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Wednesday, December 9

School Breakfast: French toast sticks, sausage links, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Hot dogs, baked beans, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, fruit sauce, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Traci Davies, Shelby Tietz, Ann Rix, Brooklyn Gilbert, Doris Anderson, Sydney Holmes, Wesley Morehouse

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: MathCounts at Aberdeen Roncalli Middle School

3:45pm: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Advent Service

Thursday, December 10

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

School Lunch: Turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Senior Menu: Ham and bean soup, egg salad sandwich, tomato spoon salad, oatmeal raisin cookie.

Birthdays: Lincoln Lane, Jerrica Loeschke, Steve Schaller. Mirranda Blumhardt, Skylar Bonn

4:00pm: GBB hosts Ipswich (7th grade at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm, JV at 6:30 followed by varsity)

Friday, December 11

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Super nachos, French fries, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce.

Anniversary: Dave & Connie Nilsson

2015 Groton Area Elementary Preschool Developmental Screening for 3 year olds

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015

Parents of children ages 3 in the Groton Area School District are asked to contact Heidi Krueger at the Groton Area Elementary School during school hours at 397-2317 to set up a screening time or to confirm their screening time.

The Developmental Screening will take place at the Groton Area High School Arena. Please park and use the east entrance to the gym.

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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Honor Band

These Groton Area students participated in the Honor Band.

Back Row (left to right): Maggie Simon, Tylan Glover, Garrett Stene, Jaden Oliver, Mrs. Yeigh

Front Row (Left to right): Ashley Garduno, Emily Thompson, Kylie Kassube

Not pictured is Josie Doeden due to illness

No Girls JV Game on Saturday

There will be NO JV girls game this Saturday (12th) at 2pm vs L/F! Leola/Frederick does not have enough girls at this time to play a JV game. So, the JV boys game will start at 3pm on Saturday....followed by the Varsity girls and Varsity boys!



Groton Chamber Holiday Boxes are out & about in Groton!

This Week (thru 12/11) – Lori's Pharmacy
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Savory Seasoning!

Next Week (thru 12/18) – Professional
Management Supply
\$25 Chamber Bucks OR Mystery Gift!

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

December 9, 1961: A snowstorm moved through the area and dropped 3 to 6 inches of snow east of the Missouri River and 1 to 3 inches to the west of the river from late afternoon on the 8th through late afternoon on the 9th. The storm was accompanied by high winds, blowing snow, slippery highways, and temperatures falling to near zero. Three men were killed and one injured in a two-car crash near Watertown as snow and blowing snow sharply reduced visibilities. A skidding accident on a slippery highway near Winner resulted in an automobile fatality of one man. In a rural area near Vale, in Meade County, one man abandoned his stalled automobile and was found the next day, frozen to death. 6 inches of snow fell at Sisseton and Wheaton, with 5 inches at Aberdeen and Watertown and 3 inches at Mobridge. Only an inch fell at Pierre.

1786 - A second great snowstorm in just five days brought another 15 inches of snow to Morristown NJ, on top of the eight inches which fell on the 7th and 8th, and the 18 inches which fell on the 4th and 5th. The total snowfall for the week was thus 41 inches. New Haven CT received 17 inches of new snow in the storm. Up to four feet of snow covered the ground in eastern Massachusetts following the storms. (9th-10th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1917 - A severe winter storm struck the Ohio Valley and the Great Lakes Region. It produced 25 inches of snow and wind gusts to 78 mph at Buffalo NY. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Vevay IND, with drifts fourteen feet high. By the 16th of the month people could walk across the frozen Ohio River from Vavey into Kentucky. (8th-9th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - The fifth storm in nine days kept the northwestern U.S. wet and windy. Winds along the coast of Washington gusted to 75 mph at Oceans Shores and at Hoquiam, and the northern and central coastal mountains of Oregon were drenched with three inches of rain in ten hours, flooding some rivers. Snowfall totals in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State ranged up to 36 inches in the Methow Valley. High winds in Oregon blew a tree onto a moving automobile killing three persons and injuring two others at Mill City. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - A winter storm blanketed the Southern and Central Appalachians with up to ten inches of snow. Arctic air invaded the north central U.S. bringing subzero cold to Minnesota and North Dakota. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A strong storm produced wind gusts of 40 to 65 mph from the Alaska Peninsula to the North Gulf Coast of Alaska. Southeasterly winds gusted to 75 mph in the Anchorage hillside. Gusty winds associated with a strong cold front caused a power outage across much of the island of Hawaii. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

December 9, 2003: Although it never threatened land, a subtropical storm became Tropical Storm Peter approx. 700 miles WNW of the Cape Verde Islands. Combined with Tropical Storm Odette from earlier in the month, this is the first time since 1887 that 2 tropical storms formed in the Atlantic Basin in December.

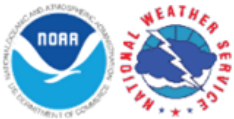
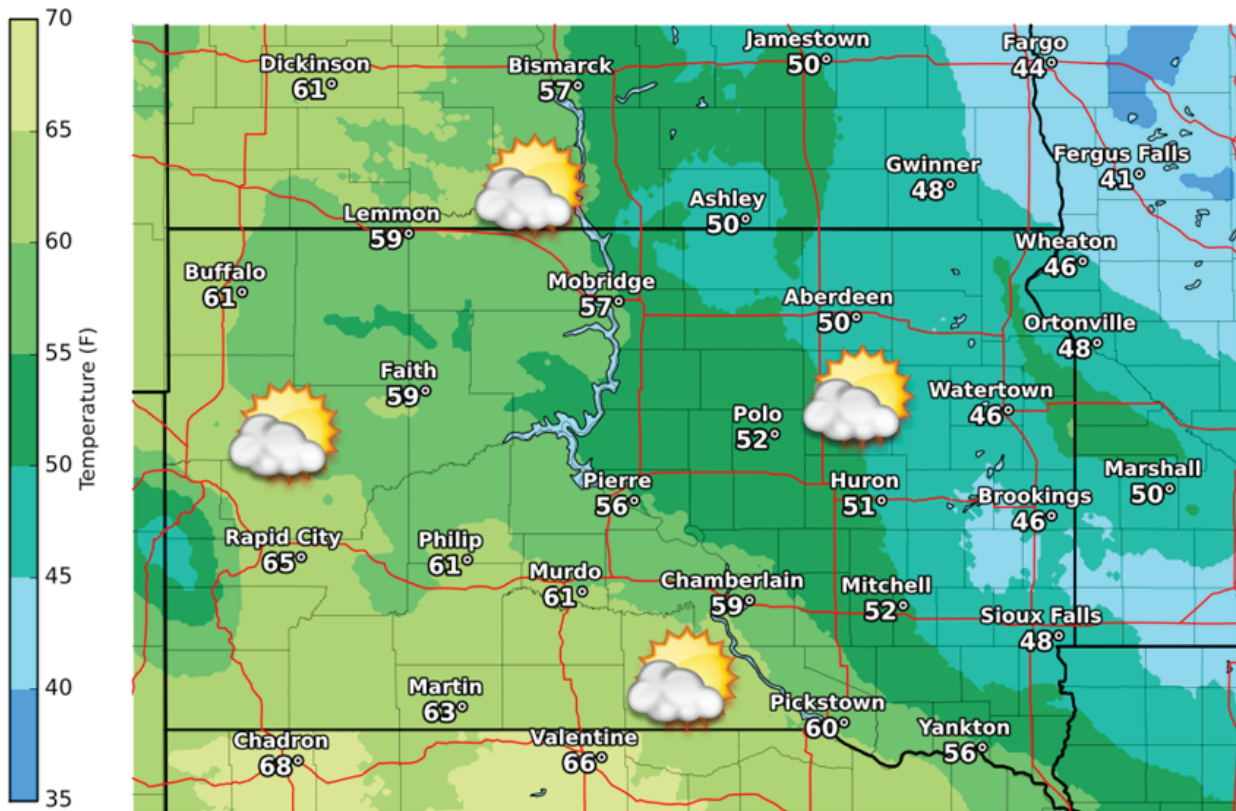
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Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	Friday
						
Slight Chance Rain/Freezing Rain then Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Rain	Breezy. Slight Chance Rain/Snow then Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow then Chance Rain/Snow
High: 44 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 46 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 44 °F	Low: 25 °F	High: 36 °F

Mild! Today's Afternoon Highs

Valid: December 09, 2015



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Relatively mild temperatures are expected to continue today, with highs well above normal under a partly sunny sky.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 42.7 at 2:45 PM

Low: 28.8 at 6:40 AM

High Gust: 13 at 2:38 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 61° in 1939

Record Low: -27° in 1955

Average High: 27°F

Average Low: 8°F

Average Precip in Dec.: 0.16

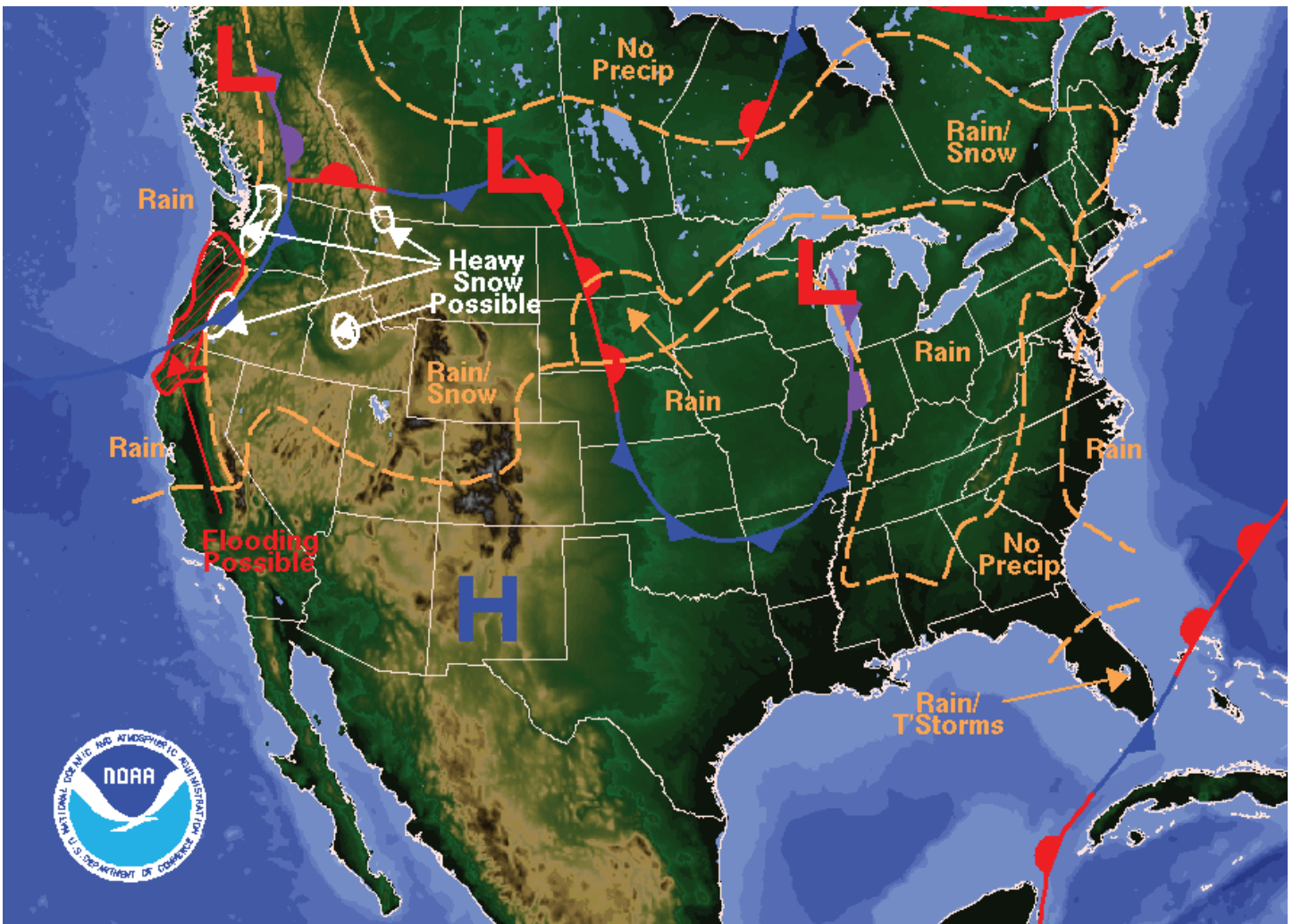
Precip to date in Dec.: 0.52

Average Precip to date: 21.34

Precip Year to Date: 20.34

Sunset Tonight: 4:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:02 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Dec 09, 2015, issued 4:42 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mcreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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KEEP THEM AT HOME

A man once said to Mark Twain, "It is my deepest desire to go to the mount where God gave Moses the Ten Commandments and recite them there!" Puzzled, Mark Twain asked, "Don't you think it would be better to stay at home and try to keep them there?"

The Lord did not give us the Ten Commandments to review, but to reveal; not to look at but to live; not to admire but to acknowledge in the way we behave.

There are many who say one thing with their lips but show another thing with their lives. There are those who say the right things but live the wrong way. And there are some who speak the language of faith but give no evidence of it in their lives. The proof of our faith is not our words but in our works.

Some say, "I am a Christian" but if they are watched closely, there is no evidence of Christ in their lives. We are reminded by James that we are not only to be hearers of the Word, but doers of the Word. A good place to start "doing" is at home.

Prayer: Father, help me to follow the directions for living that I find in Your Word. Do not allow me to deceive myself into thinking that I am acting on Your behalf when my behavior does not reflect what Your Word tells me to do: in Your Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

News from the Associated Press

Sioux Falls police respond to 2nd casino robbery in 2 days

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the second casino robbery in the city in two days.

Authorities say a male wearing a bandanna over his face entered Jacksons Casino about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday and demanded money. Police did not say if he had a weapon. He fled with an undetermined amount of money, and no one was hurt.

A male wearing a bandanna and wielding a handgun robbed the Happy Jack's Casino early Tuesday. There was no immediate word on whether the two holdups might be connected.

Deadline approaching for historic preservation grant program

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society says the deadline is approaching for applications for historic preservation grant funding.

Applications for proposals are due on Feb. 1.

Jay Vogt is director of the state Historical Society. He says the Deadwood Fund grant program is meant to spur people or organizations to restore and rehabilitate historic properties.

Grant amounts range from \$1,000 to \$25,000 and require a match. The program is funded through gambling revenue in Deadwood and is put toward projects across the state.

Last year, more than \$120,000 in grant funds went to 11 projects, which totaled nearly \$450,000 of investment after the match.

Lawmakers urges US Air Force to base newest fighter in SD

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's congressional delegation is urging the U.S. Air Force to base its newest fighter in Sioux Falls.

U.S. Sens. John Thune and Mike Rounds and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem have sent a letter to Secretary of the Air Force Deborah James pressing her agency to select Joe Foss Field as the next base of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. Gov. Dennis Daugaard and South Dakota Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Timothy Reisch also signed the letter.

The Air Force is expected to announce its basing decisions for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter next year.

The delegation's letter highlights many accomplishments of the Sioux Falls-based Air National Guard 114th Fighter Wing, as well as its access to "exceptional, uncongested airspace," providing conditions needed to meet the requirements of the F-35 aircraft.

Transportation crews work on Highway 16 landslide repair

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Transportation is repairing the shoulder of the southbound lanes of Highway 16 just south of Rapid City.

The contractor, Zandstra Construction Inc., is removing the material from one of the slide areas, replacing the soil with rock and a drainage system and backfilling the area with soil. The \$223,000 project is expected to be completed Friday, Dec 18.

Workers are shutting down the southbound lane in the area of work. A daytime-only lane closure in the northbound lanes will also be required when the contractor is hauling rock for the project.

Motorists should be prepared for suddenly slowing and merging traffic, as well as construction equipment and crews.

Work on a second slide area is anticipated to be done in January, depending on weather.

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Brazile wins tie-down roping, secures 13th all-around title

KEITH FREEMAN, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Trevor Brazile's tie-down roping victory allowed him to claim his record 13th all-around world championship and 23rd gold buckle in the sixth round of the National Finals Rodeo on Tuesday night.

Brazile, of Decatur, Texas, who leads the world standings with \$382,203 in earnings in steer roping, tie-down roping and team roping, knocked his closest competitor, JoJo LeMond out of contention with his tie-down roping win.

LeMond of Andrews, Texas, is second with \$193,800 in the roping events.

Brazile helped his own cause for gaining a third gold buckle in tie-down roping by winning in a round six record time of 6.6 (breaking the mark of 6.9 shared by Matt Shiozawa and Marty Yates, both in 2014). He also was victorious in the opening round with a time of 6.8.

In total, Brazile now has 61 NFR round victories, including 17 in tie-down roping.

Brazile's brother-in-law, defending three-time world champion Tuf Cooper of Decatur, Texas, placed third with a time of 6.9. Cooper is first in the world standings with \$169,784 while second-place Brazile has earned \$161,209.

"I'm as pumped about the 6.6 as I was the all-around championship because I was close in the calf roping (tie-down roping world standings) and good in the average (aggregate standings)," Brazile said. "And usually the position I come in the all-around doesn't allow me to take chances and risks like that, but now I'm trying to win that calf roping world championship, and it takes that kind of stuff. When you're protecting a lead sometimes, you don't get to do stuff like that."

Caleb Smidt of Bellville, Texas, tied for fifth in 7.8 and is the aggregate standings leader with a time of 48.7 for six head.

In steer wrestling, Hunter Cure of Holliday, Texas, the 2013 world champion, is now in the world standings lead with \$157,745 after placing second in 3.6.

Clayton Hass of Terrell, Texas, won round six in a time of 3.5 and is now second in the world standings with \$157,642. He also was victorious in round three after going winless as a rookie in the 2014 NFR.

"This is just like every other rodeo; we have to back in there and try and win first," Hass said. "When I draw opportunities to win, I have to take advantage of it and win all that I can, and that's what I did tonight."

Trevor Knowles of Mount Vernon, Oregon, who tied for fourth place in 4.3, became the NFR aggregate standings leader with a time of 25.8 over six rounds.

In bareback riding, first and second place in the world standings didn't change in round six as four-time world and defending champion Kaycee Feild of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Steven Peebles of Redmond, Oregon, didn't place among the top six. Feild scored a 72.5 on Dilly Bar while Peebles tallied 79.5 on Raggidy Ann. Feild leads the world standings with \$208,002 while Peebles is second with \$188,768.

Peebles still leads the NFR aggregate standings with 501 points over six rides and is first among all NFR competitors with \$95,356 in prize money. Feild is second in the aggregate with 484 points over six rides.

Jake Brown of Hillsboro, Texas, won round six with an 85.5 on Painted River. It was the first time that Brown placed among the top six and earned a check at the 2015 NFR.

In team roping, header Aaron Tsinigine and heeler Ryan Motes of Weatherford, Texas, moved toward the world standings lead when they tied for first in a time of 3.9 with header Nick Sartain of Dover, Oklahoma, and heeler Rich Skelton of Llano, Texas, in round six.

Tsinigine is now second in the header world standings with \$169,710 while Motes is third among heelers with \$168,579. They are second in the aggregate standings with a time of 33.3 for six rounds. Header Erich Rogers of Round Rock, Arizona and heeler Cory Petska of Marana, Arizona, lead the aggregate in a time of 28.4 in six tries.

Header Derrick Begay, of Seba Dalkai, Arizona, and heeler Clay O'Brien Cooper, of Gardnerville, Nevada, are each first in the standings with \$180,810 for Begay and \$181,930 for Cooper. They did not record a time during round six.

In saddle bronc riding, Jacobs Crawley of Boerne, Texas, remained in the world standings lead for a third straight round even though he didn't place among the top six in round six with a 74 on Look Again.

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He has earned \$193,324.

Crawley is now second in the aggregate standings with 492.5 points over six rides. He drops from first to second, as Wade Sundell of Coleman, Oklahoma, is now first with 493 points for six rides after placing third with an 80 on Rubels.

Isaac Diaz of Desdemona, Texas, won round six and gained his first-ever NFR victory in 46 rounds with an 83 on Vitalix Hell's Fire Hostage.

In barrel racing, Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, South Dakota, remained the world standings leader by finishing third in 13.92 in round six. The defending aggregate champion has earned \$246,982 and remains first in the NFR aggregate standings with a time of 83.35 over six rides.

Sarah Rose McDonald of Brunswick, Georgia, and Taylor Jacob of Carmine, Texas, tied for first in round five with times of 13.91.

In bull riding, defending world and aggregate champ Sage Kimzey of Strong City, Oklahoma, increased his world standings lead by finishing third with an 82 on Red Rocket in round six. Kimzey has earned \$229,870 while Cody Teel of Kountze, Texas, moves into second in the world standings with \$175,518 after finishing second with an 84.5 on Page Break.

Teel leads the aggregate standings with 405.5 points for five rides and is the lone rider with five successful rides.

Brett Stall of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, won round six with an 87 on Gold Buckle. It was the first time that he finished among the top six at the 2015 NFR.

Nevada judge denies counties' bid for sage grouse injunction

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A federal judge in Nevada refused Tuesday to temporarily block new U.S. rules intended to protect the greater sage grouse, leaving the land use planning amendments intact at least until a trial expected to begin early next year.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du said nine Nevada counties, two mining companies and a ranching operation challenging the regulations have failed to prove any irreparable harm that could be averted by immediately halting implementation of the regulations.

The lawsuit backed by Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt — over the objections of his fellow Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval — claims the restrictions on development were adopted illegally and would threaten the survival of miners, ranchers and rural economies across much of the West.

Du said opponents can argue their case at a trial. But she said the evidence presented during a hearing in Reno last month, in general, is "too speculative" to meet the "extraordinary" legal standard required for a temporary injunction to halt the policy U.S. wildlife officials say is needed to ensure the hen-sized bird doesn't go extinct in the 11 western states where it lives in sage grouse habitat.

U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell announced the new policies for Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands in September at the same time she decided against listing the greater sage grouse as threatened or endangered. She said the added protections were necessary to reverse the department's decision in 2010 that the bird warranted protection under the Endangered Species Act.

The regulations establish buffer zones as large as 3 miles in diameter around sage grouse "leks," the traditional breeding grounds for the bird whose numbers have dwindled from 16 million to between 500,000 and 200,000 due in large part to wildfires, mining, livestock grazing and other development.

The case before Judge Du directly impacts only federal lands in Nevada and eastern California, but also carries ramifications for thousands of square miles of rangeland stretching from Oregon to the Dakotas.

Government lawyers say the counties and mining companies are misrepresenting and exaggerating the potential effects of the rules. They said the opponents are prematurely challenging the amendments, which they argue offer guidelines but no specific decisions on individual grazing mining or other federal permits.

During last month's hearing on the preliminary injunction, Du questioned whether alleged delays in approval of proposed development in Washoe, Elko Eureka and White Pine counties were directly related to grouse protection, or even out of the ordinary.

In her 16-page ruling issued Tuesday, she said most of the claims to date raise "only the possibility —

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not a likelihood — of irreparable harm,” adding that the fears of one mining company trying to develop a gold mine in Nevada near the Idaho line are based on “hypothetical scenarios of adverse consequences.”

Du said even witnesses for the counties and ranchers “conceded that the land amendments themselves do not modify grazing permits and current permit-holders have not yet been affected by those directives.”

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 41, Edmunds Central 25
Aberdeen Roncalli 54, Northwestern 42
Burke/South Central 48, Lyman 41
Castlewood 62, Lake Preston 23
Corsica/Stickney 49, Colome 44
Dell Rapids 62, Sioux Falls Christian 35
Dupree 55, Bison 46
Elk Point-Jefferson 50, Vermillion 39
Estelline 44, Flandreau Indian 37
Eureka/Bowdle 51, Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. 31
Flandreau 37, Chester 31
Florence/Henry 53, Great Plains Lutheran 37
Freeman 57, Parkston 42
Garretson 52, Dell Rapids St. Mary 41
Gayville-Volin 45, Menno 39
Hamlin 54, Redfield/Doland 32
Hanson 50, Ethan 35
James Valley Christian 47, Kimball/White Lake 36
Jones County 43, New Underwood 40, OT
Lemmon 48, Harding County 46
McCook Central/Montrose 48, Marion 27
McLaughlin 76, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 68
Milbank Area 47, Tiospa Zina Tribal 39
Mitchell Christian 35, Wolsey-Wessington 20
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 54, Chamberlain 21
Newell 50, Rapid City Christian 44
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 49, Bridgewater-Emery 36
Pine Ridge 62, St. Francis Indian 54
Pipestone, Minn. 47, Madison 37
Sioux Valley 54, DeSmet 31
Solen, N.D. 58, Wakpala 53
St. Thomas More 59, Hot Springs 12
Sully Buttes 70, Timber Lake 34
Tea Area 43, Dakota Valley 41
Todd County 90, Bennett County 32
Tri-Valley 59, Lennox 42
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 57, Bon Homme 48
Viborg-Hurley 57, Scotland 29
Waubay/Summit 66, Rosholt 38
Waverly-South Shore 40, Wilmot 37

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South Dakota State dominates Minnesota 84-70

DAVE CAMPBELL, AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — South Dakota State didn't make much of a fuss after winning at Minnesota for the first time in 18 meetings between the teams.

The Gophers didn't put up much of a fight.

Jake Bittle scored a career-high 25 points for the Jackrabbits, who dominated from start to finish on both ends of the floor for an 84-70 victory Tuesday that handed the Gophers their second loss in four days at home to a border-state team from the mid-major Summit League.

"We're not going to blow it up. I think obviously it's a good win for us," said South Dakota State coach Scott Nagy, who was 0-9 against Minnesota on the road until this victory he acknowledged would help regional recruiting. There wasn't any gloating from the Jackrabbits, though, probably because this wasn't an upset — despite the difference in resources for the programs and their respective conferences.

"You have to give them credit. They are the better team right now," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said.

Deondre Parks pitched in 21 points for the Jackrabbits (8-1), who played without second-leading scorer George Marshall. Picked for the preseason All-Summit League first team with fellow senior guards Bittle and Parks, Marshall had a walking boot on his right foot. He'll be out for another three to four weeks, Nagy said, with the hope of returning when conference play starts Jan. 1.

Nate Mason scored 18 points and Kevin Dorsey added 16 points for the Gophers (5-4), who were beaten 85-81 by South Dakota at home on Saturday in double overtime. The Coyotes were predicted in the annual poll of coaches, sports information directors and media to finish fifth in the nine-team conference. The Jackrabbits, who made the NCAA tournament in 2012 and 2013 and won 24 games last season, were the landslide favorite to win the league.

"I wouldn't say we underestimated them. I just feel like we started off slow. Once again, we need to come out with better energy," Mason said. "We came out dead again, and that can't happen."

With Marshall missing, Nagy put the onus on Bittle to be more aggressive. He responded with a 10-for-14 shooting performance with five assists and one turnover.

"I keep telling Jake, if he's good and energetic, we're hard to beat," Nagy said.

Three years ago here, when eventual NBA draft pick Nate Wolters was injured, then-freshman Bittle was thrust into the starting lineup at point guard. He finished with five points and seven turnovers in an 88-64 victory by Minnesota.

"It was a big eye-opener," Bittle said. "But it's kind of nice to come out here and redeem myself from that. I think about five people talked to me about that before the game, so it was in the back of my head a little bit."

Just then, Nagy walked past him in the hallway and quipped, "You played great your freshman year!"

Minnesota entered the evening as the second-worst defensive team in the Big Ten, allowing an average of 74.6 points, and South Dakota State took full advantage by shooting 11 of 19 from 3-point range.

Bittle swished his second one about 6 1/2 minutes into the game, giving the Jackrabbits a 17-5 lead. The Gophers didn't cut the deficit below double digits the rest of the night and trailed 45-22 at the break. The final margin was the closest Minnesota came since the score was 24-10.

The Gophers only committed nine turnovers, another sign that South Dakota State was the stronger squad. The Gophers will be glad to be done with the Summit League portion of their schedule. They also barely beat Omaha 93-90 at home Nov. 27.

Reed Tellinghuisen had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Jackrabbits, whose only loss was 64-57 to Missouri-Kansas City. The Gophers beat the Kangaroos 76-58.

South Dakota State, which has two Minnesotans on its roster, including starting forward Ian Theisen, shot 30 for 61 from the floor. The Jackrabbits led by as much as 66-42 early in the second half.

Joey King, who began the day tied for fourth in the Big Ten in scoring at 17.1 points per game, had just five points.

"Hey, we take pride in our defense," Parks said.

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NEXT GAME

Minnesota takes on Oklahoma State in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Saturday.
South Dakota State hosts UC Santa Barbara on Sunday.

South Dakota beats UMKC 79-70

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Trey Norris scored 19 points with three 3-pointers, Tre Burnette added 18 points, and South Dakota beat the University of Missouri-Kansas City 79-70 on Tuesday night for its fifth straight victory.

The win comes on the heels of Saturday's double-overtime upset of Minnesota, 85-81.

Eric Robertson scored 12 points and Dan Jech added 10 and South Dakota (6-3) outscored UMKC 42-36 in the paint and shot 52 percent from the field (30 of 58).

Up 37-34 at halftime, South Dakota opened the second half with a 10-2 run in which Burnette and Norris each hit 3-pointers and led 49-38. The Coyotes pulled ahead by 14 points with 6:08 left, but the Kangaroos closed to within 66-61 on a 3 by LaVell Boyd with 3:56 left. Norris hit back-to-back 3s, then iced it with two free throws with 6 seconds left.

Boyd scored 25 points with five 3-pointers for UMKC (5-4).

Jury acquits former Oglala Sioux Tribe police officer

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal jury has acquitted a former Oglala Sioux Tribe police officer accused of improperly using a stun gun on an intoxicated man.

The jury on Tuesday found 33-year-old Rebecca Sotherland, of Hot Springs, not guilty on all three charges, including assault with a dangerous weapon.

Authorities had accused Sotherland of using a stun several times last year on Jeffrey Eagle Bull while he was drunk and on the ground. A passer-by shot video and posted it online, drawing attention to the incident.

Eagle Bull wasn't seriously hurt, and Sotherland was fired shortly after the August 2014 incident in Manderson.

The prosecution said Eagle Bull was so intoxicated he had passed out and had no ability to respond to Sotherland's commands. Sotherland and her defense attorney argued Eagle Bull was "playing possum" to avoid incarceration.

Daugaard outlines \$4.8 billion state budget to lawmakers

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard proposed an ambitious budget Tuesday for a state bolstered by better-than-expected revenues, backing new state aid to hike teacher pay and freeze tuition while also proposing a plan to expand Medicaid.

The \$4.8 billion budget proposal, which the Republican governor outlined in his annual address, includes more than \$80 million in new general state spending for the upcoming budget year.

Daugaard's openness to broadening eligibility for the health coverage program for low-income and disabled people is a departure from many other Republican governors around the country who have steadfastly resisted expanding the Medicaid program in part because of opposition to the federal health overhaul.

The governor said the state's cost would have to be covered by savings to move forward. 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.

"I cannot tell you today that everything will come together, but if it does, we should seize that opportunity, I believe," Daugaard said, adding that he shares some lawmakers' concerns about expansion.

"It bothers me that some people who can work will become more dependent on government," he said.

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"I hate that. I hate dependency."

The plan may face a difficult path in South Dakota's Republican-dominated Legislature. House Majority Whip Don Haggar, a Republican, said he doesn't believe the chamber will support expanding the program. But Democratic legislative leaders, who have supported expansion for several years, celebrated the move.

"It looks like it's a very real possibility," Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton said.

Daugaard also indicated support for using new state money to increase teacher salaries in South Dakota, but has said specific proposals will come during his State of the State Address.

House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley said he's disappointed with a "mere reference" to teacher pay in the governor's budget, but said Democratic legislators are supportive of many provisions including a proposal to keep steady the cost of getting a degree.

Much of the roughly \$60 million one-time spending in the governor's budget would go to paying off debt to help the state's public universities and technical schools freeze tuition for the next school year.

The proposal shows South Dakota is committed to higher education, said Mike Rush, executive director and CEO of the state Board of Regents. He said the freeze would reduce the amount students have to borrow or pay out of pocket for school.

The budget plan also adds more than \$80 million for the upcoming budget year in general state spending, in part through savings. The money would go to increases to higher education, Medicaid providers and state workers. The governor is also pushing for extra funding for some lower-paid providers.

Daugaard has said state revenue improvements allowed him to propose larger increases than otherwise would have been possible.

The state closed the fiscal year that ended on June 30 with a budget surplus, piling up \$21.5 million more than projections because of higher revenues and lower-than-anticipated spending.

Stronger receipts in construction and insurance taxes coupled with lower spending for education and Medicaid were largely responsible for the surplus for the 2015 budget year.

Bureau of Finance and Management Commissioner Jason Dilges said those trends have continued into the current budget year.

"This is an exciting time for South Dakota," Daugaard said. "We've managed our state well, I believe, and we have the opportunity to make great progress this year."

Daugaard proposes tuition freeze in budget plan to lawmakers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Students pursuing a degree in South Dakota may not see tuition hikes next school year if lawmakers approve a freeze included in Gov. Dennis Daugaard's budget plan.

Daugaard put the proposal forward on Tuesday at his budget address. It would use one-time spending to pay off debt to help the state's public universities and technical schools keep tuition contained for the next school year.

Mike Rush is executive director and CEO of the state Board of Regents. He says the freeze would help students pay for school and reduce the amount they have to borrow or pay out of pocket.

Rush says the plan signals South Dakota is committed to higher education.

South Dakota State University Students' Association President Caleb Finck says he's pleased the governor is thinking about students.

Daugaard suspends SD county prosecutor facing drug charges

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has suspended the state's attorney in Butte County from her duties after her arrest on drug charges.

Daugaard issued the suspension order Tuesday.

The 31-year-old Heather Plunkett and her husband, 33-year-old Ryan Plunkett, were arrested Friday at their home in Belle Fourche. Each of the Plunketts faces one count each of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, possession of drug paraphernalia and ingesting substance other than alcohol. The three charges are misdemeanors.

Defense attorney Matt Kinney tells the Rapid City Journal that his clients were both released on \$250

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unsecured cash bond.

Heather Plunkett has held the job of state's attorney since 2011. She did not immediately return an email seeking comment on the case and her suspension Tuesday.

Democrats praise Daugaard budget, urge action on teacher pay

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democratic legislative leaders say they're pleased Gov. Dennis Daugaard has put forward a plan to expand the state's Medicaid program, but say his budget address lacked urgency on education and boosting teacher pay.

The leaders praised many proposals in Daugaard's \$4.8 billion budget, which he outlined Tuesday.

South Dakota Democrats have pushed to expand the Medicaid program for several years. Senate Minority Leader Billie Sutton says now it looks like "a very real possibility."

The governor says the state's cost for expanding Medicaid would have to be covered by savings to move forward. He also says specific proposals on teacher pay will come later during his State of the State address.

House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley says he's disappointed with a "mere reference" to teacher pay in the governor's budget.

Justices affirm conviction of man accused of killing mother

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has affirmed the conviction and sentence of a man accused of killing his mother and hiding her body four years ago.

The court on Monday said it found sufficient evidence to affirm the conviction against 30-year-old Matthew Tornquist.

Tornquist, of Hot Springs, was sentenced last year to life in prison with no possibility for parole after a jury found him guilty of first-degree murder. He also got 10 years on a grand theft charge.

Authorities say Tornquist killed 56-year-old Catherine Tornquist in October 2011 in Fall River County, stole money from her and hid her body.

The woman's body hasn't been found despite over 50 searches. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley on Tuesday said authorities will continue to pursue any leads in hopes of finding her body.

Girl's Basketball Polls The Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sportswriters Association high school girl's preseason poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records, total points and last week's ranking.

Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. Sioux Falls Washington	(6)		0-0	30	-
2. Aberdeen Central		-	0-0	19	-
3. Sioux Falls O'Gorman		-	0-0	17	-
4. Harrisburg	(1)	0-0	14	-	
5. Sioux Falls Lincoln		-	0-0	9	-

Others receiving votes: Sioux Falls Roosevelt 6, Sioux Falls Stevens 4, Pierre 3, Brandon Valley 2, Huron 1.

Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs	
1. St. Thomas More		(7)	0-0	35	-
2. Elk Point-Jefferson		-	0-0	25	-
3. Mt. Vernon-Plankinton		-	0-0	24	-
4. Webster Area		-	0-0	14	-
5. Clark-Willow Lake		-	0-0	4	-

Others receiving votes: Sioux Valley 1, Red Cloud 1, Dell Rapids 1.

Class B

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Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Ethan (5)	0-0	32	-	
2. Sully Buttes (2)	0-0	29	-	
3. Hanson -	0-0	9	-	
4. Viborg-Hurley -	0-0	8	-	
5. De Smet -	0-0	7	-	
(tie)Sanborn Central-Woonsocket-	0-0	7	-	

Others receiving votes: Waubay-Summit 6, Warner 3, Gayville-Volin 2, Jones County 2.

Boy's Basketball Polls The Associated Press

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Class AA

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Sioux Falls O'Gorman (5)	0-0	32	-	
2. Sioux Falls Washington (1)	0-0	21	-	
3. Aberdeen Central -	0-0	18	-	
4. Sioux Falls Lincoln (1)	0-0	16	-	
5. Pierre -	0-0	13	-	

Others receiving votes: Rapid City Stevens 3, Watertown.

Class A

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Aberdeen Roncalli (5)	0-0	25	-	
2. Dell Rapids -	0-0	18	-	
(tie)Winner -	0-0	18	-	
4. St. Thomas More -	0-0	16	-	
5. Sioux Falls Christian (1)	0-0	8	-	

Others receiving votes: Madison (1) 6, Clark-Willow Lake 5, Lennox 5, Little Wound 4, Sioux Valley 2, Mt. Vernon-Plankinton 1.

Class B

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd	TP	Pvs
1. Langford (2)	0-0	27	-	
2. Wolsey-Wessington (1)	0-0	16	-	
3. Hanson (2)	0-0	15	-	
4. Parker (1)	0-0	12	-	
5. White River -	0-0	10	-	

Others receiving votes: Sanborn Central-Woonsocket (1) 8, Warner 5, Irene-Wakonda 5, Faith 2, Corsica-Stickney 2, Hitchcock-Tulare 2, Harding County 1, Sully Buttes 1.

The Latest: Emanuel to address council on police crisis The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The latest developments in the city of Chicago's efforts to deal with fatal police shootings and police accountability (all times local):

1:00 a.m.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel has called a special City Council meeting to give an address about Chicago's police department — the center of the biggest crisis of his administration.

Wednesday morning's speech will come two days after U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch announced

a Justice Department civil rights investigation to determine if there are patterns of racial disparity in the police department's use of force.

Emanuel has been engulfed in a media firestorm since a video was released two weeks ago showing the killing of a black teenager by a white police officer who shot him 16 times. Since then, Emanuel has forced the police superintendent to resign, brought in a new head of an agency that investigates police shootings and fended off calls for his own resignation.

Several groups have planned for protests Wednesday at City Hall and a nearby plaza.

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. MIDDLE EAST BUSINESSES GROW WARY OF TRUMP

The GOP presidential candidate's call to keep Muslims from traveling to the U.S. is causing dismay among leaders in the region where he has had dealings for years.

2. WHAT CALIFORNIA SHOOTING SHOWS

The FBI's acknowledgement that the San Bernardino shooters had been radicalized Muslims for "quite some time" points to the difficulty discovering potential extremists who keep a very low profile.

3. EVACUATION OF REBELS FROM LAST STRONGHOLD IN HOMS BEGINS

The city governor tells The AP on the outskirts of Waer that 320 gunmen will leave the district on Wednesday.

4. 3RD BATACLAN ATTACKER REPORTEDLY IDENTIFIED

Foued Mohamed-Aggad, who was killed during the attack, is from the eastern city of Strasbourg and left for Syria in 2013, a French legal official says.

5. REPUBLICANS CONCERNED ABOUT IMMIGRATION FROM WAR-TORN MIDDLE EAST

A majority of GOP supporters see a high risk that refugees from Syria will commit acts of religious and political violence in the U.S., a new AP-GfK poll finds.

6. HOW DETENTE WITH U.S. RESHAPES CUBA YEAR IN

The country that once seemed stuck in time is transformed, for better or worse, and faces an uncertain future of disruptive change.

7. NO SIGN OF LET-UP IN ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN VIOLENCE

Now in its third month, this round of hostilities defies definitions and easy explanations.

8. WHY CHICAGO MAYOR WILL CALL SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Rahm Emanuel wants to restore trust the police department that's now at the center of the biggest crisis of his administration and his own office.

9. U.S. LIFE EXPECTANCY FLAT FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

A child born last year can expect to make it to 78 years and 9½ months — the same prediction made for the previous two years.

10. SAG NOMINATIONS BRING MURKY AWARDS SEASON INTO BETTER FOCUS

Anna Faris and Anthony Mackie will announce the nominees on Wednesday morning in Los Angeles.

Trump shrugs off widespread outrage over proposed Muslim ban

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Congressmen, rival candidates, world leaders and even the creators of Harry Potter and "The Shining" all agree: Donald Trump's call to block Muslims from entering the United States goes too far.

The Republican presidential front-runner's statement Monday advocating a "total and complete shut-down of Muslims entering the United States" was blasted as bigoted, unconstitutional and potentially dangerous for American interests abroad.

British Prime Minister David Cameron, breaking the custom of British leaders not commenting on U.S.

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presidential contenders, slammed it as "divisive, unhelpful and quite simply wrong." U.N. spokesman Farhan Haq said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon denounced "any kind of rhetoric that relies on Islamophobia, xenophobia, any other appeal to hate any groups."

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling decried Trump on Twitter as worse than her fictional villain Lord Voldemort. Horror novelist Stephen King wrote, "That anyone in America would even CONSIDER voting for this rabid coyote leaves me speechless."

"This is not conservatism," Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan told reporters after a closed-door GOP caucus meeting. "What was proposed yesterday is not what this party stands for, and more importantly it's not what this country stands for."

Trump's campaign has been marked by inflammatory statements, dating back to rhetoric that some Mexican immigrants, who entered the country illegally, are drug smugglers and rapists — but even that didn't evoke the same widespread level of contempt.

The billionaire businessman and former reality television star has maintained his lead in early opinion surveys, despite the controversies, vexing his Republican rivals and alarming a GOP establishment in panic over the damage they fear he's doing to a deeply divided party.

Trump, who appears to revel in the attention, didn't back down from his proposal Tuesday, saying that banning Muslims "until our country's representatives can figure out what the hell is going on" is warranted after last month's attacks by Muslim extremists in Paris and last week's shootings in San Bernardino, California.

"Somebody in this country has to say what's right," Trump said in an interview with ABC Tuesday. "It's short-term. Let our country get its act together."

Trump's proposed ban would apply to immigrants and visitors alike, a sweeping prohibition affecting adherents of a religion practiced by more than a billion people worldwide. Trump clarified in a round of television interviews Tuesday that his proposed ban would not apply to American citizens traveling abroad and would allow exemptions for certain people, including the leaders of Middle Eastern countries and athletes for certain sporting events.

Among those not specified in his list of exemptions are Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai and the four civil society groups that led Tunisia's transition to democracy — all Muslim Nobel Peace Prize winners.

At the White House, press secretary Josh Earnest lambasted Trump as a "carnival barker" and called on his rivals to denounce their fellow candidate.

"What he said is disqualifying," Earnest said. "Any Republican who's too fearful of the Republican base to admit it has no business serving as president, either."

Conspiracy-touting group behind Trump's stats on Muslims

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has cited several statistics from a "highly respected" group to justify his proposal to temporarily ban Muslims from entering the country.

They include the assertion that 25 percent of American Muslims believe violence in the United States is justified as a part of a global jihad, and that 51 percent agree Muslims in America should have the choice of being governed by U.S. or Islamic law.

But those figures come from a problematic June poll commissioned by a think tank that has long theorized that Muslims are trying to infiltrate the United States.

The Center for Security Policy was founded in 1988 by Frank Gaffney, who has warned that the Muslim Brotherhood — an Islamist political party now banned in its native Egypt — is infiltrating the federal government in an attempt to overthrow it and install Islamic law in the U.S.

Gaffney has called for formation of a new congressional committee charged with "examining and rooting out anti-American - and anti-constitutional - activities that constitute an even more insidious peril than those pursued by communist Fifth Columnists fifty years ago."

His actions have drawn the scorn of his fellow conservatives, including the American Conservative Union,

which barred Gaffney from speaking at its Conservative Political Action Conference after he accused two of its board members, including anti-tax activist Grover Norquist, of being compromised by the Muslim Brotherhood.

The center did not make Gaffney available for an interview. But spokesman Alex VanNess said in a statement that "the acceleration of terror attacks such as the recent attacks in Paris, Chattanooga and San Bernardino makes plain that it is both prudent and necessary to respond to the threat posed by jihadist terror in a way that both recognizes it and calls it what it is."

The poll was conducted online by the conservative pollster The Polling Company, and it's unclear how respondents were selected to participate. Many online surveys do not start with a random sample of the U.S. population, and as such their results may not be representative of the population as a whole.

Some of the survey questions were also vaguely worded. For example, while many poll respondents said Muslims should have the option of having their own courts to apply Islamic law, it was unclear based on the question wording whether that would supplant or supplement U.S. law, or under what circumstances Islamic law would apply.

Few poll respondents said Muslims should only be subject to Islamic law. Many respondents said they consider Islamic law, known as Shariah, to be mostly a personal moral code, with most saying it is compatible with the U.S. Constitution.

Whales entangled at alarming rate along California coast

GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Dungeness crab fishermen are entering into an unusual alliance with environmental groups and government agencies to reduce the number of whale entanglements off the California coast.

Reports of whale entanglements have spiked 400 percent since 2013 and much of the fishing gear that's been recovered has been traced back to the Dungeness crab fishery.

About 30 whales were reported stuck in fishing gear in 2014 and more than 50 have been reported so far this year.

In past years, about 10 whales would be reported each year.

Experts say the changes could be caused by El Nino, which is driving whales closer to shore as they follow their prey into warmer waters.

The warming coastal waters are also shifting crabbing grounds into areas where more whales are congregating.

US life expectancy flat for third straight year at almost 79

MIKE STOBBE, AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Life expectancy in the United States has stalled for three straight years, the government announced Wednesday.

A child born last year can expect to make it to 78 years and 9½ months — the same prediction made for the previous two years.

In most of the years since World War II, life expectancy in the U.S. has inched up — thanks largely to medical advances, public health campaigns and better nutrition and education. The last time it was stuck for three years was in the mid-1980s.

It's not clear why life expectancy has been flat lately, but suicides and fatal drug overdoses probably are playing a role, experts believe.

Some researchers have wondered if U.S. life expectancy will peak, due to the nation's obesity problem and other factors. But there no evidence that's happening now, said Robert Anderson of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

S. Jay Olshansky, a public health professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago, agreed.

"It's too early to tell. Three years does not a trend make," he said.

The United States ranks below nearly 40 other countries in life expectancy, according to the World Bank. Japan and Iceland are at the top of that list, at more than 83 years.

U.S. health officials come up with the life expectancy figure each year by looking at how old people were when they died and the cause of death. They use statistical modeling to predict how long people born today will live if current trends continue.

The CDC report is based on all the 2014 death certificates. There were about 2.6 million deaths, or about 29,000 more than the previous year. The increase reflects the nation's growing and aging population.

Other findings:

— Infant mortality dropped again slightly, to a record low of 5.8 per 1,000 births.

— The 10 top causes of death remained the same: heart disease, cancer, respiratory diseases like emphysema and bronchitis, accidents and unintentional injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, flu and pneumonia, kidney disease and suicide.

— Death rates fell significantly for five causes, including the top two — heart disease and cancer.

— The largest increase was in Alzheimer's disease — 8 percent.

— Suicides and unintentional injuries — a category that includes falls, traffic accidents and drug overdoses — each went up by about 3 percent.

Overdoses are driving up those death rates, said Ian Rockett, a West Virginia University researcher who studies overdoses and suicides.

Drug overdose deaths in the U.S. have been rising for more than 20 years — primarily from the abuse of powerful prescription painkillers like Vicodin and OxyContin. Heroin-related deaths — though far less common than painkiller deaths — have also recently spiked.

Police step up mosque patrols after discovery of pig's head

KRISTEN DE GROOT, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia police will step up patrols around worship sites as they look for the person who left a severed pig's head outside a city mosque.

The police department meanwhile hopes to enhance security video that shows someone throwing the animal's head out the passenger door of a red pickup truck, Commissioner Charles Ramsey said Tuesday. No arrests have been made in the Sunday night incident outside the Al Aqsa Islamic Society in west Philadelphia.

The Quran, the holy book of Islam, prohibits Muslims from eating pork, and pigs have been used to taunt or offend Muslims. Last year, attackers in Greece left a pig's head and painted anti-Muslim slogans outside an Islamic studies center in Athens. Similar incidents have also occurred in France.

In Philadelphia, a caretaker told police he found the head near the door of the mosque when he arrived for work Monday morning. A day later, Mayor Michael Nutter pledged a \$2,000 reward for information leading to a conviction in any hate crime case.

Nutter, who leaves office next month, took the opportunity to respond to Donald Trump's talk of banning Muslims from entering the U.S. The mayor suggested that his city banish the Republican presidential candidate.

"Trump is literally trying to radicalize Americans against Muslims, and that's not what America is about," Nutter said.

Nutter called Trump's proposal "flat-out ignorant" and said, "If I had the power, the only banning that would be done is that I would ban him from Philadelphia. We don't have any room for that kind of stupidity here."

On Monday, Trump proposed stopping Muslims from coming to America "until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses." His suggested ban was quickly condemned by other presidential candidates from both parties. The mayor of St. Petersburg, Florida,

tweeted earlier Tuesday that he also would ban Trump from his city.

Trump's Muslim proposal makes for electric TV moments

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Among Chris Cuomo, Joe Scarborough and George Stephanopoulos, it was tough to tell which television host became more exasperated talking to Donald Trump about his proposal to block Muslims from entering the United States.

Trump made himself as available to the press as he always does despite espousing a plan more polarizing than any in a campaign that has thrived on confrontation. The stakes had perceptibly changed, though, and that made for electric if not always informative television moments Tuesday.

"He gives access," said Scarborough, hours after the MSNBC host's red-faced anger with Trump led him to abruptly cut the candidate off. "It's ironic that the very candidates who call and complain that he's on the show aren't willing to do the same thing."

The call-in telephone interview with Trump has become a staple of TV news programs the past few months. News producers hate such interviews — nothing's more boring than a disembodied voice speaking with a still photograph on the screen — but can't resist Trump's ratings catnip. He's a favorite of "Morning Joe," and on Tuesday was also interviewed by Cuomo on CNN and Stephanopoulos on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Ten minutes into the "Morning Joe" interview, Scarborough essentially threw Trump off the air for talking over interviewers. "Donald, Donald, Donald, Donald, Donald," he said. "You're not going to keep talking. We will cut to a break if you keep talking."

And he did. After the commercial, Trump stayed on the air for nearly a half-hour more.

Not that it was easy. Mark Halperin asked four times during the MSNBC interview whether Trump agreed with the World War II policy of keeping Japanese-Americans in internment camps before the candidate stated the obvious: He wasn't going to answer.

More than one GOP presidential candidate texted Scarborough or co-host Mika Brzezinski while Trump was on to complain about the airtime he was getting, Scarborough said. He wouldn't reveal the texters, but said they didn't include Lindsey Graham, who did appear later on the show.

Trump's interview with Cuomo was more heated, with the CNN anchor saying that experts were calling his plan stupid and accusing Trump of spreading lies. "You can't just throw out notions without anybody checking on them," Cuomo said. He said Trump's proposal was counter to the nation's ideals.

"It seems to me that you're acting out of fear, not making us look strong, rejecting what America is all about," Cuomo said.

Frank Sesno, a former CNN Washington bureau chief who's now a professor at George Washington University, said he delayed his commute to work to see Cuomo and Trump go at it. "You both want to watch and avert your eyes," he said. "That's what makes it so compelling."

For many television journalists, the Muslim proposal marked a turning point, making them more intent on holding Trump accountable, he said.

"Unlike most candidates who ... become defensive or retract it, he's a moth drawn to the camera's flame," Sesno said. "The more you offer in terms of TV time or microphone time, the more he takes it."

The live format suits Trump better, because he can blow past journalists and ignore questions. Stephanopoulos seemed most hamstrung by the lack of time he had available, repeatedly trying to interrupt Trump for specifics.

While Trump was on MSNBC, Scarborough said Republican analyst Nicolle Wallace passed him a note, suggesting Trump would not only survive this episode but thrive on it.

"Most of these interviews help him because they set him up as the truth-teller that takes on the mainstream media," Scarborough said. "We've seen that play out time and time again."

Trump did not appear Tuesday on what would seem as a friendlier outlet. Fox News Channel can claim

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the largest number of potential Trump voters as viewers.

Scarborough gave Trump credit for showing up after "Morning Joe" spent its first 90 minutes mostly filled by the show's commentators criticizing him. He hasn't seen a presidential candidate offer so much access since John McCain's 2000 campaign.

"Trump shows up and he's not afraid to take tough questions," he said.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 2015. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Dec. 9, 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, a job he would hold for almost 12 years. "A Charlie Brown Christmas," the first animated TV special featuring characters from the "Peanuts" comic strip by Charles M. Schulz, was first broadcast on CBS. The James Bond film "Thunderball," starring Sean Connery, had its world premiere in Tokyo.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

In 1911, an explosion inside the Cross Mountain coal mine near Briceville, Tennessee, killed 84 workers. (Five were rescued.)

In 1935, the Downtown Athletic Club of New York honored college football player Jay Berwanger of the University of Chicago with the DAC Trophy, which later became known as the Heisman Trophy.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1958, the anti-communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1962, the Petrified Forest in Arizona was designated a national park.

In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a \$2.3 billion seasonal loan-authorization that officials of New York City and State said would prevent a city default.

In 1984, the 5-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1987, the first Palestinian intefadeh, or uprising, began as riots broke out in Gaza and spread to the West Bank, triggering a strong Israeli response.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

In 1995, Congressman Kweisi Mfume (kwah-EE'-see oom-FOO'-may) was chosen to become the new head of the NAACP.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing a political fundraiser in Minnesota, said the United States would wage an unrelenting battle in Iraq to protect Americans at home. A congressional report said the federal government's medical response to Hurricane Katrina was bungled by a lack of supplies and poor communication.

Five years ago: In Britain's worst political violence in years, student protesters rained sticks and rocks on riot police, vandalized government buildings and attacked a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, after lawmakers approved a controversial hike in university tuition fees. Actor Wesley Snipes began serving a three-year sentence at a federal prison in Pennsylvania for failure to file income tax returns. Florida's Clemency Board pardoned Jim Morrison for indecent exposure and profanity charges stemming from a Doors concert in 1969. John du Pont, the chemical fortune heir who killed Olympic gold medal wrestler David Schultz in 1996, died in prison at age 72.

One year ago: U.S. Senate investigators concluded the United States had brutalized scores of terror suspects with interrogation tactics that turned secret CIA prisons into chambers of suffering and did

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nothing to make Americans safer after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Britain's Prince William and his wife, Kate, paid a solemn, rain-drenched visit to the National Sept. 11 Memorial and Museum as they wrapped up their first visit to New York. Mary Ann Mobley Collins, 77, a former Miss America and actress, died in Beverly Hills, California.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kirk Douglas is 99. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 85. Actress Dame Judi Dench is 81. Actor Beau Bridges is 74. Jazz singer-musician Dan Hicks is 74. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 73. Comedian-songwriter Neil Innes is 71. Actor Michael Nouri is 70. Former Sen. Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 68. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Kite is 66. Singer Joan Armatrading is 65. Actor Michael Dorn is 63. Actor John Malkovich is 62. Country singer Sylvia is 59. Singer Donny Osmond is 58. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 57. Comedian Mario Cantone is 56. Actor David Anthony Higgins is 54. Actor Joe Lando is 54. Actress Felicity Huffman is 53. Crown Princess Masako of Japan is 52. Country musician Jerry Hughes (Yankee Grey) is 50. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is 49. Rock singer-musician Thomas Flowers (Oleander) is 48. Rock musician Brian Bell (Weezer) is 47. Rock singer-musician Jakob Dylan (Wallflowers) is 46. Country musician Brian Hayes (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 46. Actress Allison Smith is 46. Songwriter and former "American Idol" judge Kara DioGuardi (dee-oh-GWAHR'-dee) is 45. Country singer David Kersh is 45. Actress Reiko (RAY'-koh) Aylesworth is 43. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 43. Rapper Canibus is 41. Actor Kevin Daniels (TV: "Sirens") is 39. Actor/writer/director Mark Duplass is 39. Rock musician Eric Zamora (Save Ferris) is 39. Rock singer Imogen Heap is 38. Actor Jesse Metcalfe is 37. Actor Simon Helberg is 35. Actress Jolene Purdy is 32. Actor Joshua Sasse is 28. Olympic gold and silver medal gymnast McKayla Maroney is 20.

Thought for Today: "The real question is not whether machines think but whether men do. The mystery which surrounds a thinking machine already surrounds a thinking man." — B.F. Skinner, American behaviorist (1904-1990).

Man asleep inside trash bin survives garbage-truck compactor

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Police say a homeless man sleeping inside a garbage bin survived two compaction cycles after the bin was emptied into a trash truck.

Fremont police spokeswoman Geneva Bosques said Tuesday the 44-year-old man was sleeping inside a large trash bin behind a restaurant when a trash truck collected it and used the compactor.

Bosques tells the Oakland Tribune (<http://bayareane.ws/1Y0kkMK>) the truck then traveled to a fast food restaurant, collected trash from another bin there and again used the compactor.

She says the man crawled out through an opening in the roof the next time the truck stopped at another store.

Bosques says the man was very lucky to have survived the compaction without serious injuries.

The man, who suffers from mental health issues, was taken to a hospital to be checked.

Q&A: 'Force Awakens' director on best way to watch his movie

LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.J. Abrams can't really settle on a favorite moment from his saga of directing, co-writing and co-producing "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," but this one isn't bad.

"Being here now means we're actually finished with the movie, which is a relief," Abrams said with Jedi calm.

Perched in a small living room setup inside the cavernous Los Angeles Convention Center, this is the final stretch of Abrams' journey to this galaxy far, far away and back again, which started nearly three years ago.

The Associated Press spoke with Abrams at a weekend media event in advance of the Dec. 18th release of "The Force Awakens." The remarks have been edited for clarity and brevity.

AP: Lucasfilm's creative executive Pablo Hidalgo helped you answer questions about the "Star Wars"

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universe during the making of the film. Did you ever stump him?

ABRAMS: He was not only unstumpable but he was immediate. I would send him an email at almost any hour asking some arcane question and I'd hit send and I'd hear "ding" and he'd already have responded with an answer. What you realize, by the way, in working on these movies is that even things that are canon, that are beloved and absolute to fans, are very much fluid and in flux. For example, the Millennium Falcon itself, the cockpit changed dramatically from the first to the second movie. It's much bigger in "The Empire Strikes Back." Even things that are even the most fundamental and beloved are changing before our eyes and we don't even notice it.

AP: Was there anything you were surprised the powers that be let you do?

ABRAMS: I was most surprised that the studio never said no. That's incredible to me.

AP: What do you think is the ideal way to watch "The Force Awakens"?

ABRAMS: As someone who really hasn't been the most vocal advocate of 3-D, the strangest thing happened to me on this. When I was watching the reels in 3-D, there were a number of shots — and I know this sounds insane — that I hadn't understood in the three-dimensional space quite the way I did when I saw them in 3-D. I actually felt that there were things that were playing better in 3-D. I had never felt that before. And if people have access to a theater that has laser projection, it is shockingly better.

AP: Really?

ABRAMS: You cannot compare a traditionally projected image with a laser image. The blacks are true blacks. It's almost as if you have to adjust to it.

AP: But definitely theatrical?

ABRAMS: The thing that is so fun about "Star Wars," and I remember this from when I was a kid, was the communal experience of being with hundreds of people and getting to scream and laugh and cheer and cry with the story. It's got that kind of a pulse and that kind of an engine. Though I love that we all have access to movies on the devices in our pockets and I love that home screens are often better than theater 17 at the multiplex, I also feel like movies speak to a human desire, if not need, to congregate and to experience stories communally. They're experiences that allow us to feel that connectivity, which is truly what "Star Wars" is all about — the Force and the idea that we're all connected. In whatever format it is, whatever screening, whatever the best available version is, I would just argue that, if possible, to try to see it with a crowd.

AP: This has been one of the most tightly guarded, high-profile releases in film history. When do you think it's appropriate for audiences to start talking and posting about spoilers?

ABRAMS: I think that as people do and as I'm sure that they will, after the first screening of this movie, that aspect will be over, the secrecy. It's not so much that we feel like the movie doesn't work if you know what happens, but I do feel like part of the magic of a movie, and certainly "Star Wars," is to know as little as possible for as long as possible. But I know that people will start talking about what happens immediately.

AP: Are you at peace with your decision to directly only one?

ABRAMS: It's a bittersweet choice. On one hand, I felt like if this movie works for people, then that's the way you want to go out. You don't want to necessarily have to top something that worked. And if it's a disaster, no one would want me to direct the next one anyway. It was only a win.

Harrison Ford promises older, wiser Solo in 'Force Awakens'

DERRIK J. LANG, AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When speaking about "Star Wars," there are few topics that inspire a twinkle in Harrison Ford's eyes.

The 73-year-old actor is matter-of-fact about almost everything involving the sci-fi series' latest episode — from his reunion with Carrie Fisher ("It was no big deal.") to the franchise's unwavering popularity ("For me, it's old news.").

However, when Ford brings up his new co-stars, he lights up like the Millennium Falcon charging through hyperspace.

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"The new, young actors Daisy Ridley and John Boyega were well cast, well directed and are huge talents," he said, his gritty voice lifting, during a recent interview. "They come off really well in the movie. They carry the movie."

After more than 30 years, Ford is reprising his role as smart-aleck smuggler Han Solo in director J.J. Abrams' "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," out Dec. 18.

The iconic character, who hasn't been seen on screen since celebrating the fall of the Galactic Empire in 1983's "Return of the Jedi," serves as an unlikely mentor to scavenger Rey (Daisy Ridley), defector Finn (John Boyega) and pilot Poe Dameron (Oscar Isaac) as they team up to take on masked adversary Kylo Ren (Adam Driver) and his minions.

While the film has been cloaked in an unparalleled level of secrecy, Ford guaranteed that fans can expect the same Solo they fell in love with from the original "Star Wars" trilogy. (Disney declined to screen "Force Awakens" for this story ahead of the Dec. 14 premiere).

"The shorthand is that he's older and wiser, but his bones are the same," Ford said. "He's not selling real estate now. He's the same guy — only with the passage of 30 years. While we do not sit down and describe what he's been doing for those years, we do discover in the context of the story what the complications have been in his life."

Ford, who infamously wanted George Lucas to kill off Solo in "Return of the Jedi," had a "why not?" attitude about suiting back up as Solo. He wasn't surprised by Disney's Death Star-sized plan to revive the franchise after acquiring Lucasfilm in 2012 for more than \$4 billion. The studio is planning to release a stand-alone film about a young Solo in 2018.

"If you make a huge investment in a product and it pays off, there's wisdom in seeing whether the well has run dry," Ford said. "If the well has run dry, (expletive) admit it and go on to something else. This well has not dried, especially when you introduce new discoveries, which Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac and Adam Driver represent."

Despite embodying the intergalactic scoundrel in three films, the "Indiana Jones" star didn't feel the need to provide "Force Awakens" filmmakers with much insight into Solo, who is back alongside shaggy sidekick Chewbacca (Peter Mayhew).

"They wanted to know if I didn't like something, and we would talk about ways to fix it," Ford said. "That's what we do. It's a collaborative process. There wasn't much. (Lawrence) Kasdan was back. He was one of the writers from the original films. He has a keen understanding on how the beast works, so I think they produced a script that — in my mind — was very easy to work with."

Once he was back in a galaxy far, far away, Ford's reprisal was stopped short on the second day of production last year when a door on the Millennium Falcon set outside London fell on him. He broke his left leg and was grounded for months. The unexpected time off proved more frustrating than fruitful.

"I had been ready," he said. "I didn't have much to think about. I think it gave J.J. some more time to think about some of the scenes."

After his work on the postponed production eventually wrapped up, Ford endured another mishap involving a flying machine. The aeronautical aficionado suffered several injuries when his vintage plane's engine failed and crashed in Santa Monica, Calif.

The accidents haven't stopped Ford from returning to the sky.

"Oh, (expletive) no, I fly all the time," said Ford, with his eyes glowing again. "I want to spend more time flying. That's what I want to do."