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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

Thursday, January 15

School Breakfast: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, green beans, romain salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Ham, sweet potatoes, peas, acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alissia Gelhaus, Tonya Reich, Mark Abeln.

4:00pm-9:00pm: Skating Rink Open

6:00pm: Wrestling in Groton (Sisseton, Webster, Groton)

6:30pm: GBB at Clark-Willow Lake

Friday, January 16

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

School Lunch: Cheese sticks, sweet potato to, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Glenna Remington, Hunter Bahr, Nicole Marzahn, Rachel Larson.

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

4:00pm: BBB hosts Clark-Willow Lake (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday, January 17

Anniv: Steve and Julie Schaller

Birthdays: Brina Chriss, Michael Patton.

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

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

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

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.

Brown County Historical Society To Hold Annual Meeting

The Brown County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting and luncheon at noon on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at the Alexander Mitchell Library. Reservations are required for the lunch portion of the event and can be made by calling the Dacotah Prairie Museum at 605-626-7117 prior to Thursday, January 22. The cost of the lunch is \$10 per person payable at the door.

A program entitled "The Fischer Five: Surviving the spotlight in small town South Dakota" will be presented by Jessica Massa, winner of the Society's research and writing contest, will begin at 12:45 p.m. with the meeting of the Society scheduled to begin after the program.

The lunch and program are open to the public; the meeting is for Society members only. Memberships can be purchased the day of the meeting for \$10 per individual or \$20 per family.

Cheer up, things could be worse.....

Back when I was in the third grade I was hospitalized and while in the hospital I received a card from one of my classmates. It read, "Cheer up, things could be worse". I opened it and it finished with, "So I cheered up and sure enough, things got worse". The Governor's Budget Address took me back to that statement. I had been disappointed about losing the election but I began to cheer up because by losing I will have more time to see my elderly parents and my seven grandchildren. But then I listened to the speech and "sure enough, things got worse". In that speech, and in his more recent State of State Address, Governor Daugaard talked about his priorities and not one thing was mentioned about the teacher shortage. Very little was said about education except that he plans to accelerate the shift of our tax burden onto our local property owners. The state government will continue to inadequately fund education so the burden will fall more and more to local sources. We have already seen the need for opt outs and dipping heavily into capital outlay but now he will accelerate this process by shifting other needs to the local taxpayer. He talked about changing long established formulas that send funds to local schools for technology, assessment, and transportation and having those funds replaced by local revenues. We see the state government, again, not living up to the commitments that have been made to our schools. We have heard the need and yet his response is to double down on the poor decisions of the past few years. We have a crisis in our schools and we will not have the teachers and programs that we need for our children. Please urge your legislators to adequately fund our schools.

Chuck Welke
Warner, SD

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Jackelopes 12, Foxes 9, Pocket Gophers 8, Coyotes 7, Killer Chihuahuas 6 1/2, Chipmunks 5 1/2

High game: Men – Roger Spanier 247, Craig Dunker 213, Brad Waage 200

Women – Darci Spanier 199, Vicki Walter 193, Dar Larson 177

High series: Men – Roger Spanier 615, Brad Waage 585, Roger Colestock 518

Women – Vicki Walter 497, Darci Spanier 468, Tasha Dunker 467

Presentation College President's and Dean's List

The following are on the President's List at Presentation College in Aberdeen for the Fall 2014 Semester. In order to be on the President's List, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average for the semester. They are Keely Geffre of Frederick, Angela Goodall of Westport, Cole Lewandowski of Groton and April Wegleitner of Claremont.

Those on the Dean's List at Presentation College, with a grade point average of 3.5 or better, are Caitlyn Fluke of Aberdeen, Kylie Hawkins of Groton and Austin Hoerner of Frederick.

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.

Today in Weather History

1982: Snowfall amounts of one to four inches and powerful northwest winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 60 mph caused blizzard conditions with widespread drifting across much of South Dakota and Minnesota from the early morning of the 15th to mid-afternoon on the 16th. Wind chills were lowered to 50 to 80 degrees below zero and visibilities were near zero across most of the area. One death was attributed to exposure. There were numerous weather related accidents. Some of the major accidents included; a truck blown off Interstate 90 near Murdo injuring the driver; a truck blown off Highway 281 and turned upside down in a ditch, and a truck slamming into a bridge on Interstate 90 near Murdo. The extreme cold killed numerous fruit trees at a nursery in Watertown.

1985: Heavy snow fell in central and south central South Dakota from early evening of the 15th to around noon on the 16th with areas around Pierre receiving up to 18 inches. Generally 5 to 10 inches fell with numerous minor traffic accidents reported. Interstate 90 had a no travel advisory in a 95-mile stretch from Kimball to Murdo until the afternoon of the 16th due to low visibility and heavy drifting. Also, many schools and businesses were closed. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Kennebec, 6 inches at Murdo, and 10 inches at Pierre.








2009: The Arctic high pressure area settled in on the morning of the 15th bringing the coldest temperatures to the region in many years. The combination of a fresh and deep snow pack, clear skies, and light winds allowed temperatures to fall to record levels at many locations on the 15th. Daytime highs remained well below zero across the area. This was one of the coldest days that most areas experienced since the early 1970s. The records were broken by 1 to as much as 7 degrees.

1963 – Bitterly cold air settled across Iowa sending temperatures plummeting to record levels. Reported low temperatures included -31 F at Charles City and Osage, -34 F at New Hampton, -35 F at Cresco, -39 F at Decorah, and -40 F at Saratoga in Howard County, a level which was only reached a handful of times in Iowa during the 20th century.

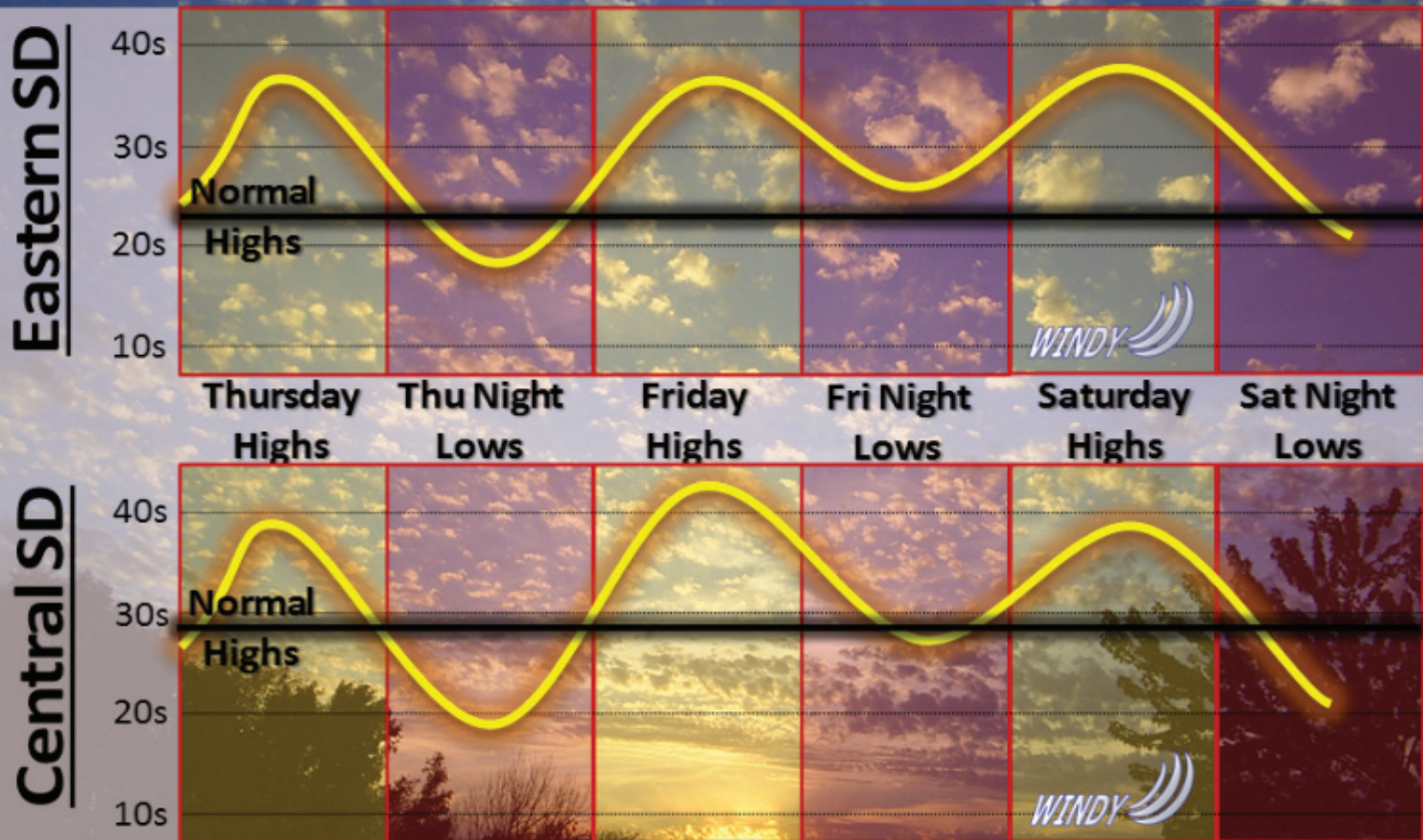
1972 – In Flint, Michigan, daytime temperature rose to only -3 degrees. This is the second coldest maximum temperature recorded in the city of Flint!

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Mostly Sunny High: 38 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 17 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 35 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 27 °F	Windy High: 40 °F	Blustery Low: 19 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 32 °F

Continued Mild Area Temperatures



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Updated: 1/15/2015 4:26 AM Central

Much above normal temperatures are expected to persist into the weekend. Average highs will be some 10 to 15 degrees warmer than normal today. Mostly dry conditions will also dominate the forecast, with windy conditions for Saturday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 27.8 at 3:13 PM

Low: 3.7 at 5:05 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 20 at 6:17 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 48° in 1942, 1931

Record Low: -42° in 2009

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.24

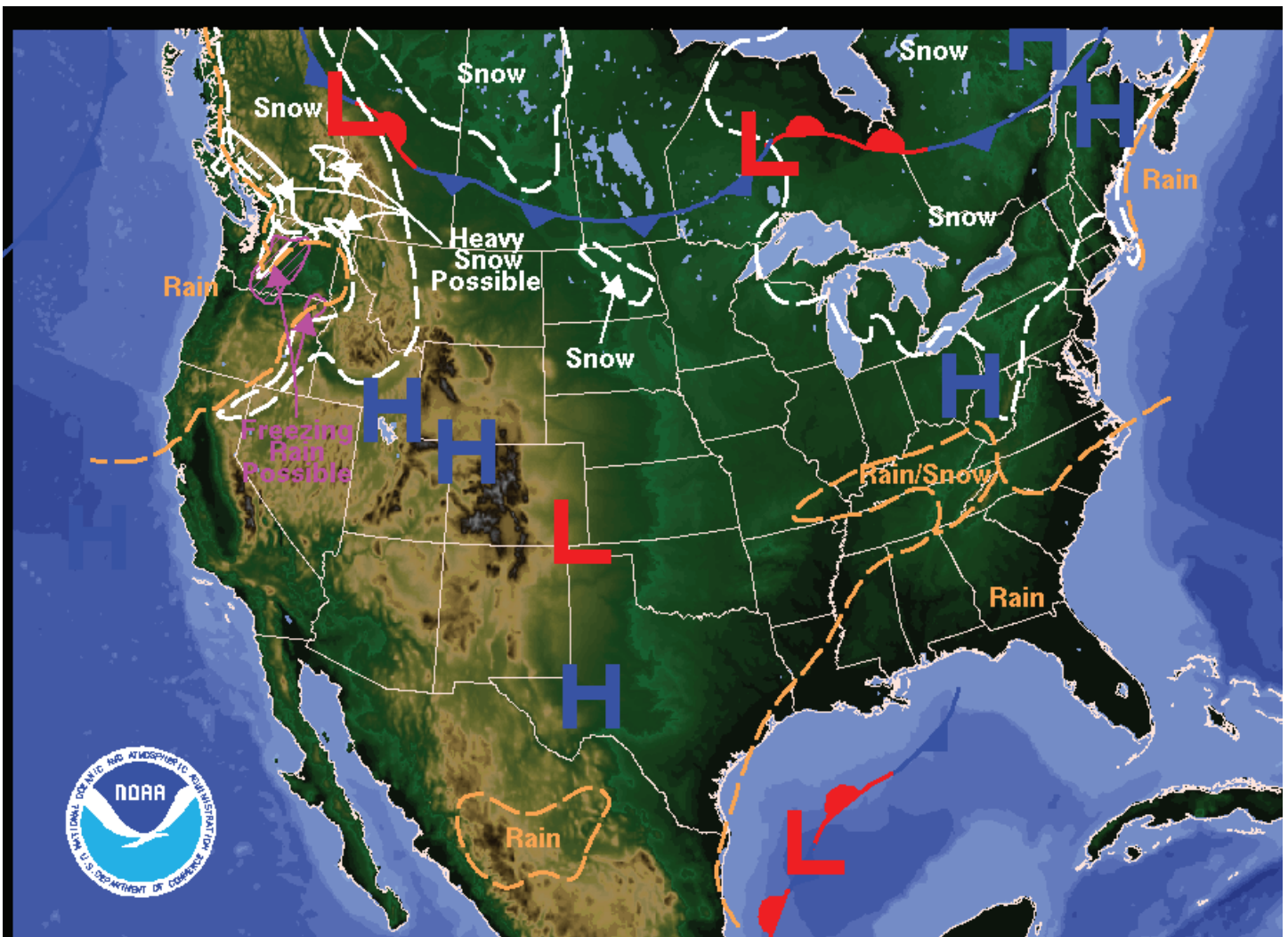
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.24

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:09 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 15, 2015, issued 3:43 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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WATCH WHERE YOU WALK

One of my mother's most quoted sayings was, "Birds of a feather flock together." When I first heard her say it, I had no idea of what she was talking about. However, she did. She realized that one of her most important obligations, as a parent, was to guard me from friends who might lead me away from God. She knew each of my playmates, and as I grew older, my friends, personally.

When I became a parent that quotation grew in its importance. I came to realize that our choice of friends always flows from the values we hold dearest. People who enjoy softball or golf, cooking or gardening, worshiping God and studying His Word form relationships because they hold things "in common" – their values.

Solomon said, "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." The advice contained in this proverb is significant because it focuses our attention on the informal learning process – not what is taught in classrooms or churches. Much of our learning is "absorbed" through watching others, being with others and having a desire to imitate or be like others, especially those whom we admire or hold up as heroes.

Someone once asked John Rockefeller what he did to become so successful. "I only associate with people who are successful." While that might sound trite and an over simplified way of becoming successful, it is profoundly true. The most "life shaping and longest lasting" lessons of our lives and those

that have had the greatest impact on us have been "caught" rather than "taught." Beware!

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to choose friends who honor and worship You, love Your Word and walk with You daily. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

An advertisement for "Friday is 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. There is also an illustration of a grill with a burger and a beer.

Bad batch of jet fuel grounds, delays flights in the Dakotas

MANDAN, N.D. (AP) — A bad batch of jet fuel is being blamed for recent flight delays and cancellations in the Dakotas.

Tesoro Corp. says the batch of fuel made at its refinery in Mandan did not meet specifications, and was recalled and replaced.

The Bismarck Tribune reports that flights were delayed or grounded late last week at airports throughout western North Dakota. The American News reports that a Saturday flight in Aberdeen, South Dakota, was canceled.

Fuel quality was back to normal by Sunday afternoon.

Man convicted in Rapid City shooting death appealing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A man convicted of manslaughter in a fatal shooting in a Rapid City motel parking lot two years ago is appealing his conviction.

The attorney for Charles Birdshead told the South Dakota Supreme Court on Wednesday that errors during the trial including bad jury instructions were “profound, pervasive and prejudicial.”

Assistant Attorney General Craig Eichstadt argued that Birdshead’s use of an illegal sawed-off shotgun to defend himself was reckless and met the standards for a manslaughter conviction.

Birdshead was convicted in the Jan. 7, 2013, killing of 33-year-old Eustacio Maruffo, and sentenced to 45 years in prison. Birdshead said he acted in self-defense when attacked by Maruffo and another man. Supreme Court justices will rule later.

Dog saves family before dying in South Dakota house fire

GAYVILLE, S.D. (AP) — A dog that died in a house fire in southeastern South Dakota is credited with saving the family in the home.

Officials say the pet’s barking woke the seven sleeping family members in the home near Gayville about 5 a.m. Thursday. The two adults and five children escaped to safety, but the dog died in the fire.

Assistant Fire Chief Lonny Lee told the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan that there were no working smoke detectors in the home.

The fire destroyed the two-story house. The cause was not immediately determined.

The Red Cross says it is helping the family members, who are staying with relatives and neighbors.

Big Sioux River selected for USDA ‘high-impact’ project

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The United States Department of Agriculture has selected a project dedicated to improving water quality in the Big Sioux River as one of its “high-impact” projects for 2015.

The USDA says the 115 projects in the Regional Conservation Partnership Program will receive more than \$370 million in total. Community partners nationwide will also contribute an estimated \$400 million.

The department says the biggest concern of the Central Big Sioux Water Quality Project is the degradation of surface water quality from bacteria, nutrients and sediment. The project will assist land owners and producers with improving water quality by avoiding, controlling and trapping nutrient and

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sediment runoff.

The funding will also go toward installing 13 Animal Waste Management Systems.

South Dakota lawmaker opposes endangered status for bats

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota lawmaker is among a group of U.S. senators expressing concern over the potential endangered species status for the northern long-eared bat.

Republican Sen. John Thune and 12 other legislators sent a letter Wednesday to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. The letter was signed by six other Republicans and six Democrats, including Sen. Amy Klobuchar (KLOH'-buh-shar) of Minnesota.

The Rapid City Journal reports lawmakers are worried the listing for the long-eared bat could threaten timber management in the Black Hills National Forest.

Bats have been dying by the millions in recent years from white-nose syndrome, a fungal disease discovered in 2006. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed protections for the long-eared bat, including adding it to the endangered species list, that would affect nearly 40 states.

Wheat, soybean stocks up but corn stocks down in the Dakotas

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Wheat and soybean stocks are up in the Dakotas, but corn stocks are down.

The Agriculture Department says in its latest report that wheat stocks on Dec. 1 were up 20 percent from a year ago in North Dakota to 239 million bushels, and up 52 percent in South Dakota to 77.6 million bushels.

Soybean stocks in North Dakota were up 36 percent to 98.3 million bushels, and in South Dakota they were up 26 percent to 133 million bushels.

Corn stocks were down 3 percent in North Dakota to 268 million bushels. In South Dakota, they were down 6 percent to 608 million bushels.

S Dakota hangs on for 71-67 win over N Dakota St

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Casey Kasperbauer scored 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and South Dakota hung on for a 71-67 win over North Dakota State on Wednesday night.

Brandon Bos added 12 points, while Tyler Larson contributed 10 points and grabbed a career-high 14 rebounds for South Dakota (9-9, 3-1 Summit League). Trey Norris also had 10 points for the Coyotes, who shot just 37.5 percent from the field on 56 attempts but held a commanding 24-6 advantage in made free throws.

North Dakota State (11-6, 3-1) reclaimed the lead late in the second half with a 7-0 run capped by a bucket from Lawrence Alexander that made it 61-60 with 3:15 to go. But after two more lead changes, South Dakota jumped ahead for good with Larson's layup that made it 65-63 with 1:01 left and held on down the stretch.

Alexander led North Dakota State with 20 points, Kory Brown added 15 and Carlin Dupree 12.

Tellinghuisen, South Dakota State beat IUPUI 68-53

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Reed Tellinghuisen scored 18 points and South Dakota State scored the first 15 points in beating IUPUI 68-53 on Wednesday night for the Jackrabbits' third straight victory.

George Marshall and Cody Larson added 15 points apiece as the Jackrabbits (12-7, 3-2 Summit League) handed coach Scott Nagy a victory in his 600th game as SDSU coach. The victory was the 10th

straight over IUPUI.

Elijah Ray scored 12 points and Khufu Najee 11 for the Jaguars (6-12, 2-2).

The Jackrabbits shot 42.5 percent to the Jaguars' 37.5 and made six 3-pointers, twice as many as IUPUI. SDSU also had a 35-28 rebounding edge.

The Jackrabbits led by 10 at halftime before the Jaguars closed to within three with 13:37 left. Tellinguisen's layup and two free throws put South Dakota State up by 12 with 6:25 left and the lead would stay in double figures.

Ted Turner ranch aims to aid endangered black-footed ferrets

SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A more than half-million-acre ranch that straddles the New Mexico-Colorado border and is owned by media mogul Ted Turner has asked for permission to import endangered black-footed ferrets.

The carnivores have struggled across the Great Plains, and the Vermejo Park Ranch wants to bolster their numbers as part of a recovery program spanning 12 Western states.

It will be up to the New Mexico Game Commission to clear the way for a permit for the ranch. The panel is scheduled to consider the matter Thursday.

Biologists at the ranch have been working for years to recover the species, but this marks the first time they have to jump through an extra hoop of review because of a regulatory change involving the importation and release of carnivores on private land in New Mexico.

State wildlife officials say the change is aimed at bringing more transparency to the approval of such proposals and doing so in a way that allows for public comment. Previously, only approval from the director of the New Mexico Game and Fish Department was needed.

Critics, including the Sierra Club and other environmental groups, contend the change was an attempt to stall the recovery of other more controversial endangered species, namely the Mexican gray wolf, and that the ferret was caught in the crossfire.

Mike Phillips, executive director of the Turner Endangered Species Fund, said he understands the need for transparency and is prepared to provide the state whatever information it needs about work being done at the ranch.

"With their new regulations, it's important that we meet with the commission and make sure they're aware of where the program is and what we're intending to do," Phillips said.

Black-footed ferrets were once found across a range that stretched from New Mexico and Texas to the Canadian border. Widespread poisoning of prairie dogs — the majority of a ferret's diet — and the conversion of land for grazing wiped out most of the animals.

Today, unstable prairie dog populations and a new wave of plague have complicated recovery efforts. Their short lifespans also don't help.

"If you were going to design an endangered species you may well design a black-footed ferret," Phillips said. "They have not been dealt a good hand."

Pete Gober, the federal government's ferret recovery coordinator, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with private landowners like Turner and smaller ranching operations to implement a 10-year plan for boosting ferret numbers across the region. That plan calls for adding several more reintroduction sites to the current 21.

But the work goes beyond simply releasing ferrets into wide open spaces.

"It's not that you're going to rewind the clock and walk away and it's going to tick forever. It's going

to take continued management," Gober said.

At Vermejo Park Ranch, biologists started out with a captive breeding program that helped supply ferrets to the Fish and Wildlife Service for transplantation. That morphed into efforts by the ranch to establish its own population.

Ferrets are notoriously difficult to survey, but the ranch estimates there might be a handful scattered across its high-elevation meadows. There's evidence they are surviving the winters and reproducing, indicating the ranch is moving in the right direction.

If Vermejo Park Ranch gets its permit, Phillips said more ferrets could be released as soon as this summer, adding to roughly 300 that are believed to be in the wild.

"The right track for ferrets is a prolonged willingness to try," he said. "Some of these issues we're looking at — whether it's Rio Grande cutthroat trout, desert bighorn sheep or black-footed ferrets — the fix to the problem is not one that's immediately achieved."

Gilbertson: State should examine prevalence of elder abuse

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota has had early success with a program to attract attorneys to rural areas and with an overhaul of the state's criminal justice system, and now should examine the prevalence of the financial abuse of the elderly in the state, Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson said Wednesday.

Gilbertson, in his State of the Judiciary speech to lawmakers, discussed proposals he said are making a difference in South Dakota and highlighted new policies he wants to pursue.

He sang the praises of the pilot program lawmakers passed in 2013 to lure attorneys to rural areas of the state, which is believed to be the first of its kind. He also highlighted a criminal justice overhaul passed the same year aimed at boosting rehabilitation rates and reducing corrections spending, with an increased focus on violent and career criminals.

Drug and drunken driving courts have been keeping offenders out of prison and saving the state money, Gilbertson said.

He used the preliminary successes of that overhaul to push for similar changes in South Dakota's juvenile justice system, which is a key focus for Gov. Dennis Daugaard this legislative session. Officials want to decrease the number of juveniles committed to the care of the state Department of Corrections and instead use local programming to keep low-level offenders in their communities.

Gilbertson said it's also necessary to turn the state's eye toward elder abuse in South Dakota and to take a strong stand against it. People have the perception that financial scams against the elderly typically happen over the telephone or Internet, he said, but most are committed by a member of the victim's family.

"People have to be aware there's a problem," Gilbertson said. "We don't know how large the problem is, but I'm sure it's larger than everybody expects."

Daugaard said after the speech he was unsure how the issue might be addressed through legislation, but added, "It's something I'd be very open to looking at."

Gilbertson also introduced the newest Supreme Court justice, Janine Kern, whom Daugaard appointed to replace Justice John Konenkamp, who retired in December.

Study: \$18B to divert Missouri River to irrigate farms

HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH, Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Building a 360-mile aqueduct to reroute water from the Missouri River to irrigate crops in western Kansas where underwater stores are being exhausted would cost \$18 billion and require an additional \$1 billion each year to operate, a new draft report shows.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers estimates that building an aqueduct to transport excess water from the river would take 20 years and cost \$12.2 billion, plus \$5.8 billion in interest. The estimate doesn't include the costs of permits or restoring habitat lost as a result of the project, which could boost the cost "significantly higher," said John Grothaus, chief of the water planning section for the corps' Kansas City district.

The proposed concrete-lined canal and 15 pump stations would start near White Cloud, along the Nebraska border, and end near Utica. A similar 1982 analysis, undertaken at the request of Congress, estimated construction would cost \$3.7 billion and interest \$4.2 billion.

"Nothing materialized, and it looks like they kicked the can down the road at the very least," Grothaus said.

The Kansas Water Office posted a draft summary, which included the corps' findings, online this month and will present the complete analysis Jan. 29 to an advisory entity called the Kansas Water Authority. A state committee tasked with updating the 1982 analysis asked for the study because water levels are declining in the Ogallala Aquifer, a vast network of underground water locked in the porous limestone deep below the surface in the High Plains region of the U.S., stretching from Wyoming and South Dakota to the Texas and Oklahoma panhandle regions. It is the primary source of fresh water for the entire area.

Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback has said that Ogallala's storage could be nearly 70 percent spent in 50 years if nothing changes.

"This is a lot of money," said Kansas Senate Natural Resources Committee Chairman Larry Powell. He estimated that, with the report showing that water from the aqueduct would cost farmers \$450 per-acre foot in today's dollars, it would cost upward of \$90,000 to irrigate 100 acres of corn.

At that price, he asked, "is it going to be feasible to raise corn to feed cattle? It might not be."

The project already has received some pushback, with Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon calling it "ill-advised" in a November 2013 letter to Brownback. Nixon spokesman Scott Holste said in an email Wednesday that the governor's position remained the same.

Earl Lewis, assistant director of the Kansas Water Office, said, he didn't know the chances for the project being pursued and acknowledged that concerns had been raised.

"Anytime you talk about a significant amount of water and you are talking about moving water from one place to another, you are going to create some controversy," Lewis said. "Even the study of looking at it, there is controversy being created with it right now."

But he said that in Western states where water-transfer projects have been completed, the benefits are "significant." The aqueduct, he said, "becomes a policy question. What do we want to see happen in the future? And how do we want to see it happen?"

Sioux Falls police to harvest 30 deer over the next month

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls police department will harvest up to 30 deer over the next month in an effort to curb the city's deer population.

The South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks says it issued the permit allowing for the har-

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vest after it completed a comprehensive study of the area. The deer will be harvested in the southeast portion of Sioux Falls.

Police Chief Doug Barthel says the department hopes to limit the amount of property damage caused by deer in the city. It's also trying to reduce the number of car accidents and improve the health of the deer population in Sioux Falls.

The Argus Leader reports that all of the meat from the deer is being donated to South Dakota's Sportsmen Against Hunger.

Citibank takes \$30 million tax fight to state Supreme Court

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Citibank's efforts to reclaim \$30 million in overpaid taxes have reached the South Dakota Supreme Court, where the financial group argued Wednesday against "inequity" in the way the state has dealt with bank franchise taxes.

Supreme Court justices heard oral arguments in Citibank's appeal in a case that goes back to a 2012 refund claim from Citibank on state bank franchise taxes it paid between 1999 and 2002.

The Internal Revenue Service in 2012 reduced Citibank's taxable income for the earlier period, which lowered the state bank franchise tax payment since that is based on federal taxable income.

South Dakota's Department of Revenue rejected Citibank's claim, and the state has argued that the firm didn't request a refund until after the three-year legal window in state law had passed. Citibank said it complied with state regulations and filed a timely refund request after the federal tax agency finished its review of the financial group's books, when it learned its final tax outcome.

Andrew Fergel, a Department of Revenue attorney, told the justices that Citibank should have asked for the refund within the statute of limitations — even though the federal audit wasn't finished — in order to comply with state law.

A circuit court judge had dismissed the bank's appeal of an administrative appeal in 2013, and Citibank brought the case to the state Supreme Court.

The financial group also points to a 2007 payment of \$4.3 million to the state for underpaid taxes between 1993 and 1998, which the state accepted even though the three-year legal window had closed.

"(Citibank) did what they were supposed to do — they paid it," Thomas Welk, an attorney for Citibank, told the high court. "So if the logical extension of (the state's) argument is three years and we're done, then they shouldn't have kept the money, and we're entitled to the money back plus interest."

The financial group said in a statement that it's "willing to explore and develop possible alternatives to recover the overpayment while minimizing the impact of the refund on state finances."

More than 17,000 in South Dakota enroll for health insurance

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal officials say more than 17,000 people in South Dakota have signed up for health insurance during the current enrollment season of the Affordable Care Act.

The second enrollment period for President Barack Obama's signature health care law began Nov. 15 and ends Feb. 15. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on Wednesday said 17,196 South Dakota residents selected plans as of Jan. 9. The figure includes first-time sign-ups, people who personally re-enrolled and those who were automatically re-enrolled by insurers.

Of those who signed up during the first month of the enrollment season, 88 percent received financial assistance, which lowered their premiums.

Nationwide, nearly 6.8 million people have signed up for the first time or re-enrolled in coverage since

the second enrollment period began.

North Dakota measure requires citizenship test for students

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota first lady Betsy Dalrymple, educators, military veterans and lawmakers urged a legislative committee Wednesday to pass bipartisan legislation that would require high school students to take the same test that immigrants must pass to become a U.S. citizen.

"This proposal will give our North Dakota high school students an added incentive to strengthen their knowledge of our great country and our rights and duties as citizen," Dalrymple told the House Education Committee, which voted unanimously to forward the bill to the full House with a "do-pass" recommendation. No one spoke in opposition to the measure.

The legislation, unveiled in December ahead of the session, would require students — at any time during their high school career — to correctly answer 60 percent of a 100-question civics test to graduate starting with the 2016-17 school year. A passing grade would rise to 70 percent in following years, under an amendment offered Wednesday by Bismarck GOP Rep. Mike Nathe, the measure's primary sponsor.

Fargo Rep. Al Carlson, the Republican state House majority leader and former history teacher, spoke in favor of the measure but said 60 percent typically is a failing grade on most tests.

Immigrants applying to become citizens must correctly answer six of 10 questions that are chosen at random from the same exam, which is given verbally.

The measure exempts home-schooled students, unless diplomas are sought from their home school district. Special education students also are exempt, though retired teacher and Assistant Senate Minority leader Joan Heckman, D-New Rockford, believed the majority of those students will take — and pass — the exam.

The measure is backed by the Arizona-based nonprofit Joe Foss Institute. The group has said similar efforts also are underway in South Dakota, Arizona, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Utah.

Foss is a former South Dakota governor and won the Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II. He died in 2003.

"The need for civics in our education system is paramount," said David Johnson, a spokesman for the North Dakota American Legion. "This is what we put our lives on the line for."

North Dakota National Guard commander Maj. Gen. David Sprynczynatyk said it's the responsibility of each citizen to "know how our country was born and how it evolved to what it is today."

The graduation requirement "is no more than what we require of people who ask to be United States citizens," he said.

The proposal wouldn't impose extra costs for schools because the questions are available on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website, and individual schools would decide how to implement the test, North Dakota School Superintendent Kirsten Baesler said.

"What this bill will do is let our students know that we as a state understand that civics knowledge is just as important as math, English or science," Baesler said.

The state's first lady gave members of the House Education Committee copies of the test, which includes questions ranging from the number of voting members in the U.S. House (answer: 435) to naming the ocean bordering the nation's West Coast (the Pacific).

Dalrymple pointed out question No. 43 on the exam to the committee.

"That's my favorite," she said. "Who is the governor of your state now?"

Former SDSU standout Wolters signs with New Orleans Pelicans

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former South Dakota State University basketball standout Nate Wolters has signed a 10-day contract with the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans.

The team announced the move Wednesday and said he would be available for that night's game in Detroit. He will wear No. 4.

Wolters became an unrestricted free agent guard when he was waived by the Milwaukee Bucks last week. Terms of his deal with the Pelicans were not disclosed.

The 6-foot-4, 190-pound Wolters was the 38th overall pick in the 2013 NBA Draft by the Washington Wizards. His rights were dealt to the Philadelphia 76ers and then to the Bucks. He appeared in 69 games with Milwaukee.

Wolters is averaging about 6 points, 3 assists and 2 rebounds per game in his NBA career.

Official says proposed pipeline would boost economy, be safe

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A company proposing a pipeline to carry oil from western North Dakota to refineries in eastern states says it would create thousands of jobs in South Dakota while generating tens of millions of dollars in taxes and landowner easements.

Some elected officials and landowners worry that the proposed \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline might harm land values and the environment.

The proposed 1,134-mile pipeline would stretch from the Bakken oil formation in North Dakota to Patoka, Illinois, with about one-fourth of the pipeline in eastern South Dakota. North Dakota's Pipeline Authority has said it would be the largest-capacity pipeline for the state's crude to date. Dallas-based Energy Transfer Partners wants it operating by the end of 2016.

The pipeline would have numerous safety features, Joey Mahmoud, the company's senior vice president of engineering, said during a public meeting in Sioux Falls on Tuesday.

"There's not a minute that goes by that this pipeline will not be evaluated, controlled and reviewed to make sure it is operating in a safe condition," he said.

The pipeline also would generate more than \$51 million annually in taxes in South Dakota, while paying private landowners about \$47 million in easements, Mahmoud said.

"We pay top dollar, and we try to work with landowners," he said.

Peggy Hoogestraat, of rural Chancellor, said she is frustrated with the 50-foot easements the company is seeking, which would include a prohibition against building permanent structures in the easement area.

"We had plans for future generations, and those are being destroyed," she said.

Orrin Geide, of rural Hartford, said he worries about oil spills.

"We have two wells on that section and I'm not hooked up to rural water," he said. "So I'm a little concerned about if they have a leak contaminating our water source."

South Dakota regulators aren't expected to make a decision on a construction permit for the pipeline until later this year. The Public Utilities Commission has scheduled public hearings next week in Bowdle, Redfield, Iroquois and Sioux Falls.

AP News in Brief

FBI arrests 20-year-old Ohio man who wanted to 'wage jihad' on US, plotted attack on Capitol

CINCINNATI (AP) — A 20-year-old Ohio man's Twitter posts sympathizing with Islamic terrorists led to an undercover FBI operation and the man's arrest on charges that he plotted to blow up the U.S. Capitol and kill government officials.

Christopher Lee Cornell, also known as Raheel Mahrus Ubaydah, told an FBI informant they should "wage jihad," and showed his plans for bombing the Capitol and shooting people, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court in Ohio Wednesday. The FBI said Cornell expressed his support for the Islamic State.

Cornell's arrest came only days after a grand jury indictment charged another Cincinnati-area resident with threatening to murder House Speaker John Boehner.

Boehner spokesman Michael Steel said in a statement Wednesday: "Once again, the entire Congress owes a debt of gratitude to the FBI and all those who keep us safe."

The complaint against Cornell charges him with attempting to kill officers and employees of the United States.

Analysts worry that terrorist attacks like those in Paris will remain difficult to detect

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. and French intelligence officials are leaning toward an assessment that the Paris terror attacks were inspired by al-Qaida but not directly supervised by the group, a view that would put the violence in a category of homegrown incidents that are extremely difficult to detect and thwart.

Although one of the two brothers who carried out the attack at the Charlie Hebdo newspaper is believed to have traveled briefly to Yemen in 2011, where he met an al-Qaida leader, U.S. intelligence officials are not convinced that the Paris attacks were directed from abroad, despite a claim of responsibility by al-Qaida's Yemen affiliate. The claim seems hastily put together and "opportunistic," as two senior officials put it, one French and the other American, both declining to be named in order to discuss sensitive intelligence.

Investigators also are not convinced that Amedy Coulibaly, who killed five people in Paris in separate incidents, coordinated in advance with Cherif and Said Kouachi, who killed 12 in the attack on the Charlie Hebdo newspaper.

If those assessments hold, they would place the attacks on a continuum of violence by disaffected individuals who have become sympathetic to al-Qaida, the Islamic State group or their ilk — yet are not involved in the sort of international conspiracy that lends itself to relatively easy detection.

The links to al-Qaida run a gamut, analysts say, from the disturbed Muslim convert in Oklahoma who beheaded a former co-worker at a meat packing plant in September, to the ideologically committed brothers in Paris who attacked the satirical newspaper. The Oklahoma man had no connection to any terror group, while the Kouachi brothers are believed to have consulted with al-Qaida's affiliate in Yemen.

Pope arrives in Philippines, where excited crowds await first papal visit in 20 years

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Pope Francis arrived on Thursday in the Philippines, Asia's most populous Catholic nation, where ecstatic crowds awaited the first papal visit in 20 years.

Church bells tolled across the country and hundreds of children danced and waved small Philippine and Vatican flags as the pontiff emerged from the plane and was welcomed by well-wishers led by President Benigno Aquino III. A sudden gust of wind blew off his papal cap seconds after he appeared, and Francis grabbed futility for it and then smiled and descended the stairs.

The government has declared national holidays during the pope's visit, which runs through Monday. He will be in the capital of Manila and fly Saturday to eastern Leyte province, where he plans to meet survivors of Typhoon Haiyan that left thousands of people dead in 2013.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, archbishop of Manila, said he hoped the visit by Francis, the first Latin American head of the 1.2 billion-strong Roman Catholic Church, would be festive and spiritually uplifting and nurture compassion at a time when the country is still recovering from recent deadly disasters, including Haiyan.

"It's like a big, big, big, big national fiesta," a beaming Tagle said in an interview on the eve of the pope's arrival. The visit, he said, "comes at that point when people would really be helped by a moral and spiritual boost coming from someone who really cares."

POPE WATCH: Where's my cap? Windy arrival for Pope Francis in Philippines

Pope Francis has landed in the Philippines, home to Asia's largest Catholic population, following a visit to Sri Lanka. Here are some glimpses of his trip as it unfolds:

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On the tarmac in Manila, as the papal aircraft approached, the choreography was formidable. Flags waved in unison. Huge groups of faithful sang along to a pop song written just for Pope Francis' visit. Everything was scripted just so.

Except for the hat. The pope's hat.

Iraq's fight against IS draws its top Shiite cleric into key political role

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Since Sunni militants of the Islamic State group overran large parts of Iraq, the country's most prominent Shiite cleric has fundamentally altered his spiritual role and has plunged straight into politics, weighing in on government policy and the fight against the extremists.

The shift by the Iranian-born Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani underlines the key role played by religion in post-Saddam Hussein Iraq and takes the troubled country down a potentially dangerous path, given its deep sectarian and ethnic tensions. His role falls well short of Iranian-style theocracy, in which the top cleric has the final word on everything, but Iraq's government clearly feels it must listen to him.

Al-Sistani saw it as a necessity to step in with his moral authority given the failures of politicians and the collapse of the military when the Islamic State group overran much of the north and west last summer, an aide said.

"It is his legitimate right, but he did not seek to exercise it. It was forced upon him," the aide in the holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity

because he was not authorized to talk to the media. "People wait from one Friday to the next to hear what Sayed al-Sistani has to say."

But Alireza Nader, senior policy analyst at the RAND Corporation, said that even if it is seen as necessary, "heavy intervention by the clergy means that Iraq's government is not going to be secular any time soon, although not theocratic either. But perhaps something in between."

Mexico will issue birth certificates to citizens at US consulates, seeking to help them get ID

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — The Mexican government on Thursday will start issuing birth certificates to its citizens at consulates in the United States, seeking to make it easier for them to apply for U.S. work permits, driver's licenses and protection from deportation.

Until now, Mexico has required citizens to get birth certificates at government offices in Mexico. Many of those living in the U.S. ask friends and relatives back home to retrieve them, which can delay their applications for immigration or other programs.

Now, even as Republicans in Congress try to quash President Barack Obama's reprieve to millions of immigrants living illegally in the U.S., Mexico is trying to help them apply for programs that would allow them to remain temporarily in the country and continue sending money back to relatives across the border.

"It is a huge help. It helps individuals really begin to formulate their formal identity in this country," said Angelica Salas, executive director of the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles.

About half of the 11 million immigrants living in the United States illegally are from Mexico, and immigration experts estimate that roughly 3 million Mexicans could be eligible to apply for work permits and protection from deportation under the administration's plan.

Oklahoma to resume lethal injections after 9-month delay; plans to use same method as Florida

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — After a nearly nine-month delay prompted by a botched lethal injection last spring, Oklahoma plans to execute a death row inmate Thursday with the same three-drug method Florida intends to use about an hour earlier.

Oklahoma prison officials ordered new medical equipment, more extensive training for staff and renovated the execution chamber inside the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to prevent the kind of problems that arose during the execution of Clayton Lockett in April. Lockett writhed on the gurney, moaned and tried to lift his head after he'd been declared unconscious, prompting prison officials to try to halt his execution before he died.

Attorneys for the state say a failed intravenous line and a lack of training led to the problems with Lockett's injection, not the drugs.

Both Oklahoma and Florida plan to start the executions with the sedative midazolam, which has been challenged in court as ineffective in rendering a person properly unconscious before the second and third drugs are administered, creating a risk of unconstitutional pain and suffering.

Charles Frederick Warner, the 47-year-old Oklahoma inmate scheduled to die Thursday, and three other Oklahoma death row inmates have filed a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court to stop their executions.

French president: French Muslims should be respected and respect nation's secular values

PARIS (AP) — President Francois Hollande says France's millions of Muslims should be protected and respected and in turn they should also respect the nation's strict secular policies.

Hollande spoke Thursday after three radical Muslim gunmen killed 17 people last week in France's worst attacks in decades. Two of the attackers claimed allegiances to al-Qaida in Yemen and another to the Islamic State group.

The terror attacks have prompted scattered retaliatory attacks on Muslim sites around France and have put many French Muslims on the defensive.

Hollande said that "anti-Muslim acts, like anti-Semitism, should not just be denounced but severely punished."

Box-office hits seem assured of a snub in Thursday morning's Oscar nominations

Unless David Fincher's "Gone Girl" or Christopher Nolan's "Interstellar" unexpectedly crash the party, the most certain thing absent at Thursday's Oscar nominations will be major box-office hits.

When the nominations to the 87th annual Academy Awards are unveiled at 8:30 a.m. EST from the Samuel Goldwyn Theater in Beverly Hills, Calif., none of the expected best-picture candidates will have grossed \$100 million. Presenters Chris Pine, J.J. Abrams, Alfonso Cuaron and motion picture academy President Cheryl Boone Isaacs will announce all 24 categories in a press conference streamed live on <http://www.oscars.org> and broadcast on ABC's "Good Morning America."

This year's modestly sized but much-beloved favorites — "Boyhood," "Birdman" — have been largely locked in place throughout much of Hollywood's ever-expanding awards season, where statuette-hunting campaigns span months and are feverishly chewed over by Oscar prognosticators. As studios have focused more and more on easily marketed blockbusters, Oscar season increasingly exists apart from the regular business of the movies, in its own hifalutin, red-carpeted realm.

Among the things to look for Thursday will be the fate of the late-chargers of this season: "Selma" and "American Sniper," both of which are only now hitting theaters nationwide.

Guild awards have been particularly tough on Ava DuVernay's "Selma." Though acclaimed by critics and energized by contemporary relevance, the civil-rights drama has been subjected to scrutiny for its Lyndon Johnson portrayal. Many were surprised by its absence in nominees by the acting, directing and producing guilds, which many have attributed to the movie's late arrival and lack of available DVD screeners for the guilds.

2 Americans complete world's hardest rock climb, conquer sheer wall of Yosemite's El Capitan

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — American rock climber Tommy Caldwell was first to pull himself atop the ledge of the 3,000-foot vertical wall of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park in the glow of the afternoon sun, followed minutes later by Kevin Jorgeson.

The two longtime friends embraced, and then Jorgeson pumped his arm in the air and clapped his hands above his head. Years of practice, failed attempts and the last 19 grueling days scaling by their fingertips culminated at last in success.

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"That's a deep, abiding, lifelong friendship, built over suffering on the wall together over six years," said Caldwell's mother, Terry, among some 200 people thousands of miles below in the valley floor who broke into cheers.

She said her son could have reached the top several days ago, but he waited for his friend to make sure they made it together.

The pair on Wednesday completed what had long been considered the world's most difficult rock climb, captivating the nation and world through social media, livestreamed video coverage while documentary filmmakers dangled from ropes capturing each move.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2015. There are 350 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1865, during the closing months of the Civil War, the Second Battle of Fort Fisher near Wilmington, North Carolina, ended as Union forces captured the "Gibraltar of the South," depriving the Confederates of their last major seaport.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1862, the U.S. Senate confirmed President Abraham Lincoln's choice of Edwin M. Stanton to be the new Secretary of War, replacing Simon Cameron.

In 1919, in Boston, a tank containing an estimated 2.3 million gallons of molasses burst, sending the dark syrup coursing through the city's North End, killing 21 people.

In 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, headquarters of the U.S. Department of War (now Defense).

In 1947, the mutilated remains of 22-year-old Elizabeth Short, who came to be known as the "Black Dahlia," were found in a vacant Los Angeles lot; her slaying remains unsolved.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first AFL-NFL World Championship Game, known retroactively as Super Bowl I.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1989, NATO, the Warsaw Pact and 12 other European countries adopted a human rights and security agreement in Vienna, Austria.

In 1993, a historic disarmament ceremony ended in Paris with the last of 125 countries signing a treaty banning chemical weapons.

In 2009, US Airways Capt. Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger ditched his Airbus 320 in the Hudson River after a flock of birds disabled both engines; all 155 people aboard survived.

Ten years ago: Wilbert Rideau, an award-winning black journalist who'd spent nearly 44 years in Louisiana prisons for the 1961 death of a white bank teller, Julia Ferguson, was found guilty of manslaughter in a fourth trial by a racially-mixed jury and set free, his original sentence for murder reduced to time already served. Mahmoud Abbas was sworn in as Palestinian president. Michelle Kwan won her

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ninth title at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Portland, Oregon; Johnny Weir won his second straight men's title. Actress Ruth Warrick died in New York at age 88. Opera singer Victoria de los Angeles died in Barcelona, Spain, at age 81.

Five years ago: United Nations humanitarian chief John Holmes appealed for more than \$560 million to help 3 million victims of the earthquake in Haiti, calling it "a huge and a horrifying catastrophe." Washington Wizards star Gilbert Arenas pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol without a license in the District of Columbia, a felony. (Arenas was later sentenced to a month in a halfway house and suspended until the end of the season by the NBA.)

One year ago: In the latest in a series of nuclear stumbles, the U.S. Air Force disclosed that 34 officers entrusted with the world's deadliest weapons had been removed from launch duty for allegedly cheating - or tolerating cheating by others - on routine proficiency tests. A highly critical and bipartisan Senate report declared that the deadly Sept. 2012 assault on the American diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya, could have been prevented; the report spread blame among the State Department, the military and U.S. intelligence. A \$1.1 trillion spending bill for operating the government until just before the 2014 election steamed through the battle-weary House over tepid protests from tea party conservatives.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Margaret O'Brien is 77. Actress Andrea Martin is 68. Actor-director Mario Van Peebles is 58. Actor James Nesbitt is 50. Singer Lisa Lisa (Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam) is 48. Actor Chad Lowe is 47. Alt-country singer Will Oldham (aka "Bonnie Prince Billy") is 45. Actress Regina King is 44. Actor Eddie Cahill is 37. NFL quarterback Drew Brees is 36. Rapper/reggaeton artist Pitbull is 34. Actor Victor Rasuk is 30. Electronic dance musician Skrillex is 27.

Thought for Today: "I refuse to accept the idea that the 'is-ness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the 'ought-ness' that forever confronts him." - Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968).

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 Pro-

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gram. 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 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 Dakota web site at <http://www.doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx> and through your local County Register of Deeds office. Marriage certificates before 1950 may not be available for same day issuance. For telephone numbers and addresses to write for out-of-state vital records, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

II. You will need one document to prove Social Security number. Only the documents listed below can serve as proof of Social Security number (the document must include your name and full social security number):

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- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form
- ◆ Pay stub

(For information on how to apply for a social security number or replacement card, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.)

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

- ◆ Utility bill
- ◆ Pay stub or earnings statement
- ◆ Rent receipt
- ◆ Phone bill
- ◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school
- ◆ Bank statement
- ◆ Mortgage document
- ◆ Tax document
- ◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy
- ◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel
- ◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.
- ◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

Minors - If a minor does not have two documents proving residency, the parent may provide two forms for them.

Living with someone else - An individual residing with another person may have the other person sign a "Consent for Use of South Dakota Address" form and present two residency documents belonging to the person with whom they reside. The Consent for Use of Address form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

Living within an organization or at a facility - Applicants may provide a letter from the organization or facility (on their letterhead) stating the individual resides there.

People who travel full-time - If you are using a mail forwarding address, you must complete the Residency Affidavit. You will also need to provide one document no more than one year old proving your temporary South Dakota address (campground or RV park receipt) and one document no more than one year old proving your personal mailbox (PMB) service address (receipt from the PMB business or a piece of mail with your PMB address on it). If you have friends or family in South Dakota and plan to use their address, you can complete and follow the instructions on the Consent for Use of Address form.

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Military and Military Dependents - Applicants can use an out-of-state address on their license and provide two documents proving residency showing the out-of-state address.

Before your license or ID card is issued, our examiners will review your documents to make sure they comply with the federal requirements. We will work with you to resolve any problems with your documents and to identify any additional documents or other information that may be necessary to complete the process. The additional requirements are designed to establish a more secure driver license, which will address our shared concern about national security, identity theft and highway safety.

Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present:

- ◆ DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or
- ◆ Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status.
- ◆ DD Form 2 (Retired)
- ◆ DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)

Note to CDL holders: If you are required to carry a medical examiners certificate (aka DOT medical card) you must show a valid card at the driver exam station.