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Saturday, December 6

State Festival Oral Interp at Huron

Birthdays: Maddie Howard • Nancy Sundstrom

• Karen Wolter

9:00am: United Methodist Lay Ministry Effective Evangelism Course

10:00am: JHGBB Jamboree at Groton

10:00am: 7th Groton vs. Britton-Hecla

10:35am: 8th Groton vs. Britton-Hecla

11:10am: 7th Britton-Hecla vs. Webster

11:45am: 8th Britton-Hecla vs. Webster

12:20pm: 7th Groton vs. Webster

12:55pm: 8th Groton vs. Webster

10:00am: Wrestling at Clark

10:00am: United Methodist Pastor at Rosewood Court

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, December 7

Birthdays: Megan Weber • Morgan McNickle • Landon Marzahn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with Communion

10:00am: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Pierpont (LCMC) worship

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Sunday School and Bible Study

10:00am: UMC School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

1:00pm: Show Choir Tour of Homes

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Choir

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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President Asks For Flags At Half-Staff Tomorrow In Remembrance Of Pearl Harbor

PIERRE, S.D. – President Obama has called for flags to be flown at half-staff from 8 a.m. until sunset on Sunday, Dec. 7, in observance of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The President has issued a proclamation in recognition of the 73rd anniversary of the Japanese attacks that killed American patriots at Pearl Harbor, Oahu, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941.



Classifieds

House for Rent

Two-bedroom house in Groton. Full basement, breezeway, attached garage, large yard. Wheelchair accessible. Furnished, appliances included. \$700/month. Less with lease. (941) 525-4515.

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Groton Tour of Homes Sunday, December 7 1-5pm

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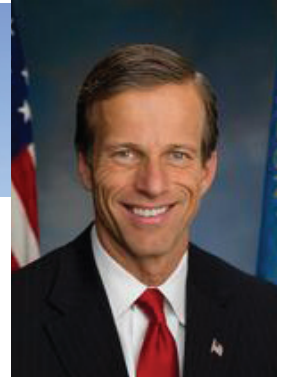
Dale & Sandy Carr
Glenn & Wendy Cooper
Jarod & Kristie Flihs
Nikki Kotzer

Refreshments served @GHS.

Tickets \$8 available from Show Choir students, Lori's Pharmacy, Olde Bank Floral 'N More, First State Bank and at the Groton HS Arena on the day of the event.



John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Common Sense Wetlands Policies Needed in Washington

South Dakota's diverse landscape includes everything from native grasslands and fertile croplands, to forestlands and wetlands. Wetlands are especially prevalent east of the Missouri River in an area known as the Prairie Pothole Region.

Farmers and ranchers in the Prairie Pothole Region are familiar with the unique challenges wetlands pose to their operations. In wetter years, seasonal wetlands can prevent crops from being planted or flood crops already planted. These complications are often exacerbated by federal regulations, which restrict how wetlands are managed by farming operations. Not only are farmers forced to deal with crop losses, but they are also forced to tread around federal rules governing the wetlands.

Earlier this year, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule redefining "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act to include nearly every stream, wetland, and ditch that has typically been regulated at the state level. This proposed expansion would have significant consequences on property owners, likely subject to new federal permit requirements, compliance costs, and threats of significant fines.

Additionally, hundreds of farmers throughout the state continue working diligently to comply with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) "swampbuster" requirements while waiting, sometimes longer than a year, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to complete requests for wetlands determinations needed to retain eligibility for farm program assistance.

On December 4th, I raised both of these issues with the Chief of the NRCS, Jason Weller, at a Senate Agriculture Committee hearing. I made clear that he and other leaders at USDA have an obligation to promote the welfare and wellbeing of agriculture producers, including defending producers from EPA's overreaching "waters of the U.S." rule.

I also called on Chief Weller to address the backlog of undetermined wetlands experienced by so many South Dakota producers. Chief Weller stated that since the July NRCS meeting in Aberdeen, attended by more than 300 South Dakota producers, the backlog of undetermined wetlands in South Dakota decreased by 10 percent, and is currently under 2,600 requests. He also announced South Dakota will receive additional staff to reduce the state's current wetlands determinations backlog. Chief Weller's goal is to completely clear the backlog in three years.

While I welcome Chief Weller's update on the progress made over the past few months, the current status of the wetlands determination backlog is still unacceptable, and more must be done to meet the needs of South Dakota producers. I will continue pushing the NRCS to eliminate the backlog of determinations, and I will continue fighting to keep EPA's "waters of the U.S. rule" from encroaching on farmers, ranchers, and businesses.

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Inaugural Schedule Released

Tickets on Sale Monday

(Pierre) –The 2015 South Dakota inaugural ceremonies and celebration are set for Jan. 10. Tickets for the events go on sale Monday, Dec. 8, 2014.

The festivities include oaths of office ceremonies for Gov. Dennis Daugaard, state constitutional officers, elected officials and state legislators, as well as two formal balls.

Mayor Laurie Gill says inaugural celebrations are a tradition in the Pierre community.

“The city is privileged to be home to the state capitol and enjoys officially welcoming our state leaders into our community every four years by hosting a grand celebration,” said Mayor Gill. “We look forward to rolling out the red carpet for the state’s elected officials, honored guests and citizenry.”

Oaths of office ceremonies for legislators begin at 11 a.m. CST. The oath of office ceremony for the Governor-elect and other elected state officials begins at noon. All oaths of office ceremonies are free and open to the public and will be held at the State Capitol.

The Capitol Ball, featuring the Over Forte band, begins at 6:30 p.m. at the State Capitol. The Grand March begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are required and cost \$25 per person.

The Inaugural Ball, featuring the 147th Army Band, South Dakota National Guard, begins at 8 p.m. at the Ramkota River Centre. The Inaugural Ball Grand March begins at 9 p.m. Tickets are required and cost \$25 per person.

Tickets for both the Capitol and Inaugural Balls are available online at pierretickets.com, by calling 1- 800-962-2034 during normal business hours, or at the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, 800 W. Dakota Ave., Pierre.

The city-appointed inaugural committee leads and organizes the inaugural events. Scott and Julia Jones and Matt and Stephanie Judson of Pierre are co-chairing the 2015 committee.



Join Mr. and Mrs. Claus for activities from 2-4 p.m. with Smores over a campfire at 3:30 p.m.

Weber Landscaping

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Saturday, Dec. 6, 1-4 p.m.

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Small ornaments- 25% off

Large ornaments- 50% off



Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Santa's elves will also be teaching how to string cranberries!



Come get your trees, wreaths, garland and planters and have fun, too!

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Schedule of Events
Saturday, January 10, 2015

- 11:00 a.m.** **Oath of Office Ceremonies for Legislators**
Respective Chambers, State Capitol. Open and free to the public.
- 12:00 p.m.** **Oath of Office Ceremony for Governor, Lt. Governor, and other
Constitutional and Elected Officials**
State Capitol Rotunda. Open and free to the public.
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.** **Receiving Line**
First floor of the Capitol. Public greeting of Governor, First Lady, and
Constitutional and Elected Officials. Open and free to the public.
- 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.** **Capitol Ball**
State Capitol. Features Over Forté band. Ticket required. Tickets are
\$25 per person. Dress is formal.
- 7:00 p.m.** **Grand March at Capitol Ball**
- 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.** **Inaugural Ball**
Ramkota River Centre. Features 147th Army Band, South Dakota
National Guard. Ticket required. Tickets are \$25 per person. Dress is
formal.
- 9:00 p.m.** **Grand March at Inaugural Ball**

Ball tickets are available starting Monday, December 8, 2014 at www.pierretickets.com
by calling toll free 1-800-962-2034 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CT);
or at the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce at 800 West Dakota Avenue in Pierre.

Individuals attending inaugural events who require auxiliary aids or services for a disability are asked
to contact 1-800-265-9684 at least 10 days in advance.

Grand marches include: Inaugural chairs, Mayor of Pierre and spouse, Constitutional and elected
officials and spouses, Supreme Court Justices and spouses, Lt. Governor and spouse, members of the
First Family, and Governor and First Lady of South Dakota.

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A Budget Based On Steady Growth

Earlier this month, I presented my proposed budget to the state Legislature for the coming fiscal year.

Our constitution requires the governor to propose a balanced budget to the Legislature each December, prior to the legislative session in January. I'm proud that our budget is balanced every year. I am particularly proud that our budget is structurally balanced – meaning that our ongoing expenses do not exceed our ongoing revenues.

South Dakota has a healthy and growing economy. Over the past few years, we have recovered quickly from the recession. In fact, South Dakota recovered all the jobs lost during the recession two years before the United States did. We have also enjoyed strong years in the agricultural economy.

This year, as the rest of the nation emerges from the recession and catches up with South Dakota, our economic growth has returned to a more stable and predictable level.

A steady economy means slow but steady growth in state revenues. While the law requires that schools receive an inflationary increase of 1.5 percent this year, I was able to propose a budget that does a little better, increasing school funding by 2 percent. The proposed budget also increases reimbursement rates for Medicaid providers by 2 percent, and increases state employee salaries by 2 percent.

Although there isn't money for big new programs or lots of new spending this year, I was pleased to propose a few increases in key areas.

I am proposing a 30 percent increase in the value of the South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, from \$5,000 to \$6,500 over four years. This is the first increase since the scholarship was created over a decade ago, and it will help encourage more students to take a rigorous high school curriculum and to stay in South Dakota after high school.

Two years ago, I joined with the Chief Justice and legislative leaders to propose and pass a major reform of our adult criminal justice system. This reform is already paying dividends, as we maintain public safety, hold offenders more accountable and save money. This year, I am proposing to continue that success with new drug and DUI courts. I am also proposing funding to enact similar reforms in our juvenile justice system.

The budget also includes funds to continue the dual credit program I proposed last year. This program allows high school juniors and seniors to take university or technical institute courses, and earn both high school and college credit, for \$40 per credit. The program succeeded beyond our highest hopes, with enrollment trending toward three times that which was projected. That is great news for our young people and I'm asking for funds to pay for that growth.

Many people have good ideas about how and where the state can spend additional dollars to make South Dakota stronger. At the same time, we have to remember that our state is in a strong financial position today because we don't spend money that we don't have. I look forward to a good debate about the proposed budget with the Legislature and the public over the next few months.

Today in Weather History

1969: An unusual period of almost continuous snow began in southern Minnesota and eastern South Dakota on the afternoon of the 5th and continued until late on the 10th. The Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport reported 88 2/3 consecutive hours of snowfall, which amounted to 14.2 inches total. The snowfall was generally 3-9 inches in the western half of Minnesota, with slightly lesser amounts in eastern South Dakota. 2.0 inches fell at Summit and Sisseton; 2.5 inches at Watertown and Waubay; 3.0 inches at Clear Lake; 3.1 inches at Aberdeen; and 4.0 inches at Artichoke Lake, Webster, and Milbank.

1886 - A great snowstorm hit the southern Appalachian Mountains. The three day storm produced 25 inches at Rome GA, 33 inches at Asheville NC, and 42 inches in the mountains. Montgomery AL received a record eleven inches of snow. Columbia SC received one to two inches of sleet. (4th-6th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1970 - A windstorm toppled the National Christmas Tree at the White House. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Another in a series of storms brought high winds and heavy rain to the northwestern U.S., with heavy snow in some of the higher elevations. In northern California, Crescent City was drenched with 2.58 inches of rain, and winds gusted to 90 mph. Up to fourteen inches of snow blanketed the mountains of northern California, and snow and high winds created blizzard conditions around Lake Tahoe NV. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The morning low at Bismarck, ND, was eleven degrees warmer than the record low of 25 degrees at Meridian MS, and during the afternoon half a dozen cities in the north central and northwestern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Alpena MI with a reading of 57 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the Central Rocky Mountain Region. Totals in the southern foothills of Colorado ranged up to 17 inches at Rye. Arctic air invaded the north central U.S. Lincoln NE, which reported a record high of 69 degrees the previous afternoon, was 35 degrees colder. International Falls MN was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 9 degrees below zero, and temperatures in northern Minnesota hovered near zero through the daylight hours. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2003: Tropical Storm Odette made a rare appearance after the official end of hurricane season, releasing 7 inches of rain on the Dominican Republic and doing 8 million dollars damage.

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| TODAY | TONIGHT | SUNDAY | SUNDAY NIGHT | MONDAY | MONDAY NIGHT | TUESDAY |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mostly Sunny High: 32 °F | Breezy Low: 29 °F | Breezy High: 41 °F | Blustery Low: 24 °F | Blustery High: 29 °F | Partly Cloudy Low: 12 °F | Mostly Sunny High: 27 °F |



Warmer, Wintry Mix-29 Area Sunday

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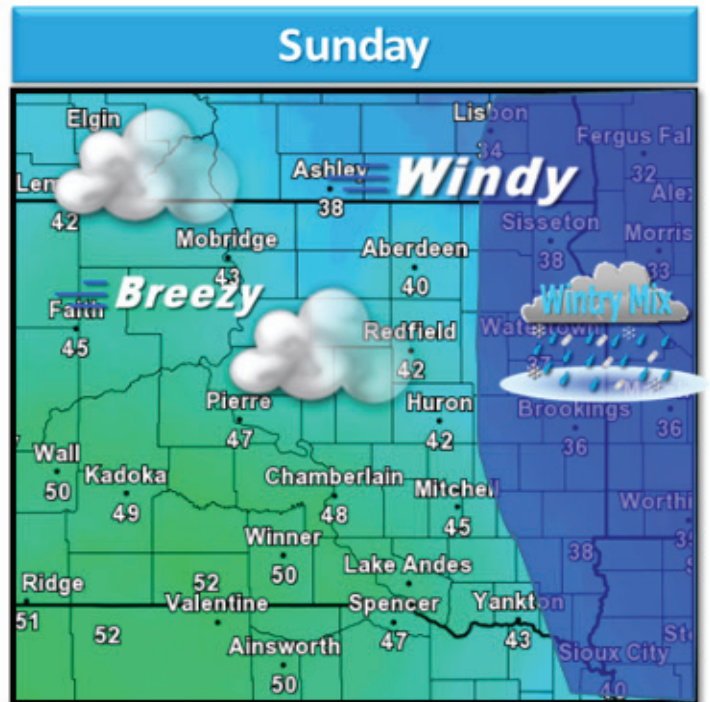
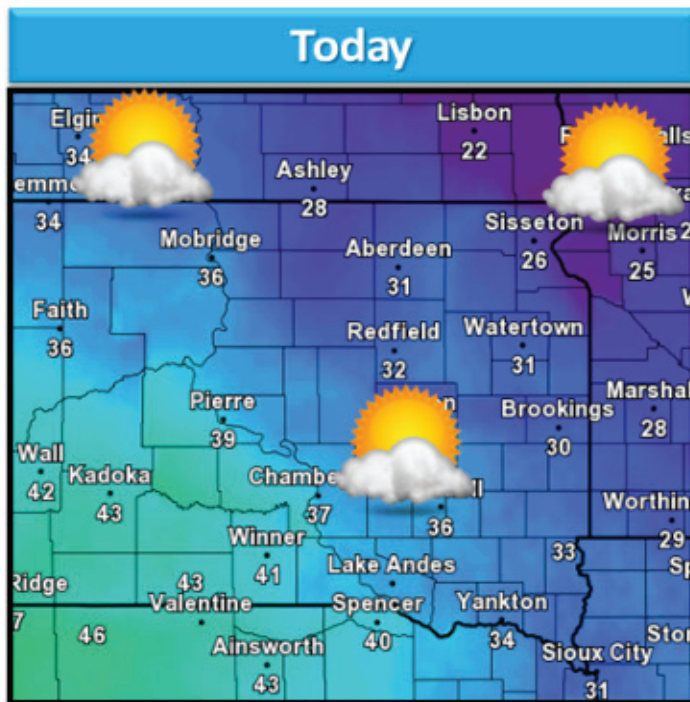
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High pressure will shift east and winds will return from the south this afternoon. Sunday morning, there is a brief window for light freezing rain across northeast SD and west central MN, but this is expected to quickly turn to all rain. Later in the day, rain may make the transition to snow. Very little accumulation, of any kind, is expected.

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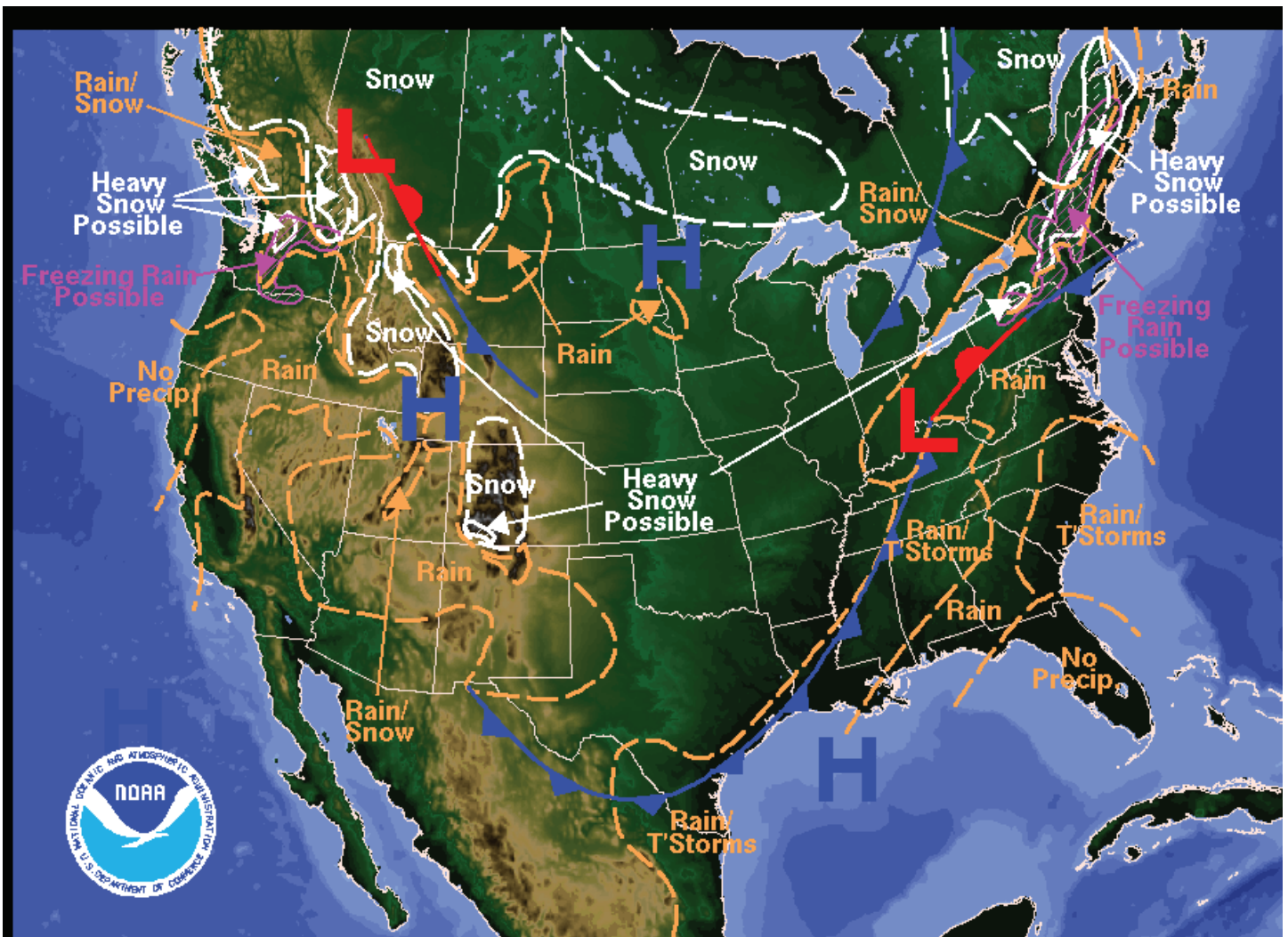
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 30.69
Low: 13.5
Wind Chill:
High Gust: 12
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 69° in 1939
Record Low: -30° in 1972
Average High: 28°F
Average Low: 9°F
Average Precip in Dec.: 0.09
Precip to date in Dec.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 21.29
Precip Year to Date: 13.99
Sunset Tonight: 4:51 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:00 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Dec 06, 2014, issued 3:45 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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PROUD TO BE HUMBLE

A tourist visiting a monastery was impressed with the daily routine of the monks. Awakening at dawn, they would pray for hours, eat little food, and spend time alone meditating and reading their Bibles or labor on their farm. Curious about the nature of their mission, he asked one of the monks to explain how they were different from the other monastic orders.

"Well," said the monk, "when it comes to learning, we don't compare with the Jesuits. When it comes to good works, we're no match for the Franciscans. But when it comes to humility, we're at the top!"

It is inappropriate for Christians to attempt to appear humble and downplay the gifts that God has given them. God has endowed each of us with certain gifts that are unique to us. We must accept them graciously, develop them to their fullest, and use them to the glory of God.

If we want to grasp the meaning of humility we must look to our Lord and Savior. Here is one Who was with God and equal to God, but willingly laid it aside. He lived a selfless life of service to others and then suffered a horrible death on the cross for our salvation. In humility He accomplished His Father's plan doing whatever He could to reflect in word and deed His love.

Pride comes naturally, but not humility. When we do difficult things in a loving and caring manner – as Jesus did – we are living godly humility.

Prayer: Father, we often pray to be humble not wanting to accept our responsibility to be humble. Grant us a willing heart to set ourselves aside. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Peter 5 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

Crazy Horse waives admission for food donation

CRAZY HORSE, S.D. (AP) — Crazy Horse Memorial in western South Dakota is decked out for the holidays, and weekend admission is free for the next month with a food donation.

Crews at the Black Hills attraction have installed special lighting on the mountain and put up thousands of displays inside and outside the complex below. Music by Manheim Steamroller will be combined with choreographed lighting on the mountain sculpture starting Dec. 19.

The memorial will waive admission every weekend through Jan. 4 with a donation of three cans of food per person for the Care and Share Food Drive.

8 Western states governors meeting in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Eight Western U.S. governors and several top federal officials are in Las Vegas this weekend to talk about common problems and issues including energy, species like sage grouse, and drought.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval is chairman of the Western Governors' Association this year, and is hosting the association's winter meetings at the Four Seasons hotel.

Governors taking part are Republicans Butch Otter of Idaho, Susana Martinez of New Mexico, Dennis Daugaard of South Dakota, Gary Herbert of Utah and Matt Mead of Wyoming.

Also, Democrats John Hickenlooper of Colorado and Steve Bullock of Montana.

Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz and Interior Secretary Sally Jewell are due to deliver keynote speeches Saturday.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Dan Ashe and federal Bureau of Land Management Director Neil Kornze are also attending.

Youngstown State beats South Dakota 87-79

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Shawn Amiker had 22 points, Bobby Hain scored 16 and both had 12 rebounds, helping Youngstown State hold off South Dakota 87-79 on Friday night.

Marcus Keene gave Youngstown (6-4) a 15-point lead on a 3-pointer with 11:21 left, but South Dakota (3-6) rallied back to 73-70 with 2:51 to go.

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Youngstown tried to pull away, but the Coyotes stayed within three points three more times, the last coming at 82-79 on Trey Norris' three-point play with 33 seconds left. The Penguins made 5 of 6 free throws from there to secure the win.

Keene made 4 of 6 3-pointers and finished with 18 points and Jason Plummer added 11 points for Youngstown.

Tyler Larson led the Coyotes with 21 points, and Casey Kasperbauer and Brandon Bos added 18 points. The three of them combined to shoot 12 of 20 from 3-point range.

3 states join 17 states fighting immigration order

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Three more states have joined a Texas-led multistate coalition suing over the Obama administration's recently announced executive actions on immigration.

The addition of Arizona, Florida and Ohio brings to 20 the number of states fighting the order in a federal district court in Brownsville.

Many top Republicans have denounced the president's unilateral move designed to spare as many as 5 million people living illegally in the United States from deportation.

But Texas Gov.-elect Greg Abbott took it a step further with filing a lawsuit in federal court in the Southern District of Texas.

Most of the 20 states participating in the lawsuit are in the South and Midwest, but Abbott argues that Texas could be uniquely hurt by the executive orders because of its large border.

Starbucks sign at SD hotel to be taken down

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A Starbucks sign affixed to a historic hotel in western South Dakota will be taken down after it sparked a public outcry.

Representatives from the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City say they will be removing the 12-foot diameter lighted logo. The announcement came Friday during a meeting of the Historic Sign Review Committee.

The sign inspired an online petition urging its removal last month, which was signed by more than 300 people.

Roger Tellinghuisen is an attorney representing the hotel owners. He says the decision was made after the public controversy erupted.

Committee member Lee Giger says the spat has shown that the community supports protecting the city's historic character.

BHSU receiver Eboreime to play in all-star game

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Black Hills State University wide receiver Anthony Eboreime has been selected to play in the National Bowl Game.

The game features all-stars from NCAA divisions below the Football Bowl Subdivision. Black Hills State competes in Division II.

Eboreime led the Yellow Jackets with six touchdowns and an average of 92 receiving yards per game. He averaged a team-best 23 yards per catch, which ranked second in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

The game is Sunday at Florida International University in Miami, Florida.

SD Banking Commission supports payday loan bill

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Banking Commission has voted to move forward with legislation to close a legal loophole payday lenders use.

The commission at its Friday meeting supported a measure put forward by the state's banking division to define in law the duration of a loan, which would make certain types of lending by payday lenders subject to existing state regulations.

Director of Banking Bret Afdahl says the measure's chances are uncertain in the Legislature because the lenders have a strong lobbying presence. He says the changes are part of the "cat and mouse" game regulators and companies play.

Two state lawmakers are also pushing for a 36 percent interest cap on payday loans. The pair says a ballot initiative committee has been formed, and they're drafting the measure.

Watchdog finds abuses in Indian schools contract

KIMBERLY HEFLING, AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials appear to have violated ethics rules governing impartiality in awarding a contract to evaluate schools attended by tens of thousands of Native American students, a federal watchdog says.

The report comes as President Barack Obama makes high-profile promises to fix the schools, which are among the nation's lowest performing and have been plagued by crumbling buildings needing \$1 billion in repairs.

It is the latest to highlight problems in the management and oversight of the schools.

The Interior Department's inspector general investigation concerned an \$800,000-plus contract awarded in 2011 to assess the schools' management and student achievement. The main focus was Brian Drapeaux, who served as chief of staff of the department's Bureau of Indian Education, or BIE, when the contract was issued and later became acting director.

The initial contract had been awarded to Personal Group Inc., a South Dakota-based company, where Drapeaux had worked on separate occasions, including within 12 months of joining the Interior Department.

A department contract specialist raised conflict of interest concerns and canceled the contract and said the company, known as PerGroup, could not participate in the contract at any level and that all key decision makers should certify that there was no conflict of interest.

She alleged in 2011 that she had been removed from handling the contract because of her actions.

Nevertheless, the IG concluded, PerGroup was allowed to stay on the project as a subcontractor under another company and was responsible for 41 percent of the contractual work.

Keith Moore, who served as director of BIE until 2012, along with Drapeaux maintained a longstanding friendship with PerGroup, according to the inspector general.

The report said the two officials "appear to have acted in violation of federal ethics regulations governing impartiality ... and the use of public office for private gain."

"Finally," it said, "other BIE officials who knew of these conflicts of interest chose to ignore them during the procurement process."

The IG said the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia had declined to prosecute the case but referred it back to the Interior Department for further action, which was taken on Sept. 30.

"This issue is considered resolved and no further action will be taken," Jessica Kershaw, a spokeswoman for the Interior Department, said in an email on Friday. She said the department would not

reveal the action because of privacy reasons.

Kershaw said the department did not adopt the contractor's recommendations.

Drapeaux and Moore declined to comment. Officials from PerGoup did not respond to requests for comment.

Obama addressed the challenges facing Native American youth in a historic visit to an Indian reservation last summer and again at the White House summit this week.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell has announced a series of steps to restructure the federal bureaucracy that oversees the schools and turn more control over tribes.

Just this week as part of the White House summit on Native Americans, Jewell reaffirmed the federal government's historic failures in connection with the schools, which goes back to the 19th century when many Native American children were forcibly assimilated in boarding schools away from their families. The government has a treaty and trust responsibility to run them, and about 40,000 students attend the more than 180 schools.

The IG report follows one by the Government Accountability Office that found the schools had millions in unaccounted for dollars, including money for special education.

The IG's findings were posted initially online on Tuesday, but the IG's office temporarily took the report down to make minor adjustments. It was reposted Friday.

Man involved in Sioux Falls drug slaying sentenced

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One of two men who have pleaded guilty to assault and manslaughter charges in the slaying of a Sioux Falls man during a botched robbery attempt has been ordered to spend 40 years in prison.

Eighteen-year-old Trevor Kruthoff on Friday was sentenced to 80 years in prison, with 40 years suspended, on the manslaughter charge. He will be eligible for parole after serving 20 years.

Authorities say 20-year-old Jordan LeBeau was killed when Kruthoff and defendant Brian Anderson broke into LeBeau's home in December 2013 to steal what they thought would be \$100,000 in drug money. Authorities say Kruthoff fired the shots that killed LeBeau and injured LeBeau's father.

Kruthoff was also sentenced to 15 years to be served concurrently for the aggravated assault charge. Anderson hasn't been sentenced.

Water woes among topics for 8 governors in Vegas

KEN RITTER, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Facing dwindling water supplies, Western states are struggling to capture every drop with dam and diversion projects that some think could erode regional cooperation crucial to managing the scarce resource.

Against that backdrop, eight Western governors meeting in Las Vegas this weekend will address regional water issues, and water managers from seven states arrive next week to work on ways to ensure 40 million people in the parched Colorado River basin don't go thirsty.

Gary Wockner, a conservationist with the Denver-based advocacy group Save the Colorado, said there's already jostling amid the fear of empty buckets. "Everyone is trying to get the last legal drop of water," he said.

Colorado River Water Users Association representatives deny there's discord at their table.

"Fifteen years of drought has tightened everything. But I don't see this as people are getting ready to

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fight," said Jeff Kightlinger, general manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. That agency is dealing with a double-whammy — drought on the Colorado River and in the Sierra Nevada and Northern California.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval will host Western Governors' Association counterparts from Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming this weekend to consider several issues, including water. Two days of drought workshops follow.

"The motto is: We save the system as a whole," said Pat Mulroy, longtime general manager of the Southern Nevada Water Authority in Las Vegas and now a senior policy fellow with the Brookings Institution.

"If we get into, 'I'm going to win,' and, 'You're going to lose,' there won't be a winner," Mulroy said.

But Wockner said Colorado, Wyoming and Utah are considering dams and diversions in the mountains to capture water they're entitled to before it reaches the Colorado and flows to the deserts.

New Mexico has plans to divert and store water from the Gila River for cities and farms before it flows into Arizona and empties into the Colorado River near the Mexico border.

"Diversions extract water from the system," said Jack Schmidt, professor of watershed sciences at Utah State University. He just completed three years studying the Grand Canyon for the U.S. Geological Survey. "More water use and more water retention in the upper basin means less water flowing through the Grand Canyon to the lower basin."

Schmidt referred to the Colorado River Compact of 1922 and agreements with Mexico that promise about 16.5 million acre-feet of water annually from a river system that has historically taken in about 15 million acre-feet from rainfall and snowmelt. But that amount has diminished during almost 15 years of drought. One acre-foot of water is about enough to serve two average Las Vegas homes for a year.

"You could say that we decided how to divide the pie, but the pie is smaller than anybody thought," Schmidt said. "With climate change, it is even smaller than that."

In Las Vegas, which virtually relies on water from Lake Mead, officials are making plans to add a \$650 million pumping facility to draw from the reservoir even if levels drop below 1,000 feet above sea level. That's the line at which Hoover Dam's hydroelectric turbines would be idled.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority already is drilling an \$800 million tunnel to tap water from the bottom of the lake, at 860 feet above sea level.

At 900 feet — so-called "dead pool" — the river would end at Hoover Dam. Nothing would flow downstream.

The lake reached its high water mark in 1983 at 1,225 feet.

The Metropolitan Water District's Kightlinger said the seven basin states — Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and New Mexico upstream and California, Arizona and Nevada downstream — have a history of cooperating, and they have forged several landmark agreements.

A 2012 amendment to a 70-year-old treaty between the U.S. and Mexico has the river flowing south of the border again.

Last summer, water agencies in Denver, Los Angeles, Las Vegas and Phoenix began an \$11 million pilot program with the federal government to pay farmers, cities and industries to cut use of Colorado River water.

The goal is to prop up Lake Mead, which stood Friday at 1,084 feet above sea level — just 9 feet above the crucial 1,075 level that would trigger cuts to Arizona, Nevada and California.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation this week projected a better than 50 percent chance that it will declare such a shortage in January 2017.

The Central Arizona Project would face the first cutbacks, and farmers would be hit hardest, agency

chief David Modeer said.

"Hoping for snowpack is not sufficient to solve this," Modeer said. "It's going to take cooperation and sacrifice among all of us to stave off disaster in the river."

Police: Sioux Fall woman dies in 2-car crash

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a woman has died in a two-car collision on the city's southwest side.

Sixty-four-year-old Diane Adler was pronounced dead Thursday night at the scene of the crash after nurses couldn't revive her with CPR. Lt. Troy Lubbers says Adler was driving eastbound when she collided with an SUV driven by a 25-year-old woman. The other driver wasn't hurt.

Lubbers says several witnesses tell officers the woman had been driving down the wrong side of the road at the time of the crash. Authorities are investigating.

Heating stove project underway on Standing Rock

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A pilot project is underway to outfit homes on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation with heating stoves in the hopes of eventually ending residents' reliance on propane, which can spike in price during the winter months.

The Sioux tribe also stocked up on cheaper propane over the summer to head off a crisis like the one last winter, when the price of propane skyrocketed due to a nationwide shortage caused by supply disruptions, a late and wet harvest, and unusually cold weather throughout the country.

Attorney and American Indian activist Chase Iron Eyes launched the "Heating the Rez" stove effort in February after the death of Debbie Dogskin, 61, who froze to death in an unheated mobile home. In just a couple of weeks, the project raised more than \$60,000 through the crowdfunding site www.indiegogo.com, drawing donations from as far as Australia to Sweden.

The money is paying for the first 21 stoves, which burn pellets made of wood or other natural materials. Home installations began this week, Iron Eyes said.

"About half of the stoves are going to go to elders. The others will go to low-income eligible tribal members," he said. "This is the test run. The families who get the stoves, we're going to sell them pellets at competitive rates. The idea behind this isn't to make a profit, but to make this pay for itself."

The pellets are coming from Rapid City, South Dakota-based Deadwood Biofuels. The stoves were purchased from England's Stove Works in Monroe, Virginia. A company official said the stoves are regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency for emissions and efficiency and can heat a "reasonable size" living area for about \$5 per day.

Iron Eyes said officials will monitor how well the stoves work this winter and then decide whether to raise money to expand the project. He also is pursuing federal funding to create a pellet-making operation on the reservation, which is home to 10,000 residents. Pellets can be made of wood, grasses, and chokecherry pits, which are all readily available on the 3,600-square-mile reservation that straddles the North Dakota-South Dakota border.

"We want to change the way a significant portion of our people heat their homes," Iron Eyes said.

The tribe declared a state of emergency last winter when propane prices soared a dollar above the \$3.50-per-gallon mark that Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II said is the benchmark for affordability for most reservation families, many of whom are impoverished. The tribe opened six shelters across the reservation, and the Red Cross provided cots, blankets and food.

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The tribe last summer used \$100,000 to pre-buy propane so it can be sold this winter to tribal residents in need for a little less than \$2 per gallon, Archambault said. As many as 5,000 homes rely on propane on the reservation, which has no natural gas lines.

"We want to make sure that we cover for the colder months and keep propane affordable," Archambault said.

The tribe also receives money through the federal government's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps the needy heat their homes. The tribe last year got about \$1.5 million — a 40 percent reduction from the previous year due to federal budget cuts. Archambault did not immediately have an estimate on how much the tribe expects to receive this year.

Archambault said the tribe is not directly involved in the Heating the Rez project, but he applauds the effort.

"I'm just thankful that they want to help," he said.

SD attorney's office collects \$3.6 million in 2014

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. attorney's office in South Dakota has collected more than \$3.6 million in the 2014 budget year from civil and criminal actions.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says the office collected more than \$2.3 million in criminal actions and roughly \$730,000 in civil actions. The office also worked with other U.S. attorney's offices and the U.S. Justice Department to collect \$625,000 in civil actions.

Johnson says the office collects money to help crime victims and recoup losses to taxpayers. The office is responsible for enforcing debts that convicted criminals owe to the U.S. and crime victims.

Drug dispute with shots fired leads to arrests

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police have arrested five men on numerous charges after they allegedly got in a drug dispute that involved shooting at one another.

Authorities say three of the suspects were in a car and two were in a pickup. Police say the group in the car robbed the group in the truck of 31 pounds of marijuana, and a vehicle chase ensued in which the two groups fired an unknown number of rounds at one another with handguns.

The men were arrested on drug, assault and weapons charges. The suspects range in age from 26 to 31.

Sheriff: SD man falls onto wires while roofing

PIEDMONT, S.D. (AP) — A man is being treated at a burn center after falling onto live electrical lines while roofing a house in Piedmont.

The Meade County Sheriff's Office reports the 30-year-old man was working on the house Thursday morning when he fell. The man was taken by ambulance to a Rapid City hospital where authorities say he was responding to treatment. It's unclear how authorities were notified of the accident.

They say he was later transferred to an out-of-state burn center. His condition is unclear.

Authorities didn't immediately release the man's name.

AP News in Brief

American, South African held by al-Qaida in Yemen killed during US failed rescue attempt

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — An American photojournalist and a South African aid worker held by al-Qaida militants in Yemen have been killed in a failed U.S. rescue attempt, authorities said Saturday.

Speaking in Afghanistan, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said Somers "and a second non-U.S. citizen hostage were murdered" by al-Qaida militants during the raid.

The aid group Gift of Givers later identified the second hostage as South African teacher Pierre Korkie, who the group said was to be released Sunday. They said he was to be flown out of Yemen "under diplomatic cover, then to meet with family members in a 'safe' country, (and) fly to South Africa."

Hagel did not identify Korkie by name.

"Yesterday by the order of the president of the United States, U.S. special operations forces conducted a mission in Yemen to rescue a U.S. citizen Luke Somers and any other foreign nationals held hostage with him," Hagel said. "There were compelling reasons to believe Somers' life was in imminent danger."

Hagel: Terrorists murdered US hostage Luke Somers during rescue attempt ordered by Obama

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel says that American Luke Somers and a second hostage being held by terrorists in Yemen were "murdered" during a rescue attempt ordered by President Barack Obama.

In a statement issued Saturday, Hagel said there were "compelling reasons to believe Somers' life was in imminent danger."

He says that Somers and a second non-U.S. citizen were "murdered by AQAP terrorists during the mission." He did not identify the second hostage.

Hagel says that several terrorists were also killed in the mission carried out by U.S. special forces.

Pakistan military says top al-Qaida militant indicted in US over NY subway bomb plot killed

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani soldiers killed a top al-Qaida operative Saturday who was indicted in the U.S. for his alleged involvement in a plot to bomb New York's subway system, the military said in a statement.

The death of Adnan Shukrijumah is the latest blow to the terror organization still reeling from the 2011 killing of leader Osama bin Laden and now largely eclipsed by the militant Islamic State group. It also marks a major achievement for the Pakistani military, which mounted a widespread military operation in the northwest this summer.

The military announced Shukrijumah's death in a statement, saying that he was killed along with two other suspected militants in Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal area early Saturday. South Waziristan is part of the mountainous territory bordering Afghanistan that is home to various militant groups fighting both in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"The al-Qaida leader, who was killed by the Pakistan army in a successful operation, is the same person who had been indicted in the United States," said a senior Pakistani army officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk to journalists.

As al-Qaida's head of external operations, the 39-year-old Shukrijumah occupied a position once held by Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. The FBI lists Shukrijumah, a Saudi national, as a "most wanted" terrorist and the U.S. State Department had offered up to a \$5 million reward for his capture.

More than 600,000 flee as typhoon blows near eastern Philippines; military on full alert

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Haunted by Typhoon Haiyan's massive devastation last year, more than 600,000 people fled Philippine villages and the military went on full alert Saturday to brace for a powerful storm that was only hours away from the country's eastern coast.

Typhoon Hagupit — Filipino for "smash" or "lash" — was expected to slam into the central Philippines late Saturday and hammer parts of a region where Haiyan's tsunami-like storm surges and ferocious winds left more than 7,300 people dead or missing in November 2013. Hagupit weakened slightly on Saturday, but remained dangerously powerful and erratic.

"We're on red alert, so the entire armed forces is being mobilized for this typhoon," Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang, head of the Philippines' 120,000-strong military, told a news conference after discussing last-minute preparations.

Army troops deployed to supermarkets and major roads in provinces in the typhoon's path to prevent looting and chaos and clear debris, all of which slowed the government's response last year, Catapang said.

Although it's unlikely to reach Haiyan's unprecedented strength, forecasters said Hagupit's maximum sustained winds of 175 kilometers (109 miles) per hour and gusts of 210 kph (130 mph) were strong enough to set off deadly storm surges and landslides and cause heavy damage to communities and agriculture.

Hagel, on surprise visit to Afghanistan, says long war has put Afghans on right track

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — With striking optimism, Chuck Hagel said Saturday on his final visit to Afghanistan as U.S. defense secretary that he believes Afghans will successfully put down a surge in Taliban attacks in the capital and stabilize the nation.

Hagel arrived in Kabul on a previously unannounced trip one day after President Barack Obama declared that he would nominate one of Hagel's former deputies, Ashton Carter, to succeed Hagel, who resigned under pressure Nov. 24.

In an interview with reporters traveling with him from Washington aboard a military aircraft, Hagel was in a reflective mood about America's longest war. He recalled arriving in Kabul in January 2002 as a member of a congressional delegation when security was so dicey that the lawmakers arrived under cover of darkness and left before dawn. Hagel at the time was a Republican senator from Nebraska.

The Taliban, which had ruled Afghanistan since 1996, were forced from power in late 2001 just weeks after a U.S.-led invasion prompted by the 9/11 terrorist attacks. But they recovered gradually after the U.S. shifted its military focus to Iraq in 2003, and by 2008 the U.S. was conceding that the war in Afghanistan was stalemated.

Hagel, on his fourth trip to Afghanistan as defense secretary, said it should not be surprising that the Taliban are still able to launch significant attacks in the capital.

Protesters of grand jury decision not to indict officer in chokehold death rally for 3rd day

Demonstrators around the country staged die-ins, blocked roadways and marched into stores to protest a New York grand jury's decision to not indict a white police officer in the chokehold death of an unarmed black man.

Tensions were already running high around the nation because of a grand jury's decision last week to not indict a white officer in the shooting death of black 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. On Wednesday, more protests erupted after a grand jury in New York City decided not to indict a white officer in the chokehold death of Eric Garner, a black man who gasped "I can't breathe" while he was being arrested for selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

Hundreds of protesters marched and many briefly laid down in Macy's flagship store, Grand Central Terminal and an Apple store. They streamed along Fifth Avenue sidewalks and other parts of Manhattan, with signs and chants of "Black lives matter" and "I can't breathe."

News outlets reported that demonstrators later blocked traffic on the FDR Drive in Lower Manhattan, spurring arrests. Police didn't immediately have information on the number arrests.

In Oakland, California, hundreds of protesters briefly blocked Interstate 880, a major freeway, on Friday night. There were no immediate reports of any arrests or injuries.

American killed in Yemen had 'wanderlust,' curiosity about world

Luke Somers, an American who was killed during a rescue attempt against his al-Qaida captors in Yemen, had been working as a freelance photographer and editor in that country, and those who knew him say he had "wanderlust" and was drawn to new experiences.

Lucy Somers told The Associated Press Saturday that she learned of her 33-year-old brother's death from FBI agents. He had been kidnapped in September 2013 in the Yemeni capital of Sanaa. There were no further details of the rescue effort or any immediate comment from Washington.

U.S. special forces had tried to rescue Somers last month.

"My life is in danger," Somers said in video footage, which appeared to mimic hostage videos released by the Islamic State group.

Somers, who was born in Britain, earned a bachelor's degree in creative writing while attending Beloit College in Wisconsin from 2004 through 2007.

New profiling guidelines to exempt agents responsible for border checks, air passenger screens

WASHINGTON (AP) — New racial profiling guidelines being announced by the Obama administration would restrict the ability of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to take into account religion, national origin and other characteristics during investigations. But they would exempt agents from the Department of Homeland Security who do border checks and screen passengers at airports, according to a U.S. official familiar with the plans.

The official said Friday night that the new guidelines banning racial profiling exempt the Transportation Security Administration and also do not cover inspections at ports of entry and interdictions at border crossings. The official was not authorized to discuss the guidelines by name and spoke on condition

of anonymity ahead of a formal announcement expected within the coming days.

The new guidelines apply to federal law enforcement agencies but aren't binding on local police departments that are more likely to have day-to-day contact with community members. Their formulation also long predates high-profile cases, such as the August police shooting in Ferguson, Missouri, that have placed police treatment of minorities in the spotlight.

But the guidelines are nonetheless a significant legacy item for outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder and come during a time of national conversation about racial bias in law enforcement and community relations with police.

"This new guidance will codify our commitment to the very highest standards of fair and effective policing," Holder told an audience in Atlanta on Monday night in previewing the announcement.

Islamic State group support grows in Jordan town, a microcosm of challenge to halt militants

MAAN, Jordan (AP) — Local authorities quickly stripped away public signs of support for the Islamic State group in this desert town. Black flags have been removed from rooftops. Graffiti proclaiming the extremists' imminent victory have been whitewashed.

But supporters of the Middle East's most radical extremist group are only laying low after their surprise show of strength in protests last summer. Despite government efforts, support for the Islamic State group is growing in Maan and elsewhere in Jordan, one of the West's key allies in the region, say Islamic State activists, members of rival groups and experts on political Islam.

One of the leading Islamic State group activists in Maan said he and others are still working to build their base.

"In homes, at work, in mosques, in the streets, we reach out to people to call them to the real Islam," the 40-year-old blacksmith, Abu Abdullah, told The Associated Press. Like other Islamic State group supporters interviewed by the AP, he spoke on condition he be identified only by his nickname for fear of troubles with authorities.

Militants like Abu Abdullah talk confidently of eventually having enough numbers to make their takeover of Jordan inevitable.

Advocates fear Rolling Stone backpedal on U.Va. gang rape could chill victims

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — Advocates for sexual-assault victims say Rolling Stone's backpedaling from an explosive account of a gang rape at the University of Virginia doesn't change the fact that rape is a problem on college campuses and must be confronted — even as some expressed concern that the magazine's apology could discourage victims from coming forward.

Students, state government and education leaders, meanwhile, pledged to continue ongoing efforts to adequately respond to — and prevent — sexual assaults on campus.

Rolling Stone cast doubt on its story Friday of a gang rape by a woman it identified only as "Jackie," saying it has since learned of "discrepancies" in her account.

"Our trust in her was misplaced," the magazine's editor, Will Dana, wrote in a signed apology.

The lengthy article published last month used Jackie's case as an example of what it called a culture of sexual violence hiding in plain sight at U.Va.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 6, the 340th day of 2014. There are 25 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 6, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln nominated Salmon P. Chase to be chief justice of the United States, succeeding Roger Taney (TAH'-nee). (Chase was installed as chief justice nine days later.)

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1884, Army engineers completed construction of the Washington Monument by setting an aluminum capstone atop the obelisk.

In 1889, Jefferson Davis, the first and only president of the Confederate States of America, died in New Orleans.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1917, some 2,000 people died when an explosives-laden French cargo ship collided with a Norwegian vessel at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the city.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1939, the Cole Porter musical comedy "Du Barry Was a Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1964, the animated puppet special "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," now a Christmas perennial, first aired on NBC-TV.

In 1971, the original Auto-Train, which carried rail passengers and their motor vehicles from Lorton, Virginia, to Sanford, Florida, went into operation. (Although the privately owned line went out of business in 1981, Amtrak revived the service in 1983.)

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

Ten years ago: Militants struck the U.S. Consulate in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia with explosives and machine guns, killing nine people in an attack claimed by al-Qaida. Ohio certified President George W. Bush's 119,000-vote victory over Democratic nominee John Kerry, even as the Kerry campaign and third-party candidates prepared to demand a statewide recount. A dozen expensive homes under construction in Indian Head, Maryland, were deliberately burned down. (Five men either pleaded guilty or were convicted in the case; prosecutors had cited a variety of motives, including anger by some of the white perpetrators that most of the new homeowners were black.)

Five years ago: President Barack Obama visited the U.S. Senate during a rare Sunday session to rally Democrats behind closed doors on a health care overhaul. The Kennedy Center Honors lauded jazz great Dave Brubeck, rocker Bruce Springsteen, actor Robert De Niro, comic genius Mel Brooks and opera singer Grace Bumbry.

One year ago: A day after Nelson Mandela's death at 95, South Africans of all colors erupted in song, dance and tears in emotional celebrations of the life of the man who had bridged the country's black-white divide and helped avert a race war. The Fender Stratocaster that Bob Dylan played at the

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1965 Newport Folk Festival was sold at Christie's for nearly \$1 million - the highest price ever paid for a guitar at auction.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 78. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 76. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 73. Actor James Naughton is 69. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 68. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 66. Actress JoBeth Williams is 66. Actor Tom Hulce is 61. Actor Kin Shriner is 61. Actor Wil Shriner is 61. Actor Miles Chapin is 60. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 59. Comedian Steven Wright is 59. Country singer Bill Lloyd is 59. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 59. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 58. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 53. Actress Janine Turner is 52. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 52. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 47. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 44. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 43. Actress Colleen Haskell is 38. Actress Lindsay Price is 38. Actress Ashley Madekwe is 33. Actress Nora Kirkpatrick is 30. Christian rock musician Jacob Chesnut (Rush of Fools) is 25.

Thought for Today: "Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past. It loses the future."
- Kathleen Norris, American author (1880-1960).