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Wednesday, November 18

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

School Menu: Softshell taco, refried beans, fruit.

Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Jerick Hanson • Patricia Kappes • Luverne Strom • Jordan Zoellner • Julie Schaller

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Holgate Middle School (6th grade)

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

5:00pm: Groton Youth Rally at GHS Gym

6:45pm: Emmanuel Lutheran League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

Thursday, November 19

State Volleyball Tourney in Sioux Falls

School Breakfast: Egg cheese omelet, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Turkey dinner, mashed potato, corn, dressing, pumpkin dessert.

Senior Menu: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, frosted brownie, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Larry Remington • Stephen Duncan • Crystal Sippel • Garrett Heitmann • Heather Sippel • Taylor Gustafson • Tanya Nordine • Jerry Abernathy • Michael Krueger

1:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran WELCA Praise and Thanksgiving

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
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Groton Coffee Cup League

November 17 Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 22, Ken's 21, James Valley 20, Ten Pins 17.

High Games: Vicki Walter 181, 171; Vickie Kramp 181; LaVonne Raap 169; Arlowyn Spencer 166

High Series: Vicki Walter 509; Vickie Kramp 492; Arlowyn Spencer 423

Conde National League

November 16 Team Standings: Mets 18 1/2, Cubs 16, Braves 14, Pirates 12, Giants 12, Colts 11 1/2

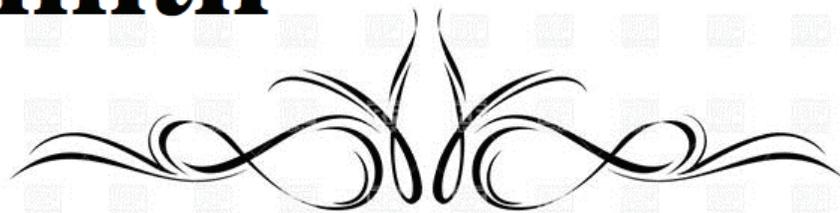
Men's High Games: Lance Frohling 183, 174; Bryce Hargatz 181; John Lowary 175

Men's High Series: Bryce Dargatz 517; Lance Frohling 484; Larry Frohling 460

Women's High Games: Mary Larson 179, Deb Fredrickson 178, Joyce Walter 178, Vickie Kramp 166

Women's High Series: Joyce Walter 468, Vickie Kramp 467, Hope Dargatz 417

a bridal SHOWER for Marah Smith



Come and Go Shower

Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
Groton, South Dakota

Shane Van Diest and Marah are registered at
Bed, Bath and Beyond and Amazon

Preparation of Turkey a Day Before a Holiday Meal

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Planning ahead to safely prepare and roast the turkey this Holiday Season will relieve some of the cooking stress associated with large meal preparation.

Dr. Joan Hegerfeld-Baker, Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Food Safety Specialist encourages holiday cooks to refer to a colorful, easy-to-follow 13 page booklet: "Preparing Turkey Plus the Dinner Trimmings."

"It is a great resource with preparation photos, recipes and more. This can be found at iGrow.org," she said.

How much to buy & how to prepare

When purchasing a fresh or frozen turkey Hegerfeld-Baker says a good rule of thumb is to allow one pound of turkey per person. She reminds cooks that frozen turkeys require several days to thaw.

"The safest way to thaw a turkey is in the refrigerator that is set at 40 degrees or below," she said. "Allow about 24 hours for every 4 to 5 pounds."

If the turkey is partially frozen when you are ready to roast Hegerfeld-Baker suggests placing it in water at 70 degrees or colder and change the water every 15 minutes. Or, go directly to roasting.

"Do not stuff the turkey if it is still partially frozen," she said.

Oven temperature to roast turkey should not be set lower than 325 degrees. Whole turkey is safe when cooked to a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees as measured in the innermost part of the thigh with a food thermometer.

Stuffing safety

For optimal safety and uniform doneness, Hegerfeld-Baker says to cook stuffing separately. However, if stuffing a turkey, it's essential to use a food thermometer to make sure the center of the stuffing reaches a safe minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees.

"Even if the turkey itself has reached 165 degrees, the stuffing may not have reached a temperature high enough to destroy bacteria that may be present," Hegerfeld-Baker said. "Stuffing can act as an insulator to conducting heat, so temperatures must be measured to take the guess work out of cooking."

If any meat, poultry or shellfish are used in the stuffing recipe, Hegerfeld-Baker said to cook them thoroughly before adding to the stuffing.

"Keep the wet and dry ingredients of the stuffing separate, mixing them together just before spooning into the turkey cavity. Stuff the cavity loosely - about 3/4 cup of stuffing per pound of bird - so it can heat more efficiently," she said. "Do not stuff poultry with cooked stuffing. And, do not stuff turkeys to be grilled, smoked, fried or microwaved."

Turkeys can be purchased pre-stuffed, but only from a USDA Inspected plant. However, they must be in frozen at time of purchase and remain frozen until they are cooked. When preparing the turkey that was stuffed at a USDA Inspected plant, do not thaw the turkey but go directly to cooking.

Hegerfeld-Baker added that the USDA recommends not purchasing retail-stuffed, uncooked turkeys from a store or restaurant.

She repeats, "Stuffing works like an insulator, therefore it is important to follow these guidelines."

Tips for preparing and cooking turkey the day before serving

To free up time during the day of the big meal, cooks can prepare the turkey one day before serving said Hegerfeld-Baker.

"It may be easier than preparing it the day it will be served," she said. "If you plan to prepare turkey a day ahead, follow these guidelines for cooling, storing and reheating turkey."

Prepare and roast turkey according to food safety guidelines. After the turkey is roasted and removed from the oven, let the turkey set about 20 minutes to allow the juices to distribute throughout.

Wash your hands with soap and water before beginning to slice the turkey. Slice breast meat. Wings and legs may be left whole. Turkey should be placed in shallow containers (such as cake pans) to allow for faster cooling. Juices can be saved and refrigerated for making gravy.

Loosely cover the sliced turkey meat and place in the refrigerator while still warm. Cover tightly when

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completely cooled.

If cooking stuffing ahead of time, cook immediately when mixed, cool quickly in 2 inch depth containers, cover after cooled.

Turkey that is prepared for serving the next day can be eaten cold or hot. If planning to serve hot, reheat the turkey in the oven set at a temperature no lower than 325° F. The internal temperature must reach 165° F. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature.

Do not reheat turkey, stuffing or gravy slowly. If reheated slowly, microorganisms that survived the normal cooking process, or contamination from handling the turkey before cooling, have ample time to grow and possibly produce toxins to make people sick. Reheating leftovers in a crockpot is not recommended.

Keep the turkey moist during reheating by adding a small amount of water or broth and cover. If reheating turkey in the microwave oven, cover the food and rotate it for even heating. Allow standing time. Check the internal temperature with a food thermometer to be sure it reaches 165 degrees. Using a microwave to reheat is not recommended for large amounts, and can lead to uneven heating.

If traveling with a precooked turkey, cooling the turkey as suggested above and use an insulated cooler with enough ice packs to keep the temperature of the turkey below 40 degrees. Reheat turkey to 165 degrees when you reach your destination.

Gravy made the day before should be cooled quickly by refrigerating in a shallow metal pan. Ice cubes can be added to hasten the cooling process. Transfer to a storage container after cooling. The excess water will boil off when reheating. The gravy should be reheated to a rolling boil before serving. Once again do not use a crockpot for reheating.

Leftover notes

After the meal is complete, either freeze or eat leftover turkey within three to four days of the day it was originally prepared. Gravy and stuffing should be eaten within one to two days of original preparation date.

Hegerfeld-Baker reminds cooks that after turkey, gravy and stuffing is removed from the oven, served or reheated, it should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours.

Consumers can also visit with food safety experts by calling one of the following two numbers: USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline, 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854); or AnswerLine, 1-888-393-6336 (South Dakota) and 1-800-854-1678 (Minnesota)

Hegerfeld-Baker also encourages cooks to check out the iGrow.org publication "Preparing Turkey for a Crowd." Board holds first public hearing on proposed CTE standards

The South Dakota Board of Education held the first of four public hearings on proposed career and technical education standards in six career clusters earlier today. Proposed standards include Architecture & Construction, Education & Training, Foundational Career & Technical Education, Information Technology, Law, Public Safety, Security & Corrections, and Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM).

Standards workgroup members included secondary career and technical education teachers, postsecondary faculty, industry representatives and other stakeholders.

"Through career and technical education, students learn how their interests and abilities align to careers and postsecondary education opportunities," says Tiffany Sanderson, director of career and technical education for the South Dakota Department of Education. "By considering feedback from employers and educators, these proposed standards seek to ensure students will be prepared to meet the needs of today's workforce, no matter what field they ultimately enter."

The proposed standards and links for submitting public comment can be found at <http://doe.sd.gov/ContentStandards/index.aspx>.

According to state law, the Board of Education must review academic content standards on a cyclical basis. The remaining three hearings on these standards will be held in 2016 at board meetings in Aberdeen, Pierre and Rapid City.

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National Gasoline Price Average Eyes \$2 for First Time Since 2009

Pump prices across the country have fallen for 11 consecutive days, reaching today's national average price of \$2.15 per gallon. AAA believes average U.S. prices should continue to decline and could drop below \$2 per gallon by Christmas for the first time since 2009.

Drivers are benefitting from relative savings in the price of retail gasoline with today's average six cents less per gallon than one week ago and down 12 cents from one month ago. The price of crude oil remains noticeably low compared to previous years and as a result, the national average is down 74 cents per gallon year-over-year.

Refinery production in the Midwest appears to be recovering, which should help improve prices in the region. For example, the ExxonMobil refinery in Joliet, Ill., has reportedly concluded its scheduled maintenance and returned to production. This and other refinery restarts in the Midwest have led to large weekly and monthly price declines in many states in the Heartland.

South Dakota's average price for self-serve regular has fallen for 35 of the last 38 days to \$2.25 today according to FuelGaugeReport.AAA.com. Month over month the statewide average today is 22 cents lower and year over year it's 69 cents lower than in 2014.

	Today	Last Week	Change	Oct. 13	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.353	\$2.415	-\$0.062	\$2.398	-\$0.045	\$2.949
Brookings	\$2.228	\$2.363	-\$0.135	\$2.599	-\$0.371	\$2.955
Huron	\$2.244	\$2.304	-\$0.060	\$2.518	-\$0.274	\$2.890
Mitchell	\$2.259	\$2.279	-\$0.020	\$2.523	-\$0.264	\$2.851
Pierre	\$2.602	\$2.611	-\$0.009	\$2.730	-\$0.128	\$3.080
Rapid City	\$2.326	\$2.350	-\$0.024	\$2.486	-\$0.160	\$3.134
Sioux Falls	\$1.966	\$2.093	-\$0.127	\$2.404	-\$0.438	\$2.688
Vermillion	\$2.089	\$2.185	-\$0.096	\$2.407	-\$0.318	\$2.781
Watertown	\$2.263	\$2.272	-\$0.009	\$2.481	-\$0.218	\$2.920
Yankton	\$2.336	\$2.391	-\$0.055	\$2.583	-\$0.247	\$2.983
South Dakota	\$2.249	\$2.093	\$0.156	\$2.496	-\$0.247	\$2.935

Historically, gasoline demand tends to decline during the month of November, and with the autumn refinery maintenance season nearing completion, pump prices are expected to move lower to close out the year, barring any unanticipated outages or supply disruptions.

On petroleum markets, a wait-and-see attitude appears dominant. Traders are following the recent terrorist attacks in France to determine what effects they may have on prices. Global oil supply continues to outpace demand, while a strengthening U.S. dollar, which makes crude oil more expensive for buyers holding foreign currencies, is expected to keep a ceiling on oil prices into 2016.

U.S. crude oil inventories continue to build. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, they are within reach of hitting record levels set this past April. For the first time in more than two months, the U.S. oil rig count increased Friday. While this measure is not the best indicator of production, it reportedly reinforced the expectation that U.S. production rates will remain high and keep the market oversupplied in the near term.

WTI opened this week's trading session on the NYMEX by posting a \$1 gain Monday, closing at \$41.74 per barrel. This comes following last week's testing of the \$40 per barrel threshold, closing Friday at \$40.74.

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Today in Weather History

November 18, 1985: Snowfall of 3-8 inches fell over western, central and northern South Dakota, with the greatest amount of 8 inches at Huron in Beadle County and White River in Mellette County. Strong winds exceeding 40 mph over the area produced near-blizzard conditions at times, with considerable blowing and drifting snow. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 6.0 inches in Murdo; 5.5 inches at Gettysburg, 5.0 inches near Stephan, in Eureka, and 12SSW of Harrold; and 4.0 inches in McLaughlin.

November 18, 1992: Three to eleven inches of snow fell in the northeast third of South Dakota and into west central Minnesota from the 18th into the 19th. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 11.0 inches in Browns Valley and near Bryant, 9 inches near Sisseton, Summit and Wheaton MN, 8 inches near Victor and Wilmot, 7.9 inches at Artichoke Lake MN, and 7.0 inches in Clear Lake.

1873 - A severe storm raged from Georgia to Nova Scotia causing great losses to fishing fleets along the coast. In Maine, the barometric pressure reached 28.49 inches at Portland. (David Ludlum)

1955 - An early season cold snap finally came to an end. Helena, MT, experienced 138 consecutive hours of subzero temperatures, including a reading of 29 below zero, which surpassed by seven degrees their previous record for the month of November. Missoula MT broke their November record by 12 degrees with a reading of 23 below zero, and Salt Lake City UT smashed their previous November record of zero with a reading of 14 below. Heavy snow in the Great Basin closed Donner Pass CA, and total crop damage from the cold wave amounted to eleven million dollars. (David Ludlum)

1957 - A tornado, 100 yards in width, travelled a nearly straight as an arrow 27-mile path from near Rosa AL to near Albertville AL, killing three persons. A home in the Susan Moore community in Blount County was picked up and dropped 500 feet away killing one person. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - The first of two successive snowstorms struck the northeastern U.S. The storm produced up to 20 inches of snow in southern New Hampshire. Two days later a second storm produced up to 30 inches of snow in northern Maine. (Storm Data)

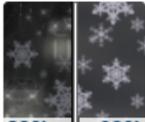
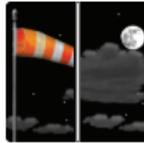
1987 - It was a windy day across parts of the nation. Gale force winds whipped the Great Lakes Region. Winds gusting to 80 mph in western New York State damaged buildings and flipped over flatbed trailers at Churchville. In Montana, high winds in the Upper Yellowstone Valley gusted to 64 mph at Livingston. Strong Santa Ana winds buffeted the mountains and valleys of southern California. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

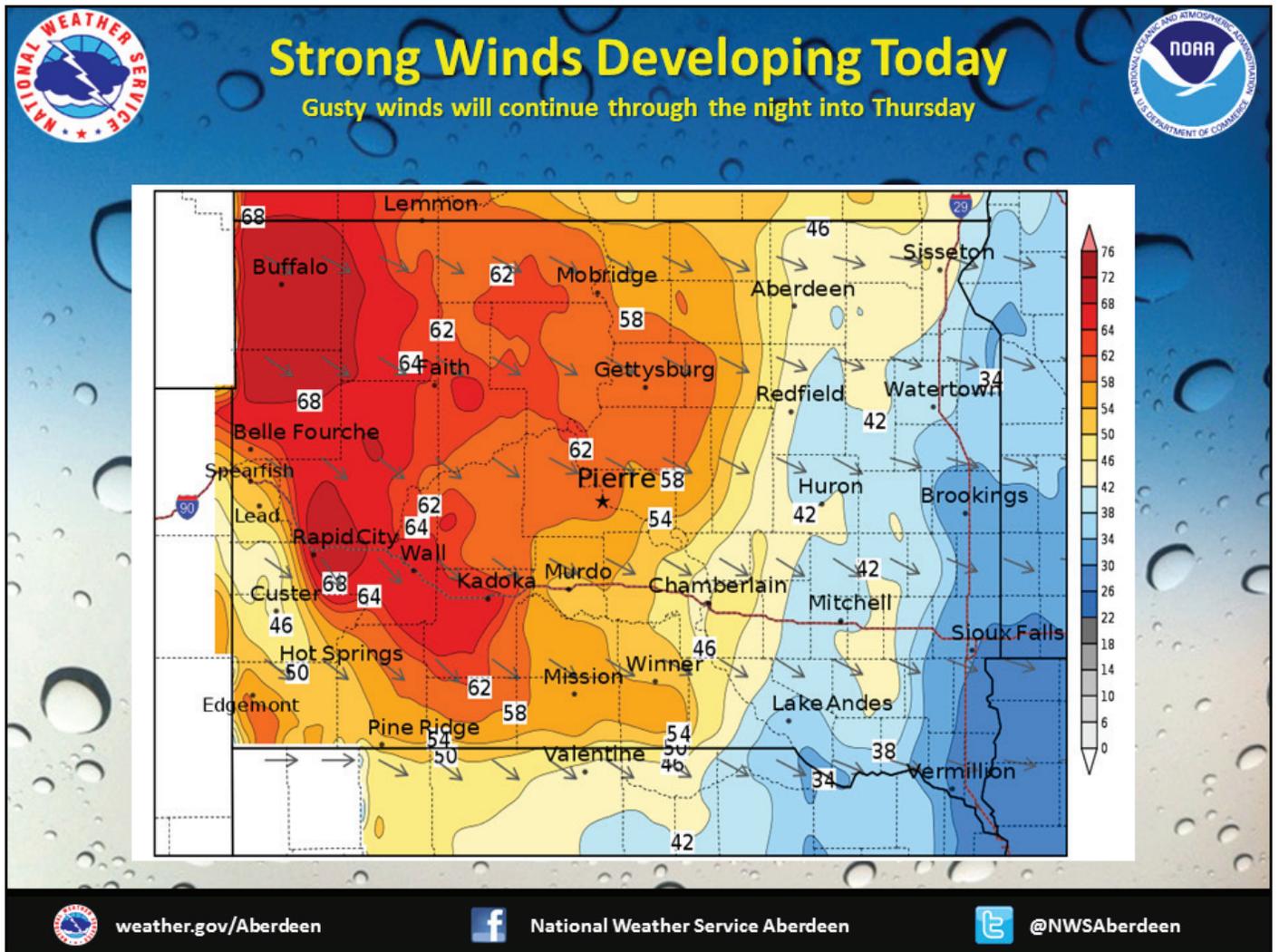
1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a warm front drenched Little Rock AR with 7.01 inches of rain, smashing their previous record for the date of 1.91 inches. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - A second surge of arctic air brought record cold to parts of the north central U.S. Eleven cities in the Upper Midwest reported record low temperatures for the date, including Rochester MN with a reading of 4 degrees below zero. Strong winds ushering the arctic air into the north central U.S. produced squalls in the Lower Great Lakes Region. Snowfall totals in northern Ohio ranged up to twenty inches in Ashatabula County and Geauga County. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
80% → 30%	30% → 90%	60% 40%				
Breezy. Rain then Chance Rain	Chance Rain/Snow then Snow	Rain/Snow Likely then Chance Rain and Breezy	Partly Cloudy and Blustery	Mostly Sunny and Windy	Mostly Clear and Blustery then Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 32 °F	High: 45 °F	Low: 23 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 33 °F



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A few light showers will pass through the region today associated with a clipper type storm system. Strong winds will follow the system. These winds will persist overnight and continue into Thursday.

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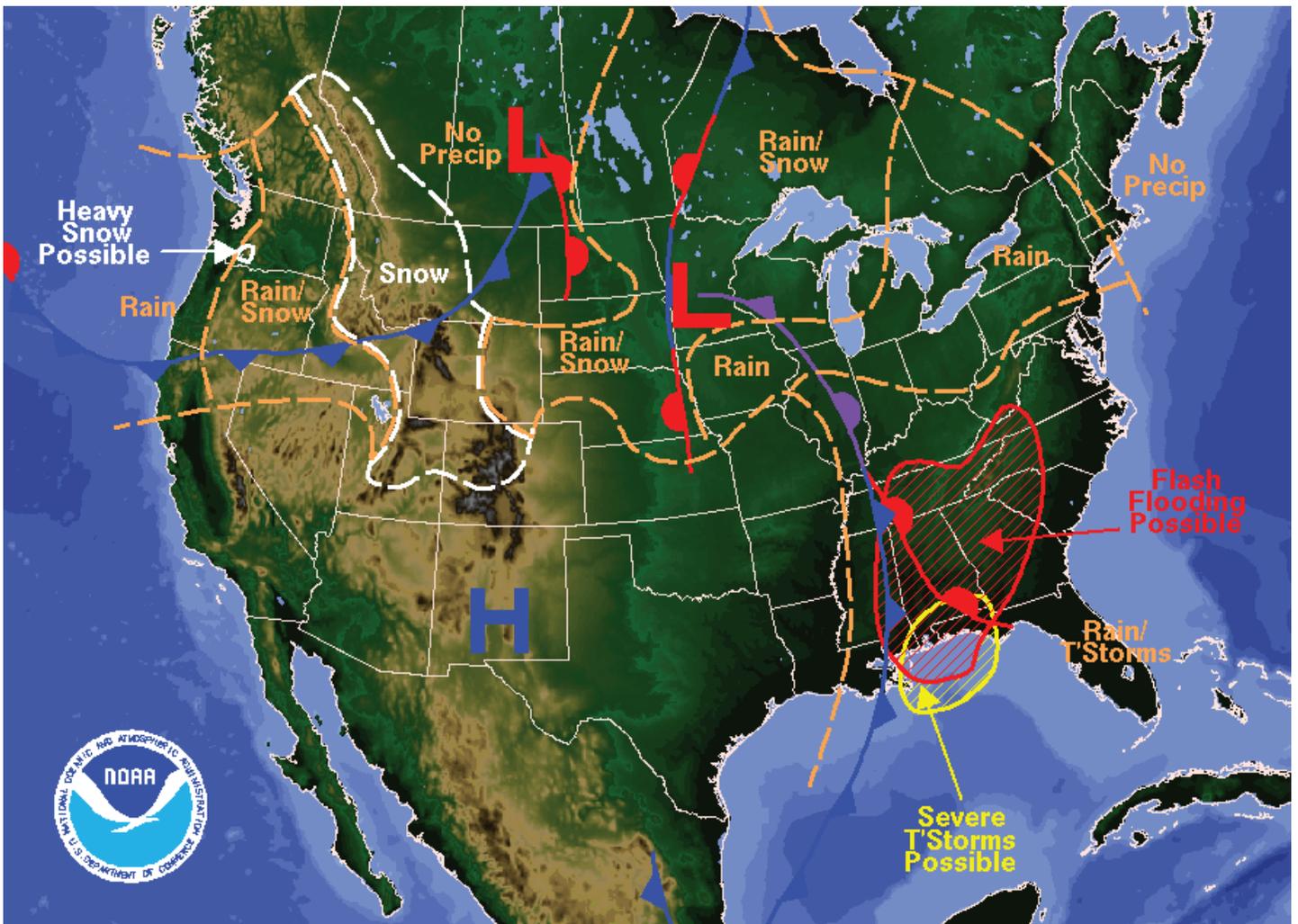
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 50.7 at Midnight
Low: 33.1 at 11:42 PM
High Gust: 26 at 2:19 PM
Precip: 0.08

Today's Info

Record High: 75° in 1908
Record Low: -13° in 1896
Average High: 38°F
Average Low: 18°F
Average Precip in Nov.: 0.48
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.71
Average Precip to date: 20.95
Precip Year to Date: 19.82
Sunset Tonight: 5:00 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:37 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Nov 18, 2015, issued 4:15 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



I WANT TO LOVE YOU

Sally was sitting in her favorite rocking chair hugging and kissing her favorite doll. Every now and then she would glance up at her mother who was working at her desk.

As soon as her mother finished her work, Sally jumped from her rocker, ran to where her mother was sitting, climbed in her lap, gave her a hug and kiss and said, "I'm sure glad you are through working. I want to love you!"

"But," said her mom, "I thought you were having a good time loving your doll."

"I was, Mom," she said, "but she never loves back."

Our God loves us relentlessly and continuously. No matter our flaws or our faults, He loves us completely. Even though we have faltered and failed He has not abandoned us. His love is a love that is not conditional or complicated. It is a love that is available at all times, in all places and in all kinds of circumstances.

And one of God's great desires is that we love others the same way He loves us. First, He asks that we love Him in return for the love He has shown us in His Son. Then He asks us to love others the way He loves us. When we love others, it proves that we are His children, who we are and what is important to us. Loving others pleases Him more than any great work that we might do on His behalf.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to love others as You love us - expecting nothing in return but the opportunity to serve You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

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News from the Associated Press

Bond set at \$1M for South Dakota rape, kidnapping suspect

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Bond has been set at \$1 million for a Sioux Falls man accused of raping a teenage girl and trying to kill her.

Forty-one-year-old Frederick McAbee appeared in court Tuesday in Pipestone, Minnesota, where he had been arrested last week. He did not enter pleas to charges including attempted murder, kidnapping and rape.

Police say a 14-year-old girl reported McAbee threatened her with a gun as they traveled in a cargo van in Sioux Falls last Thursday. Authorities say she jumped from the moving vehicle after she was raped and heard a gunshot.

McAbee hasn't responded to an Associated Press request for comment.

Harford City Council rejects petition to recall town's mayor

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — Hartford's City Council has rejected a petition to recall the town's mayor.

The 4-3 vote Tuesday came after more than two hours of debate. It left some residents upset that the council went against the recall petition signed by more than 300 people who wanted Mayor Bill Campbell ousted.

Councilman Bill Haugen Jr. said the council has to act as the gatekeeper on recall petitions.

Campbell and other council members have been under scrutiny after they voted to eliminate the position of economic development director this summer. In August, residents voted to keep the position after petitions were circulated.

The recall petition also accused Campbell of a pattern of "oppression." Councilman Scott Nelson said "oppression" hasn't been defined by the state Supreme Court as it applies to recalls.

USDA program provides housing assistance on reservation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The federal government has agreed to sponsor a housing project for members of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate tribe in northeastern South Dakota and southeastern North Dakota.

USDA Rural Development has identified seven families who are eligible for home ownership on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation. The program is also meant as a guide for other tribal members interested in owning a home.

The USDA and Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority signed off on the project Tuesday.

South Dakota Rural Development acting state director Bruce Jones says his agency is hoping to help low-income rural families "build a better future."

SD Commission on Gaming set to review fantasy sports betting

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The state Commission on Gaming is reviewing daily fantasy sports betting.

The commission is considering the issue Wednesday at a meeting in Deadwood.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has said he'll await potential guidance from the commission before deciding whether to take any action.

Jackley has said that federal law, the state in which a wager is made and the state in which a wager is received, may have jurisdiction over the matter.

Daily fantasy has exploded in popularity after both Boston-based DraftKings and New York-based FanDuel unleashed a flurry of on-air, online and billboard ads promoting the games to casual sports fans. A DraftKings employee winning \$350,000 in a contest on rival FanDuel earlier this year — beating more than 200,000 other players — raised insider trading questions.

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Braun with 27 points, Grand Canyon beats Black Hills 88-72

PHOENIX (AP) — Joshua Braun made five 3-pointers and finished with 27 points to lead Grand Canyon over Division II Black Hills 88-72 on Tuesday night.

Braun was 7 of 7 from the floor and 8 of 9 from the free throw line. Grandy Glaze scored 14 points on 7-of-8 shooting with 11 rebounds, and Boubacar Toure chipped in 14 points for the Antelopes (2-0).

Riley Ryan scored 34 points on 11-of-15 shooting with six 3-pointers to lead Black Hills. Nick Ongarato had 16 points and Wyatt Krogman added 13 for the Yellow Jackets.

Grand Canyon led 42-29 at halftime and opened the second half with an 11-3 surge to make it 53-32. Braun made a 3-pointer and a layup during the span, and the Antelopes led by double digits the rest of the way.

Judge: Battle to prove need to block US rules on sage grouse

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Eight Nevada counties that want a court to block new U.S. protections for the greater sage grouse face an uphill battle to prove such a “drastic” move is necessary across thousands of square miles in the West, a federal judge said Tuesday.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du said she knows the counties and two mining companies have serious concerns about new restrictions on mining, livestock grazing and other development adopted when the federal government decided in September not to list the bird as threatened or endangered.

But she questioned whether any alleged delays in approval of proposed development in Washoe, Elko, Eureka, Washoe and White Pine counties were out of the ordinary, or directly related to grouse protection.

The groups are suing the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management and asking for a temporary injunction to block the proposed rules before a trial. Du said during a hearing with more than eight hours of testimony that the counties are seeking a “drastic remedy.”

“The burden is pretty high on the plaintiffs,” Du said. “My concern is the motion, and the testimony so far, lacks specificity to determine the likelihood of irreparable harm, not the possibility of harm.”

It wasn’t clear how soon the judge would rule on the request for an injunction. Without an emergency order, the case is unlikely to go to trial until next year.

Among other things, the lawsuit says the rules would prevent construction of a wind energy project that would bring \$500 million to Elko County’s economy and has the potential to run mining companies and ranchers out of business.

Du said there is “plenty of uncertainty” about the potential effects of the land-use planning amendments that the two agencies adopted to protect the bird found in 11 Western states. But she said she needs evidence of actual projects being halted or delayed to meet the legal threshold that would warrant a temporary injunction.

“Without specific information, I am not going to be able to get there,” Du said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Holly Vance said in a brief filed before Tuesday’s hearing that the counties and mining companies are misrepresenting and exaggerating the potential effects of the rules. She said they have not proved the restrictions will cause irreparable harm and are prematurely challenging the amendments, which offer guidelines but no specific decisions on individual grazing, mining or other federal permits.

But Laura Granier, lead attorney for the plaintiffs, said the new policy already is having a chilling effect on investment in mining operations in Elko and Humboldt counties, home to some of the richest gold deposits in the world.

“More than chilling — it might be frozen,” said Everett Gustin, whose Quantum Minerals LLC blames inaccurate mapping of sage grouse habitat for jeopardizing an Elko County mining project he says he’s already invested \$500,000 in near Jarbidge along the Idaho line.

“Everything kind of hangs in the balance of today’s hearing,” Gustin testified. “Basically the gate’s closed, we’re done.”

Washoe County Planning Director Bill Whitney testified that his county school district’s plans to acquire BLM land to build a new middle school in Sun Valley, north of Reno, have been put on hold as a result of the

sage grouse protections, even though the county doesn't believe there are grouse "any place near there."

Eureka County Commission Chairman Julian Goicoechea said the protections are stifling new development in his county and prohibiting officials in neighboring White Pine County from obtaining a right of way necessary to build a new water tower in Baker.

"There is real harm occurring because of what is in the documents," he testified.

Goicoechea, who serves as chairman of Nevada's Sage Grouse Ecosystem Council, said it worked closely with federal officials to develop Nevada's alternative protection plan but were blindsided by the final U.S. regulations.

"We did not want to be here today," he said. "We wanted to work this out for the last three years. We tried. We were ignored."

Cold-case testing shows where 4 lived, when they were killed

KATHLEEN RONAYNE, Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — New scientific testing indicates where four people likely lived before their bodies were found in two steel drums in a state park in 1985 and 2000, investigators said Tuesday, marking a step forward in a case that has perplexed officials for 30 years.

Officials hope the information, combined with new lifelike digital images of the woman and three girls, will spur recognition in someone who knew them. Testing of the hair, teeth and bones shows the woman and two of the children, believed to be her daughters, likely lived in the Northeast. The third child, who is not maternally related, probably lived in the Dakotas or Nebraska.

"We are almost at the final line of what science can do to help us, based upon the remains, to identify where they came from," said Benjamin Agati, a senior assistant attorney general in New Hampshire. "At this point, it really is the public's help that we're looking for."

A hunter discovered the first two bodies, a woman and a girl believed to be 9 to 10, in a plastic bag spilling out of a steel drum in 1985 near a state park in Allentown, New Hampshire. Fifteen years later, an investigator revisiting the case found a second steel drum containing the two other girls, one believed to be 2 to 3 and the other 3 to 4. Officials said Tuesday that the woman is likely the mother of the oldest and youngest children.

New data has narrowed the time of their killings to 1980 to 1984. The woman and oldest child show signs of blunt-force trauma, and investigators haven't released the cause of death for the two younger children.

Investigators said Tuesday they are nearly certain that all four victims were born in the United States. While testing shows the woman and two related children likely lived in the Northeast, it is possible that they lived in the upper Midwest or somewhere along the southern borders of Arizona, New Mexico and into the West Coast.

The middle child, in contrast, most likely spent her childhood further inland in the region near the Dakotas and western Nebraska. Testing also shows she could have lived in a few small pockets throughout the Northeast or in the Southwest.

Researchers tested the hair and teeth of the victims to determine where they lived based on water and food they consumed. The environmental conditions in different regions of the country can affect the chemical compounds in water.

Investigators believe all four victims were together in the Northeast sometime between the two weeks and three months leading up to their deaths.

Agati said investigators have received frequent tips on the case over the years but none have panned out. They plan to use the new information to better target areas where someone may have known the woman and girls.

"It's been frustrating, but it's not a case that's worth giving up on," Agati said. "We've learned more these last couple of months that have led to these results we're sharing today than we knew before."

Interior secretary meets with students in Winslow, Tucson

WINSLOW, Ariz. (AP) — Interior Secretary Sally Jewell visited Winslow on Tuesday to highlight a partnership to expand American Indian students' access to the Internet.

The U.S. Bureau of Education dormitory in Winslow is one of three in Arizona and 10 across the country that will have high-speed wireless Internet and computer tablets by early next year. The others are in Montana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Utah and South Dakota.

Jewell says the federal government partnered with Verizon and Microsoft to improve digital learning. More than 1,000 Native students will benefit.

Jewell travels to Saguaro National Park in Tucson on Wednesday to the Santa Rosa Ranch School. She'll be giving fourth-graders a free annual pass to national parks and participating in other activities.

The passes have been available to fourth-graders across the country since September.

Councilman: Sisseton Wahpeton chairman removed by council

AGENCY VILLAGE, S.D. (AP) — A Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate official says the tribal government has removed the tribe's chairman from office after his suspension for the second time in less than three months.

Lake Traverse District Councilman Dave Flute said the council voted Tuesday to remove Chairman Bruce Renville.

Flute voted against Renville's removal. He says Renville has the right to appeal to the tribal court.

Renville didn't immediately return a request for comment. He has said his November suspension was on unspecified charges.

The council previously suspended Renville in September for ordering a surprise mass drug testing of tribal government employees.

He retained chairmanship of the tribe living on the Lake Traverse Indian Reservation after a hearing later that month.

Renville has said he anticipated the renewed opposition because promises to cooperate never materialized.

Daugaard may seek Medicaid expansion in budget address

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard wants to make an additional 55,000 South Dakota residents eligible for Medicaid if he can get assurances that the plan's cost would be offset by budget savings and would improve health care for Native American residents.

During a recent interview with The Associated Press, Daugaard said he plans to propose the expansion in his budget address next month, provided the conditions are met, before sending it to the Legislature for approval. A coalition he established to explore the viability of expanding Medicaid is set Wednesday to review new projections about the number of eligible residents and the potential cost.

Such a proposal would be a departure from many other Republican governors around the country, who have steadfastly resisted expanding the Medicaid program for low-income and disabled people, in part because of opposition to the federal health overhaul.

"I would say I've never been, I don't think, an ideologue about expansion," Daugaard said of the measure, which would go into effect for the 2017 fiscal year.

The updated numbers project about 55,000 people could be eligible for the program if it's expanded. The state's share would be offset by savings to make up for the expected annual cost of between roughly \$33 million and about \$45 million starting in 2020, said Kim Malsam-Rysdon, a senior adviser to Daugaard.

The projections have built in cushions to ensure that the state isn't underestimating the fiscal impact of expanding the program, Malsam-Rysdon said.

The proposal pays for the state's share of the expansion in part by expanding access to services that are fully funded by the federal government, with the goal of freeing up enough state funding to pay for the addition of more residents to the Medicaid program.

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Officials are focusing on people who are eligible for Medicaid but can get services through the Indian Health Service. The goal is make services through the Indian Health Service more accessible so that people don't have to go an outside health care provider, which can happen if IHS is unable to offer a specific service.

Those services at IHS are fully funded by the federal government through Medicaid rather than through the typical split in financing between the state and the federal government.

The state is also asking for a change in the classification of some services to have them fully paid for by the federal government.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has said that the administration is willing to work with any state interested in expanding Medicaid. Federal officials are working at what they've described as "warp speed" on potential changes to policy that could allow South Dakota to move forward with the expansion, Malsam-Rysdon said.

Michelle Obama awards 13 youth arts programs

STACY A. ANDERSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling a group of artistic youth the "next generation of fabulous," Michelle Obama presented national arts and humanities awards to 12 after-school programs from across the country and one international program from Honduras.

Honorees included a musical theater program co-created by comedian Rosie O'Donnell that serves low-income students in New York City.

The first lady presented the awards Tuesday to recognize the nation's best youth programs that use arts and humanities to develop skills and increase academic achievement. She honored programs that teach ceramics, dance, music, writing, science and more. Each of the U.S. programs will receive \$10,000.

The annual White House ceremony included a live performance from winning program, A Commitment to Excellence, or ACTE II. The New York group performed a song and dance medley including "I Got Rhythm," "Girls Just Want to Have Fun," and "Empire State of Mind."

"Wow...that wasn't singing, that was 'singing,'" Mrs. Obama quipped, referring to the group which she predicted is destined for Broadway.

Mrs. Obama urged continued funding and support for arts and humanities programs, which she said also teach students problem-solving, teamwork and discipline.

"There are millions of kids like these with talent all over the place, and it's hidden and it's untapped and that's why these programs are so important," Mrs. Obama said. "We wouldn't know that all this existed without any of these programs and that would be a shame."

The 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards are hosted by the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities in partnership with three national cultural agencies.

The 13 programs recognized with a National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award during the White House ceremony are:

- A Commitment to Excellence (ACTE II), New York.
- Action Arts and Science Program, Sioux Falls, S.D.
- Art High, Pasadena, Calif.
- CityDance DREAM Program, Washington.
- Spy Hop Productions, Salt Lake City.
- Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee.
- Ogden Museum of Southern Art, Inc., New Orleans.
- VSA Indiana, Inc., Indianapolis.
- The Center for Urban Pedagogy, Inc., Brooklyn, N.Y.
- Deep Center, Inc., Savannah, Ga.
- The Telling Room, Portland, Maine.
- Caldera, Portland, Oregon.
- Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE), El Progreso, Honduras.

Census weighs changes to counting American Indians in 2020

RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The U.S. Census Bureau is testing new questions on tribal enrollment to try to get a more accurate count of American Indians in 2020, officials said Tuesday.

The agency is aiming to avoid a 5 percent undercount of the population seen in 2010 and reaching out to tribes years in advance, Director John Thompson told The Associated Press.

"We are testing whether we can ask a separate question on enrollment," Thompson said. "We are trying to put together a question that American Indians and Alaska Natives can look at, understand and respond accurately."

Questions on tribal enrollment are important because of funding and discussions about Native American identity in a changing nation, officials said.

Dee Ann Alexander, a census tribal specialist, said past censuses didn't ask whether someone was an enrolled tribal member. She says there was an American Indian box to check with instructions on describing a tribe.

Officials say the bureau is getting feedback from tribal leaders and will decide later whether the questions make it on the 2020 census. Thompson was in Albuquerque on Tuesday for the fifth of eight tribal consultation meetings with tribal leaders.

While the tribal membership question has supporters, others in Alaska have concerns since some of them identify with a village or village corporation rather than a tribe.

Still, Thompson said the agency is reaching out to American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages five years early because of deep distrust of the federal government — a main reason officials suspect there was an undercount in 2010.

That census found that 2.9 million identified as American Indian or Alaska Native alone. That figure nearly doubled among respondents who said they were American Indian or Alaska Native and another race, the census reported.

Sharon Clahchischillige, a Republican state lawmaker in New Mexico and a member of the Navajo Nation, said she was pleased the Census Bureau was testing out a question on tribal enrollment. "It's never been done before and it would be nice to have that information," she said.

Yet the bureau's biggest challenge remains getting some American Indians to trust the federal agency, especially in rural areas, she said.

"I know way out in the middle of Navajoland people out there weren't counted," Clahchischillige said. "They weren't answering any questions from the government."

Foul play ruled out in death of SD woman found in river

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Authorities in central South Dakota say preliminary results from an autopsy indicate that foul play was not a factor in the death of a woman whose body was found in the Missouri River earlier this month.

Fifty-six-year-old Carol Olson was last seen Nov. 3, and six days later, a man walking his dog near the Stanley County fairgrounds found her body in the river.

Stanley County Coroner Gary Grittner says the autopsy showed that Olson died from drowning. He says her body had no injuries that would indicate that someone killed her.

Grittner says final autopsy results won't be ready until toxicology reports are completed, which could take a few months.

Officials said earlier that Olson, of Pierre, had health issues and might have been without her medication.

Credit card skimming device removed from Aberdeen gas pump

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Police in Aberdeen are encouraging area residents to keep a close watch on their bank accounts after investigators removed a credit card skimming device from a gas station pump.

Police say the device was installed in such a way that people paying at the pump would not have been able to tell it was there. Police say they have checked several gas stations in town, and they are not ruling out the possibility that the skimming device they found Tuesday was used in several other locations.

Police would not identify the gas station where the device was found “to avoid an adverse impact” on the business.

The department says it is unclear how many accounts were compromised and how much money was stolen.

Augustana University receives record \$5 million donation

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Augustana University has received a record \$5 million donation meant for student scholarships.

The gift to the private Sioux Falls school is the largest of its kind in Augustana’s 155-year history.

The money comes from the estate of Myron and Altie Domsitz, who graduated from Augustana in 1933 and 1936 respectively. Myron Domsitz passed away in 2005 and his wife died this summer.

Augustana President Rob Oliver says the couple believed in the school’s mission. He says the couple’s “generosity will change the lives of men and women who hope and dream for higher education.”

Missouri would likely be alone with 10 percent black faculty

CAROLYN THOMPSON, Associated Press

GEORGE M. WALSH, Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — If the University of Missouri succeeds in meeting a student demand for a faculty that’s 10 percent black in two years, it will likely be alone among its peers.

No state’s “flagship” public university campus had a black faculty population approaching that level, and only a handful topped even the 5 percent mark, an Associated Press analysis of 2013 federal data found.

The norm on most of the main campuses was a faculty that was between 2 percent and 4 percent black, the data showed.

Universities are well aware that staff and student bodies often don’t match, administrators and experts say, and demonstrations and discussions around the country in recent days have driven home the point.

Fresh from a two-hour “listening session” Friday, University of Massachusetts Senior Vice Provost John McCarthy said students made clear the need for change.

“It was the biggest auditorium we have and undergraduates of color were standing up and talking about the fact that they need to see more faculty of color in the classroom, they need to see more faculty that look like them, they need to see faculty who are more familiar with their experiences as students of color,” McCarthy said.

It’s the difference between feeling understood and the pressure of being seen as representing a race, students and others said.

“There’s a difference in the learning experience that you have when you’re learning from someone you believe you can identify with more closely,” said Micah Oliver, 21, president of the Black Student Association at the University at Buffalo.

Beyond that, diverse classrooms tend to be more open and innovative, said Kenneth Monteiro, president of the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education and dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University.

“Basically, it’s both ethically right and practically more productive and creative,” he said.

Recent racist incidents, and the perceived lack of response by administrators, led to protests, a student hunger strike and a threatened boycott by the football team at the University of Missouri, where student demands now include a call for increasing the percentage of black faculty and staff to 10 percent, up from

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the current 3 percent, by the 2017-18 school year.

A group of former minority faculty members sent a letter Monday to President Michael Middleton supporting the students. It cited their "experience related to being racial and ethnic minorities on a predominantly white campus."

Like Missouri, the percentage of black faculty members at the vast majority of main campuses in each state's public university system was generally well below the percentage of black students enrolled, the AP review found.

At a number of schools, the percentage of black faculty was close to or below half the percentage of black students, notably at schools in the South with both relatively large proportions of black students and faculty. About 7 percent of Missouri students are black.

The school with the largest percentage of black faculty, the University of Mississippi at 6.29 percent, also had the largest percentage of black students, 15.26 percent. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has a faculty that's 6 percent black, compared to 8 percent of the student body. The University of Alabama's faculty is also 6 percent black, but the proportion of black students is higher at 11.46 percent.

The University of Georgia had the next highest percentage of black faculty at 5.76 percent with a 7.83 percent black enrollment while the University of South Carolina-Columbia's faculty was 5.18 black compared to 10.56 percent of the students.

At no other school was the percentage of black faculty above 5 percent.

"Studies show that students normally do better if they're taught by people that can relate to them, not only economically or socially, but racially because naturally we face similar struggles, being adults, students, staff," said Deidree Golbourne, 20, an African-American studies major at Buffalo, New York's flagship university, where 2.5 percent of the faculty and 5.7 percent of the student body are black, according to the data.

Experts say the pool of candidates is traditionally small for positions that often require PhDs. UMass, the State University of New York and others have funded programs meant to boost minority numbers.

"It's very competitive to get faculty of color simply because a lot of schools want them. There are a lot of programs out there," McCarthy said.

But the problem also may be in how schools define who is qualified, said Stella Smith, president of the Black Faculty Staff Association at the University of Texas at Austin. She said it may be time "to open up the definition of what is academy worthy and also to understand that there are different ways to be exceptional, so there's not just this one route to being the best kind of faculty member."

Monteiro said universities "must first disruptively and intentionally hire a critical mass of faculty and administrators" of color and make diversity an explicit part of strategic plans.

"Universities remain primarily white because they continue to do business as usual as they have done since they were built as intentionally upper class white, male, elite bastions," he said. "No need for racist ogres — though they can help — only everyone doing their job within a racist system."

The disparities were less pronounced when the numbers of all non-white faculty were compared with non-white students.

The school with the largest percentage of non-white faculty at 38 percent was the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where 72 percent of the student is also non-white. Many students and faculty members are Asian.

The University of California-Berkeley was one of eight main campus public universities with a greater percentage of black faculty members than black students. But the overall percentage of non-white staff — 29 percent — at Berkeley compared to a student body that is 53 percent non-white. The school has relatively large populations of Asian and Hispanic students.

At South Dakota State University, the percentage of non-white faculty outstripped the student body, 13 percent to 9 percent because of a relatively large number of Asian faculty.

The numbers don't make for ready role models, said Beth Olivares, dean for diversity initiatives at the University of Rochester.

"At the root of it is not just encouraging but ensuring that high school students and undergraduate students are aware of that as a career path," Olivares said. "Many students are not."

Head of Sioux Falls Sports Authority leaving for Omaha job

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls Sports Authority Executive Director Wes Hall is leaving to take the top job at the Omaha Sports Commission in Nebraska.

The Sioux Falls Sports Authority was formed in 2006 by community leaders to recruit major sporting events to the Sioux Falls area. Hall was hired in 2013, and Authority Board Chairman Kevin Lampe says he's been "instrumental in turning Sioux Falls into a true sports destination."

During Hall's tenure, the city secured eight NCAA Division II national championships among women's basketball, men's basketball, wrestling and outdoor track and field. This year, the Sports Authority will host an NCAA Division I women's basketball regional at the Denny Sanford Premier Center.

The Authority Board hopes to name Hall's successor by February.

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. OPERATION IN PARIS SUBURB OF SAINT-DENIS IS OVER

Two people are killed during the raid including a female suicide bomber. Several police are injured and seven people are arrested.

2. WHERE ANTI-MUSLIM SENTIMENT IS ON THE RISE

Muslims around the U.S. are facing a backlash, including vandalism to mosques and Islamic centers, hate-filled phone and online messages and threats of violence.

3. NO THREAT FOUND ON BOTH DIVERTED FLIGHTS FROM U.S. TO PARIS

Passengers get off both planes safely and are taken to terminals.

4. U.S., RUSSIA ON TENTATIVE PATH TOWARD CLOSER TIES

In a striking shift, Obama and Putin are considering military cooperation, as the rift over Ukraine gives way to common cause against the Islamic State group.

5. XI SAYS CHINA WILL KEEP ECONOMIC GROWTH ON TRACK

In a speech on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, the president says Beijing is committed to overhauling its economy.

6. WHICH CASES PENTAGON SHIELDS

Child sex offenders are the largest category of inmates in U.S. military prisons, yet a full accounting of their crimes is obscured by the military justice system, The AP finds.

7. HOW PALESTINIANS CAN BETTER NAVIGATE ISRAELI CHECKPOINTS

New mobile apps now offer them a high-tech response to an intractable problem: constant and often seemingly random restrictions on movement.

8. REPUBLICANS CLASH OVER REFUGEES

This rift within the GOP threatens to complicate the party's outreach to minorities heading into the 2016 presidential contest.

9. DRUG SPENDING TO JUMP TO \$1.4 TRILLION IN 2020

The increases would be even higher but for a huge wave of patent expirations for expensive brand-name pills, making way for cheaper generics.

10. OLYMPIC ATHLETE CALLS FOR ALL SPORTS TO BE INVESTIGATED

While the World Anti-Doping Agency gears up to suspend Russia's anti-doping operation, a Winter Olympian is urging it to take a more thorough look into Russian sports.

Soccer star David Beckham is People's Sexiest Man Alive

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Despite his nearly two decades as an international sex symbol, British soccer star David Beckham says he's still flattered to be named People magazine's 30th-anniversary Sexiest Man Alive.

"It's a huge honor," the 40-year-old Beckham told the magazine, which announced its choice on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Tuesday night. "I'm very pleased to accept," he said.

And his famous fashion designer wife, Victoria Beckham, approves, too, Beckham said.

"I would hope that she feels this way about me all the time anyway!" he said.

But the father of four insists he doesn't think of himself as being all that hot. "I never feel that I'm an attractive, sexy person," Beckham told People — presumably with a straight face.

Republicans clash over refugees as 2016 looms

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Some Republicans are pushing back against aggressive opposition in their party to Syrian refugees resettling in the U.S., in fresh evidence of a rift within the GOP that threatens to complicate the party's outreach to minorities heading into the 2016 presidential contest.

These Republicans have joined Democrats who liken the refugee backlash to the U.S. government turning away Jews fleeing Nazi Germany and placing Japanese in internment camps during World War II. While conservatives cite security concerns following the Paris attacks that may have involved Syrian refugees, others in the party fear the GOP's position in Congress and state capitals across the country reeks of xenophobia.

"A refugee is someone who has a credible fear that they're going to be killed," said Alfonso Aguilar, a Republican who served in the George W. Bush administration and now leads the Latino Partnership for Conservative Principles. "To close the door reminds me of FDR not letting Jews land in the U.S. during the years of Nazi Germany. Where are they going to go?"

Aguilar said moderate voters who hold outsized influence in general elections could view Republican opposition as extreme and intolerant. He warned that could haunt the GOP in next fall's general election. But Republicans pressing for a pause in the refugee influx see a need to be mindful, too, about fears of an attack on U.S. soil days after the deadliest assault in France in 70 years.

A number of GOP presidential candidates, governors and Senate Republicans have issued calls to delay or stop accepting Syrian refugees, pointing to indications that one of the perpetrators in Friday's attacks might have entered France with a Syrian passport. Legislation introduced by Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, a GOP presidential candidate, could allow Republicans to block President Barack Obama's goal of bringing 10,000 more Syrian refugees to the U.S. during the current budget year.

"Filling your country up with people who have a completely different belief system ... and expecting they won't rise up against their benefactor is foolish," Rep. Steve King of Iowa, a leading immigration hardliner, said in an interview Tuesday. He added that no refugees should be permitted into the U.S. from Syria "unless they be Christian refugees that are facing genocide."

That's exactly the kind of message Republican leaders hoped to avoid after a disastrous 2012 election in which minority voters shunned GOP candidates in near record numbers. While there are few Muslim voters in America, the pointed Republican resistance against Muslim refugees comes as party leaders try to win over other minority groups.

The Republican National Committee outlined a series of recommendations after the last presidential contest calling for a more welcoming and inclusive tone on divisive issues such as immigration.

"The perception that the GOP does not care about people is doing great harm to the party and its candidates on the federal level, especially in presidential years," the RNC's Growth and Opportunity report found. "It is a major deficiency that must be addressed."

One of the report's authors, RNC committeeman Henry Barbour, said Tuesday that it's "common sense to tap the brakes" on Syrian refugees given security concerns, but "people need to be careful with their tone."

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"This is about safety," Barbour said. "This isn't about keeping out this religion or that religion."

Former New Hampshire Republican Party chairman Fergus Cullen said there is "a little bit of ugliness" around the refugee debate.

"A specific group of refugees is being treated differently because of their country of natural origin and faith," he said. "This is inconsistent with America's history and our founding creed. That is alarming."

It's not exactly like rounding up Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II, Cullen continued, "but it's the same line of thinking" that feeds "immigrant bashing."

The U.S. has admitted fewer than 2,200 Syrian refugees since Oct. 1, 2011 and the process for entering this country as a refugee is lengthy. Obama administration officials insist the vetting is good and there is no need to back down from the goal of admitting 10,000 more refugees this year.

The administration announced that goal earlier in the fall after a photograph of a little Syrian boy washed up on a beach sparked calls for compassion, including from some congressional Republicans. Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a GOP candidate for president, was one of those who supported accepting more Syrian refugees. This week, he called for a "timeout" in such admissions.

Many GOP candidates, already skeptical if not hostile to welcoming refugees, came out even stronger in recent days. Donald Trump said the U.S. should increase surveillance of mosques, consider closing any tied to radicals and be prepared to suspend some civil liberties.

Ben Carson said, "Until we can sort out the bad guys, we must not be foolish." Regarding Syrians already in the U.S., he added: "I would watch them very carefully."

Tea party leader Mark Meckler said there should be no room for debate.

"Anybody who takes a soft stance on this is out of touch with the electorate and out of touch with the common sense," he said, condemning those Republicans calling for tolerance. "I think that's absurd and shows why people from that wing of the party are now the fringe."

No threat found on both diverted flights from US to Paris

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Authorities cleared both Air France flights bound for Paris from the U.S. that had to be diverted Tuesday night because of anonymous threats received after they had taken off.

Air France Flight 65 from Los Angeles International Airport to Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris was diverted to Salt Lake City International Airport, Air France said in a statement. At about the same time a second flight, Air France 55, took off from Dulles International Airport outside Washington and was diverted to Halifax on Canada's East Coast, officials said.

Passengers got off both planes safely and were taken to terminals.

American authorities investigated and found no credible threat, according to an FBI statement released late Tuesday night.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police said investigators found no evidence of an explosive device after they searched the plane and luggage.

Passengers in the Utah airport were boarding their plane again around 11:30 p.m., Salt Lake airport spokeswoman Bianca Shreeve said.

Keith Rosso of Santa Monica, California, a passenger on the flight from Los Angeles with his fiancée, said "everything was smooth, everything was great, everything was going swell" for the first two hours of the flight, then things changed.

"The flight attendants quickly came by and cleared plates, then there was an announcement that we were making an emergency landing and that the flight attendants were trained exactly for situations like this," Rosso told The Associated Press by phone from the airport in Salt Lake City.

He said he looked at the flight monitor at his seat and saw that "we had made a pretty sharp right turn — we had been almost near Canada — toward Salt Lake City."

Rosso said an FBI agent interviewed the passengers after the landing.

In Halifax, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police led the investigation.

RCMP Constable Mark Skinner said there were 262 people onboard that plane, which also received an

anonymous threat. No further details on that threat were released.

"We received a complaint of a bomb threat and we responded to it," Skinner said.

Halifax Stanfield International Airport spokesman Peter Spurway said police cleared the plane. He said passengers will go through Canadian customs, pick up their baggage and be put up at hotels overnight.

"Air France will make a decision as to when it will depart," Spurway said.

The threats came after last week's attacks in Paris that killed 129 people and heightened security concerns around the world.

The Latest: Federal agencies to investigate fatal shooting **The Associated Press**

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The latest on the investigation into the shooting by a Minneapolis police officer of a black man suspected in an assault. The shooting has sparked protests. (all times local):

7:05 p.m.

Federal agencies have agreed to launch a civil rights investigation into the fatal shooting of a black Minneapolis man by police during a scuffle.

Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges had requested the probe. The federal investigation will be conducted by the FBI and will be concurrent to an investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

Twenty-four-year-old Jamar ONeal Clark died Monday evening, a day after he was shot by police during an early-morning dispute.

In a statement, federal authorities asked for cooperation from any witnesses and urged calm during the investigation.

5:15 p.m.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office says an unarmed black man fatally shot by Minneapolis police died of a gunshot wound to the head.

The father of 24-year-old Jamar ONeal Clark previously told The Associated Press that his son suffered a single gunshot wound over his left eye.

Clark was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. The medical examiner confirmed that Clark died at 9:25 p.m. Monday at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police initially said he was not handcuffed, but authorities later said handcuffs were at the scene and they were trying to determine whether Clark was restrained.

2:40 p.m.

Authorities investigating the shooting of an unarmed black man by Minneapolis police say they have several videos of the incident but none that show it in its entirety.

Jamar ONeal Clark, 24, was shot early Sunday in a scuffle with officers, and died Monday. Police say they were called to the scene because Clark was interfering with medical personnel responding to a domestic assault call.

Drew Evans, superintendent of the state Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, says video has been obtained from an ambulance, a mobile police camera that had been set up in the area, surveillance video and onlookers' cellphones.

But he repeated that no video would be released now because it might taint the investigation. Protesters have demanded that video be released, saying they don't trust investigators.

1:15 p.m.

Authorities say a black man shot by Minneapolis police during an apparent scuffle has died.

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, which is investigating the shooting, said Tuesday that

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24-year-old Jamar ONeal Clark died Monday evening. Clark's family had said he was on life support after the shooting early Sunday morning.

The shooting has sparked protests in Minneapolis, including one Monday night in which 42 people were arrested after they blocked an interstate highway. Some community members have alleged Clark was handcuffed when he was shot, which police have disputed.

Mayor Betsy Hodges has requested a federal civil rights investigation in addition to the state investigation already underway.

This story has been corrected to reflect that there were 42 demonstrators arrested at Monday's highway protest, not more than 50.

11:45 a.m.

Gov. Mark Dayton says he's concerned about protests over a shooting by Minneapolis police that led to the hours-long shutdown of a major freeway and supports steps to prevent similar disruptions.

Dayton praised state and local authorities Tuesday for showing restraint and providing ample warning before arresting dozens of protesters Monday night as they blocked traffic with a sit-in on Interstate 94. He says the protest was "extremely dangerous" and put other lives at risk.

He wouldn't say if those arrested should be prosecuted, but that it depends on the circumstances.

The Democratic governor said he hoped a call by the Minneapolis mayor for a federal civil rights investigation into Jamar Clark's shooting this weekend would have calmed the situation.

11:15 a.m.

An organizer of protests over the Minneapolis police shooting of a suspect who some believe was handcuffed at the time says all of the demonstrators arrested for blocking traffic on a busy highway have been released.

Forty-two people were arrested Monday night for ignoring orders to leave Interstate 94. Black Lives Matter spokeswoman Lena Gardner said Tuesday that everyone was booked and released.

Hundreds of people protesting a police officer's shooting of Jamar Clark on Sunday blocked the interstate and shut down the northbound lanes for about two and a half hours.

Authorities have released few details about the shooting, which has angered some community members after witnesses said the man was handcuffed when he was shot. Police say he was not handcuffed.

9:35 a.m.

A small encampment of protesters outside a north Minneapolis police precinct is quiet following a demonstration that led to 42 arrests.

Hundreds of people protesting the shooting Sunday of 24-year-old Jamar Clark by a police officer near the precinct crossed onto Interstate 94 Monday night, bringing traffic to a halt.

A handful of protesters remain Tuesday. Supporters have been dropping off food and drinks.

A small bonfire is burning despite a persistent rain. A Black Lives Matter banner hangs over the police station's own sign, and an upside-down American flag is scrawled with the names of black men shot by police.

Protests sprung up after some witnesses said Clark was handcuffed when he was shot. Police said their initial information showed Clark, a suspect in an assault, was not handcuffed.

Google searches itself to build more productive teams

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — Google coddles its employees with free food, massages and other lavish perks, yet some of its best engineers still grouse about their jobs and bosses as they struggle to get assignments done.

The Internet company tackled the puzzling problem with a study that concluded how teams work together is more important than who is on a team.

That's not exactly rocket science, but it's an example of how companies are spending more time trying to understand how to build the most productive and cohesive teams. It's a high priority because the best products and ideas increasingly are springing from people working together.

"It's becoming difficult to think of companies that aren't depending on teams," says Amy Randel, a professor of management at San Diego State University. "And usually nothing is more important than having a goal that inspires and organizes people's efforts."

Google's study, based on data analysis, found that teams work best when their members feel like they can take risks, can count on each other, have clear goals and believe their work matters.

Some of those findings were reinforced by a recent study published in the *Academy of Management Journal* by Jasmine Hu, an assistant professor of management at Notre Dame University and Robert Liden, a management professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago. That analysis of 67 different teams working at six different companies found employees excel when they feel their work will help the colleagues, customers and community.

"The social aspect of teams is very important because many times people are just not motivated to work for money alone," Hu says. "They want to have the opportunity to achieve a positive impact on the lives of others."

All of Google's 60,000 employees work on at least one team, and some are on two or more.

Google itself was born from one of technology's most famous partnerships between former Stanford University graduate students, Larry Page and Sergey Brin. They followed in the footsteps of other legendary duos such as Microsoft co-founders Bill Gates and Paul Allen and Apple co-founders Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.

Today, Google's teams range in size from three to 70 people and are usually project oriented. For two years the company has studied more than 200 teams, identifying what motivates the most effective groups while looking for the ideal mix of traits and skills.

Although most industries are embracing teamwork, Silicon Valley is at the forefront of the trend. Technology firms are typically more collaborative, in part because people writing different parts of software code or building machines need to do one part of a larger project.

Google's first workplace study, which it released in 2014, showed effective managers are good coaches who empower rather than micromanage. That research, called Project Oxygen, is now taught in MBA programs and has been adopted by companies hoping to emulate the innovative culture of Silicon Valley.

The research released Tuesday has already reshaped Google's workforce through training, reviews and new standards.

The transformation is helping to enrich Google, already one of the world's most profitable companies. The revenue produced by sales teams, who market advertising, apps and partnerships, varied by nearly 50 percent based on their own reported feelings of psychological safety, according to Abeer Dubey, a Google director.

"So is this a Google truth or a universal truth?" asked Dubey. "We personally feel this is fungible."

In a region where innovation is driving a booming economy, retaining and motivating the workforce is critical to business, and because engineers almost always work in teams, understanding how to boost their performance is crucial.

"Team work matters, and if you want to have the best team of employees possible, you will manage them intelligently," said Lindy Greer, who teaches at Stanford University's business school. "If you just put

people together they're going to crash and burn unless they have conflict resolution training, a manager who can coordinate roles and opportunities to learn with one another."

Arizona officer helps woman who gave birth on side of road

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TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An Arizona highway trooper getting ready to cite a speeding driver instead wound up helping a woman in another car who delivered a baby boy on the side of the road.

Trooper Miguel Rincon was conducting a traffic stop Saturday on a highway near the southern Arizona town of Bisbee when a car pulled up behind him. The driver told Rincon that her granddaughter was about to give birth and that they needed an ambulance.

But the baby couldn't wait.

Courtney Benavidez gave birth in the car. The baby was out before Rincon even had time to run over to her.

He let the speeding driver go.

Benavidez named the boy Carter Jett, a reference to how quickly he was born.

She was in labor for only about an hour and a half. Her grandmother was driving her to the hospital, but Benavidez couldn't make it. The woman pulled over when they saw the trooper's patrol car.

"I was just in shock, and I couldn't believe it," Benavidez told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I think I went pale."

Rincon, a seven-year veteran with the Arizona Department of Public Safety, said he stayed calm and handed Benavidez a blanket for the baby. An ambulance arrived and took mom and infant to the hospital. They were released the next day and are in good health.

"I'm just absolutely thankful and blessed because things could have gone down south very quickly, and I'm just thankful that everything turned out OK," Benavidez said.

Rincon said he doesn't have medical training to deliver a baby, but his instincts kicked in as he ran to get a blanket for the newborn.

"The only training I can say is I do have three kids of my own, so that kind of makes me a little familiar with the process," he said.

Benavidez, a third-grade teacher, said she was shocked by how quickly things moved. Her 4-year-old daughter was born after 12 hours of labor, and she wasn't expecting such a speedy delivery.

"It's very surreal how it happened, but I'm so thankful that everything turned out OK and we're all OK," she said.

AP Exclusive: Big Texas welcome for Google self-driving cars

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AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — With Google's self-driving cars slowed in a gridlock of California regulation, Texas is offering a fast lane.

Officials in Austin have embraced the technology, a welcome so warm that the mayor used talking points written by a Google lobbyist when the tech titan began testing prototypes on their streets over the summer.

That embrace came as state transportation and safety policymakers are struggling with whether they share Google's vision of — sooner than later — getting the public access to cars that have neither a steering wheel nor pedals.

For now, Google's test cars have an employee in the driver's seat, ready to grab the wheel should the onboard sensors and computers get in trouble. Four retrofitted Lexus cars and four bubble-shaped cars Google commissioned are rolling around Austin, the hub of tech innovation in Texas and the first area Google has done extended testing outside its Silicon Valley base.

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Four months into Google's test drives here, Texas transportation officials appear unsure how to oversee their safe operation. Unlike California, where regulators have been drafting regulatory rules to give the public safe access to the cars, Texas has no obvious restrictions on self-driving vehicles.

And Google wants to keep it that way. The tech titan believes vehicles with just a button to start and stop — and no other way for passengers to maneuver them — would be legal without any change to Texas law.

State officials would not comment on their take, but one legal scholar said Google's read of state law was not farfetched. "A reasonable interpretation is that an autonomous vehicle would be legal" in Texas, said Bryant Walker Smith, a law professor at the University of South Carolina.

Officials with Google's self-driving car project say that while they are frustrated California's Department of Motor Vehicles is nearly a year late in writing rules for early-adopters in the public to get the technology, the company expanded testing to Austin to challenge the cars in a new environment where drivers and pedestrians are unaccustomed to seeing them.

"Austin has always been enthusiastic about innovation," said Chris Urmson, who has led Google's self-driving car project for several years. "The people there have been incredibly welcoming."

When Mayor Steve Adler said at an August press conference that the cars potentially carry "enormous" benefits to society, he was reading verbatim from a list of talking points drafted by a Google lobbyist in Texas, Gerardo Interiano, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.

A July press release announcing that Google had picked Austin also attributed a quote to Adler that was first drafted by Google, then approved by Adler's office with only slight tweaks.

"Austin is special in part because we welcome new technologies that could help improve our daily lives, and we can easily see the potential self-driving cars have to reduce accident rates and congestion, and to provide mobility for people who can't get around easily," Adler was quoted as saying.

Jason Stanford, a spokesman for Adler, said the mayor was not aware that Google wrote the material sent to his aides. He said Adler and Google "share this vision" of cars that are never driven by drunk or distracted drivers. Austin police did not respond to multiple interview requests about the cars and public safety.

A Google spokesman declined to comment on the emails.

Cars without steering wheels and pedals are not close to being commonplace. Google wants to begin introducing them through a small pilot project, hinting last year that could happen as early as 2016. More recently, Google has refused to discuss a firm timetable.

In the meantime, Texas transportation leaders are reluctant to discuss the technology publicly.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles referred questions to the Department of Public Safety, where a spokesman would only say the agency is working with other states without elaborating. Texas Department of Transportation spokeswoman Veronica Beyer said the agency is waiting on the guidance of lawmakers — but the Texas Legislature doesn't meet again until 2017.

This spring, Google opposed ultimately unsuccessful legislation that would have set minimum self-driving car safety laws. At a legislative hearing, state transportation officials acknowledged there are no existing restrictions, but one Republican lawmaker did voice some concern.

"I'm not sure the state of Texas needs to be providing, become the test tube for developing this," state Sen. Troy Fraser said at the April hearing. "The companies are going to have to figure that out, and then once they figure it out, then they come to us and get authorization."

A signature California company like Google getting cozy with Texas carries an implicit threat: Several companies with high-profile California connections have moved to Texas in recent years, delighting Texans eager to bash California as an overregulated burden to innovative business.

Google said it approached several cities before deciding on Austin. It won't say which ones, though it appears none was in Nevada — the state where in 2011 Google persuaded the Legislature to create the nation's first public road testing framework for self-driving cars. At that time, Google's goal was to get its home state to act. California lawmakers, who worried that Nevada would become a road-testing destination, formally legalized prototype testing in 2012.

Since then, Google hasn't tested much in Nevada.

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The leader of the self-driving issues at the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles said he sees shades of Google's Nevada play in its decision to test in Texas.

"Let's see what politically we can strong arm or influence" in terms of Texas policy, said Jude Hurin. "It's almost the same pattern."

Fried chicken chain KFC partners with DoorDash to offer delivery

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NEW YORK (AP) — Colonel Sanders wants to come to your home: KFC said it will start delivering its buckets of fried chicken to customers in two U.S. cities.

Starting Thursday, people in Los Angeles and San Francisco will be able to have food delivered. KFC said it expects to expand the delivery service into Houston by the end of this year. More cities may come later.

KFC is working with online delivery company DoorDash to deliver its chicken, biscuits and coleslaw. Customers will have to make orders through DoorDash's app or website.

The chicken won't come cheap: There's a delivery fee between \$4.99 and \$6.99, depending on a customer's location, and prices of some items will be higher than those in the restaurants. Its value meals, however, such as its eight-piece \$20 Family Fill Up will stay the same price. All menu items at the restaurant will be available to order, the companies said.

KFC's rival Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Inc. doesn't deliver in the U.S., but it does at international locations. Recently, restaurant chains have added delivery service in America. Chipotle, McDonald's and Starbucks work with delivery company Postmates. And Taco Bell, which is also run by KFC owner Yum Brands, works with DoorDash to deliver in certain cities. The chains partner with DoorDash and Postmates because they provide delivery people, an expense that the restaurants don't have to worry about.

In all, KFC expects 100 restaurants to offer delivery before it decides to expand the service. There are more than 4,300 U.S. KFC restaurants.

KFC delivered about 15 years ago, the company said, but discontinued the service. It's common to see KFC being delivered in China, Egypt, Malaysia and other countries around the world. In fact, Yum Brands Inc. CEO Greg Creed said at a May conference with analysts that its delivery business usually grows at a "faster rate" than its main business. Last month, the company said its restaurants in China plan to expand delivery service in the country.

"The great thing about buckets of chicken," Creed said in May, is that "it holds its temperature incredibly well."

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 18, the 322nd day of 2015. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1865, Mark Twain's first literary success, the original version of his short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," was first published in the New York Saturday Press under the title "Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog."

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning allegory about the history of humankind, opened on Broadway.

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In 1959, "Ben-Hur," the Biblical-era spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York. In 1964, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover described civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. as "the most notorious liar in the country" for allegedly accusing FBI agents in Georgia of failing to act on complaints filed by blacks; King denied making such a claim.

In 1965, Henry A. Wallace, who had served as vice president during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's third term of office, died in Danbury, Connecticut, at age 77.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1985, the comic strip "Calvin and Hobbes," created by Bill Watterson, was first published. (The strip ran for 10 years.)

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a bonfire under construction at Texas A-and-M University collapsed. A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted Shawn Allen Berry of murder for his role in the dragging death of James Byrd Jr., but spared him the death penalty. American author and composer Paul Bowles died in Morocco at age 88.

In 2000, actors Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones were married in an extravagant wedding at The Plaza hotel in New York City.

Ten years ago: The Republican-controlled House spurned a call for an immediate pullout of troops from Iraq in a 403-3 vote hastily arranged by the GOP that Democrats denounced as politically motivated. Suicide bombers killed more than 50 worshippers at a pair of Shiite mosques in Iraq. Eight months after Robert Blake was acquitted at a criminal trial of murdering his wife, a civil jury decided the actor was behind the slaying and ordered him to pay Bonny Lee Bakley's children \$30 million. Tropical Storm Gamma formed off the coast of Central America. Character actor Harold J. Stone, 92, died in Woodland Hills, California.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama rallied former diplomatic and military chiefs from both parties to pressure reluctant Republican senators into ratifying a nuclear weapons deal with Russia. (The Senate ratified the treaty the following month.) General Motors stock resumed trading on Wall Street, signaling the rebirth of an American corporate icon that had collapsed into bankruptcy and was rescued with a \$50 billion infusion from taxpayers. Felix Hernandez of the Seattle Mariners was chosen the AL Cy Young Award winner.

One year ago: Several feet of lake-effect snow paralyzed the Buffalo, New York, area on a wintry day when temperatures fell to freezing or below in all 50 states. Israel vowed harsh retaliation for a Palestinian attack on a synagogue in Jerusalem that left five people dead.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 76. Author-poet Margaret Atwood is 76. Actress Linda Evans is 73. Actress Susan Sullivan is 73. Country singer Jacky Ward is 69. Actor Jameson Parker is 68. Actress-singer Andrea Marcovicci is 67. Rock musician Herman Rarebell is 66. Singer Graham Parker is 65. Actor Delroy Lindo is 63. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 62. Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon is 59. Actor Oscar Nunez is 57. Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 55. Singer Kim Wilde is 55. Rock musician Kirk Hammett (Metallica) is 53. Rock singer Tim DeLaughter (dee-LAW²-ter) is 50. Actor Romany Malco is 47. Actor Owen Wilson is 47. Actor Dan Bakkedahl is 47. Singer Duncan Sheik is 46. Actor Mike Epps is 45. Actress Peta Wilson is 45. Actress Chloe Sevigny (SEH¹-ven-ee) is 41. Country singer Jessi Alexander is 39. Actor Steven Pasquale is 39. Rapper Fabolous is 38. Actor Nate Parker is 36. Rapper Mike Jones is 35. Actress/comedian Nasim Pedrad is 34. Actress Allison Tolman (TV: " Fargo ") is 34. Actor Damon Wayans Jr. is 33. Actor Nathan Kress is 23.

Thought for Today: "Few people can see genius in someone who has offended them." - Robertson Davies, Canadian author (1913-1995).