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Museum looking for board directors

The Dacotah Prairie Museum is currently seeking people interested in serving on the museum board of directors.

The board meets monthly to oversee the operation of the museum and set policy.

Board members are appointed for a three-year term by the Brown County Commission upon recommendation by the museum board's executive committee. Potential members should have an interest in history and/or education and must be residents of Brown County. New members will begin their terms in January 2016.

For more information or to request an application please contact Sue Gates 605-626-7117 or sue.gates@browncounty.sd.gov

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Aberdeen Novice Debate at Aberdeen Central
School Breakfast: French toast, link, fruit, juice, milk.

School Menu: Stuff crust pizza, green beans, fruit, veggie tray

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

Birthdays: Douglas Dobbins • Cory Rath
10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, November 25

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Senior Menu: Ham/ raisin sauce, sweet potato, California blend veggies, crazy cake.

Birthdays: Emery Sippel • Kari Hanson • Angela Falk • Penny Herther • Devan Howard • Arielle Schaller

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship



Board grapples with wrestling program

The future of the Groton Area wrestling program is in limbo because the numbers have dropped to an unsafe level. Coach Dana Dargatz, along with parents Todd and Kara Anderson, Chad and Chanise Pray and Wendy Monson, and wrestler Trevor Pray, came to talk about the future of the sport at GHS.

When practice started last Tuesday, 12 showed up for practice. This past Thursday, only six showed up with one being a sixth grader.

An emotional Dargatz pleaded with the board to pursue quick action to keep these athletes out for wrestling and to keep them in the Groton Area School District. "It's not feasible for a 150 pound or 120 pound wrestler to practice with a kid 200 plus pounds. It doesn't work," Dargatz said. "We need a resolution as soon as possible."

Dargatz said, "I do not have the resources to supply them adequately with what they need. That's a tough one to swallow."

One suggestion is to co-op with Webster Area. The big draw-back to that is enrollment. The combination would move Webster from Class B wrestling to Class A wrestling and that is a move that would likely be rejected by Webster, and understandably so. Another option is to co-op with Aberdeen Central. "Aberdeen Central would be too much of a cultural shock," Dargatz said, "It would be overwhelming. They are three to four deep in every weight class." Dargatz said the three Groton wrestlers that could go to Webster would help fill Webster's roster as they have those weight classes open. A third option is to disband the Groton wrestling program and allow the kids to go where ever they want to go, basically, to open enroll in another school. Even with that, there would be a 45-day waiting period.

Even with all of these options, the final decision rests with the South Dakota High School Activities Association. To co-op with Webster and to ask for a waiver to remain in Class B seemed unlikely, but nevertheless, the Groton board agreed to try that avenue any way. They directed Superintendent Joe Schwan to contact the Webster Superintendent and athletic director. The Webster School Board would have to approve a co-op. Since it is past the allowed time for co-ops, the SDHSAA board of directors would have to meet in special session and offer an emergency option not only to co-op with Webster, but to also remain in Class B.

Dargatz stated that with his own kids and the fact that Groton will have only three wrestlers in the next six years that his return next year is very unlikely. In fact, he said if the board wanted to disband the program, he would turn in his resignation immediately to help get the ball rolling. "These kids love Groton and there are other kids that have jumped shipped and I don't believe in that," Dargatz said. "We should try to help these young people out as much as possible."

Trevor Pray said, "Brandyn (Anderson) and I have made a pact that we will not leave the Groton School. There are other sports I participate in and I want to stay in Groton."

Everyone agreed that co-oping with Webster and staying Class B is "Nothing short of a long shot," but as Board Member Kelly Kjelden said, "At least we tried."

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Groton Chamber Holiday Boxes are out & about in Groton!

This Week (thru 11/27) – Groton Ford
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Free Oil Change!

Next Week (thru 12/04) – Dairy Queen
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR 10" Ice Cream Cake!

Stop by each participating business and register for \$25
Groton Chamber Bucks – or a prize supplied by the business.
Prizes will be drawn weekly – starting over each week with
entries!



Merry
Christmas

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Today in Weather History

November 24, 1993: A major slow-moving storm system traveled across the upper Midwest during the Thanksgiving holiday, dumping heavy snow across most of South Dakota and Minnesota from November 24 through the 27th. The heaviest amounts of two to three feet occurred in northeast South Dakota. Over a foot of snow accumulated in west central Minnesota, and needless to say, travel became extremely difficult across the entire area. Storm total snowfall amounts included 31.8 inches at Westport, 29.5 inches at Leola, 28 inches at Britton, 25.3 inches at Aberdeen, 24.3 inches at Mellette, 24.0 inches at McLaughlin, and 22.0 inches near Victor. The snowfall of 25.3 inches at Aberdeen was a single storm record (that still stands today), and it made November 1993 one of the snowiest months on record in Aberdeen with a total of 30.1 inches of snowfall (only three months have recorded more snow: November 1898, February 1915, and November 2000). The storm closed numerous schools and offices on November 24th across the area, resulting in an early start to the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Some freezing rain and freezing drizzle preceded the snowstorm in southeast South Dakota from late on the 23rd to the 24th, causing at least 60 vehicle accidents. The heavy snow also clogged roads, causing vehicles to become stuck and resulting in numerous accidents. As a result of the heavy snow, low wind chills, and low visibilities, a 23-year old man was stranded in his pickup truck in a snow bank north of Aberdeen for 18 hours on the 23rd and 24th. The weight of snow collapsed numerous structures in northeast South Dakota from the 25th to the 26th. The roof of a metal barn collapsed two miles northwest of Aberdeen, killing one dairy cow in the barn. In Castlewood, a 100-foot by 40-foot metal pole shed fell in, causing damage to a grain truck inside. A machine shed also caved in on a farm east of Bowdle. During the afternoon of the 26th, part of the roof and wall of the Roscoe Senior Center collapsed, causing a near-total loss to the building. Strong northwest winds followed the snowstorm in western and central South Dakota, causing considerable blowing and drifting snow and wind chills as low as 50 degrees below zero. In North Dakota, over two feet of snow fell over a large part of central and southeastern portions of the state. Most of North Dakota had over a foot of snow from this storm. The greatest snowfall amount was reported at Oakes, in Dickey County where 31 inches fell. At the National Weather Service office in Bismarck, 28.3 inches of snow were measured during the 108 hour snow event. This amount set a new single storm record for snow in Bismarck. The snow began the evening on the 22nd and did not end until the morning of the 27th. Except for about six hours during the day on the 26th, the snow was continuous through this period. Fortunately, the wind was only 10 to 25 mph during this storm, so it was well below blizzard conditions and blowing and drifting of snow was not a problem.

1812 - Southwesterly winds of hurricane force sank ships and unroofed buildings at Philadelphia and New York City. (David Ludlum)

1863: The "battle above the clouds" was fought on Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga. Pre-frontal clouds obscured the upper battlefield aiding a Union victory.








1950 - The temperature at Chicago, IL, dipped to 2 below zero to equal their record for the month established on the 29th in 1872. On the first of the month that year Chicago established a record high for November with a reading of 81 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

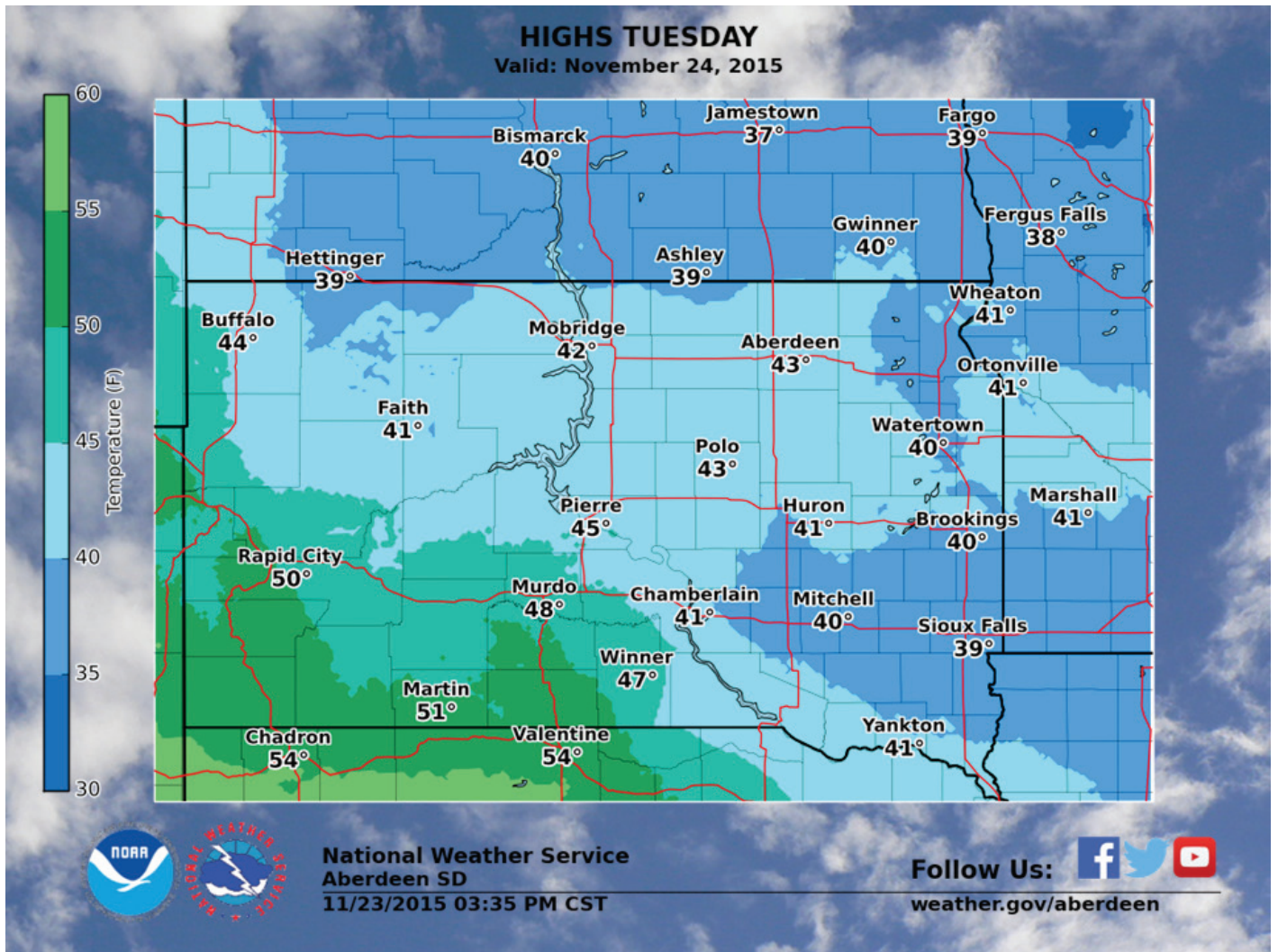
1982: Hurricane Iwa, a Category 1 hurricane, impacted the Hawaii Islands of Ni'ihau, Kaua'i, and O'ahu with gusts exceeding 100 mph and a storm surge of 30 feet. The first significant hurricane to hit the Hawaiian Islands since statehood in 1959, Iwa severely damaged or destroyed 2,345 buildings, including 1,927 houses, leaving 500 people homeless. Damage throughout the state totaled \$312 (\$765 million 2015 USD). One person was killed from the high seas, and three deaths were indirectly related to the hurricane's aftermath.

1987 - Showers and thunderstorms produced heavy rain in southern Missouri, southeast Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma. Flooding was reported in Greene County of southwestern Missouri. Springfield MO was drenched with more than six inches of rain. Thunderstorms over southern Texas produced more than eight inches of rain in Caldwell County and Hayes County, and thunderstorms over south central Oklahoma produced one inch hail at Temple twice within an hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Mostly Sunny	Areas Fog then Slight Chance Wintry Mix and Areas Fog	Cloudy then Cloudy and Breezy	Cloudy	Slight Chance Snow	Partly Cloudy	Sunny
High: 44 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 37 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 30 °F	Low: 14 °F	High: 31 °F



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Surface high pressure will move east tonight with winds becoming southeast and increasing on Tuesday. It will be above normal on Tuesday with highs in the 40s with partly cloudy skies.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 45.1 at 2:51 PM

Low: 24.1 at 5:35 AM

High Gust: 12 at 10:51 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 65° in 1932

Record Low: -17° in 1996

Average High: 34°F

Average Low: 15°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.62

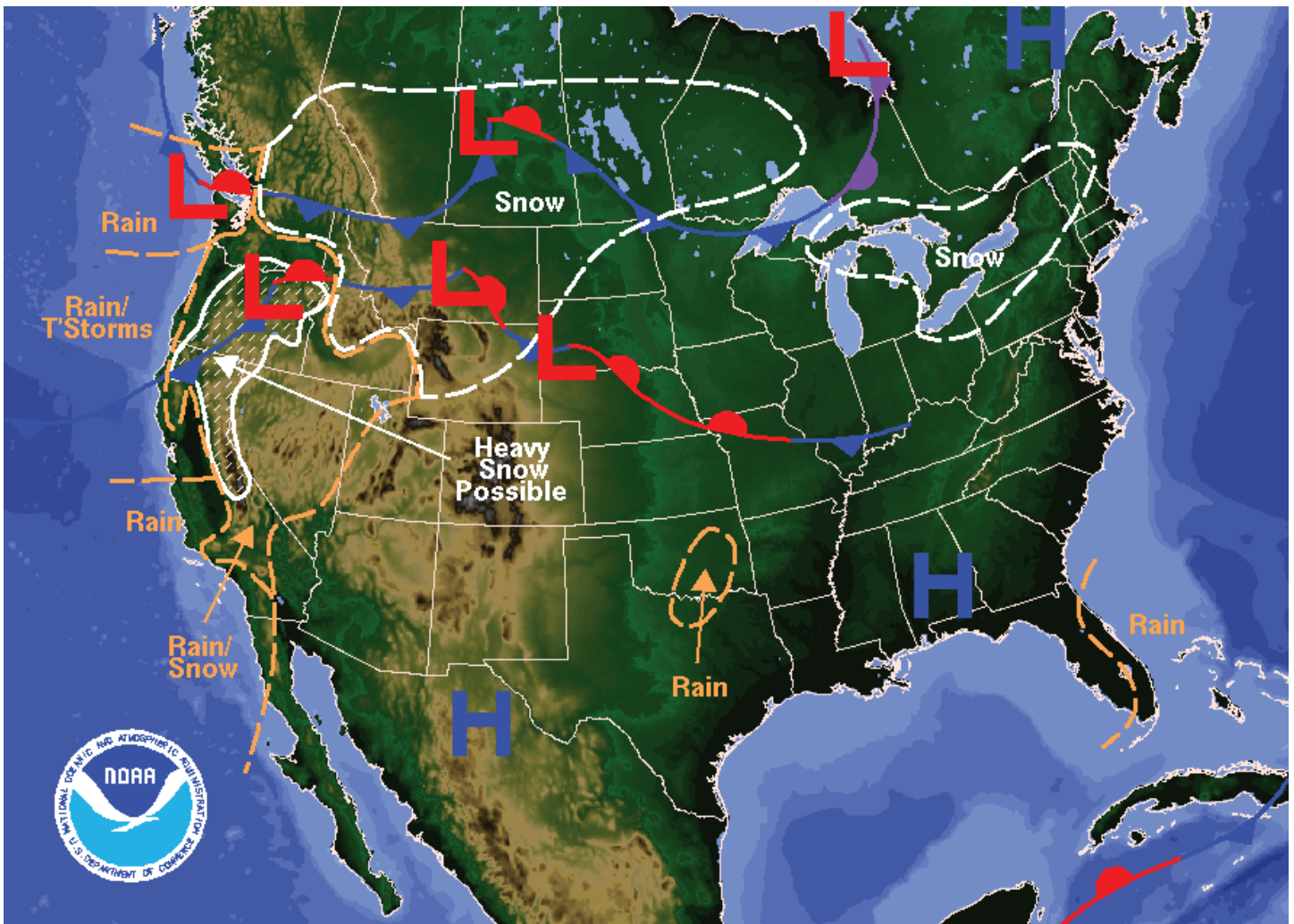
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.71

Average Precip to date: 21.09

Precip Year to Date: 19.82

Sunset Tonight: 4:55 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:45 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Nov 24, 2015, issued 4:37 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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REWARDED, BECAUSE...

"Give and it will be given unto you," said Jesus. But it does not end there. He continued His promise by adding, "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

As we come to the close of our "Seeds of Wisdom" there can be no more fitting words for us to consider than the words in the last verse of Proverbs: "Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." God does indeed reward those who are faithful to His Word, those who follow His instructions and those who minister to the needs of family, friends and others.

This "wife of noble character" did many "good things." As a result of her godly living and disciplined life, she is to be recognized and rewarded by being "praised at the city gate." The city gate is where the husband had been recognized for his wife of "noble character." But, now the recognition is focused on her for a life of selfless-service, family-focus and faithfulness.

Previously, he was recognized for her faithfulness to God and bringing honor to his name. Now, it is her turn to be praised. Might it be that it was her husband who led the chorus of praise at the city gate? "Let's give a shout for my wife of 'noble character!' Let's give her the recognition she deserves!"

This is no ordinary woman: she is a "gracious woman who attained honor." What a model wife and mother! What a tribute to a life well lived! What an example for all women!

Boaz once said to Ruth: "And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsman know you are a woman of noble character."

Prayer: God, bless all women everywhere who seek to honor You, their husbands and children as women of "noble character." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 31:31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

News from the Associated Press

Rapid City police investigating casino robbery at swordpoint

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Rapid City police are searching for two men accused of robbing a casino with a sword.

Authorities say the men walked into the East St. Pat Casino on Saturday evening, displayed the sword and took money from a clerk before fleeing.

Police officers searching for the suspects came across the sword they believe was used in the robbery. The amount of money taken from the casino wasn't known.

Montana, South Dakota governors make wager on playoff game

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Montana Gov. Steve Bullock have a little extra riding on Saturday's Football Championship Subdivision playoff game between South Dakota State University and the University of Montana.

The Grizzlies (7-4) will host the Jackrabbits (8-3) at 1 p.m. Saturday in Missoula, Montana.

Daugaard has wagered a six-pack of Crow Peak beer and a pheasant dinner against Montana steaks and a six-pack of Montana microbrew put up by Bullock.

Daugaard says he feels good about SDSU's chances of defeating the Grizzlies. He says "victory is going to be delicious."

Bullock has equal confidence in the University of Montana. He says the Grizzlies will "chew up" the Jackrabbits.

Animal handling researcher Temple Grandin to speak

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A renowned animal handling researcher, livestock facility designer and author will speak at next month's South Dakota Farmers Union State Convention.

Temple Grandin will give the keynote speech Dec. 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the Crossroads Convention Center in Huron. Anyone is invited to attend at no charge.

Farmers Union Executive Director Karla Hofhenke says the response to Grandin's visit to the state in 2014 was so amazing that the organization wanted to bring her back.

Grandin is known for developing humane livestock handling systems that are used worldwide. She's also a professor at Colorado State University.

The two-day state convention will mark the South Dakota Farmers Union's centennial celebration.

Historical society announces entertainment for holiday event

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society has announced entertainment plans for its holiday open house.

The historical society says the event is scheduled for Nov. 27 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

Jay Vogt is director of the State Historical Society. He says entertainment is an important part of the event and encourages attendees to bring guests.

Some of the performers throughout the day include Carol Johnson doing vocals and Joyce Goehring performing on piano. There will also be holiday treats and free admission to the museum.

The society is encouraging guests to bring canned goods for the Pierre Food Pantry.

Group donates van to assist veterans on Pine Ridge

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A support group for military families has donated a 10-passenger van to the Oglala Sioux Tribe to help veterans living on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Tribal President John Yellow Bird Steele was given the keys to the van donated by the Wounded War-

riors Family Support organization Monday in Sioux Falls.

Ramon Bear Runner is a special assistant to Steele. Bear Runner says the van will be used to transport veterans living across the reservation to various events throughout the year, as well as medical appointments.

Retired Col. John Folsom with Wounded Warriors Family Support says the 2016 Ford Transit wagon was presented in memory of Cpl. Brett Lundstrom, a U.S. Marine and Oglala Sioux Tribe member who was killed in Iraq in 2006.

SDRC alleges defamation, lost revenue in EB-5 suit response

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A private firm that previously managed South Dakota's investment-for-visa program says the state defamed the company, caused it to lose revenue and interfered with its business relationships.

SDRC Inc., which oversaw the EB-5 visa program in South Dakota until 2013, filed a response last week to a state lawsuit, asked that the government's claims be denied and requested damages for the company. The state's October suit seeks records from SDRC and recovery of state costs, among other requirements.

The complicated EB-5 scandal has included state and federal investigations and an inquiry into the suicide of a former government official accused of contributing to its mismanagement.

The litigation comes as the governor's economic development office is defending its ability to administer the program to a federal immigration agency. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services notified the state in late September that it intended to end South Dakota's participation, and Gov. Dennis Daugaard recently said his administration wants to spare investors who might be harmed if it is terminated.

Administration of the program went to the state after South Dakota ended its contract with SDRC in 2013.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development cited terminating SDRC's contract and lawsuits against the firm as part of efforts to better manage South Dakota's regional center in its request to maintain participation in the program. The suit would compel SDRC to turn over all documentation about its management of the program for recruiting wealthy foreign investors for projects in exchange for green cards.

In SDRC's response to the lawsuit, the firm says it has turned over all required records to the state and says the state has improperly managed the regional center since taking over from the company. The state has said that problems flagged by the federal government stem from SDRC.

SDRC also argues that the state wrongfully terminated the company's management contract without explanation.

The contract termination in one instance cost SDRC more than \$1.5 million in revenue to promote a pork plant project, according to the court document.

SDRC argues the termination also caused revenue losses for other projects and says the state disrupted its business relationships, including with the Dakota Natural Meats LLC pork project.

The state is seeking to require SDRC to make payments into a fund to protect the state from costs such as legal fees. It also wants to make SDRC approve an agreement that would prevent the firm from taking money out of a second fund without the state's permission. SDRC says the government had previously refused to allow a contract change to put state money into a state account.

SDRC also alleges that statements made by the state exposed the company and its agents "to hatred, contempt and ridicule that caused them to be shunned, avoided and had a tendency to injure them in their occupation."

Tony Venhuizen, chief of staff to Gov. Dennis Daugaard, declined to comment Monday on the pending litigation.

Identity of man injured in Roslyn shooting released

ROSLYN, S.D. (AP) — The office of South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley has released the identity of the man who was seriously injured in a shooting last week in Roslyn.

The victim has been identified as Roslyn resident Jeremy Hendrickson. Authorities say he remains in

serious condition following the Friday night shooting.

Forty-four-year-old Jason Lewandowski, of Roslyn, has been charged with attempted murder, burglary and aggravating eluding of law enforcement officer.

Authorities say Lewandowski entered Hendrickson's home and shot him around 9:30 p.m. Friday. Lewandowski was arrested after leading authorities on a chase through Brown County. Authorities say the pursuit ended outside an Aberdeen hospital after stun guns were used on Lewandowski.

It wasn't immediately clear if Lewandowski has an attorney who could comment on the case.

Rollover crash in SD kills woman, seriously injures toddler

HERMOSA, S.D. (AP) — A woman is dead and a toddler is seriously injured following a rollover crash in western South Dakota.

The state Highway Patrol says the 26-year-old driver Nicolette McLaughlin and the 1-year-old girl were ejected from a pickup truck after it rolled Sunday around 12:30 p.m. on South Dakota Highway 40, about 22 miles east of Hermosa.

Authorities say McLaughlin, of Rapid City, died from injuries sustained in the crash and the Pine Ridge girl suffered life-threatening injuries. A third occupant, 26-year-old Morgan Clarke, of Rapid City, suffered minor injuries.

The Highway Patrol says the pickup's occupants were not using seatbelts and child restraints at the time of the crash.

Prosecutors: Jamaican lottery sentence should send message

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Federal prosecutors say a man convicted in a Jamaican lottery scam that bilked people in the Dakotas and elsewhere out of millions of dollars deserves a stiff penalty, partly for a lack of cooperation and remorse that included faking a seizure at an evidentiary hearing in September.

Sanjay Williams, 26, is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday in Bismarck. Investigators say he was one of two key players in an operation that defrauded mostly elderly people out of their life savings. The victims included a North Dakota woman who said she was scammed out of \$300,000 after someone called and told her she had won \$19 million and a new car, and a South Dakota couple who lost most of their reserves after being told they had won \$3.5 million, a Mercedes-Benz and a year's worth of Geico car insurance.

A jury in May found Williams guilty of conspiracy, wire fraud and money laundering. Prosecutors say Williams deserves a sentence on the high end of the federal guideline range, which would likely be about 25 to 30 years depending on Judge Daniel Hovland's calculations.

"This case involves a unique kind of victimization," Assistant U.S. Attorney Nick Chase wrote in court documents. "It is an assault of victims' trust and dreams, in addition to their pocket books. Short of a violent physical attack, it is difficult to imagine how Sanjay Williams could more thoroughly devastate and traumatize people."

Williams has filed dozens of letters to the court complaining about the proceedings and has argued with both his own lawyer and judge on several occasions. Chase noted in documents that Williams attempted to "manipulate the system with numerous courtroom stunts, displays and delays — most recently and dramatically, interrupting and disrupting a hearing, then faking a seizure."

Defense attorney Charlie Stock has submitted written objections to the government's sentencing recommendations, but the document is not public and he would not give details.

"I otherwise do not plan on filing a sentencing memorandum, as Judge Hovland is obviously well-versed on this case, and I am confident he will hand down a sentence that is fair and reasonable to Mr. Williams under the circumstances," Stock said in a statement.

Investigators describe Williams and Lavrick Willocks as leaders of two separate scamming operations based in Jamaica. Prosecutors say more than 70 of the victims of Willocks and Williams have been identified and their losses are at least \$5.5 million. Willocks has been charged but not extradited to the United States.

Disappointed Vikings determined to stay true to identity

DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Pro Football Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings moved on from the loss to rival Green Bay, determined to isolate this defeat.

For all the facets of their performance against the Packers that were substandard in the national spotlight, the Vikings emerged with the same type of confident, defiant attitude they've been using to their advantage all season.

"I'm disappointed in our performance, but I'm not discouraged about our future," coach Mike Zimmer said. "I still believe in this football team, and I believe in everything about us."

The last time the Vikings lost decisively after a lot of external buildup was on Sept. 14, the opener at San Francisco. Except for the hit on their overall and intraconference record, that humbling 20-3 defeat did plenty of good by the way it galvanized the players after the embarrassment on national television.

There was an admission from the Vikings on Monday that, again, they tried at times to overdo certain plays with the importance of this game as an unavoidable backdrop.

"You've got to learn how to handle your emotions in big-game situations. You have to be able to play, basically, the way you've played all season. You can't change anything. You can't do too much or do less. You've got to stay true to who you are," linebacker Anthony Barr said. "I think we got away from ourselves a little bit yesterday."

One example was the handful of times Aaron Rodgers rolled out and completed a third-down throw past the marker or in the end zone. One of the keys to success in Zimmer's scheme is keeping the quarterback in the pocket with disciplined lanes for the pass rushers, resisting temptation to chase a sack at the expense of giving the offense an opening.

"I think guys were in a mindset of trying to do extra, instead of making the plays that's there for you," cornerback Terence Newman said.

The Vikings committed more penalties than usual, too. Newman's 50-yard pass interference penalty led to a touchdown for the Packers near the end of the second quarter. There were plenty of mistakes, though, that hardly seemed attributable to big-game anxiety or atmosphere. The total of bad punts, leaky pass blocking and missed tackles was simply more prevalent for the Vikings than it has been since the San Francisco game. Against a quality opponent like the Packers they weren't able to overcome them.

"Obviously we'd like to win, but in the grand scheme of things it's one game," Barr said.

Zimmer has used story lines perpetuated in the media to motivate his players several times this year, like the seven-game losing streak in Chicago that was stopped on Nov. 1.

He has seemed agitated, too, by some of the outside analysis. In his post-game news conference Sunday, he sarcastically cheered Teddy Bridgewater's total of 296 yards passing. That came in reaction to recent questions he's fielded about Bridgewater's statistics and suggestions that the second-year quarterback will be stuck in that category often called "game managers" rather than an elite player bound for multiple Pro Bowls.

On Monday, Zimmer referenced media commentary again in a plea for the Vikings to maintain their identity as a defensively dominant, run-oriented squad that excels on special teams.

"We're not winning by enough or we're not doing this enough. Just be who we are. That's OK with me," Zimmer said.

The Vikings realized they relinquished the NFC North lead in losing to the Packers, but they're still tied for first place with six games to go, including the rematch in Green Bay on Jan. 3 in the season finale. Win all of them, and the division title would be theirs.

"Knowing we have another shot to play them again and everything we want still within reach, I think the mood is better obviously than it was yesterday," Barr said. "Guys are smiling a little bit today, so we'll be all right."

South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn retires

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — University of South Dakota football coach Joe Glenn thinks his squad is close to finally reaching the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs, but he's handing off the ball to someone else to take the Coyotes across the goal line.

The 66-year-old veteran announced that he's retiring after four seasons, saying he felt the timing is right and that his family played a role in his decision.

Glenn said he's proud of his 2015 team's fight to notch five wins, despite most preseason polls predicting the Coyotes would finish dead last.

"We're close," Glenn said at a news conference Monday. "We need some guys yet. We need some help yet, but that's why you recruit."

Glenn compiled a record of 200-134-1 in 28 seasons, and is one of 76 football coaches in NCAA history to win 200 games.

The Nebraska native led Northern Colorado to back-to-back NCAA Division II national championships in 1996 and 1997. He also led Montana to a Division I-AA title in 2001 and was twice named the American Football Coaches Association's national coach of the year. He also coached at Doane College and Wyoming.

Glenn's retirement was first announced Sunday in a release on the school's website moments after he informed his players.

Athletic Director David Herbster said the process to find a new coach will begin immediately, and he plans to follow advice from late UCLA basketball coach John Wooden to "be quick but don't hurry."

"We'll find the right person," Herbster said. "We've got big shoes to fill, and Coach has set the standard a little bit for us. He's put this program in a better position, and I think you can see that it is possible here."

Glenn was 12-34 in four seasons at USD, his alma mater.

The Coyotes' 2-10 record in 2014 was an anomaly, Glenn said, as the team was decimated by injuries.

But this season's squad notched a 5-6 record and was in the playoff hunt into the final game, recording a pair of particularly significant wins. On Oct. 17, the Coyotes beat No. 2-ranked North Dakota State 24-21 on the road for South Dakota's first win in Fargo since 1978.

"That was a big, big win for our school," he said. "It proves that we belong."

Then on Nov. 7, Glenn notched his 200th career victory at home when the Coyotes defeated Southern Illinois 34-31.

Glenn said he plans to stay in the area and continue rooting for his alma mater.

"We plan to grow old, older here in beautiful Vermillion, South Dakota, and we won't miss a game," he said. "Go Yotes."

Former state worker sentenced for stealing century-old flag

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A former employee in South Dakota's secretary of state's office has pleaded guilty to stealing a century-old state flag and been given a suspended jail sentence.

Attorney General Marty Jackley says 26-year-old Garrett Devries pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft and was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with all of the time suspended if he stays out of trouble for a year. Devries also must publicly apologize, pay court costs and \$1,500 toward upkeep of the flag.

The flag that dates to Deadwood's Old West days had been displayed on a stand inside the secretary of state's office through numerous administrations.

Officials noticed it was missing earlier this year. Investigators recovered it Oct. 8 in Washington, D.C., where Devries has been working for a Republican research company.

Man sentenced for sexually abusing female over 14 years

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 53-year-old Garretson man accused of sexually abusing a female over the course of 14 years has been sentenced to 75 years in prison.

Ronald Neels was convicted in July on rape and other charges. Authorities say he abused the victim from when she was 9 years old until she was 22. Judge Larry Long called it one of the worst cases of

abuse he's seen.

The victim finally told a co-worker about the abuse in October 2014, and the co-worker called authorities.

Montana hosts South Dakota State in FCS playoffs

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — The Montana football team, which struggled to a 3-3 record in mid-October, finished its regular season with a three-game winning streak and earned a spot in the FCS playoffs.

The 16th-ranked Grizzlies (7-4) will play host to No. 10 South Dakota State (8-3) Saturday at 1 p.m. The winner will play at four-time defending champion and second-ranked North Dakota State (9-2) on Dec. 5.

Quarterback Brady Gustafson missed six games with an injury, but returned to help Montana beat Eastern Washington 57-16 and Montana State 54-35.

South Dakota State opened the season with a 41-38 win over Kansas, beat Big Sky Conference champion Southern Utah 55-10 and lost 28-7 to North Dakota State — a team Montana beat 38-35 in the season opener.

Montana has a 7-0 record against South Dakota State, including a 61-48 win in the 2009 playoffs. Montana had trailed 48-21 with 5:40 left in the third quarter before running off 40 straight points.

Russia confirms its jet shot down near Turkish border

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NATALIYA VASILYEVA, Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkey shot down a Russian warplane Tuesday, claiming it had violated Turkish airspace and ignored repeated warnings. Russia denied that the plane crossed the Syrian border into Turkish skies.

"We are looking into the circumstances of the crash of the Russian jet," Russia's Defense Ministry said. "The Ministry of Defense would like to stress that the plane was over the Syrian territory throughout the flight."

Russia said the Su-24 was downed by artillery fire, but Turkey claimed that its F-16s fired on the Russian plane after it ignored several warnings. The ministry said the pilots parachuted but added that Moscow had no further contact with them.

Video footage of the incident showed a warplane on fire before crashing on a hill and two crew members apparently parachuting safely.

Jahed Ahmad, a spokesman the 10th Coast Division, an insurgent group in Syria, said its forces fired at the Russian pilots as they descended. One was dead when he reached the ground, Ahmad told The Associated Press.

The group released a video showing gunmen standing around a blond man in aviator gear whose face was bruised and appeared dead.

The fate of the second pilot was unknown.

The North Atlantic Council, NATO's governing body, called a meeting requested by Turkey, an alliance member. "The aim of this extraordinary NAC meeting is for Turkey to inform allies about the downing of a Russian airplane," said Carmen Romero, NATO's deputy spokesperson.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said nothing about the incident at a ceremony approving the list a new cabinet members.

Turkey's private Dogan news agency said two Russian helicopters, flying low over the Turkmen Bayirbucak region, searched for the two pilots.

"This isn't an action against any specific country. Our F-16s took the necessary steps to defend Turkey's sovereign territory," a Turkish official said in an email. The official cannot be named because of government rules that bar civil servants from speaking to journalists without authorization.

The official said the Russian plane was first warned that it was within 15 kilometers (10 miles) of the Turkish border, and the aircraft then crossed over Turkish territory.

Turkish officials released what they said was the radar image of the path the Russian plane took, show-

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ing it flying across a stretch of Turkish territory in Turkey's southern-most tip, in the region of Yayladag, in Hatay province.

A Turkish military statement said the plane entered Turkish airspace over the town of Yayladagi, in Hatay province.

"On Nov. 24, 2015 at around 09.20 a.m, a plane whose nationality is not known violated the Turkish airspace despite several warnings (10 times within five minutes) in the area of Yayladagi, Hatay," the military said before the plane's nationality was confirmed.

"Two F-16 planes on aerial patrol duty in the area intervened against the plane in question in accordance with the rules of engagement at 09.24 a.m."

It said the plane was warned 10 times within the space of five minutes.

"It's the kind of thing we're been warning about," said Ian Kearns, director of the European Leadership Network think-tank in London. "And it's a direct military engagement between a NATO country and Russia, so I think it's a serious incident in anybody's book."

On Friday, Turkey's Foreign Ministry summoned the Russian ambassador demanding that Russia cease operations in Syria targeting Turkmen villages, saying the Russian actions did not "constitute a fight against terrorism" but the bombing of civilians. Ambassador Andrey Karlov was warned during the meeting that the Russian operations could lead to serious consequences, the ministry said.

Syrian troops have been on the offensive in the area that is controlled by several insurgent groups including al-Qaida's branch in Syria, the Nusra Front, and the 2nd Coastal Division and the 10th Coast Division that includes local Turkmen fighters.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said the war-plane crashed in the Turkmen Mountains region in the coastal province of Latakia.

The Turkmen Mountains region has been subjected to a government offensive in recent days under the cover of Russian airstrikes.

Three Russian journalists working in Latakia province suffered minor injuries when a missile landed near their car on Monday, Russia's Defense Ministry said. They were being treated in a military hospital.

Last month, Turkish jets shot down an unidentified drone that it said had violated Turkey's airspace.

Turkey changed its rules of engagement a few years ago after Syria shot down a Turkish plane. According to the new rules, Turkey said it would consider all "elements" approaching from Syria an enemy threat and would act accordingly.

Following earlier accusations of Russian intrusion into Turkish airspace, the U.S. European Command on Nov. 6 deployed six U.S. Air Force F-15 fighters from their base in Britain to Incirlik Air Base in Turkey to help the NATO-member country secure its skies.

The European Command said the deployment was "in response to the government of Turkey's request for support in securing the sovereignty of Turkish airspace."

In October, NATO's governing body, the North Atlantic Council, had warned Moscow it was courting "extreme danger" by sending planes into Turkish air space.

The Latest: NATO to hold emergency meeting

The Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — The latest on the Russian warplane shot down by Turkey on Tuesday (All times local): 2:10 p.m.

NATO will hold an emergency meeting after Turkey shot down a Russian fighter jet along the Syrian border that Ankara said had violated its airspace.

Tuesday's meeting of the North Atlantic Council, the alliance's main decision-making body, will be held at Turkey's request, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to make public statements.

The council, composed of ambassadors from the United States and NATO's 27 other member countries, will convene at 5 p.m. (1500 GMT)

The official said "the aim of this extraordinary NAC meeting is for Turkey to inform allies about the

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downing of a Russian airplane.”

On Oct. 5, following two earlier Russian violations of Turkish airspace reported by Turkey, the NAC accused Russia of “irresponsible behavior,” and sternly warned Moscow it was courting “extreme danger” by sending its warplanes into the skies of an alliance member country.

— John-Thor Dahlburg

1:50 p.m.

A spokesman for the rebel group that captured a Russian pilot whose plane was shot down over north-western Syria says he was dead upon landing.

Jahed Ahmad of the 10th Brigade in the Coast tells The Associated Press that the two Russian crew members tried to land in their parachutes in government-held areas after they ejected, but came under fire from members of his group.

He adds that rebels shot one of the pilots, who landed dead on the ground on Tuesday.

The fate of the second pilot was not immediately known.

The group released a video showing gunmen standing around a blond pilot whose face was bruised and appeared dead.

1:40 p.m.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has approved a new government led by Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu following the ruling party’s victory in Turkey’s Nov. 1 election.

Erdogan approved a Cabinet list presented by Davutoglu on Tuesday, hours after Turkey shot down a Russian plane it said violated its airspace and ignored repeated warnings.

The ruling party regained the parliamentary majority it had lost in a June vote. The Nov. 1 election was a re-run called by Erdogan after Davutoglu’s efforts for a coalition government failed.

Davutoglu was heading an interim government that was appointed to take Turkey to November vote.

1:30 p.m.

A video has surfaced purporting to show a Russian pilot wounded and immobile after Turkey shot down a Russian plane along the Syrian border, claiming it had violated Turkish airspace.

The video posted Monday shows armed rebels gathered around the soldier lying on his back on the ground with bruises and blood on his face. It was not immediately clear if he was dead.

A voice on the video is heard saying “a Russian pilot,” while another says: “The 10th Division has captured a Russian pilot, God is greatest.”

Turkey said the plane had ignored repeated warnings. Russia denied that the plane crossed the Syrian border into Turkish skies.

Hollande to press Obama on Russia cooperation in IS fight

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama will stand in solidarity with French President Francois Hollande at the White House on Tuesday, 11 days after the Islamic State group launched a series of deadly attacks in Paris. But Hollande is likely to leave Washington without firm backing for his call to bring Russia into a new coalition to fight the extremists.

Hollande’s visit to Washington is part of a diplomatic offensive to get the international community to bolster the campaign against the Islamic State militants. The group is believed to have been behind the Nov. 13 attacks that killed 130 people in Paris, as well as separate attacks in Lebanon and Turkey and the downing of a Russian airliner in Egypt.

As the Islamic State group expands its reach outside its bases in Syria and Iraq, Obama is facing increased pressure at home and abroad to ramp up U.S. efforts to destroy the militants. So far, Obama is

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resisting calls to either change or significantly ramp up his approach, and instead is focused on getting other countries to offer more counterintelligence, humanitarian and military assistance.

"The United States is certainly pulling more than our own weight," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said. "And we believe that there is more that can be done if countries are willing to contribute additional resources."

The U.S. campaign has centered largely on launching airstrikes, while training and assisting security forces on the ground in Iraq. Efforts to train and equip moderate rebel groups in Syria have struggled, though Obama has authorized the deployment of 50 special operations forces to the country to jumpstart the program.

France has stepped up its airstrikes following the Paris attacks, relying in part on U.S. intelligence to hit targets in Raqqa, the Islamic State group's stronghold in Syria. British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Monday he would seek parliamentary approval this week for Britain to begin airstrikes as well.

Hollande wants the U.S.-led coalition to start cooperating with Russia, which is also launching airstrikes in Syria. While Russian President Vladimir Putin says his country is targeting the Islamic State militants, the U.S. contends Moscow is going after rebels fighting Syrian President Bashar Assad, a Kremlin ally.

Last week, Hollande called for the U.S. and Russia to set aside their policy divisions over Syria and "fight this terrorist army in a broad, single coalition." But his office acknowledges that "coordination" sounds like a far more realistic goal.

"We are not talking about a command center. We are talking about coordination of methods and exchange of intelligence," a French diplomat said on Monday. The diplomat wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the subject and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Earnest said the U.S. would "continue the conversation" with Putin but suggested Obama would make no promises to Hollande during Tuesday's visit.

The talks seemed certain to be complicated by Turkey's shoot-down of a Russian warplane Tuesday, claiming it had violated Turkish airspace and had ignored repeated warnings. Russia said the SU-24 was downed by artillery fire, but Turkey claimed that its F-16s fired on the Russian plane. The Russian Ministry of Defense said the plane was over Syrian territory "throughout the flight."

From Washington, Hollande will travel to Moscow for meetings with Putin.

Beyond their discussions on military cooperation, Obama and Hollande are expected to discuss diplomatic efforts to achieve a political transition in Syria. The U.S. and France support a transition that would lead to the departure of Assad, who has overseen a civil war in his country that created a vacuum for the Islamic State group to thrive.

While Russia is backing a new diplomatic effort in Syria, Moscow still refuses to support steps that explicitly call for removing Assad from power.

The quagmire in Syria has dragged on for nearly five years, and criticism of Obama's strategy appears only to grow louder.

On Sunday, both Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Leon Panetta, Obama's former defense secretary, said the U.S. effort wasn't measuring up. Feinstein called for more aggressive action and additional special operations forces in Syria.

"I don't think the approach is sufficient to the job," Feinstein said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

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. RUSSIA CONFIRMS TURKEY SHOT DOWN WARPLANE

Ankara says the jet violated its national airspace; Moscow denies the plane crossed the Syrian border into Turkish skies.

2. FRENCH SUSPECT FACES TERROR CHARGES

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Jawad Bendaoud, the only person in France facing potential terrorism charges linked to the Nov. 13 Paris attacks is handed over to an anti-terrorism judge in Paris.

3. WHO INTENDS TO PRESS OBAMA ON RUSSIA COOPERATION IN ANTI-EXTREMISM FIGHT

French President Hollande's visit to Washington is part of a diplomatic offensive to get the international community to bolster the campaign against the Islamic State militants.

4. MIGRANTS IN FRENCH CAMP NOW EVEN MORE HEMMED IN

Their quest to make it to England from Calais takes on a new urgency since Islamic State militants attacked Paris more than a week ago.

5. MINNEAPOLIS POLICE SAY 5 SHOT NEAR PROTEST SCENE

Three victims are taken to a hospital in a private vehicle, and two are transported by ambulance. None of them suffers life-threatening injuries.

6. WHERE VICTIMS VANISH AT HANDS OF POLICE

An AP investigation finds that in Mexico, law enforcers are behind many of 25,500 disappearances.

7. VIOLENCE FLARES AS KERRY ARRIVES IN ISRAEL

The U.S. secretary of state concedes his visit has none of the ambitious agendas of past trips and is primarily focused on stemming the wave of bloodshed.

8. NEW PROCESSING PLANT PREPARES TRADITIONAL ALASKA NATIVE FOOD

Serving musk ox meatloaf is a practice allowed by a new federal law that's gaining interest nationally.

9. WHAT EMAILS REVEAL ABOUT COKE'S ROLE IN ANTI-OBESITY GROUP

The world's largest beverage maker was instrumental in shaping the Global Energy Balance Network, which is led by a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

10. PATRIOTS OVERCOME MORE INJURIES TO REMAIN UNDEFEATED

Tom Brady calls out Rex Ryan and then he beats the Bills — again.

European stocks sink as instability fears vex investors

KELVIN CHAN, AP Business Writer

HONG KONG (AP) — European stock markets opened sharply lower Tuesday as jitters about instability in the Middle East intensified while Asian stock markets dithered as slumping commodity prices weighed on shares of resource companies.

KEEPING SCORE: European stocks sank in early trading after a Russian warplane was shot down by Turkey. France's CAC 40 lost 1.6 percent to 4,811.56 and Germany's DAX slid 1.1 percent to 10,965.39. Britain's FTSE 100 dropped 1 percent to 6,244.43. U.S. stocks were poised to open lower. Dow futures were down 0.5 percent to 17,674.00 and broader S&P 500 futures fell 0.5 percent to 2,072.90.

INSTABILITY RISK: Turkey shot down a Russian warplane that it said had violated Turkish airspace and ignored repeated warnings, ratcheting up geopolitical tensions and sending investors scrambling out of stocks in search of safe havens. Russia denied the plane crossed Syria's border into Turkey. Russia's defense ministry says the pilots parachuted but there has been no contact with them.

COMMODITY CRUNCH: Raw materials such as copper and nickel have slid to multi-year lows on the subdued global economic outlook as well as the dollar's strength on rising expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates next month. That's dragging down commodity producers such as Australian miners BHP Billiton and Rio Tinto. Demand for commodities from international buyers is affected by the strength of the greenback because contracts are priced in dollars.

FED FOCUS: Most investors expect the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates from a record low at its mid-December meeting and markets are likely to trade within a narrow range unless signs emerge that the U.S. central bank will change course. That contrasts with monetary policy from other major central banks in Japan and Europe, which are expected to keep the stimulus taps open.

QUOTABLE: "There is no denying we are moving into the eye of the storm, with the market having merged into one giant consensus trade. That trade is of course long U.S. dollar, short commodities and U.S. Treasuries," said market strategist Chris Weston of IG in Sydney. "There simply haven't been any

buyers and commodity futures have been easy to push lower.”

ASIAN SCORECARD: Japan’s Nikkei 225 index recovered from early losses to finish 0.2 percent higher at 19,924.89 after reopening following a public holiday. South Korea’s Kospi climbed 0.6 percent to 2,016.29. Hong Kong’s Hang Seng lost 0.4 percent to 22,587.63 and the Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China fell 0.2 percent to 3,616.11. Australia’s S&P/ASX 200 shed 1 percent to 5,226.40. Benchmarks rose in Singapore and Indonesia but fell in Taiwan, India, Thailand and the Philippines.

ENERGY: The benchmark U.S. crude futures contract was up 71 cents to \$42.46 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 15 cents, or 0.4 percent, to close at \$41.75 in New York on Monday. Brent crude, which is used to set prices for international oils, rose 68 cents to \$45.51 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar slipped to 122.57 yen from 122.92 yen in the previous day’s trading. The euro rose to \$1.0653 from \$1.0636.

Wooring blacks, Sanders reframes, but doesn’t change argument

BILL BARROW, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Bernie Sanders acknowledges that he needs more support from black voters to have any chance of defeating Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democratic presidential nomination.

And, also stating the obvious, Sanders is a longtime politician from Vermont, where the population is 95 percent white. So he’s not exactly spent much time before now campaigning among African-Americans.

The result is a political tightrope for a 74-year-old senator who has assembled a national following as a self-styled “democratic socialist” calling for a “political revolution” that wrests control of the U.S. government from “the billionaire class” comprising the nation’s wealthiest individuals and corporations.

Facing that reality, Sanders has opted not to change his central argument, but to reframe it and force it in front of voters he’s never before needed to win an election.

“Our job is to end institutional racism,” he said on Monday at a raucous rally in downtown Atlanta. “But it is also to create an economy that makes sure our kids are able to get decent jobs and a decent education. I see those two issues as absolutely overlapping.”

The Fox Theatre event, which drew about 5,000 supporters, concluded a four-day stretch that highlighted Sanders’ outreach to black voters. On Friday, he took questions in front of a bipartisan group of black civic and business leaders gathered in South Carolina, where he’s also airing a radio ad in which he bemoans “institutional racism,” calls for ending racial profiling and mass incarceration and highlights his work in the civil rights movement as a college student.

That biographical emphasis comes after months of Sanders’ insisting that he didn’t want “to brag” about his past. “It’s much more important for me to tell people what I will do as president and how it affects them,” he told The Associated Press in September.

He spoke Sunday in black churches. In Atlanta, he met privately with one of Martin Luther King Jr.’s children and paid his respects at the slain civil rights leader’s crypt. He was introduced by rapper Killer Mike, who had earlier taken the senator to eat at a well-known restaurant near Atlanta University Center, the cluster of historically black colleges and universities. Sanders’ campaign staff boasted that he was “the first white elected-official” ever to visit Busy Bee Cafe.

He’s begun highlighting endorsements from black elected-officials, even as his list is dwarfed by Clinton’s list of backers from Congress, legislative leaders and mayors across the region.

In his standard campaign speech, Sanders blasts the status quo as particularly unfair to nonwhites and offers his policy ideas — raising the minimum wage, making public colleges tuition-free, decriminalizing marijuana, ending the for-profit prison industry — as the counter.

Electoral math demands all of it.

Always a key Democratic constituency, black voters will be even more important in the 2016 nominating contests because the early primary calendar is dominated by Southern states, including South Carolina and Georgia, where blacks form the backbone of the Democratic electorate. So if Clinton maintains her

advantage among African-Americans — a voting group that helped then-Sen. Barack Obama defeat Clinton in 2008 — she will dominate the South on her way to the nomination.

But Sanders' swing through King's hometown of Atlanta also underscores his reluctance to tailor his appeal too much. In fact, he sought to position himself as one of King's political heirs, not by casting himself as a civil rights leader but by reminding voters of King's wider legacy.

"The truth is he did much more than just fight segregation and racism," Sanders told a Fox audience, most of them white and too young to remember King's life and death.

Sanders noted that he attended King's famous 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech and participated in the march that preceded it. But, he adds, the march was officially "The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom."

King, Sanders reminded them, railed against the Vietnam War as an unjust battle fought by poor and working-class Americans, and went to Memphis, where he was assassinated, to support striking sanitation workers.

At the time, Sanders noted, King was planning another Washington march — for the poor. "It was a march not just of African-Americans," Sanders said, "but of Latinos, of whites, of all people in this country to march on Washington to demand fundamental changes in our national priorities."

"He talked about a nation that had socialism for the rich and rugged individualism for the poor," Sanders said, adding at one point, "What he said then was right, and I think it's right now."

Excerpts from emails between Coke, anti-obesity group The Associated Press

A nonprofit founded to fight obesity says the \$1.5 million it received from Coke doesn't influence its work. But emails obtained by The Associated Press show the company was instrumental in shaping the group.

Below are excerpts of emails between the group's leaders and Coke executives starting in late 2012, when the network was still just an idea.

Rhona Applebaum is Coke's chief health and science officer; the company says it has accepted her retirement. James Hill is the group's president and a professor at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Oct. 16, 2012

In an email whose subject line is "Ready for a stimulus pkg?" Applebaum tells Hill she has "sold the concept" of what would become the Global Energy Balance Network. She later informs him those involved will need to be open about collaboration with private industry.

"That is non-negotiable," she says.

Nov. 8, 2012

Applebaum emails Hill and Peters about media questions over a Coke-funded study they are working on. Attached is an internal company document with talking points to address such matters.

"Also — if you would like media training let me know. All our folks receive it," she writes.

June 4, 2014

Hill emails a Coke executive saying the focus of the company's research should be energy balance: "We have given you ideas here. We have also given you ideas for research projects that might be very specific to coke interests."

Coke says the proposals were not related to the Global Energy Balance Network.

July 9, 2014

Applebaum emails the group with a "tweaked" proposal for the establishment of the network.

The proposal says the group will "inject sanity and reason" into the debate about obesity and become the go-to resource for media.

"Akin to a political campaign, we will develop, deploy and evolve a powerful and multi-faceted strategy to counter radical organizations and their proponents," it says.

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Aug. 30, 2014

Hill emails a Coke executive about a research proposal. "Here is my concept. I think it could provide a strong rationale for why a company selling sugar water SHOULD focus on promoting physical activity. This would be a very large and expensive study but could be a game changer. We need this study to be done."

The executive says she will call him the following week to discuss.

Oct. 14, 2014

In emails about GEBN potentially partnering with others on a project, Applebaum writes: "There you go! Than (sic) the # of experts and reputable orgs is too large for any naysayers to cull the pack and attack."

Oct. 18, 2014

Coke CEO Muhtar Kent emailed Applebaum and other executives for reasons he could give talk show host Charlie Rose to invite Hill on his show. Applebaum replies with Hill's credentials, which do not mention his work with Coke.

Hill has not appeared on the show.

Nov. 9, 2014

Hill emails a Coke executive: "It is not fair that Coca-Cola is signaled out as the #1 villain in the obesity world, but that is the situation and makes this your issue whether you like it or not. I want to help your company avoid the image of being a problem in peoples' lives and back to being a company that brings important and fun things to them."

April 8, 2015

A Coke employee emails Hill and Peters asking them to sign a non-disclosure agreement before the company shares "some of the learnings we have received from some of our consumer testing to help inform" the group's work.

Once signed, she says the company will "begin the flow of information" in preparation for an upcoming meeting.

US issues travel warning in wake of attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans should be alert to the possible travel risks, especially during the holidays, following increased threats from militant groups around the world, the State Department has warned.

A travel alert, which is to be in effect until Feb. 24, said current information suggests that militants with the Islamic State, al-Qaida, Boko Haram and other groups continue to plan attacks in multiple regions. U.S. authorities said the likelihood of such attacks will continue as members of IS return from Syria and Iraq, and other individuals not affiliated with terror groups engage in violence on their own.

Extremists have targeted sporting events, theaters, open markets and aviation targets. In the past year, there have been multiple attacks in France, Nigeria, Denmark, Lebanon, Turkey and Mali. IS has claimed responsibility for the Oct. 31 bombing of a Russian airliner in Egypt, killing 224 people.

"U.S. citizens should exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation," said the alert released Monday. "Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowded places. Exercise particular caution during the holiday season and at holiday festivals or events," it said.

The State Department said the U.S. is exchanging information with allies about threats of international terrorism.

The travel alert was issued the same day that Belgium's prime minister announced that Brussels would remain at the highest alert level for at least another week. The increased security measures following the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that killed 130 people have virtually shut down the Belgian capital.

Kerry in Israel for 1st time since 2014; no bold peace push

BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry made his first trip to Israel in more than a year, arriving on Tuesday in the midst of a new rash of deadly attacks that have dampened hopes for peace mediation between the Jewish state and Palestinians during the Obama administration's final year. The

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visit includes no such ambitious agenda, the chief U.S. diplomat conceded, and is primarily focused on ending the terror.

Kerry will meet Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other senior Israeli officials, before traveling to the West Bank for discussions with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. The script is well-trodden, with Kerry likely to ask both sides to avoid provocative actions. For the Israelis, that means holding off on construction of new settlements in lands the Palestinians seek for their future state. For the Palestinians, it means ending incitement of violence.

Ahead of Kerry's trip, a Palestinian on Monday fatally stabbed an Israeli soldier at a West Bank gas station before security forces killed him. Two teenage Palestinian girls attacked a 70-year-old Palestinian in Jerusalem, apparently mistaking him for an Israeli. The Israeli military said a knife-wielding Palestinian was shot dead before he could harm anyone. And a Palestinian rammed his vehicle into a pedestrian near a West Bank settlement, lightly wounding him.

Amid so much violence, Kerry said "there's no highfalutin, grandiose, hidden agenda here." He told reporters traveling with him in the Middle East on Monday that he sought steps "that could calm things down a little bit so people aren't living in absolute, daily terror that they might be stabbed or driven into or shot trying to walk around their city."

The violence began in mid-September over tensions surrounding a sensitive Jerusalem holy site, before spreading across Israel and into Palestinian territories. Nineteen Israelis have been killed, mostly in stabbings. Israeli fire has killed 89 Palestinians. Israel says 57 of these were attackers, while the rest died in clashes with security forces.

Last week, an American from Kerry's home state of Massachusetts was among those killed. Kerry lamented 18-year-old Ezra Schwartz's death as "another young life cut short."

"It happens almost every day over there and it's terrible, and too many Israelis have been killed and stabbed, and too many Palestinians," he said. "And there's no excuse for any of the violence. There's just no rationale."

Kerry has visited Israel and the Palestinian territories only once since the collapse in April 2014 of a nine-month peace process he led. He traveled back three months later during warfare between Israel and Hamas militants in Gaza.

In recent months, Kerry and other U.S. officials have suggested a renewed peace push might be possible. Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton took unsuccessful stabs at a two-state solution during their final months in office. But the rising death toll seems, for now, to have created an environment that makes a similar commitment by President Barack Obama unlikely.

Kerry said the U.S. was prepared to re-engage in a serious peace effort, and "we have ideas for how things could proceed."

"But this street violence doesn't provide any leader with a framework within which they can look their people in the eye and say, 'There's a reason to be sitting down and talking about this or that,' " he said. "People aren't in the mood for concessions. They're in the mood for being tough."

On a visit to the West Bank on Monday, Netanyahu didn't suggest he was adopting a softer approach. Israel, he vowed, would enter "villages, communities and homes" and carry out "widespread arrests."

Abbas, for his part, has provided no indication that he wants to restart direct peace talks with the Israelis anytime soon.

Israel says the recent violence stems from Palestinian incitement and incendiary videos on social media. The Palestinians say it is rooted in frustration over almost five decades of Israeli occupation and little hope for obtaining independence. Palestinians also accuse Israel of using excessive force, saying some attackers can be stopped without being killed.

Parched Emirates relies on sea as groundwater runs out

JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — As skyscrapers and gleaming towers rose with lightning speed across the United Arab Emirates over the past two decades, the Gulf nation's thirst for water grew at an enormous rate — so much so that today, it threatens to dry up all of the country's groundwater in as little as 15 years, experts say.

To quench that demand, cities across the seven emirates that make up the UAE rely on desalinated seawater to supply 98 percent of their drinking water, but that comes with a tremendous environmental and fiscal cost.

Now, officials are looking at new technologies to cover that demand, while acknowledging the risks ahead.

"In our region, water is more important than oil," said Ahmad Belhoul, the CEO of Masdar, the Abu Dhabi government's clean-energy company. "We're trying to find solutions to address that."

While the Emirates rose on its oil wealth, the riches spurred the development that strains the water supply in this desert nation. An academic paper published earlier this year by scientists at the United Arab Emirates University in Al Ain, one of the emirates, suggested the country's entire supply of groundwater could be gone by 2030.

Currently, groundwater accounts for 44 percent of all water consumption in the UAE, though much of it goes toward irrigation for farming, according to a report by the Ministry of Environment and Water. In the cities, the country's 33 desalination plants supply nearly every drop of water.

Desalination plants are nothing new across the Middle East, with Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia having some of the world's biggest facilities.

However, the cost of building and operating the plants can run in the billions, and they also require massive amounts of energy to separate the salt from the water and purify it for consumption. The leftover heated saltwater gets discharged back into the sea, where it can affect marine life.

But even with the crisis facing the Emirates, water remains cheap and often wasted. Errant sprinklers water sidewalks in city-state Dubai, as leaking pipes pool puddles on roadways. A study this year by the United Nations found that residents of the UAE and most of its Gulf neighbors use around 500 liters (132 gallons) of water per day — among some of the highest usage around the world.

That waste is something Belhoul himself acknowledged as a problem.

"There has been some overuse of water driven by the lower tariffs," Belhoul told The Associated Press. "If you don't pass on the price to the end user, the natural behavior is to consume more water."

Beyond raising prices, officials hope new desalination techniques being tested on the outskirts of Abu Dhabi will allow solar energy to replace natural gas as an energy source, as well as make the plants smaller and cheaper to operate. On a tour Monday, they offered visiting dignitaries water produced there in crystal glasses.

After taking a sip, Sultan Ahmed al-Jaber, the UAE's minister of state, gave it his approval: "It tastes just like Evian."