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Birthdays: Alice Severson, Eddy Nehls

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

School Lunch: Cheese pizza, carrots and dip, fruit.

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

State Wrestling at Rapid City

Saturday, Feb. 28

Birthdays: Meagan Stearns, Shirlee Briggs

State Wrestling at Rapid City

Robotics (State VRC Championship at Mitchell Technical Institute)

9:00 am: Boys 7th Grade at Britton Jamboree

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Girls lose close game to Milbank

Groton Area was in the driver's seat for most of the game, leading at the quarterstops at 14-12, 29-23 and 36-31. However, Milbank rallied in the fourth quarter, outscoring Groton, 12-4, to pull out a 43-40 win in the Region 1A Championship semifinal game. The game was played in Webster.

Courtney Kurtz led the Tigers with 18 points while Katie Koehler had 10, Audrey Wanner five, Ashley Gibbs four and Carly Wheeting three.

Brittany Ackerman led the Bulldogs with 18 as McKenzie Mertens added 10, Caryssa Mielitz six, MiKayla Wendland five and Kaley Withers four.



It was a chilly morning and in a rare moment, the temperature signs along US12 were all the same at one time.


Classifieds

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The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a concessions manager for the 2015-2016 school year. Salary is \$50/event plus commission. Information and applications are available at www.grotonarea.com.



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Report from Pierre from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

Only a couple week left in the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature. The committees on which I serve (House Agriculture and House Transportation) are focused now on Senate Bills which have been approved by the other body and now need approval or rejection by the House.

In this press release, I'd like to focus on a topic which is always of great interest to me: agriculture.

Ag is our state's number one industry accounting for \$25.6 billion, or more than 30% of South Dakota's total output. This includes both production agriculture and all of our related agri-businesses like food processing, manufacturing of farm machinery, chemicals and fertilizer. Taking these jobs into account, combined with farmers and ranchers, means 115,651 jobs for South Dakotans. That's 1 in every 5 jobs in our state. Let's take a look at these statistics more closely.

Crop farming = \$13.3 billion and 70,104 jobs

Livestock farming = \$8.6 billion and 30,303 jobs

Many counties are highly dependent on agriculture. In fact, 37 of South Dakota's 66 counties derive at least one half of their total output from ag and ag-related industries.

According to Census data, there are 31,989 farms in SD with an average of 1,352 acres. While we always hear that BIG AG is increasing and pushing the small farmers out of business, statistically the average SD farm is 49 acres less than it was in 2007. However this is in part due to a change in the definition of the word "farm." A "farm" is any operation that produces for sale at least \$1,000 worth of ag commodities or even "would produce" \$1,000 worth of primary agriculture commodities for sale in a normal year.

The majority of farms in SD are family farms, although the majority of farms classified as corporations are still family held operations.

I am increasingly dismayed over the treatment of South Dakota's farmers and ranchers in this state legislature.

The latest example of state government's disregard for agriculture happened Wednesday when urban Republican lawmakers voted against an effort to study a valuation concept known as "actual use," a term that would ensure that prairie grasslands be taxed as grasslands whether or not the soils are deemed capable of being planted to crops.

Tax policy shouldn't force farmers and ranchers to plow up native prairie. I recognize that there are differing opinions on 'actual use' but certainly it is an important issue to farm country that deserves a full study to determine the implications. That's all Senate Bill 4 asked for — a review so we can make a good decision.

There's another disturbing trend in Pierre. Through the past few years, we've seen a continual effort to shift local and particularly school responsibilities to property taxpayers. The state has cut its share of K-12 education and encouraged opt-outs for struggling schools. This year, there are specific efforts by the administration and some lawmakers to redo the long-agreed upon 53-47 ratio of state spending vs. local support for the schools' general funds.

Property taxpayers contribute more than their fair share of our K-12 costs. Remember our farmers and ranchers actually pay more than 18% of the schools' general fund property tax revenues, not including their owner-occupied residences. State government could strangle what has been a golden goose for South Dakota. The strong agricultural economy carried us through the great recession of 2009 with ease. But anyone familiar with agriculture knows that the high prices won't last forever, and

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we could do a lot of damage if we try to squeeze too much.

Finally I'll point to an effort in 2010 by the administration to apply sales tax on straw and bedding. I was a prime sponsor on the bill which led to an exemption for straw. Cattlemen and dairy farmers showed up to testify and were able to convince a majority of lawmakers to give up that idea. But I still hear from colleagues who think the answer to tax reform is to tax seeds, fertilizers, machinery parts and other farm expenses and input. Our farmers and ranchers are unique in that they often operate on a very low margin, and they can't just raise their prices to cover additional taxes. Their income is subject to the whims of the marketplace. They can't pass taxes onto consumers like many other businesses. So we need to be fair.

We must carefully watch the Roads and Bridges bill in these final weeks. I'm still concerned that too much of the burden for road and bridge repairs may be shifted onto property taxes. It's often said out here that houses don't drive. We need to find the right balance between property taxes and other taxes and fees as we reach a compromise on the roads bill.

Agriculture is our number one industry, but sometimes we treat it like a cash cow, and we'd just like to make sure that our family farmers and ranchers get a fair shake out here.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at rep.feickert@state.sd.us or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

2015 Groton Area Elementary Kindergarten Screening

March 2 – March 6

Parents of children ages 3-6 not yet attending school are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time.

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Today in Weather History

1969: Snowfall of up to 15 inches blocked many roads in South Dakota. Freezing rain formed a glaze on many utility lines resulting in extensive damage to the lines. The greatest damage occurred in the north central part of the state.

1996: Across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota, a strong area of low pressure brought 4 to 11 inches of snow from the late afternoon of the 26th to the late evening of the 27th. Along with the snow came strong cold north winds of 20 to 40 mph, creating near blizzard conditions at times. Wind chills were from 20 below to 60 below. Some schools were closed or started late the 27th along with some activities canceled. Snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Sisseton, 5 inches at Aberdeen, Redfield, near Reliance, Wheaton, Browns Valley, Britton, and Gettysburg. Other snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Lebanon, Hoven, Miller, Webster, Eden, Frederick, and Seneca, 7 inches near Chelsea and Mellette, 8 inches at Roscoe and east of Hosmer, Tulare and near Milbank, 9 inches south of Ree Heights, 8 to 10 inches in the Ortonville area, and 11 inches at Wilmot.

1986 – It was 99 degrees in Palm Springs, California. This is the highest temperature on record for February. This also occurred on 2/26/1986.

2010 – A tsunami was generated from the 8.8 earthquake in Chile. Several vessels broke moorings in San Diego Bay in California.

1717 - What was perhaps the greatest snow in New England history commenced on this date. During a ten day period a series of four snowstorms dumped three feet of snow upon Boston, and the city was snowbound for two weeks. Up to six feet of snow was reported farther to the north, and drifts covered many one story homes. (David Ludlum)

1969 - A record snowstorm in Maine came to an end. Two to four feet of snow buried southern and central Maine, with a state record of 57 inches reported at West Forks. Drifts covered many single story homes, and the weight of the snow collapsed many roofs. Two to four feet of snow also buried northeastern Vermont and northeastern Massachusetts. In New Hampshire, Mount Washington NH reported 97.8 inches of snow, a record storm total for New England. (24th-28th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm spread heavy snow into the Central High Plains Region, and produced severe thunderstorms in the Southern Plains. Snowfall totals in western Nebraska ranged up to 19 inches at Sydney. Severe thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced baseball size hail at Stringtown and Atoka. A storm in the eastern U.S. produced heavy rain over the Carolinas and heavy snow in the southern Appalachians and piedmont region. Five inches of rain left four feet of water in the streets of Greenville SC. Snowfall totals in southwestern Virginia ranged up to 20 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thunderstorms along a cold front produced heavy rain in southern California, with up to 2.52 inches reported in Ventura County. Strong winds accompanying the rain gusted to 55 mph in the Tehachapi Mountains. Rapid City SD established a February record with an afternoon high of 75 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




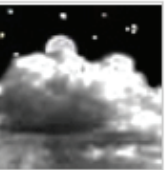



1989 - Rain and snow prevailed in the southeastern U.S. Up to eight inches of snow blanketed north central Tennessee, and snowfall totals in western North Carolina ranged up to 14 inches at Mount Mitchell. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - A winter storm produced heavy snow in southeastern Colorado, with 12 inches reported at Lamar. The same storm produced severe thunderstorms over the Southern High Plains, with wind gusts to 93 mph reported at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. Low pressure brought high winds to the Prince William Sound area of Alaska. Big River Lakes reported wind gusts to 92 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2010 - A weak EF0 tornado causes no damage as it moved across California's southern San Joaquin Valley. However it is the only tornado reported in the United States during the month. According to the Storm Prediction Center only five months since 1950 have lacked a tornado report. The Weather Doctor

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Sunny High: 14 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 3 °F	Partly Sunny High: 24 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 3 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 24 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 4 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 33 °F



Slow Warming Trend Expected

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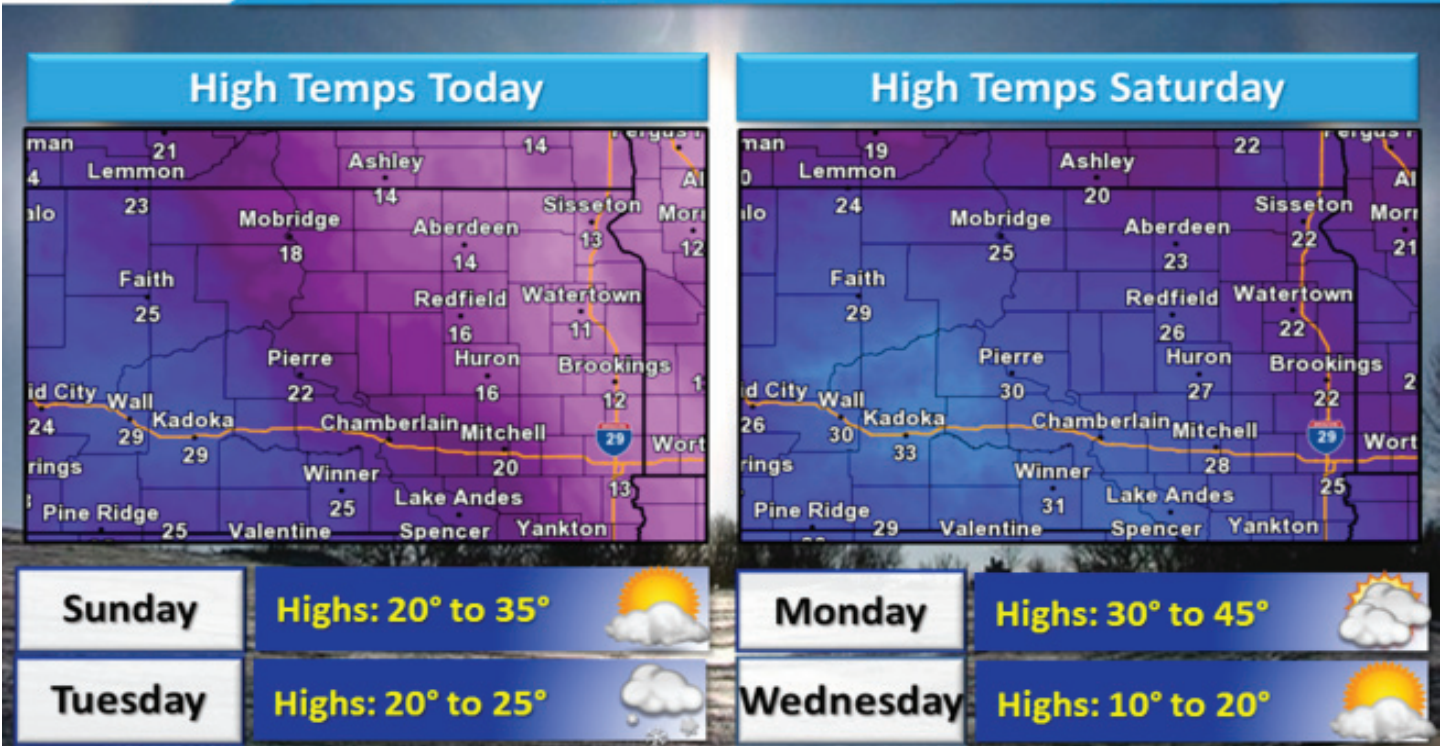
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High pressure will move east today, then a gradual warming trend follows through early next week. The next best chances for light snowfall will be Tuesday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 5.3 at 4:51 PM

Low: -15.2 at 6:17 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 20 at 1:34 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 61° in 1921

Record Low: -23° in 2001

Average High: 32°F

Average Low: 12°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.50

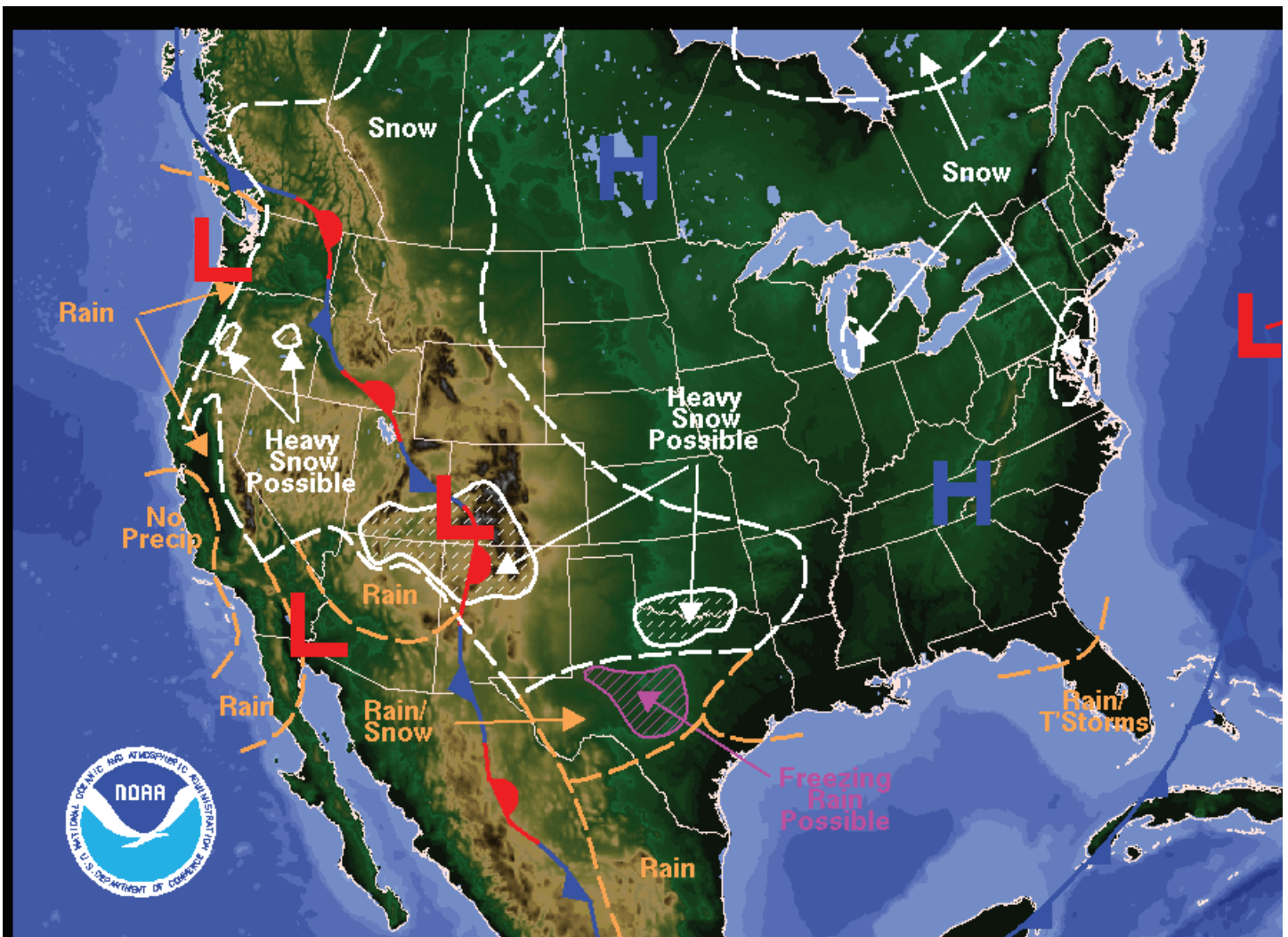
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.97

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 6:18 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:14 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Feb 27, 2015, issued 3:03 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



TONGUE TIED

Have you ever tried to help a person speak when they had a difficult time trying to express themselves? Actually, it's hard not to. It's difficult to carry on a conversation with a person when words get stuck and ideas lost. That's not the end of life for either party. But, "The tongue does have the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Can you recall the story of Moses in Deuteronomy when he said, "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now, choose life so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice and hold fast to Him." What a challenging sermon. Moses used his tongue to present his audience an opportunity to choose life or death. He gave the pros and cons and said, "The choice is up to you - but for your own good, choose life."

Tongues have power that far exceeds their length. The original language of this proverb is rather blunt: "Death and life are in the hand of the tongue." How very disturbing. Our tongues actually have the power to bring life or death to others. Our tongues have the power to be agents of good or evil, build others up or tear them down, bring encouragement and hope or annihilate a person's grasp on life because they are weak, feel unloved and unwanted by the abuse of the tongues of others.

What we say to others may destroy them completely.

Prayer: Lord, how much power You gave us with our tongues and voices. May we bless others with them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Spearfish residents suing city over years of sewer backups

SPEARFISH, S.D. (AP) — Thirteen Spearfish residents have sued the city over sewer backups.

The plaintiffs say they have suffered through a series of sewer backups stretching back to 2008, leading to stinky, flooded basements and lost possessions.

Jennifer and Adrian Netterberg are one couple suing. They say they have suffered \$40,000 in damages to their home through the years.

Plaintiff's attorney John Fitzgerald says the city is negligent because it isn't maintaining adequate sewer lines.

City Attorney Tom Brady says the city is not necessarily liable for damages caused by an infrastructure problem. He declined further comment, citing the pending litigation.

The lawsuit seeks undisclosed damages. It's scheduled for trial in July.

Former Philip wrestler selected for high school hall of fame

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A former high school wrestler from Philip who won five state titles and went on to become an Olympic medalist has been inducted into the National High School Hall of Fame.

The National Federation of State High School Associations says Lincoln McIlravy is one of 12 athletes nationwide to be selected for the 2015 class.

McIlravy wrestled for Philip High School from 1988-1992 and had a record of 200-25.

He went on to wrestle for the University of Iowa, where he won three NCAA championships, three Big Ten Conference titles and had a record of 96-3-12.

After winning four consecutive USA national freestyle titles, McIlravy made it to the Olympics in 2000 and won bronze.

He became a "distinguished member" of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2010.

School of Mines raises \$1.4M toward oil, gas industry effort

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology has raised \$1.4 million toward its effort to help meet demands for workers in the region's oil and gas industry.

The public university in Rapid City announced the Energy Resources Initiative last year and says it will now search for a director.

The effort includes the addition of a minor degree in petroleum systems. The school says it also taps the university's expertise and research in rock properties, water resources and materials development, and it's located within 300 miles of energy-rich areas in North Dakota, Colorado and Wyoming.

The new director will have broad leadership responsibility for research, teaching, fundraising and more development of the initiative.

The university is also developing a graduate certificate in petroleum systems focusing on graduate level training.

Sioux Falls to clarify downtown food truck regulations

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The city of Sioux Falls plans to offer some clarity about proposed food truck regulations for its downtown.

City officials are expected to discuss the regulations on Friday.

Neighborhood Development Coordinator Adam Roach and Economic Development Manager Brent O'Neil will address the plans.

The standards aim to formally authorize food trucks downtown while also balancing the needs of brick-and-mortar restaurants.

Roach and O'Neil are expected to discuss the city's process and outline future steps.

Supporters cheer as Deadwood gambling bill heads to Daugaard

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Deadwood gambling advocates were jubilant Thursday that a yearlong push to allow three new games in the historic outlaw town is finally coming to a close.

The state House voted 46-22 to approve the proposal to allow keno, craps and roulette in Deadwood. It has already passed the Senate, and Gov. Dennis Daugaard's spokeswoman said he will sign the bill.

Deadwood Mayor Chuck Turbiville told The Associated Press that he's looking forward to the day he can walk into a casino in the old mining town and see a crowd around a craps table or hear the whirl of a roulette wheel.

"It's the start of a new era in Deadwood," Turbiville said. "We've got three games that I think are going to make Deadwood even more famous than it was before."

Supporters pressed for the measure as a way to keep Deadwood competitive with other gambling hotspots such as Colorado and Iowa. In November, 57 percent of voters approved constitutional Amendment Q, which gave the Legislature the authority to implement the new games.

Advocates and the South Dakota Commission on Gaming hope the new games will be available in July.

Opponents argued that gambling provokes addictions and causes social and financial problems for families in South Dakota. Rep. Steve Hickey, a Republican from Sioux Falls who voted against the measure, said that "for Deadwood to win, people have to lose."

Mike Rodman, executive director of the Deadwood Gaming Association, said boosters are "elated" that they've triumphed in their fight for the new games, which began last legislative session to get the proposal on the ballot.

"I'm very glad the Legislature sees fit to agree with the voters of South Dakota," said Mike Gustafson, managing partner of the Deadwood Mountain Grand, which plans on rolling out craps and roulette.

Gustafson said he anticipates six or seven properties have the floor space to put in craps and roulette tables. He said the new games will attract more people to Deadwood.

Caleb Arceneaux, CEO of Liv Hospitality, which manages Cadillac Jack's Gaming Resort and Tin Lizzie Gaming Resort, said the company has plans to introduce craps and roulette in both properties.

The new games will enhance what Deadwood can offer and help it compete, Arceneaux said.

"We'll be ready," Turbiville said, adding that he hopes gas prices will remain low. "I think we're going to have a huge year."

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Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Burke/South Central 61, Avon 45
Colome 66, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 43
Gregory 41, Platte-Geddes 36
Parker 68, Freeman 62
Spearfish 74, Rapid City Central 68
Sturgis 57, Rapid City Stevens 55

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Region 1A
Regional Semifinal
Milbank 43, Groton Area 40
Webster 55, Aberdeen Roncalli 28
Region 2A
Regional Semifinal
Clark/Willow Lake 63, Hamlin 40
Sioux Valley 48, Deubrook 43
Region 3A
Regional Semifinal
Dell Rapids 54, Flandreau 34
Madison 42, Sioux Falls Christian 32
Region 4A
Regional Semifinal
Dakota Valley 66, Beresford 45
Elk Point-Jefferson 47, Lennox 45
Region 5A
Regional Semifinal
McCook Central/Montrose 55, West Central 52
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 36, Tri-Valley 32
Region 6A
Regional Semifinal
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 42, Mobridge-Pollock 40, OT
Winner 66, Chamberlain 42
Region 7A
Regional Semifinal
Little Wound 53, Todd County 50
Red Cloud 72, Pine Ridge 66
Region 8A
Regional Semifinal
Belle Fourche 47, Lead-Deadwood 33
St. Thomas More 70, Hill City 28
District 1B
Championship

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Summit 56, Wilmot 53
District 2B
Championship
Warner 48, Northwestern 41
District 3B
Championship
Herreid/Selby Area 38, Ipswich 37
District 4B
Championship
Sully Buttes 64, Highmore-Harrold 37
District 5B
Semifinal
Castlewood 70, Lake Preston 30
DeSmet 60, Estelline 27
District 6B
Championship
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 65, James Valley Christian 42
District 7B
Semifinal
Chester 65, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 45
Elkton-Lake Benton 46, Baltic 12
District 8B
Semifinal
Ethan 55, Howard 18
Hanson 52, Bridgewater-Emery 40
District 13B
Championship
Jones County 66, Lyman 23
District 14B
Championship
Wall 40, New Underwood 28
District 16B
Championship
Lemmon 46, Faith 40

Egg production from South Dakota chickens down 8 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says there was an 8 percent drop in egg production from chickens in South Dakota last year.

The USDA released its year-end numbers for 2014 on Thursday. The data show there were 752 million eggs laid in the state during the year ending on November 30. The state also averaged about 2.63 million egg-laying chickens, which is about a 4 percent drop from 2013.

While the state saw a decline in the number of egg-laying hens, the total number of chickens in the state on Dec. 1 was 3.43 million birds, a 5 percent increase over 2013. The number excludes commercial broilers.

The total value of all chickens in South Dakota on Dec. 1 was \$7.89 million, down 27 percent from

2013.

Spearfish man wins \$9,000 Hot Lotto prize; jackpot at \$5.13M

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Spearfish man has claimed a \$9,000 prize he won in the latest Hot Lotto drawing.

South Dakota lottery officials say David Hannah ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Hot Ball to win the game's \$3,000 third prize in the Wednesday drawing. Hannah purchased an option for an additional dollar that tripled the prize.

The odds of winning Hot Lotto's third prize are 1 in about 139,000.

The game is played in 14 states and the District of Columbia. The jackpot is at \$5.13 million for Saturday's drawing.

Panel passes resolution stressing civic engagement education

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota education officials agree improving civics knowledge among high school students is important, but they don't think a mandatory test is the way to do it.

The Senate Education Committee unanimously approved a resolution Thursday to help ensure South Dakota students are learning the content "reflected in" the U.S. citizenship exam. It's part of a national effort to improve civics knowledge among high school students, but doesn't go as far as North Dakota, which became the second state in the nation last month to require the same test that immigrants must pass to become a U.S. citizen to get a high school diploma.

"We need to do it in a methodology that works for South Dakota," said Republican Sen. Deb Soholt, who is sponsoring the resolution. "We were not for tying one test to successful graduation."

South Dakota Secretary of Education Melody Schopp said the state's graduation requirements, which include a half-year U.S. government course, already entail students learning the content. New social studies standards that are under review also contain the same information that's part of the test, she said.

Schopp said the resolution serves as a way to highlight the importance of civic engagement and to focus efforts on civically minded projects.

The law in North Dakota requires students to correctly answer 60 percent of the 100 questions on the U.S. citizenship test to graduate high school or earn a GED diploma starting in the 2016-2017 school year; a 70 percent passing grade will take effect in subsequent years.

The measure is backed by the Arizona-based nonprofit Joe Foss Institute, which has a goal of enacting similar laws in all U.S. states by 2017, when the Constitution turns 230 years old. Foss is a former South Dakota governor who died in 2003.

Georgia Hanson, South Dakota coordinator for the Civics Education Initiative, a Joe Foss affiliate, said it's critical that students have an appreciation of the country's history.

"We want the youngsters and the students to be informed, we want them to be engaged," Hanson said. "We really want to focus on it a little bit more."

Tribe pushing for Rapid City tournament to be moved

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Oglala Sioux officials are pushing for a popular basketball tournament to be moved out of Rapid City due to racial tensions there.

Tensions were exacerbated by reports of Native American children being subjected to racial slurs and sprayed with beer at a minor league hockey game in Rapid City in late January. Police charged a man with disorderly conduct, but many American Indians feel the charge isn't stiff enough.

Oglala Sioux tribal leaders met this week and are pushing the board of the annual Lakota Nation Invitational basketball tournament to move it to a different city. If the independent tournament board decides against that, tribal members will be asked to boycott the event that has been held every December for nearly four decades, leaders said.

Tournament Board President Chuck Wilson declined comment to KOTA-TV. Board director Bryan Brewer told KEVN-TV that a board meeting will be held in about two weeks.

The tournament includes basketball games and academic challenges, and serves as the base for family reunions for many American Indians. It draws thousands of people each year and pumps millions of dollars into the Rapid City economy. It is the second-largest event of the year for the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Domico Rodriguez, the facility's director of sports and events, said he has spoken with tournament board members and believes they will keep the event in Rapid City. However, he acknowledged the board is in a difficult position.

"They understand that it's a good fit. They also have to be cognizant of all the different relations things that are going on outside of the event and in Rapid City," Rodriguez said. "I think what needs to happen is all parties need to sit down and vet everything, get everything out on the table and try to figure out a way to mend things as opposed to acting on emotions and potentially pulling the event out of Rapid City."

A group of American Indians met with other members of the community on Wednesday at a Rapid City hotel to share ideas about mending relations.

"You have two demographics that are historically living worlds apart though we're neighbors," American Indian activist Chase Iron Eyes said. "But we're coming here, we're breaking bread, and we're at least having candid conversations."

His group planned a march Thursday to raise awareness about the need for healing.

SD delegation urging VA secretary to save Hot Springs VA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota congressional delegation is continuing to urge Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald to withdraw plans to reconfigure the VA Black Hills Health Care System from President Barack Obama's budget proposal.

Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and Rep. Kristi Noem met with McDonald on Wednesday to reiterate their concerns.

The VA has served veterans in Hot Springs for more than a century but now wants to move some services to Rapid City. The Hot Springs VA hospital is listed on the National Register of Historic Places but could be shuttered.

The delegation says McDonald assured them that no final decision has been made yet about the future of the Hot Springs VA.

Thune says the White House should stop giving veterans the "bureaucratic run-around" and start providing answers.

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. WHY SOME IN GOP SAY DHS FUNDING LAPSE WORTH A FIGHT

Numerous House Republicans believe it's preferable to have a partial government shutdown if that's the cost of undoing a White House immigration policy.

2. DESPITE SPAT WITH U.S., ISRAELI LEADER IS FIGHTING IRAN NUKE DEAL

Benjamin Netanyahu's speech to Congress next week is overshadowed by a battle with the White House and electoral intrigue back home.

3. HOPEFUL SIGNS IN UKRAINE

Separatist fighters in the east of the country move rocket launchers to a location 70 kilometers (43 miles) back from the front line with government troops in the first confirmed compliance with a cease-fire.

4. ISLAMIC STATE THREAT BOOSTS BUSINESS FOR KURDISH GUNSMITH

The peshmerga force, which has been at war against the Sunni extremists since last June, is keeping Bahktiyar Sadr-Aldeen's workshop in Iraq's Irbil busy.

5. GERMAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES GREECE'S BAILOUT EXTENSION

Lawmakers voted 542-32 to back the measure in exchange for a commitment to budget reforms. There were 13 abstentions.

6. WHICH STATE IS CONSIDERING 'BABY BOXES'

Newborn incubators could be showing up soon at Indiana's hospitals, churches and selected non-profits under legislation that would give mothers in crisis a way to surrender their children safely and anonymously.

7. ANTARCTICA'S RETREATING ICE MAY RE-SHAPE EARTH

The glacial melting could push sea levels up 10 feet (3 meters) worldwide in a century or two, recurring heavily populated coastlines.

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At least five foreign visitors have been arrested and deported this year for taking nude photos at the sacred sites.

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Many Americans who smoke use combinations of products, and often e-cigarettes are part of the mix.

10. 'HOUSE OF CARDS' DEALS NETFLIX A WINNING HAND

The show was an immediate hit with viewers and critics, giving the company the financial clout to further transform how we watch and define "television."

AP News in Brief

House conservatives say DHS funding lapse is OK if it puts pressure on Obama immigration order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican leaders eager to avert a partial government shutdown are getting heat from conservative colleagues who ask what the fuss is all about.

Numerous House Republicans say it's preferable to let the Homeland Security Department go unfunded for a few days, at least, if that's the cost of undoing a White House immigration policy they consider unlawful. These lawmakers say the impact on national security would be minimal, as would

the political risks.

"Shutting down" the agency known as DHS "is a set of words that don't really have the meaning that people attribute to it," said Republican Rep. Mo Brooks of Alabama. "There was hardly any effect whatsoever on the Department of Homeland Security from the last shutdown, and I would anticipate a similar effect this time."

Brooks was referring to the 2013 partial federal government shutdown that Americans blamed mostly on Republicans, and which many GOP leaders have vowed not to repeat.

Republican Rep. Steve King of Iowa was equally dismissive.

Israeli leader defiantly fights against looking Iran nuke deal, despite heated spat with Obama

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu heads to Washington next week on a last-gasp effort to seal what he hopes will become his signature achievement: preventing Iran from attaining a nuclear weapon. But the centerpiece of the visit, a much-hyped speech to Congress arguing against the international community's emerging nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic, has been overshadowed by a damaging battle with the White House and electoral intrigue back home.

By accepting a back-door invitation from House Speaker John Boehner that bypassed the White House, Netanyahu has inserted himself into the heart of the bitter U.S. partisan divide and seen his already troubled relations with President Barack Obama's administration reach a new low. In exceptionally harsh language, the U.S. national security adviser, Susan Rice, has called the speech "destructive."

At home, Netanyahu is being accused of cynically turning the speech into a campaign stop ahead of March 17 elections, insisting on confronting Obama to distract from scandals and domestic issues dogging his re-election bid. The uproar has even pushed aside debate over his key argument that Iran's nuclear weapons-making capabilities will be left largely intact.

The Israeli media and political opponents have lambasted the decision to flout the White House, and even some allies who support Netanyahu's message have criticized the approach.

The U.S. administration is refusing to meet with him and appears to be considering ways of undercutting him. The White House has already said it is scaling back on the intelligence it typically shares with Israel, some pro-Israel Democrats are skipping his speech and Jewish American groups have spoken out against the visit.

East Ukraine rebels withdraw rocket launchers from front line in compliance with cease-fire

NOVOAMVROSIIVSKE, Ukraine (AP) — Separatist fighters in east Ukraine moved rocket launchers to a location 70 kilometers (43 miles) back from the front line with government troops Friday in the first confirmed compliance with a cease-fire agreed earlier this month.

Associated Press journalists in the morning followed four trucks carrying Grad launchers from the rebel stronghold of Donetsk to a cement factory in the village of Novoamvrosiivske, near the Russian border.

The pullback of heavy weapons was supposed to have started over a week ago under a deal agreed by the leaders of Russia and Ukraine to end fighting in Ukraine that has killed nearly 5,800 people since April.

The process is being overseen by hundreds of monitors with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which has complained that both sides in the conflict have delayed and impeded

weapons withdrawal. The four rocket launchers seen being moved by rebel forces Friday represents only a small fraction of the firepower believed to be at their disposal.

Separatist officials say that they have been withdrawing arms for several days. There has been no independent confirmation of that claim.

As Islamic State group advances in Iraq, business is booming for Kurdish gunsmith

IRBIL, Iraq (AP) — In gunsmith Bahktiyar Sadr-Aldeen's workshop in this Kurdish city in northern Iraq, every weapon has a story. These days, there are lots of stories to tell.

Sadr-Aldeen, an Iraqi Kurd, has seen his business shoot up by 50 percent since last June, when the Islamic State group took over the Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, 80 kilometers (50 miles) west of Irbil. The Kurdish fighting force known as the peshmerga has been at war against the Sunni extremists ever since, keeping Aldeen busy.

"Now the whole of Iraq is in war because of Daesh," said Sadr-Aldeen, using one of the Islamic State group's alternative names.

"Weapons naturally break during the fighting, and there's no professional company that can fix these weapons," he said. "That's why I fix them. We can't just throw them away, because we are in war."

Just 36 years old, Sadr-Aldeen already has more than a quarter-century of experience, making him the peshmerga's top gunsmith in the region. He says he now fixes eight to 10 weapons a day.

News Guide: FCC vote on 'net neutrality' and what it will mean to your life online

WASHINGTON (AP) — Internet activists scored a major victory after the Federal Communications Commission agreed to rules that would ban service providers from creating Internet fast lanes.

What "net neutrality" means and what is likely to happen next:

THE ISSUE

Net neutrality is the idea that Internet service providers won't block or slow Web traffic, instead allowing all data to have equal access to its networks. That means you won't be more inclined to watch a particular show on Amazon Prime instead of on Netflix because Amazon has struck a deal with your service provider to load its data faster.

Missouri auditor who had launched campaign for governor dies in 'apparent suicide,' police say

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri Auditor Tom Schweich, who had recently launched a Republican campaign for governor, fatally shot himself in what police described as an "apparent suicide," minutes after inviting reporters to his suburban St. Louis home for an interview.

Schweich's death Thursday stunned many of Missouri's top elected officials, who described him as a "brilliant" and "devoted" public servant with an "unblemished record" in office. Just 13 minutes before police got an emergency call from his home, Schweich had a phone conversation with The Associated Press about his plans to go public that afternoon with allegations that the head of the Missouri Republican Party had made anti-Semitic comments about him.

The state GOP chairman denied doing so in an interview later Thursday.

Schweich had Jewish ancestry but attended an Episcopal church. Spokesman Spence Jackson said his boss had recently appeared upset about the comments people were supposedly making about his religious faith and about a recent radio ad describing Schweich as "a weak candidate for governor" who "could be easily confused for the deputy sheriff of Mayberry" and could "be manipulated."

"The campaign had been difficult, as all campaigns are," Jackson said. "There were a lot of things that were on his mind."

On Antarctica, scientists find glaciers melting at an accelerating pace, threatening havoc

CAPE LEGOUPIL, Antarctica (AP) — From the ground in this extreme northern part of Antarctica, spectacularly white and blinding ice seems to extend forever. What can't be seen is the battle raging underfoot to re-shape Earth.

Water is eating away at the Antarctic ice, melting it where it hits the oceans. As the ice sheets slowly thaw, water pours into the sea — 130 billion tons of ice (118 billion metric tons) per year for the past decade, according to NASA satellite calculations. That's the weight of more than 356,000 Empire State Buildings, enough ice melt to fill more than 1.3 million Olympic swimming pools. And the melting is accelerating.

In the worst case scenario, Antarctica's melt could push sea levels up 10 feet (3 meters) worldwide in a century or two, recurving heavily populated coastlines.

Parts of Antarctica are melting so rapidly it has become "ground zero of global climate change without a doubt," said Harvard geophysicist Jerry Mitrovica.

Here on the Antarctic peninsula, where the continent is warming the fastest because the land sticks out in the warmer ocean, 49 billion tons of ice (nearly 45 billion metric tons) are lost each year, according to NASA. The water warms from below, causing the ice to retreat on to land, and then the warmer air takes over. Temperatures rose 5.4 degrees Fahrenheit (3 degrees Celsius) in the last half century, much faster than Earth's average, said Ricardo Jana, a glaciologist for the Chilean Antarctic Institute.

Tourists who pose nude at Cambodia's ancient temples expose themselves to anger, deportation

SIEM REAP, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia's most popular tourist attraction — the complex of ancient temples that includes Angkor Wat — is suffering from a form of overexposure: At least five foreign visitors have been arrested and deported this year for taking nude photos at the sacred sites.

Authorities have no tolerance for people stripping down at Angkor Archaeological Park, a sprawling, centuries-old UNESCO World Heritage Site that drew 2 million visitors last year. The incidents are also upsetting to ordinary Cambodians, for whom the Khmer-era complex holds enormous spiritual and historical significance.

"Angkor Wat is the most famous sacred ... temple in Cambodia, where everyone — not only tourists but also Cambodians themselves — has to pay respect," said Rattanak Te, an administrative assistant who lives in Phnom Penh, the capital. "It definitely upsets me and all Cambodians, because outsiders will think we — Cambodian people — are careless and do not take good care of this World Heritage (site) by allowing these tourists to do such an unacceptable act."

This month, guards arrested two American sisters after seeing them snap photos of each other's

naked backsides in the temple of Preah Khan, said Kerya Chau Sun, spokeswoman for the Apsara Authority, which manages the temple complex in Siem Reap, in northwestern Cambodia. Lindsey Adams, 22, and Leslie Adams, 20, both of Prescott, Arizona, were each sentenced to a six-month suspended sentence, a fine of 1 million riel (\$250), deportation and a four-year ban from the country.

In January, three French men in their 20s were deported after they were caught taking nude photographs at Angkor complex. Another photo showing a topless woman at the site has circulated on social media, but officials believe it is fake, according to Chau Sun. Three tourists were also caught riding a motorbike naked near Phnom Penh in January, according to local media.

Indiana may be first state to allow 'baby boxes' for anonymous, safe surrender of newborns

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — On the outside, the metal box looks like an oversized bread container. But what's inside could save an abandoned newborn's life.

The box is actually a newborn incubator, or baby box, and it could be showing up soon at Indiana hospitals, fire stations, churches and selected nonprofits under legislation that would give mothers in crisis a way to surrender their children safely and anonymously.

Indiana could be the first state to allow use of the baby boxes on a broad scale to prevent dangerous abandonments of infants if the bill, which unanimously passed the House this week, clears the state Senate. Republican state Rep. Casey Cox and child-safety advocates say they're unaware of any other states that have considered the issue at the level Indiana has.

Cox says his bill is a natural progression of the "safe haven" laws that exist in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Those give parents a legal way to surrender newborns at hospitals, police stations and other facilities without fear of prosecution so long as the child hasn't been harmed.

Many children, however, never make it that far. Dawn Geras, president of the Save the Abandoned Babies Foundation in Chicago, said safe haven laws have resulted in more than 2,800 safe surrenders since 1999. But more than 1,400 other children have been found illegally abandoned, nearly two-thirds of whom died.

HEALTHBEAT: Many unanswered questions about e-cigarettes, including use with tobacco products

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first peek at a major study of how Americans smoke suggests many use combinations of products, and often e-cigarettes are part of the mix.

It's a preliminary finding, but it highlights some key questions as health officials assess electronic cigarettes.

"Are e-cigarettes a step toward a cigarette smoker getting off of cigarettes? Or are e-cigarettes a crutch so they can get nicotine in places and times when they wouldn't normally be allowed to smoke cigarettes?" asked Dr. Andrew Hyland of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, the primary investigator for a huge government study of trends in smoking and tobacco use.

Hyland's study is one of a number of projects that scientists are watching as they explore the public health implications of e-cigarettes.

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2015. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag (RYKS'-tahg), was gutted by fire. Chancellor Adolf Hitler, blaming the Communists, used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1814, Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93, was first performed in Vienna.

In 1911, inventor Charles F. Kettering demonstrated his electric automobile starter in Detroit by starting a Cadillac's motor with just the press of a switch, instead of hand-cranking.

In 1922, the Supreme Court, in *Leser v. Garnett*, unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court, in *National Labor Relations Board v. Fansteel Metallurgical Corp.*, effectively outlawed sit-down strikes. Britain and France recognized the regime of Francisco Franco of Spain.

In 1943, during World War II, Norwegian commandos launched a raid to sabotage a German-operated heavy water plant in Norway. The U.S. government began circulating one-cent coins made of steel plated with zinc (the steel pennies proved unpopular, since they were easily mistaken for dimes).

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, California. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1968, at the conclusion of a CBS News special report on the Vietnam War, Walter Cronkite delivered a commentary in which he said the conflict appeared "mired in stalemate."

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.)

In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of murdering two of the 28 young blacks whose bodies were found in the Atlanta area over a 22-month period. (Williams, who was also blamed for 22 other deaths, has maintained his innocence.)

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight, Eastern time.

Ten years ago: Pope John Paul II made a surprise first public appearance after surgery, appearing at his Rome hospital window. The Iraqi government announced the capture of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam Hussein's half brother and former adviser. (Although sentenced to death, al-Hassan died of cancer in 2013.) Academy Awards went to "Million Dollar Baby," director Clint Eastwood, star Hilary Swank and supporting actor Morgan Freeman.

Five years ago: In Chile, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake and tsunami killed 524 people, caused \$30 billion in damage and left over 200,000 homeless. Steven Holcomb drove USA-1 to the Olympic gold medal in four-man bobsledding in Vancouver, ending a 62-year drought for the Americans in the event.

One year ago: President Barack Obama kicked off his "My Brother's Keeper" initiative from the White House East Room, calling for vigorous efforts to reverse underachievement among young black and Hispanic males. Masked gunmen stormed parliament in Ukraine's strategic Crimean region while the

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newly formed interim government pledged to prevent a breakup with strong backing for the West.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 85. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 81. Opera singer Mirella Freni is 80. Actress Barbara Babcock is 78. Actor Howard Hesseman is 75. Actress Debra Monk is 66. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 61. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 58. Actor Timothy Spall is 58. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 55. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 55. Rock musician Leon Mobley (Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals) is 54. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 54. Actor Adam Baldwin is 53. Actor Grant Show is 53. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 50. Actor Noah Emmerich is 50. Actor Donal Logue (DOH'-nuhl LOHG) is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 44. Rock musician Jeremy Dean (Nine Days) is 43. Rhythm-and-blues singer Roderick Clark is 42. Country-rock musician Shonna Tucker (Drive-By Truckers) is 37. Chelsea Clinton is 35. Actor Brandon Beemer is 35. Rock musician Cyrus Bolooki (New Found Glory) is 35. Rhythm-and-blues singer Bobby Valentino is 35. Singer Josh Groban is 34. Rock musician Jared Champion (Cage the Elephant) is 32. Actress Kate Mara is 32.

Thought for Today: "He that respects himself is safe from others. He wears a coat of mail that none can pierce." - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (born this date in 1807, died in 1882).

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.