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The cardboard/paper
recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

**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

Saturday, January 3

Birthdays: Bob Walter, Caroline Graf, Jolene Siders, Tanner Waage, Vicki Podoll

10:00am: United Methodist Worship at Rosewood Court

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

Sunday, January 4

Anniv: Jay and Jean Peterson

Birthdays: Hannah Swanson, Heath Giedt, Val Flihs.

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

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

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

9:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

9:30am: First Presbyterian Bible Study Time

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

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

11:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, January 5

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, French fries, carrots and dip, breadstick, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hamburger cabbage roll hot dish, mixed vegetables, pears, cornmeal muffin.

Birthdays: Austin Luecke, Brett Anderson, James Torguson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

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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A little bit of hockey. A little bit of casual skating. A little bit of a skating clinic. All was being held at the skating rink on Friday as it opened for the first day this season.

Skating Rink Hours

Today: 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday through Thursday: 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving 5-9 p.m.

WE'VE GOT WINGS!
Every Wednesday!

ANDOVER
BAR & GRILL

120 S Main St. • 298-5252

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

December...Warmer than Normal and Foggy

After a very cold November, December 2014 was much warmer than normal across all of central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Average monthly temperatures were anywhere from 2 to 7 degrees above normal. The low temperature departures were impressive across the region being up to 8 to 9 degrees above normal across the east. The big reason for the little fluctuation from daytime to nighttime temperatures was not only because of the milder and moist air mass over the region, but also because of the large number of days with fog and low clouds. The clouds and fog kept the temperatures from falling off much at night with little rise in temperatures during the day. In fact, all locations experienced many cloudy and foggy days throughout December with several of those days experiencing dense fog. Mobridge and Pierre experienced 16 days with fog while Aberdeen experienced 19 days with fog. Watertown experienced the most days with fog with a total of 23 days. In fact, Watertown showed some kind of fog from December 7th through the 28th.

Precipitation for the month was varied across the region from a quarter of an inch below normal to almost a half inch above normal. Snowfall amounts also varied from 7 inches below normal at Wheaton, Minnesota to 9 inches above normal at Kennebec. Wheaton only received a little over an inch of snow for the month while Kennebec received almost 16 inches. With the warmer temperatures, there were also a few rare days in December where the precipitation was all rain.

Death Notice: Donley Raines

Donley Raines, 91, of Groton died January 2, 2015 at Golden Living Center, Groton. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel. Groton.

Service Notice: Duane Dobberpuhl

Memorial services for Duane Dobberpuhl, 60, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Rev. Jason Dignan will officiate. Inurnment will follow in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton. Duane died January 1, 2015.

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DECEMBER 2014

Temperature Data	Aberdeen	Sisseton	Wheaton	Watertown
Warmest Temperature / Date	51 / 13 th	53 / 13 th	46 / 14 th , 15 th	49 / 13 th , 14 th
Coldest Temperature / Date	-16 / 1 st	-12 / 1 st	-11 / 2 nd	-13 / 1 st
Average High / Departure from Normal	29.7 / +4.2	28.6 / +2.5	26.9 / +4.0	28.5 / +3.7
Average Low / Departure from Normal	15.0 / +9.1	15.2 / +7.3	13.9 / +7.9	15.1 / +7.9
Monthly Average / Departure from Normal	22.4 / +6.7	21.9 / +4.9	20.4 / +6.0	21.8 / +5.8
Precipitation Data				
Monthly Precipitation / Departure from Normal	0.25 / -0.27	0.60 / +0.21	0.46 / -0.26	0.64 / +0.11
Monthly Snowfall / Departure from Normal	0.7 / -6.2	4.7 / -2.9	1.4 / -6.8	3.8 / -3.3
Most Precipitation in 24 hours / Date	0.25 / 22 nd -23 rd	0.31 / 22 nd -23 rd	0.18 / 23 rd	0.29 / 25 th
Most Snow in 24 hours / Date	0.5 / 23 rd	3.0 / 15 th	0.9 / 16 th	2.6 / 25 th

Temperature Data	Pierre	Kennebec	Mobridge	Timber Lake
Warmest Temperature / Date	60 / 12 th	64 / 12 th	55 / 7 th	54 / 12 th
Coldest Temperature / Date	-12 / 31 st	-18 / 30 th	-11 / 30 th	-15 / 30 th
Average High / Departure from Normal	33.3 / +2.0	36.1 / +3.4	32.3 / +3.6	32.5 / +3.0
Average Low / Departure from Normal	14.1 / +2.0	14.3 / +3.0	14.4 / +6.7	14.4 / +4.5
Monthly Average / Departure from Normal	23.7 / +2.0	25.2 / +3.2	23.3 / +5.1	23.5 / +3.8
Precipitation Data				
Monthly Precipitation / Departure from Normal	0.82 / +0.27	0.84 / +0.46	0.42 / -0.02	0.46 / -0.02
Monthly Snowfall / Departure from Normal	10.2 / +5.3	15.5 / +8.9	2.8 / -2.9	5.6 / -1.9
Most Precipitation in 24 hours / Date	0.35 / 15 th	0.37 / 15 th	.41/22 nd 23 rd	0.38 / 23 rd
Most Snow in 24 hours / Date	4.0 / 15 th	5.0 / 15 th , 23 rd	2.5 / 22 nd	4.0 / 23 rd

2014 Climate Review

The year of 2014 was cooler than normal across the entire region with only a few above normal months towards the end of year. The yearly mean temperature was from just below to almost four degrees below normal. Yearly precipitation varied quite a bit with some locations above to much above normal with other locations below to much below normal for 2014. Aberdeen and Watertown were from 4 to nearly 6 inches below normal for the year while Mobridge and Timber Lake were 4 to over 7 inches above normal. The chart below shows these numbers in more detail.

The winter of 2013-2014, which includes December 2013, January 2014 and February 2014, went down as one of the coldest winters on record for central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Aberdeen, Pierre, Watertown, Sisseton, along with Wheaton, Minnesota all had one of their top ten coldest December through January periods since records began. In fact, Wheaton had its third coldest winter on record with Aberdeen having its eighth coldest winter on record. Sisseton had its sixth coldest and Watertown had its seventh coldest winter on record. Last winter featured countless clipper systems moving across the region bringing blizzards, high winds, along with extreme wind chills. An interesting fact about Aberdeen for last winter was the number of sub-zero nights along with nights of 10 degrees below zero or less. Aberdeen was fourth on record with low temperatures less than zero with 66 days and fourth on record with 42 days of 10 degrees below zero or lower.

The summer of 2014 also finished out as one of the top ten coolest on record for several locations across the region. Aberdeen, Pierre, Mobridge, and Wheaton, Minnesota were all among the top ten coolest summers on record. Pierre had its sixth coolest on record with Aberdeen having its seventh coolest summer on record. Mobridge had their ninth coolest summer on record with Wheaton having their tenth coolest summer on record.

Some of the highlights for 2014 were the extremely windy and cold January, the record cold February, the March 31st blizzard, the May 30th heavy rains and flash flooding in parts of Hyde, Hand, and Edmunds counties, the June 18th tornadoes, the very wet and cool June, and dry and cool July. Other 2014 highlights include, the August 23rd and 24th heavy rains and flash flooding in and around Aberdeen, the cool and wet August, the dry and warm September and October, the record cold November, and the warm December.

For this winter so far through December 31st, 2013 Pierre is the only location with significantly above normal snowfall with 19.4 inches or 8.2 inches above normal. Aberdeen has had only 8.8 inches of snowfall or nearly 6 inches below normal through December 31st, 2013. Watertown, Sisseton, and Mobridge were all close to normal with snowfall amounts from 10 to 15 inches through December 31st.

2014 Monthly Weather Statistics and Events

January 2014

-Powerful Alberta clippers brought a month of extremes with high winds, extreme wind chills, along with six blizzards.

-Fifteen to 20 days with wind gusts over 30 mph with 5 to 10 days with wind gusts over 40 mph. Peak wind gusts for the month were from 54 to 69 mph.

-Large temperature swings with highs for the month in the 40s and lower 50s and lows in the single digits and teens below zero. Temperatures differences between highs and lower were as much as 60 to 70 degrees.

-Some of the lowest wind chills in years occurred on January 5th and 6th with wind chills from as low as 40 below to 56 below zero across the region.

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February 2014

-Very cold with average temperatures from 9 to 11 degrees below normal. Top fifteen coldest Februaries on record. Wheaton had its third coldest February on record with the Sisseton the ninth coldest.

March 2014

-Pierre had its all-time record low temperature for March of 20 degrees below zero on the 1st and 2nd and then tied their record high of 70 degrees on March 9th. The storm on March 31st featured rain, freezing rain, heavy sleet, heavy snow, thunderstorms, hail, wind gusts to 40 to 60 mph, along with some funnel clouds. Two to 10 inches of snow combined with the high winds to bring blizzard conditions across the region. It was amazing in west central Minnesota where a tornado touched down, blizzard conditions occurred just a few hours later.

April 2014

-Cooler than normal with near to above normal precipitation across the region.

May 2014

-Very cold start to May with average temperatures nearly 10 degrees below normal by the middle of May. Very warm to hot conditions from the 29th through the 31st with highs in the upper 80s and lower 90s across the region. On May 30th, very heavy rains of 3 to nearly 7 inches caused flash flooding across parts of Hyde, Hand, and Edmunds counties.

June 2014

-Very wet and cool. Monthly rainfall amounts ranged from 3 to 10 inches across the region. Rainfall amounts across southeast South Dakota ranged from an astounding 10 to 16 inches resulting in widespread flooding and damage. Sioux Falls recorded their wettest June on record with 13.70 inches. The 9.89 inches at Timber Lake was their wettest June on record. The 8.67 inches at Sisseton was their second wettest June. Mobridge tied for their third wettest with 7.91 inches. Also, five tornadoes touched down in Hyde, Buffalo, and Hand counties with two farms receiving damage. This was the same day as the devastating tornado in Wessington Springs.

July 2014

-A dry and cool month. The rainfall shut down for a month across the region with several locations having among their driest Julys on record. Rainfall deficits were from 1 to 3 inches across the region. Aberdeen had its fifth driest July since 1893 with 0.70 inches. Kennebec had their fourth driest July since 1893 with only 0.24 inches. Timber Lake had their sixth driest July with only 0.55 inches. Ipswich had their driest July on record with only 0.15 inches. Aberdeen, Sisseton, Pierre, and Wheaton, Minnesota all had their top ten coolest Julys on record.

August 2014

-Wet and cool. The average daily high temperatures for the month were in the top ten coolest for all locations across the region. Wheaton, Pierre, and Mobridge were all in the top five coolest Augusts for high temperatures. Mobridge was second coolest on average highs with 6.4 degrees below normal. Pierre had their third coolest average high on record with 5.2 degrees below normal. Wheaton had its fifth coolest average high on record with 3.2 degrees below normal. After a dry July, several locations had one of their top five wettest Augusts on record. Timber Lake was the wettest on record with 5.82

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inches while Mobridge had their third wettest August on record with 4.76 inches. Aberdeen had their fourth wettest August on record with 6.19 inches. After having their driest July on record with 0.15 inches, Ipswich had their second wettest August on record with 6.28 inches. On August 23rd and 24th, 2 to over 4 inches of rain in and around Aberdeen caused flash flooding mainly in eastern Aberdeen where some cars were stranded and people had to be rescued.

September 2014

-The twelve month cooler than normal trend ended with near to slightly above normal temperatures for September. September was also drier than normal.

October 2014

-Warmer and drier than normal across the region with average temperatures from 2 to 3 degrees above normal. Rainfall amounts were 1 to 2 inches below normal for the month with the drought area expanding across parts of northeast South Dakota.

November 2014

-Very cold with bitter Arctic air dominating for much of the month. The month started out warm with highs in the 50s and 60s. After a snowstorm early on, Arctic air moved in and pretty much remained through the month. Snowfall amounts from 3 to 10 inches occurred across northern and northeast South Dakota on the 9th and 10th. Average monthly temperatures were from 6 to 8 degrees below normal with all locations finishing out in their top ten coldest on record. For the entire state, South Dakota had its tenth coldest November on record.

December 2014

-Warmer than normal. The month featured quite a few days with low clouds and fog across the region. A short-lived blizzard occurred across parts of northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota on December 15th. At Aberdeen, only four days were below zero in December with 19 days below zero last December 2013.

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2014 CLIMATE REVIEW

Temperature Data	Aberdeen	Sisseton	Wheaton	Watertown
Warmest Temperature/Date	91 / Jul 5 th	93 / May 30 th	91 / May 31 st	90 / Jul 11 th
Coldest Temperature/Date	-27 / Jan 2 nd	-24 / Jan 2 nd	-23 / Jan 7 th	-27 / Jan 2 nd
Average Yearly High/Departure from Normal	52.6 / -2.0	52.0 / -2.5	50.3 / -4.8	50.9 / -2.7
Average Yearly Low/Departure from Normal	28.6 / -2.9	31.2 / -1.8	30.2 / -2.8	30.1 / -2.4
Yearly Average/Departure from Normal	40.6 / -2.4	41.6 / -2.1	40.3 / -3.8	40.5 / -2.5
Precipitation/Wind Data				
Yearly Precipitation / Departure from Normal	17.78 / -3.94	23.70 / +1.37	23.05 / +0.67	16.43 / -5.65
Highest Wind Gust MPH / Date	69 / Jan 16 th	66 / July 21 st	N/A	56 / Mar 31 st

Temperature Data	Pierre	Kennebec	Mobridge	Timber Lake
Warmest Temperature/Date	104 / Jul 21 st	106 / Jul 21 st	95 / Jul 20 th	96 / Jul 20 th
Coldest Temperature/Date	-20 / Mar 2 nd	-22 / Mar 2 nd	-19 / Feb 10 th	-19 / Feb 6 th
Average Yearly High/Departure from Normal	57.0 / -2.2	60.8 / -0.1	54.5 / -2.3	54.6 / -1.6
Average Yearly Low/Departure from Normal	32.7 / -2.9	32.3 / -1.0	31.4 / -1.7	31.3 / -0.7
Yearly Average/Departure from Normal	44.9 / -2.5	46.6 / -0.4	42.9 / -2.0	43.0 / -1.2
Precipitation/Wind Data				
Yearly Precipitation / Departure from Normal	18.77 / -1.24	15.43 / -1.92	21.81 / +3.94	24.91 / +7.29
Highest Wind Gust MPH / Date	64 / Jun 28 th	N/A	62 / Jul 24 th	N/A

Today in Weather History

1997: A powerful area of low pressure and deep Arctic high pressure brought almost all winter elements to central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota from the afternoon of the 3rd to the morning of the 5th. The storm first began with widespread freezing rain, especially over northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota, where significant accumulations of ice occurred on roads, trees, and power lines. Late in the evening of the 3rd, the freezing rain changed to sleet and then snow, with substantial snowfall accumulations of 6 to as much as 27 inches by late on the 4th. As the deep Arctic high pressure pushed in through the morning and afternoon of the 4th, northwest winds increased to 25 to 45 mph gusting to 55 mph creating widespread blizzard conditions, drifts up to 20 feet, and wind chills from 40 to 70 below. The heavy accumulation of ice and snow across parts of central and mainly across northeast South Dakota resulted in the roof collapse of over 150, mainly rural, buildings. The roofs collapsed onto farm machinery and livestock with a lot of the machinery damaged and a lot of livestock injured or killed. The collapse of so many buildings from snow and ice was believed to be the first in this area. On most other buildings, the snow had to be shoveled or blown off. One man was killed in west central Minnesota as he was trying to shovel snow off the roof of a building. One roof collapse near Lake Poinsett, 7 west of Estelline, killed four horses, damaged a boat, and flattened a car. A few homes during the storm were buried by the huge snow drifts. Many power outages also occurred across parts of central and northeast South Dakota as power lines and poles were downed from the heavy ice accumulation. Some people were without power for several days in the extreme cold conditions. The cities of Miranda, Rockham, Zell, Garden City, Bryant, Vienna, Glenham, Hazel as well as other cities were without power for many hours. Some of the communities were out of power for up to 2 days.

In Aberdeen, heavy snow blocking a furnace exhaust vent sent 3 family members to the hospital for carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, in Aberdeen, the snowmobile club, the drift busters, were called upon for the first time in several years to deliver medicine, take patients to the hospital, and carry essential workers to work and home. Emergencies were difficult to respond to, taking many hours to short distances. Throughout central and northeast South Dakota, many businesses and grocery stores were closed. Interstates 29 and 90 were both closed for a few days along with most state highways. The rest of the roads were either blocked by huge drifts or had one-lane traffic. Snow plows were called off the roads until conditions improved and when they did start to clear the roads, they worked 12 to 18 hour days. Many vehicles went into the ditch, with mainly minor injuries. Some people had to be rescued. Travelers and truckers were stranded for several days until the roads opened. When Interstate-29 was opened, there was a log jam of vehicles for 3 miles. One Watertown policeman said he has never seen a log jam as bad as this in 28 years. Area airports were closed or flights were canceled or delayed. The mail was delayed for several days, most activities were canceled or postponed, and many schools closed on the 6th. The heavy snowfall from this storm brought the widespread snowpack up to 2 to 5 feet. For the winter season so far, the area had record snowfall and record cold. Some of the snowfall amounts include, 6 inches at McLaughlin, 8 inches 22 SSW Keldron and 4 NW Onida, 9 inches at Pollock, Timber Lake, Highmore, Mobridge, and Kennebec, 10 inches at Castlewood, Clear Lake, Miller, Fort Thompson, and Clark. Snowfall amounts of 1 to over 2 feet include, 12 inches at Eureka, and Redfield, 13 inches at Selby and Aberdeen, 14 inches at Pierre and Roscoe, 15 inches at Ortonville MN, 16 inches at Mellette and Browns Valley, MN 18 inches at Faulkton and 1 ENE Stephan, 20 inches at Webster, 22 inches at Britton, 24 inches at Sisseton, 26 inches 10 NW Britton, and 27 inches at Wheaton.

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1777 – An overnight freeze enabled George Washington and his troops to flank the British at Trenton cross their lines at Princeton and seek security in the hills of northern New Jersey.

1886 – A severe ice storm struck portions of northeastern Iowa when heavy accumulations of freezing rain brought down trees and branches across the area. An observer near Garnavillo in Clayton County wrote that “the rain...mostly froze as it fell, and coated twigs of trees with ice an inch thick, and many trees were seriously broken. Our telephone wires were broken in many places. Large old trees and large limbs broken. In the woods many trees bent their tops so the ground and the roads were impassible until the tree tops were cut off.” In Fayette County it was reported that “ice formed on the trees so thick that many limbs, from four to eight inches through, were broken and the tops of the trees, thirty feet high, rested on the ground in many instances blockading the roads.” An observer at Waukon noted that “ice formed on the trees to such an extent that in very many cases our shade trees were ruined. All the afternoon and night it was a continual crash.”

1950 – Just south of Springfield, Illinois, an out of season tornado moved across Montgomery County, from near Chapman to Bingham. Four farm homes and several barns were destroyed by the F3 tornado.

1961 - A three day long icestorm was in progress over northern Idaho which produced an accumulation of ice eight inches thick, a U.S. record. Heavy fog, which blanketed much of northern Idaho from Grangeville to the Canadian border, deposited the ice on power and phone lines causing widespread power outages. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A powerful Pacific coast storm blasted the western U.S. with high winds, heavy rain and heavy snow. Winds gusted to 96 mph at Cape Blanco OR, and snowfall totals reached 20 inches in the Sierra Nevada Range of California. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - After a day of rest, “Old Man Winter” came back as a triple threat, hitting both coasts with winter storms, and blasting the central U.S. with cold arctic air. Snow and ice in the eastern U.S. caused 4.5 million dollars damage to homes and vehicles in North Carolina, the storm in the western U.S. produced two feet of snow in the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada, and temperatures in North Dakota plunged to 30 degrees below zero, with wind chill readings as cold as 95 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1989 - Thirteen cities in the southeastern U.S., and five more in Washington and Oregon, reported new record high temperatures for the date. Highs of 78 degrees at Galveston TX and 82 degrees at Lake Charles LA were records for the month of January. (National Weather Summary)

1990 - A winter storm in the southwestern U.S. spread snow across Colorado and New Mexico. Heavy snow fell in southwestern Colorado, with 13 inches reported at Wolf Creek Pass. Snow spread into the Central Plains Region during the day, with six inches reported at Garden City KS. (National Weather Summary)

1994 - A heavy wet snow blanketed much of the state of Ohio, with 12 to 18 inches reported in counties along the Ohio River. Newport received 21 inches. Thunder and lightning accompanied the snow, with five inches reported in Washington County and Noble County between 7 AM and 8 AM Tuesday. Parts of Washington County were without electricity for eight days following the storm.(National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
 30%				 70%	 50%	
Blowing Snow High: 22 °F ↓	Blustery Low: -9 °F	Cold High: 0 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -13 °F	Snow Likely High: 8 °F	Chance Snow Low: -6 °F	Cold High: 5 °F

Clipper Brings Light Snow, Wind & Cold

Morning

- Light snow begins
- NW winds increase
- Temps drop

Afternoon

- Light snow: < 1" total
- Gusty NW winds
- Periods of reduced visibility
- Dangerous wind chills

Night

- Snow ends
- Winds slowly decrease
- Dangerous wind chills persist



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen | National Weather Service Aberdeen | @NWSAberdeen | Updated: 1/3/2015 5:29 AM Central

An arctic front will sweep across the region today bringing light snow, strong winds and cold temperatures in its wake. Less than an inch of snowfall is expected, however, when falling snow combines with northwest wind gusts greater than 40 mph, visibility will be temporarily reduced. If traveling be aware that these brief, but hazardous conditions can occur today. Additionally, strong winds combined with falling temperatures will result in dangerously cold wind chills; on the order of -25 to -35 by late this afternoon, persisting through Sunday morning. Skin can freeze in a matter of minutes if exposed in these conditions.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 33.9 at 1:05 PM

Low: 21.7 at Midnight

High Gust: 29 at 10:34 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 51° in 1962

Record Low: -34° in 1912

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.04

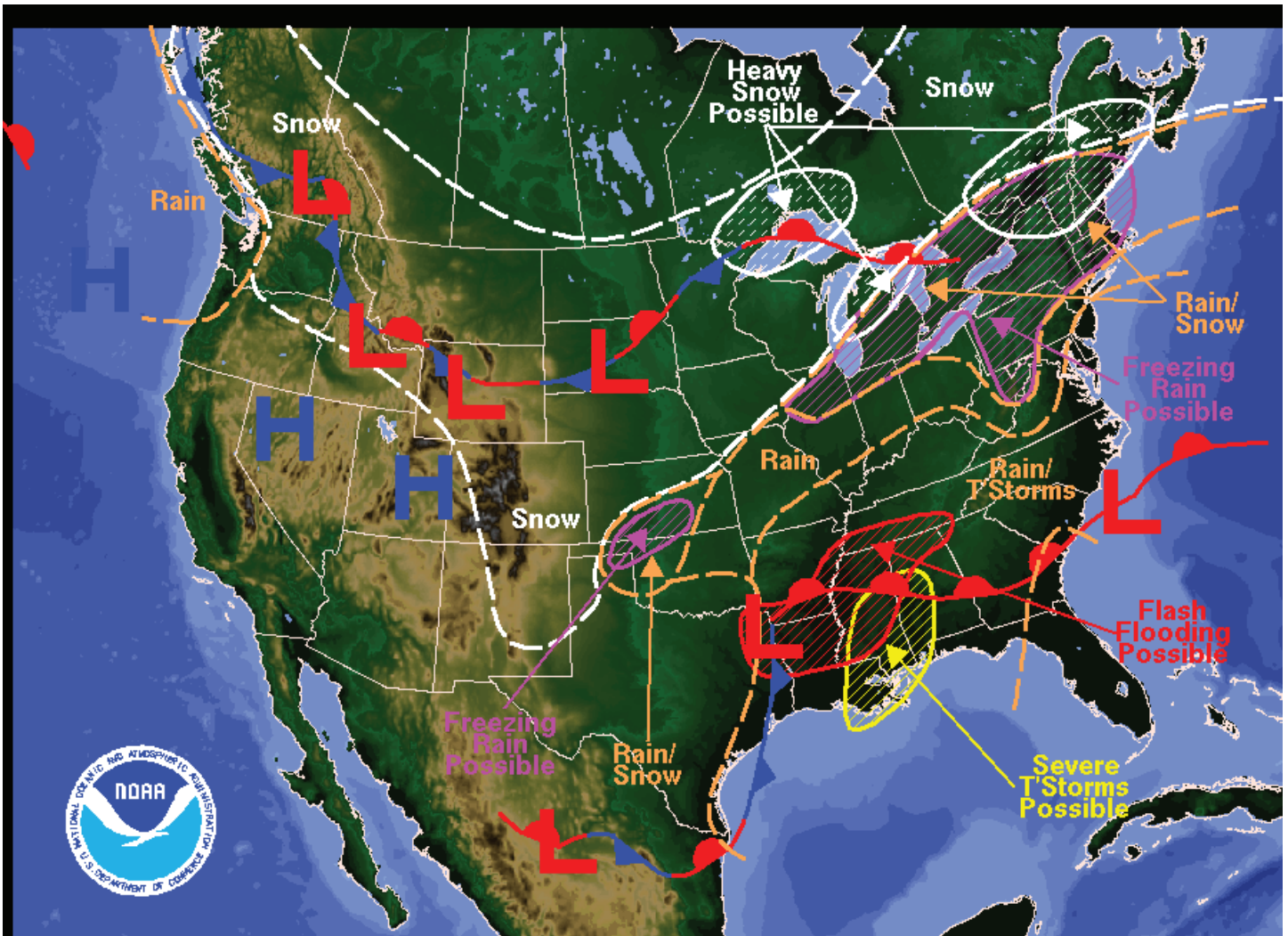
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.04

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:03 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:14 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jan 03, 2015, issued 3:48 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LIFE'S ALTERNATIVES

"There are three sets of alternatives," our professor of ethics once said. "They include 'either/or, neither/nor or both/and.'" We often tend to focus on one of them when we face certain situations, never bothering to consider that the one we have chosen may or may not be the right one. We often rush into a decision without thinking it through completely or wanting to get it over quickly because we don't see any other "alternatives."

But God's Word is very clear when choices are to be made. There are times when one has no options: so it is "neither" this "nor" that. For example, "You shall have no other God except or before me!" It's neither this god nor that god. For, "I am the Lord your God!"

There are also times when it is "both/and." For example, we read, "Do this and you will live." This alternative is a win/win approach. When we follow the rules of God, we will live and live well because we are assured of His blessings and the prosperity that comes from being obedient to His laws and commands.

Solomon said, "A man cannot be established through wickedness, but the righteous cannot be moved." Stability in life comes from following God and being obedient to His Word. "In the beginning was the Word," said John. God's Word has been, is and always will be! This truth cannot be negotiated. The one who builds his life and ways on the Word of God will never have to question what is right or wrong, good or bad, honest or deceitful. It's "either/or" either God's way - the way of stability and security, or...

Prayer: May we have the courage, conviction and will to follow Your ways, Lord, and enjoy stability and blessings. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 12:3 No one finds security by wickedness, but the root of the righteous will never be moved.

Northern North Dakota braces for heavy snow, cold

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota residents enjoyed a balmy New Year's holiday, but the pleasant weather is coming to a quick end.

The National Weather Service issued winter storm warnings and advisories for the northern and east-central parts of the state from Friday afternoon into Saturday morning, with some areas possibly seeing up to 10 inches of snow and winds gusting up to 50 mph.

"There will be near-blizzard conditions where the heaviest snow falls ... likely along the international border in northeastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota," weather service meteorologist Tom Grafenauer in Grand Forks said. "If winds end up being a little stronger, those blizzard conditions could be more widespread."

Icy arctic air was to flow into the Upper Midwest on the heels of the storm, with Saturday's highs in northern North Dakota reaching minus 10 degrees and wind chills as low as minus 50.

The weather was both good and bad for the Bottineau Winter Park ski area in the Turtle Mountains of north-central North Dakota.

"We have a really excellent base of man-made snow but we have no natural snow on top of it," General Manager Brad Knudson said. "We like to call it frosting on the cake.

"I'll take 10 inches," he said. "Maybe the phone won't ring so much wondering if we have any snow at all."

The bitter cold won't be so welcome, though, Knudson said. The ski park had about 600 visitors on Thursday, when high temperatures around the state were in the 20s and 30s. Knudson expects only about 200 visitors Saturday as the arctic air hits the region.

"Most skiers come dressed for the cold (but) we will see a substantial drop," he said.

Forecasters said the extreme cold will stick around into next week.

3 more measles cases reported in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three more South Dakota residents have been diagnosed with measles, increasing the number of cases to nine.

State Epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger says all cases have been reported in Davison County. The cases involve five adults and four children and their ages range from 19 months old to 41 years old. None of the individuals had previously been vaccinated against the virus.

Kightlinger says officials have confirmed the individuals weren't vaccinated due to personal choice and not because of a religious or medical reason.

Measles is a highly contagious viral disease that can cause permanent brain damage or even death. It's spread by direct contact with nasal or throat secretions of infected people or, less frequently, by airborne transmission.

These are the first measles cases in the state since 1997.

Nebraska-Omaha rallies to beat South Dakota 86-77

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — CJ Carter scored 24 points, Marcus Tyus added 19 and Nebraska-Omaha pushed past South Dakota 86-77 in the Summit League opener for both teams on Friday night.

The Mavericks (7-6, 1-0) overcame a sloppy first half, shooting 60.7 percent from the field in the second. Jake White chipped in 13 points and Mike Rostampour had 10 with six rebounds.

Tyler Larson and Brandon Bos each had 17 points for South Dakota (6-9, 0-1), but combined to shoot 12 of 37 overall. Casey Kasperbauer finished with 11 points, all in the first half, and Larson had 12 rebounds for the Coyotes.

Omaha erased a 12-point deficit with a 12-0 run near the midway mark in the second half. White hit a jumper and Carter made two layups to push toward a 78-73 lead with 2:33 left. Four late free throws and a layup from White sealed it.

SD flu: 281 cases, 121 hospitalized, 3 deaths

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Three South Dakotans have died from a flu outbreak that worsened during the past week, pushing the number of confirmed cases to nearly 300.

Two of the people who died were from Minnehaha County and one was from Hutchinson County. Two of them were over 65 and one was a 40-year-old Hartford man.

The state Health Department released its weekly summary Friday showing 281 confirmed cases in the state and 121 hospitalizations this season. The spread of the disease remains at “widespread,” the highest level, and is considered a seasonal epidemic, said state epidemiologist Dr. Lon Kightlinger.

It’s worse this year because of a “drift” strain of Influenza, he said. Unlike measles, which is a stable virus, influenza doesn’t remain the same, so people’s immune systems aren’t used to it and it hits a lot harder, he said.

“It’s always evolving, it’s always changing. It’s always trying to trick us. And this year it was detected that it had changed a bit and isn’t the same strain that was put into the vaccine cocktail this year,” Kightlinger said.

That means the shot might not be as effective as other years, but health experts won’t know until after the season. Though the infection numbers are high in South Dakota, the state hasn’t had any widespread outbreaks in schools or nursing homes, he said.

Because of the drift strain, even people not in a high-risk category who come down with the flu would likely benefit from anti-viral prescription drugs instead of waiting for the virus to go away without such medications that make the illness milder and shorter and reduce the chance of serious complications, Kightlinger said.

“It kills more people than Ebola. People need to take influenza seriously. And they need to protect themselves,” he said.

That includes hand-washing, avoiding handshakes, limiting the exposure young babies have to other people and staying away from people who are sick, Kightlinger said. This strain “really seeks out the elderly,” he said.

Flags east of Sioux Falls in Hartford flew at half-staff on Friday for the funeral of school counselor and firefighter Kieron “Kier” Murphy, who died last weekend of complications from the flu.

“I’m going to miss him so much, and the community of Hartford and West Central (School District) has lost a great friend,” Paula Hawks, a state legislator who worked with Murphy for 10 years, told the Argus Leader. “Kieron was a very humble man who did what he was happy doing and didn’t expect to be praised for it.”

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Denver beats South Dakota State 76-69 in Summit opener

DENVER (AP) — Brett Olson scored 17 points, Nate Engesser added 13 and had five assists, and Denver held off a late surge by South Dakota State to win 76-69 on Friday in a Summit League opener. Marcus Byrd added 12 points on four 3-pointers, Jalen Love 11, and the Pioneers (7-7, 1-0) made 11 of 20 from beyond the arc (55 percent).

Denver never trailed and led 26-19 after Byrd made a 3-pointer. Engesser hit back-to-back 3s and the Pioneers led 39-29 at halftime, shooting a 60 percent from the field and 66.7 percent from distance (8-12).

The Pioneers led 57-42 in the second half after Olson hit back-to-back layups, but the Jackrabbits gained ground and George Marshall pulled them within five, 71-66, after a 3 with 38 seconds left. Denver finished with a 5-3 run.

Jake Bittle led the Jackrabbits (9-6, 0-1) with 15, Cody Larson had 14 and Marshall 13.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 88, Mitchell 80
Alcester-Hudson 64, Avon 46
Herreid/Selby Area 75, Edmunds Central 28
Irene-Wakonda 69, Beresford 58
Lemmon 46, Belle Fourche 39
Menno 46, Freeman Academy 16
Mobridge-Pollock 61, Sully Buttes 54
Rapid City Central 63, Casper Natrona, Wyo. 62, OT
Rapid City Christian 61, Hill City 25
Redfield/Doland 54, Wessington Springs 46
Sisseton 57, Deuel 44
Spearfish 56, Sturgis 53
Timber Lake 62, Newell 59
Vermillion 65, Tea Area 53

Dakota Holiday Tournament

Britton-Hecla 56, Edgeley-Kulm-Montpelier, N.D. 42
Ellendale, N.D. 63, Leola/Frederick 53

Sanford Classic

Canistota 58, Mt. Vernon 54
Elkton-Lake Benton 59, Corsica/Stickney 30
Sioux Falls Lincoln 64, St. Paul Central, Minn. 25
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 63, St. Paul Highland Park, Minn. 33
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 54, Moorhead, Minn. 39
Sioux Falls Washington 59, Prior Lake, Minn. 56
St. Thomas More 42, Sioux Valley 37
West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa 60, Viborg-Hurley 46
Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 54, Lennox 35

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Avon 43, Alcester-Hudson 41
Beresford 64, Irene-Wakonda 56
Chester 51, Garretson 36
Dakota Christian 82, Gregory 29
Douglas 57, Custer 43
Freeman Academy 41, Menno 39
Herreid/Selby Area 66, Edmunds Central 12
Highmore-Harrold 62, Ipswich 46
Hill City 47, Rapid City Christian 35
Madison 58, Deubrook 50
Mitchell 43, Aberdeen Central 38
Pine Ridge 79, Little Wound 41
Redfield/Doland 51, Wessington Springs 27
Sioux Falls O’Gorman 61, Harrisburg 46
Sturgis 55, Spearfish 47
Timber Lake 47, Newell 38
Vermillion 53, Tea Area 40
Watertown 47, Huron 46
White River 60, Lyman 43
Dakota Holiday Tournament
Edgeley-Kulm-Montpelier, N.D. 56, Britton-Hecla 34
Ellendale, N.D. 42, Leola/Frederick 41

South Dakota’s inaugural: Oath of office, 2 balls

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota’s newly elected state leaders take the oath of office Saturday, Jan. 10, in Pierre during a day of inaugural events that also includes two formal balls.

The 70 members of the House of Representatives and 35 senators will be sworn in from their respective chambers. Then Gov. Dennis Daugaard, Lt. Gov. Matt Michels and the other constitutional and elected officials will take the oath of office in the Capitol rotunda.

Both events and a receiving line on the first floor are free and open to the public.

The evening’s entertainment includes two balls and a grand march at each, one at the Capitol featuring the Over Forte band and another at the Ramkota River Centre with the South Dakota National Guard’s 147th Army Band.

6 mountain lions killed so far in Black Hills season

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials in South Dakota say six mountain lions have been killed so far during the hunting season in the Black Hills Fire Protection District.

A report from the South Dakota Game Fish and Parks Department shows that five of the six lions killed were females. Four lions were killed in Pennington County and one each in Custer and Meade counties.

The season will conclude on March 31, unless the harvest limit of 75 total mountain lions, or 50 female lions, is reached prior to that date. The mountain lion season outside of the Black Hills district runs year-round.

The state has had a residents-only mountain lion season since 2005. Unlimited licenses for the season

can be obtained through the department.

AP News in Brief

2 large objects found on sea floor in hunt for AirAsia wreckage

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesian officials were hopeful Saturday they were honing in on the wreckage of AirAsia Flight 8501 after sonar equipment detected two large objects on the ocean floor, a full week after the plane went down in stormy weather.

Teams equipped with a remote-operated vehicle were battling high waves and strong currents as they tried to capture images of the suspected chunks of the plane for confirmation, said Henry Bambang Soelistyo, chief of the National Search and Rescue Agency.

An Indonesian navy ship detected the objects early Friday, and by midnight, searchers had zoomed in with a Geological Survey vessel to take dimensions.

One of the objects was measured at 9.4 meters by 4.8 meters (31 feet by 15 feet) and a half-meter (20 inches) high. The other, found nearby, was 7.2 meters (24 feet) by a half meter (20 inches).

"I'm confident this is part of the AirAsia plane," said Soelistyo.

Loss of AirAsia flight parallels 2009 Air France ocean crash that changed pilot training

PARIS (AP) — The jet dropped from the sky swiftly, without a mayday call. It was quickly swallowed up by the waves.

It took nearly two years to find the black boxes from Air France Flight 447, but the Rio de Janeiro to Paris flight that fell into the Atlantic Ocean in the early hours of June 1, 2009, could offer insight into what may have gone wrong on AirAsia's Flight 8501. Both flights killed everyone on board, both were flying into storms when they disappeared, and — in both cases — it seemed to the pilots of the Airbus that a climb was the way out of their predicament.

In the Air France flight, several factors converged to bring the plane down: The three pilots of the Airbus A330 were confused by faulty air-speed data after key sensors iced over. Then, about 25 minutes into turbulence, the autopilot and autothrust cut out, and the pilot at the controls began a steep climb, despite requests from the co-pilot in the cockpit to descend.

The captain, who had been away from the cockpit, returned about 90 seconds after the first stall warnings sounded. Four minutes and 23 seconds after the first alarms sowed panic and confusion over how to regain control of the aircraft, the plane slammed into the ocean, plummeting belly first at nearly 11,000 feet (3,350 meters) per minute. The wreckage was found 12,800 feet (3,900 meters) beneath the surface, its black boxes intact.

Above the Java Sea, the pilot of the AirAsia Airbus A320 told air traffic control he was approaching threatening clouds, but he was denied permission to climb to a higher altitude. The plane lost contact minutes later. Search teams have not yet found the black boxes containing the same crucial information that pinpointed the causes of the Air France flight.

US says new sanctions on North Korea just the first step in US response to Sony hack attack

HONOLULU (AP) — The United States says its new round of sanctions against North Korea is just the opening salvo in its response to an unprecedented cyberattack on Sony. Yet there may be little else the U.S. can do to further isolate a country that already has few friends in the world.

Even the latest sanctions, handed down by President Barack Obama in an executive order, may not sting quite as badly as U.S. would have hoped. After all, North Korea is already under a strict sanctions regime imposed by the U.S. over the North's nuclear program.

The new round of sanctions unveiled Friday hit three organizations closely tied to the North's defense apparatus, plus 10 individuals who work for those groups or for North Korea's government directly. Any assets they have in the U.S. will be frozen, and they'll be barred from using the U.S. financial system.

But all three groups were already on the U.S. sanctions list, and officials couldn't say whether any of the 10 individuals even have assets in the U.S. to freeze.

Still, American officials portrayed the move as a swift and decisive response to North Korean behavior they said had gone far over the line. Never before has the U.S. imposed sanctions on another nation in direct retaliation for a cyberattack on an American company.

Libyan on trial on charges of being al-Qaida member involved in 1998 US embassy bombings dies

CAIRO (AP) — Abu Anas al-Libi, a man accused by federal prosecutors of being an al-Qaida member involved in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, died of complications from liver surgery, his wife said Saturday. He was 50.

U.S. forces raided Libya in 2013 and seized him in the streets of the capital, Tripoli, bringing him back to America to stand trial, where the FBI had placed a \$5 million bounty out for his capture. He had pleaded not guilty to the charges and was awaiting trial.

On Saturday, his wife, Um Abdullah, told The Associated Press that the experience only worsened his ailments, including hepatitis C, leading to his death.

"I accuse the American government of kidnapping, mistreating, and killing an innocent man. He did nothing," Abullah said.

In a court filing Saturday, U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said al-Libi died Friday night.

NYC police commissioner urges officers to be respectful at wake, funeral for slain colleague

NEW YORK (AP) — As thousands of mourners prepare to attend the wake and funeral of a second New York City police officer killed in an ambush shooting, police Commissioner William Bratton is urging the rank-and-file to refrain from making political statements.

"A hero's funeral is about grieving, not grievance," Bratton says in a memo to be read to all commands at roll calls on Saturday, the day Officer Wenjian Liu will be remembered during a wake. "I issue no mandates, and I make no threats of discipline, but I remind you that when you don the uniform of this department, you are bound by the tradition, honor and decency that go with it."

Bratton's comments referred to hundreds of officers who turned their backs to giant TV monitors displaying the remarks of Mayor Bill de Blasio a week ago at the funeral for the other slain officer, Rafael

Ramos. That gesture mimicked one made by police union officials outside a hospital two weeks ago when the officers were killed.

Union officials, who are negotiating a contract with the city, have said the gestures were made out of frustration with the mayor. They say de Blasio helped foster an anti-police atmosphere by supporting demonstrations following the chokehold death of an unarmed black man on Staten Island by a white officer.

Liu and Ramos were ambushed sitting in their patrol car on a Brooklyn street by Ismaaiyl Brinsley. Brinsley had made references online to the killings of unarmed black men at the hands of white police officers, vowing to put "wings on pigs."

APNewsBreak: Iran, 6 powers move closer to nuclear deal, write up elements for the first time

VIENNA (AP) — Iran and the United States have tentatively agreed on a formula that Washington hopes will reduce Tehran's ability to make nuclear arms by committing it to ship to Russia much of the material needed for such weapons, diplomats say.

In another sign of progress, the two diplomats told The Associated Press that negotiators at the December round of nuclear talks drew up for the first time a catalog outlining areas of potential accord and differing approaches to remaining disputes.

The diplomats said differences still dominate ahead of the next round of Iran-six power talks on Jan. 15 in Geneva. But they suggested that even agreement to create a to-do list would have been difficult previously because of wide gaps between the sides.

Iran denies it wants nuclear arms, but it is negotiating with the U.S., Russia, China, Britain, France and Germany on cuts to its atomic program in hope of ending crippling sanctions. The talks have been extended twice due to stubborn disagreements.

The main conflict is over uranium enrichment, which can create both reactor fuel and the fissile core of nuclear arms. In seeking to reduce Iran's bomb-making ability, the U.S. has proposed that Tehran export much of its stockpile of enriched uranium — something the Islamic Republic has long said it would not do.

Immigrants in the country illegally start applying for California driver licenses

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — Mexican immigrant Jesus Moreno emerged smiling from a California Department of Motor Vehicles office on Friday with official permission to do something he's been doing here for more than a decade: driving.

The 30-year-old vending-machine installer, who has forked over hundreds of dollars in traffic tickets and car-impound fees as an unlicensed driver, became one of the first to get a permit under a new program to give driver's licenses to the nation's largest population of immigrants in the country illegally.

"It's not that I want to drive," said Moreno, after leaving a packed DMV office in Orange County. "It's a necessity."

Thousands of people crammed into DMV offices and waited in hours-long lines to apply for a license as California became one of 10 states to authorize immigrants in the country illegally to drive.

The DMV expects to field 1.4 million applications in the first three years of a program aimed at boosting road safety and making immigrants' lives easier. By 3 p.m. Friday, more than 11,000 immigrants had

applied, said Jessica Gonzalez, a DMV spokeswoman.

APNewsBreak: New York jail inmate hangs himself after his mandated suicide watch is ignored

NEW YORK (AP) — A mentally ill inmate who hanged himself on New Year's Day in a Rikers Island jail cell was supposed to be placed on suicide watch, but it wasn't implemented, two city officials told The Associated Press on Friday.

A jail psychiatrist who saw Fabian Cruz on Wednesday at a clinic ordered that Cruz be transferred to a special observation unit in a different Rikers facility where he'd be placed under constant watch, but Cruz told a guard at the clinic he didn't want to go and was transferred back to his jail cell, the officials said.

Letting Cruz go back to his cell was a violation of Department of Correction protocol because inmates don't get to decide where they're housed, said one of the officials, who both spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the ongoing investigation into what happened.

The guard also was supposed to contact a supervising captain after the suicide watch was ordered but didn't, the official said.

Cruz, 35, was discovered Thursday evening and was pronounced dead by a jail doctor. The correction officer at the clinic has been placed on modified duty.

Internal revolt, charges of corruption, nepotism threaten Rajapaksa's kingly hold on Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Until just a few weeks ago, Sri Lanka's upcoming election seemed a mere formality. Nothing, it seemed, could keep President Mahinda Rajapaksa from rolling to a third term in office.

He was the president hailed as a king after crushing the Tamil Tiger rebels in 2009 and ending the island nation's 25-year civil war. He is a charismatic campaigner with vast campaign funds. He has turned the government into an extended family business, with politically powerful brothers, sons and nephews who can all help his candidacy.

But times change. Quickly.

An internal revolt now threatens Rajapaksa's hold on power. Health Minister Maithripala Sirisena, a close Rajapaksa aide and No. 2 in the president's Freedom Party, defected in a secretly choreographed news conference in late November, announcing he would run as an opposition candidate in Thursday's election.

Power, he said, has become too concentrated, and corruption epidemic.

Beef, agriculture industries upset with dietary guidelines that consider environmental impact

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government issues dietary guidelines every five years to encourage Americans to eat healthier. This year's version may look at what is healthy for the environment, too.

A new focus on the environment would mean asking people to choose more fruits, vegetables, nuts, whole grains and other plant-based foods — possibly at the expense of meat.

The beef and agriculture industries are crying foul, saying an environmental agenda has no place in

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what has always been a practical blueprint for a healthy lifestyle.

An advisory panel to the Agriculture and Health and Human Services Departments has been discussing the idea of sustainability in public meetings, indicating that its recommendations, expected this month, may address the environment. The two departments will take those recommendations into account as they craft the final dietary guidelines, expected by the end of the year.

The guidelines are the basis for USDA's "My Plate" icon that replaced the well-known food pyramid in 2010 and is designed to help Americans with healthy eating. The guidelines will also be integrated into school lunch meal patterns and other federal eating programs.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2015. There are 362 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower announced that the United States had terminated diplomatic relations with Cuba, after the Havana government said it was limiting the number of U.S. Embassy and Consulate personnel allowed in the country.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed shops.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1975, the original version of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," hosted by Art Fleming, ended its nearly 11-year run on NBC.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 2000, the last new daily "Peanuts" strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush tapped his father, former President George H.W. Bush, and former President Bill Clinton to help raise tsunami relief funds. Will Eisner, the artist who'd revolutionized comic books and helped pioneer the graphic novel, died in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, at age 87. The third-ranked Auburn Tigers limped to a 16-13 victory over No. 9 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl. Craig Ferguson took over as host of "The Late Late Show" on CBS-TV.

Five years ago: The U.S. closed its embassy in Yemen, citing ongoing threats by the al-Qaida branch linked to the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt of a U.S. airliner headed to Detroit; Britain also shuttered its embassy. A Rutgers University doctoral student breached security at Newark Liberty Airport to kiss his girlfriend goodbye, prompting a six-hour shutdown. (Haisong Jiang (hy-song gee-ong)

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later pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor, and was fined.)

One year ago: The secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ruled again that the National Security Agency could keep collecting every American's telephone records every day. Phil Everly, who with his brother Don formed an influential harmony duo, died in Burbank, California, at age 74. Oscar-winning movie producer Saul Zaentz (zantz), 92, died in San Francisco. No. 12 Clemson rallied to beat No. 7 Ohio State 40-35 in the Orange Bowl.

Today's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 89. Actor Robert Loggia is 85. Actor Dabney Coleman is 83. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 79. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 76. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 72. Musician Stephen Stills is 70. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 69. Actress Victoria Principal is 65. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 59. Actress Shannon Sturges is 47. Jazz musician James Carter is 46. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 43. Musician Thomas Bangalter (Daft Punk) is 40. Actor Jason Marsden is 40. Actress Danica McKellar is 40. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 39. Singer Kimberley Locke ("American Idol") is 37. NFL quarterback Eli Manning is 34. Actress Nicole Beharie (TV: "Sleepy Hollow" Film: "42") is 30. Pop musician Mark Pontius (Foster the People) is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lloyd is 29. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 29. Actor Alex D. Linz is 26.

Thought for Today: "The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't." - Henry Ward Beecher, American clergyman (1813-1887).