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Birthdays: Shauna Schauer • Ashleigh Koehler Sixth grade MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School

School Lunch: Turkey dinner, dressing, corn, tea bun, fruit, mashed potato, pumpkin dessert. School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice. Senior Menu: Roast beef, potatoes, carrots,

onions, gravy, peaches, dinner roll.

MACHINERY Justin Hanson, Field Marketer justin.hanson@titanmachinery.com 605-380-1120

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage. Major appliances included. \$700 per month Roger: 605/397-7118

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is OPEN OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Bowling Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 13, Chipmunks 11, Pocket Gophers 8, Killer

Chipmunks 11, Pocket Gophers 8, Killer Chihuahuas 7, Foxes 5, Coyotes 4 **Men's High Games:** Brad Larson

224, Brad Waage 217, Randy Stanley 214, 203, Doug Jorgensen 213, Lance Frohling 212

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 183, 179, Dar Larson 173, Karen Spanier 166

Men's High Series: Brad Larson 589, Brad Waage 579, Randy Stanley 566

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 517, Dar Larson 487, Karen Spanier 437

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Ten Pens 28, Jungle Lanes 21.5, Farm Girls 20.5, James Valley 20, Ken's 16.5, Golden Girls 13.5.

High Games: Joyce Walter 201, Mavis Rossow 177, Nicole Kassube 169.

High Series: Joyce Walter 470, Vicki Walter 447, Nicole Kassube 441.

Conde National League

Team Standings: Braves 15, Giants 13, Mets 12.5, Colts 12, Cubs 10, Pirates 9.5.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckelburg 300, 275, 217; Larry Frohling 205, Tristan Siewart 165.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckelburg 793, Larry Frohling 471, Chad Furney 439.

Women's High Games: Val Kuckelburg 204, 180, 180; Breanna Kuckelburg 180, 179; Vickie Kramp 176.

Women's High Series: Val Kuckelburg 564, Breanna Kuckelburg 525, Vickie Kramp 469.

A 300 Bowling Game Cliff Kuckelburg from Aberdeen bowled a 300 Monday night

Cliff Kuckelburg from Aberdeen bowled a 300 Monday night at the Jungle. He is on the Conde National League. Word has it that it's only the second 300 game ever bowled at the Jungle Lanes. His series score was 793.



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Joellen Gonsoir, Freshman at the University of Minnesota Crookston Attends Premier Training in Kansas City

Gonsoir to attend premier training in Kansas City In 1997, 65 students sat in the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom

In 1997, 65 students sat in the Westin Crown Center Century Ballroom to kick off the first Agriculture Future of America Leaders Conference with a message from Captain Charlie Plumb. On Nov. 6, 2014, nearly 600 studentsgathered just down the stre et in Crown Center Exhibit Hall B to kick off that same event with a message from the same opening speaker 17 years later.

"Since the first AFA Leaders Conference, our delegation has grown significantly, but our commitment to creating a quality experience that prepares young leaders for the future remains the same," said Russ Weathers, AFA president and CEO.

AFA Leaders Conference annually welcomes outstanding college men and women pursuing degrees in the agriculture and food industry. Selected through a competitive application process, these students are passionate and committed to the future of agriculture. Joellen Gonsoir, a freshman at

the University of Minnesota Crookston, was sponsored by Water Street Solutions of Peoria, Il. In addition to her sponsorship to attend the conference, Gonsoir will also receive a \$1600 scholarship for the spring semester from Water Street Solutions. Gonsoir is double majoring in agricultural business and communications.

This year's delegation represented over 20 areas of study and 92 schools from 37 states. Throughout the four-day experience, delegates were encouraged and challenged by recognized industry leaders. Sessions highlighted the theme "Activate," which was developed by the 2014 AFA student leaders.

Delegates were broken into four Tracks that paralleled their year in school. Each Track provided professional skill development and networking opportunities. The AFA Opportunity Fair, held during Conference, connected students to internship, job, study abroad and graduate school opportunities.



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Today in Weather History 1869 - A second great windstorm in three days struck Vermont and New York blowing railroad trains

off their tracks. (David Ludlum)

1900 - An unusual tornado outbreak in the Lower Mississippi Valley resulted in 73 deaths and extensive damage across Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. (David Ludlum)

1914 - The high temperature of 28 degrees at Atlanta, GA, was their earliest daily high below the freezing mark. (The Weather Channel)

1979 - A blizzard struck Cheyenne, WY, producing a record 19.8 inches of snow in 24 hours, and a record total of 25.6 inches in forty hours. Strong winds created huge drifts stopping all transportation. (19th-21st) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Blustery northwest winds created snow squalls in the Great Lakes Region and the Upper Ohio Valley. Snowfall totals in Upper Michigan ranged up to 18 inches at Paradise. Lake City MI received 9.5 inches of snow in four and a half hours. Up to a foot of snow blanketed Oswego County in western New York State. Strong winds produced wind chill readings as cold as 22 degrees below zero at Duluth MN. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a fast moving cold front produced severe weather in the Upper Ohio Valley and the Middle Atlantic Coast Region during the afternoon and early evening. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 69 mph at Kennedy Airport in New York City, and winds along the cold front

itself gusted to 56 mph at Cincinnati OH. The same storm produced snow in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, with eight inches reported at Rolla MO. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure brought thunderstorms and high winds to the northeastern U.S. There were 193 reports of damaging winds with thunderstorms in New York State, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Tornadoes touched down near Seaside Park NJ and McAlevys Port PA. Winds with thunderstorms gusted to 92 mph at Poughkeepsie NY, and reached 94 mph at Newburgh NY. High winds in the Washington D.C. area, gusting to 73 mph, resulted in one death. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)



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FRIDAY

NIGHT



TODAY





TONIGHT

Cloudy

Low: -2 °F



FRIDAY

Cloudy High: 32 °F



Decreasing Clouds Low: 22 °F



Sunny

High: 35 °F

SATURDAY



Cloudy

Low: 23 °F

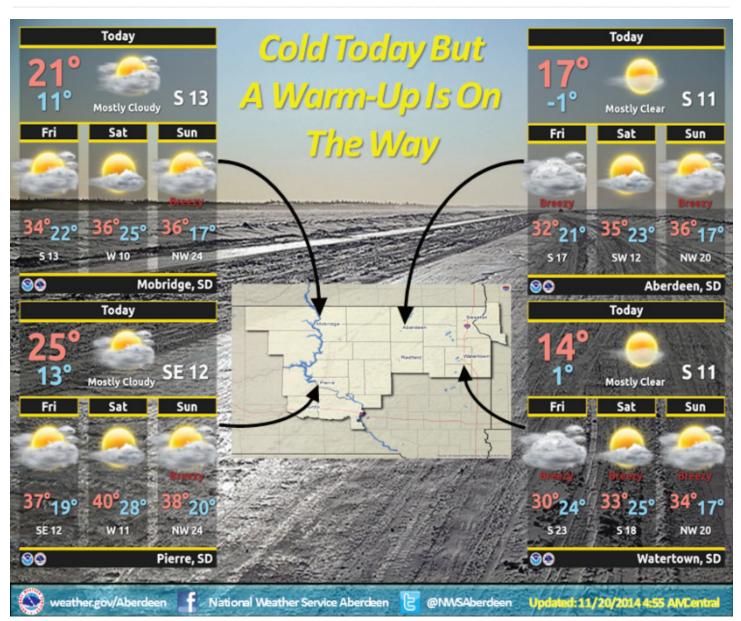
SATURDAY

NIGHT



SUNDAY

Mostly Cloudy High: 38 °F



High pressure overhead will result in another day with much below normal temperatures. As this feature moves southeast, warmer air will push into the forecast area. Temperatures Friday - Sunday will be much closer to seasonal averages.

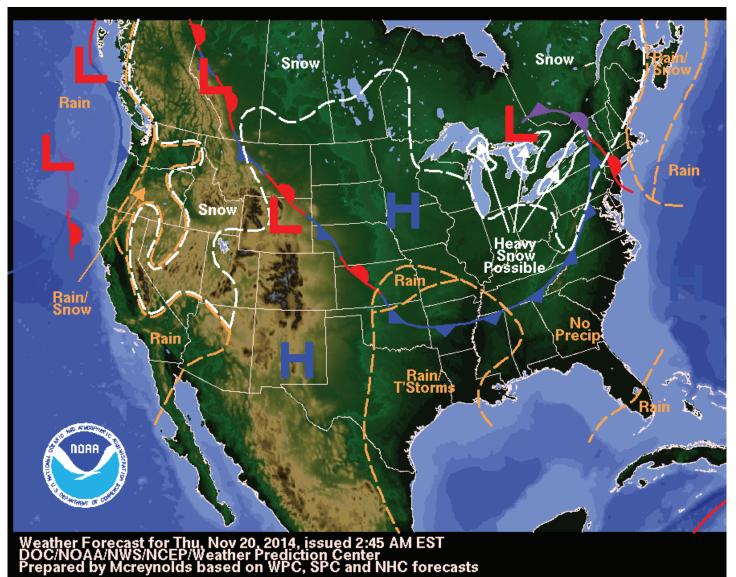
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 22.7°F at 12:50 PM Low: 10.0°F at 10:31 PM High Gust: 30 mph at 2:35 AM Precip: 0.00

Today's Info Record High: 69° in 1962

Record High: 69° in 1962 Record Low: -12° in 1985, 1978 Average High: 37°F Average Low: 17°F Average Precip in Nov.: 0.50 Precip to date in Nov.: 0.56 Average Precip to date: 20.97 Precip Year to Date: 13.79 Sunset Tonight: 4:59 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:41 a.m.



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PROSPERITY PLUS

Sin is sin.

There's no way around it. Some ridicule those who fear it. Some try to hide it. Some look forward to it. Some suffer horrible consequences because of it. Some do their best to avoid it. Some can't get enough of it.

Some have ways of classifying sins. One sin, to some, may be worse than another sin. If you do it, it's sin - but if I do it - well, it's a mistake or something that could not be avoided. "God was testing me, and it was more than even the best Christian could resist. It got to me!"

Many consider the rich, wealthy or prosperous to be devious and dishonest, sinister and sinful, unable to be honest and helpful because they are jealous. They cannot believe that what the rich have came from clean living, hard work, honoring God and serving others. However, their position cannot be supported by Scripture. There is nothing wrong with being wealthy or rich. Those "who trust in their riches will fail, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf."

Many who have riches are also very righteous. They recognize that what they have comes from God, and in turn, honor Him from the abundance of His gifts and their hearts. What we do with what we have proves our love.

The Bible clearly states that any problems of the rich do not come from their riches, but from the way they relate to worldly wealth. Thank God for their wealth if they use it to honor and glorify Him. They can do for Him what many of us would enjoy doing if we could.

Prayer: Father, whatever we have are gifts of Your love and grace. What I do with them proves my love for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 11:28 Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.

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News from the App Associated Press

Judge limits suspect in death of Peterson's son

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A judge has ordered that a man charged in the killing of the 2-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson in South Dakota last fall must have no unsupervised contact with children and no contact with the victim's family.

The judge imposed additional bond conditions Wednesday for 28-year-old Joseph Patterson. He was released on a \$2 million bond in September and faces charges of second-degree murder, manslaughter and aggravated assault in the October 2013 death of Tyrese Ruffin. His trial has been indefinitely delayed from its planned October start date.

The judge declined a Lincoln County state's attorney's request to subject Patterson to GPS monitoring. Patterson signed an extradition hearing waiver to ensure he would be returned to South Dakota if he were captured elsewhere.

Services scheduled for former Fort Pierre mayor

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Memorial services have been scheduled for former Fort Pierre Mayor Sam Tidball.

Tidball died Tuesday, after an illness. He was 90. He had retired last May from his job as mayor, which he had held for 16 years. He was a city councilman for six years before that.

Feigum (FY'-guhm) Funeral Home says services will be at First Congregational Church of Christ in Pierre. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Friday with a prayer service at 7 p.m. The funeral is 10 a.m. Saturday. Burial is scheduled later in the day at Hillsview Cemetery in Isabel, where Tidball grew up.

Rapid City convenience store robbed at knifepoint

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police in Rapid City are searching for a man who robbed a convenience store at knifepoint.

Authorities say the man entered the Corner Pantry store early Wednesday, pulled a knife on the female clerk and demanded money. The clerk complied and wasn't hurt.

The suspect fled with an undetermined amount of cash.

USD, SDSU fans urged to donate toward food

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — University of South Dakota and South Dakota State fans can support their team and help feed South Dakota families.

Saturday's football matchup between the schools in Brookings is part of the South Dakota Corn Showdown Series, which tracks athletic and academic performance among student-athletes of both universities.

The Corn Utilization Council says the series has provided tens of thousands of meals over its first two years.

Before the game, fans can donate money toward the effort at a First Bank & Trust branch or online at bankeasy.com.

USD leads SDSU 3-2 in the Corn Showdown Series point standings, following the 2014 volleyball, soccer and cross country matchups.

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Kickoff for Saturday's game is 2 p.m. at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium on the SDSU campus in Brookings.

Commissioners to weigh sites for sheep

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Montana wildlife commissioners will again consider in-state relocation sites for bighorn sheep, despite warnings from game managers that there's no suitable place for the animals. Fish, Wildlife and Parks commissioners were scheduled to meet Thursday via videoconference to address the issue.

The commission in the past two months has twice rejected proposals from state game managers to move some wild sheep out of state.

Biologists say herds of the animals in the Missouri Breaks are too densely populated. That raises the chance disease could wipe them out, as has happened with other herds.

But game managers say there are no more suitable sites for the animals in Montana and want to send 50 sheep to South Dakota.

Some commissioners are adamant that suitable relocation sites can be found in state.

Project encourages veterans to write experiences

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A project that encourages veterans to write about their experiences and the meaning of their military service is kicking off in Sioux Falls.

"Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War" aims at teaching veterans why it is important to document their stories. The program funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities will offer veterans options to document and share their stories, as well as advice on publishing their completed work.

The Siouxland Libraries and the South Dakota Humanities Council are encouraging veterans to attend the project's first gathering Thursday at the Oak View Branch Library in Sioux Falls.

Meetings will take place once a month through March. Participants won't be required to attend all gatherings, but each meeting will address a different aspect of the project.

Child hearing aid assistance to begin Dec. 1

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Human Services will begin accepting applications for financial assistance to purchase hearing aids for children beginning on Dec. 1.

The program aims to help the development of South Dakota children who are hard of hearing. Department of Human Services Secretary Gloria Pearson says that hearing impairment could cause problems for children learning how to speak.

The program is available for children under 19-years old who would benefit from having hearing aids. Families at less than 400 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible, with the state covering between half and all of the cost.

Dog attack killed girl on Pine Ridge reservation REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A pack of dogs attacked and killed an 8-year-old girl on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in western South Dakota, officials said Wednesday.

The incident, which happened Tuesday while the girl was sledding near a housing complex, has re-

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newed concerns among tribal leaders over the long-standing problem of packs of dogs moving unrestrained in every district of the reservation.

Police Chief Ron Duke said friends of the girl found her after the attack. He said the girl and her friends had been playing in the snow shortly before 5 p.m., when the incident occurred.

Duke said authorities were unsuccessful at locating the dogs that attacked the girl and are still searching for them, which he identified as mixed breed. Rottweilers, Dobermans and pit bulls have to be on leashes on the reservation, but the tribal council "hasn't developed a good animal control law" addressing stray dogs, Duke said.

"It's been an ongoing issue," he said. "We don't impound dogs. I don't know if the tribe has the money to develop this, but we need some place where we could take the dog, place it in the impound or the kennel, and wait for the owners to pick it up."

He said any dogs that police catch are put to sleep.

Kyle Loven, spokesman with the FBI in Minneapolis, said the agency is reviewing the incident and he cannot speculate about possible charges.

"Once we're convinced we're aware of what happened here, we'll move forward with appropriate action," he said.

Criminal investigators with the Bureau of Indian Affairs are participating in the probe.

Bryan Brewer Sr., president of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, said Wednesday that police, criminal investigators and housing authorities will take part in a special council meeting scheduled for Saturday.

"This is a terrible tragedy," Brewer said. "We are going to address the issue of the dogs that are running wild."

Duke said an autopsy will be conducted. Meanwhile, he is urging parents to not leave their children outdoors unsupervised.

Thune: Air Force airspace training decision close JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Air Force is in its "final step" of deciding whether to move forward with an expansion of a bomber training area over the Northern Plains that would help solidify Ellsworth Air Force Base's future in the region, South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune said Wednesday.

Thune said Air Force officials will make a decision late next month about expanding the Powder River Training Complex, which spans portions of Wyoming, Montana and the Dakotas. It would be used by B-1 bombers at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and B-52 bombers at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota. Although Thune remained cautious about declaring victory on a project he's worked on for eight years, he said there's a "degree of certainty" about the expansion now. A spokesman for the base didn't immediately comment.

The expansion would quadruple the training airspace, making it the largest over the continental United States. Thune said it would also help stabilize the future of Ellsworth — it was on the closure list as recently as 2005 — by addressing the lack of training opportunities that officials identified then. Thune said the training expansion would provide an additional layer of "BRAC-proofing," or protection against Base Realignment and Closure, for the Rapid City-area base that is a significant economic driver for the region.

Air Force officials have said the expansion of the training airspace to about 28,000 square miles is needed to keep its force ready for combat. It also would save the military roughly \$20 million a year in fuel costs by reducing the number of sorties now being sent to Utah and Nevada for exercises. Thune

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said training in the expanded airspace could begin in the spring or summer, pending necessary approval.

The Air Force will publish a final environmental impact study on Nov. 28, which will trigger a 30-day waiting period until a final decision is made. The Federal Aviation Administration also must approve the long-delayed plan, which has been under environmental review for years.

"Until it's done and the ink's dry we're not taking anything for granted," said Thune, who began preliminary work on the expansion in 2006. "I'm not going to get too overly excited, but this ... is a very important step forward and an indication that we're nearing the end."

The project has faced significant opposition. Critics argue that it could interfere with aircraft traffic, endanger other small and large aircraft and have a negative impact on businesses in the area of the expansion. A B-1B from Ellsworth crashed in August of 2013 in southeastern Montana near Broadus, Montana — within the existing bounds of the training area. Four crew members ejected from the high-speed aircraft and survived.

U.S. Sen. Jon Tester, D-Montana, said in a statement on Wednesday that he's pleased the Air Force has addressed some of the objections that Montanans raised about the initial proposal, but said he still has concerns about how the expansion will affect ranchers, tribal lands and regular pilots.

Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division Administrator Debbie Alke said though Montana supports the military, the Dakotas will see much of the benefit from an expanded training airspace.

"If they need more (space), expand to the east instead of the west," Alke said. "The bases aren't located in Montana. We get none of that economic impact."

Slain dealer's girlfriend indicted on felonies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The girlfriend of a marijuana dealer who was killed in December has been indicted in connection to his death.

A grand jury indicted 21-year-old Faith Rasmussen Wednesday on charges of burglary, attempted robbery and criminal solicitation to commit a felony.

Rasmussen was the girlfriend of Jordan LeBeau, who was killed in what authorities say was a botched robbery. Two Watertown teenagers have pleaded guilty to assault and manslaughter in LeBeau's slaying.

The indictment says Rasmussen had a role in planning the break-in to rob her boyfriend. Authorities say the drug conspiracy involved over 200 pounds of marijuana.

Rasmussen earlier pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking and money laundering charges and was scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday. But a federal judge granted her attorney's request to delay the hearing.

Former longtime Fort Pierre mayor Tidball dies

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Former Fort Pierre Mayor Sam Tidball has died.

Feigum (FY'-guhm) Funeral Home says Tidball died Tuesday, after an illness. He was 90.

Tidball was elected to Fort Pierre's City Council in 1992. He served six years before being elected mayor in 1998 — a job he held for 16 years before retiring last May.

Tidball led the city through the 2011 Missouri River flood, and oversaw an economic development boom, including the startup of dozens of businesses and the building of the Fort Pierre Expo Center.

Tidball did have his critics, who thought he was stubborn and too willing to spend city money.

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Funeral services will be at Pierre's First Congregational United Church of Christ. Visitation is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Fire destroys building at Mitchell grain elevator

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — Fire has destroyed a building that housed farm chemicals and fertilizer at a grain elevator complex in Mitchell.

The blaze broke out just before 3 a.m. Wednesday at CHS Farmers Alliance. Firefighters battled the blaze from outside to prevent exposure to the chemicals inside, and residents were advised to avoid being downwind. Streets in the area were blocked to traffic.

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Morris told The Daily Republic newspaper that some of the chemicals could be considered toxic but that strong winds helped dissipate the smoke. No injuries were reported, and Morris said there was no immediate risk to the public. A Sioux Falls company was called in to do air quality testing.

Crews from the Mitchell, Ethan and Mount Vernon fire departments responded to the scene.

Mines president denies role in unlawful lobbying

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota School of Mines and Technology President Heather Wilson has said she was not involved in any unlawful attempts to lobby federal officials on behalf of one of the nation's premier federal laboratories.

The U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Inspector General said in a report earlier this month that managers at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico improperly used taxpayer money to influence members of Congress and other officials in an effort to extend the lab's \$2.4 billion management contract.

The report includes recommendations, and Sandia officials have said they will cooperate with the inspector general.

The inspector general determined that the lab formed a team and worked with consultants beginning in 2009 to develop a plan for securing a contract extension without having to go through a competitive process — a violation of federal codes as well as provisions in the contract itself.

Wilson, a former New Mexico congresswoman who ran a consulting company, is named in the report. National Nuclear Security Administration Administrator Frank Klotz said in response to the report that Sandia had reimbursed the agency more than \$226,000 for fees paid to Wilson's company.

Wilson, in response to the report, denied being a lobbyist for Sandia and said she did not contact any federal officials or members of Congress regarding the lab's contract extension. She also said the inspector general did not contact her as part of its latest review.

Wilson was hired in April 2013 to lead the School of Mines in Rapid City.

DNA test confirms SD inmate's guilt in rape case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — DNA testing requested by an inmate convicted of rape nearly 20 years ago has confirmed that he is guilty, Minnehaha County authorities said.

A jury convicted Leander Clay Jr., 56, in the rape, kidnapping and robbery of a Sioux Falls woman in 1995. He was sentenced to life in prison.

Clay requested more rigorous DNA testing in 2013 with the help of the Innocence Project, a New Yorkbased nonprofit. He signed an affidavit of his innocence as part of the effort.

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State's Attorney Aaron McGowan said the test confirmed Clay's guilt.

"We did confirm that the victim's blood was on the defendant's shorts," he said.

Innocence Project spokesman Paul Cates declined to comment about Clay's case to the Argus Leader, citing attorney-client privilege. He did say that DNA testing confirms guilt in about half of cases.

The Innocence Project has not exonerated anyone who has been convicted in South Dakota, according to McGowan.

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. OBAMA TO USE EXECUTIVE POWERS TO SHIELD AS MANY AS 5 MILLION FROM DEPORTATION

Republicans vehemently oppose the president's immigration plan but are deeply divided on how to respond.

2. COSBY TO AP ON ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS: "WE DON'T ANSWER THAT."

In a recent interview, the comedian refused to comment on the accusations he is facing then asked interviewer not to use that part of their on-camera conversation.

3. THREE INJURED IN FLORIDA CAMPUS SHOOTING

Police kill gunman who opened fire in a library at Florida State University.

4. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: SYRIA WORST REFUGEE CRISIS IN A GENERATION

The human rights organization says Turkey is shouldering the heaviest burden of hosting half of the estimated 3.2 million Syrian refugees.

5. HOW MUCH SNOW IS PILING UP IN BUFFALO

With an additional 2 to 3 feet possible, the one-week totals for the Buffalo area will approach the average snowfall for an entire year: 93.6 inches, or close to 8 feet.

6. EBOLA HEIGHTENS PLIGHT OF ORPHANS IN WEST AFRICA

The epidemic has put foreign adoptions from the region on hold while the number of children who lost their parents is rising.

7. WHICH SEARCH ENGINE HAS MOZILLA CHOSEN

Yahoo will replace Google on Firefox browsers in the hope of reclaiming lost ground in the most lucrative part of the Internet's ad business.

8. YEARS BEFORE SNOWDEN, NSA DEBATED SPY PROGRAMS

Some agency execs argued that the surveillance exceeded the NSA's mandate to focus on foreign spying, the AP's Ken Dilanian reports. The dissenters were overruled.

9. HONDURAS BEAUTY QUEEN, SISTER FOUND SHOT TO DEATH

The sister's boyfriend confessed to killing the women, jealous that his girlfriend had danced with another man, police say.

10. WHAT THIS YEAR'S TURKEY FEAST WILL COST YOU

The average Thanksgiving meal will set an American family back \$49.41 this year--a modest increase of just 37 cents over 2013.

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Obama immigration action has its limits, leaving unresolved the status of millions

WASHINGTON (AP) — As broadly as President Barack Obama may push the limits of his authority to shield from deportation millions of immigrants illegally in the United States, the fate of millions more will still be left unresolved.

Obama is preparing to flex his executive powers Thursday, using an 8 p.m. EST address to announce that he is sidestepping Congress and ordering his own federal action on immigration.

The reaction from congressional Republicans has been swift and fierce, heralding the start of what could be one of the most pitched partisan confrontations of Obama's presidency.

His measures could make as many as 5 million people eligible for work permits, with the broadest action likely aimed at extending deportation protections to parents of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, as long as those parents have been in the country for five years.

Other potential winners under Obama's actions would be young immigrants who entered the country illegally as children but do not now qualify under a 2012 directive from the president.

Police: Florida State University gunman shot dead by campus officers; 3 wounded

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State University police fatally shot a gunman at the campus library early Thursday in a shooting that left three students wounded as hundreds studying inside the library fled or took cover in panic.

Officers confronted the gunman and ordered him to drop his weapon, but he fired one shot at them and they unleashed a volley of shots, Tallahassee Police spokesman Dave Northway said.

While police did not say if the wounded were shot by the gunman, senior Sarah Evans from Miami said she was inside the library and heard a male student say he had been shot. When she looked at him, he was on the ground with blood spreading on his pants leg.

Northway said authorities did not believe there were any other threats related to the incident. Shortly after 4 a.m., a loud tone sounded across the campus followed by an announcement that the campus was "all clear."

At the same time, authorities allowed hundreds of students who had been shepherded in a classroom building next to Strozier Library, a multistory building in the center of the Tallahassee campus, to return to their homes.

8 feet? Buried Buffalo braces for a few more feet from relentless lake-effect snow machine

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — A new blast of lake-effect snow began pounding Buffalo on Thursday, piling more misery on a city already buried by an epic, deadly snowfall that could leave some areas with more than 8 feet of snow on the ground when it's all done.

But the meteorological "kick me" sign on the city hasn't fallen off just yet. Forecasters say a rapid weekend warmup, with temperatures as high as 60 and heavy rain, could turn all that snow into floods.

"It is an extraordinary situation," Gov. Andrew Cuomo told reporters after touring the region Wednesday and talking to truckers who had been stranded more than 24 hours on the Thruway. "It will get

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worse before it gets better."

Even for Buffalo, a place that typically shrugs at snow, this was an epic snowfall — the kind of onslaught folks will be telling their grandchildren about.

The Buffalo area found itself buried under as much as 5½ feet of snow Wednesday, with another lakeeffect storm expected to bring an average of 2 more feet by late Thursday.

NBC says Cosby project is no longer in development, TV Land stops airing 'Cosby Show'

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC has scrapped a Bill Cosby comedy that was under development and TV Land will stop airing reruns of "The Cosby Show," moves that came a day after another woman came forward claiming that the once-beloved comic had sexually assaulted her.

NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks said Wednesday the Cosby sitcom "is no longer under development." A TV Land representative said the reruns will stop airing immediately for an indefinite time. "The Cosby Show" also was to have been part of a Thanksgiving sitcom marathon.

The NBC sitcom and "Cosby Show" reruns joined a Netflix Cosby standup comedy special, which was indefinitely postponed late Tuesday, as mounting evidence of Cosby's faltering career. They occurred a day after model Janice Dickinson, in an interview with "Entertainment Tonight," became the third woman in recent weeks to allege she'd been assaulted by Cosby — charges strongly denied by the comedian's lawyer.

The developments, which involve allegations that were widely reported a decade ago as well as new accusations, have gravely damaged the 77-year-old comedian's reputation as America's TV dad at a time when he was launching a comeback. A year ago, a standup special — his first in 30 years — aired on Comedy Central and drew a hefty audience of 2 million viewers. His prospective new series was announced by NBC in January.

Cosby has never been charged in connection with any of the allegations. Former Pennsylvania prosecutor Bruce L. Castor Jr., who investigated a woman's claims that Cosby had sexually assaulted her in 2004, said Wednesday he decided not to prosecute because he felt there was not enough evidence to get a conviction.

Ebola hampers adoptions in West Africa, heightens need for aid to children

CHICAGO (AP) — The Ebola epidemic has put adoptions in impacted west African countries at a standstill for obvious reasons.

Tessa and Joel Sanborn understand. The arrival of their 5-year-old adopted son Devine, who is in an orphanage in Liberia, is on hold, indefinitely, as the state of emergency continues there.

"We love Liberia, and we want what's best for the country as a whole," says Tessa Sanborn, who lives with her husband and their six other children in Maple Valley, Washington, just outside Seattle.

But the waiting is still difficult, as it is for other parents in a similar predicament. And even as some families keep their commitment to adopt, despite the Ebola threat, the numbers of children in west African orphanages who've lost parents is only increasing because of the deadly virus.

Some aid workers also say a shortage of food and supplies is making it difficult to care for those of children, and that fear is hampering efforts to place those who've lost parents to Ebola, even within their home countries.

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Amnesty International: 85 percent of Syrian refugees in Turkey living outside government camps

ISTANBUL (AP) — With Turkey's government-run refugee camps operating at full capacity, more than 1 million Syrian refugees who have flocked to Turkey to escape fighting at home are struggling to survive on their own, according to an Amnesty International report released Thursday.

Turkey, which hosts half of the 3.2 million refugees who have fled Syria, is shouldering the heaviest burden of what the report calls the world's worst refugee crisis in a generation.

"In three days in September 2014, Turkey received some 130,000 refugees from Syria — more than the entire European Union had in the past three years," the report said.

It also detailed cases where Turkish border guards have abused — even killed — refugees trying to enter the country.

An estimated 1.6 million Syrian refugees have entered Turkey since the Syrian war began in March 2011. About 220,000 are living in 22 government-run camps that offer food and essential services, the report said. The remaining 1.38 million — more than 85 percent — are living outside the camps, mostly in communities along the Turkey-Syrian border. An estimated 330,000 live in Istanbul, the Turkish commercial capital.

AP Exclusive: Some in NSA warned that collecting phone records would spark a backlash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dissenters within the National Security Agency, led by a senior agency executive, warned in 2009 that the program to secretly collect American phone records wasn't providing enough intelligence to justify the backlash it would cause if revealed, current and former intelligence officials say.

The NSA took the concerns seriously, and many senior officials shared them. But after an internal debate that has not been previously reported, NSA leaders, White House officials and key lawmakers opted to continue the collection and storage of American calling records, a domestic surveillance program without parallel in the agency's recent history.

The warnings proved prophetic last year after the calling records program was made public in the first and most significant leak by Edward Snowden, a former NSA systems administrator who cited the government's deception about the program as one of his chief motivations for turning over classified documents to journalists. Many Americans were shocked and dismayed to learn that an intelligence agency collects and stores all their landline calling records.

In response, President Barack Obama is now trying to stop the NSA collection but preserve the agency's ability to search the records in the hands of the telephone companies — an arrangement similar to the one the administration quietly rejected in 2009. But his plan, drawing opposition from most Republicans, fell two votes short of advancing in the Senate on Tuesday.

A now-retired NSA senior executive, who was a longtime code-breaker who rose to top management, had just learned in 2009 about the top secret program that was created shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. He says he argued to then-NSA Director Keith Alexander that storing the calling records of nearly every American fundamentally changed the character of the agency, which is supposed to eavesdrop on foreigners, not Americans.

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Secretary of State Kerry in Paris to continue meetings on Iran nuclear deal

PARIS (AP) — The State Department says U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Vienna later Thursday to join high-level nuclear negotiations with Iran as a deadline for an agreement fast approaches.

State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki (SAH'-kee) says Kerry will meet Thursday evening with the U.S. negotiating team in Vienna before talks with others. Psaki spoke shortly after Kerry held talks in Paris with the Saudi foreign minister and before he was to see his French counterpart.

Kerry arrived in Paris earlier Thursday after two days of Iran-related meetings in London.

Tears, anger for slain Miss Honduras, sister in country where violence against women is up

SANTA BARBARA, Honduras (AP) — Tears and anger poured out for the dark-haired beauty who was to have flown to London on Wednesday to represent Honduras at the Miss World pageant, only to be found shot to death with her sister on a remote river bank.

After the bodies of the reigning Miss Honduras, 19-year-old Maria Jose Alvarado, and her sister Sofia, 23, were discovered early in the day, police announced that the sister's boyfriend had confessed to killing them last week in a fit of jealousy over his girlfriend dancing with another man.

Dozens of relatives and friends of the beauty queen gathered for a candlelight vigil at the college she attended, remembering a down-to-earth young woman who aspired to be a diplomat, went out without makeup and worked as a model to help support a humble family.

"She was simple, humble, a total innocent smiling and without malice," said Ludin Reyes, a fellow student at the Technical University of Honduras.

The Center for Women's Rights, based in the Honduran capital of Tegucigalpa, issued a statement condemning the sisters' killing and noted 328 women have been slain in this Central American nation so far in 2014.

Gift Guide: Triggers and extenders on the market to improve your phone selfies

ATLANTA (AP) — Not all selfies are created equal. Some are blurry, are poorly framed or miss the action entirely because you might be scrubbing your thumb fishing for a virtual shutter button as the moment passes you by.

Although phone manufacturers are trying to help by building in tools for better selfies, many of these have their limits. For better selfies, consider some of these gadgets for yourself or your loved ones.

[—] Halo/Hisy (\$25):

This one is really simple. The Halo is a small plastic button that serves as a wireless shutter trigger for your phone's camera. Its only job is to trigger your phone's shutter when you click the button. One function, one result.

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Today is Thursday, Nov. 20, the 324th day of 2014. There are 41 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight in History:**

On Nov. 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.

On this date:

In 1620, Peregrine White was born aboard the Mayflower in Massachusetts Bay; he was the first child born of English parents in present-day New England.

In 1910, the Mexican Revolution of 1910 had its beginnings under the Plan of San Luis Potosi issued by Francisco I. Madero.

In 1929, the radio program "The Rise of the Goldbergs" debuted on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1947, Britain's future queen, Princess Elizabeth, married Philip Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, at Westminster Abbey.

In 1959, the United Nations issued its Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy held a news conference in which he announced the end of the naval quarantine of Cuba imposed during the missile crisis, and the signing of an executive order prohibiting discrimination in federal housing facilities.

In 1967, the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Clock at the Commerce Department ticked past 200 million.

In 1969, the Nixon administration announced a halt to residential use of the pesticide DDT as part of a total phaseout. A group of American Indian activists began a 19-month occupation of Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay.

In 1975, after nearly four decades of absolute rule, Spain's General Francisco Franco died, two weeks before his 83rd birthday.

In 1984, pop star Michael Jackson was inducted into the Hollywood Walk of Fame with the unveiling of his star in front of a horde of screaming fans.

In 1992, fire seriously damaged Windsor Castle.

In 2003, Michael Jackson was booked on suspicion of child molestation in Santa Barbara, California. (Jackson was later acquitted at trial.) Record producer Phil Spector was charged with murder in the shooting death of actress Lana Clarkson at his home in Alhambra, California, in Feb. 2003. (Spector's first trial ended with a hung jury in 2007; he was convicted of second-degree murder in 2009 and sentenced to 19 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: Republicans whisked a \$388 billion spending bill through the House by a bipartisan 344-51 margin. Palestinians formally opened the campaign for a successor to Yasser Arafat. Scientist Ancel Keys, who invented the K rations eaten by soldiers in World War II and who linked high cholesterol and fatty diets to heart disease, died in Minneapolis at age 100.

Five years ago: Scientists in Geneva restarted the Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest atom smasher, after a year of repairs. A Chinese national killed four people and wounded nine in a shooting rampage on the Pacific island of Saipan before taking his own life. Holding back tears, Oprah Winfrey told her studio audience that she would end her talk show in 2011 after a quarter-century on the air.

One year ago: Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. and Afghanistan had agreed on the language of a bilateral security pact that would clear the way for thousands of U.S troops to train and assist Afghan forces after the NATO combat mission ended in 2014. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn signed legislation allowing same-sex weddings in his state.

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Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Kaye Ballard is 89. Actress Estelle Parsons is 87. Comedian Dick Smothers is 76. Singer Norman Greenbaum is 72. Vice President Joe Biden is 72. Actress Veronica Hamel is 71. Broadcast journalist Judy Woodruff is 68. Actor Samuel E. Wright is 68. Singer Joe Walsh is 67. Actor Richard Masur is 66. Opera singer Barbara Hendricks is 66. Actress Bo Derek is 58. Former NFL player Mark Gastineau is 58. Reggae musician Jim Brown (UB40) is 57. Actress Sean Young is 55. Pianist Jim Brickman is 53. Rock musician Todd Nance (Widespread Panic) is 52. Actress Ming-Na is 51. Actor Ned Vaughn is 50. Rapper Mike D (The Beastie Boys) is 49. Rapper Sen Dog (Cypress Hill) is 49. Actress Callie Thorne is 45. Actress Sabrina Lloyd is 44. Actor Joel McHale is 43. Actress Marisa Ryan is 40. Country singer Dierks (duhkrs) Bentley is 39. Actor Joshua Gomez is 39. Actress Laura Harris is 38. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Dawes is 38. Country singer Josh Turner is 37. Actress Nadine Velazquez is 36. Actress Andrea Riseborough is 33. Actor Dan Byrd is 29. Actress Ashley Fink (TV: "Glee") is 28. Rock musician Jared Followill (Kings of Leon) is 28. Actor Cody Linley is 25. Pop musician Michael Clifford (5 Seconds to Summer) is 19.

Thought for Today: "There is no greatness where there is not simplicity." - Leo Tolstoy, Russian author (1828-1910).