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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

Friday, January 9

Groton Area starting 2 hours late

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

School Lunch: Pizza, rice, green beans, romain salad, cantaloupe, pineapple tidbits.

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Charlie Cooper, JoAnn Krueger, Koni Sims, Vickie Weifenbach, Kelly Cutler Clark, Jeremy Wieseler

3:00pm: Grand Opening of the Farmer's Wife Boutique at 23 N Main, Groton.

4:00-10:00pm: Skating Rink Open

4:30pm: GBB hosts Milbank (C game at 4:30 followed by JV and Varsity games)

6:30pm: Northern Plains Pastors meet in Aberdeen

Saturday, January 10

Birthdays: Dave Hunter, Edwin Tietz, Maycee Albrecht, Michelle Flihs, Neil Gilbert

10:00am to 10:00pm: Skating Rink Open

10:00am: 7th/8th BBB Jamboree in Groton (Britton-Hecla, Leola-Frederick, Webster, Groton)

10:00am: Wrestling at Miller Tourney

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran Becky Lutz Bridal Shower



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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.

Remarks from Rep. Kristi Noem

This week marked the start of the 114th Congress, so I wanted to give you a preview of some of the big-ticket items we have coming up.

More South Dakotans have reached out to me with concerns about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) than almost any other law on the books. While I would like to see the legislation fully repealed and replaced with a patient-centered approach, there is very little hope that President Obama will sign legislation to do so. In the meantime, I will try to minimize the harm. Already this year, I've helped pass legisla-

tion to restore the 40-hour work week (ACA mandated a 30-hour work week, which resulted in some employees being moved from full to part-time work) and made it easier for small businesses to hire veterans without ACA penalties, but there's more that can be done.

I'll also be working to simplify the tax code. Earlier this week, I got assigned to the powerful Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax policy. Over the next two years, I'll be looking to eliminate loopholes, protect folks from an abusive IRS, and lower the tax rate for hardworking South Dakotans.

Finally, I want to help open new markets for trade between South Dakota and the world. The U.S. is currently negotiating two major trade agreements – one with the European Union and another with the Asia-Pacific. South Dakota already exports around \$1 billion annually, but there's room to grow if we can level the playing field.

I know this is an aggressive agenda, but it's necessary if we're going to turn our country around. Some of these things can get done this year; others may take longer to do them right. Either way, now is the time to get the ball rolling.

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

and Congratulations

The Farmer's Wife Boutique



Friday,
Jan. 9

In celebration, Olde Bank Floral 'n More
will be open until 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9th

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Groton School Board Agenda

January 12, 2015 – 7:00 PM – GHS Conference Room

1. Call to Order with members present. Approve agenda as proposed or amended.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2014 school board meeting as drafted or amended.

2. Approval of North Central Special Education Co-Op (NCSEC) agenda items...as school of record.

3. Approval of December District bills for payment.

OLD/CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Open Forum for Public Participation...in accordance with Board Policy & Guidelines.

2. Approval of December financial report, agency accounts, and investments.

School Board Committee Reports:

a. Building, Grounds, & Transportation: Lars Hanson, Merle Harder, Marty Weismantel

b. Personnel, Policy, & Curriculum: Dorene Nelson, Grant Rix

c. Negotiations: Kelly Kjelden, Steve Smith

4. Administrative Reports: (a) Superintendent's Report; (b) Principal's Report; (c) Business Manager Report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Present Certificates of Appreciation to Board Members in recognition of School Board Appreciation Week.

2. Set date and time for annual school board election – April 14, 2015 (7:00 AM – 7:00 PM), and authorize Business Manager Weber to designate officials, with voting precincts in Andover, Bristol, Columbia, and Groton. [3-year terms expiring: Mr. Kjelden, Mr. Weismantel]

3. Overview of 2015-2016 school calendar draft.

4. Review bid specifications for track resurfacing, authorize Business Manager Weber to advertise for bids, and set date for bid opening [recommend February 9, 2015 @ 2:00 PM]

5. Amend work agreement for Linda McInerney [0.5 hr/week @ \$9.25/hr] effective Dec. 19, 2014.

6. Approve Special Education Transportation agreement for Brian Gravatt effective January 12, 2015 [3 hrs/day M-Th @\$9.25/hour].

7. Approve hiring Brittany Kjelden as part-time student custodian for not more than 20 hours/week at \$8.50/hour effective January 12, 2015.

8. Report on the impact of minimum wage increase on the Groton Area School District.

a. Columbia route driver

b. OST student employees

c. Student custodians

9. Other items as deemed appropriate or necessary.

ADJOURN

Classifieds

Lutz Bridal Shower

Open house bridal shower for Becca Lutz bride-to-be of Jerry Johnson. St. John's Luthern Church, Groton, SD. Saturday, January 10th from 10-12 pm.

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.



Bad Visibility

Visibility right in Groton was limited to two to three blocks at time from the high wind and blowing snow. The peak wind gust yesterday was 54 mph. Groton Area had called off school for the day. Many area schools were scrambling to dismiss early sending buses out in the blizzard-like conditions.

Basin Electric brings more Bakken generation online

Bismarck, N.D. – Depressed oil prices may have slowed growth in the Williston Basin, but the region's demand for electricity is still on the rise.

Basin Electric has brought more generation capacity online to help meet that continuing demand.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative's Lonesome Creek Station, a natural gas-based peaking station west of Watford City, N.D., started commercial operation of Units 2 and 3 on Jan. 1 to help provide much-needed electrical stability in the Williston Basin.

Lonesome Creek Unit 1 started commercial operation December 2013. Each of the three units has 45 megawatts (MW) of generation capacity, giving the station a total rating of 135 MW.

Basin Electric's Pioneer Generation Station, a natural gas-based peaking station northwest of Williston, ND, is also helping serve electrical needs in the Williston Basin. Pioneer Station Unit 1 started commercial operation in September 2013, Unit 2 started commercial operation in February 2014, and Unit 3 started commercial operation in March 2014. All three units have 45 MW of generation capacity.

The Basin Electric board of directors approved Phase III for both Lonesome Creek and Pioneer Generation Station in July 2014.

Phase III for Lonesome Creek will consist of the addition of two 45-MW combustion turbines. Phase III for Pioneer Station will consist of 112 MW of additional peaking capacity, provided by 12 9.3-MW natural gas-based reciprocating engines.

The oil play in the Bakken formation covers parts of western North Dakota and eastern Montana. Crude oil production in the North Dakota has quadrupled since 2007. As a result of the drilling and production activity and the associated support services and housing growth, electrical loads are growing rapidly. Basin Electric member cooperatives serve much of that load.

In 2009 Basin Electric and its member systems planned for 400 megawatts of load to develop in this area. Basin Electric is now planning for loads to grow an additional 1,200 megawatts by 2025.

"It is our duty to supply our member cooperatives with the power they need to serve the Williston Basin," says Paul Sukut, Basin Electric CEO and general manager. "In the face of rising demand, the commercial operation of Lonesome Creek Units 2 and 3 is an important step toward meeting our members' power needs."

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Team Standings: Jackelopes 8, Foxes 8, Coyotes 7, Pocket Gophers 5, Chipmunks 4 ½, Killer Chihuahuas 3 ½

Men's High Games: Brad Waage 224, 222, Brad Larson 215, Roger Colestock 213, 203, Rick Carlson 210, Randy Stanley 203, Roger Spanier 201

Women's High Games: Sue Stanley 204, 177, Karen Spanier 165, Dar Larson 165, Vicki Walter 164

Men's High Series: Brad Waage 615, Roger Colestock 572, Roger Spanier 571

Women's High Series: Sue Stanley 527, Vicki Walter 453, Dar Larson 453, Darci Spanier 432

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3 pm - 8 pm
Saturday January 10th
10 am - 6 pm*

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Cold Temperature Sets Pressure Records

BROOKINGS, S.D. - The cold temperatures experienced across the state are not only impacting people and livestock adversely. The conditions set a number of pressure records across the state today (Jan. 7, 2015), including what looks like a new state high pressure record, explained Dennis Todey, South Dakota State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Specialist.

"As is usually the case with extreme cold outbreaks, high pressure readings accompany them. In this case they are record-setting," Todey said.

Pressure measurements at Mitchell this morning reached a level of 1056.8 millibars (mb) setting the highest documented pressure (corrected for station elevation) in the state's history, beating a record measurement from Rapid City of 1056.3 mb set on December 24, 1983.

Todey said this record is considered preliminary based on data quality checks and other verification.

Much of the rest of the state had similar measurements, though not quite as extreme. Records were set in the following cities: Huron, 1056.0 mb; Pierre, 1055.9 mb and Sioux Falls, 1054.5 mb.

Today, Rapid City also reached its highest pressure for January and set its second highest all time pressure record at 1055.2 mb.

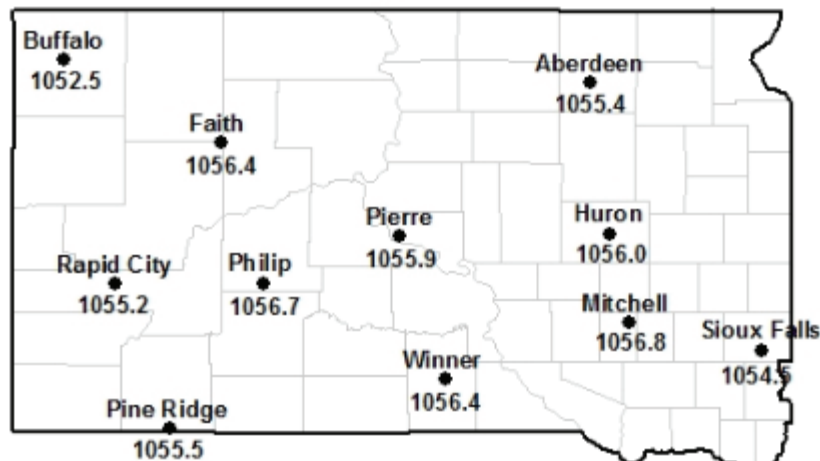
According to Todey, these stations are ones with the longest series of recordings, with at least 50-plus years of data.

Other stations setting records were Philip, Faith, Winner, Pine Ridge, Aberdeen and Buffalo. However, these stations have shorter periods of recordings -30 years or less.

"Other than the extreme cold, most citizens probably did not note the higher pressure in their daily lives. The bigger issue is probably the contrast with approaching low pressure which leads to stronger pressure gradients and wind speeds," Todey said.

He said that historically, other similar, though lesser pressures, were recorded last week and in cold outbreaks of December 1989, February 1989 and March 2002.

South Dakota High Pressure (mb) on January 7th, 2015



South Dakota State Climate Office
South Dakota State University, Brookings SD



Today in Weather History

1982: Winds of 20 to 40 mph accompanied by 1 to 3 inches of snow create ground blizzard conditions and extreme wind chills from the 9th through mid-afternoon on the 12th. There were two deaths from exposure that were attributed to the storm including a 69-year old Scotland woman and a woman from Veblen in Marshall County. Both tried to walk after their vehicles stalled. Near zero visibilities and snow drifts to 5 feet high forced closures of numerous highways. Also, minor power outages were reported.

1997: A powerful Alberta Clipper and a deep Arctic High brought widespread and prolonged blizzard conditions, heavy drifting snow, and dangerous wind chills of 40 to 80 below to central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. North winds were from 30 to 50 mph gusting to 60 mph. The clipper dropped from 2 to 7 inches of snowfall on top of an already solid 2 to 5 foot snow-pack. As with previous storms, most roads again became blocked by huge snowdrifts. As a result of the blockage and the blizzard conditions, both Interstates 29 and 90 were closed along with all state highways leaving hundreds of people stranded to wait out the storm. This winter has been the worst for road closings. Many people became stuck in snow drifts or went off the road because of low visibilities, and had to be rescued. One dramatic rescue near Webster, involving tens of rescue workers, occurred after a woman was stranded in her vehicle for nearly 40 hours. A couple with a one year old child was rescued after spending a night in their car and they were unharmed. A Wakpala woman died from carbon monoxide poisoning in her stalled pickup on Highway 1806 near Wakpala. Emergency personnel had a very difficult time responding to emergencies. Some emergencies took up to several hours to go short distances. A rural Leola man died, when emergency workers could not get to him in time. In McLaughlin, seven people had to be taken by air ambulance, because there was no way out.

All area schools were closed the 9th and 10th with most schools at this point in the winter season missing over 7 days. A state record was set when Faulkton School had closed for its 13th day. Mail was delayed and area airports had flight delays or were closed. Many businesses were also closed and were suffering economic losses as a result of this storm and previous storms because customers could not get to them. Many grocery stores ran low or out of bread, milk, and other food necessities. There were some power outages across the area, but were not widespread. The power was out at Isabel, Timber Lake, and Firesteel, for as much as 8 hours. The power outage in Isabel resulted in extensive water pipe breaks at the Isabel School. Willow Lake was without power for over 2 days. Some homes across the area were also without heat for several days in the bitter cold. The majority of ranchers was running out of or was unable to access feed for cattle, sheep, and hogs. As a result of the extreme conditions and lack of food, over fifty thousand livestock died. In addition, many livestock suffered frostbite and were significantly weakened. There was also a lot of wildlife and pheasants killed. As a result, the Emergency Feed Grain Donation Program was activated for the ranchers. One rancher said that he had been ranching in this area for 34 years and had never lost cattle before. Also, some dairy farmers had to dump their milk because trucks could not get them in time.

Some people were trapped in their homes up to several days as snowdrifts buried their homes and blocked the roads with some people having to crawl out their windows. In Wilmot, a 12 foot drift covered the community home, where residents had to turn the lights on during the day. As a result of snow removal budget depletions and other storm damages, President Clinton declared all of the counties a disaster area. Snowplows from Iowa, Nebraska, and plows and manpower from the South Dakota National Guard helped to break through hundreds of roads. The snowdrifts in some places were packed so hard and were measured at 300 pounds per square inch. Some longtime residents said this has been the worst winter they had seen in their lifetimes. The total damage estimate for this January blizzard

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and for the previous January winter storm is 50 million dollars. This includes the added snow removal costs, livestock losses, building damages, and other economic losses.

1875 – Record cold gripped Kentucky with readings of -8 at Lexington and -10 at Louisville.

1875 - The temperature at Cheyenne, WY, dipped to an all-time record cold reading of -38 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1888 - Severe cold gripped much of the western U.S. At Portland OR the Columbia River was frozen for two weeks, and in southern California temperatures dipped below freezing in some of the citrus growing areas. (David Ludlum)

1976 - Lake effect snow squalls buried the town of Adams NY under 68 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A winter storm spread heavy snow from the Central Plains into the Great Lakes Region. Heavier totals included 9 inches at Sun City KS, 7 inches at Columbia MO, 11 inches at Terre Haute IN, and up to 10 inches in the southern suburbs of Chicago IL. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




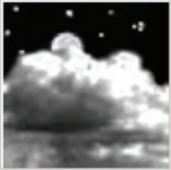



1988 - A storm in the northeastern U.S. produced ten inches of snow at Boston MA, and 14 inches at Worcester MA. A winter storm in the northwestern U.S. produced a foot of snow in three hours at McCall ID. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Strong winds prevailed along the eastern slopes of the Rockies in Colorado. Winds gusted to 113 mph at the Air Force Academy near Colorado Springs, and reached 115 mph at Boulder. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A third storm in four days hit the Pacific Northwest. Winds in Oregon gusted above 100 mph at Netarts and at Oceanside. Up to 8.16 inches of rain was reported around Seaside OR, and the total of 4.53 inches of rain at Astoria OR was a record for the date. Twelve cities in the western U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 70 degrees at Cedar City UT was a record for January. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Cold	Mostly Clear	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Cold	Partly Cloudy	Cold
High: 6 °F	Low: -17 °F	High: 12 °F	Low: -7 °F	High: 10 °F	Low: -9 °F	High: 6 °F



Arctic Air in Place Today, Cold Wind Chills

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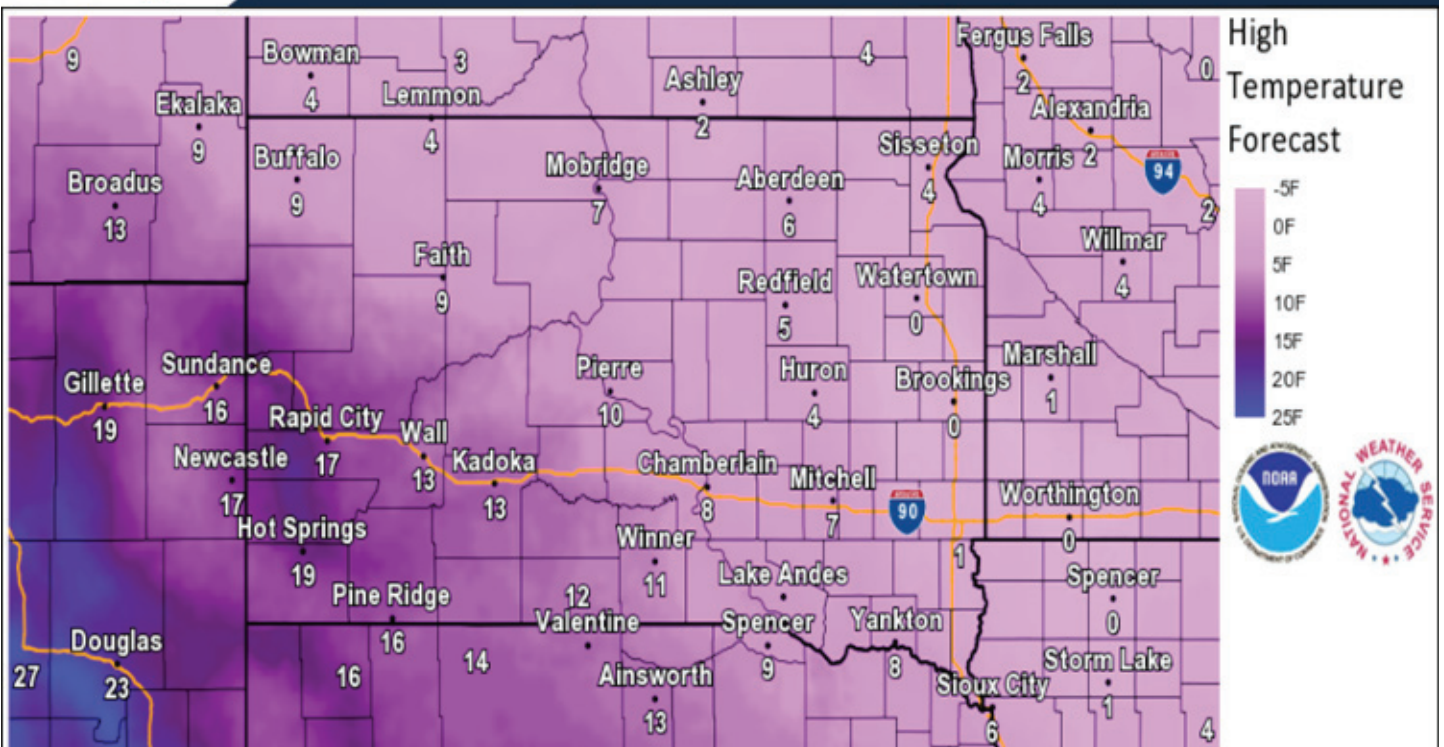
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Valid ending Friday January 9th, 2015 at 6 PM CST

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Arctic air is in place over the region which will keep highs only in the single digits above zero for many locations. Slightly warmer teens will be found across southwest and south central South Dakota. Breezy west to northwest winds will prevail today, keeping wind chill values in the teens below zero for many locations.

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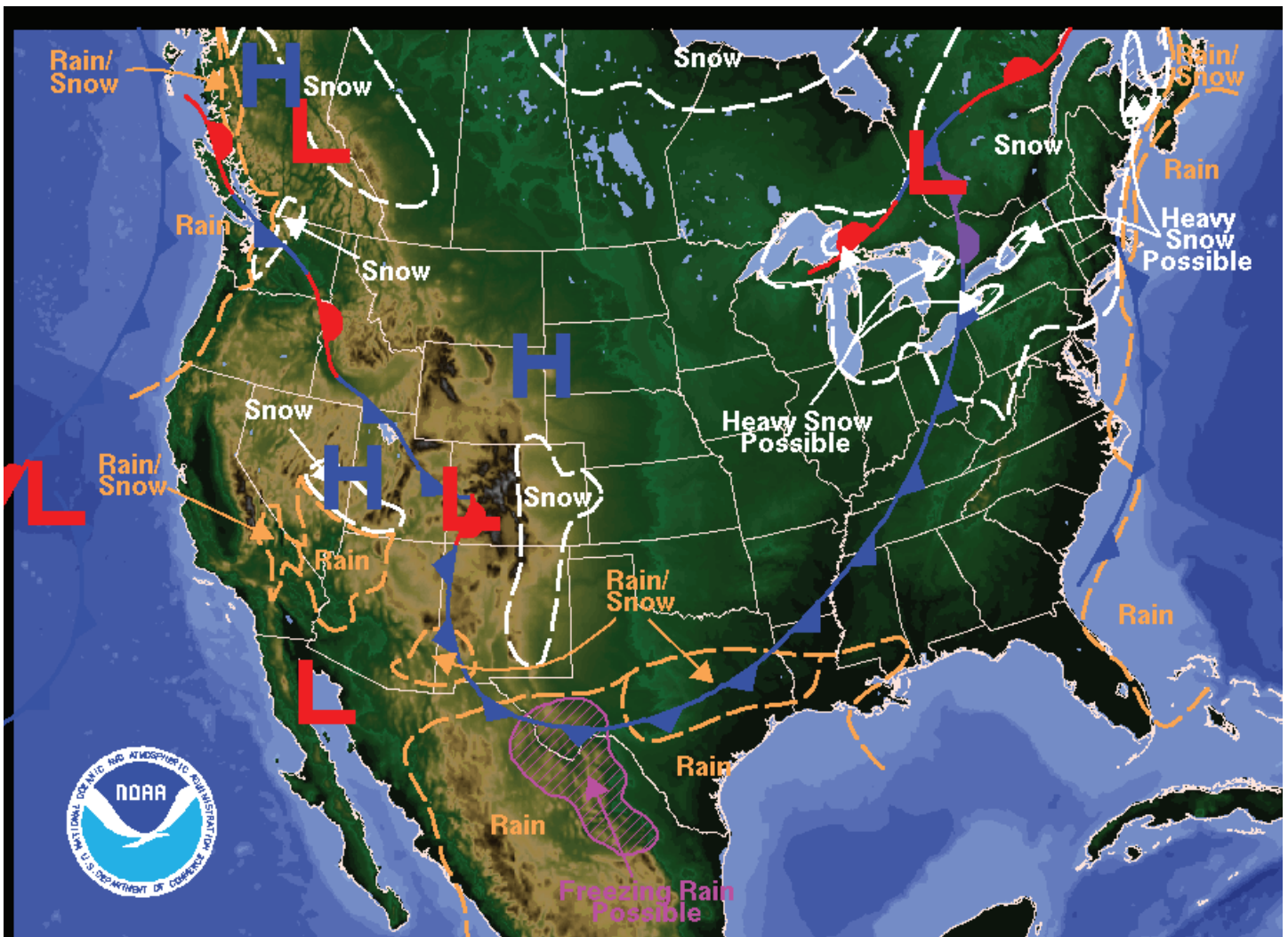
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 18.8 at 9:53 AM
Low: 2.3 at Midnight
Wind Chill: -19 at 12:20 AM
High Gust: 54 at 11:38 AM
Snow: 0.00
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 53° in 2012
Record Low: -31° in 1910, 1977
Average High: 22°F
Average Low: 1°F
Average Precip in Jan.: 0.14
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40
Average Precip to date: 0.14
Precip Year to Date: 0.40
Sunset Tonight: 5:11 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:12 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jan 09, 2015, issued 3:20 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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DOOMED!

Comparing the importance, significance or value of one nation above or below another is an ongoing process. Various criteria are used to measure the worth of nations: the size of the military, gross national product, education, population, employment, agriculture, productivity - and the list goes on and on. But, in the eyes of the Lord, none of these are as critical as the one He would place at the top of His list. In fact, number one on His list would never be included or considered in the "nation evaluation list." Yet, nations rise and fall on what is most important to Him: righteousness.

Two of the most important nations of the ancient world were Sodom and Gomorrah. Their location was in the most fertile region of the then known world. So, they would certainly have been recognized as leaders for their agricultural products. But they weren't. They were recognized for their godlessness.

They were not ignorant of the Lord. Rather, they completely ignored Him. They refused to bring God into their lives and weave Him into the fabric of their culture.

As a result of their complete indifference to God, He rained "down fire and brimstone" on them and utterly destroyed them - along with the other cities and villages on the plain and eliminated all life - the people, the plants and even the animals. Nothing was left.

God has not changed. Nations are, have been and always will be graded by God on their righteousness: "On the wicked He will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur."

Prayer: We pray for our nation, Father, that we will turn from our wicked ways and become a godly people. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 11:6 On the wicked he will rain fiery coals and burning sulfur; a scorching wind will be their lot.

An advertisement for "Fried Chicken Day" at Andover Bar & Grill. The ad features a large fried chicken drumstick in the center. Text includes "FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY", "Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy", "Serving 5-9 p.m.", "WE'VE GOT WINGS! Every Wednesday!", and "ANDOVER BAR & GRILL". The address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is at the bottom. The ad is framed with a black border and includes illustrations of wings, a beer, and a grill.

Extreme cold in the Dakotas to linger into next week

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A few schools in the Dakotas are starting classes late in the aftermath of a storm that created blizzard conditions in many areas.

Residents of the two states also are once again dealing with extreme cold. The National Weather Service has posted advisories for most areas, with wind chills dropping as low as the minus-30s.

The bitter cold has lingered for several days and isn't going away soon. Weather service meteorologist Pete Speicher (SPY'-kur) says it will be the middle of next week before there's a significant warmup.

The wind isn't quite as harsh as it was Thursday, when gusts surpassed 60 mph in western South Dakota. The strong winds blew some semitrailers off Interstate 90. One semi involved in a crash spilled about 500 pounds of french fries.

Sioux Falls resident treated for smoke inhalation after fire

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls resident was treated for smoke inhalation after a house fire.

Firefighters were called to the mobile home shortly before midnight Thursday. They contained the blaze in about 45 minutes.

Authorities say one person inside the home was taken to a hospital, treated and released early Friday. The person was not identified.

The home suffered significant damage.

Woman charged with murder in Rapid City stabbing death

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police have arrested a suspect in a death at a Pennington County public housing complex.

Forty-three-year-old Corinne Vermillion is charged with second degree murder in the stabbing death of the man early Thursday. It wasn't immediately clear if she had an attorney.

Police did not immediately release the name of the man who was killed.

State water board approves \$7.6 million in project funds

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Board of Water and Natural Resources has authorized more than \$7.6 million in grant funds, loans and debt forgiveness for waste and water infrastructure proposals.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard announced the available funds on Thursday to fund projects aimed at improving drinking water, bettering environmental protections and enhancing wastewater treatment. The board approved \$846,890 for grants and \$6.765 million for loans.

Rapid City and Randall Resource Conservation received grants. Loan recipients include: Colonial Pine Hills, Dakota Dunes, Mid-Dakota Rural Water System and Mobridge. A combination of grants and loans went to: Dupree, Hoven, Northwest SD Regional Landfill and Tri County Landfill Association.

The funds came from the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Sioux Falls opening new homeless shelter named after bishop

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A new homeless shelter opens Monday in Sioux falls.

The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House will provide overnight emergency shelter for men, women and families and daytime services currently provided at the Good Shepherd Center. It will also offer other services from existing service providers using a hub of offices at the new facility.

More than \$4.8 million has been raised for construction and the initial operating support for the ministry.

Bishop Paul Dudley served the eastern South Dakota Catholic diocese from 1979 to 1995.

Daugaard makes appointments to South Dakota education board

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has made two appointments to the South Dakota Board of Education.

Daugaard has appointed Deb Shephard, of Watertown, and has reappointed Don Kirkegaard, of Sturgis. The nine members of the board serve four-year terms.

Kirkegaard is the superintendent of the Meade School District. He has served on the board since 2006.

Shephard recently retired from Lake Area Tech after a 36-year career. She worked as an instructor before serving as president for eight years. Shephard is replacing Richard Gowen, of Rapid City.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Crawford, Neb. 65, Edgemont 57

Custer 51, Hill City 39

Douglas 54, St. Thomas More 45

Sioux County, Neb. 74, Oelrichs 52

POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Aberdeen Roncalli vs. Redfield/Doland, ppd. to Jan 20.

Belle Fourche vs. Lead-Deadwood, ppd. to Jan 9.

Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd.

Bowman County, N.D. vs. Harding County, ppd. to Jan 9.

Canistota vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary, ppd.

Clark/Willow Lake vs. Sisseton, ppd. to Feb 3.

Dakota Christian vs. Burke/South Central, ppd.

Dupree vs. McIntosh, ppd.

Edmunds Central vs. Timber Lake, ppd.

Elkton-Lake Benton vs. Castlewood, ppd.

Ipswich vs. Warner, ppd.

James Valley Christian vs. Wolsey-Wessington, ppd.

Langford vs. Rosholt, ppd. to Jan 19.

Linton-HMB, N.D. vs. Herreid/Selby Area, ppd.

Lower Brule vs. Gregory, ppd.

Miller vs. Mobridge-Pollock, ppd.

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Mt. Vernon/Plankinton vs. Hanson, ppd.
Platte-Geddes vs. Corsica/Stickney, ppd. to Jan 15.
Sioux Falls Lincoln vs. Brandon Valley, ppd.
Stanley County vs. McLaughlin, ppd.
Sully Buttes vs. Highmore-Harrold, ppd.
Webster vs. Deuel, ppd. to Jan 26.
West Central vs. Vermillion, ppd.
Big East Conference Tournament
First Round
Baltic vs. McCook Central/Montrose, ppd. to Jan 9.
Flandreau vs. Parker, ppd. to Jan 9.
Garretson vs. Chester, ppd. to Jan 9.
Howard vs. Sioux Valley, ppd. to Jan 9.
CNOS Classic
OA-BCIG, Iowa vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, ppd.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Crawford, Neb. 72, Edgemont 39
Custer 62, Hill City 58
Oelrichs 59, Sioux County, Neb. 40
POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS
Belle Fourche vs. Lead-Deadwood, ppd. to Jan 9.
Beresford vs. Dell Rapids, ppd.
Bridgewater-Emery vs. Freeman, ppd.
Brookings vs. Huron, ppd.
Burke/South Central vs. Andes Central, ppd.
Chamberlain vs. Crow Creek, ppd.
DeSmet vs. Elkton-Lake Benton, ppd.
Deubrook vs. Arlington, ppd. to Jan 9.
Estelline vs. Colman-Egan, ppd. to Jan 9.
Grant-Deuel vs. Great Plains Lutheran, ppd.
Groton Area vs. Milbank, ppd. to Jan 9.
Harrisburg vs. Yankton, ppd.
Kimball/White Lake vs. Colome, ppd.
Lennox vs. Dakota Valley, ppd. to Jan 20.
Marion vs. Centerville, ppd.
McLaughlin vs. Stanley County, ppd.
Miller vs. Mobridge-Pollock, ppd.
Northwestern vs. Hitchcock-Tulare, ppd.
Scotland vs. Avon, ppd.
Sioux Falls Christian vs. McCook Central/Montrose, ppd.
Summit vs. Waverly-South Shore, ppd.
Timber Lake vs. Edmunds Central, ppd.
Todd County vs. Winner, ppd.
Tripp-Delmont/Armour vs. Mitchell Christian, ppd.
Vermillion vs. Canton, ppd.

Watertown vs. Brandon Valley, ppd.

West Central vs. Elk Point-Jefferson, ppd.

White River vs. Marty Indian, ppd.

Wolsey-Wessington vs. James Valley Christian, ppd.

Suspect accused of shooting trooper in Kimball surrenders

KIMBALL, S.D. (AP) — A man from rural Kimball accused of shooting a state trooper surrendered Thursday afternoon after barricading himself inside his house a day earlier, authorities said.

The Department of Public Safety said the 42-year-old man walked out mid-afternoon Thursday.

The standoff began Wednesday afternoon when he and a second man inside the house called the Brule County Sheriff's Office and threatened law enforcement, said Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the South Dakota Highway Patrol

When authorities responded, a round was fired from the house that struck Sgt. John Koenig, a 28-year veteran with the Highway Patrol who's stationed in Chamberlain. He was in stable condition Thursday.

The second man, a 66-year-old who's also from Kimball, walked out Wednesday evening and was arrested on one count of accessory to aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, authorities said.

"This has been a long stressful 24 hours for everyone involved with this standoff situation," Price said in a news release.

Numerous state and local law enforcement agencies responded to the scene, and negotiators were talking with the suspect throughout the ordeal, Price said.

The state South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation is investigating the case.

Few other details were released, including the men's relationship, what prompted them to call the sheriff's office, what type of weapon was used and whether other people were involved.

The Associated Press is not naming the men because they have not been formally charged.

Thune officially designated Senate committee chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune has been named chairman of the Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee.

The Senate chose Thune on Thursday to lead the committee, where he had previously served as the ranking Republican member when Democrats controlled the chamber. Expected to receive the post, Thune says he's excited to head the panel as part of Republican efforts to create jobs and improve the U.S. economy.

Thune says the committee will have six subgroups headed by Republicans to deal with issues ranging from air travel to communications technology. The GOP has assumed control of both the House and Senate for the final two years of President Barack Obama's second term.

Thune is South Dakota's senior senator and serves as the third-ranking Republican in the Senate.

Electric, gas provider MDU Resources hires new utility CEO

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Bismarck, North Dakota-based MDU Resources Group Inc. has promoted Nicole Kivisto as its president and CEO of the corporation's utility group companies.

That operation includes Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Great Plains Natural Gas Co., Cascade Natural Gas Corp. and Intermountain Gas Co.

The companies serve more than 1 million electric and natural gas customers in Washington, Oregon,

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Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Kivisto replaces K. Frank Morehouse, who has resigned.

She has been vice president of operations for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. and Great Plains Natural Gas Co. for the past year. Kivisto previously was vice president, controller and chief accounting officer for MDU Resources Group.

She joined the company in 1995 and has held a number of positions.

Kivisto is a native of Beulah, North Dakota.

Wintry weather around US brings fatalities, school closings

The Associated Press

Dangerously cold air has sent temperatures plummeting into the single digits around the U.S., with wind chills driving them even lower. Throw in the snow some areas are getting and you've got a bone chilling mix that may also be super messy.

The result?

School delays and cancellations, a fatal car pileup and worries about the homeless.

Here's a look at what's happening:

DELAYING AND CANCELING SCHOOL

School districts from the South to the Northeast and Midwest delayed the start of classes or canceled school altogether.

Wind-chill readings were at or below zero in such places as Alabama and North Carolina, along with a chunk of the Midwest, the Plains and the Northeast. The wind chill was minus-40 in Saranac Lake in upstate New York on Thursday morning.

In northwest Georgia, schools in Catoosa County had a two-hour delayed start on Thursday because of temperatures expected to top out at 27 degrees and dip as low as minus 2 degrees with wind chills.

Many other cities modified school schedules, including Detroit, where it was 3 degrees early Thursday. Students got the day off Thursday at Detroit Public Schools, the state's largest district, and at many other districts around Michigan.

School districts also closed schools in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Pennsylvania and Maine.

DEATHS IN MICHIGAN

Authorities say the severe weather and blowing snow are factors in the deaths of two northern Michigan men — an 85-year-old who was struck by a car while crossing a road to get his mail and a 64-year-old who was hit by a car while clearing snow.

A car struck 85-year-old Carl Dewey on Wednesday in Helena Township, about 30 miles northeast of Traverse City, the Antrim County sheriff's department said. There were whiteout conditions at the time, the department told The Grand Rapids Press.

The Kalkaska County sheriff's department said 64-year-old Zane Chwastek of Bear Lake Township was using a snow blower in his driveway Wednesday when a car slid off the road and struck him.

A PILEUP IN WHITEOUT CONDITIONS

An 18-vehicle pileup that happened in whiteout conditions on a western Pennsylvania interstate left two people dead and nearly two dozen injured.

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Nine trucks, several of them tractor-trailers, and nine cars were involved in the crash Wednesday afternoon on Interstate 80 in Clarion Township, state police said. At least one of the trucks was carrying hazardous material, but no leaks were found.

None of the injuries was thought to be life-threatening, but three of the approximately 20 people taken to the hospital appeared to have serious injuries. The others were treated for everything from bumps to broken bones.

HORSES KILLED IN FIRE

A space heater being used to thaw frozen pipes was the likely cause of a barn fire that killed more than a dozen horses in northern Ohio, fire officials said.

"It just engulfed the building. It went up in a hurry," said Tim Kelly, an employee of the farm in Tallmadge, a suburb of Akron. "By the time you saw it, the building was just full of smoke with flames just coming through the roof."

Firefighters were hindered by temperatures hovering around 3 degrees.

"We went in, but you couldn't see and you couldn't breathe," Kelly told the Akron Beacon Journal. "You could hear them, but we couldn't get them out."

COMMUTER FRUSTRATION

Below-freezing temperatures in the nation's capital caused headaches for commuters.

In all, there were delays on five of the Metro system's six lines Thursday morning.

The Washington transit agency says the system's red line was delayed in both directions because of weather-related equipment problems on train cars. The other four lines were delayed because of broken or cracked rails.

Commuters vented their frustration on Twitter, with many posts including photos of stations and trains jam-packed with people. One Twitter user wrote that he loves being told to avoid lines that have delays, adding, "OK, I'll just move my house and job for the day."

KEEPING RESIDENTS WARM

Many cities experiencing cold weather have opened warming stations for residents lacking heat. But extra care is being taken to protect the homeless.

In New Jersey, some officials have empowered law enforcement to move homeless people off the streets and into shelters.

Blankets were being given out at some of the 15 small tent cities around Huntsville, Alabama. Workers from a nonprofit organization there encouraged residents of the encampments to come inside. Some people planned to stay at a church that was opening as a shelter.

"We've got snow flurries as the temperatures continue to drop so they're coming in," said Clete Wetli, executive director of First Stop Inc., which provides transportation, mental health counseling and other services to the homeless. "The last thing we want is for someone to get hypothermia or die of frostbite."

Officials in Ohio and Georgia warned residents never to use their kitchen ovens or stoves to heat their homes. It could prove deadly.

A DOG'S TALE

A California couple is thanking animal control officers who rescued their dog after it spent 25 hours wandering in bitter cold after a housekeeper accidentally released the pooch from their Indiana hotel room.

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The 3½-year-old Belgian Malinois named Sahara is back with Nick Hoeh and Rick Dunkle after her ordeal in Lafayette, Indiana, where the couple recently moved from California.

Animal control officers found the shivering canine Wednesday in a Lafayette resident's backyard following several sightings.

A hotel housekeeper accidentally released Sahara from the couple's hotel room Tuesday. The couple is staying at that hotel because a burst pipe damaged the new Lafayette home they had just purchased. The couple had saved Sahara from an abusive home.

GETTING WORSE BEFORE BETTER

Another Alberta clipper barreling down from Canada is bringing more bad winter weather to the Dakotas.

The National Weather Service has posted a variety of blizzard and winter weather advisories, watches and warnings for the Dakotas through Thursday. Not a lot of snow is expected, but winds gusting to 50 mph will blow around the snow that's on the ground.

In Minnesota, forecasters expect blizzard conditions to develop in a portion of the River Valley. Weather officials say wind gusts of 40 to 50 mph combined with fresh snow will significantly reduce visibility, especially in open, rural areas. A blizzard warning was posted in an area from Granite Falls southeast to Mankato and Albert Lea.

THERE IS A BRIGHT SIDE

Temperatures have dropped to zero or below in southern New England and to 7 above in New York City, with wind chills getting into the minus-20s in some places. But little or no snow is forecast for most of the Northeast.

Around this time last year, parts of the region were digging out from 2 feet of snow accompanied by brutal polar air.

In fact, this season's snowfall totals are way down from last year, one of the snowiest seasons on record.

Last year, Philadelphia, New York and Boston all got around 5 feet of snow from December through February, or about 1½ to 2½ feet more than normal. This year, they've seen only a few inches of snow since Dec. 1.

But then there's western New York. The Buffalo area got slammed with more than 7 feet of snow in November and saw another foot on Tuesday. Thursday night and Friday could bring another 5 inches to 10 inches, weather forecasters say.

MEANWHILE IN ARIZONA ...

Phoenix posted a record high temperature of 80 degrees on Wednesday. That broke the old record of 79 set in 1948.

Over in Tempe, 74-year-old Bill Justice was wearing shorts while hanging out in his yard, just days after the National Weather Service announced that 2014 was the warmest year ever recorded in Arizona.

"We can enjoy all kinds of things in the winter and the same thing in the summer," Justice said, adding that if he lived in Colorado or another cold climate, his swimming pool would be frozen by now.

Sites give info on state government but not set in stone

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A new website conceived by the governor is designed to give South Dakotans more information about the inner workings of state government, though future leaders could reverse course because the public access isn't written into law.

The goal of the Boards and Commissions Portal is to provide a central hub for many of the more than 100 boards and commissions that are appointed by the governor. Minutes, information on members and upcoming meetings are among the items on the site, <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov>.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard proposed the idea after he couldn't easily find such information, said Grace Kessler, director of constituent services in his office. The state built the site as part of his mission to streamline government and promote openness, she said.

"It's not always intuitive for people outside of government to know where they should look for that information," Kessler said.

"For example, they might not know the real estate commission falls under the Department of Labor," she said.

Daugaard also put online in 2013 a website that consolidated previous and pending administrative rules, <https://rules.sd.gov>.

And the administration of former Gov. Mike Rounds started posting financial information about state government, including contracts, budget items and salaries, on another website, <http://open.sd.gov>.

Dave Bordewyk, general manager of the South Dakota Newspaper Association, said the sites represent progress in making government information more accessible, though none of them are in law.

"Maybe the next governor won't keep this up or do something different. It's a good step. But, on the other hand, it's done by initiative and not by statute," he said.

Bordewyk said the state is also "weak in open government" because of the numerous records that can be maintained as confidential and aren't required to be made public.

"That's an area we have a long ways to go to shore up and make government more open in South Dakota. In our open meetings laws, we have weaknesses there, as well, that need to be improved," he said.

Man stabbed to death in Rapid City and woman arrested

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are investigating the stabbing death of a man and have a woman in custody.

The agency says officers found the victim with stab wounds from a knife early Thursday morning at an apartment.

Emergency responders did CPR but he was pronounced dead on an ambulance.

Police say 43-year-old Corinne Vermillion, of Rapid City, was charged with second-degree murder. It wasn't immediately clear if Vermillion had a lawyer.

The man's name will be released after his family members have been notified.

No other details were released.

Dakotas dealing with blustery winds, blowing snow, icy cold

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Some schools in the Dakotas started late and others closed Thursday as a fast-moving weather system tore through the Northern Plains, packing winds in excess of 60 mph with

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more bitterly cold temperatures on its heels.

Interstate 90 was closed for a short time Thursday afternoon in western South Dakota between Sturgis and Rapid City after at least one multiple-vehicle accident. The stretch of highway was icy with whiteout conditions that left drivers with little to no visibility.

In North Dakota, a travel alert for Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck and surrounding areas was lifted Thursday afternoon. But a travel alert remained in effect for Devils Lake, Jamestown, Valley City, Grand Forks and surrounding areas due to blowing and drifting snow creating reduced visibility.

The National Weather Service posted a variety of blizzard and winter weather advisories, watches and warnings for the two states.

"In the last hour, we're starting to see more sites with close-to-whiteout conditions," Pete Speicher, a weather service meteorologist in Grand Forks, said at midday.

The system brought only light snow that had mostly passed beyond the states by lunchtime, but strong winds were blowing around snow already on the ground.

"It's last week's snow, not this week's snow," Speicher said.

In western South Dakota, the weather service recorded wind gusts as strong as 66 mph. At least two semitrailers were reported in the ditch off Interstate 90 in southern South Dakota. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

The region has been experiencing subzero temperatures and life-threatening wind chills for days, and those conditions were expected to continue late Thursday and early Friday.

"We've got a pretty big cold mass coming behind this," Speicher said. "It's going to be like that for the next several nights."

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High pressure readings often accompany outbreaks of extreme cold, and on Wednesday they set records at numerous recording stations around South Dakota, State Climatologist Dennis Todey said. The recording at Mitchell broke South Dakota's 31-year-old state record.

There were no records in North Dakota, though several readings came close, according to State Climatologist Adnan Akyuz.

Pressure readings don't mean much to the average person, but the transition from a high pressure system Wednesday to a low pressure system Thursday resulted in the strong winds across the region Thursday, according to Todey and Akyuz.

"Other than the extreme cold, most citizens probably did not note the higher pressure in their daily lives," Todey said. "The bigger issue is probably the contrast with approaching low pressure, which leads to stronger ... wind speeds."

A list of stores that JC Penney plans to close

NEW YORK (AP) — J.C. Penney Co. said will close about 40 stores this year and cut about 2,250 jobs. Most of the stores will close by April 4, the Plano, Texas-based department store operator said Thursday.

Here is a list of the location of the announced store closings:

GEORGIA

Gwinnett Place Mall in Duluth

LaGrange Mall in LaGrange

Walnut Square Mall in Dalton

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IOWA

Crossroads Shopping Center in Waterloo

Southbridge Mall in Mason City

Westland Mall in West Burlington

ILLINOIS

Northland Plaza in DeKalb

Quincy Mall in Quincy

INDIANA

Marquette Mall in Michigan City

MASSACHUSETTS

Hanover Mall in Hanover

Silver City Galleria in Taunton

MICHIGAN

Adrian South Mall in Adrian

NEW JERSEY

Cumberland Mall in Vineland

NEW YORK

Hudson Valley Mall in Kingston

NORTH CAROLINA

Parkwood Mall in Wilson

Randolph Mall in Asheboro

Signal Hill Mall in Statesville

Southgate Mall in Elizabeth City

OHIO

Eastland Mall in Columbus

North Towne Plaza in Greenville

Upper Valley Mall in Springfield

OREGON

Pony Village Mall in North Bend

PENNSYLVANIA

Chambersburg Mall in Chambersburg

Granite Run Mall in Media

Nittany Mall in State College

Susquehanna Valley Mall in Hummels Wharf

York Galleria in York

RHODE ISLAND

Providence Place Mall in Providence

SOUTH CAROLINA

Aiken Mall in Aiken

Inlet Square Mall in Murrells Inlet

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lakewood Mall in Aberdeen

TEXAS

Market Square Mall in Brenham

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VIRGINIA

Manassas Mall in Manassas
The Marquis in Williamsburg

VERMONT

Diamond Run Mall in Rutland
St. Albans Shopping Center in St. Albans

WISCONSIN

Aviation Plaza in Oshkosh
Regency Mall in Racine
Shawano Plaza in Shawano

Interim state Division of Insurance leader named director

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota native with a background in commercial banking and business management has been named director of the state Division of Insurance.

Larry Deiter (DEE'-tur) joined the division in November 2012 and has been interim director since December.

He'll be active at the national level in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Deiter takes part in committees involving property and casualty insurance, workers' compensation, crop insurance and examination oversight.

Senate panel approves Keystone bill despite veto threat

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline cleared a key Senate committee Thursday, setting up a fight next week pitting newly empowered Republicans against President Barack Obama and Senate Democrats.

The Energy and Natural Resources committee moved the bill closer to the floor by a 13-9 vote. Sen Joe Manchin of West Virginia, one of six Democrats sponsoring the bill, was the only Democrat to support it in committee. The House will vote on its version of the bill Friday, and is expected to pass it easily.

The moves assures that the first piece of legislation in the Republican-controlled Senate is on a collision course with the White House, and neither side appeared to be giving any ground Thursday. New energy committee chairman Lisa Murkowski, an Alaska Republican, urged colleagues not to be deterred by the veto threat, reminding them the bill fell just one vote shy of passing the Senate when Democrats controlled the chamber last year.

The bill this time around already has enough support to overcome a filibuster - 54 Republicans and six Democrats are sponsors. But supporters acknowledge they are still short of what would be needed to overcome a veto threat, and were already discussing other means to get the pipeline approved.

Prior to the committee's vote, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell called on Obama to rescind his veto threat.

"So for a president who has said he'd like to see more bipartisan cooperation, this is a perfect opportunity," McConnell said in a statement.

While the \$5.4 billion project has become a political lightning rod, it will have minimal impact on the two issues that the two sides care most about, which for Republicans is jobs and for liberal Democrats, their concern about worsening climate change. The State Department in its evaluation of the pipeline,

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now on hold until a Nebraska court rules on the pipeline's route, said the tar sands would be developed regardless of whether the pipeline were built.

The same review said that during the two-year construction period, about 42,000 jobs would be created, but only 3,900 would be directly related to the pipeline that would carry oil from tar sands in Canada to the Gulf Coast, where it would be refined.

Democrats held off on introducing most amendments Thursday, saving them for the Senate floor.

But in comments that gave a hint of the debate to come, Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent, offered an amendment that would put the entire Senate on record as recognizing that global warming is a threat and that the United States needed to transition as fast as possible away from fossil fuels. It was tabled.

Follow Dina Cappiello on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/dinacappiello>

Air pressure readings set records across South Dakota

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Authorities say shooting in Rapid City home was drug-related

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a shooting in a Rapid City home that left a man with minor injuries was drug-related.

The 54-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of illegal drug use.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the man was in the home when two people forced their way in early Monday and fired several shots before leaving.

Investigators believe the theft of a vehicle from the home on Sunday also was drug-related. The vehicle was found on fire the same day.

Authorities are working to identify the shooting suspects.

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. FRENCH FUGITIVES HOLED UP NORTHEAST OF PARIS

The two brothers suspected of killing 12 people at a French satirical newspaper appear to have taken a hostage in the town of Dammartin-en-Goele.

2. RADICALIZATION IN EUROPE TAKING ON NEW FORM

Security experts say it's now an Internet-driven, generalized rage against Western society that can

burst into the open at any time.

3. GOP-LED CONGRESS CLOSER TO A CLASH WITH OBAMA

House Republicans are on track to pass legislation to authorize the construction of the contentious Keystone XL oil pipeline.

4. AP SOURCES: U.S. DID NOT 'HACK BACK' AGAINST NORTH KOREA

It was not immediately clear even within the Obama administration whether rogue hackers or other governments disrupted North Korea's networks last month.

5. OBAMA'S PLANS FOR 'FREE' COMMUNITY COLLEGE

But administration officials provide no details about the program's costs or where the money would come to pay for it.

6. CENSORS STRIKE AGAIN AS CHINA BANS CLEAVAGE ON TV SHOW

A series chronicling China's most famous empress returns with no more low-cut necklines, leading to mocking on social media.

7. SONY PICTURES CEO: 'NO PLAYBOOK' FOR MEGA-HACK

Michael Lynton tells AP's Tami Abdollah about the isolation and uncertainty his entertainment company feels after the hacking attack.

8. WHAT JOKE GOT BILL COSBY A LOUD OVATION

The embattled comedian jokingly warned a woman in the audience during a show in Canada to be careful drinking around him when she told him she was going to the lobby to get a drink.

9. WHAT'S COMING TO CARS A LOT SOONER

Smartphone apps on dash displays, cruise control that adapts to cars around it, remote engine starting and more.

10. SEAHAWKS GAME SITE OF EARTHQUAKE EXPERIMENT

Seismologists prepare to monitor another fan-generated "beast quake" at Seattle's NFL playoff game to test technology that could provide an early warning of underground vibrations.

AP News in Brief

French police lay siege to brothers, hostage, after massacre at Paris newspaper

DAMMARTIN-EN-GOELE, France (AP) — Brothers suspected in a newspaper terror attack were cornered with a hostage inside a printing house on Friday, after they hijacked a car and police followed them to a village near Paris' main airport.

Security forces backed by a convoy of ambulances streamed into the small industrial town of Dammartin-en-Goele, northeast of Paris, in a massive operation to seize the men suspected of carrying out France's deadliest terror attack in decades. One of the men had been convicted of terrorism charges in 2008, and a U.S. official said both brothers were on the American no-fly list.

At least three helicopters hovered above the town. Nearby Charles de Gaulle airport closed two runways to arrivals to avoid interfering in the standoff, an airport spokesman said. Schools went into lockdown and the town appealed to residents to stay inside their houses.

The siege unfolded after the suspects hijacked a car in the early morning hours, according to police and security officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the operation.

Tens of thousands of French security forces have mobilized to prevent a new terror attack since the

Wednesday assault on the offices of Charlie Hebdo in the heart of Paris left 12 people dead, including the chief editor and cartoonist who had been under armed guard with threats against his life after publishing caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. His police bodyguard also died in the attack, which began during an editorial meeting.

Europe's nightmare: Terror threats both large and small as jihadis return from Syria

LONDON (AP) — The military-style attack in Paris has made clear that Europe faces an evolving, ever-more complex terror threat no longer dominated by a few big players.

It's not just al-Qaida, or Islamic State. It's not just the disciples of some fiery, hate-filled preachers.

Instead, security experts say, it's now an Internet-driven, generalized rage against Western society that can burst into the open at any time — with a slaughter in Paris, an attack on a Jewish Museum in Belgium, or the slaying of a soldier in the streets of London.

This evolving hydra-headed beast bedevils security chiefs, who have to deal not only with al-Qaida planners looking for another 9/11-style hit but also with, as in Paris, well-trained, well-armed killers intent on avenging perceived insults to their religion by gunning down journalists.

In a rare public speech, Andrew Parker, director of the domestic British security service MI5, said Thursday that thwarting terrorist attacks has become more difficult as the threat becomes more diffuse.

House looks to pass bill on Keystone XL pipeline for 10th time - and likely still a dead end

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are on track to easily pass legislation to authorize the construction of the Keystone XL oil pipeline, moving the GOP-led Congress closer to a clash with President Barack Obama.

Friday's vote will be the 10th time since July 2011 that the House has voted on legislation advancing the pipeline, and the outcome is expected to be no different: It will pass.

But the effort is still likely to hit a dead end, despite the fact the Senate on Thursday cleared an identical bill out of a committee. The Senate bill has the backing of 60 members, enough to pass the full chamber, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell moved to start debate immediately. Democrats blocked his effort, setting up a test vote early next week.

The White House has said Obama will veto the bill if it passes the Republican-controlled Congress because it "prevents the thorough consideration of complex issues that could bear on U.S. national interests."

Republicans have countered that Obama is derailing a bipartisan bill to improve the nation's energy infrastructure that the majority of Americans want. The \$5.4 billion project, which would move tar sands oil from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries, was first proposed in 2008.

AP Exclusive: US said not responsible for cyberattacks that crippled North Korea's Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government was not responsible for sustained electronic attacks that crippled North Korea's Internet infrastructure last month, just after President Barack Obama promised that his administration would respond to the hacker break-in at Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., two

senior U.S. officials told The Associated Press.

The Obama administration has been deliberately coy about whether it caused North Korea's outage, which affected all the nation's Internet connections starting the weekend of Dec. 20. But the two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to openly discuss the issue, acknowledged to the AP that it was not a U.S. operation.

It was not immediately clear even within the administration whether rogue hackers or other governments disrupted North Korea's networks. The networks are not considered especially robust since they rely on a single provider, China United Network Communications Group Co. Ltd., the state-owned provider in neighboring China. North Korea's service was sporadic starting Saturday, Dec. 20, then collapsed entirely for nearly 10 hours two days later in what has remained an enduring whodunit.

"It looks more like the result of an infrastructure attack than an infrastructure failure," said James Cowie, chief scientist at Dynamic Network Services Inc. of Manchester, New Hampshire, who studied the outages. "There's nothing you can point to that says it has all the hallmarks of an attack by a nation state. It could have been anybody."

Within the U.S. government, contingents have debated privately whether to acknowledge that the U.S. played no role in North Korea's disruptions or remain silent to avoid detailed conversations about U.S. capabilities and policy on offensive cyber operations, which are considered highly classified.

Sony Pictures CEO: Hackers "burned down the house," but studio hasn't lost a day of production

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The network was crippled. Days before Thanksgiving, Sony Pictures employees had logged onto computers that flashed a grim message from a hacker group calling itself Guardians of Peace. Soon personal information for tens of thousands of current and former workers was dumped online, including Social Security numbers and the purported salaries of top executives. Five Sony-produced movies, including the unreleased "Annie," appeared on file-sharing websites. Thousands of private, and sometimes embarrassing, emails hit the Internet.

"They came in the house, stole everything, then burned down the house," Michael Lynton, the movie studio's CEO, said in an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday. "They destroyed servers, computers, wiped them clean of all the data and took all the data."

More than six weeks later, the studio's network is still down — and is expected to remain so for a few weeks, as techs work to rebuild and get it fully back online. In that time, Sony has been thrust into the geopolitical spotlight as the target of an unprecedented corporate cyberattack that the United States has attributed to North Korea. In a wide-ranging interview Lynton talked about the isolation and uncertainty created by the attack and the unique position the company found itself in, in a case that's undoubtedly being closely watched in boardrooms around the world.

"We are the canary in the coal mine, that's for sure," Lynton said. "There's no playbook for this, so you are in essence trying to look at the situation as it unfolds and make decisions without being able to refer to a lot of experiences you've had in the past or other peoples' experiences. You're on completely new ground."

In the early hours of the hack, workers scrambled to find ways to communicate with the studio's 7,000 employees and keep the business running. Some dug through basement boxes for old BlackBerrys so they could email securely and others turned up long-unused check cutters so workers and vendors could get paid by paper check. A close-knit senior management team of 10 to 15 people relied initially on word of mouth, an emergency notification system and town hall meetings to disseminate informa-

tion and calm fears. Managers were told to be visible during commissary mealtimes and gathered with 80 to 90 employees at a time at buildings across the lot to offer updates.

Chinese sensors strike again, cropping bosoms from popular TV drama on ancient empress

BEIJING (AP) — At the end of December, a popular television series chronicling China's most famous empress suddenly went on a four-day hiatus. When it returned on New Year's Day, the low-cut necklines and squeezed bosoms had vanished.

Instead, the screen was filled with close-up shots showing only the heads of the female characters in the period piece, which depicts the seventh-century Tang Dynasty, an era when a woman's beauty was defined partly by plumpness.

No one has claimed responsibility for the awkward cropping, but it is widely believed to be the work of the country's prudish censors.

The changes have drawn a wave of mockery from the public fed up with ham-handed censorship. Chinese have lit up social media with complaints and jokes, with some posting cropped photos of celebrities and drawings that add in the missing cleavages to show the absurdity of the cuts.

"It was not a public issue, but has become one after shameless officials wielded their powerful administrative powers," Ren Zhiqiang, a businessman who has been outspoken on social issues, wrote on his microblog. "What people are concerned about is not cleavage, but that a bunch of cultural hooligans are in charge of making approvals."

Bill Cosby tells woman at show "You got to be careful about drinking around me."

LONDON, Ontario (AP) — Bill Cosby jokingly warned a woman in the audience during a show in Canada Thursday night to be careful drinking around him.

Cosby made the remark at his second performance in a row after a string of cancellations that followed sexual assault allegations from more than 15 women. Some of the women accused Cosby of drugging them by slipping something in their drinks before he assaulted them.

A woman who got up from one of the front rows and walked past the stage was asked by Cosby where she was going. When she answered that she was going to the lobby to grab a drink Cosby responded: "You have to be careful about drinking around me." The remark was met with loud applause.

A few minutes later a heckler yelled at Cosby that he was a rapist.

Cosby stood up as the crowd started to boo the man and asked them not to respond. "No, no, stop," he said, waving his hands.

Using only hands and feet, 2 men halfway through world's hardest climb at Yosemite

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two men are attempting what has been called the hardest rock climb in the world: a free climb of a half-mile section of exposed granite in California's Yosemite National Park.

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Kevin Jorgeson, 30, of Santa Rosa, California, and Tommy Caldwell, 36, of Estes Park, Colorado, are using only their hands and feet as they make their way up the steep and difficult exposed granite on one side of El Capitan. The attempt — their third since 2010 — has caught the world's attention.

They have been climbing to the towering summit for two weeks and could finish this weekend or next week. If they do, they will be the first people in the world to complete the free climb.

Here's a look at the latest:

Cars that think: gadget show gives glimpse of our automotive future

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Self-driving cars garner much of the attention, but in reality, we're years away from tooling around in something like Knight Rider's KITT. Coming sooner to a car near you: smartphone apps on dash displays, cruise control that adapts to cars around it, remote engine starting and more.

At International CES in Las Vegas this week, 10 automakers and numerous suppliers unveiled technological features that will find their way into cars in the distant and not-so-distant future. Here's a look at some of their wares.

Your car will think. It will react. It will learn.

"This car will take responsibility," said Dieter Zetsche, leader of Mercedes-Benz, as he introduced the company's luxury self-driving concept car of the future.

Seismologists prepare to monitor another fan-generated 'beast quake' at Seahawks playoff game

SEATTLE (AP) — The jumps, stomps and roars of fans cheering on the Seattle Seahawks have been known to shake the ground around CenturyLink Field. Now scientists will use expected fan quakes during Saturday's playoff game against the Carolina Panthers to experiment with an earthquake early warning system.

"BEAST QUAKE" INSPIRATION

Scientists first noticed the earth shaking around the Seahawks' stadium during a 2011 playoff game when running back Marshawn Lynch broke eight tackles and ran 67 yards during a 13-second play against the New Orleans Saints. That run, considered one of the most impressive in NFL history, sparked a fan reaction big enough that it created a seismic tremor recorded by a monitoring station near the stadium. Fans jumped and stomped their way to a magnitude-1 or -2 earthquake.

It became known as the "Beast Quake" because of Lynch's nickname.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2015. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

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In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office. The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister for health reasons; he was succeeded by Harold Macmillan.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a Jan. 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

In 1995, in New York, the trial of Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other defendants accused of conspiring to wage holy war against the United States began. (All the defendants were convicted of seditious conspiracy, except for two who reached plea agreements with the government.) British actor-comedian Peter Cook died in London at age 57. "The Late Late Show with Tom Snyder" premiered on CBS.

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: Mahmoud Abbas, the No. 2 man in the Palestinian hierarchy during Yasser Arafat's rule, was elected president of the Palestinian Authority by a landslide. Sudan's vice president (Ali Osman Mohammed Taha) and the country's main rebel leader (John Garang) signed a comprehensive peace agreement, concluding an eight-year process to stop a civil war in the south.

Five years ago: In a video broadcast posthumously, the Jordanian doctor who'd killed seven CIA employees in a suicide attack in Afghanistan on Dec. 30, 2009, called on all jihadists to attack U.S. targets to avenge the death of Pakistani Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud (BEH'-tuh-luh mah-SOOD'). Peyton Manning became the first player to win The Associated Press' NFL Most Valuable Player award four times.

One year ago: New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie fired one of his top aides, Deputy Chief of Staff Bridget Anne Kelly, and apologized repeatedly for his staff's "stupid" behavior, insisting during a news conference that he had no idea anyone around him had engineered traffic jams as part of a political vendetta against a Democratic mayor. A chemical plant spill into West Virginia's Elk River contaminated the water supply for Charleston, forcing more than 300,000 water customers in nine counties to stop using tap water. Activist poet-playwright Amiri Baraka, 79, died at a hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 87. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 81. Sportscaster

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Dick Enberg is 80. Actress K. Callan is 79. Folk singer Joan Baez is 74. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 74. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 71. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 65. Singer Crystal Gayle is 64. Actor J.K. Simmons is 60. Actress Imelda Staunton is 59. Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberto Menchu is 56. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 52. Actress Joely Richardson is 50. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 48. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 48. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 48. Actress-director Joey Lauren Adams is 47. Actress Angela Bettis is 42. Roots singer-songwriter Hayes Carll is 39. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 37. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 33. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 31. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 28. Actress Nina Dobrev is 26. Actor Tyree Brown is 11.

Thought for Today: "One's lifework, I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too."
- Theresa Helburn, American theatrical producer (1887-1959).

Driver's Exam Stations

Important: Application must be submitted at least 1 hour in advance of scheduled closing time. No drive tests will be given from 11:30 to 1:30. For more information see our website at www.dps.sd.gov call 1-800-952-3696.

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Webster: Courthouse Basement (711 W 1st St. - Ste. 107

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD (photo copies cannot be accepted)

Federal requirements have changed the documents required to obtain or renew your South Dakota driver license or identification card. We want to make the process as quick and easy as possible for you.

Look over the documents on the list below, and if you have any questions at all, anything you don't understand or any documents you aren't sure you can find, please contact the Driver Licensing Program. You may email DPSLicensingInfo@state.sd.us (please include your first and last name) or call toll-free at 1-800-952-3696 or directly at 605-773-6883.

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it

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is federally compliant.

Our staff is committed to providing the best service possible, so don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. We will help you in any way we can.

Federal regulations require anyone applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate driver license or identification card to provide the documents listed below and on page 2 (photo copies are not acceptable):

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

An Identity Document to prove identity, date of birth, and lawful status is considered to be one of the following:

- ◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)

- ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport

- ◆ Certificate of Naturalization

- ◆ Certificate of Citizenship

Non-Citizens may bring:

- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card

- ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document

- ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

South Dakota birth and marriage certificate information is available on the state of South