket, increasing significantly the chances of winter survival," Karki said.

Snow also plays a major role in providing the moisture needed the following spring.

For more information on winter wheat production, visit [iGrow.org](http://iGrow.org).



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## Today in Weather History

November 21, 1985: Winds gusting to over 40 mph caused blizzard conditions over the western and central parts of South Dakota on the 21st and 22nd. In addition to the existing snow cover, 1-2 inches of new snow fell and when blown by the wind, reduced visibilities to zero at times. Many roads were drifted shut by the blowing and drifting snow in the western part of the state.

November 21, 2003: Heavy snow of 6 to 10 inches fell from the late afternoon to the late evening hours of the 21st and into the early morning hours on the 22nd. Some snowfall amounts included 4 inches in Browns Valley, 2S Ashton, and Britton; 5 inches at Timber Lake, Blunt, 6 SE McIntosh, and Pollock; 6 inches at Clark, McLaughlin, 14 NNE Isabel, 17 WSW Fort Pierre and Miller; 7 inches at Castlewood, 1 W Highmore, and 4 NW Onida; and 8 inches north of Goodwin, at Ree Heights, at Eagle Butte, and near Troy. Thirteen inches of snow fell in Watertown.

1798 - A four day storm was in progress in the northeastern U.S. The storm dropped a foot of snow on New York City and New Haven, and as much as three feet in Maine and New Hampshire. The snow-storm ushered in a long and severe winter, in some places the ground remained covered with snow until the following May. (David Ludlum)

1967 - Excessive rains in southern California caused the most severe flooding and the most damaging mud slides in 33 years. Downtown Los Angeles received eight inches of rain, and 14 inches fell in the mountains. (David Ludlum)

1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, FL. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas FL. It was the latest known hurricane to hit the U.S. so far north. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region and the Upper Ohio Valley produced 14 inches of snow at Snowshoe WV, and nearly eight inches at Syracuse NY. Eleven cities in the eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Record lows included 21 degrees at Pinson AL, 9 degrees at Syracuse NY, and 8 degrees at Binghamton NY. Gale force winds lash the Middle and Northern Atlantic Coast, and the strong northwesterly winds produced wind chill readings as cold as 30 degrees below zero. Winds gusting to 60 mph at Trumansburg NY toppled a chimney onto a nearby truck. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


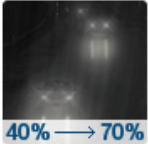





1988 - High winds accompanied rain and snow in the northeastern U.S. Caribou ME received eight inches of snow in six hours, and Fort Kent ME was blanketed with a total of fourteen inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - The storm which produced thunderstorms and high winds in the northeastern U.S. the previous day, produced snow and high winds in New England, with blizzard conditions reported in Maine. Winds gusted to 55 mph at Boston MA, and reached 58 mph at Augusta ME, and hurricane force winds were reported off the coast of Maine. Snowfall totals ranged up to 18 inches at Vanceboro ME, with 17 inches at South Lincoln VT. There were thirty-five storm-related injuries in Maine. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: The November 21st – 23rd tornado outbreak was the 3rd largest outbreak in recorded history and one of the longest continuous outbreaks ever recorded. There was no break in tornado activity from 1:30 pm on the 21st when the tornadoes started in Texas until 7:30 am on the 23rd when the last tornadoes lifted in North Carolina. On this date, severe thunderstorms spawned six tornadoes within 70 minutes in the Houston metro area in Texas. At one time, there were three on the ground in Harris County. The strongest, an F4, tracked 20 miles through the eastern suburbs of Houston destroying 200 homes and damaging 1,000 more. In total, 23 tornadoes struck Mississippi and Alabama. An F4 tornado killed 12 people on a 128-mile track through 7 Mississippi counties. The deadliest tornado of 1992, an F4 tornado killed 12 people on a 128-mile path through 7 counties in Mississippi, one of the bodies was blown a quarter mile into a tree.

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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thanksgiving Day
						
Increasing Clouds	Chance Rain and Patchy Fog then Rain Likely and Patchy Fog	Rain/Snow Likely and Areas Fog	Slight Chance Snow then Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow
High: 36 °F	Low: 31 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 29 °F	High: 36 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 34 °F

## Mixed Precipitation Overnight into Tuesday

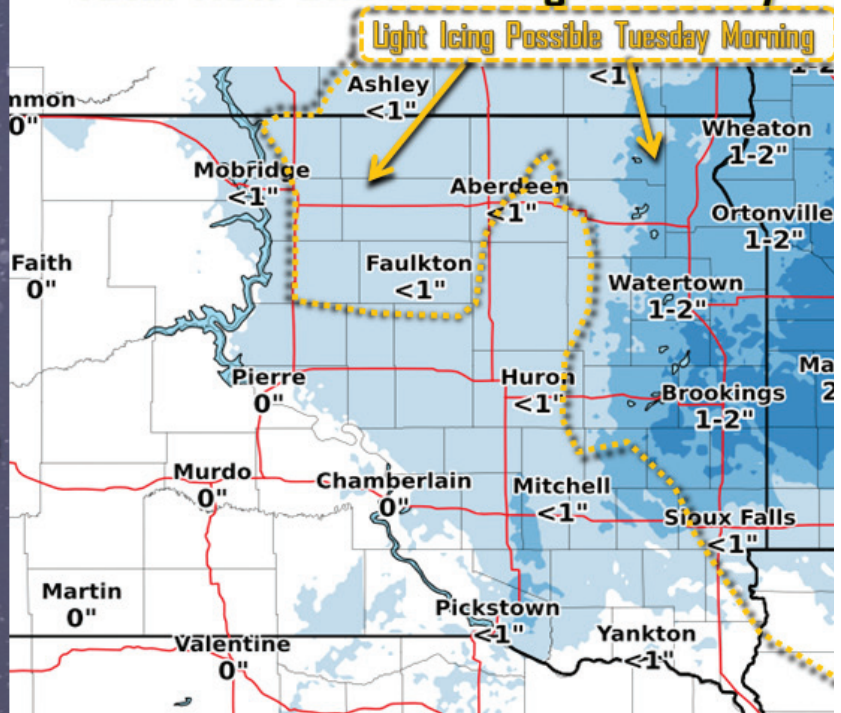


Temperatures near freezing

Light Freezing Rain with slick Tuesday morning commute possible

1-2" Snow over E SD/W MN

## Total New Snow through Tuesday



National Weather Service - Aberdeen, SD

[www.weather.gov/abr](http://www.weather.gov/abr)

Updated: 11/21/2016 5:46 AM Central



Published on: 11/21/2016 at 5:47AM

A mixed bag of precipitation will be possible overnight into Tuesday as a storm system moves into the Central and Northern Plains tonight. Rain, freezing rain, sleet, and snow are all possible. Roads may be slick for the Tuesday morning commute. Expect dry conditions Wednesday, before more light snow or rain returns for Thanksgiving Day.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 34.9 F at 2:16 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 21.8 F at 2:36 AM**

**High Gust: 26.0 Mph at 9:53 AM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 66° in 1904**

**Record Low: -18° in 1964**

**Average High: 36°F**

**Average Low: 16°F**

**Average Precip in Nov.: 0.55**

**Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00**

**Average Precip to date: 21.02**

**Precip Year to Date: 15.00**

**Sunset Tonight: 4:57 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:42 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Mon, Nov 21, 2016, issued 4:37 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## POSITIVE THINKING

One warm summer day a snail began climbing an apple tree. As he moved upward he heard a voice calling, "There's no reason for you to climb this tree. There are no apples up there." Looking around he saw a worm basking in the warmth of the sun.

Returning his attention to the task before him, the snail shouted back, "There will be when I get up there."

A great example of positive thinking was Noah. If you recall, "God warned him about something that had never happened before...and by faith...he built an ark to save his family."

Perhaps no one in history experienced more ridicule and rejection for being different from his neighbors than Noah. God commanded him to build a huge boat in the middle of dry land. This certainly made no sense to him when he got his instructions from God. But it didn't matter. He did what he was asked to do. And although his behavior seemed strange to his neighbors, it made no difference to him. Being obedient to God with what mattered.

God often asks Christians to do things that seem strange to those who do not know Him. So, our being obedient to God often makes what we do look odd, perhaps even weird, to those who do not know the Lord. But remember, whenever God asks us to do something He also gives us the courage to overcome the skeptics and succeed.

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes on You and on what You call us to do. Give us faith and persistence to do what You call us to do and never waver. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a curved orange line underneath.

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## News from the Associated Press

### Police, protesters face off at Dakota Access pipeline

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Tension flared anew on the Dakota Access pipeline as protesters tried to push past a long-blocked bridge on a state highway, only to be turned back by a line of law enforcement using water cannon and what appeared to be tear gas.

Sunday's skirmishes began around 6 p.m. after protesters removed a burned-out truck on what's known as the Backwater Bridge, not far from the encampment where they've been for weeks as they demonstrate against the pipeline. The Morton County Sheriff's Department estimated 400 protesters sought to cross the bridge on state Highway 1806.

A live stream early Monday showed a continued standoff, with large lights illuminating smoke wafting across the scene.

The sheriff's department said in a statement around 1 a.m. Monday that approximately 100 to 200 protesters were on the bridge or in the vicinity. It said law enforcement officers "had rocks thrown at them, burning logs and rocks shot from slingshots," and that one officer had been hit on the head by a thrown rock.

At least one person was arrested. Protesters said a gym in Cannon Ball was opened to aid demonstrators who were soaked on a night the temperature dipped into the low 20s or were hit with tear gas.

Rema Loeb told The Associated Press he was forced to retreat from the bridge because he feared being doused with water on the freezing night. Others, he said, needed medical treatment after being hit with tear gas.

"It's been just horrible," said the 83-year-old Loeb, who traveled from Massachusetts about two weeks ago to join the protests.

The 1,200-mile, four-state pipeline is being built to carry oil from western North Dakota to a shipping point in Illinois. But construction of the \$3.8 billion pipeline has been protested for months by the Standing Rock Sioux, whose reservation lies near the pipeline route, and the tribe's allies, who fear a leak could contaminate their drinking water. They also worry that construction could threaten sacred sites.

Energy Transfer Partners has said no sites have been disturbed and that the pipeline will have safeguards against leaks, and is a safer method of transport for oil than rail or truck. The company has said the pipeline is largely complete except for the section under Lake Oahe.

The bridge lies near where protesters had set up camp on private property owned by the pipeline developer, Energy Transfer Partners, before they were forcibly removed by law enforcement Oct. 27. It's also about a mile from an uncompleted section under Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir, where work has been on hold by order of federal agencies.

Tara Houska, an organizer with Honor the Earth, told the Bismarck Tribune that the Cannon Ball gym was opened to aid people who had been doused with water or tear gas.

Phone calls to the sheriff's department late Sunday went to an answering machine.

On Friday, Kelcy Warren, the chief executive of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, said the company is unwilling to reroute the pipeline.

Associated Press writer Mike Stewart contributed to this report from New York.

### Newly appointed official says he's inspired by South Dakota

By Sara Bertsch, The Daily Republic

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Since starting his new job in the Governor's Office, Freeman native Scott Stern has been inspired by what he's seen in South Dakota communities.

Stern, 55, was appointed as the Commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development earlier this year, starting the job on Sept. 1, The Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/2fXBCeU>) reported.

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And after about two months on the job, Stern has found the job exciting and inspirational.

"I can tell you it's very inspiring to get up every day and sell South Dakota and sell the virtues of South Dakota and that's really a passion that I have," Stern said.

As the commissioner of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, it's his job to fundamentally grow the gross domestic product of South Dakota, Stern said.

This means increasing the sales and productions of the state, diversifying the tax base and "improve the quality of life for South Dakota."

Stern said he and his team look at how more and better quality jobs can be created. They also assist businesses in growing and expanding and how the state can better support business success.

And for his first month on the job, Stern said he's been logging a lot of miles as he travels the state touring, working with existing and potential businesses and meeting state and local leaders.

After assessing the different needs in each community, Stern said the information is taken and he and his staff organize and develop goals and objectives for 2017. And right now, they are approximately 95 percent complete with this plan. He expects within the next week, it will be complete.

Working in Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office hadn't crossed Stern's mind, but when he was approached by representative from the state if he'd be interested, he jumped at the chance.

"I thought it would be the job of a lifetime — an opportunity of a lifetime," Stern said. "I really just jumped at the opportunity."

Stern and his wife were living in Arizona, where they had been for four years. And in August, they returned so Stern could settle into his new job.

In Arizona, Stern spent four years as district sales manager for Petro-Canada America, a division of Sun-cor Energy. Because he and his wife were "empty nesters," they took a chance in living in a new state in November 2012. Stern said they enjoyed the four years in Arizona, but soon missed South Dakota.

"Small or large, everybody in South Dakota has a sense of service to their community," Stern said. "And that commitment is not shared by businesses in other states. That feeling of support and commitment to communities is not nearly as high or evident as in South Dakota."

Stern attributes part of his success to his long history in Freeman.

As a 1979 graduate of Freeman High School, Stern went to the University of South Dakota to obtain a bachelor's degree in business administration.

He then spent the next 29 years at the Stern Oil Company, which was started by his father. Here, he spent 14 years as vice president and general manager.

Stern said this gave him the chance to see first-hand the operations and the "inside" of running a small business. It also gave him the perspective of running a small business and the challenges that owners and managers face, Stern said. The company has also grown and expanded to operate in six states, Stern said.

This experience alone, Stern said, has helped him connect with small business owners across South Dakota on a level others may not.

"I sat in their seat and looked through the world in their lens," Stern said. "I think that gives me hopefully an insight into the challenges and the opportunities."

During his time in Freeman, Stern also served on the city council and held leadership roles in the town's Chamber of Commerce and the Freeman Economic Development Corporation.

Aaron Scheibe, the deputy commissioner at GOED, said in the past few months, Stern has hit the ground running. And Stern's experience in the private sector is what sets him apart as a commissioner.

Scheibe describes Stern as someone who has built a company, managed a company and been in the private business sector for years. Bringing these experiences into the government setting, Scheibe said, offers up an entirely new perspective.

"He has that ability to see the big picture in terms of what works and what works for the state, but also how it affects the various communities throughout the state," Scheibe said. "It's a unique perspective and one we're glad to have."

The biggest priority for the GOED office right now, Scheibe said, is to look at what the plans for 2017. The GOED staff, which has about 35 employees Pierre, Sioux Falls and Rapid City, will work to recruit new businesses to the state and with existing ones in terms of expansion, adding new products and new jobs.

"That's really kind of mission No. 1 is working effectively to support the business community," Scheibe said.

But this doesn't come without its challenges.

Scheibe said there's a concern with this year's agricultural economy, especially with low corn and bean prices.

And in these "down times," Scheibe said it's the GOED's job to still work with business clients and find opportunities for expansion, growth and to help people understand the importance of bringing more business to South Dakota.

For Stern, he puts a lot of faith into small towns across South Dakota and the sense of community that is developed.

"I even think, to a certain degree, public services is generated out of businesses," Stern said. "I would tell you that you also get a perspective being outside of the state of how wonderful the people are here and that genuine commitment to do what's right."

Stern said there's a level of interdependence in South Dakota that he finds very compelling that "cuts across communities."

And if there's a tornado, flood or other disaster, Stern said the community always comes together and there's a real desire to help.

"That's what makes job so exciting," he said.

## **New GFP app helps hunters determine where to hunt**

**By Andrew Johnson, Aberdeen American News**

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — When it comes to hunting pheasants, it's no secret that access to private land is getting harder to come by each year.

However, it's also no secret that the quality and quantity of South Dakota's public hunting options are two of the state's greatest assets, be it for pheasants, big game or waterfowl. According to GFP's website, there are more than 5 million acres open to public hunting in the state, with well more than 1 million of those acres available in the primary pheasant range.

To help hunters discover public land opportunities and navigate places to hunt, GFP has annually printed hard copies of the South Dakota Public Hunting Atlas for decades. The atlas contains maps and information on the state's walk-in areas, game production areas, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program areas, waterfowl production areas, school lands, national forests and grasslands, and some Bureau of Land Management lands.

"We start putting the atlas together in mid-July," said Shuree Mortinson, who helps assemble the atlas' layout. "It goes to print in August, and this year we printed 115,000 copies."

The atlas is free and can be found nearly everywhere licenses are sold. There is even an option to download a PDF of the atlas to your computer, or hunters can request that a copy be mailed to them, the Aberdeen American News (<http://bit.ly/2gj0sem>) reported.

While the printed version of the hunting atlas is an old standby many hunters are familiar with, it remains a somewhat limited resource because it cannot be updated more than once a year.

"The second the atlas comes out each year it becomes out of date," said Chris Hull, communications and outreach specialist for GFP. "There's a deadline for it to print, and, inevitably, you'll get landowners who might add or subtract some of their land. The printed map doesn't reflect those changes."

In an effort to funnel the most accurate, updated information possible to hunters, GFP officials wanted to take things a step further in 2008 by making the atlas compatible with GPS technology that could be updated on the fly.

"One day our former secretary, Jeff Vonk, walked into my cube with the hunting atlas and a GPS unit," Hull said. "He held the atlas up with one hand and said he wanted it combined with the GPS, which he held up with his other hand."

Hull immediately turned to Chris Marsh, who at the time was employed by GFP but now is part of the development technology team with the state Bureau of Information and Telecommunications.

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"The biggest concern with the atlas was our walk-in areas," he said. "If you go to North Dakota or Montana, their state access programs are more long-term contracts, around 10, 15 years. But the walk-in program in South Dakota is a year-to-year program, and the land enrolled in it is constantly changing. We didn't want people having bad data and getting into trouble."

Trying to pack all of the public land data into a GPS-compatible handheld unit was the first chore, but there was a question as to whether the state actually had the appropriate amount and kind of data necessary to do it.

"I was the curator of the map data, and we actually had been compiling that same data for years for staff," Marsh said. "The question was simply whether or not it was in a format that would work with GPS technology. We needed to find software that would convert our map data in a way that could be used on a GPS."

GFP had to work with several GPS companies to get the job done.

"I have some contacts in the outdoor gear world and got some names of for Magellan, Lowrance and Garmin," Hull said. "The vice president of Garmin called me and said they'd love to work with us and make this happen."

It didn't take long. By fall 2008, the first GPS-enabled public land maps were in the hands of hunters taking to the fields.

"I think in the first year we had somewhere around 10,000 downloads of the GPS maps," Marsh said. "It took off in a hurry."

With the advent of smartphone technology and increased Wi-Fi reception even in some of the most remote areas in the state, GFP decided to take its efforts a step further two years later when it introduced the inaugural version of the SDGFP Outdoors app.

"We built the Android app in fall 2010 and the app for iOS followed in spring 2011," Marsh said. "With the GPS software, people had to download updates. With the phone app the updates were seamless and made it that much easier to get updated information out to people."

"We had done surveys in the past of people who hunted things like big game and waterfowl, and the common themes were lack of time and not knowing where to hunt. We figured we couldn't give people more time, but we could help them out with not knowing where to go. I believe now there are roughly 60,000 downloads of the app between the two devices."

The app is free to download, and its hunting atlas is still enhanced by GPS capabilities, allowing hunters to know without reservation that they're hunting public land.

"The cool thing about the app is it's automatically fresh and new and accurate — it's always right," Hull said. "That probably gets overlooked more than you think, and confidence is huge when you're out hunting. The last thing you want to be thinking about is whether you can hunt on this piece of ground or not, and when you're not concentrating is when bad shots can happen."

In addition, Hull said landowners have embraced the app's accuracy.

"We've overwhelmingly heard from landowners who are happy with it," Hull said. "If they see someone using a phone or GPS, they know that hunter isn't going to trespass accidentally, because it's helped hunters understand exactly where they're at."

Marsh said that the app's functionality isn't limited to GPS and locating public lands.

"We're always looking at how we can make it even better," he said. "We kept the symbology and colors the same for consistency, so the same colors in the printed atlas show up as the same colors on your phone's screen. Now you can even mark waypoints on the app's map, and new last year you could display your hunting license on it, too. The app also provides things for people who may not hunt or fish. There is also a ton of recreational stuff on it, like snowmobiling trails and state park and recreation area information. All of that information is all rolled up into one thing."



## Police, protesters face off at Dakota Access pipeline

By JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

CANNON BALL, N.D. (AP) — Protesters clashed with law enforcement late Sunday near the site of the Dakota Access pipeline, with at least one person arrested as protesters sought to push past a bridge on a state highway that had been blockaded since late October.

The Morton County Sheriff's Office estimated 400 protesters were trying to cross the bridge on state Highway 1806 in what they called "an ongoing riot." Law enforcement had formed a line to prevent their movement, and appeared to be using water cannons as temperatures dipped toward the low 20s.

The clash was at the Backwater Bridge, near where protesters had set up camp on private property owned by the pipeline developer, Energy Transfer Partners, before they were forcibly removed by law enforcement Oct. 27. It's also about a mile from an uncompleted section under Lake Oahe, a Missouri River reservoir, where work has been on hold by order of federal agencies.

A video shot by a protester showed what appeared to be water cannons and tear gas being fired at protesters. The sheriff's office said the incident began around 6 p.m. when protesters removed a burned-out truck that had been on the bridge since the Oct. 27 confrontation.

Rema Loeb told The Associated Press he was forced to retreat from the bridge because he feared being doused with water on the freezing night. Others, he said, needed medical treatment after being hit with tear gas.

"It's been just horrible," said the 83-year-old Loeb, who traveled from Massachusetts about two weeks ago to join the protests.

Tara Houska, an organizer with Honor the Earth, told the Bismarck Tribune that the Cannon Ball gym was opened to aid people who had been doused with water or tear gas.

Phone calls to the sheriff's department late Sunday went to an answering machine.

The 1,200-mile, four-state pipeline is intended to carry oil from western North Dakota to a shipping point in Illinois. But construction of the \$3.8 billion pipeline has been protested for months by the Standing Rock Sioux, whose reservation lies near the pipeline route, and the tribe's allies, who fear a leak could contaminate their drinking water. They also worry that construction could threaten sacred sites.

Energy Transfer Partners has said no sites have been disturbed and that the pipeline will have safeguards against leaks, and is a safer method of transport for oil than rail or truck. The company has said the pipeline is largely complete except for the section under Lake Oahe.

On Friday, Kelcy Warren, the chief executive of Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners, said the company is unwilling to reroute the pipeline.

Associated Press writer Mike Stewart contributed to this report from New York.

## Authorities say Texas, Missouri, officers shot in ambushes

By JAMIE STENGLE and JIM SALTER, Associated Press

A police officer has been fatally shot in San Antonio, Texas, and another in St. Louis was shot in the face but is expected to survive, in what authorities are calling the latest in a series of target attacks on law enforcement.

The San Antonio detective was writing out a traffic ticket when he was shot to death in his squad car late Sunday morning outside police headquarters by another driver who pulled up from behind, authorities said.

San Antonio police Chief William McManus identified the officer as Benjamin Marconi, 50, a 20-year veteran of the force.

Police said the search for a male suspect was still underway early Monday and that no arrest has been made. McManus said he doesn't believe the suspect has any relationship to the original motorist who was pulled over, and that no motive has been identified.

The St. Louis police sergeant was hospitalized in critical condition after he was shot twice as he sat in traffic in a marked police vehicle about 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

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"This officer was driving down the road and was ambushed by an individual who pointed a gun at him from inside of his car and shot out the police officer's window," Police Chief Sam Dotson said during a news conference.

Dotson declined to name the 46-year-old officer, but said he is a married father of three who has been with the department for about 20 years.

"Fortunately, for the blessing of God, the officer's going to survive," Dotson said.

Police reported early Monday that the suspect, who was wanted for other violent crimes, was later killed in a shootout with police.

At least two other police officers were also shot in other cities Sunday night, but it wasn't clear whether the incidents were targeted attacks.

An officer with the Gladstone, Missouri, police department near Kansas City was shot, along with a suspect. A Sanibel, Florida, officer was shot in the shoulder during a traffic stop, and was treated for his injuries and released.

The attacks on police came less than five months after a gunman killed five officers in Dallas who were working a protest about the fatal police shootings of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana. It was the deadliest day for American law enforcement since Sept. 11, 2001.

Ten days after the Dallas attack, a man wearing a ski mask and armed with two rifles and a pistol killed three officers near a gas station and convenience store in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. And earlier this month, two Des Moines, Iowa-area police officers were fatally shot in separate ambush-style attacks while sitting in their patrol cars.

"It's always difficult, especially in this this day and age, where police are being targeted across the country," McManus said.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott called the slaying of Marconi a "horrific act of violence." Abbott said in a statement that "attacks against law enforcement officers will not be tolerated in Texas and must be met with swift justice."

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Stengle contributed to this report from Dallas, Salter from St. Louis.

## **Trump the dealmaker keeps any Cabinet decisions under wraps**

**By CATHERINE LUCEY and LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Call him the dealmaker-elect.

By his own account, President-elect Donald Trump has worked out a few agreements after a parade of weekend visitors who could land major appointments in his administration.

There were hints but no decisions to announce. Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee in 2012, was "under active and serious consideration" for secretary of state, Vice President-elect Mike Pence said. Trump himself said retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis was an "impressive" prospect for defense secretary.

"We've made a couple of deals," Trump told reporters at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club before returning to New York. He gave assurances that "incredible meetings" would be bringing "incredible people" into the government. "You'll be hearing about them soon."

More meetings are on Trump's Monday schedule. His transition team said former Texas governor and GOP presidential rival Rick Perry was expected to meet with Trump on Monday.

Among the visitors to the white-pillared clubhouse Sunday were Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, billionaire investor Wilbur Ross and retired Marine Gen. John Kelly, the former commander of U.S. Southern Command.

The businessman who is now the president-elect also apparently was considering options to lead the Commerce Department, meeting with Ross. "Time will tell," Ross told reporters when asked if he wanted a post.

It was hard to tell if some of the visitors were on the job hunt. Hollywood powerbroker Ari Emanuel and BET founder Robert Johnson came through over the weekend as did health care billionaire Patrick

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Soon-Shiong. Trump made a show of each guest, greeting them formally at the door, shaking hands and smiling for the cameras and telling the press how "great" they were.

"King of Hollywood," Trump said, as he ushered Emanuel in the door Sunday.

Between conversations, Trump revealed he was making transition plans for his family. He told reporters that his wife, Melania, and their 10-year-old son, Barron, would move to Washington when the school year ends.

Trump also turned to Twitter to share some of his thinking. In between criticism of "Saturday Night Live," the hit musical "Hamilton," and retiring Democratic leader Harry Reid, he wrote that, "General James 'Mad Dog' Mattis, who is being considered for secretary of defense, was very impressive yesterday. A true General's General!"

The comments were indications that Trump is looking outside his immediate circle as he works toward rounding out his foreign policy and national security teams. On Friday, he named a loyalist, retired Gen. Michael Flynn, as his national security adviser.

Romney, the former Massachusetts governor and 2012 GOP presidential contender, and Trump exchanged bitter insults during the campaign, and Mattis has not been considered a Trump confidante. The appointment of more establishment figures could offer some reassurance to lawmakers and others concerned about Trump's hard-line positions on immigration and national security and his lack of foreign policy experience.

Trump told reporters Sunday that one of his most loyal and public allies, former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, was also a prospect for secretary of state "and other things." Giuliani at one point had been considered for attorney general, but Trump gave that job to Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama.

But even as Trump and his team discussed pressing issues facing the country and how to staff the incoming administration, the president-elect's Twitter feed suggested other issues too were on his mind.

His targets Sunday included Sen. Reid. Trump tweeted that incoming Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, another media-savvy New Yorker, was "far smarter" than Reid and "has the ability to get things done."

Trump also complained that "Saturday Night Live," which thrives on making fun of politicians, is "biased" and not funny. The night before, actor Alec Baldwin portrayed Trump as Googling: "What is ISIS?"

Trump also insisted again that the cast and producers of "Hamilton" should apologize after the lead actor addressed Pence from the stage Friday night, telling the vice president-elect that "diverse America" was "alarmed and anxious." Pence said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that he wasn't offended.

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## Strong, sometimes foul political language marks the AMAs

By KRISTIN M. HALL, Associated Press

Coming on the heels of a divisive political election, the American Music Awards on Sunday night in Los Angeles became a platform for strong, and sometimes foul, political language. Here's a look at some of the top moments from the American Music Awards show:

### NOT TRUMP'S NIGHT

Less than two weeks after the presidential election, President-Elect Donald Trump was bound to be hot and divisive topic at the show. And the insults and jokes came from all sides, including the hosts, the presenters and the performers. Co-hosts Gigi Hadid and Jay Pharoah started off the show with not-so-great impressions of Melania and Donald Trump.

Singer Idina Menzel and businessman Mark Cuban commiserated about not getting invited to the presidential inauguration, as both were supporters of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. And Menzel gave a shout out to the cast of the Broadway show "Hamilton" who have been criticized by Trump on Twitter.

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And Rock And Roll Hall of Famers Green Day blasted Trump during their performance of "Bang Bang" when lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong sang a new chorus in the middle, "No KKK, no fascist USA, No Trump."

## DRAKE WINS BIG

Drake doesn't always show up to award shows even when he's likely to win, but since he set a record with 13 nominations, he must have felt obliged.

In fact, he did win four awards, including favorite rap/hip hop artist and favorite rap/hip hop album for his hugely successful "Views" record, which has dominated radio with singles like "Hotline Bling" and "One Dance."

He thanked his hometown, Toronto, and his family and collaborators, and said he was just focused on the music.

"For our genre, I just like to keep things exciting and keep making music, shout out to everybody that's trying to do the same thing," he said.

Although he didn't perform, Drake debuted a funny Apple Music commercial in which he lip-synced to Taylor Swift while working out, an homage to another Apple commercial starring Swift.

He hinted at new music to come, but also seemed to reference some of the criticism he's received from other rappers for his success, adding quickly, "so watch how you speak on my name."

## DROPPING THE F BOMBS

The censors were on their toes with several unscripted moments in which curse words were flying profusely.

Most award shows have to bleep out or mute some lyrics or accidental slips of the tongue, but this year's show seemed to be full of foul language, mostly on purpose.

Chrissy Teigen unleashed a mouthful of colorful language about the election that most people didn't hear on the broadcast as she was introducing her husband, singer John Legend.

Electronic duo The Chainsmokers also let a couple of curse words slip when they were caught unprepared for winning the favorite electronic dance music award.

Former One Direction singer Zayn gave a big thank you to his "(expletive-deleted) fans" for winning new artist of the year.

And artist of the year Ariana Grande was twice muted for language on the broadcast during her acceptance speech.

Maybe next year the show should consider moving to cable.

## PURPLE REIGN

The death of Prince earlier this year continues to have an impact on today's music and fans showed their appreciation again by voting for "Purple Rain," as the favorite soundtrack, more than 30 years after it was released.

His sister, Tyka Nelson, who noted that her brother had the courage to be different, accepted the award on his behalf.

"Prince defied the odds, a black teen from Minneapolis with the goal to electrify the world," Nelson said.

But she said being known as a great songwriter was the most important to him.

"He wanted to be the world's most prolific songwriter, and with 984 titles to his credit and counting, he has done just that," Nelson said.

Nelson began to tear up as she talked about her family and said she would keep the award at Paisley Park, the late singer's estate, and raised it in the air.

"Until we see you again, this is for you," Nelson said.

## SELENA SPEAKS OUT

Selena Gomez also wasn't expected to be in attendance at the Microsoft Theater as she had been taking time off touring to treat depression and anxiety.

Still one of the most followed celebrities on Instagram, earlier this year she stopped posting her to social media accounts. She took to the stage after winning favorite female artist - pop/rock to talk about dealing with an overexposed life.

"I think it's safe to say that most of you know a lot of my life whether I liked it or not, and I had to stop,

'cause I had everything, and I was absolutely broken inside," said 24-year-old Gomez.

"I don't want to see your bodies on Instagram. I want to see what's in here," she added, pointing to her heart.

Even Lady Gaga appeared overjoyed for Gomez's honesty, with a big smile and her hands pressed together.

"I am not trying to get validation, nor do I need it anymore," Gomez announced to a round of applause from the crowd.

## **Search for bodies at Indian train crash site ends; 146 dead**

**By RAJESH KUMAR SINGH and NIRMALA GEORGE, Associated Press**

PUKHRAYAN, India (AP) — The death toll from India's worst train accident in years rose to 146 on Monday after rescuers used cranes to lift the last of the twisted metal wreckage to check for bodies underneath.

About 2,000 workers were clearing the tracks and checking for damage to the rail line in hopes of re-summing traffic through one of India's busiest railway junctions by Monday evening, railway official Amit Kumar said. The government called for an investigation into what caused the accident, promising to punish anyone found responsible.

The passenger train was about midway through a 27-hour journey between the cities of Indore and Patna when it slid off the tracks at 3:10 a.m. Sunday. The impact was so strong that one of the coaches landed atop another, crushing the one below. Passengers were flung from their beds.

"I heard a loud noise," passenger Satish Mishra said. "The train then sped up, and all the coaches derailed."

Rescue workers, soldiers and members of India's disaster management force pulled out people trapped inside the twisted metal and overturned coaches near Pukhrayan, a village outside Kanpur about 400 kilometers (250 miles) southeast of New Delhi.

They used cutting torches to pry open cars and cranes to lift coaches from the tracks, moving carefully to avoid injuring those trapped inside. By Monday afternoon, they had lifted the last of the 14 wrecked cars from the tracks, finding no more bodies beneath.

The accident killed at least 146, according to state official Debasish Panda. Doctors said 116 of the victims had been identified.

Roughly 226 people were hurt, including 76 with serious injuries, according to local police Inspector General Zaki Ahmad. Medical teams provided first aid near the site, while those in more serious condition were moved to hospitals.

Anxious relatives searched for missing family members among the injured and the dead at hospitals in Kanpur.

At the accident site, some sifted through torn and broken luggage scattered across the ground in hopes of finding clues to where someone might have been at the time of the crash.

"I am looking for my brother," said Ramanand Tiwari, according to the Press Trust of India news agency. "He may have changed his seat ... we have searched everywhere."

Nearby, a man sobbed after seeing the bodies of three family members who had been traveling together to a wedding.

"Whoever I tried to look for is dead," Nirmal Verma told PTI. "I haven't found my mother ... I fear I will find her in the same condition."

Some railway officials told local media they suspected faulty tracks caused the derailment.

"We haven't seen an incident like this in Indian Railways for a long time," said state railways minister Rajen Gohain, according to the Indian Express newspaper. "There must be a fault in the track as 14 bogeys have derailed, and this happened despite regular checking of the tracks."

While accidents are relatively common on India's sprawling rail network, the derailment of the Patna-Indore Express Train was among India's deadliest in at least five years.

It occurred near Kanpur city, a major railway junction and a key link in India's rail network for connecting the eastern and western parts of the country. Since the accident, some trains passing through Kanpur

have been canceled and others have been diverted to stations to the north and south.

India's vast railway system is the world's third largest, but lacks modern signaling and communication systems. Most accidents are blamed on poor maintenance, outdated equipment and human error.

According to a government report in 2012, about 15,000 people are killed every year in train accidents. The worst occurred in 1981, when a train fell into the Bagmati River in northern India, killing nearly 800 people.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi — who tweeted that he was “anguished beyond words” by Sunday's accident — pledged last year to invest \$137 billion over the next five years to modernize India's railway network, which is used by about 23 million passengers a day.

George reported from New Delhi.

## **Afghan official: Suicide bomber kills 28 in Shiite mosque**

**By RAHIM FAIEZ and AMIR SHAH, Associated Press**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber killed at least 28 people inside a Shiite mosque in the Afghan capital, Kabul, officials and eyewitnesses said.

Ismail Kawasi, spokesman for the Public Health Ministry, said Monday that at least 45 others were wounded in the attack. Kawasi added that at least one small child is among the dead.

Fareed Obadi, head of the criminal investigation department for the Kabul police, said the attacker detonated his suicide vest among the crowds inside the Baqir-ul Ulom mosque in western Kabul.

The attack took place on the first floor of the two-story building where Shiite worshippers had gathered to commemorate the death of Imam Hussein, the Prophet Muhammad's grandson and an iconic Shiite martyr, in Karbala, Iraq in 680 A.D.

“I was inside the mosque and the Mullah was reading the prayer, suddenly a huge explosion happened then everywhere was dark,” said Ewaz Ali, 50 who suffered minor injuries.

No group has yet claimed responsibility but militant Sunni fundamentalists like the Taliban and the Islamic State group view Shiites as apostates and frequently attack Shiite mosques and public gatherings. Monday's bombing struck a ceremony commemorating 40 days since the anniversary of Hussein's death. In early October, at a gathering commemorating the actual death anniversary, militants attacked another Shiite shrine in Kabul, killing 14.

Amnesty International's South Asia Director Champa Patel said, “The attack on a Shia mosque in Kabul is a horrific and deliberate attack on civilians. The Afghan authorities must investigate this crime immediately and bring the perpetrators to justice. They have a duty to take effective measures to protect Shia Muslims from attacks and end impunity for previous abuses against the Shia community.”

Shiites in Afghanistan make up an estimated 15 percent of the population of around 30 million. Their public celebrations and commemorations were largely banned during the five years when the Taliban controlled the country. But Afghanistan's Shiites have become more public since the extremists were overthrown in the U.S. invasion of 2001.

In July this year, a suicide bomber targeted ethnic Hazaras, who are mostly Shiite, as they marched through central Kabul to protest discrimination. At least 80 people were killed and more than 200 wounded in the blast that was claimed by the Islamic State group.

In 2011, at least 54 people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated his device at a Kabul shrine where hundreds of people had gathered.

## **10 Things to Know for Today**

**By The Associated Press**

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

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## 2. WHERE TENSIONS ARE FLARING

The Dakota Access pipeline in Cannon Ball, as protesters trying to push past a bridge are turned back by law enforcement using water cannon and possibly tear gas.

## 3. THE HIGH COST OF ENTERTAINMENT

An AP investigation finds that at least 43 film and TV set workers have died in the U.S. since 1990, and many more on international sets.

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A San Antonio detective writing out a traffic ticket was shot to death in his squad car. In St. Louis, a police sergeant is expected to survive after being shot in the face twice.

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The attacker was on foot and detonated his suicide vest among the crowds inside the Shiite mosque, a Kabul official says.

## 7. US MOVES TO BLOCK MINING NEAR YELLOWSTONE

The Obama administration is racing in its last days to keep industry out of pristine and environmentally sensitive areas.

## 8. THE DOWNSIDE TO BIOMETRIC KEYS

Hackers could still steal your fingerprint, or its digital representation. And police may have broader legal powers to make you unlock your phone.

## 9. CYBER MONDAY STARTING EARLIER AND EARLIER

Wal-Mart is kicking off online shopping holiday deals this Friday for the first time ever.

## 10. HOW THE AMAs TURNED OUT

Coming on the heels of a divisive political election, the American Music Awards becomes a platform for strong, and sometimes foul, political language.

## Drake, Bieber win big, Selena Gomez gets emotional at AMAs

By MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

The 2016 American Music Awards featured a number of pop stars strumming their guitars, Drake making a rare awards show appearance, an emotional speech from Selena Gomez and political moments about President-elect Donald Trump.

Drake, who has skipped his fair share of awards shows in recent years, was the big winner with four awards and debuted a new commercial for Apple Music.

"For our genre, I just like to keep things excited and keep making music. Shout out to everybody that's trying to do the same thing," said Drake, who broke Michael Jackson's record for most AMA nominations after scoring 13 nominations.

Bieber, who performed from his tour in Zurich, Switzerland, also won four awards.

Gomez, who lost artist of the year to Ariana Grande but won favorite female artist — pop/rock, gave a heartfelt speech onstage that earned a loud applause from the audience at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

"I think it's safe to say that most of you know a lot of my life whether I liked it or not, and I had to stop, 'cause I had everything, and I was absolutely broken inside. And I kept it all together to where I never let you down. But I kept it too much together where I let myself down," said 24-year-old Gomez, who recently took time off to treat depression and anxiety.

"I don't want to see your bodies on Instagram. I want to see what's in here," she added, pointing to her heart. "And I have to say thank you so much to my fans because you guys are so damn loyal, and I don't know what I did to deserve you. If you are broken, you don't have to stay broken."

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Grande was shaking onstage as she collected artist of the year at the fan-voted show that aired live on ABC, beating Adele, Rihanna, Carrie Underwood and Bieber. "With or without this, I love you from the bottom of my heart," she said to her fans.

Green Day was one of many big-named acts promoting new albums at the AMAs, including Bruno Mars, the Weeknd, Lady Gaga, Sting, John Legend and The Chainsmokers. But Green Day got political during their performance of "Bang Bang" as band leader Billie Joe Armstrong sang "No KKK, no fascist USA, no Trump" during the show.

The show's hosts — former "Saturday Night Live" comic Jay Pharoah and model Gigi Hadid — also mentioned the Trump family when telling jokes: After Pharoah impersonated Jay Z, Hadid acted like Melania Trump.

"I love my husband, President Barack Obama, and our children, Sasha and Malia," she said, scrunching up her face.

Strumming guitars while singing was one of the night's themes: One Direction's Niall Horan slowed things down for his acoustic-folk solo single, "This Town"; James Bay sang his smoky single, "Let It Go"; and Shawn Mendes performed his hit "Treat You Better" and switched to piano for the aching "Mercy."

But the best singer-guitarist was Gaga, who beautifully belted the lyrics to her latest single, "Million Reasons." She earned a rousing applause from the audience.

Sting also impressed, who performed "Message In a Bottle," "Every Breathe You Take" and his new single, "I Can't Stop Thinking About You." He received the American Music Award of Merit, which was presented to him by Robert Downey Jr.

"American music lit the musical spark in my young mind," the English singer said after his performance. "My musical soul is all American!"

Other highlights included double winners twenty one pilots and Mars, who kicked off the AMAs with his groovy hit, "24K Magic," backed by his band who matched his slick, upbeat dance moves.

Grande and Nicki Minaj got steamy during their performance of the reggae-tinged "Side to Side": Grande's background dancers danced closely on her, and one male dancer even pulled up her skirt, while Minaj, who rapped from a chair, spread her legs widely.

Other performers included Maroon 5 with Kendrick Lamar; DJ Khaled with Minaj, Future, Rick Ross and August Alsina; and Fifth Harmony, who won collaboration of the year for "Work from Home" with Ty Dolla \$ign.

Prince's 1984 "Purple Rain" album, which gained new attention after his death in April, won top soundtrack. His sister, Tyka Nelson, collected his trophy onstage and cried as she spoke to the audience.

"We'll keep this for you at Paisley Park until we see you again," she said weeping and naming her siblings. "This is for you."

Other winners included Tim McGraw, the Chainsmokers and Florida Georgia Line. Rihanna, who didn't attend, won three awards. Adele and Beyonce were also absent but both won an award.

Zayn, who has won a handful of AMAs with his One Direction bandmates, took home new artist of the year.

"Wow. This one just has my name on it, right?" he said. "This has been a crazy year ... I didn't expect anyone to vote for me, so thank you for voting for me."

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## **APNewsBreak: US moves to block mining near Yellowstone**

**By MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — U.S. officials plan to block new mining claims outside Yellowstone National Park as the Obama administration races in its last days to keep industry out of pristine and environmentally sensitive areas.

Mining claims on 30,000 acres north of the nation's first national park would be prohibited for at least two years while a long-term ban is considered.

Details were obtained by The Associated Press in advance of Monday's formal announcement by Interior Secretary Sally Jewell.

Interior officials last week blocked new oil drilling in the Arctic Ocean and cancelled 25 oil and gas leases in western Colorado and 15 in northwestern Montana.

Republicans and industry representatives have criticized the administration's eleventh-hour actions to limit development and promised to seek their reversal once Obama leaves office.

The latest move comes after a pair of gold exploration proposals north of Yellowstone drew strong opposition from local business owners, environmentalists and Montana elected officials.

The opponents argue that mining would industrialize wild areas populated by grizzly bears, bighorn sheep and other wildlife; harm streams that drain into the Yellowstone River; and dampen tourism, which is a mainstay of the region's economy.

The two-year prohibition would not explicitly block the two pending mining proposals, both of which involve private lands. However, officials said it could make large-scale mining more difficult if the projects were expanded onto public lands.

Recreation and other activities still would be allowed in the area.

"There are good places to mine for gold, but the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park is not one of them," Jewell said in prepared remarks.

Jewell was scheduled to be joined by Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, U.S. Sen. Jon Tester and Agriculture Undersecretary Robert Bonnie for Monday's announcement in Pray, Montana.

A Canadian company, Lucky Minerals, has applied to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality to explore for gold and other minerals north of Yellowstone near Emigrant, Montana. A second company, Spokane, Washington-based Crevice Mining Group, is seeking permission to explore for gold near Jardine, just over Yellowstone's northern boundary.

Both exploration sites have a history of mining. However, in recent decades they've become more closely associated with the natural amenities of Yellowstone and the surrounding Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Lucky Mineral's Shaun Dykes said the Interior Department appeared to be bowing to the wishes of environmentalists at the expense of economic development that could benefit the local economy. Michael Werner, a mining engineer with Crevice Mining Group, said he wouldn't know how the agency's action would impact the company's exploration plans until more details were revealed.

At the urging of business owners and sporting groups in Montana's Paradise Valley, Tester last month called on the administration to start the process of withdrawing 31,500 acres from mining by the end of the year.

## **It looked bleak for Johnson until he snatched a 7th title**

**By JENNA FRYER, AP Auto Racing Writer**

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson walked across the stage after driver introductions to find his car inexplicably missing from pit road.

In a dramatic start to his race for a record-tying seventh championship, Johnson learned NASCAR's inspectors had yanked his Chevrolet off the pre-race grid and sent it back through tech. The Hendrick Motorsports team had been accused of manipulating a body panel, and Johnson had to start last in the field.

In less than 30 laps, he was sniffing the top-10.

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"He come from last doing that?" Joey Logano asked him team, "Wow."

The best was yet to come.

For most of the day, Johnson was the worst of the championship contenders in a winner-take-all season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway. He needed only to beat three other drivers to tie Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt with a record seven titles, but he was clearly not in the same league as the other finalists Sunday night.

Johnson, who seemed to have sensed the last 10 weeks that he was finally going to grab that special seventh title, never panicked.

"I felt like something was going to happen, and I was going to be OK with it," Johnson said. "For a while I came to grips with the reality of (finishing) third, fourth, somewhere in there and shaking somebody else's hand and being happy for them.

"Then it changed so quick at the end."

Johnson was practically gifted his seventh title when Carl Edwards' aggressive attempt to win the championship ended in a wreck. Johnson got the restart of his life in overtime, took the lead on the very last lap of the race, won for the first time in his career at Homestead and grabbed the final Sprint Cup trophy.

The win was the 15th for Hendrick Motorsports and seventh for crew chief Chad Knaus, who now only trails Dale Inman's record eight.

"When I was coming to the checkered flag, I had to really look closely at it going by to make sure it was, like, 'Is this really happening?'" Johnson said.

Johnson received kind words from Petty, while Hendrick Motorsports teammate Dale Earnhardt Jr. represented his late father in victory lane.

"I told Jimmie I wish Dad was here to shake his hand," Earnhardt said. "Dad would think he's such a bad-ass. He's such a great race car driver. How he won this thing tonight, I don't think a lot of people know, he can will himself to get (his all) out of a car when it matters. There's a lot of circumstance that played into it, but he put himself in that position."

Edwards seemed headed for the title until a caution with 10 laps remaining set up a wild sequence. Edwards tried to block Logano on the restart, wound up wrecked, and it was Johnson who drove through the carnage to take the championship lead.

Johnson withstood two more restarts and dedicated the final two attempts at the win to the late Ricky Hendrick, who was one of 10 friends and family members killed in a 2004 plane crash.

"They were nowhere all day, and just kind of ran around, I don't know, probably, I'd guess sixth," said 2015 champion Kyle Busch. "Never really showed their hand at all and didn't really show any speed, never really led in the laps until the last one, and that's the only one that really matters."

Perhaps it's because Johnson had no plan. This was one of those rare days in racing when someone else's bad breaks benefited a driver who was prepared to pounce. Edwards' accident gave him a chance Johnson didn't have a mere five laps earlier.

"It wasn't looking good," Knaus admitted. "I still don't think that we necessarily had the speed that we need. The one thing that we have in our corner is we have Jimmie Johnson. He is the one that makes things happen when we don't necessarily have the race cars.

"When we do have the race cars that we need, he does phenomenal things."

Also doubting the situation was team owner Rick Hendrick, standing atop the pit box and lamenting with 10 laps to go that it was over for Johnson. His wife told him Johnson was still going to win the race. Hendrick didn't take her seriously.

"When we had that last caution and he came out and took the lead, I couldn't believe it," Hendrick said. "I was actually stunned because we had so many ups and downs in that race."

Indeed, from last to first and the top of the record books.

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## Wal-Mart kicks off Cyber Monday on Friday

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO, AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cyber Monday is starting earlier and earlier.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said Monday that it's kicking off its so-called "Cyber Monday" deals at 12:01 a.m. EST Friday for the first time ever as it aims to grab customers ahead of its competitors.

Last year, the world's largest retailer pulled up the "Cyber Monday" deals to the Sunday evening after Thanksgiving for the first time.

Cyber Monday, which falls on the Monday after Thanksgiving, is typically the busiest day of the year for online shopping. The phrase was coined in 2005 by the National Retail Federation's online arm, Shop.org, to encourage online buying when people returned to offices where they had high-speed Internet connections. Since then, the proliferation of smart phones has given shoppers constant Web access and now Cyber Monday is being used by retailers to pull in shoppers hungry for deals continually.

The push to start Cyber Monday deals earlier follows what's been happening with Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, which used to officially kick off the holiday shopping season in stores. Over the past few years, retailers such as Wal-Mart, Macy's and Target have started the deals earlier into Thanksgiving. And they're now offering many of the same deals online as they do in stores on Thanksgiving.

This year, Wal-Mart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, is making Thanksgiving deals available online at 12:01 a.m. EST on the holiday, three hours earlier than last year. Wal-Mart is starting its deals at its stores at 6 p.m. on the turkey feast, the same time as last year.

Ravi Jariwala, a Wal-Mart spokesman, told The Associated Press that three out of the four customers it polled said that they wanted to shop Cyber Monday deals earlier — after the kickoff in stores.

The move comes as Wal-Mart aims to compete more aggressively with online leader Amazon.com. Wal-Mart reported last week that its online sales growth accelerated to 20.6 percent in the third quarter from its 11.8 percent pace in the prior quarter. Wal-Mart's online business has been helped in part by its growth in product assortment. It now offers 23 million products online, nearly triple from last year's holiday shopping season.

ComScore predicts online spending on Cyber Monday will jump to \$3.5 billion from \$3.12 billion last year.

The firm's preliminary holiday shopping forecast is for online sales to rise as much as 19 percent to \$81 billion.

Aside from a dip the day after the contentious presidential election, there are no signs that shoppers' appetite for spending has been seriously weakened, said comScore analyst Andrew Lipsman. Another firm, Adobe Digital Insights, forecasts online sales will be up 11 percent to \$91.6 billion this holiday season.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 21, the 326th day of 2016. There are 40 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 21, 1922, Rebecca L. Felton, a Georgia Democrat, was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate; her term, the result of an interim appointment, ended the following day as Walter F. George, the winner of a special election, took office.

On this date:

In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1864, a letter was signed by President Abraham Lincoln expressing condolences to Lydia Bixby, a widow in Boston whose five sons supposedly died while fighting in the Civil War. (As it turned out, only two of Mrs. Bixby's sons had been killed in battle.)

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In 1934, the Cole Porter musical "Anything Goes," starring Ethel Merman as Reno Sweeney, opened on Broadway.

In 1942, the Alaska Highway, also known as the Alcan Highway, was formally opened at Soldier's Summit in the Yukon Territory.

In 1945, American humorist Robert Benchley died in New York at age 56.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, 55-45, the first such rejection since 1930.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt (buh-ZAHRDT'), revealed the existence of an 18-1/2-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

In 1974, bombs exploded at a pair of pubs in Birmingham, England, killing 21 people. (Six suspects were convicted of the attack, but the convictions of the so-called "Birmingham Six" were overturned in 1991.)

In 1980, 87 people died in a fire at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. An estimated 83 million TV viewers tuned in to the CBS prime-time soap opera "Dallas" to find out "who shot J.R." (The shooter turned out to be J.R. Ewing's sister-in-law, Kristin Shepard.)

In 1985, U.S. Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested, accused of spying for Israel. (Pollard later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to life in prison; he was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1991, the U.N. Security Council chose Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt to be the new Secretary-General.

In 1996, 33 people were killed, more than 100 injured, when an explosion blamed on leaking gas ripped through a six-story building in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Ten years ago: Kathryn Johnston, 92, was killed in a shootout with Atlanta police during a botched "no-knock" drug raid. (An FBI investigation led five officers to plead guilty for their roles in the shooting, while six others were reprimanded for not following department policy; the city of Atlanta agreed to pay \$4.9 million to Johnston's family.) Lebanon's industry minister, Pierre Gemayel, scion of Lebanon's most prominent Christian family, was assassinated in a brazen daytime hit. A methane gas explosion at the Halemba coal mine in southern Poland killed 23 people. Justin Morneau won the American League's Most Valuable Player Award.

Five years ago: Congress' bipartisan deficit reduction "supercommittee," tasked with finding \$1.2 trillion in cuts over a decade, failed; under the law that established the committee, inability to reach a compromise would trigger about \$1 trillion in automatic spending cuts in military and domestic government programs beginning in 2013. Detroit's Justin Verlander became the first starting pitcher in a quarter-century to be voted Most Valuable Player. Author Ann McCaffrey, 85, whose vision of an interstellar alliance between humans and dragons spawned the science fiction "Dragonriders of Pern" novels, died south of Dublin.

One year ago: Belgian authorities closed down Brussels' subway system and flooded the streets with armed police and soldiers in response to what they said was a threat of Paris-style attacks. Louisiana Democrats reclaimed the governor's mansion for the first time in eight years as John Bel Edwards defeated Republican David Vitter in a runoff election.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Joseph Campanella is 92. Actor Laurence Luckinbill is 82. Actress Marlo Thomas is 79. Actor Rick Lenz is 77. Singer Dr. John is 76. Actress Juliet Mills is 75. Basketball Hall of Famer Earl Monroe is 72. Television producer Marcy Carsey is 72. Actress Goldie Hawn is 71. Movie director Andrew Davis is 70. Rock musician Lonnie Jordan (War) is 68. Singer Livingston Taylor is 66. Actress-singer Lorna Luft is 64. Actress Cherry Jones is 60. Rock musician Brian Ritchie (The Violent Femmes) is 56. Gospel singer Steven Curtis Chapman is 54. Actress Nicollette Sheridan is 53. Singer-actress Bjork (byork) is 51. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Troy Aikman is 50. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chauncey Hannibal (BLACKstreet) is 48. Rock musician Alex James (Blur) is 48. Baseball Hall of Famer Ken Griffey Jr. is 47. TV personality Rib Hillis is 46. Rapper Pretty Lou (Lost Boyz) is 45. Football player-turned-TV personality Michael Strahan (STRAY'-han) is 45. Country singer Kelsi Osborn (SHeDAISY) is 42. Actor Jimmi Simpson (TV: "Westworld") is 41. Singer-actress Lindsey Haun is 32. Actress Jena Malone is 32. Pop singer Carly Rae Jepsen is 31. Actor-singer Sam Palladio is 29.

Thought for Today: "Audiences are always better pleased with a smart retort, some joke or epigram, than with any amount of reasoning." — Charlotte P. Gilman, American lecturer and author (1860-1935).