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Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Colton Monson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

4:30pm: JHGGB at Britton (7th at 4:30, 8th at 5:30)

6:00pm: JH Wrestling at Sisseton

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 9

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Italian dunkers, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, stewed tomatoes, cookie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Tracy Davies • Shelby Tietz • Ann Rix • Brooklyn Gilbert • Doris Anderson

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

6:00pm: All School Play

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, December 10

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hamburger on bun, baked chips, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Lincoln Lane • Jerrica Loeschke • Steve Schaller • Miranda Blumhardt

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.

All-NEC Volleyball Team

The 2014 Northeast Conference All-Conference Volleyball Team has been selected.

They are Courtney Kurtz from Groton Area; Hailey Kline and Keary Spraw from Aberdeen Roncalli; MacKenzie Huber and Angela Young from Clark-Willow Lake; Molly Koisti and Alli Lakness from Hamlin; Brittany Ackerman and Caryssa Miertiz from Milbank Area; Sarah Rozell, Jamie Tebben and Alli Tschetter from Redfield-Doland; Cami Goodhart, Amanda Reinart and Emily Weatherstone from Sisseton; and Jobi McCreary from Webster Area.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus were at the Weber Landscaping open house held Saturday in Groton. Jeslyn and Julianna Kosel had their picture taken with the Claus's.

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Can you believe there are Camels in South Dakota?! The United Methodist Church in Webster had a Christmas nativity scene event at the church Sunday. They featured live animals including a couple of camels. The camels come from Brookings where they are raised. Inside the church, they had the full event in the basement, complete with beggars, merchants, guards, tax collectors and at the end was the baby Jesus with Mary, Joseph and the angel.

Today in Weather History

1995: A powerful Arctic front moved across west central Minnesota and central, north central, and northeast South Dakota throughout the day with winds of 30 to 60 mph. With temperatures falling and one to four inches of snowfall in the morning and afternoon, the high winds produced blizzard conditions with blowing snow and extreme wind chills of 40 to 70 below zero. Many schools, college classes, and activities were canceled for the day. Travel was also greatly affected.

1996: A Summit man died from exposure to the extreme cold after his vehicle became stuck in the snow. The man attempted to walk for help and was found about one mile from his car in the driveway of a home about a mile and a half west and one mile south of Summit. Temperatures in Summit were in the teens all day, dropping to near zero by the morning of the 9th.

1963: A Boeing 707 exploded near Elkton, MD killing 81. Lightning is believed to have caused the explosion of residual fuel vapor in one of the outboard wing tanks as the plane passed through a vicious, out-of-season thunderstorm.

2002: Super Typhoon Pongsona devastated Guam with sustained winds of 180 mph. It destroyed 2,000 homes. Electricity and water were shut off. Schools were closed and transformed into emergency shelters. Cars were flipped and stacked three high.

1892 - A tremendous ice fall occurred at Gay Hill, TX. Ice averaged four to six inches in diameter. (David Ludlum)

1938 - The temperature at La Mesa, CA, soared to 108 degrees to set a U.S. record for the month of December. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front crossing the northwestern U.S. continued to produce high winds along the coast, and heavy snow blanketed parts of the western U.S. Snowfall totals in the mountains of western Nevada ranged up to 18 inches at Heavenly Valley, and near the Boreal Ski Resort, and winds at Reno NV gusted to 56 mph. Thunderstorms over southern Florida deluged the Florida Keys with up to five inches of rain. Strong winds, gusting to 48 mph at Gage OK, ushered wintry weather into the Central High Plains. Goodland KS, which one day earlier was 63 degrees, was blanketed with two inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Santa Ana winds buffeted southern California, with gusts to 92 mph reported at Laguna Peak. The high winds unroofed buildings, and downed trees and power lines, igniting five major fires, and numerous smaller ones. Damage was estimated at 15 to 20 million dollars. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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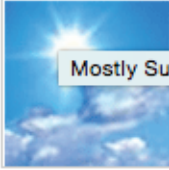
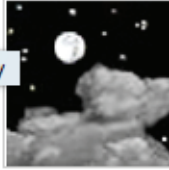



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TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY
						
Blustery	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 29 °F ↓	Low: 7 °F	High: 27 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 34 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 38 °F



Temperatures Falling This Afternoon

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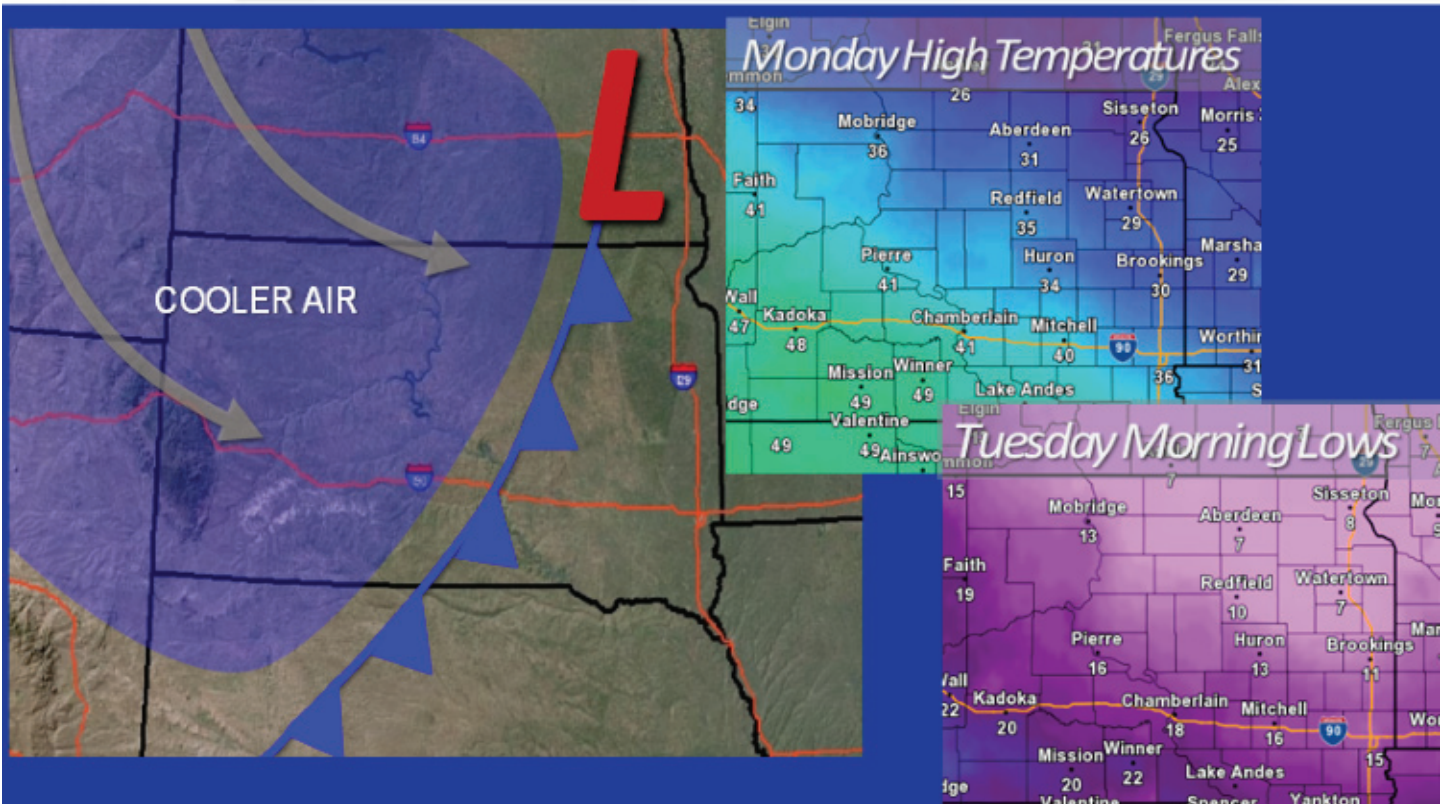
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Temperatures will peak early today, then slowly fall as a cold front works across the region. Gusty winds will also taper off from west to east today. High pressure settles in tonight allowing for readings in the single digits and teens by early Tuesday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 39.5 at 8:07 PM

Low: 30.6 at 8:19 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 40 at 12:24 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 57° in 1894

Record Low: -27° in 1927

Average High: 28°F

Average Low: 8°F

Average Precip in Dec.: 0.13

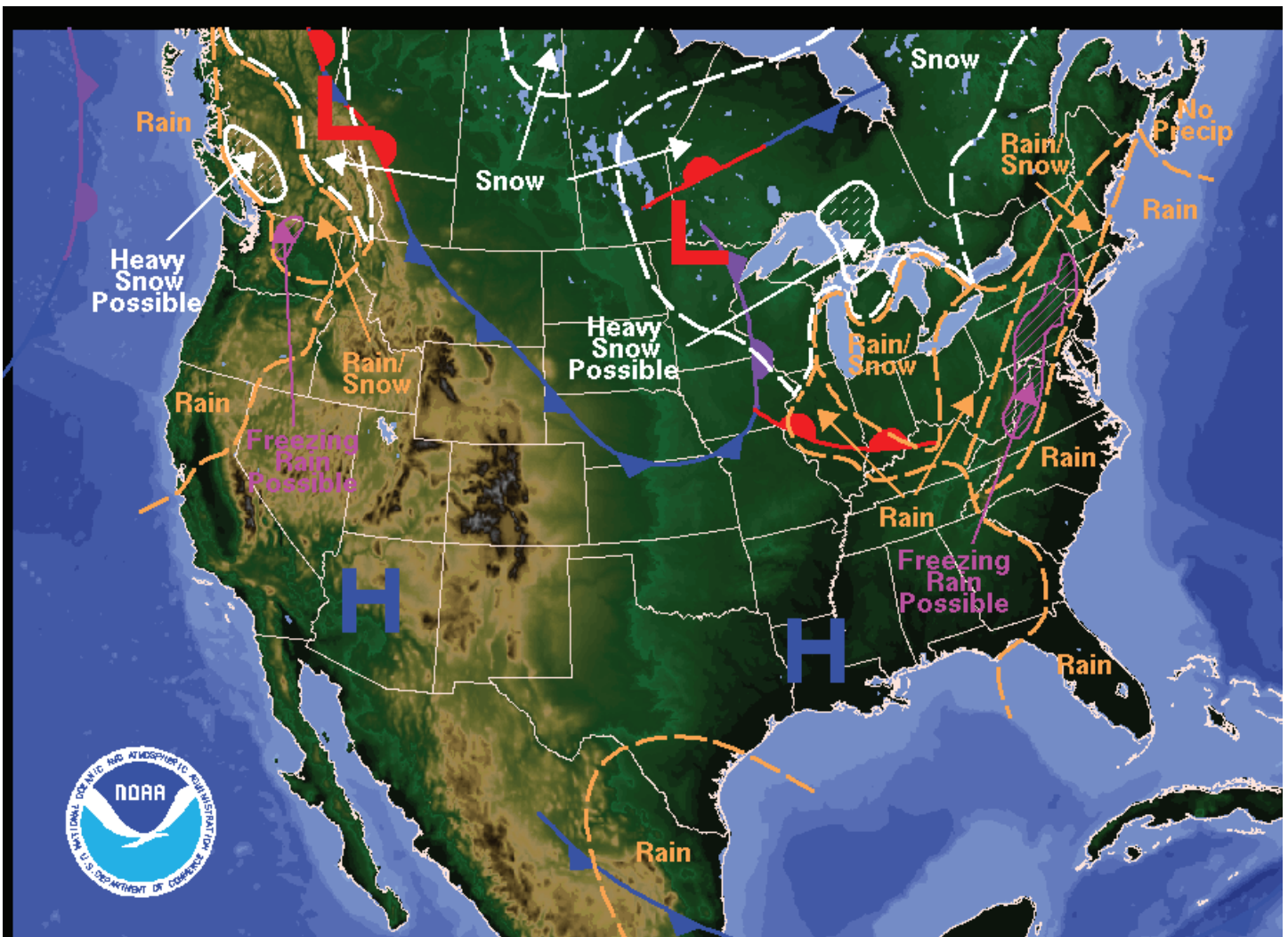
Precip to date in Dec.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 21.33

Precip Year to Date: 13.99

Sunset Tonight: 4:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Dec 08, 2014, issued 4:22 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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MY ONE AND ONLY LOVE

A shopper once said to a sales associate, "I want the most beautiful gold heart that you have in your store on the finest gold chain available for my fiancé."

After considering many different choices, he made his decision, and said, "I'll take that one."

"Shall I inscribe her name on it?" asked the sales associate.

"Oh no!" came the instant reply. "If we break up, I would like to use it again."

How different is God's love. We hear it in the words of Jesus when He said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." How comforting it is to know that God's love is permanent. How fortunate we are to know that God's love is guaranteed by His Word. How wonderful it is to know that God's love is for everyone. And finally, how grateful we are to know that His love makes our salvation through Jesus Christ possible.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to understand how much You love us. May those who read this "Seed" come to know You and accept Your Son as their Savior and love Him because He first loved us and gave Himself for us. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 John 4:11-12 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Mitchell teacher among 50 competing for \$1 million

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota teacher is among 50 worldwide who's in the running for a \$1 million award.

Julie Olson from Second Chance High School in Mitchell will compete for the Varkey GEMS Foundation Global Teacher Prize.

The prize is open to teachers in every school in every country of the world.

Olson is a biology teacher who has taught top students in honors science courses at universities. She recently developed and taught science courses for at-risk students in the district alternative school.

If awarded the prize, Julie would use it to supplement fundraising for field trips and the summer school program for at-risk students. It would also allow some of her students to travel with her overseas to see what other countries are doing in science.

Conference to discuss agriculture transportation

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University researchers and the state's two U.S. senators are holding a conference in Fargo to discuss transportation for agricultural products.

Panelists for the event include federal, state and local leaders, as well as representatives from BNSF and Canadian Pacific railways.

Several ag groups have complained about transportation problems in the last year that prevented producers from getting many of their crops to market in a timely manner.

North Dakota Sens. John Hoeven and Heidi Heitkamp are scheduled to give opening remarks at the conference, which is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Monday at the Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo.

Neighbor's call saves Mitchell family from fire

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A Mitchell family has escaped a destructive house fire after a phone call from neighbors alerted them to the flames.

Authorities say the fire started in a storage shed and became a large brush fire that damaged at least two homes early Sunday. The Public Safety Department warned residents to avoid the area after winds spread the blaze. Five fire departments assisted the Mitchell Fire Division.

Chet Edinger says his home is a total loss but his family and pets made it out safely. He says

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five people and two dogs were all asleep in the north end of the house when neighbors called and told them the south end was on fire.

Authorities didn't say what caused the blaze. They say a woman was treated for minor smoke inhalation.

3 SD natives to receive Congressional Gold Medal

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Three South Dakota natives are among the members of the Civil Air Patrol who will be honored with the Congressional Gold Medal.

The medal will be presented to the Civil Air Patrol Wednesday in Washington, D.C. The award is being given in honor of the organization's founding members for their role in protecting the U.S. against German U-boat attacks during World War II and carrying out other wartime domestic missions.

Three members of the founding group were from South Dakota: Earl Wilkinson and Vernon Jeffries, both of Rapid City, and Luverne "Vern" Kraemer of Deadwood. All are buried in South Dakota.

Families of the deceased will be presented with a replica of the medal.

The organization was founded on Dec. 1, 1941, six days before the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Fort Sisseton in SD to host a frontier Christmas

LAKE CITY, S.D. (AP) — Fort Sisseton Historic State Park in northwest South Dakota is set to host its annual frontier Christmas.

Park manager Christopher Soukup says the event is an authentic, old-fashioned Christmas celebration.

Event participants will have the opportunity to take a sleigh or wagon ride through the fort grounds; get an up close look at traditional sleigh bells; see demonstrations on how wool and other natural fibers are made into clothing; and try old-fashioned rope turning.

The free event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. A park entrance license is required and can be purchased at the park.

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. U.S. 'UNAWARE' OF SOUTH AFRICAN HOSTAGE TALKS

Ambassador Patrick Gaspard says the U.S. did not know about talks on the reported imminent release of aid worker Pierre Korkie, who died with American hostage Luke Somers in a U.S. raid on al-Qaida militants in Yemen.

2. BERKELEY'S STREETS HIT BY SECOND NIGHT OF VIOLENCE

Protests against police killings in Missouri and New York turn violent again in Northern California as some demonstrators hit officers with objects, assault each other and shut down a freeway.

3. WHAT SOME ARE URGING IN LIGHT OF GARNER DEATH

After a police officer wasn't indicted in a fatal chokehold caught on video, some critics are reviving calls for special prosecutors to investigate, rather than local district attorneys.

4. HOW PANAMANIANIS COULD BE AFFECTED BY EXPORTED POLLUTION

AP's Dina Cappiello reports residents on islands off Panama's coast could be uprooted due to rising sea levels from carbon pollution linked to global warming.

5. U.S., NATO CEREMONIALLY END AFGHAN COMBAT MISSION

Combat operations end 13 years after the Sept. 11 terror attacks that sparked the coalition's invasion to topple the Taliban-led government.

6. PHILIPPINE TYPHOON WEAKENS, DEATH TOLL RISES

Hagupit is downgraded to a tropical storm, but not before leaving at least 21 people dead and forcing more than a million people into shelters.

7. ROYALS ARRIVE IN U.S. FOR THREE-DAY TOUR

Prince William will visit with Obama at the Oval Office while Kate tours a child development center in New York City.

8. WHAT FORCES 'FURRY CONVENTION' EVACUATION

Chlorine gas sickens several people at a Chicago hotel and sends 6-foot-tall rabbits, foxes and dragons from "Furfest" to the refuge of a dog show across the street.

9. MOBILE APPS STILL COLLECT INFORMATION ON KIDS

Online stores are flooded with cute and silly software programs that quietly collect vast amounts of data on the youngest consumers, privacy researchers and consumer advocates say.

10. COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S NEW PLAYOFF BOASTS STAR POWER

Alabama, Oregon, Florida State and Ohio State all make the cut for the first-ever playoff, but third-ranked TCU is left behind.

AP News in Brief

Berkeley police shooting demonstration turns violent for 2nd night; protesters, officers clash

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Raucous demonstrations hit Berkeley's streets for a second straight night as protesters angered by police killings in Missouri and New York clashed with officers, vandalized businesses and even fought with each other, officials said.

Sunday's protest began peacefully on the University of California, Berkeley, campus but eventually grew rowdy and spilled into Oakland. Activists made their way onto a freeway and blocked traffic.

The California Highway Patrol said officers fired tear gas after protesters targeted them with rocks and bottles and tried to light a patrol vehicle on fire. Police also said explosives were thrown at officers, but there was no information immediately available on how potent they were.

Officers chased protesters off the roadway. The highway patrol said it made arrests but no figures were available.

The demonstrations were the latest of several in the Bay Area — including in Oakland where activism is strong — to protest recent grand jury decisions in Missouri and New York not to indict while police officers in the deaths of two black men.

US official says US did not know about talks on freeing South African who died in Yemen raid

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The United States did not know about talks on the reportedly imminent release of a South African hostage who died in a U.S. raid on al-Qaida militants in Yemen, the U.S. ambassador in South Africa said Monday.

Ambassador Patrick Gaspard said American officials were "unaware of ongoing negotiations that had any resolution" between the militants and Gift of the Givers, a South African humanitarian relief group

that had been acting on behalf of the family of South African hostage Pierre Korkie. Gaspard also said it was "not altogether clear" to him that the South African government was even aware of the talks.

Korkie and American hostage Luke Somers were killed Saturday during a U.S.-led rescue attempt. Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of Gift of the Givers, has said that Korkie was supposed to be released Sunday under a deal struck with al-Qaida.

Gaspard said the U.S. hadn't been informed about that. The U.S. decided to carry out the raid because the militants had threatened to kill Somers, Gaspard said.

"We were just completely unaware of those developments and had to act hastily," the ambassador said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

NYC chokehold case stirs debate: Should cases like this go to special prosecutors?

NEW YORK (AP) — After a police officer wasn't indicted in a fatal chokehold caught on video, some officials are reviving calls to entrust such cases to special prosecutors, rather than local district attorneys.

The city's elected public advocate and some state lawmakers are pressing for appointing special state prosecutors for police killings, saying Eric Garner's death has bared problems with having DAs lead investigations and prosecutions of the police who help them build cases. Similar legislation has been proposed in Missouri since the police shooting of an unarmed 18-year-old in Ferguson.

"This is a watershed moment," New York Public Advocate Letitia James said by phone. "It's clear that the system is broken and an independent prosecutor is needed."

She's advocating appointing such prosecutors whenever police kill or seriously injure someone. Assemblymen Karim Camara and Marcos Crespo are proposing special prosecutors for police killings of unarmed people.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said last week on CNN's "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer" that the state should examine whether DAs should bring such cases and "potential roles for special prosecutors," as part of a broad look at the criminal justice system.

US, NATO ceremonially end Afghan combat mission, 13 years after Sept. 11 terror attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. and NATO ceremonially ended their combat mission in Afghanistan on Monday, 13 years after the Sept. 11 terror attacks sparked their invasion of the country to topple the Taliban-led government.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, which was in charge of combat operations, lowered its flag, formally ending its deployment.

U.S. Gen. John F. Campbell, commander of NATO and U.S. forces, said that the mission now would transition to a training and support role for Afghanistan's own security forces, which have led the fight against the Taliban insurgents since mid-2013.

"The Afghan security forces are capable," Campbell said. "They have to make some changes in the leadership which they're doing, and they have to hold people accountable."

From Jan. 1, the coalition will maintain a force of 13,000 troops in Afghanistan, down from a peak around 140,000 in 2011. There are around 15,000 troops now in the country.

Analysis: After past high-profile defeats, House GOP looks for success in immigration showdown

WASHINGTON (AP) — After declaring President Barack Obama's new policy on deportations "null and void," House Republicans are ready to fund the federal government before a Thursday deadline without additional immigration-related controversy, adjourn for the year and await a new, GOP-controlled Senate in January.

Maybe.

If so, it would mark a rare occasion since a tea party-heavy Republican majority took over four years ago that Plan A went according to script. Last year's partial government shutdown, higher tax rates for millions enacted in 2012 and a humbling 2011 surrender on payroll taxes are evidence of that.

Nor is there any certainty Republicans will force Obama to back down, even if they do stick to the path they are on.

"We think this is the most practical way to fight the president's action," Speaker John Boehner recently told reporters, stopping short of predicting success.

As US gas consumption plateaus to help climate, fuel exports pollute elsewhere

GARDI SUGDUP, Panama (AP) — Solar panels glisten from every thatched hut on this crowded island, one of the largest in this remote chain off the Panamanian coast. But the tiny emblems of green energy offer no hope against climate change.

They have helped the island's Guna people reduce what was already a minuscule carbon footprint. The Guna cook with clean-burning gas. They use a small amount of diesel fuel to power fishing boats and a generator that lights bare bulbs dangling above dirt floors after sunset. They own one of the most pristine stretches of tropical rainforest in Panama, cleansing the atmosphere of carbon dioxide naturally.

But larger forces threaten to uproot them, stemming from the failure by the rest of the world to rein in carbon emissions.

Pollution linked to global warming keeping rising even though the world's two largest carbon polluters have pledged to combat climate change, with the U.S. committing to deeper cuts and China saying its emissions will stop growing by 2030.

It's a dangerous trajectory the U.S. is stoking with record exports of dirty fuels, even as it reduces the pollution responsible for global warming at home.

Royal visit begins: Prince William to meet Obama while Kate tours NY child development center

NEW YORK (AP) — While Britain's Prince William meets with President Barack Obama at the Oval Office on Monday and discusses illegal wildlife trafficking at the World Bank, his wife, Kate, will tour a child development center with New York City's first lady, Chirlane McCray.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge arrived in New York City on Sunday, the royal couple's first official visit to the U.S. and their first taste of the Big Apple. During their three-day trip, they'll be staying at the Carlyle Hotel, a favorite of William's mother, the late Princess Diana, when she frequently visited Manhattan in the 1990s.

William and Kate, who are expecting their second child in April, have scheduled a full slate of events in New York, including a visit to the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum and a basketball game between the Brooklyn Nets and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Their visit also will include some events with other high-profile guests. Former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea Clinton are accompanying William and Kate to a New York reception highlighting conservation efforts.

William and Kate also are due to join Tom Hanks, opera singer Renee Fleming and others at a black-tie, up-to-\$10,000-per-seat scholarship fundraiser for the University of St. Andrews, the Scottish institution where the royal couple met and earned degrees.

Criminal probe after gas evacuates Illinois hotel, convention attendees in animal costumes

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Dressed as rabbits, foxes and dragons, the costumed delegates to an annual conference chatted and exchanged high-paws as they filed out of a suburban Chicago hotel and across the street to a convention center that was hosting a dog show.

Although some participants at the Midwest FurFest convention thought the mass evacuation was just part of the fun, investigators weren't laughing. They were probing as a criminal matter the release of a gas that sickened several hotel guests Sunday morning and forced thousands of people — many dressed as cartoon animals — to temporarily leave the building.

Nineteen people who became nauseous or dizzy were treated at local hospitals, and at least 18 were released shortly thereafter. Within hours, emergency workers decontaminated the Hyatt Regency O'Hare and allowed people back inside.

The Rosemont Public Safety Department said someone apparently intentionally left chlorine powder in a ninth-floor hotel stairway, causing the gas to spread.

While authorities conducted their investigation, organizers tried to assure the participants that the evacuation would not overshadow the FurFest event, in which attendees celebrate animals that are anthropomorphic — meaning they've been given human characteristics — through art, literature and performance. Many of costumed attendees refer to themselves as "furrries."

Sci-fi smokes: Evolving e-cigarette technology may make developing industry standards tougher

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Just a few years ago, early adopters of e-cigarettes got their fix by clumsily screwing together a small battery and a plastic cartridge containing cotton soaked with nicotine.

Now, the battery-powered contraptions have computer chips to regulate puffs and temperature, track usage, talk to other electronic devices and even blink when "vapers" are near each other.

Federal officials say the technology race could make creating standards the devices, which heat a liquid to create vapor rather than burning tobacco, more difficult in the future. Unlike traditional smokes that are simply chopped tobacco rolled in paper with a filter, e-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes and the technological changes only make regulating them more of a headache.

At the same time, a rapidly growing market for e-cigarettes and the possibility that the devices could be safer than regular cigarettes have some in the industry worried that regulation that's too heavy-handed would stifle the technological innovation — and their businesses.

"I think it's fair to say that there will always be some degree of a gap between (data) and the lat-

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est innovations," Mitch Zeller, director of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products, said in a recent interview with The Associated Press. "But that's the beauty of regulation because over time, regulation closes that gap. ... We will get to a point where new products have to come through us first."

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston on the Heisman bubble after roller-coaster season

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston has won a national championship, the Heisman Trophy and every single game he's played in college.

Now he's waiting to see if he gets an invitation to this year's Heisman ceremony.

There are questions whether Winston will be among the finalists that will be announced Monday for this year's award after a roller-coaster season that included a game suspension and student code of conduct hearing.

The Seminoles have won 27 consecutive games since Winston was named the starter before the 2013 season. He led them through a season of close games this year, and the team has a spot in the first college football playoffs. But Winston's candidacy may hinge on how voters feel about his off-field distractions.

Winston completed a university hearing this week to determine whether he violated any or all of four sections of the code of conduct — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2014. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Imperial Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

In 1813, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92, was first performed in Vienna, with Beethoven himself conducting.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1960, NBC broadcast a new, color videotape version of the TV special "Peter Pan" starring Mary Martin. (Two previous telecasts, also starring Martin, had been performed live in 1955 and 1956.)

In 1972, a United Airlines Boeing 737 crashed while attempting to land at Chicago-Midway Airport, killing 43 of the 61 people on board, as well as two people on the ground; among the dead were Dorothy Hunt, wife of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt, U.S. Rep. George W. Collins, D-Ill., and CBS News correspondent Michele Clark.

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In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

In 1982, a man demanding an end to nuclear weapons held the Washington Monument hostage, threatening to blow it up with explosives he claimed were inside a van. (After a 10-hour standoff, Norman D. Mayer was shot dead by police; it turned out there were no explosives.)

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1992, Americans got to see live television coverage of U.S. troops landing on the beaches of Somalia as Operation Restore Hope began (because of the time difference, it was early Dec. 9 in Somalia).

Ten years ago: The Senate completed congressional approval of the biggest overhaul of U.S. intelligence in a half-century, voting 89-2 to send the measure to President George W. Bush, who signed it nine days later. Disgruntled U.S. soldiers complained to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld during a question-and-answer session in Kuwait about long deployments and a lack of armored vehicles and other equipment. Treasury Secretary John Snow accepted President Bush's offer to remain in the Cabinet. "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott, 38, an influential heavy metal guitarist, was fatally shot with three other people during a performance in Columbus, Ohio; the gunman was then shot dead by a police officer.

Five years ago: Ohio executed murderer Kenneth Biros by performing the nation's first lethal injection using a single drug, a supposedly less painful method than previous executions that required three drugs. A wave of coordinated bomb attacks targeting high-profile symbols of Iraqi authority killed at least 127 people.

One year ago: Hundreds of thousands of protesters poured into the streets of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev, toppling the statue of former Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin and blocking key government buildings in an escalating stand-off with the president on the future of the country. Zach Johnson rallied from four shots behind with eight holes to play and beat Tiger Woods, the No. 1 player in golf, at the World Challenge. Lydia Ko, a 16-year-old from New Zealand, rallied to win her first title as a professional, winning the Swinging Skirts World Ladies Masters with a three-stroke victory over South Korea's So Yeon Ryu.

Today's Birthdays: Flutist James Galway is 75. Singer Jerry Butler is 75. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 73. Actress Mary Woronov is 71. Actor John Rubinstein is 68. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 67. Reggae singer Toots Hibbert (Toots and the Maytals) is 66. Actress Kim Basinger (BAY'-sing-ur) is 61. Rock musician Warren Cuccurullo is 58. Rock musician Phil Collen (Def Leppard) is 57. Country singer Marty Raybon is 55. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim is 55. Political commentator Ann Coulter is 53. Rock musician Marty Friedman is 52. Actor Wendell Pierce is 51. Actress Teri Hatcher is 50. Actor David Harewood is 49. Rapper Bushwick Bill (The Geto Boys) is 48. Singer Sinéad (shih-NAYD') O'Connor is 48. Actor Matthew Laborteaux is 48. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 42. Actor Dominic Monaghan is 38. Actor Ian Somerhalder is 36. Rock singer Ingrid Michaelson is 35. R&B singer Chrisette Michele is 32. Actress Hannah Ware is 32. Country singer Sam Hunt is 30. Rock singer-actress Kate Voegelé (VOH'-gehl) is 28. Christian rock musician Jen Ledger (Skillet) is 25. Actress AnnaSophia Robb is 21.

Thought for Today: "The unknown is what it is. And to be frightened of it is what sends everybody scurrying around chasing dreams, illusions, wars, peace, love, hate, all that. Unknown is what it is. Accept that it's unknown and it's plain sailing." - John Lennon (1940-1980).