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Thursday, January 29

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School Lunch: BBQ Chicken on flat bread, lettuce salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, glorified rice, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Dorene Nelson, Glenda LaMee, Loren Wheeler

5:15pm: BBB at Sisseton (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

6:00pm: Wrestling at Deuel (Redfield, Groton, Deuel)

Friday, January 30

Debate at Yankton

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

School Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, fruit.

Senior Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, peach cobbler, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Mary Kay Houdek, Patty Baule, Trevor Harry

5:15pm: GBB hosts Sisseton (C at 5:15, JV at 6:30, V at 8:00)

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Groton Prairie Mixed

Jackelopes 15, Coyotes 13, Foxes 12, Pocket Gophers 11, Killer Chihuahuas 10 ½, Chipmunks 10 ½

High game: Men – Lance Frohling 211, John Sippel 211, 204, Brad Waage 205, 203

Women – Darci Spanier 185, Vicki Jorgensen 169, Sue Stanley 168

High series: Men – Brad Waage 572, John Sippel 572, Lance Frohling 565

Women – Darci Spanier 489, Dar Larson 484, Sue Stanley 475

Memo from Rep. Kristi Noem

Dear Friend,

Most people think of human trafficking as something that only happens in foreign countries. But it happens in South Dakota too.

Every year, between 100,000 and 300,000 young people are at risk of becoming victims of human trafficking in the United States. It must stop, and I'm committed to doing everything I can to combat it.

Yesterday, the House passed my bipartisan Human Trafficking Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Act. This legislation takes a three-pronged approach. First, it helps us fully understand the problem, what's being done to combat it, and any possible gaps that exist. Second, it puts provisions in place to look into whether federal programs are working – and where they can be improved. Finally, it takes on the challenge of housing for victims looking to escape trafficking. Today, there are only 200 beds available to underage trafficking victims. I am committed to getting more beds for survivors. This bill helps accomplish that by opening existing Department of Justice grants to facilities who want to develop or expand services to house underage victims recovering from trafficking.

My bill was passed alongside 11 others, each of which covered various aspects of the industry. Some would address demand by targeting the websites that knowingly facilitate the sale of minors. Others would help ensure survivors are treated as victims, not criminals. Still others offer more resources for the youth who are most at risk, including the homeless, runaways, and those in the foster care system.

Both Republicans and Democrats in the House have made this a priority. I'm hoping the Senate will too. We must take action and help protect our kids from this deplorable industry.

Thank you,

Kristi

Doeden to attend Valley City State

The Office of Enrollment Services at Valley City State University is pleased to announce that Jackson Doeden, son of Toby and Liz Doeden, Groton, SD, has been awarded a VCSU Charlotte Van Houten Scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. Jackson will graduate from Groton Area High School in June 2015.

Valley City State University scholarships are made available as a result of the generous support of alumni and friends of the university. Students are selected to receive these scholarships on the basis of their high school GPA, ACT score and their high school class rank.

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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.

1780 - On the coldest morning of a severe winter the mercury dipped to 16 degrees below zero at New York City, and reached 20 degrees below zero at Hartford CT. New York Harbor was frozen for five weeks, allowing a heavy cannon to be taken across the ice to fortify the British on Staten Island. (The Weather Channel)

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).

1921 - A small but intense windstorm resulted in the "Great Olympic Blowdown" in the Pacific Northwest. Hurricane force winds, funneled along the mountains, downed vast expanses of Douglas fir trees, and the storm destroyed eight billion board feet of timber. Winds at North Head WA gusted to 113 mph. (David Ludlum)

1983 - A series of Pacific coast storms finally came to an end. The storms, attributed in part to the ocean current, "El Nino," produced ocean swells 15 to 20 feet high which ravaged the beaches of southern California. Much of the damage was to homes of movies stars in the exclusive Malibu Colony. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A strong storm moving out of the Central Rockies spread snow across the north central states, with up to eight inches of snow in Wisconsin, and produced wind gusts to 64 mph at Goodland KS. A thunderstorm produced three inches of snow in forty-five minutes at Owing Mills MD. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Rain and snow were primarily confined to the northwestern U.S. An afternoon reading of 34 degrees at International Falls MN was a record high for the date. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Bitter cold air continued to pour into Alaska. At McGrath, temperature dipped to 63 degrees below zero. Strong winds blowing through the Alaska Range between Fairbanks and Anchorage produced a wind chill reading of 120 degrees below zero at Cantwell. (National Weather Summary)

1990 - Severe thunderstorms in the southeastern U.S. spawned a tornado which destroyed three mobile homes near Blythe GA injuring six persons. A fast moving cold front produced high winds in the western U.S. Winds along the coast of Oregon gusted to 65 mph at Portland, and high winds generated 22 to 26 foot seas which battered the coast. Winds near Reno NV gusted to 78 mph. High winds also buffeted the Central High Plains, with gusts to 94 mph reported at La Mesa CO. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Blustery High: 30 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 16 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 39 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 20 °F	Slight Chc Snow High: 23 °F	Chance Snow Low: -2 °F	Partly Sunny High: 11 °F



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Weather Headlines



Friday: Last unseasonably warm day



Weekend/Early Next Week: Winter returns as much colder air moves in



Saturday & Monday: Clipper systems bring chances for light snow

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Today will be relatively cooler, but still slightly above normal for this time of the year. Gusty northwest winds will gradually decrease through the day. Another very mild day is on tap for Friday, but winter makes a return appearance this weekend and persists into next week. A couple of clipper systems will move across the region, bringing chances for light snow on both Saturday and Monday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 40.7 at 1:23 PM

Low: 30.9 at 6:23 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 31 at 10:26 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1931

Record Low: -32° in 1951

Average High: 24°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.43

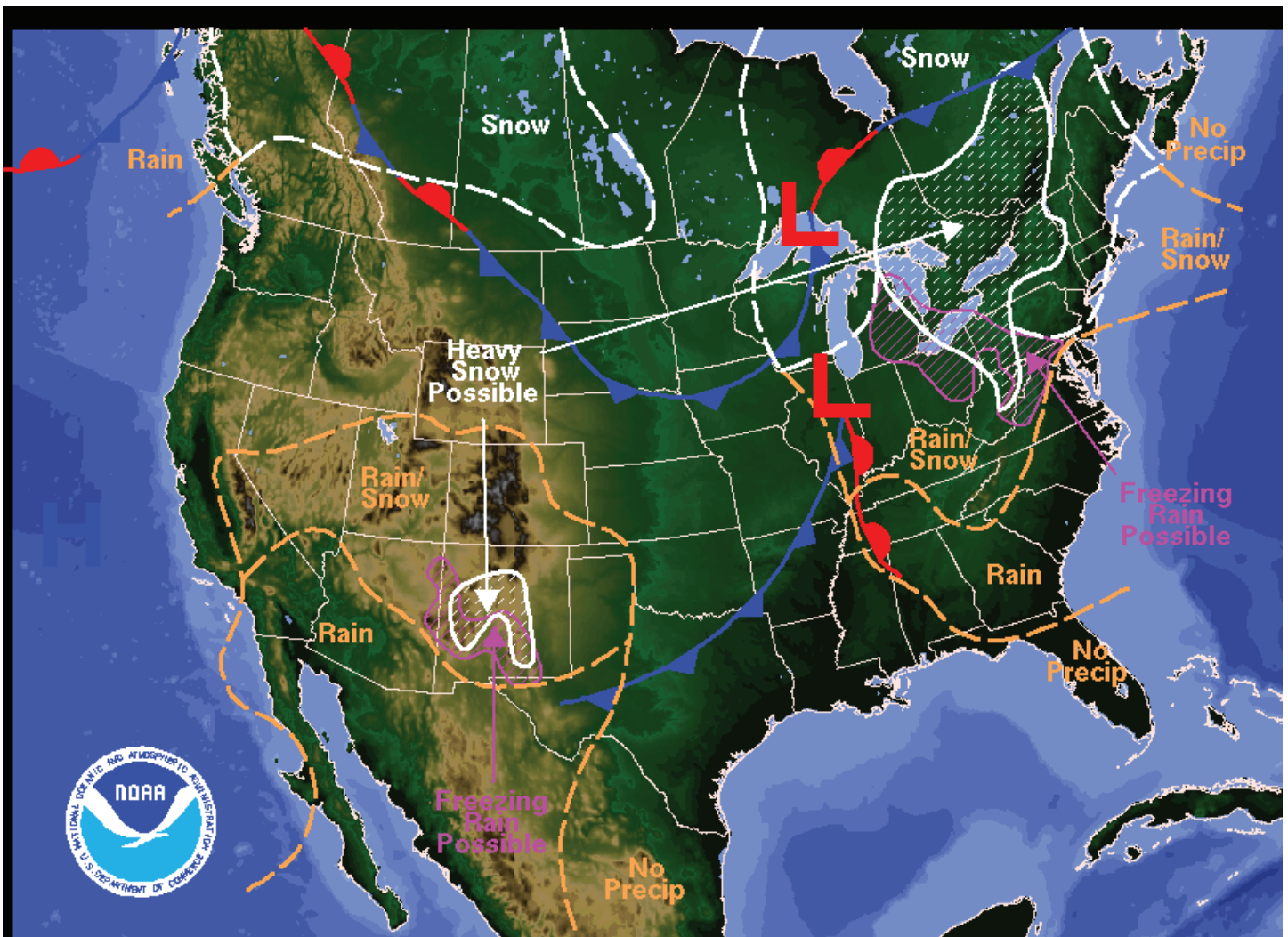
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.40

Average Precip to date: 0.43

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:36 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:57 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 29, 2015, issued 4:19 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LOOKING GOOD!

What is in our hearts is there because we allow it to come in and find a home. And whatever is in our hearts will profoundly affect our lives and control our destiny. It is there because we want it there and has a direct impact on our lives.

Within three verses Solomon describes three different kinds of hearts and the effect they have on our lives. "A happy heart" makes a "cheerful face." No matter what is going on in the life of a person who has a "happy heart" we see a "cheerful face" that automatically brings a ray of sunshine into our lives. Their "inside" may be filled with clouds and rain, sickness and suffering, but their hope in God's goodness and grace will not suppress the happiness He brings into their lives.

People with "discerning hearts" are known for the knowledge they possess. They are driven by a desire to know and to share what they understand because they realize that knowledge is a gift from God to help others. It is not to be hoarded in our heads but to be given away as freely as it was received.

A "cheerful heart" is found in one who chooses to take control of life rather than to have life control them. It's taking every gift God gives us and using it as a reason to have a celebration with Him as the "guest" of honor. A "cheerful heart" flows from an attitude of joy and peace because God is "in here" and He will never leave me nor forsake me.

His being "in here" is a cause for a joy that can be seen "out there" and brings His blessings to others.

Prayer: Father, do something special within each of us that will bring joy to our hearts and smiles to others! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 15:13A happy heart makes the face cheerful,

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

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Police identify 1 person who harassed students at game

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City Police Department has identified at least one person who allegedly harassed grade-school students from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation at a hockey game.

Police Chief Karl Jegeris announced Wednesday evening that criminal charges might be filed in the alleged incident during a Rapid City Rush hockey game. Chaperone Justin Poor Bear says students from the American Horse K-8 school in Allen were subjected to racial slurs and had beer sprayed on them at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center on Saturday.

Jegeris said officers have identified a main suspect who exhibited poor behavior during the game, as well as others who may have been involved.

He said his department will work closely with the state's attorney's office to ensure the case moves forward.

\$100 million available for federal conservation program

HURON, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota farmers, ranchers and forest landowners have a month to apply for part of \$100 million that's available from the federal government in its Conservation Stewardship Program.

People who participate agree to take conservation steps to improve the resource conditions on their land, including soil, air and habitat quality, water quality and quantity, and energy conservation.

This year's effort could include the enrollment of up to 7.7 million acres in the program by private landowners.

The 2014 Farm Bill gave people more options to meet conservation needs and protect the natural resources on their land.

South Dakotans can also be part of a project focused on creating habitat for the sage grouse and protecting the Ogallala Aquifer.

Applications are due to the National Resources Conservation Service by Feb. 27.

Yellowstone oil spills fuel arguments over Keystone line

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Oil pipeline accidents have become increasingly frequent in the U.S. as Congress pushes for approval of the Keystone XL pipeline — a project that would pass near the spot where 30,000 gallons of crude spilled into Montana's Yellowstone River earlier this month.

The recent spill temporarily fouled a city's water supply and became the latest in a string of accidents to highlight ongoing problems with maintenance of the nation's 61,000 miles of crude oil pipelines.

Yet in the politically charged debate over Keystone, its detractors aren't the only ones seizing on the Yellowstone spill. So are lawmakers who support the project.

In a floor speech Wednesday, Sen. John Hoeven, R-N.D., pointed to the Jan. 17 spill in Montana as an example of why new pipelines like Keystone are needed.

Keystone would be different than the half-century-old line that failed near the city of Glendive, Montana Sen. Steve Daines told The Associated Press.

"What this oil spill has done, is it makes clear that we need to be building the most technologically

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advanced and state-of-the-art infrastructure, pipelines like the Keystone," said Daines, a freshman Republican.

The number of significant pipeline-related accidents involving crude oil has been growing each year since 2009, reversing a decade-long declining trend, according to an Associated Press review of U.S. Department of Transportation records.

At least 73 such accidents occurred in 2014 — an 87 percent increase over 2009. Because of a lag in reporting by companies, the 2014 figure still could rise.

The tally includes accidents in which someone was killed or hospitalized, five or more barrels of oil were released, a fire or explosion occurred, or costs from the accident topped \$50,000.

The increase came as surging domestic oil production boosted crude shipments by pipeline by about 20 percent, to 8.3 billion barrels annually, between 2009 and 2013, the most recent year available.

Meanwhile, pipes that were put in the ground decades ago are wearing out, said Rebecca Craven, program director for the advocacy group Pipeline Safety Trust.

Almost half the pipeline-related accidents since 2009 involved lines or equipment installed more than 40 years ago, according to records on more than 250 accidents that were reviewed by The AP and included age information.

Pipeline industry representatives say the increase in accidents is less straightforward than the federal data suggest.

An industry examination of crude oil and other hazardous liquid accidents in 2013 showed that in two-thirds of cases, the spill did not leave the responsible company's property, said John Stoodly, vice president of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines. Most of the accidents involved fewer than five barrels, or 210 gallons.

The recent Montana spill was the second in less than four years on the Yellowstone, a largely untamed river that flows from Yellowstone National Park and across the breadth of Montana before feeding into the Missouri River in North Dakota.

The accident happened after a 120-foot section of Bridger Pipeline LLC's Poplar Pipeline became exposed beneath the river, increasing its vulnerability to underwater debris. The section that failed was installed in 1967.

The 12-inch steel line had been at least 8 feet beneath the river as recently as 2011, when a survey was performed in response to an earlier Exxon Mobil pipeline break beneath the Yellowstone.

For Keystone, project sponsor TransCanada plans to drill the 36-inch pipeline dozens of feet beneath major rivers to protect it from floodwaters or other outside forces.

Keystone's critics say no pipeline is entirely safe.

"You know what they say about pipelines? There's only two kinds: The ones that are leaking, and the ones that are going to leak," said Dena Hoff, a farmer and rancher whose property fronts the Yellowstone at the site of the Poplar Pipeline spill.

Keystone would move up to 830,000 barrels of oil a day. A break in the line could dwarf the recent Montana accident, on a line with a capacity of just 42,000 barrels daily.

TransCanada says Keystone would be buried deeply enough — at least 25 feet beneath the Yellowstone — to avoid even a 500-year flood event, said Keystone spokesman Shawn Howard. Precautions at 13 other major water crossings would be similar.

Yet even with the latest technologies, protecting pipelines beneath rivers presents challenges.

In 2011, days after flooding across the Northern Plains broke the Exxon pipe, U.S. Geological Survey researchers found "scour holes" as deep as 53 feet along the Missouri River.

While engineers have equations they can use to forecast locations where floodwaters may eat away

at a river bottom, the USGS' Brenda Densmore said the dynamic nature of rivers can make them unpredictable.

"It's nature," Densmore said. "Is it going to follow the equation? I don't know for sure."

SD's Lake Area Technical Institute reaches enrollment record

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — A state technical institute in northeastern South Dakota has reached an enrollment record.

Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown says 2,020 students were tallied during the final spring semester student count. The students are enrolled in on-campus, online and dual status classes.

School officials say the record enrollment is an increase of 26 percent over last year's spring semester count.

The enrollment milestone comes at a time when the state is trying to considerably boost enrollment in technical schools.

State officials in December announced a partnership with philanthropist T. Denny Sanford that will result in a \$50 million scholarship program aimed at students entering "high-need" workforce programs.

State leaders say the scholarship program will help fill empty jobs and address a worker shortage that is hindering South Dakota's growth.

Panel to mull requiring schools plan for violent incidents

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel is set to take up a measure requiring schools to make safety plans for potential violent incidents such as an intruder coming in with a weapon.

The Senate Education Committee on Thursday is expected to review a proposal that would also require schools to conduct an annual lockdown drill.

The bill's main sponsor is Republican Sen. Larry Tidemann of Brookings. He says that violence at schools is a "situation that we're living in today."

Tidemann says schools have plans for tornados and fires, so they should also have a blueprint for how to react to a violent situation.

Under the proposal, a school would designate a leader for if a violent incident occurs, establish evacuation procedures and create an emergency response team that includes local law enforcement.

South Dakota State routs Omaha 86-64

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Deondre Parks scored a career-best 26 points as South Dakota State routed Omaha 86-64 on Wednesday night.

Parks finished with 7-of-8 shooting from the field — including 5-of-5 from 3-point range — for the Jackrabbits (16-7, 7-2 Summit League). Jake Bittle added 21 points and seven rebounds and Cody Larson had 15 points and seven rebounds. The team hit 56.5 percent from the field overall — including 10 of 20 (50 percent) from distance — and 82.8 percent from the line.

Parks sank a trio of 3-pointers early in the first period, helping the Jackrabbits to a 23-10 lead. They were up 41-31 at the break.

A Larson dunk made it 50-33 early in the second half and a Skyler Flatten 3-pointer with 11:43 left extended the Jackrabbits' lead to 62-41 and they cruised to the win.

Mike Rostampour led the Mavericks (8-12, 2-6) with 18 points and 11 boards.

State, federal officials want stable transportation funding

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — State officials in Pierre and federal lawmakers in Washington are scrambling to figure out the same thing: how to shore up funding for roads and bridges.

South Dakota Department of Transportation Secretary Darin Bergquist spoke before a U.S. Senate panel Wednesday at a hearing on the need for long-term federal transportation financing. Without a fix or a longer-range solution, the Highway Trust Fund will go bust at the end of May.

So far the fund has remained solvent through temporary patches, most recently with a \$10.8 billion plug in August, and lawmakers in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing pushed for a more sweeping solution.

"The federal highway program is vital to making sure South Dakota has the funds that we need to manage our state's highways and bridges, thereby providing for economic growth and ensuring that all South Dakotans can travel safely throughout the state," said U.S. Sen. Mike Rounds, a Republican from South Dakota. "We do need an infrastructure bill ... that delivers for transportation needs across the entire United States."

Meanwhile, South Dakota officials are pushing ahead with measures to update state and local funding for transportation infrastructure.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard has put forward a proposal that raises roughly \$50 million in new road and bridge funding. That includes about \$40 million in state revenue from increasing the vehicle excise tax and raising the gas tax.

The plan, which was referred to a House committee on Wednesday, would raise nearly \$11 million in local revenues through vehicle registration fee increases.

State Sen. Mike Vehle on Wednesday informally outlined for lawmakers a proposal he's sponsoring to raise more than \$100 million in the first year for roads and bridges through a variety of fuel taxes, vehicle fees and other assessments. Vehle chaired a task force that met before the session and recommended the plan, which hasn't had a hearing yet.

Counties have identified a more than \$80 million funding increase needed for 2015 for infrastructure repairs, while state highways need a more than \$140 million hike, Vehle said. To fund necessary county bridge replacements would cost more than \$240 million overall.

Daugaard's plan doesn't adequately tackle funding for bridges and it doesn't address hybrid or electric vehicle registration fees, Vehle said.

"The governor's proposal, it's lacking," he said.

But Daugaard, other lawmakers and agriculture groups have criticized Vehle's proposal because it raises about \$9.1 million by taxing fuel used in farm equipment. They also argue that revenue increases need to be restrained enough to gain the two-thirds legislative support necessary to raise taxes.

Vehle said his planning is based on flat federal funding — not a sweeping overhaul of how Congress finances transportation spending. He said South Dakota lawmakers will have to compromise to get something done.

"We can't be like our federal cousins," he said. "They want to do the infrastructure, but they don't want to pay for it."

FACT CHECK: Both sides in Keystone XL debate bend facts

DINA CAPPIELLO, Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE _ An occasional look at political claims that take shortcuts with the facts or don't tell the full story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would run from Canada to the Gulf, say the privately funded, \$8 billion project is a critically needed piece of infrastructure that will create thousands of jobs and make the U.S. dependent on oil from friends, rather than foes.

Critics claim it will disastrously increase the pollution blamed for global warming and put communities along its 1,179-mile route at risk for a damaging spill, all for oil and products that will be exported anyway.

Which is it? As pipeline supporter Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., puts it: "You're entitled to your own opinion, you're just not entitled to your own facts."

A check of some of the claims about the pipeline as a bill approving it heads toward likely passage by the Republican-led Senate and a veto by President Barack Obama:

CLAIM: Keystone is worse for global warming.

THE FACTS: Extracting oil from Canadian tar sands does require more energy — and results in 17 percent more greenhouse gas emissions from oil well to tailpipe than a traditional barrel of oil refined in the U.S. But a March 2013 analysis by the State Department concluded that the tar sands are likely to be developed regardless of whether the pipeline is approved. And it said shipping the oil by rail to existing oil pipelines or to oil tankers would release more greenhouse gases than shipping the oil via pipelines from Canada to Gulf Coast refineries.

CLAIM: Keystone is good for jobs.

THE FACTS: The State Department estimated that construction spending "would support a combined total of approximately 42,100 jobs throughout the United States for the up to two-year construction period." It added that not all the employment would be new, though. It said some of the jobs would be "continuity of existing jobs in current or new locations," a distinction often overlooked by the bill's supporters. Once the project opens, it would require "approximately 50 total employees in the United States: 35 permanent employees and 15 temporary contractors," the State Department estimated.

CLAIM: The oil — and product refined from it — will be exported, so the U.S. bears the environmental risk from the pipeline with little economic reward from the oil.

THE FACTS: Without lifting the decades-long export ban on crude, the oil that would be transported via the pipeline couldn't be exported. But the gasoline, diesel and other products made from the oil at Gulf Coast refineries could be shipped abroad, a trend that is already on the rise. In 2011, for the first time since 1949, the U.S. exported more products refined from oil than it imported. In 2012, these products were the single largest U.S. export.

A portion of the gasoline and diesel made from the oil transported down the Keystone XL pipeline will no doubt end up in the global marketplace. As new efficiency standards, coupled with increasing environmental awareness, start to reduce U.S. oil consumption, demand is rising abroad. But these exports still would confer some economic value to the U.S., including to the refiners that buy the oil and sell the product.

CLAIM: Lower oil prices, and the U.S. oil boom, mean the pipeline's not needed.

THE FACTS: Oil prices always have been volatile, and both the pipeline company and the oil refiners and producers using the pipeline expect prices to rise and plunge throughout the project's life. Refiners still want the oil, especially the type that the Keystone XL pipeline would provide. TransCanada stands to make more money from the project now than it did when it was first proposed, because most of the cost will be paid by its customers. And despite the fact that the U.S. is now the largest oil producer in the world, consumption still greatly outpaces production. Imports have been reduced, but in 2013, the U.S. still imported 2.8 billion barrels of oil. About 45 percent came from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, which represents numerous countries in the Middle East.

Canada, without the pipeline, supplied the U.S. with 941 million barrels, making it the largest exporter of crude to the U.S. outside of OPEC.

House approves call for federal balanced budget amendment

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota House has approved a proposal that calls for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

The chamber voted 39-30 Wednesday to send the resolution to the Senate. If it's approved, South Dakota would join 24 other states calling for a constitutional convention.

Republican Rep. Jim Stalzer says the amendment is necessary because federal lawmakers have been unable to address the country's growing debt.

Opponents argue the convention could backfire and be used to rewrite many parts of the Constitution.

Stalzer says a separate bill the House passed on Wednesday addresses those fears. The measure would restrict a South Dakota convention representative from approving any unauthorized amendments.

It takes 34 states to trigger a convention and 38 states to approve an amendment.

Panel approves measures to tackle child sexual abuse

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Advocates for child sexual abuse victims are pushing a proposal to make abuse reporting clearer and are fighting for more time to study how to address the issue in South Dakota.

The Senate State Affairs Committee voted unanimously on Wednesday to send two measures recommended by the Jolene's Law Task Force to the chamber's floor.

One proposal would allow the task force, which was created by the Legislature in 2014 to study the problem in South Dakota, to add another member and continue its work this year. The other measure would require the mandatory reporter — such as a teacher or school counselor — who first hears a child's account of abuse to be available when it's reported.

Republican Sen. Deb Soholt, the bill's main sponsor, said that's to make sure the account doesn't become jumbled as it passes through multiple people on its way to authorities.

Hollie Strand, a forensic interviewer with the Child Advocacy Centers of South Dakota, told the committee that speaking to the person who received the initial abuse disclosure is critical.

It allows officials to get the exact wording a child used to describe the abuse and to better describe the details and context about how it was disclosed, said Strand, who is also a member of the task force.

Special Agent Cam Corey, a general crimes investigator who specializes in sexual assault investigations and also sits on the group, said current state law isn't adequate in some cases.

"We are having things lost in translation," Corey said. "We are getting information that, while not a lie,

isn't actually factual either."

Soholt wants the task force to build on what they've learned over their five months of work. It's named after Jolene Loetscher, of Sioux Falls, who was a victim of sexual abuse as a teenager and has talked publicly about her story.

Loetscher said that over the years, she presented a positive face but in her late 20s was forced to confront her experience. Overwhelmed by a flood of emotions, Loetscher swallowed a bottle of pills one snowy evening. She nestled up in a white comforter between her two dogs and waited to die. When she awoke the next morning to see the sunlight coming through her blinds, she felt a new sense of purpose.

"Working on this task force, there have been so many times that I have leaned back just a little bit and thought, 'Wow, what if what if the work we're doing now had been happening all those years ago?'" Loetscher said. "Maybe I wouldn't have gotten to that point where life seemed so painful to live it wasn't worth it."

Panel kills plan to study effects of economic collapse on SD

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A legislative panel has defeated a measure to study how a long-term national economic collapse would affect South Dakota.

The House State Affairs Committee on Wednesday killed a proposal to create the Economic Contingencies Work Group to prepare for such a crisis.

The bill's main sponsor is Republican Rep. Steve Hickey. He says that significant uncertainty in the national and global economy means the state should start contingency planning to respond to a financial disaster because "this is a house of cards."

The task force would have studied scenarios such as a 20 percent reduction in federal aid to the state and the effect on South Dakota if the dollar collapsed.

Hickey says the committee shot down the bill by voting to defer it until after the Legislature has adjourned.

SD congressional delegation urges training airspace approval

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota congressional delegation is urging federal aviation and transportation officials to approve an enormous bomber training area over the Northern Plains.

U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem and Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds on Wednesday urged the officials to expand the Powder River Training Complex over the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming. They met with Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx and Michael Huerta, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The Air Force approved the expansion on Jan. 16, which put final approval to the FAA.

The authorization would make the training airspace the largest over the continental United States.

It would be used by B-1 bombers at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota and B-52 bombers at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Police probe alleged harassment of Pine Ridge kids at game

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Police are looking into reports that some children from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation were subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer while attending a Rapid City Rush hockey game last weekend.

Rapid City Police Lt. Mark Eisenbraun said his department opened an investigation Tuesday after con-

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cerned parents called with more information. Chaperones for the students from the American Horse K-8 school in Allen said the harassment occurred during Saturday's game at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The Civic Center has not been able to identify the men responsible for the alleged harassment, but it said they were guests of a suite rented by Rapid City distributor Eagle Sales.

Eagle Sales president Tom Helland told the Rapid City Journal the incident was "incredibly horrible." He said one of his employees was in the suite Saturday but wasn't aware of the incident.

"I feel terrible about it," Helland said. "Unfortunately, we can't change what happened. From what I gathered, it was one individual who did most of the inappropriate behavior."

There were 65 students and chaperones in total from the American Horse school. Autumn Tallman, one of the students at the game, told KOTA-TV the students were mad they had to leave the game early but more upset by the comments made by the men.

"When we stood up, one of the guys said, 'Gee, the whole tribe,'" she said.

The Civic Center has said it would bar those responsible from future events, if it manages to identify them.

"I've been in this business for 25 years and this is beyond some of the other issues and things I've run into because this crosses a lot of lines," said Craig Balzer, executive director at the Civic Center. "First of all, it is very racially charged. I've seen enough reports on the statements that have been made to see clearly that was the case."

More warm temperature records fall in the Northern Plains

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Warm Pacific air blanketing the Dakotas continues to set records in the two states, with temperatures reaching into the 50s, 60s and even 70s.

National Weather Service reports show record-high temperatures for the date were set Tuesday in Bismarck, Dickinson and Williston in western North Dakota, and in Rapid City in western South Dakota. It reached 73 degrees at the Rapid City airport.

Rapid City and Bismarck also set record high overnight lows on Tuesday.

Forecasters say the jet stream moved to the north and allowed the warm Pacific air to flow in early this week. A lack of snow also is contributing to the warmth.

But colder weather is on the way. Overnight lows this weekend could be as cold as 15 degrees below zero in northeastern North Dakota.

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. TOKYO STUDYING NEW MESSAGE ALLEGEDLY FROM HOSTAGE

The audio recording, purportedly in Kenji Goto's voice, extends the deadline for Jordan's release of an Iraqi prisoner linked to a terror attack and says failure to do so will result in the Jordanian pilot's death.

2. DE BLASIO'S SIGN-LANGUAGE INTERPRETER GETS BLIZZARD OF ATTENTION

The 38-year-old deaf man used big gestures and full-body movements to interpret the mayor's briefings on the snow storm, becoming a buzzing character on social media.

3. PROSECUTORS TO LAY CASE AGAINST AARON HERNANDEZ

Opening statements are set to begin in the murder trial of the former New England Patriots star player.

4. STUDY: INSURERS USE DRUG COSTS TO DISCRIMINATE

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Some insurance companies are charging the sickest patients more money for their medicines to discourage them from enrolling.

5. HOW THE IVY LEAGUE WANTS TO DIVERSIFY ITS CHINESE ACADEMIC BODY

The academic powerhouses are trying to recruit from all economic backgrounds in China which accounts for a third of all foreign students coming to the U.S.

6. CENTER-LEFT ALLIANCE CHALLENGES NETANYAHU'S LEAD

A strong showing by "The Zionist Camp" coalition is now ahead of the prime minister's Likud party in the polls.

7. WHAT GOP IS DEMANDING OF ATTORNEY GENERAL NOMINEE

Republican senators at Loretta Lynch's confirmation hearing repeatedly seek assurances that she would do things differently than the current occupant of the job, Eric Holder.

8. RAUL CASTRO PUTS BRAKES ON CLOSER US-CUBA TIES

The Cuban president says normal relations depend on a series of American concessions — including the return of the U.S. base at Guantanamo — that appear highly unlikely anytime soon.

9. 'FRIENDSHIP 9' CIVIL RIGHTS ICONS CLEARED

A judge tosses the convictions of the nine men who integrated a whites-only lunch counter in Rock Hill, S.C., in 1961.

10. WHO'S GOOD BET TO WIN SUPER BOWL

New England will down Seattle 27-24 in overtime, predicts Barry Wilner, the AP's pro football writer.

Wistful, humorous Romney looks back as he ponders '16

BILL BARROW, Associated Press

STARKVILLE, Miss. (AP) — Mitt Romney sounds like a presidential candidate. Except when he doesn't. Greeted as a celebrity here Wednesday in the heart of the Republican Deep South, the GOP's 2012 nominee — who still says he's mulling another bid in 2016 — talked to Mississippi State University students like a commencement speaker.

He urged them to "keep life in perspective" and warned that "fame ... comes and goes in a minute."

Looking back at his loss to President Barack Obama, Romney mostly avoided second-guessing his strategy and tactics, at least explicitly. He talked instead about voters he remembers, Secret Service agents he befriended and how he'd write the word "Dad" and draw a sun atop his notes at each debate: reminders of his father and the scriptural encouragement to "let your light so shine."

He gave no timetable for his decision on 2016, though his aides have suggested it could come in the next few weeks.

Yet the 67-year-old shifted easily from grandfatherly counselor to impassioned politician, taking aim at the man who beat him in 2012 and, perhaps even more noteworthy, attacking Obama's potential Democratic successor: Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Clinton, Romney declared, acted "cluelessly" on the world stage during her four years as Obama's secretary of state. Repeating his newfound emphasis on helping the poor and middle class, the former Massachusetts governor — long caricatured by opponents as an out-of-touch plutocrat — asked, "How can Secretary Clinton provide opportunity for all if she doesn't know where jobs come from in the first place?"

Romney offered relatively few policy details, and his critiques generally tracked long-standing disputes between the Obama administration and Republicans. But as Romney keeps the GOP and everyone else in suspense over his plans for 2016, those few hours in Mississippi offered a window into his calcula-

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tions.

During a Q&A, Romney sidestepped a question about what he'd do differently this time. But his stress on the widening gaps between rich and poor — something he didn't talk much about in 2012 — suggests he has indeed thought about it.

"The rich are fine in America," Romney said. "They're fine almost regardless of who's the president."

It's a tacit acknowledgment that his inability to connect with everyday Americans hurt him, as he repeatedly made costly remarks about money and class. Topping the list were his secretly recorded comments at a GOP fundraiser in which he dismissed almost half the nation's citizens as "takers" who don't pay federal income tax.

Romney turned to humor on Wednesday, explaining that he doesn't maintain a public profile to generate speaking fees. "I'm already rich," he said.

In a nod to Republicans' dependence on white voters, who make up a dwindling share of the overall electorate, Romney said GOP candidates "don't spend enough time talking to minorities ... who can help us win the general election," instead talking "to voters who vote in our primaries."

Throughout his speech, as in his other recent public remarks, Romney made repeated references to his faith and his work in the Mormon church, personal testimonies that he didn't always invoke in 2012, when he tried to sell himself as the serious, successful businessman who could spur the U.S. economy.

Earlier, Romney had put his common-man approach to the test at Little Dooley, a popular barbecue joint near the campus. Wearing blue jeans and a casual shirt, he bounded out of a black SUV and shook hands with employees, townspeople and students.

Romney called attention to a student who serves as the school's costumed Bulldog mascot. "This is 'Bully,'" Romney said, telling the young man that at some schools, the students inside the mascot costume must keep their identity secret.

Demonstrating a savvy appreciation for local priorities, Romney was accompanied by MSU head football Coach Dan Mullen and his wife, Megan. Romney just smiled when Mullen, who led his Bulldogs to an Orange Bowl appearance last season, got the louder welcome from a group of students.

As Romney and the Mullens ate, they mused about the similarities among coaching, business and campaigns.

"You didn't have to deal with it much this season, but when (you lose)," Romney said, "you've got to get the team back together: What do you do? How do you do it?"

Then, perhaps betraying his own frustrations with his impending decision, Romney suggested that the coach may have the easier — or at least simpler — task.

"It would be nice if people who run for office, that their leadership experience and what they've accomplished in life would be a bigger part of what people focus on," Romney told Mullen. "But it's not. It's what you say. What you do is not more important than what you say."

"In your business, I mean, you've got a record," he told Mullen. "It all comes down to your record. You can be the sweetest-talking person in the world, but unless you've got a record, you're in trouble. You've just gotta win."

AP News in Brief

Japan says it has deep trust in Jordan to help secure release of Islamic State group hostage

TOKYO (AP) — Japan said it was putting its trust in Jordan to help gain the release of a Japanese journalist held by Islamic State militants, after the latest message purportedly from his captors extended until sundown Thursday in the Middle East the deadline for the Jordanians to release an Iraqi prisoner.

The message, read in English by a voice the Japanese government said was likely that of hostage Kenji Goto, was released online late Wednesday after Jordan offered to hand over the al-Qaida-linked would-be suicide bomber to the Islamic State group in exchange for Jordanian air force pilot Lt. Muath al-Kaseasbeh.

The recording says Jordan must present Sajida al-Rishawi, an Iraqi woman convicted of involvement in deadly Amman hotel bombings in 2005, at the Turkish border by sunset Thursday, in exchange for Goto's life or the pilot would be killed. It wasn't clear what Goto's fate would be if the woman wasn't returned.

The message clearly stated the deadline was sundown in Mosul, Iraq, the largest city held by the militant group.

The Associated Press could not independently verify the contents of the recording, which was distributed on Twitter by Islamic State-affiliated accounts.

News Guide: The twists and turns of Japan and Jordan's hostage crisis with the Islamic State

A new message purportedly from Islamic State group militants holding a Japanese journalist and a Jordanian air force pilot sets yet another deadline to meet their demands. Here's a look at the latest twists and turns in this crisis.

SUNSET DEADLINE

An audio recording posted online threatened to kill the Jordanian pilot unless Sajida al-Rishawi, an Iraqi woman convicted of involvement in deadly 2005 hotel bombings in Jordan, is presented at the Turkish border by sunset on Thursday.

The Japanese government is examining the audio, and a spokesman said "we think there is high probability that this is the voice of (captured journalist Kenji) Goto."

Attorney General nominee Lynch moves a step closer toward confirmation as hearings continue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney general nominee Loretta Lynch faces more grilling Thursday as she moves closer to an expected confirmation, following a daylong hearing in which she testified to her independence from President Barack Obama and willingness to work with the Republican-led Congress.

Making her first appearance Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Lynch offered support for some controversial Obama administration policies, including the president's unilateral protections for millions of immigrants in the country illegally.

But she also suggested she would provide a fresh departure from Attorney General Eric Holder, who is deeply unpopular among some Republicans and was derided Wednesday by one, Texan John Cornyn, as "openly contemptuous" of congressional oversight.

"If confirmed as attorney general, I would be myself. I would be Loretta Lynch," she said, when asked how senators could be assured that she would lead differently.

Facing skeptical but largely cordial Republicans, Lynch mostly handled with aplomb questions on topics including terrorism, drugs and surveillance. Even the occasional confrontational exchange over immigration, an issue some Republican lawmakers seized on as a litmus test, appeared unlikely to derail Lynch's chances of confirmation.

As Iraqi Kurds gain ground from Islamic State, some local Sunnis are wary of their liberators

ESKI MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — An unarmed Sunni Arab man walked along a road in a patch of northern Iraq newly liberated from Islamic State extremists, holding a white surrender flag — a signal to Kurdish fighters that he is not a militant. Cars drove by, a similar white banner flying from their windows.

As they retake territory from Islamic State militants, Iraqi Kurdish fighters have found surprising ambivalence in areas they freed from the jihadis' oppressive rule. Locals have swiftly shaken off the imposed Islamic lifestyle — but as Sunnis, from the same ethnic group as the militants, many are nonetheless bracing for treatment as collaborators.

For their part, the Kurdish peshmerga troops are suspicious about why the locals chose to stay on when the Islamic State conquered the area in a blitz last year. An Associated Press team travelling with the Kurds found the road to Mosul, a coveted prize in the battle for Iraq, strewn with suspicion and fear.

The recent Kurdish push secured several towns and villages along a critical junction that connects the town of Tal Afar to the city of Mosul — two of the IS group's biggest strongholds in Iraq. The artery, which eventually leads to Syria, has been a vital supply line for militants transporting weapons, goods and people across the lawless Iraq-Syria border.

The Kurdish fighters struggled for months to inch ahead, backed by U.S.-led coalition airstrikes. On Tuesday, at least four airstrikes hit IS positions near Eski Mosul, a village of up to about 9,000 residents some 40 kilometers (25 miles) northwest of Mosul.

Israel-Lebanon border calm but Israel on alert day after deadliest escalation since 2006 war

SHEAR YASHUV, Israel (AP) — The Israeli-Lebanese border is calm but Israel remains on alert a day after the deadliest escalation since the two sides' 2006 war.

The Lebanese National News Agency says Israeli warplanes were flying low over border villages on Thursday.

Israeli Defense Minister Moshe Yaalon says the military is "ready for any development" and warned against further attacks.

Wednesday's flare-up started when the Lebanese militant Hezbollah group fired a salvo of anti-tank missiles at an Israeli military convoy in a disputed border area, killing two soldiers and wounding seven. The attack was in retaliation for a deadly Israeli airstrike on Hezbollah fighters inside neighboring Syria earlier this month.

Israel responded to the missiles with shelling. A Spanish peacekeeper with the U.N. force in southern Lebanon was also killed.

Squatters slow Detroit's plan to bulldoze way to brighter future by razing thousands of homes

DETROIT (AP) — Chris Mathews' crew showed up this month to demolish one of the thousands of vacant homes destined for demolition as part of Detroit's grand plan to bulldoze its way to prosperity when a call from his office stopped them in their tracks: Someone was living there.

A middle-aged woman who watched the crew tear away the home's warped wooden steps the day before had called their company, Adamo Demolition, to point out she was living on the second floor, despite no power, heat or gas and a flooded basement.

"It was like a swimming pool. We would never have thought anybody was upstairs," said Mathews, noting that the incident cost his crew time because the demolition wasn't called off until after they had shown up with their equipment.

As Detroit carries out its plan to tear down tens of thousands of homes to combat blight and tailor the city to fit its population, which has dwindled to about a third the size of its 1950s peak, it will have to deal with an unknown number of squatters. Since the city doesn't allow occupied properties to be demolished, squatters who won't leave voluntarily and who have no previous connection to the homes have to be removed by police for violating the city's trespassing laws. That makes them a complication of sorts for the recovery of the city, which emerged in December from the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Clearing away as many vacant houses as possible as quickly as possible is a priority. Drug dealers often set up shop in them, bodies turn up in them and some houses have been sites of sexual assaults.

At NYC mayor's weather briefings, vibrant deaf interpreter creates his own storm

NEW YORK (AP) — They were hanging on his every word — and gesture, body movement, and definitely the facial expressions.

Jonathan Lamberton, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio's sign language interpreter, is getting a blizzard of attention for his highly animated ways that were on full display during recent weather briefings.

Standing a short distance away as de Blasio delivered serious warnings about impending snow, Lamberton, a certified deaf interpreter, was a whirlwind of movement — big gestures, incorporating his whole body, along with a variety of facial movements.

It was enough to get the 38-year-old man a whole lot of buzz — on social media, websites, even on the "Daily Show," where host Jon Stewart crowned him "Best Silent Mayoral Hype Man" and said, "That is some New York sign language."

It's actually American Sign Language, but the way Lamberton speaks it makes the difference. Born deaf to deaf parents, he grew up communicating in ASL, essentially making it his native tongue. So when he signs, it's with the full range of expressiveness deaf people use with each other, he said Wednesday in an online chat with The Associated Press.

Center-left alliance in Israel poses surging challenge to Netanyahu ahead of March vote

JERUSALEM (AP) — When Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dissolved his unwieldy coalition and called new elections last month, he appeared almost certain to be returned once more to office. But a

new center-left alliance has surged past his Likud party in the polls, turning the March 17 contest into a toss-up.

After joining forces with former Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni to create a joint grouping they call "The Zionist Camp," Labor Party leader Isaac Herzog is looking, to increasingly many Israelis, like a viable alternative to Netanyahu. He promises to reverse the country's slide toward international isolation and corrosive social inequality.

Much of the Israeli public has tired of Netanyahu's lengthy rule, but many still see him as the most suitable person to fill the top job. Herzog and Livni have chipped away at this sense of Netanyahu inevitability by embracing some nationalist terminology, drafting high-profile parliamentary candidates and fomenting a snowballing sense that they might actually win.

Part of the strategy is an agreement that they would split a four-year term, with Herzog stepping aside for Livni halfway through. Few in Israel expect this to happen — there is essentially no chance for any one party to win a full majority in parliament, and coalition partners would likely then demand their own turn at a "rotation." Yet the two-versus-one narrative, polls suggest, has bred momentum.

"It's either him, or us," their campaign slogan reads.

Fed stresses it will be 'patient' in raising rates but notes steadily improving economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve's outlook for the U.S. economy is steadily brightening. Yet the Fed will be "patient" in raising interest rates from record lows.

That was the dual message the central bank sent Wednesday in a statement it issued after its latest policy meeting.

Why is no rate hike likely soon? The main reason, the Fed suggested in its statement, is that inflation remains well below the central bank's target rate.

And it said the pressures holding down inflation — mainly plunging oil prices — have intensified. The Fed said it thinks inflation will decline further before eventually reaching the central bank's 2 percent target rate.

The Fed sketched a bullish picture of the economy — with a strengthening job market, lower unemployment, rising consumer spending and higher household purchasing power fueled by lower energy prices.

The Belichick image, marked by hoodie and scowl, obscures his impact in NFL

PHOENIX (AP) — He's been called the Evil Genius, and he's been fined for spying on an opponent. And now there are questions about deflated footballs.

Any visual portrait of Bill Belichick likely has him wearing a hoodie — and a scowl. Many of his media duties are marked by terse answers or outright stonewalling.

All of which masks the impact and longevity of the New England Patriots boss, the winningest coach in postseason NFL history.

Belichick is about to lead his team into its sixth Super Bowl in 14 seasons. No one, not Chuck Noll or Tom Landry or Marv Levy or Bill Walsh — all Hall of Famers — managed that. Since Belichick took over the Patriots in 2000 after a five-season flop as head man in Cleveland, there have been 119 coaching changes. In the AFC East alone, which the Patriots have won 12 of 14 seasons, 17 coaches have come

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and gone, according to STATS.
Belichick is the constant.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2015. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 29, 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published in the New York Evening Mirror.

On this date:

In 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle.

In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1919, the ratification of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which launched Prohibition, was certified by Acting Secretary of State Frank L. Polk.

In 1936, the first inductees of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, New York.

In 1956, editor-essayist H.L. Mencken, the "Sage of Baltimore," died at age 75.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married in Las Vegas.

In 1964, Stanley Kubrick's nuclear war satire "Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" premiered in New York, Toronto and London. The Winter Olympic Games opened in Innsbruck, Austria. Actor Alan Ladd, 50, died in Palm Springs, California.

In 1975, a bomb exploded inside the U.S. State Department in Washington, causing considerable damage, but injuring no one; the radical group Weather Underground claimed responsibility.

In 1990, former Exxon Valdez (val-DEEZ') skipper Joseph Hazelwood went on trial in Anchorage, Alaska, on charges stemming from the 1989 oil spill. (Hazelwood was acquitted of the major charges, and convicted of a misdemeanor.)

In 1995, the San Francisco 49ers became the first team in NFL history to win five Super Bowl titles, beating the San Diego Chargers, 49-26, in Super Bowl XXIX.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, killing security guard Robert Sanderson and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003 and is serving a life sentence.)

Ten years ago: Jetliners from China landed in rival Taiwan for the first time in 56 years. Serena Williams defeated Lindsay Davenport 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 in the Australian Open final. Ashley McElhiney, the first female coach of a men's pro basketball team, was fired after an on-court dispute with Sally Anthony, co-owner of the Nashville Rhythm of the ABA. Irina Slutskaya won a sixth title at the European Figure Skating Championships.

Five years ago: In a remarkably sharp face-to-face confrontation, President Barack Obama chastised Republican lawmakers during a GOP event in Baltimore for opposing him on taxes, health care and the economic stimulus, while they accused him in turn of brushing off their ideas and driving up the national debt. A jury in Wichita, Kansas, swiftly convicted abortion opponent Scott Roeder of murder in the shooting death of Dr. George Tiller, one of the only doctors to offer late-term abortions in the U.S. Haitian authorities detained 10 U.S. Baptist missionaries who were transporting 33 children to a Dominican Republic orphanage, though as it turned out, most of the children had living parents; all of

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the Americans were later released.

One year ago: The state of Missouri executed Herbert Smulls for the 1991 slaying of jeweler Stephen Honickman in suburban St. Louis.

Today's Birthdays: Writer-composer-lyricist Leslie Bricusse is 84. Feminist author Germaine Greer is 76. Actress Katharine Ross is 75. Feminist author Robin Morgan is 74. Actor Tom Selleck is 70. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bettye LaVette is 69. Actor Marc Singer is 67. Actress Ann Jillian is 65. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 62. Rhythm-and-blues/funk singer Charlie Wilson is 62. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 61. Actor Terry Kinney (TV: "Black Box"; "Oz") is 61. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 59. Actress Diane Delano is 58. Actress Judy Norton Taylor (TV: "The Waltons") is 57. Rock musician Johnny Spampinato is 56. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 55. Rock musician David Baynton-Power (James) is 54. Rock musician Eddie Jackson (Queensryche) is 54. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 53. Rock singer-musician Roddy Frame (Aztec Camera) is 51. Actor-director Edward Burns is 47. Actress Heather Graham is 45. U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., is 45. Actor Sharif Atkins is 40. Actress Sara Gilbert is 40. Actor Justin Hartley is 38. Actor Sam Jaeger is 38. Actor Andrew Keegan is 36. Actor Jason James Richter is 35. Blues musician Jonny Lang is 34. Pop-rock singer Adam Lambert (TV: "American Idol") is 33.

Thought for Today: "Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired." - Robert Frost, American poet (born 1874, died this date in 1963).

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

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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):

- ◆ 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://>)

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[www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/.](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.

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

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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.

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