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

School Lunch: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

Senior Menu: Spanish rice with hamburger, green beans, Mandarin oranges, chocolate pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Jennifer Podoll, Kristie Hawkins, Marcia Blumhardt, Rhonda Millim, Wendy Cooper
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study
4:00pm: BBB at Britton (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

Wednesday, January 28

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

School Lunch: BBQ, French fries, veggie cup, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, baked potato, squash, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Audrey Miller, Deanna Hendrickson, Loren Locken, Ruby Luce
7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study
12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center
3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

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Class sizes a concern for English

Class sizes for the English classes are a concern to the teachers. The English Department gave their program overview at the Groton Area School Board meeting Monday night. Diane Kurtz said that class sizes are between 22 and 25 with some as large as 27 in the past. "That is too large," she said. "Behaviour is an issue with so many students." She said that they would like to see class sizes around 17, which also helps with the one-to-one student help. Jan Seibel added, "I hope we can take a look at reducing class size."

Kurtz also talked about the TIE conference that is held in the spring. The teachers have been turned down from attending the conference. She said that only technology people can attend. "It would benefit the teaching staff if we could send a couple to the conference," Kurtz said.

The Science Department also gave their overview and Kristen Gonsoir pointed out that the Physical Science books need updating. "We're in our 11th year and much of it is now outdated. Gonsoir said that it's time to get some new books.

There was only one finding on the FY'14 District Audit, and it is the same one that pops up every time. Business Manager Mike Weber said the audit reports that the district has a limited size staff for getting the financial report done and because of that, Eide Bailly completes the numbers before submitting the final report to the state.

There were a number of policy revisions that were given first reading at the board meeting.

One of the policies was about open enrollment. The board will act on open enrollment for the following school year no sooner than May 1 of the current school year. Superintendent Joe Schwan said the issue addresses junior kindergarten numbers. He said when open enrollments were done earlier, and then the numbers of resident junior kindergarten number come in, "We get into a pickle if the numbers are high," he said. He said by May 1, the district will know how many district junior kindergarten students there are before acting on the open enrollment students.

Weighting GPA for college courses taken in high school was talked about by Superintendent Joe Schwan. He said that many of the college courses are the same as one of the high school courses. "We don't weight high school courses so why should we weight college courses." Some had suggested giving a 4.5 GPA for college courses. Schwan disagreed with that theory.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow said a new family moved into the district and there are

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three new students in the elementary school. Try-outs for the Children's Theatre will be March 23 with the performance set for March 27.

Rachel Heggem has started student teaching in Lone's fifth grade class. On Feb. 2, Allysa Harmon-Brown will be a student teacher in Zoellner's second grade class and Molly Coyle will be in Eichler's first grade class.

Middle/High School Principal talked about the Dual Credit Courses that are being offered. She said at \$40 per credit through Northern State University, it will be a huge savings if they can get the core classes out of the way.

The elementary school food service inspection recently received a 100 percent. "Congratulations are in order," said Superintendent Joe Schwan.

Groton girls hold Britton-Hecla to nine second-half points to win

Groton Area took control in the second half to beat Britton-Hecla in girls basketball action played Monday in Groton, 55-29. The game was tied at 20 at half time before the Lady Tigers got hot and started to make its shots. The defense gave up only nine points in the second half.

Four players hit double figures for Groton Area with Ashley Gibbs making four three-pointers for 16 points, Carly Wheeting had 12, Courtney Kurtz and Audrey Wanner each had 10, Marlee Jons, Harleigh Stange and Gia Gengerke each had two and Jessica Bjerke added a free throw.

Groton Area made 39 percent of its field goals while Britton-Hecla made 33 percent. The Tigers were nine of 17 from the line while Britton-Hecla was six of eight. Wanner had six of the team's 28 rebounds, Kurtz, Koehler and Wheeting each had two of the team's eight assists, Kurtz had six of the team's 18 steals, Wheeting had one block and Groton had 10 turnovers.

Ashley Fosness and Sydney Fosness led the Braves with six points each followed by Shyla Henrichs with five, Toni Symens and Laken Olson each had four points and Megan Morris and Brianna Beck each added two points.

Groton Area also won the junior varsity game, 21-19. Marlee Jones had six points, Harleigh Stange four, Emily Locke and Hannah Lewandowski each had three, Jessica bjerke and Madison Sippel each had two and Miranda Hanson added one point.

Brianna Beck led the Braves with 10 points while Laken Olson had seven and Abby Flanery had two points.

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

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Today in Weather History

1969: Snowfall of 7 to 10 inches combined with winds of 15 to 30 mph caused widespread low visibilities along with heavy drifting from the 27th to the 29th across Minnesota. Many roads were blocked or remained blocked. Many schools were closed with many accidents.

1916 – Heavy rain that began on 1/25/1916 and ended on 1/30/1916 exacerbated the flooding earlier in the month. Monthly rainfall totals for January 1916 ranged from 7.56 inches at San Diego to 57.91 inches at Dorman's Ranch (in the San Bernardino Mountains, 2,500 feet elev.). Five inches fell in less than 12 hours in San Diego. Extensive flooding occurred all over Southern California, the worst to date and it resulted in 28 total deaths in the region, 22 in San Diego County. This is the most destructive and deadly weather event in San Diego County History. The Lower Otay Dam broke sending a 40-foot wall of water downstream, killing 15. A few others drowned in Mission Valley and in the San Luis Rey River. The Sweetwater Dam also broke. Every large bridge in San Diego County but one was seriously damaged or destroyed. Four drowned in Orange County, two in a cottage floating down the Santa Ana River. Two drowned in San Bernardino County. Total damage was nearly \$8 million (1916 dollars).

1772 - The "Washington and Jefferson Snowstorm" occurred. George Washington reported three feet of snow at Mount Vernon, and Thomas Jefferson recorded about three feet at Monticello. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1966 - Oswego, NY, was in the midst of a five day lake effect storm which left the town buried under 102 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1967 - Residents of Chicago, IL, began to dig out from a storm which produced 23 inches of snow in 29 hours. The snow paralyzed the city and suburbs for days, and business losses were enormous. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A powerful storm moving into the western U.S. produced 13 inches of snow at Daggett Pass NV, and 16 inches in the Cascade Mountains of Oregon. Winds gusted to 63 mph at Reno NV, and wind gusts in Oregon exceeded 80 mph. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The nation got a breather from winter storms, however, cold arctic air settled into the southeastern U.S. Hollywood FL reported a record low reading of 39 degrees. (National Weather Summary)

1989 - The last half of January was bitterly cold over most of Alaska. Nearly thirty stations established all-time record low temperatures. On this date Tanana reported a low of -76 degrees. Daily highs of -66 degrees were reported at Chandalar Lake on the 22nd, and at Ambler on the 26th. (The Weather Channel)

1989 - Low pressure in north central Alaska continued to direct air across northern Siberia and the edges of the Arctic Circle into the state. The temperature at Fairbanks remained colder than 40 degrees below zero for the eighth day in a row. Lows of 68 below at Galena, 74 below at McGrath, and 76 below at Tanana, were new records for the date. Wind chill readings were colder than 100 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary)

1990 - Another in a series of cold fronts brought high winds to the northwestern U.S., and more heavy snow to some of the higher elevations. The series of vigorous cold fronts crossing the area between the 23rd and the 27th of the month produced up to 60 inches of snow in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2005 - Month-to-date snowfall at Boston Logan International Airport totaled 43.1 inches, making January the snowiest month on record.

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| Patchy Fog High: 47 °F | Partly Cloudy Low: 29 °F | Breezy High: 39 °F | Slight Chc Snow Low: 24 °F | Mostly Cloudy High: 32 °F | Mostly Cloudy Low: 16 °F | Mostly Sunny High: 34 °F |



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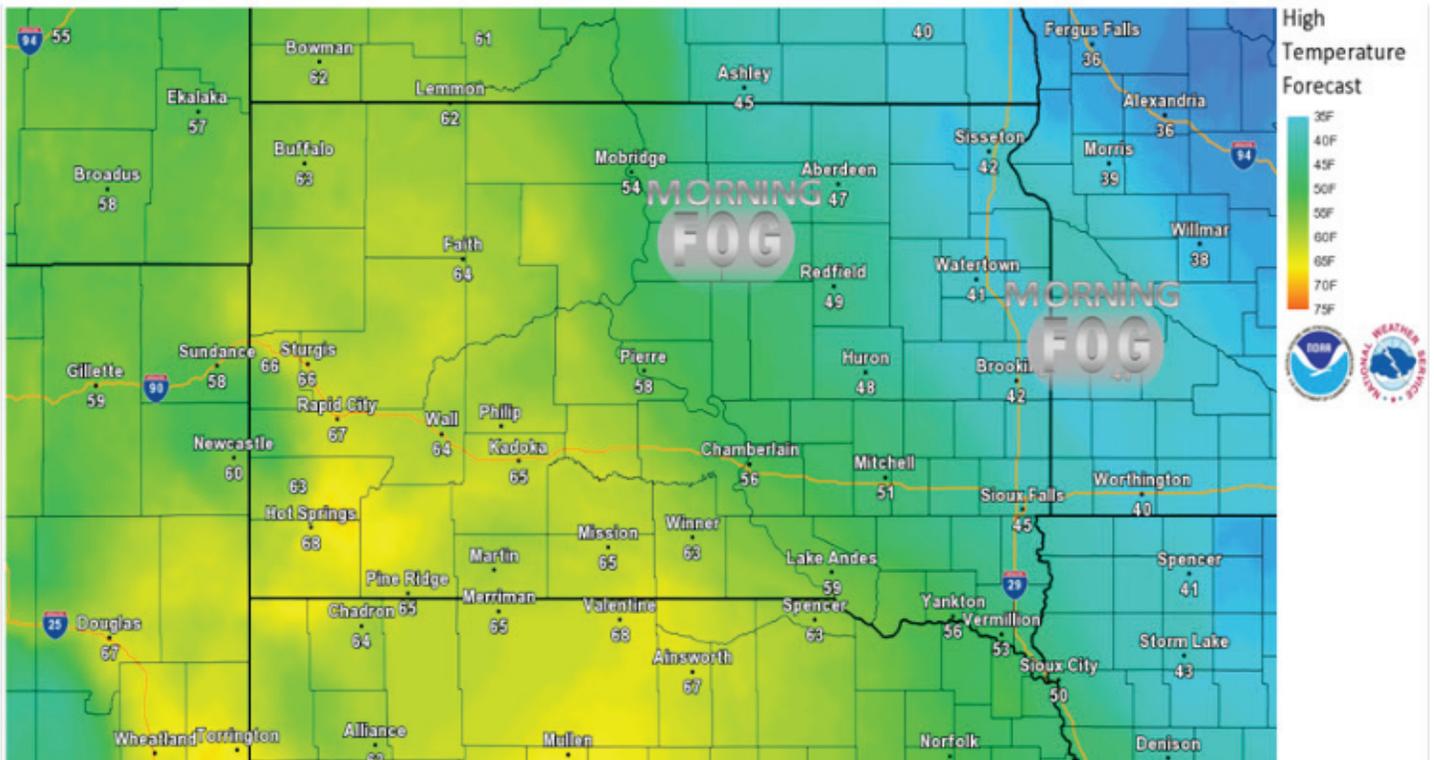
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Patchy fog is possible early this morning, but otherwise it should be a quiet and warm day in terms of weather. Temperatures will again rise to 20+ degrees above normal for this time of the year. The only chance for precipitation through the week looks to be late Wednesday/early Thursday when light snow may occur behind a cold front. But otherwise, mild temperatures are expected through the workweek as well. A return to real winter is expected this weekend.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 44.9 at 2:24 PM

Low: 26.8 at 6:10 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 22 at 2:28 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 53° in 1934, 1908

Record Low: -34° in 1915

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.41

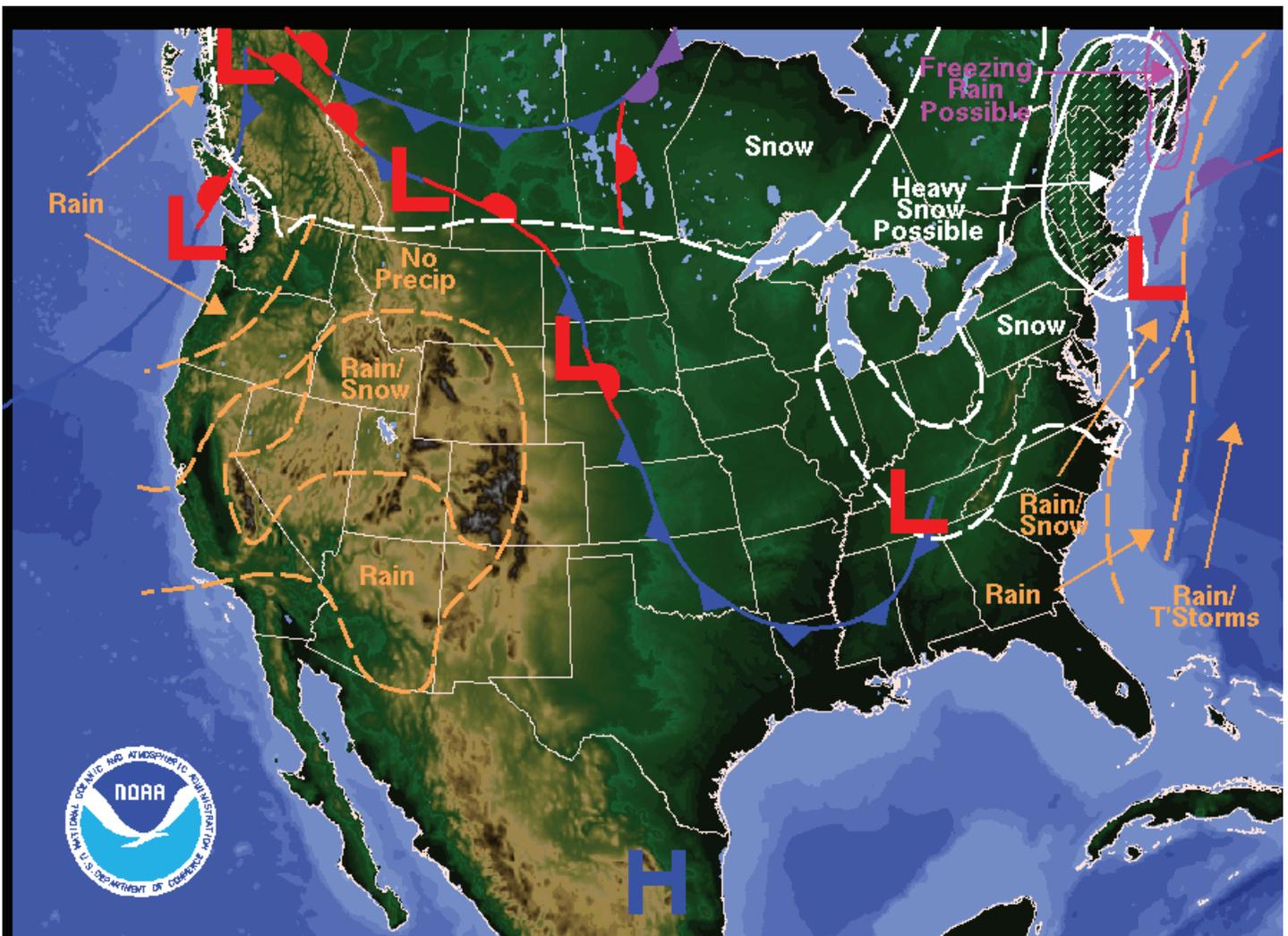
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.41

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:33 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:59 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Jan 27, 2015, issued 3:21 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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HARD TO BELIEVE!

My brother-in-law, Wayne, had several unusual habits. He enjoyed talking and enjoyed being with and making people laugh. People also enjoyed being with him because he always brought smiles and encouragement wherever he went.

One of his most unusual habits was brushing his tongue repeatedly. In the midst of a conversation he would say, "Excuse me, please" and walk away. After a few moments he would return and begin the conversation precisely where it had ended. People were puzzled and did not feel comfortable asking where he went and what he did.

Finally, the suspense got the best of one of his friends and he asked, "Wayne, why do you walk off in the middle of a conversation? Where do you go and what do you do?"

"Oh," he replied with a smile. "I go to the bathroom and brush my tongue. The tongue, you know, has more germs than our teeth, and if not brushed carefully and repeatedly, can cause a stink."

"The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit," wrote Solomon. I am rather certain that each of us have experienced both parts of that verse. We all need words of encouragement and healing from hearts that are caring and kind. But a deceitful tongue coupled with intent to harm others does indeed squeeze the life from a person - often when a person's "spirit" is threatened. We need to be "healers."

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to speak words of hope, help and healing from hearts that are clean, kind and caring. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 15:4 The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

An advertisement for "Fried Chicken Day" at Andover Bar & Grill. The text "FRIDAY IS FRIED CHICKEN DAY" is prominently displayed in large, bold, brown letters. A single fried chicken drumstick is shown in the center. Below it, a red starburst shape contains the text "Serving 5-9 p.m.". At the bottom left, a banner says "WE'VE GOT WINGS!" with wings. At the bottom right, the logo for "ANDOVER BAR & GRILL" features a grill, a beer, and flames. The address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is at the bottom right. The text "Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy" is written in a smaller font below the main title.

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News from the  Associated Press

\$1.4M available in SD for hazard mitigation grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota public safety officials say local governments and nonprofit organizations can now apply for \$1.4 million in federal hazard mitigation grants.

The money is available as part of the presidential disaster declaration approved for more than a dozen counties and one tribe last summer following a week of severe storms, flash flooding and tornadoes.

Disaster funding rules mandate that a percentage of the money is set aside for projects that could reduce or eliminate the effects of future disasters.

The grant funding can be used for various projects including power line burials and the construction of community tornado safe rooms.

Applications are due April 1.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Alcester-Hudson 53, Scotland 40
Gregory 67, Dakota Christian 37
Herreid/Selby Area 69, Aberdeen Christian 51
Lower Brule 60, Kadoka Area 49
Marty Indian 74, Avon 54
Standing Rock, N.D. 59, Timber Lake 56
Wakpala 71, Dupree 67
Wessington Springs 45, Andes Central 40
Wilmot 59, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Minn. 45

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Castlewood 61, Milbank 51
Chester 46, Colman-Egan 34
Clark/Willow Lake 67, Lake Preston 27
Dell Rapids St. Mary 51, Baltic 43
Florence/Henry 51, Great Plains Lutheran 43
Groton Area 55, Britton-Hecla 29
Hanson 50, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 35
Kimball/White Lake 56, Chamberlain 47
Lennox 50, Madison 47
Lower Brule 51, Kadoka Area 44
McCook Central/Montrose 53, Freeman 43
Mitchell Christian 42, Canistota 41, OT
Newell 44, Dupree 42
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 62, Iroquois 25
Potter County 57, Mobridge-Pollock 52, OT
Richland, N.D. 56, Rosholt 48

South Border, N.D. 65, Eureka/Bowdle 29
Viborg-Hurley 58, Corsica/Stickney 48
Warner 68, Langford 25
Wessington Springs 65, Andes Central 8
White River 74, Marty Indian 73, OT
Winner 73, Miller 43

FBI: 'No criminal activity' in death of 8-year-old girl

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The FBI found no criminal activity during its investigation into the November dog-attack death of an 8-year-old South Dakota girl on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, a spokesman for the agency said Monday.

The announcement from FBI spokesman Kyle Loven means the inquiry into Jayla Rodriguez's death is closed. Tribal police have said that Jayla was killed by a pack of dogs while sledding on Nov. 18. Oglala Sioux officials rounded up and killed dozens of dogs after the attack.

The death certificate filed last week described Jayla's death as an accident and includes a reference to injuries from a dog.

Danielle Griffith, Jayla's mother, says she's "not happy" with the conclusions of the FBI investigation. Griffith said her daughter, who was not with her at the time, should not have been outside by herself when it was dark.

"I guess they're just calling it an accident, but, I don't know. I'm not happy with that," Griffith said.

Lyle Pilcher, Jayla's paternal uncle, told The Associated Press Monday that he was the one who found Jayla after the attack and that he participated in the FBI investigation.

Pilcher said Jayla called him to ask that he pick her up from school so she could go sledding at her father's house in Pine Ridge before dark. The plan then was to take her to his home, in Rushville, Nebraska.

Jayla's father was on his way back from hunting, Pilcher said.

Pilcher said it was about 5 p.m. when he told Jayla it was time to stop sledding and leave. Jayla wanted to keep going down the hill, so Pilcher went inside briefly, he said.

After checking on her again, Pilcher went back inside and put their backpacks in the car, he said. When he returned, Jayla wasn't by her sled and he saw the dogs had her.

"It was minutes," Pilcher said. "It wasn't like she was out there by herself all evening. It was a quick stop, and something horrible happened."

Pilcher said he gave the FBI everything they needed, adding: "I have nothing to hide."

Loven said the FBI doesn't typically discuss the results of an investigation once it is closed.

Senate Dems block GOP effort to wind down pipeline debate

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats temporarily stalled progress Monday on a bill to approve the Keystone XL oil pipeline, the top priority of the Republican-controlled Congress.

In a 53-39 vote, the Senate blocked an attempt by Republican leaders to wind down debate. That's short of the 60 votes needed.

The vote caps a partisan dispute — which had the Senate working into the early hours last Friday — over the time granted to consider amendments on the bill.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell wants to move to pass the bipartisan legislation, which has 60 sponsors, including six Democrats. But Democrats argued they needed more time to offer and debate their additions.

"Senator McConnell promised Democrats an open amendment process and a full-throated debate on the Keystone pipeline, and we are holding him to that promise," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

President Barack Obama has threatened to veto the bill if it reaches his desk.

Some Democrats who two months ago supported a bill approving the pipeline, including one of the bill's current sponsors, helped filibuster the move to limit debate.

Key issues and updates on the Keystone XL oil pipeline

DINA CAPIELLO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is closing in on a vote to authorize the Keystone XL oil pipeline, although Democrats temporarily stalled progress Monday.

But the fate of the \$8 billion project depends not only on what happens in Congress, but also in the courts, at the White House and with TransCanada, the pipeline's developer.

The odds of building seem to change almost daily.

A lawsuit is tossed out, then some others filed. The Republican-controlled Congress is poised to approve a bill authorizing construction, despite a White House promise of a veto. The State Department, after stalling its review because of a Nebraska court case, gives federal agencies a new deadline to weigh in.

The 1,179-mile pipeline, first proposed in 2008, would carry an estimated 800,000 barrels of tar sands oil from Canada into the United States, connecting with existing pipelines leading to Gulf Coast refineries.

For environmentalists, approval would prove catastrophic for the global climate and erode efforts by President Barack Obama to rein in heat-trapping emissions.

For Republicans, who have made it their first order of business in the new Congress they control, the pipeline is critical to supplying the country with jobs and with oil from a friendly neighbor, rather than the Middle East.

A look at the major players and where they stand:

CONGRESS

The House this month passed legislation approving, for the 10th time, the pipeline's construction. Identical legislation cleared an initial hurdle in the Senate, where a 63-32 vote was three more than the 60 required, but not enough to override a veto.

Democrats on Monday blocked a move by Republicans to wrap up debate, after weighing in on more than a dozen amendments. Republicans and Democrats have so far only agreed to a few additions to the bill, including a 98-1 vote backing a measure saying climate change is not a hoax and real. But Republicans failed to back two other measures saying human beings played a role in global warming, even though the scientific consensus is that the burning fossil fuels is to blame. Late last week, the Senate backed a non-binding measure saying that oil sands should be subjected to a tax used to pay for oil spill cleanups.

THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House explained the veto threat by saying it had to wait for the outcome of a Nebraska

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court case and the State Department review to play out.

Obama's remarks about the pipeline have gotten increasingly negative in recent months, emboldening environmental groups who have called on him to reject the pipeline outright. In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, Obama urged Congress to "set our sights higher than a single oil pipeline."

THE COURTS

Opponents in Nebraska reignited the legal fight last week, filing two new suits over its proposed route. They came from seven landowners in Holt and York counties who have received written warnings that TransCanada plans to file eminent domain papers to gain access to their land.

The landowners' lawyer, Dave Domina, said TransCanada's written warnings give the plaintiffs a clear legal basis to challenge the project. That's a key issue, because the Nebraska Supreme Court tossed an earlier, similar suit, with three judges saying those plaintiffs failed to meet the threshold. The judges' decision removed an obstacle to the project and was a major reason the White House threatened a veto.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT

The department has given federal agencies until Feb. 2 to weigh in on whether the pipeline serves the national interest, a determination required for all border-crossing pipelines. That gives agencies specializing in the environment, commerce and other matters just weeks to file their opinions.

The department didn't set a timeline for when it would make its long-awaited judgment on whether the pipeline was in the U.S. national interest.

THE COMPANY

With the state court removing a legal barrier, TransCanada has filed paperwork in nine counties to acquire access to the remaining land that's needed to construct, operate and maintain the pipeline.

By law, TransCanada can use the courts to force landowners to sell access to their land. Company officials say they still need to acquire 12 percent of the total land easements from landowners who have not yet reached a deal. Some holdouts have said they won't negotiate.

The route still faces legal challenges in Nebraska, where two new suits have been filed.

South Dakota Senate passes juvenile justice overhaul

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Senate has approved a proposal that attempts to shift juvenile offenders toward community-based services and significantly decrease the number committed to the care of the state Department of Corrections.

The chamber voted unanimously Monday to send the measure to the state House, where it will be heard in committee.

Republican Sen. Alan Solano is the main sponsor of the measure, which is also a key legislative priority of Gov. Dennis Daugaard for the 2015 session. Solano says the proposal would reduce the number of South Dakota juveniles in state-sponsored care while holding adolescent offenders more accountable.

Daugaard is recommending about \$3.2 million for the next budget cycle as part of the proposal. Much of that is aimed at expanding access to community services, especially in rural counties.

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Judge: Sioux Falls ambulance contract bidding process 'fair'

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An administrative hearing judge has ruled that the process used by Sioux Falls officials to award a contract for an ambulance service provider is "fair and equitable."

The ruling announced Monday allows the city to continue contract negotiations with Paramedics Plus, the provider the city chose in November over three others.

Med-Star Ambulance Service was among the bidding companies and it appealed the city's decision citing an unfair bidding process.

Sioux Falls Public Health Director Jill Franken says the judge's ruling "recognizes the objective processes used by the city."

City council members will have to approve the contract with Paramedics Plus.

The contract with the city's current ambulance service provider expires in May.

South Dakota fishing, hunting licenses expire Saturday

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Licenses allowing people to hunt and fish in South Dakota expire Saturday.

Fishing, small game, furbearer, predator/varmint and combination licenses will no longer be valid starting Feb. 1.

Officials with the state's Game, Fish and Parks Department say new permits can be purchased online and at local authorized license dealers.

Suspects in standoff that wounded trooper in SD indicted

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A grand jury has indicted a father and son on charges stemming from a standoff near Kimball in which a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper suffered gunshot wounds and another was fired upon.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says 42-year-old Donald London was indicted on two counts of attempted first-degree murder and three counts of aggravated assault on law enforcement officer. He faces up to 50 years in prison if convicted.

Meanwhile, 66-year-old Michael London, of Chamberlain, was indicted on two counts of aiding and abetting aggravated assault on law enforcement officer.

Authorities say the standoff began when the men threatened officers. An investigation found that over 100 rounds were fired from within the home that was the scene of the Jan. 7 incident.

It's unclear whether the men have attorneys.

SD House to hear call for federal balanced-budget amendment

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota lawmakers are so concerned about the mounting U.S. deficit that they're advancing a measure to join other states' calls for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

The House State Affairs Committee voted 9-3 Monday to send the proposal to the chamber's floor.

The proposal's sponsor, Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer, said an amendment is necessary because federal lawmakers have been unable to address the country's growing debt.

"I think most people would agree that our federal government is pretty much out of control," he told the committee. "It will take some time to balance the budget, but it can be done, and it's not rocket science."

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Right now, 24 states — 10 short of the 34 necessary to trigger a convention — have passed resolutions supporting a balanced-budget amendment, according to nonprofit advocacy group Balanced Budget Forever. South Dakota lawmakers in recent years have pushed similar resolutions, but have failed to secure the necessary support.

Thirty-eight states would have to approve the change for the amendment to become effective.

The vote came after Ohio Gov. John Kasich stumped for a balanced budget amendment at a legislative reception in Pierre last week.

But opponents argued the amendment process could backfire and be used to rewrite many parts of the Constitution, an outcome typically called a “runaway convention.”

Stalzer said the bill addresses those fears by restricting a South Dakota convention representative from approving any unauthorized amendments. It would also require convention delegates from the state to take an oath affirming they wouldn’t support a rogue amendment, and the measure would allow up to a \$5,000 civil fine if a delegate violated the oath.

Rita Houglum, representing the South Dakota Eagle Forum, a conservative group, questioned whether the state would have the authority to enforce those safeguards.

“It might not be as orderly as we’re led to believe,” she said.

Judge in murder trial to allow evidence from 2008 rape case

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Sioux Falls judge has ruled that similarities in a 2008 assault and rape of a woman and the slaying last year of Kari Anne Kirkegaard can be presented at the trial of the man accused of killing Kirkegaard.

Forty-one-year-old Christopher Kryger has pleaded not guilty to murder, rape and burglary charges in the slaying of the 56-year-old Kirkegaard, who was found dead in her bathtub on March 16, 2014.

Prosecutor Eric Johnson during a Monday court hearing said details of the 2008 case and last year’s case are “strikingly similar.” The 2008 case against Kryger was dismissed, and defense attorney Mark Kadi argued that bringing it up at Kryger’s trial wouldn’t be fair.

Judge Mark Salter sided with the prosecution.

Ticket sold in Watertown wins \$102,417 Dakota Cash jackpot

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A ticket sold in Watertown has won the \$102,417 Dakota Cash jackpot.

South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched all five numbers in the Saturday drawing to win. Winning numbers are 11, 18, 22, 26 and 29.

The odds of winning the Dakota Cash jackpot are 1 in about 325,000.

Dakota Cash is played only in South Dakota. The jackpot starts again at \$20,000 for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

Mobridge man gets 6 months in fed prison for officer assault

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Mobridge man who pleaded guilty to assaulting a law officer has been sentenced to half a year in federal prison.

Authorities say 22-year-old Ed LeClair on July 27, 2014, assaulted a Dewey County deputy sheriff who was helping federal law officers arrest him at a beer tent during a city celebration in Timber Lake on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says LeClair will be on supervised release for a year following his prison time.

Woman accused of leaving kids to die plans to plead insanity

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A North Dakota woman accused of leaving her 2- and 4-year-old daughters to die in an unheated car during a frigid winter day intends to plead insanity, her attorney said.

Assistant Federal Public Defender Ryan Costello has asked U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles Miller to send Michelle Wounded Face to the State Hospital in Jamestown for a psychological and psychiatric evaluation "and mental health treatment," court documents show. Miller did not immediately rule on that request. He did, however, order a blood sample be taken from Wounded Face after she allegedly bit a jail guard.

The 24-year-old Wounded Face is accused of abandoning her daughters in a car in a remote area for more than three hours on Jan. 3, in bitter cold weather. They survived. She faces a child abuse charge that carries a maximum punishment of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Should an evaluation conclude Wounded Face is not competent to stand trial because of her mental health, she would go to a federal facility to get psychiatric help. If she ultimately is deemed competent to stand trial, a judge or jury would rule on whether she is criminally culpable.

Wounded Face, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota, has been living on the Fort Berthold Reservation in northwestern North Dakota. She acknowledged during an interview that she had left the children in the car to die, FBI Special Agent Megan Bennett said in an affidavit.

Both the prosecution and defense have said in court documents that Wounded Face has exhibited odd behavior, and Miller terminated her Jan. 12 preliminary hearing after concluding that she did not understand the proceedings and was displaying signs of poor mental health. The U.S. attorney's office is not objecting to a proposed psychiatric evaluation.

On Jan. 21, Wounded Face refused to go back to her cell at the Heart of America Correctional and Treatment Center in Rugby and began to fight with officers, Security Director Darren Heidbreder said in court documents. When an officer put his arm up to block Wounded Face from spitting on him, Wounded Face bit through the skin on the officer's arm, Heidbreder said.

"The doctors are requesting a blood sample to be tested to determine if any further precautions are necessary due to the possible cross-contamination of bodily fluids," Heidbreder wrote.

Group in Pierre hoping to start private K-8 Christian school

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A group in Pierre hopes to turn a public elementary school that is scheduled to close this spring into a private Christian school that will open in the fall.

The people who bought Washington elementary for \$351,000 say they believe they were called by God to start the faith-based K-8 school.

"We want to be competitive with other schools, in a humble way," said Julie Bauer, a member of the For His Glory school board.

The public school district is closing two elementary schools and building a new one. That presented an opportunity the group couldn't refuse, Board President Rick Bauer said. About 125 people showed up Sunday to a public meeting organized by For His Glory.

Roseanna Ogan told the Capital Journal that she plans to enroll her 3-year-old son at the new school.

"He will love it," she said.

School organizers have started accepting applications from prospective families and will soon start searching for teachers. The school's colors will be black, red and white, and its nickname will be Am-

bassadors.

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. NORTHEAST HUNKERS DOWN AS STORM TOTALS ARE DOWNGRADED

For most, predictions of massive snow accumulations will not materialize. But Boston could still see about 2 feet and New York 10 to 20 inches.

2. JAPAN OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HOSTAGE RELEASE

Tokyo's envoy to Jordan says he is hopeful the Japanese journalist who is held by the Islamic State, along with a Jordanian pilot, will return home "with a smile on their faces."

3. OBAMA HEADS TO SAUDI ARABIA

The president, accompanied by a host of American leaders, is paying his respects to the Saudi royal family following the death of King Abdullah.

4. POLAND MARKS 70 YEARS ON AUSCHWITZ LIBERATION

World leaders are joining in the 70th anniversary of the Soviets liberating the notorious Nazi death camp. Russia's president is notably absent after an apparent snub from Warsaw.

5. HOW LONG FACEBOOK'S OUTAGE LASTED

Users across the globe were unable to access the social media site, and its Instagram photo service, for an hour; the company says it was a self-inflicted issue.

6. US CHARGES 3 WITH SPYING FOR RUSSIA

The defendants allegedly sought to gather sensitive intelligence on potential U.S. sanctions against Russian banks.

7. WHO'S READY TO FUNNEL \$1B INTO 2016 US ELECTIONS

The political machine backed by the Koch brothers has a trove that's expected to dwarf the spending even of official Republican committees.

8. ISRAELI ARAB POLITICAL PARTIES UNITE AHEAD OF VOTE

For the first time, a single ticket representing Arabs will run in the election, hoping to raise turnout and help unseat Prime Minister Netanyahu.

9. JOAN RIVERS' DAUGHTER SUES CLINIC WHERE COMIC DIED

The lawsuit paints a picture of a careless, cocky staff of doctors who ran roughshod while Rivers lay sedated - even snapping a selfie with her.

10. WHAT BELICHICK, BRADY CAN EXPECT DURING RUNUP TO SUPER BOWL

The Patriots' head coach and starting QB will be fielding lots of questions from the media this week about deflated footballs.

AP News in Brief

Tens of millions of Northeast residents hunker down for storms not quite as bad as predicted

NEW YORK (AP) — Tens of millions of people along the East Coast hunkered down for a storm that for most failed to live up to predictions that it would be one of the worst they'd ever seen.

Forecasters originally said the storm could bring 1 to 3 feet of snow and punishing hurricane-force winds. But early Tuesday, they downgraded most of those numbers, saying New England would fare

the worst, but even then not as bad as expected.

Bruce Sullivan of the National Weather Service said Boston and Providence, Rhode Island, could get the most snow, about 2 feet. New York could see 10 inches to 20 inches, Hartford, Connecticut, 1 to 2 feet, and Philadelphia and central New Jersey about 6 inches.

The National Weather Service over the weekend had issued a blizzard warning for a 250-mile swath of the region, meaning heavy, blowing snow and potential whiteout conditions.

On Monday, life abruptly stopped across the region as officials ordered workers to go home early, banned travel, closed bridges and tunnels, and assembled their biggest plowing crews.

Japanese envoy to Jordan voices hopes for release of Islamic State group hostage and pilot

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese envoy in Jordan expressed hope that both Japanese hostage Kenji Goto and a Jordanian pilot held by Islamic militants will return home “with a smile on their faces,” as questions rose Tuesday over the government’s handling of the crisis.

In the Jordanian capital, Amman, Deputy Foreign Minister Yasuhide Nakayama seemed determined, saying he believed there were “firm ties” between Japan and Jordan.

“I hope we can all firmly work hard and join hands to cooperate, and for the two countries (Japan and Jordan) to cooperate, in order for us to see the day when the Jordanian pilot and our Japanese national Mr. Goto, can both safely return to their own countries with a smile on their faces,” Nakayama, a lawmaker sent to coordinate efforts in Amman to save two Japanese hostages of the Islamic State group, said late Monday night.

It was the first mention by a Japanese official of Jordanian pilot 1st Lt. Mu’ath al-Kaseasbeh, who has been held by the extremist Islamic State group after crashing in December. It wasn’t clear when the pilot’s possible release had entered the picture.

The issue of a prisoner swap is sensitive, given Jordanian concern over the pilot, and Nakayama emerged from the Japanese Embassy on Tuesday with no new updates.

Libyan security official says gunmen at luxury Tripoli hotel take hostages; 3 guards killed.

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Gunmen stormed a luxury Libyan hotel popular with foreigners Tuesday, killing at least three guards and taking hostages, a security official said.

Essam Al-Naas, a spokesman for a Tripoli security agency, said a standoff continued Tuesday afternoon at the Corinthia Hotel, which sits along the Mediterranean Sea.

A hotel staffer said five masked attackers wearing bulletproof vests stormed the hotel after security at the gates tried to stop them. He said they entered the hotel and fired randomly at the staff in the lobby.

The staffer said the gunmen fired in his direction when he opened his door to look out. He said he joined the rest of the staff and foreign guests fleeing out the hotel’s back doors into the parking lot.

When they got there, he said a car bomb exploded in the parking lot, only a hundred meters (yards) away. He said this came after a protection force entered the lobby and opened fire on the attackers. He said two guards were immediately killed. The staffer spoke on condition of anonymity because he feared retribution.

Obama draws on experience as a minority while touting gender and religious equality in India

NEW DELHI (AP) — President Barack Obama gently nudged India Tuesday to fulfill its constitution's pledge to uphold the "dignity of the individual," drawing on his own experience as a minority in the United States as he closed out a three-day visit to New Delhi.

Obama said that while he has had extraordinary opportunities, "there were moments in my life where I've been treated differently because of the color of my skin." As he touted the importance of religious tolerance, he noted the persistent false rumors that he is a Muslim, not a Christian.

"There have been times where my faith has at times been questioned by people who don't know me, or they've said that I adhere to a different religion, as if that were somehow a bad thing," Obama said.

Equality is enshrined in India's constitution, but religious minorities and women have experienced harassment and violence. A horrific gang rape on a moving bus in the heart of New Delhi in 2012 sparked public protests, which prompted more stringent laws. But critics say more progress is needed and Obama gave voice to their cause.

"Every woman should be able to go about her day — to walk the street or ride the bus — and be safe and be treated with the respect and dignity that she deserves," Obama said to applause from the audience of 1,500 at the Siri Fort Auditorium, a government-run event center.

US-backed project collapsed amid questionable due diligence, worker harm, environmental cost

BUCHANAN, Liberia (AP) — A failed U.S. government-backed plan to produce environmentally friendly energy in one of Africa's poorest countries was marred by insider connections and questionable planning, an Associated Press investigation found. The federal agency at the center of the deal is one of the government's biggest secrets and routinely escapes public scrutiny.

That agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, approved three loans totaling \$217 million to help a company, Buchanan Renewables, convert nonproducing rubber trees into biomass chips that would help power Liberia.

The agency approves more than \$3 billion a year in global financing, but its internal watchdog, the Office of Accountability, has issued reports on just five deals since 2005, a period when OPIC approved more than 530 projects. OPIC's profile is so low it regularly cancels annual public hearings because no one signs up to speak.

In early 2013, Buchanan Renewables shuttered its Liberian operations and dismissed 600 workers. It never built a promised power plant, so instead of powering a nation in need, it shipped biomass chips to Europe. It repaid the U.S. government loans, but left Liberia with fields of depleted rubber farms and allegations of sexual abuse and workplace hazards.

From the start, the AP found, OPIC's support for the power project in this western African country was marked by questionable due diligence and deep political links. Even for ostensibly philanthropic projects meant to aid the world's poorest, profit and corporate opportunities can intersect with family and business ties among Washington's political elite.

Facebook, Instagram suffer self-inflicted hour long outage affecting users worldwide

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Facebook said it suffered a self-inflicted outage lasting an hour on Tuesday that made its site inaccessible to users worldwide.

The glitch reported in Asia, the United States, Australia and the U.K. affected access from PCs and Facebook's mobile app. The social media giant's Instagram service was also inaccessible.

A Facebook statement said the disruption was caused by a technical change it made to the site and wasn't a cyberattack. Lizard Squad, a group notorious for attention seeking antics online, claimed responsibility on Twitter for the outages.

"This was not the result of a third party attack but instead occurred after we introduced a change that affected our configuration systems," Facebook said.

The temporary loss of service may be Facebook's biggest outage since Sept. 24, 2010 when it was down for about 2.5 hours.

Leaders, survivors mark 70th anniversary of Auschwitz liberation by Soviets, but without Putin

OSWIECIM, Poland (AP) — When the Soviet army entered Auschwitz exactly 70 years ago, finding piles of corpses and prisoners close to death, a Russian soldier took a small and hungry 11-year-old girl into his arms and rocked her tenderly, tears coming to his eyes.

That girl, today the 81-year-old Paula Lebovics, doesn't know who that soldier was, but still feels enormous gratitude to him and the other Soviet soldiers who liberated the camp on Jan. 27, 1945.

To her, it is a shame that Russian President Vladimir Putin won't be among other European leaders Tuesday on the anniversary of the death camp's liberation, his absence coming amid a deep chill between Russia and the West over the Kremlin's actions in Ukraine.

"He should be there," said Lebovics, who traveled from her home in Encino, California, back to the land of her birth for the ceremonies. "They were our liberators."

Another survivor, Eva Mozes Kor, said she will not miss Putin "but I do believe that from a moral and historical perspective he should be here." Kor compared Putin to Adolf Hitler, "grabbing land here and grabbing land there to see what he can get away with."

US announces charges in Russian spy ring case, say 3 defendants tried to recruit New Yorkers

NEW YORK (AP) — Three Russian citizens were charged Monday in connection with a Cold War-style Russian spy ring that spoke in code, passed messages concealed in bags and magazines, and tried to recruit people with ties to an unnamed New York City university, authorities said.

The defendants were directed by Russian authorities to gather sensitive economic intelligence on potential U.S. sanctions against Russian banks and efforts here to develop alternative energy resources, according to a complaint filed in federal court in Manhattan.

Prosecutors say one defendant, Yevgeny Buryakov, posed as an employee in the Manhattan branch of a Russian bank. He was arrested on Monday in the Bronx, where he lived with his Russian wife and two children.

At an initial court appearance, Assistant U.S. Attorney Adam Fee portrayed Buryakov as a professional

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spy skilled at duplicity.

"His life here, your honor, really is a deception," the prosecutor said.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 2015. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 27, 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

On this date:

In 1756, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.

In 1901, opera composer Giuseppe Verdi died in Milan, Italy, at age 87.

In 1913, the musical play "The Isle O' Dreams" opened in New York; it featured the song "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" by Ernest R. Ball, Chauncey Olcott and George Graff Jr.

In 1944, during World War II, the Soviet Union announced the complete end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a one-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flat.

In 1965, "Up the Down Staircase," Bel Kaufman's novel about a young, idealistic teacher at a New York inner-city school, was published by Prentice-Hall.

In 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft. More than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.

In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris.

In 1977, the Vatican issued a declaration reaffirming the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.

In 1984, singer Michael Jackson suffered serious burns to his scalp when pyrotechnics set his hair on fire during the filming of a Pepsi-Cola TV commercial at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles.

In 1998, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, on NBC's "Today" show, charged the sexual misconduct allegations against her husband were the work of a "vast right-wing conspiracy."

Ten years ago: Condoleezza Rice, in her first day on the job as Secretary of State, reached out by phone to European allies and partners in the war on terrorism and echoed President George W. Bush's inaugural charge to promote liberty across the globe. Frail survivors and humbled world leaders remembered the victims of the Holocaust as they marked the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp Auschwitz.

Five years ago: Acknowledging that "change has not come fast enough," President Barack Obama vowed in his State of the Union address to get jobless millions back to work while fighting for ambitious overhauls of health care, energy and education. Apple CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPad tablet computer during a presentation in San Francisco. J.D. Salinger, the reclusive author of "The Catcher in the Rye," died in Cornish, New Hampshire, at age 91. Actress Zelda Rubinstein died in Los Angeles at age 76.

One year ago: Mexico essentially legalized the country's growing "self-defense" groups, reaching an agreement with vigilante leaders to incorporate the armed civilian outfits into old and largely forgotten

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quasi-military units called the Rural Defense Corps. Folk singer and activist Pete Seeger, 94, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James Cromwell is 75. Actor John Witherspoon is 73. Rock musician Nick Mason (Pink Floyd) is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nedra Talley (The Ronettes) is 69. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 67. Political commentator Ed Schultz is 61. Chief U.S. Justice John Roberts is 60. Country singer Cheryl White is 60. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 60. Actress Mimi Rogers is 59. Rock musician Janick Gers (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actress Susanna Thompson (TV: "Arrow") is 57. Political and sports commentator Keith Olbermann is 56. Rock singer Margo Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 54. Rock musician Gillian Gilbert is 54. Actress Bridget Fonda is 51. Actor Alan Cumming is 50. Country singer Tracy Lawrence is 47. Rock singer Mike Patton is 47. Rapper Tricky is 47. Rock musician Michael Kulas (James) is 46. Actor-comedian Patton Oswalt is 46. Actor Josh Randall is 43. Country singer Kevin Denney is 39. Tennis player Marat Safin is 35. Rock musician Matt Sanchez (American Authors) is 29. Actor Braeden Lemasters (TV: "Betrayal"; "Men of a Certain Age") is 19.

Thought for Today: "When a true genius appears, you can know him by this sign: that all the dunces are in a confederacy against him." - Jonathan Swift, Anglo-Irish satirist (1667-1745).

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

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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):

- ◆ 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/>.)

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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.

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

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“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.