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Death Notice: Mickey Padfield

Randy Padfield posted this on Facebook this morning: Mom (Mickey Padfield) passed away peacefully in her sleep last night. Thank you for all all your prayers and thoughts.

Saturday, January 9

GBB Classic at Redfield (4:30 p.m., Groton Area vs. Tea Area)

Birthdays: Charlie Cooper, JoAnn Krueger, Koni Sims, Vickie Weifenbach, Kelly Cutler Clark, Jeremy Wieseler

10:00am: 7th/8th Jamboree in Groton (Webster MS, Britton-Hecla, Leola-Frederick)

10:00am: Wrestling Tourney at Miller

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, January 10

Birthdays: Dave Hunter, Edwin Tietz, Maycee Albrecht, Michelle Fliehs, Neil Gilbert

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship / Milestones

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

2:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Bethesda

Monday, January 11

School Breakfast: French toast, link, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, tater tots, romaine salad, fruit.

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Kayla Jensen, LaVonne Raap, Randy Padfield

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

5:15pm: BBB host Tiospa Zina (C game at 5:15,

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Milbank Area controls boards to set by Tigers

Rebounding proved to be a key in Milbank's 67-60 Northeast Conference win over Groton Area Friday evening in Groton. The Bulldogs controlled the boards, 33-25, made 48 percent of their field goals and 55 percent of their three-pointers while the Tigers made 43 percent of their field goals and 20 percent of their three-pointers.

Milbank controlled the tip and took the first lead. There were two



Aaron Severson (right photo) had a nice assist by Sean Schuring (above) to make this basket. Severson was on fire in the second quarter where he scored six of his 10 points to help propel Groton Area to a 34-31 lead at halftime. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



lead changes and the game was tied once before Milbank Area took a five-point lead. The Bulldogs jumped out to a six-point lead, 17-11, before Adam Herman hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to make it 17-14 at the break. Groton Area made four of 16 field goals, five of six free throws and had one turnover. Milbank Area made six of 14 field goals, three of three free throws and had five turnovers.

Sean Schuring opened the second quarter with a three-pointer to tie the game at 17. Jonny Ash would make back-to-back three-pointers for the Bulldogs to reclaim a six-point lead. Groton would score seven unanswered points to take the lead, 24-23. The game was tied at 26 and 28 and Ash gave Milbank the lead back with a three-pointer, 31-28. Aaron Severson, who would score six of his 10 points in under three minutes, propelled the Tigers to a 34-31 lead at half time. In the second quarter, Groton Area made eight of 14 field goals, was two of two from the line and had one turnover. Milbank Area made five of 11 field goals and had three turnovers.

Sean Schuring hit a three-pointer and Hunter Lerew added a field goal as Groton opened up a 39-33 lead, but then the net closed up for the Tigers and the Bulldogs rattled off 15 unanswered points to take a 48-39 lead. Milbank led at the end of the third quarter, 51-41. In the third quarter, Groton made three of 11 field goals and had three turnovers. Milbank made eight of 10 field goals, was one of two from the line and had three turnovers.

Milbank held a 55-44 lead before the Tigers rallied to score 11 straight points to make it a 57-55 game with 1:43 left in the game. Down the stretch, the Tigers were forced to foul and the Bulldogs made 10 of

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10 free throws for the final 67-60 win. In the fourth quarter, Groton Area made seven of 15 field goals, one of two free throws while Milbank Area made three of nine field goals, 10 of 10 free throws and had three turnovers.

Sean Schuring made six three-pointers to lead the Tigers with 30 points. Adam Herman made one three-pointer and was six of six from the line for 13 points before fouling out. Aaron Severson and Hunter Lerew each had 10 points, Seric Shabazz

had a three pointer and five points and Bennett Shabazz added two points.

Milbank Area was led by Jonny Ash with five three-pointers and 22 points,



Bennett Shabazz nearly pries the ball away from Milbank's Jonny Ash. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Adam Herman did not make this basket, but he was fouled and made both free throws. In fact, Herman was six of six from the line for the Tigers.

(Photo by Julianna Kosel)



The Groton Dance Team performed at halftime of the varsity game. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Seric Shabazz quickly grabs the rebound and heads up court. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

Nolan Foss had 16 points, Nathan Bien made one three-pointer and had 13 points, Kyle Montag made one three-pointer and had six points, Mitch Quade made two three-pointers for six points, Jacob Jackson and Tanner Gauer each had two points.

Lerew had six rebounds for Groton and Bien had seven for Milbank. Groton had 14 assists with Bennett Shabazz having eight. Milbank had 11 assists with Bien, Jackson, Matt Leonards, Derrick Aho and Gauer each having two. Groton had nine turnovers with only one being a steal. Milbank had 17 turnovers with eight being steals as Lerew had three for the Tigers. Lerew had one block. The Tigers made eight of 10 free throws off of Milbank's 13 team fouls. Milbank made 14 of 16 free throws off of Groton's 16 team fouls.

Milbank won the junior varsity game, 22-15.

Groton Area, now 3-2, will host Tiospa Zina on Monday. Milbank Area, now 2-4, will host Ortonville on Monday.

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5 Bien, Nathan	*	3	7	1	3	6	7	0	7	7	3	13	2	3	0	0	16:00	
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12 Jackson, Jacob	*	1	5	0	2	0	1	1	2	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	24:00	
20 Ash, Jonny	*	5	9	5	7	7	7	2	3	5	1	22	0	2	0	0	24:00	
40 Foss, Nolan	*	8	14	0	1	0	0	3	2	5	3	16	0	2	0	0	8:00	
2 Leonards, Matt		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	2	1	0	0	8:00	
3 Wollschlager, Riley		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0:00	
4 Aho, Derrick		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	8:00	
13 Gauer, Tanner		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	8:00	
32 Quade, Mitch		2	3	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	6	0	1	0	0	8:00	
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Team Totals		22	44	9	16	14	16	9	24	33	13	67	11	17	0	1	120	

Total FG% - 1st: 11/23 0.478 2nd: 11/21 0.524 Game: 0.500 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 6/11 0.545 2nd: 3/5 0.600 Game: 0.563 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/4 0.750 2nd: 11/12 0.917 Game: 0.875 (0,0)

	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS							MIN
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NO GROTON AREA																	
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5 Shabazz, Seric	G	2	7	1	5	0	0	2	2	4	1	5	3	0	0	2	24:00
11 Herman, Adam	G	3	6	1	4	6	6	0	1	1	5	13	0	1	0	0	16:00
4 Shabazz, Bennett		1	12	0	7	0	0	2	1	3	3	2	8	1	0	0	16:00
10 Lane, Marshall		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
20 Keith, Brandon		0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	1	16:00
50 Severson, Aaron		5	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	16:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	2	2				0			
Team Totals		22	57	8	32	8	10	11	14	25	16	60	14	9	1	8	120

Total FG% - 1st: 12/28 0.429 2nd: 10/29 0.345 Game: 0.386 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/15 0.200 2nd: 5/17 0.294 Game: 0.250 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 7/8 0.875 2nd: 1/2 0.500 Game: 0.800 (2,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
Milbank	17	14	36	67
Groton	14	20	26	60

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Instant Challenge Training

Groton Destination Imagination students took part in an Instant Challenge training session today at the Groton Area Elementary School. Steve Omer, a former Global Finals IC appraiser, gave the workshop on how to attack Instant Challenges. The event started at 10 a.m. and is scheduled to run through 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. Kristie Erickson, the northeast South Dakota DI coordinator and is a state DI board member, helped get the training session with the help of Groton's DI coordinators Julie Milbrandt and Joann Donley.



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Today in Weather History

January 9, 1982: Winds of 20 to 40 mph accompanied by 1 to 3 inches of snow create ground blizzard conditions and extreme wind chills from the 9th through mid-afternoon on the 12th. There were two deaths from exposure that were attributed to the storm including a 69-year old Scotland woman and a woman from Veblen in Marshall County. Both tried to walk after their vehicles stalled. Near zero visibilities and snow drifts to 5 feet high forced closures of numerous highways. Also, minor power outages were reported.

January 9, 1997: A powerful Alberta Clipper and a deep Arctic High brought widespread and prolonged blizzard conditions, heavy drifting snow, and dangerous wind chills of 40 to 80 below to central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. North winds were from 30 to 50 mph gusting to 60 mph. The clipper dropped from 2 to 7 inches of snowfall on top of an already solid 2 to 5 foot snowpack. As with previous storms, most roads again became blocked by huge snowdrifts. As a result of the blockage and the blizzard conditions, both Interstates 29 and 90 were closed along with all state highways leaving hundreds of people stranded to wait out the storm. This winter has been the worst for road closings. Many people became stuck in snow drifts or went off the road because of low visibilities, and had to be rescued. One dramatic rescue near Webster, involving tens of rescue workers, occurred after a woman was stranded in her vehicle for nearly 40 hours. A couple with a one year old child was rescued after spending a night in their car and they were unharmed. A Wakpala woman died from carbon monoxide poisoning in her stalled pickup on Highway 1806 near Wakpala. Emergency personnel had a very difficult time responding to emergencies. Some emergencies took up to several hours to go short distances. A rural Leola man died, when emergency workers could not get to him in time. In McLaughlin, seven people had to be taken by air ambulance, because there was no way out.

All area schools were closed the 9th and 10th with most schools at this point in the winter season missing over 7 days. A state record was set when Faulkton School had closed for its 13th day. Mail was delayed and area airports had flight delays or were closed. Many businesses were also closed and were suffering economic losses as a result of this storm and previous storms because customers could not get to them. Many grocery stores ran low or out of bread, milk, and other food necessities. There were some power outages across the area, but were not widespread. The power was out at Isabel, Timber Lake, and Firesteel, for as much as 8 hours. The power outage in Isabel resulted in extensive water pipe breaks at the Isabel School. Willow Lake was without power for over 2 days. Some homes across the area were also without heat for several days in the bitter cold. The majority of ranchers was running out of or was unable to access feed for cattle, sheep, and hogs. As a result of the extreme conditions and lack of food, over fifty thousand livestock died. In addition, many livestock suffered frostbite and were significantly weakened. There was also a lot of wildlife and pheasants killed. As a result, the Emergency Feed Grain Donation Program was activated for the ranchers. One rancher said that he had been ranching in this area for 34 years and had never lost cattle before. Also, some dairy farmers had to dump their milk because trucks could not get them in time.

Some people were trapped in their homes up to several days as snowdrifts buried their homes and blocked the roads with some people having to crawl out their windows. In Wilmot, a 12 foot drift covered the community home, where residents had to turn the lights on during the day. As a result of snow removal budget depletions and other storm damages, President Clinton declared all of the counties a disaster area. Snowplows from Iowa, Nebraska, and plows and manpower from the South Dakota National Guard helped to break through hundreds of roads. The snowdrifts in some places were packed so hard and were measured at 300 pounds per square inch. Some longtime residents said this has been the worst winter they had seen in their lifetimes. The total damage estimate for this January blizzard and for the previous January winter storm is 50 million dollars. This includes the added snow removal costs, livestock losses, building damages, and other economic losses.

1875 - The temperature at Cheyenne, WY, dipped to an all-time record cold reading of -38 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1888 - Severe cold gripped much of the western U.S. At Portland OR the Columbia River was frozen for two weeks, and in southern California temperatures dipped below freezing in some of the citrus growing areas. (David Ludlum)








1976 - Lake effect snow squalls buried the town of Adams NY under 68 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

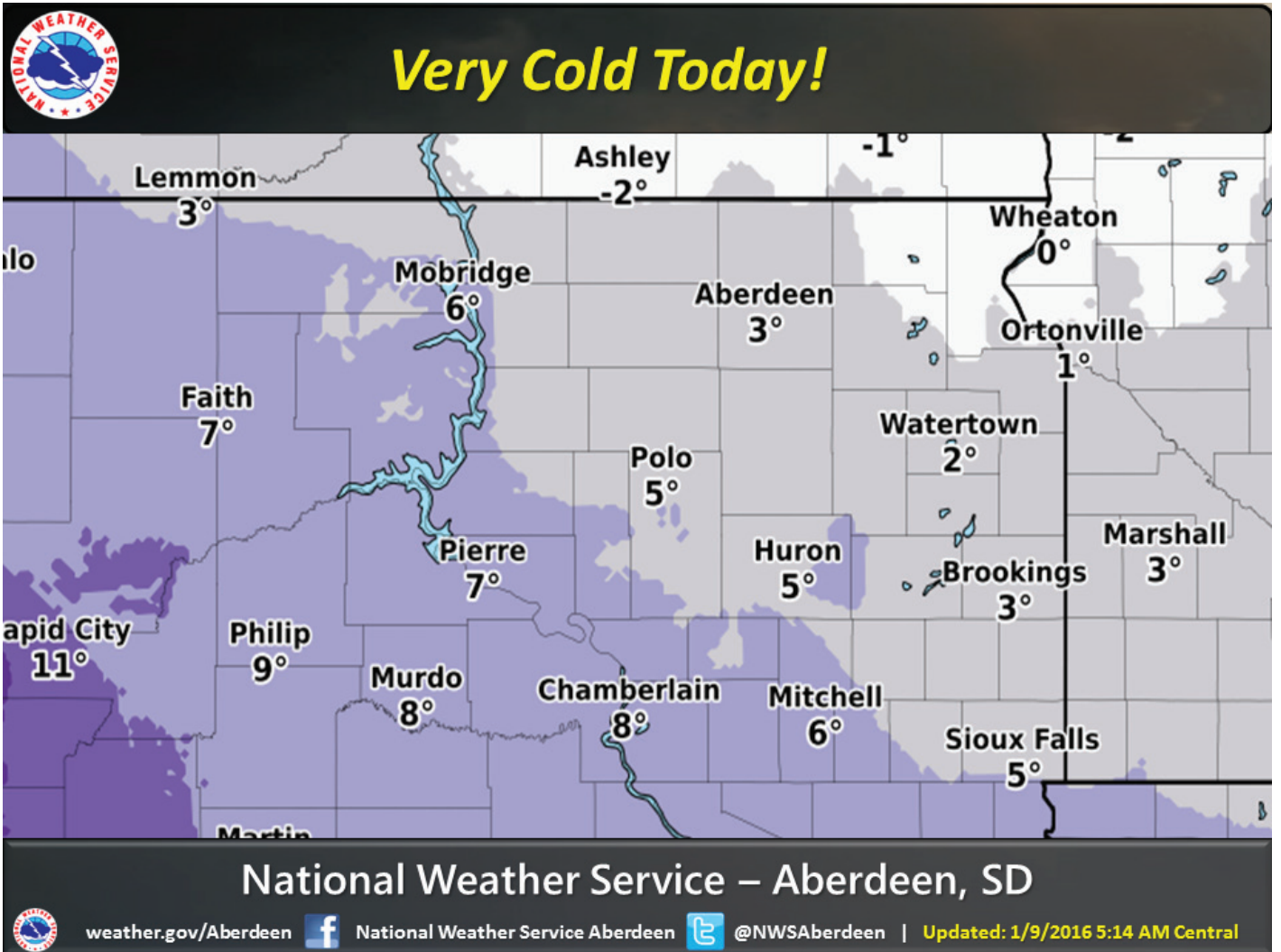
1987 - A winter storm spread heavy snow from the Central Plains into the Great Lakes Region. Heavier totals included 9 inches at Sun City KS, 7 inches at Columbia MO, 11 inches at Terre Haute IN, and up to 10 inches in the southern suburbs of Chicago IL. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A storm in the northeastern U.S. produced ten inches of snow at Boston MA, and 14 inches at Worcester MA. A winter storm in the northwestern U.S. produced a foot of snow in three hours at McCall ID. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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This Afternoon	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Cold	Mostly Clear	Cold	Mostly Cloudy	Chance Snow and Blustery	Slight Chance Snow and Blustery	Cold
High: 2 °F	Low: -18 °F	High: 8 °F	Low: -4 °F	High: 17 °F	Low: -1 °F	High: 6 °F



Published on: 01/09/2016 at 5:17AM

Arctic air has arrived! Highs today will only be in the single digits above zero with a northwest breeze keeping wind chills well below zero. The core of the cold air will move overhead tonight as lows drop into the teens below zero for most locations. Winds will be rather light, although a 5 to 10 mph breeze will still create wind chill values from 15 below to 30 below zero.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 23.9 at Midnight

Low: 3.4 at 9:54 PM

High Gust: 24 at 1:19 PM

Precip: 0.0

Today's Info

Record High: 53° in 2012

Record Low: -31° in 1977

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.16

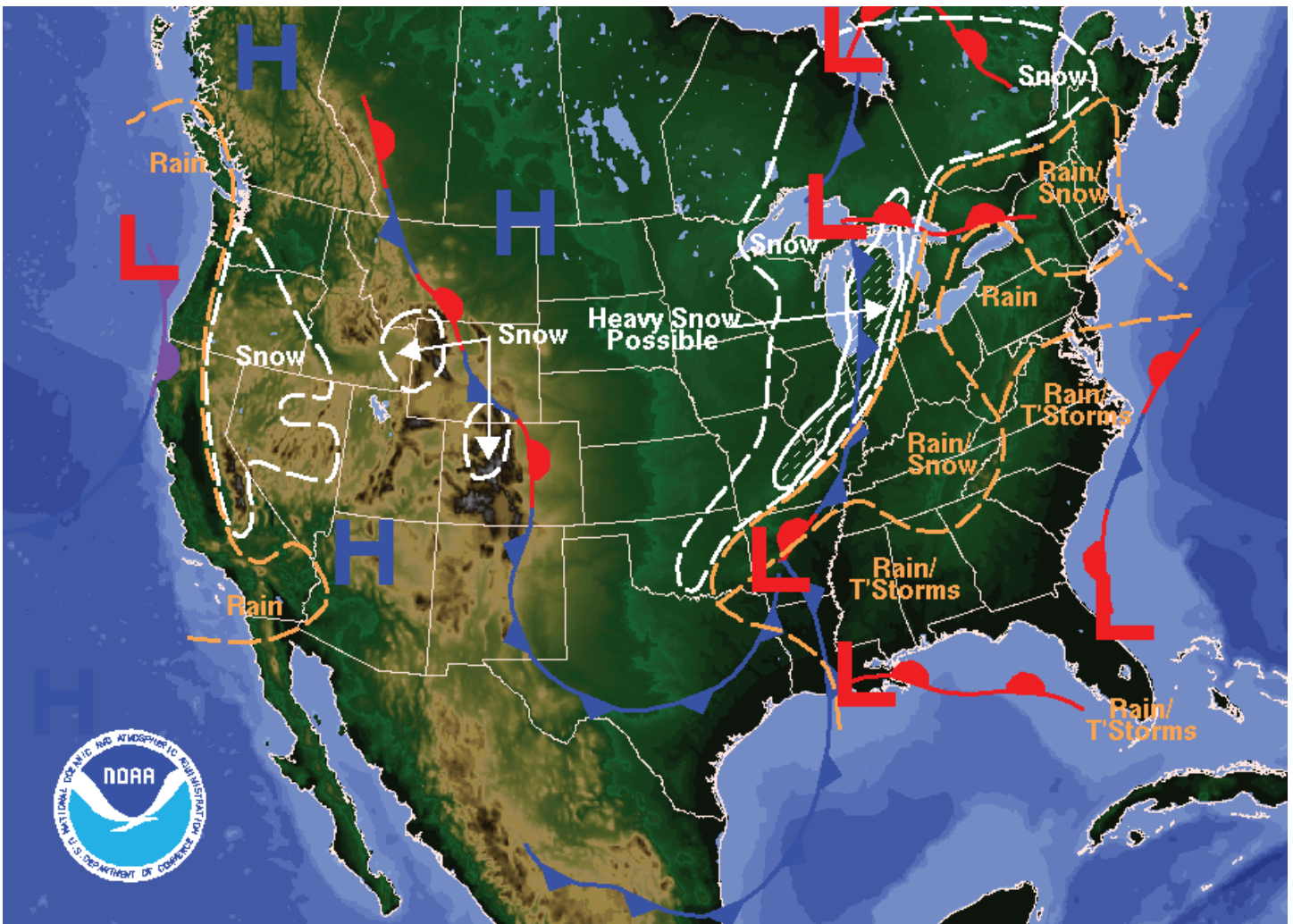
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.16

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:09 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:12 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Jan 09, 2016, issued 3:41 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE IMPORTANCE OF IMAGINATION

Clarence Saunders was the clerk in a small grocery store. He was often troubled when people said that there were not enough items available for them to make a good choice.

One day while standing in line in a cafeteria, he suddenly realized how attractive the food was displayed and the wide selection of choices that were available. His imagination went to work and in his mind he saw grocery shelves stocked with many different brands. He then applied the self-help principal of a cafeteria to a grocery store and the Piggly Wiggly grocery chain was born.

Imagination is a wonderful gift. It can be used to explore new ideas and creative ventures. On the other hand, it can destroy us if we use it to think thoughts that are damaging, destructive or defeating.

Whatever we put into our minds determines what will come out in words, actions, thoughts – and yes – our imaginations. Paul wisely advised us to “fix our minds on what is true, honorable, right, lovely, admirable and worthy of praise.” In other words, we are to program our minds with good things. If we do so, we will eliminate evil, dirty, and damaging thoughts that will result in behaviors that will destroy us and dishonor God. Think worthy thoughts; do worthy things!

Prayer: Help us, Heavenly Father, to meditate on Your Word and Your truths so that we will think Godly thoughts. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things which ye have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you.

News from the Associated Press

Freeney, 2 Skins starters, others from 'street' to playoffs

HOWARD FENDRICH, AP Pro Football Writer

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — A veteran of more than 50 starts in his first four NFL seasons, linebacker Mason Foster spent most of September as a free agent. He was in limbo, sleeping on the futon of his college roommate and best friend, an assistant strength and conditioning coach at the University of South Dakota.

Foster was waiting for a phone call from a team. He had been cut by the Bears about a week before the start of the regular season; a couple of days later, a cousin helped load up a truck and make the 7-hour drive from Chicago to Vermillion, South Dakota.

"I was confident the opportunity would come. But it's tough. You're just sitting there. I sat there for weeks, watching games," Foster said. "My friend wrote up a workout plan for me and let me stay on his couch and we just worked out the whole time. I wanted to play meaningful games and help a team. And it's all happening."

Late in September, he got that call — from the Washington Redskins, who signed him after a tryout. And now Foster is a starting middle linebacker for the NFC East champions as they enter the playoffs, hosting the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

His story is not unique. For all of the time and money teams invest in trying to figure out which college players to draft or which big-name free agents to add in the offseason, sometimes key playoff contributions come from guys who arrive "off the street," in the league's lingo.

A year ago, for example, Chris Matthews got cut at the end of training camp by Seattle and was available to anyone in need of a receiver. Eventually, Matthews made his way back to the Seahawks and made a mark down the stretch, recovering an onside kick in the NFC championship game, then catching four passes for 109 yards and a touchdown in the Super Bowl.

Scan the rosters of the 12 postseason teams, and there are plenty of players brought in late, often because of injuries that prompted a GM to seek help.

The NFC's No. 1 seed, Carolina, picked up starting cornerback Robert McClain and nickel back Cortland Finnegan after Charles Tillman and Bene Benwikere were sidelined.

"They're veterans, and that's the biggest thing," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said. "If we were talking about playing two straight-off-the-street rookies, yeah, there would be some concern."

Shiloh Keo — signed by Denver after he made a Twitter plea — filled in because of four injured safeties and made a late interception in a Week 17 victory that clinched the AFC's No. 1 seed for the Broncos.

"He's a great example of: If you think you can play, hang in there," said Denver coach Gary Kubiak, whose team signed offensive lineman Tyler Columbus about 48 hours after he was released by Atlanta.

After losing running backs Dion James and LeGarrette Blount — himself a street free agent last season — to injuries, New England brought in Steven Jackson, who initially told coach Bill Belichick he didn't think he was in good enough shape. Pittsburgh added Chris Boswell in early October, its fourth kicker of the season, and all he did was go 29 of 32 on field-goal attempts and 26 of 27 on extra points. Houston used a pair of midseason pickups at quarterback on the way to an AFC South title, Brandon Weeden and T.J. Yates.

Arizona, the NFC's No. 2 seed, added pass rusher extraordinaire Dwight Freeney, safety D.J. Swearinger and defensive tackle Red Bryant along the way.

Freeney was close to retiring for good when the Cardinals called in mid-October after the team's best outside rusher was injured; by December, he was earning \$100,000 in incentive pay per sack.

"Two months ago, I didn't know if I was going to play," Freeney said. "But the things we're going through now is why I decided to come back."

In addition to Foster, the Redskins signed another starter, cornerback Will Blackmon, a ninth-year veteran released by Jacksonville. Third-down back Pierre Thomas and kicker Dustin Hopkins came in "off the street," too. Reserve cornerback Cary Williams was signed just last week for depth. Those types of

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resourceful moves are part of why general manager Scot McCloughan is being lauded as one of this season's top executives.

That's not to say it always works out for player and team, of course.

Last season, Pittsburgh signed running back Ben Tate for the playoffs after Le'Veon Bell hurt his knee. Tate fumbled and gained only 19 yards in the Steelers' wild-card loss.

There can be reasons other than financial ones why a player's former team decided to let him go and no one else signed him. Plus, a new acquisition needs to learn a system and playbook without training camp or exhibition games.

"There's a lot of onus on us to get ready ourselves," Washington's Blackmon said. "Scot brought in guys who are professional, who are veterans who have played a lot of football, so he doesn't have to worry about if they're going to be ready."

Medicaid plan, teacher pay to lead 2016 legislative session

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Proposals to expand Medicaid and raise South Dakota teacher pay are expected to dominate the 2016 legislative session.

Lawmakers return Tuesday to Pierre, where they must set the state budget and will tackle a spread of issues during the session.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's plan to expand Medicaid comes with plenty of conditions. And it could expose discord among factions of the Republicans who control state government.

It's also unclear how lawmakers will raise pay for South Dakota teachers, whose salaries are lowest in the nation.

A state task force on school funding has said it would take at least \$75 million to make teacher salaries competitive.

Several measures are also in play to get more money to struggling counties, including a plan to let them impose a sales tax.

4 South Dakota communities receiving \$977K in federal grants

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota communities of Faulkton, Hecla, Viborg and Yankton will be getting more than \$977,000 in Community Development Block Grants to assist with various projects.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says that small cities and rural areas are prime candidates for the program, which can help improve residents' quality of life, infrastructure and workforce development.

The awards include :

- \$515,000 for Faulkton for improvements to the wastewater system
- \$157,500 for Hecla for improvements to the water system
- \$147,500 for Viborg for a library expansion construction project
- \$157,500 for Yankton for Regional Technical Education Center with Computer Numerical Controlled machine workforce training

The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

State Capitol lights to honor law enforcement officers

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota will be honoring the state's law enforcement officers on Saturday night by lighting the Capitol in blue.

Saturday is national Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. At sundown, the Capitol's front torch lights will shine blue, which is the color representing law enforcement. Blue light will also illuminate the front doors of the Capitol.

South Dakota Highway Patrol superintendent Col. Craig Price says the gesture is a wonderful way to honor all law enforcement at all levels. He says it's important not only to thank the officers, but also their families.

South Dakota Bureau of Administration Commissioner Jeff Holden says he hopes the scenery change will remind residents of the incredible service law enforcement provides to the state and nation.

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Friday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Christian 59, Edmunds Central 38
Arlington 50, Deubrook 32
Bridgewater-Emery 76, Freeman 43
Colman-Egan 77, Estelline 49
Crow Creek 56, McLaughlin 53
Dell Rapids 62, Chamberlain 34
DeSmet 61, Elkton-Lake Benton 40
Ethan 69, Wessington Springs 68
Florence/Henry 59, Northwestern 30
Garretson 66, Baltic 51
Hamlin 45, Britton-Hecla 44, OT
Hill City 61, Edgemont 34
Irene-Wakonda 64, Gayville-Volin 53
Lake Preston 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 41
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\$39K approved for landfill manager certification course

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Board of Water and Natural Resources has approved a \$39,000 grant to conduct a national certification course in May for landfill managers and operators from across the state.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard says it's imperative that landfill managers and operators are adequately trained and certified to ensure the proper handling and disposal of solid waste. He says certified landfill workers can better operate their landfills, improve protection of the environment and save money for their customers by improving efficiency.

The money comes from the Solid Waste Management Program, which provides grants and loans for solid waste disposal, recycling and waste tire projects.

The South Dakota Solid Waste Management Association is made up of professionals in the solid waste industry.

Legislature to hear first 'State of the Tribes Address'

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A leader from one of the nine Native American tribes in South Dakota will address a joint session of the state Legislature for the first time in a speech similar to the governor's State of the State.

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Chairman Harold Frazier will give the State of the Tribes Address on Thursday at the state Capitol.

"I think to be able to speak in front of a body such as the state Legislature, I think is truly an honor," Frazier told The Associated Press.

Frazier said he intends to talk in part about Medicaid expansion and the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation's roads, which he said could use the state's help. Frazier said he's working with his health staff and meeting with county commissioners about infrastructure to prepare for the address to South Dakota's 105 state legislators and other officials.

Republican Rep. Don Haggar, who pushed to establish the address, said it's meant to recognize the role the tribes play in South Dakota's culture. While symbolic, Haggar said, he hopes the address helps with healing.

"I've dealt with a lot of issues during my time in the Legislature, and this may be the most important thing I ever do," Haggar said.

In North Dakota, lawmakers traditionally hear speeches during the first week of each legislative session by a Native American tribal leader.

South Dakota Democratic Sen. Troy Heinert, a member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, said the address will give lawmakers a chance to hear about issues that tribal members deal with on the reservation. He said it would hopefully build commonalities so that lawmakers can work together to solve the problems.

"To me, it feels like our tribal governments are being validated in our state," Heinert said.

The address reinforces the government-to-government relationship between the tribes and the state that

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the Department of Tribal Relations works to support, agency Secretary Steve Emery said.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard had already been scheduled to travel the day of the speech, so Emery will go as his representative, Daugaard spokeswoman Kelsey Pritchard said in an email. But, she said the governor "will be paying attention to what Chairman Frazier has to say."

Secretary approves nonpartisan election measure for ballot

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Secretary of State Shantel Krebs says an initiated amendment to the South Dakota Constitution establishing nonpartisan elections will appear on the November ballot.

Krebs says the measure's sponsor turned in more than 44,000 signatures to her office. A 5-percent random sampling determined that 67.8 percent of the 29,924 signatures were in good standing, more than 2,000 above what is necessary for an amendment.

If approved by voters, candidates would not be identified by party affiliation on either the primary or general election ballot. It would not apply to elections for U.S. president.

It's the sixth initiated measure to be approved by Secretary of State's office out of eight submitted for review. The other two are being reviewed.

Mission woman sentenced for assaulting a federal officer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Mission woman has been sentenced for assaulting a federal officer.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 30-year-old Alvina Leader Charge struck a Rosebud Sioux officer in the face and chest and threatened her life when the officer was arresting her June 30, 2015.

Leader Charge later pleaded guilty and was sentenced this week to time served, at least four months in a residential re-entry program and two years of supervised release.

Funds to provide housing for Native American vets in Dakotas

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Two federal agencies are assisting 40 Native American veterans in the Dakotas with permanent homes.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs are providing \$190,000 to the Ogala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota and \$174,000 to the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in Belcourt, North Dakota. The funds will help 20 veterans of each tribe who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

It's part of \$5.9 million in grants to 26 tribes across the country helping 500 Native American veterans.

HUD Secretary Julián Castro says by targeting resources directly to tribes, the agency can better honor the service and sacrifice of Native American veterans who need a roof over their heads.

Mobridge man sentenced for police chase with child in car

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Mobridge man who led authorities on a chase reaching speeds of 100 mph with his 17-month-old daughter in the car has been sentenced on a child abuse charge.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says 27-year-old Gabe Dubois led officers on the chase on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation after stealing beer from a Mobridge store on June 8, 2015.

The chase ended when Dubois' vehicle went out of control and rolled in a ditch south of Kenel.

Dubois was sentenced this week to six months in custody to be followed by three years of supervised release.

Sales grow as Powerball jackpot soars to \$900 million

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Lottery fans, take heart. Officials say the odds are growing that someone will win the \$900 million Powerball jackpot, which grew by \$100 million just hours before Saturday night's drawing.

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If no one matches all the numbers and wins the largest U.S. lottery prize in history, the next drawing is expected to soar to \$1.3 billion, according to the Multi-State Lottery Association, which runs the Powerball game.

The U.S. saw sales of \$277 million on Friday alone and more than \$400 million are expected Saturday, according to Gary Grief, the executive director of the Texas Lottery.

But for all the excitement, Grief urged those hoping to hit it big not to spend more than they can afford on the \$2 tickets.

"We're very concerned about people playing responsibly and not overspending," he said. "It only takes one ticket to win."

Since Nov. 4, the Powerball jackpot has grown from its \$40 million starting point as no one has won the jackpot. This kind of huge jackpot was just what lottery officials hoped for last fall when they changed the odds of matching all the Powerball numbers, from about one in 175 million to one in 292.2 million. By making it harder to win a jackpot, the tougher odds made the ever-larger prizes inevitable.

The bigger prizes draw more players, who in turn make the jackpots even bigger.

Anndrea Smith, 30, of Omaha, Nebraska, has already spent more than she usually does on Powerball tickets.

"I bought four yesterday, and I usually never buy any," said Smith, manager of Bucky's gas station and convenience store in northwest Omaha.

She's not alone, saying the store sold "about \$5,000 worth of tickets yesterday. Usually on a Friday, we might sell \$1,200 worth."

If she wins, her first purchase will be "a warm vacation," she said, as the temperature outside the store hovered in the single digits. "I'd share with family, too."

The chance of no one hitting all five initial numbers and the Powerball number is growing slimmer, Grief acknowledged.

"We anticipate that by the time sales close tonight, around 75 percent of all the combinations will be wagered on," he said.

The odds are a matter of statistics and probability, but they're facts that most players may not completely understand, said Ron Wasserstein, executive director of the Alexandria, Virginia-based American Statistical Association.

"Once you get numbers that size, it's hard for people to wrap their minds around them," Wasserstein said.

Cruz shows more personality, humor while campaigning in Iowa

SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

STORM LAKE, Iowa (AP) — Lisa Naslund clutched a photo of her son Dillion in his military fatigues as she waited about an hour for a chance to meet Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz in this northwestern Iowa town.

The 25-year old soldier suffered from post-traumatic stress after tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, it became too much to bear and he took his own life.

Cruz patiently met would-be voters — lending an ear, asking questions, taking selfies. It was part of an effort to catapult his campaign going into the leadoff presidential caucuses on Feb. 1. Naslund was at the event to stress to the Texas senator the importance of getting help for service members with PTSD.

She had finally made it to the front of the line when the typically brash and brusque Cruz surprised even his closest observers by drawing her in for a long hug.

The tea party favorite is showing voters a softer side, whether through jokes in campaign speeches or personal interactions like the one with Naslund. Contrast that with the image his opponents like to emphasize — an image Cruz himself pushes at GOP debates: uncompromising, sometimes abrasive, attacking Democrats and Republicans alike, calling them part of the "Washington cartel."

Naslund saw none of that.

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"He was very easy to talk to," she said. "He was very heartfelt. You can definitely feel the passion in him. Very compassionate."

The approach seems to be working. Iowa polls show him with an edge over national front-runner Donald Trump, and Cruz is pulling his weight in other states.

In his travels across rural Iowa, the Princeton and Harvard graduate is looking to find common ground with the people who could make or break his presidential hopes. Crowds are responding with fervor.

"You sense more emotion, more compassion," said Rolf Carlson, a 72-year-old retired clinical psychologist from Spirit Lake. "Much more." He came to see Cruz at a pizza restaurant in his town, about 60 miles north of Storm Lake.

Cruz still makes sure to toss some bait to reel in his conservative base. He quotes Scripture, calls President Barack Obama and Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton as "feckless and naive" and promises that any jihadi entering a military recruiting station will "encounter the business end of firearms wielded by a dozen Marines."

But he also weaves in references to his favorite films and television shows, like the comedic, fairy-tale adventure "The Princess Bride" and "The Simpsons" cartoon, along with impersonations of politicians, Obama and John F. Kennedy among them.

Cruz was a college debate champion and he can display a quick wit when reacting to the inevitable interruptions that come with any long campaign.

"That's the Obama NSA," Cruz joked with the lights went off briefly during a speech at a pizzeria in Spirit Lake. "They hear there's a gathering of Iowans seeking the peaceable overthrow of the government."

The bulk of Cruz's presentation is disciplined and well-rehearsed, varying little from stop to stop. At Harvard, he was an aspiring actor, and his stage techniques often are evident during campaign speeches.

His inflections rise for dramatic effect, like when promising to repeal Common Core education standards. They can drop to a hush, such as when he tells the story of how his father was imprisoned in Cuba and his teeth were "shattered out of his mouth" before fleeing to the United States in 1957.

The candidate also pauses for comedic effect at the same lines every time.

"I'm happy to answer," he says, then pauses, "or dodge any question you have."

Cruz tries to meet with everyone lining up for selfies or wanting campaign buttons, posters, hats and even homemade drawings of Cruz signed. He talks to children, shakes hands, slaps backs, gives hugs.

It's far off the image Cruz has cultivated from the presidential debates. He has criticized the media for orchestrating a "cage match," threatened to "carpet bomb" the Islamic State group and suggested building a wall to help secure the country.

Becca Bowers, a 26-year-old from Pomeroy, brought her three young children — all under age 4 — to hear Cruz speak in Pocahontas. She fought through the crowd after the event to meet him and see if he could persuade her to vote for him.

"I asked him if he would do what he said he would do," Bowers said. "He said he would. He looked me in the eyes. He was very trustworthy."

Extradition for Mexican drug lord not likely to be swift

KATHERINE CORCORAN, Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican officials say dreams of Hollywood helped them track down and capture the world's most notorious drug trafficker. Now they face the decision of whether Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman should face a nightmare he's long tried to avoid: extradition to the United States.

Mexico's leaders avoided talk about extradition following Guzman's capture Friday, but even if they decided to send him to the U.S., the process likely would not be fast. As of Saturday, he was back in the Altiplano maximum-security prison from which he escaped in July.

Apparently Guzman, while on the run, thought his story was worthy of a movie. Part of the reason authorities tracked him down was because he wanted to film a biopic, Attorney General Arely Gomez said at the airport ceremony where the prisoner was shown off to the press.

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"For that he established communication with actresses and producers, which became a new line of investigation," she said.

Guzman, head of the powerful, international Sinaloa Cartel, was appeared in dark blue athletic clothing Friday as he was frog-marched to a helicopter by marines, who stopped mid-transit and turned his expressionless face toward the media for a clear view.

There were immediately calls for his quick extradition, just as there were after the February 2014 capture of Guzman, who faces drug-trafficking charges in several U.S. states. At the time, Mexico's government insisted it could handle the man who had already broken out of one maximum-security prison, saying he must pay his debt to Mexican society first.

Then Guzman escaped a second time on July 11 under the noses of guards and prison officials at Mexico's most secure lock-up, slipping out an elaborate tunnel that showed the country's depth of corruption while thoroughly embarrassing the administration of President Enrique Pena Nieto.

In celebrating Guzman's latest capture, Mexican officials showed none of their bravado of two years ago, though they made clear that the intelligence building and investigation were carried out entirely by Mexican forces. They did not mention extradition.

"They have to extradite him," said Alejandro Hope, a security analyst in Mexico. "It's almost a forced move."

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican presidential candidate, echoed that sentiment, demanding that Guzman be immediately turned over to U.S. authorities. "Given that 'El Chapo' has already escaped from Mexican prison twice, this third opportunity to bring him to justice cannot be squandered," Rubio said.

Guzman, a legendary figure in Mexico who went from a farmer's son to the world's top drug lord, was apprehended after a shootout between gunmen and Mexican marines at the home in Los Mochis, a seaside city in Guzman's home state of Sinaloa.

The operation resulted from six months of investigation by Mexican forces, who located Guzman in Durango state in October but decided not to shoot because he was with two women and a child, said Gomez, the attorney general. After that he took a lower profile and limited his communication until he decided to move to Los Mochis in December.

Gomez said that one of Guzman's key tunnel builders led them to the neighborhood in Los Mochis, where authorities did surveillance for a month. The team noticed a lot of activity at the house Wednesday and the arrival of a car early Thursday morning. Authorities were able to determine that Guzman was inside the house, she said.

The marines were met with gunfire as they closed in. Five suspects were killed and six others arrested. One marine was injured.

"You could hear intense gunfire and a helicopter; it was fierce," said a neighbor, adding that the battle raged for three hours, starting at 4 a.m. She refused to be quoted by name in fear for her own safety.

Gomez said Guzman and his security chief, "El Cholo" Ivan Gastelum, were able to flee via storm drains and escape through a manhole cover to the street, where they commandeered getaway cars. Marines climbed into the drains in pursuit. They closed in on the two men based on reports of stolen vehicles and they were arrested on the highway.

The troops took them to the roadside hotel Doux, where they awaited reinforcements, Gomez said.

In 2014, Guzman evaded capture by fleeing through a network of interconnected tunnels in the drainage system under Culiacan, the Sinaloa state capital.

"The arrest of today is very important for the government of Mexico. It shows that the public can have confidence in its institutions," Pena Nieto said in a public address. "Mexicans can count on a government decided and determined to build a better country."

What happens now is more crucial for Guzman, whose cartel smuggles multi-ton shipments of cocaine and marijuana as well as manufacturing and transporting methamphetamines and heroin, mostly to the U.S.

The United States filed requests for Guzman's extradition last June 25, just days before he escaped from prison. In September, a judge issued a second provisional arrest warrant on U.S. charges of organized crime, money laundering, drug trafficking and homicide, among others. But Guzman's lawyers already had

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filed appeals and received injunctions that could delay the extradition process for months or even years.

Marines seized two armored vehicles, eight rifles, one handgun and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher at the home in Los Mochis, the navy's statement said.

Photos showed that two of the seized rifles were .50-caliber sniper guns, capable of penetrating most bullet-proof vests and cars. The grenade launcher was found loaded, with an extra round nearby. An assault rifle had a 40-mm grenade launcher and at least one grenade.

"The arrest is a significant achievement in our shared fight against transnational organized crime, violence, and drug trafficking," the Drug Enforcement Administration said in a statement.

After his first capture in Guatemala in June 1993, Guzman was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He reportedly made his 2001 escape from the maximum security prison in a laundry cart, though some have discounted that version.

His second escape last year was even more audacious. He fled down a hole in his shower stall in plain view of guards into a mile-long tunnel dug from a property outside the prison. The tunnel had ventilation, lights and a motorbike on rails. Construction noise as a digger broke through from the tunnel to his cell was obvious inside the prison, according a video of Guzman in his cell just before he escaped.

In final State of Union, Obama aims to define his presidency

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Out of time to push a new legislative agenda, President Barack Obama will look past Congress and to the American people in his final State of the Union address, aiming to define his presidency and his legacy before others can do it for him.

For his seventh address, Obama plans to skip the traditional list of grand proposals, new policies and presidential appeals for new laws in favor of a broad overview of what he has accomplished since 2009 and what is undone in his final year in office. Aides said the president on Tuesday night will give his assessment of what the country looks like in 2016 and the direction he hopes it will take in the future.

To the extent he can, Obama will try to give a burst of energy to initiatives he is hoping to push past beyond the life of his administration.

Advisers who met with Obama as he readied his recent executive actions on gun control said the president gave this guidance: "Everything this year should be infused with a sense of possibility" and "don't take the foot off the gas pedal."

Despite his inevitable slide into lame-duck status and the partisan politics of the election year, Obama is emboldened by recent successes that formed one of the most productive stretches in his presidency.

Over the past year, Obama has reached a nuclear deal with Iran, relaunched diplomatic relations with Cuba, secured a global climate pact and an Asia-Pacific trade deal, and negotiated a budget deal with the Republican-led Congress. Unemployment has fallen to 5 percent and renewed confidence in the economy has led the Federal Reserve to start raising interest rates.

Obama's chief of staff, Denis McDonough, said Obama planned in his speech to cite those achievements to argue that "we've brought America back."

While Obama wants to keep the momentum going, the presidential campaign may drown him out. The White House scheduled this year's speech earlier than usual, in part to ensure Obama had room to maneuver before voters get their first say — the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 1.

To the dismay of some in his party, Obama doesn't plan to use the address as an opening argument for Democratic candidates in the November election. White House officials said the president would have ample opportunities to frame the campaign.

Still, anything Obama says or does in an election year raises the political heat. For example, Republicans have seized on Obama's unilateral moves to tighten gun policies, a topic for Tuesday's speech, as the latest example of why voters cannot trust Democrats.

"The president hasn't had a problem getting attention for what he's proposed as important issues we should be focused on," said Jen Psaki, the White House communications director. She said those issues often have spilled over into the campaign. "Because of his decision to be bold, we fully anticipate that will

continue.”

Obama’s best prospects for achievements this year are on issues where he and Congress at least partially agree. Central to his speech will be a renewed call for a criminal justice overhaul and for approval of the Asia-Pacific trade agreement, which many Republicans support.

He will face a less receptive crowd when it comes to foreign policy and homeland security. Republicans and even many Democrats say his strategy for fighting the Islamic State group is ineffective.

Obama insists he has not abandoned a campaign promise to close the Guantanamo Bay prison, although GOP opposition has made that difficult to fulfill. Last year the White House said Obama would send Congress a new plan for closing the detention center, but there have been seemingly endless delays.

Republicans have urged the president to leave Guantanamo, guns and other contentious issues out of his speech if he is serious about wanting to make progress before his term ends.

“He has a decision to make,” Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said in an interview. “Is he going to run his last year of his presidency in a political manner or is he actually going to focus on getting stuff done?”

Added Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn.: “If he will focus on what he agrees on with Congress instead of what we disagree on, there’s quite a bit we could get done in 2016.”

Republican Gov. Nikki Haley of South Carolina discussed as a potential vice presidential candidate, will give her party’s response to Obama’s address.

Obama plans visits to Nebraska on Wednesday and Louisiana on Thursday to make the case for his priorities.

Police probe man’s claim he shot officer in Allah’s name

ERRIN HAINES WHACK, Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Officer Jesse Hartnett was slowly patrolling his usual West Philadelphia beat just before midnight when a man appeared out of the darkness, firing a hail of bullets at close range as he charged toward the policeman’s car.

Hours later, police say, Edward Archer confessed to shooting the officer and told investigators he was following Allah, and had pledged his allegiance to the Islamic State group. Archer said he believed the police department defends laws that are contrary to Islam, police said.

Local and federal authorities spent much of Friday trying to verify the motive and executing search warrants at two Philadelphia area properties associated with Archer, hoping for more insight into how and why the shooting happened.

Archer’s mother told The Philadelphia Inquirer her 30-year-old son had been hearing voices recently and had felt targeted by police. She said the family had asked him to get help.

At a news conference, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross, who just took office Tuesday, didn’t label the shooting a terrorist attack, though he said Archer “clearly gave us a motive.”

“It wasn’t like laying it out completely, chapter and verse for us,” Ross told reporters at the department’s headquarters as Archer was being questioned upstairs. “We’re left to say, ‘OK, he’s leaving a trail for us. Where’s it going to lead us, if anywhere?’”

He said the gun used to shoot Harnett had been stolen from a fellow officer’s home more than two years ago.

Investigators believe Archer traveled to Saudi Arabia in 2011 and to Egypt in 2012, FBI special agent Eric Ruona said, and the purpose of that travel was being investigated by the FBI. Police said there was no indication anyone else was involved, and it is unclear if and where Archer practiced his faith locally.

Archer’s mother, Valerie Holliday, described her son as devout Muslim. Jacob Bender, the executive director of the Philadelphia chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, an advocacy group, said he contacted about five inner-city mosques and found no one who knew of Archer.

At about 11:40 p.m. Thursday, Archer fired at least 13 shots toward Hartnett and eventually got up next to the car and reached through the driver’s side window, investigators said. Despite being seriously wounded, Hartnett got out of his car, chased the suspect and returned fire, wounding his attacker in the

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buttocks, police said. Other officers chased Archer and apprehended him about a block away.

The 9 mm pistol used by Archer was recovered at the scene of the shooting, police said. It had been stolen from an officer's home in October 2013, investigators said. Officials said they were trying to figure out how Archer got the weapon and whether it passed through other people's hands since the theft.

Last March, Archer pleaded guilty to firearms and assault charges stemming from a 2012 case but was immediately released and placed on probation, court records show. Records also show he was scheduled to be sentenced Monday in suburban Philadelphia in a traffic and forgery case.

The attorney who represented him in the firearms case was unavailable for comment Friday because he was in court, his office said. His lawyer in the forgery case did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

Surveillance footage of the attack showed Archer dressed in a white, long-sleeved tunic. When asked if the robe was considered Muslim garb, Ross said he didn't know and didn't think it mattered.

"We've already established why he believes he did it, and that's probably enough," Ross said.

Hartnett, 33, was shot three times in the arm and will require multiple surgeries, but was listed in stable condition at a hospital. Archer was treated and released into police custody.

Ross repeatedly called Hartnett's survival "absolutely amazing."

"It's nothing short of miraculous and we're thankful for that," he said.

The officer's father, Robert Hartnett, said his son was in good spirits.

"He's a tough guy," he said.

Hartnett served in the Coast Guard and has been on the Philadelphia force for four years. He always wanted to be a police officer, his father said.

When Hartnett called in to report shots fired, he shouted into his police radio: "I'm bleeding heavily!"

Jim Kenney, in his first week as mayor of the nation's fifth-largest city, called Archer's actions "abhorrent" and "terrible" and said they have nothing to do with the teachings of Islam.

"This is a criminal with a stolen gun who tried to kill one of our officers," he said. "It has nothing to do with being a Muslim or following the Islamic faith."

New York City police officer shot responding to large fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities say a New York City police officer has been shot after exchanging gunfire with a suspect involved in a large fight.

New York City Police Commissioner William Bratton said 25-year-old Officer Sherrod Stuart was shot in the ankle early Saturday morning, the day of his fourth anniversary with the department.

Bratton said officers were responding to a fight following a large party in the Bronx around 2 a.m. Five people have been hospitalized with stab wounds.

The shooting comes a day after a Philadelphia police officer was ambushed by a suspect and shot three times.

Bratton said a 19-year-old with a criminal history is in custody. He had been released following fare beating charges three hours prior to the shooting.

Officials said Stuart's injuries are not life-threatening.

Koreas slide into Cold War standoff after nuke test by North

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KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea trumpets a hydrogen bomb test. South Korea responds by cranking up blasts of harsh propaganda from giant green speakers aimed across the world's most dangerous border. Now Pyongyang warns of war, even as it reportedly has started its own broadcasts.

As the world looked Saturday for ways to punish the North over a nuclear test that pushes Pyongyang closer to its goal of a nuclear-armed missile that can reach the U.S. mainland, the two Koreas have quickly slid into the kind of Cold War-era standoff that has defined their relationship over the past seven decades.

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A top North Korean ruling party official's warning that the South's broadcasts have pushed the Korean Peninsula "toward the brink of war" is typical of Pyongyang's over-the-top rhetoric. But it is also indicative of the real fury that the broadcasts, which criticize the country's revered dictatorship, cause in the North.

Seoul resumed the cross-border broadcasts Friday for the first time in nearly five months. Pyongyang says the broadcasts are tantamount to an act of war. When Seoul Korea briefly resumed propaganda broadcasts in August after an 11-year break, Seoul says the two Koreas exchanged artillery fire.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing an anonymous military source, reported late Saturday that the North had started its own broadcasts, presumably to keep its soldiers from hearing the South Korean broadcasts. The North's broadcasts were too weak to hear clearly on the South Korean side of the border. South Korean military officials wouldn't confirm the Yonhap report.

Besides the "brink of war" comment, Workers' Party Secretary Kim Ki Nam said in comments broadcasts on state TV on Friday that Pyongyang's rivals are "jealous" of the North's successful hydrogen bomb test.

Many outside governments and experts question whether the blast was in fact a powerful hydrogen test.

South Korean troops, near about 10 sites where loudspeakers started blaring propaganda Friday, were on the highest alert, but have not detected any unusual movement from North Korea along the border, said an official from Seoul's Defense Ministry, who refused to be named, citing office rules.

The South's Yonhap news agency said Seoul had deployed missiles, artillery and other weapons systems near the border to swiftly deal with any possible North Korean provocation. The ministry did not confirm the report.

Officials say broadcasts from the South's loudspeakers can travel about 10 kilometers (6 miles) during the day and 24 kilometers (15 miles) at night. That reaches many of the huge force of North Korean soldiers stationed near the border, as well as residents in border towns such as Kaesong, where the Koreas jointly operate an industrial park that has been a valuable cash source for the impoverished North.

Seoul also planned to use mobile speakers to broadcast from a small South Korean island just a few kilometers (miles) from North Korean shores.

While the South's broadcasts also include news and pop music, much of the programming challenges North Korea's government more directly.

"We hope that our fellow Koreans in the North will be able to live in a society that doesn't invade individual lives as soon as possible," a female presenter said in parts of the broadcast that officials revealed to South Korean media. "Countries run by dictatorships even try to control human instincts."

Marathon talks by the Koreas in August eased anger and stopped the broadcasts, which Seoul started after blaming North Korean land mines for maiming two soldiers. It might be more difficult to do so now. Seoul can't stand down easily, some analysts say, and it's highly unlikely that the North will express regret for its nuclear test, which is a source of intense national pride.

Responding to the bomb test, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry urged China, the North's only major ally and biggest aid provider, to end "business as usual" with North Korea.

Diplomats at a U.N. Security Council emergency session pledged to swiftly pursue new sanctions. For current sanctions and any new penalties to work, better cooperation and stronger implementation from China is seen as key.

The South Korean and U.S. militaries also discussed the deployment of U.S. "strategic assets," Seoul's Defense Ministry said. Officials refused to elaborate, but the assets would likely include B-52 bombers, F-22 stealth fighters and nuclear-powered submarines.

After North Korea's third nuclear test, in 2013, the U.S. took the unusual step of sending its most powerful warplanes to drills with South Korea in a show of force. B-2 and B-52 bombers are capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

It may take weeks or longer to confirm or refute the North's claim that it successfully tested a hydrogen bomb, which would mark a major and unanticipated advance for its still-limited nuclear arsenal. Outside experts are skeptical the blast was a hydrogen bomb, but even a test of an atomic bomb would push North Korea closer to building a nuclear warhead small enough to place on a long-range missile.

The Korea Institute of Nuclear Safety said a small amount of radioactive elements was found in air

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samples collected from the peninsula's eastern seas after the blast, but the measured amount was too small to determine whether the North had really detonated a nuclear device. The institute will continue to collect and analyze more samples.

Record-breaking 'Star Wars' movie opens in China

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BEIJING (AP) — The record-breaking "Star Wars" opened Saturday in China, where it is far from certain to draw in enough moviegoers to knock off "Avatar" as the world's all-time biggest grossing movie.

"Star Wars: The Force Awakens" is the highest ever grossing film in the North American market, where it was released three weeks ago.

But internationally, it still has a long way to go to beat "Avatar," James Cameron's science-fiction movie with blue aliens. The international box office of the latest "Star Wars" movie stands at \$1.6 billion, compared to the \$2.8 billion "Avatar" made in 2009.

Richard Huang, an analyst at Nomura Securities, expects the movie to roughly match the \$229 million in Chinese box-office sales that "Jurassic World" generated last year.

Not many Chinese are familiar with "Star Wars." The franchise's three prequel films released from 1999 to 2005 were shown in China, but at a time when there were much fewer screens in the country.

Promotional events organized by Disney in the months leading up to the release included the placing of 500 Stormtrooper figures on the steps of the Great Wall and the illumination of the movie's Chinese title on the guard towers for a light show in October.

It enlisted the marketing power of actor and singer Lu Han, who appeared in promotional videos and released a music video on Thursday called "The Inner Force" with images from the film.

In an overt bid to appeal to Chinese audiences in next "Star Wars" film, "Rogue One," bosses have cast Hong Kong martial arts actor Donnie Yen and Chinese actor and director Jiang Wen in it.

China is expected to surpass North America as the world's largest movie market as soon as next year, and Hollywood is casting Chinese actors and incorporating Chinese elements to appeal to the massive audience.

Huge Catholic parade held under heavy security in Manila

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — More than a million Filipino Roman Catholic devotees jammed Manila's streets Saturday for an annual procession of a centuries-old statue of Christ that was held under extra heavy security following the Paris attacks.

About 5,000 police and soldiers were deployed to secure the daylong procession of the Black Nazarene in one of Asia's largest religious festivals, although no specific threat was being monitored.

The huge crowd reached more than a million by noon, Manila police Chief Superintendent Rolando Nana said.

The raucous gathering is a security nightmare for the Philippines, a poor Southeast Asian country battling widespread crime nationwide and Muslim extremists in the south. Police sharpshooters, bomb-sniffing dogs and SWAT teams stood by and surveillance drones were flown over the slow-moving procession.

Security forces randomly checked bags for weapons, firecrackers and pointed objects, including umbrellas, which were banned. Coast guard and navy personnel patrolled a major river where the procession crossed over.

Although there was no specific terrorist threat, security concerns were sparked by recent brazen attacks by Islamic State group extremists in countries such as France, police said.

A tired devotee fainted during the procession and died from an unspecified ailment. Nearly 1,000 other people received treatment for minor illnesses and injuries, including many who got bruised or sustained

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fractures while jostling through the thick crowds to get close to or have their white towels wiped on the wooden statue of Christ, which was on a carriage pulled by a rope by men in maroon shirts, according to Gwendolyn Pang of the Philippine Red Cross.

The wooden statue of Christ, crowned with thorns and bearing a cross, is believed to have been brought from Mexico to Manila on a galleon in 1606 by Spanish missionaries. The ship that carried it caught fire, but the charred statue survived. Some believe the statue's survival from fires and earthquakes through the centuries and intense bombings during World War II is a testament to its mystical powers.

The spectacle reflects the Philippines' unique brand of Catholicism, which includes folk superstitions, in Asia's largest Catholic nation. Dozens of Filipinos have themselves nailed to crosses on Good Friday in another tradition to emulate Christ's suffering that draws huge crowds each year.

Mostly barefoot, the devotees from all walks of life brave the crowds and heat to pray for good health, jobs, fortune and solution to all sorts of predicaments.

Dante Avila, a 22-year-old factory worker, said he was wrongly implicated in the shooting to death of a child in a gang brawl in November in his neighborhood in suburban Caloocan city. Fearing for his life, he said he fled from home and hid in a province and showed up at the procession to pray to the Nazarene to help him prove his innocence.

"I swear to God I'm innocent," Avila said from a stretcher in a first-aid station, where medics treated the injured.

After struggling to touch Christ's statue, he got crushed by the crowd and fainted.

Another devotee, Arvin Tamayo, and his family rented a truck to parade life-size statues of Christ and the Virgin Mary, a ritual they have been doing every year since his father died of cancer in 2009.

"We're praying for good health," he said. "It's so financially and emotionally draining to see somebody in the family die slowly in pain."

Thai cosmetics company pulls ad showing actress in blackface

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BANGKOK (AP) — "You just need to be white to win."

A skin-whitening ad in Thailand featuring that slogan alongside a famous actress in blackface makeup sparked such outrage that the company pulled it Friday, just a day after releasing it. The retraction did little, however, to stem a debate the ad ignited about the regularity of racist advertisements in the South-east Asian country.

The online video campaign for a new product called "Snowz" starred porcelain-skinned Thai movie star Cris Horwang. In the ad, she talks about being an aging actress in a competitive industry as gentle piano music plays in the background.

"If I stopped looking after myself, everything that I have worked for — all the investment I have made to keep myself white — would disappear," says the 35-year-old starlet. "New stars would replace me, I would fade away."

As she speaks, a smiling younger woman enters the picture and Cris' own image darkens to charcoal black.

A male voice says "You just need to be white to win."

A tirade of criticism erupted on social media after the video was launched online Thursday. Online commentators labeled the ad as racist and ignorant, while some heaped criticism on the actress for accepting the job. Others called it a strategic way to attract wide attention for the product and boost sales.

One prominent critic was former beauty queen Nonthawan Thongleng, who was crowned Miss Thailand World in 2014. Media at the time described her as "Thailand's Pocahontas" and as an "Amazonian Goddess" because of her olive-skinned complexion, and said that her victory over more fair-skinned competitors was a turning point for Thai beauty contests.

"Even if you are black, you can be a winner too," Nonthawan said in a Facebook post Friday.

"We can prove ourselves by our abilities, white or black. If you are good, people will accept and look up to you," she said, adding that judging people by their skin color was "such an old-fashioned value."

Thai cosmetics company Seoul Secret issued a "heartfelt apology" in a statement Friday saying it had

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pulled the video clip and related advertisements.

“Our company did not have any intention to convey discriminatory or racist messages,” the company said in the statement posted on its Facebook page. “What we intended to convey was that self-improvement in terms of personality, appearance, skills and professionalism is crucial.”

The ad by Seoul Secret is not the first to use racial stereotypes in Thai advertising, where beauty is defined as fair and delicate. Thais with darker skin are associated with the lower classes from the countryside, whose attempt to emulate the porcelain complexions of the Bangkok elite has fueled an enormous industry in skin-whitening products and cosmetic clinics.

In 2013, the Dunkin’ Donuts franchise in Thailand came under fire for using a female model in blackface makeup to promote a new chocolate flavored doughnut. The company’s CEO in Thailand initially dismissed complaints about racism, but the U.S. parent company quickly followed up with an apology and pulled the ad.

TV commercials for skin-whitening products regularly promote the idea that white is beautiful. An herbal Thai toothpaste says its dark-colored product “is black, but it’s good.” A longtime Thai brand of household mops and dustpans called “Black Man” uses a logo with a smiling black man in a tuxedo and bow tie.

Man charged with stealing thousands of pounds of candy

HESPERIA, Calif. (AP) — Candy might not be so sweet for a Southern California man.

Jesus Ibarra of Hesperia was arrested Thursday after authorities say they found his garage full of stolen sweets. He was freed on bail but couldn’t be reached for comment at his home Friday.

The Riverside Press-Enterprise (<http://bit.ly/1OT3Bfn>) says Mars Candy Co. sweets that hadn’t passed inspection were supposed to be trucked to a location in San Bernardino County for destruction but when the truck arrived, 7,500 pounds of candy were missing.

The Sheriff’s Department says investigators caught a break when ads starting turning up online.

That led to Ibarra’s home. Authorities say his garage had been turned into a candy store with 30 racks of boxed candy labeled with prices.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2016. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country’s first public defender’s office. The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Phil-

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ippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister for health reasons; he was succeeded by Harold Macmillan.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1987, the White House released a Jan. 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: Confirmation hearings opened in Washington for Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito. "The Phantom of the Opera" leapt past "Cats" to become the longest-running show in Broadway history (a record that still stands). Actor Don Stewart died in Santa Barbara, California, at age 70.

Five years ago: Federal prosecutors brought charges against Jared Loughner, the man accused of attempting to assassinate Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., and killing six people at a political event in Tucson the day before. British movie director Peter Yates, who sent actor Steve McQueen screeching through the streets of San Francisco in a Ford Mustang in "Bullitt," died in London at age 81.

One year ago: French security forces shot and killed two al-Qaida-linked brothers suspected of carrying the rampage at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo that had claimed 12 lives, the same day a gunman killed four people at a Paris kosher grocery store before being killed by police. Samuel Goldwyn Jr., 88, a champion of the independent film movement and son of one of the founders of Hollywood, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 88. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 82. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 81. Actress K. Callan is 80. Folk singer Joan Baez is 75. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 75. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 72. Actor John Doman is 71. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 66. Singer Crystal Gayle is 65. Actor J.K. Simmons is 61. Actress Imelda Staunton is 60. Nobel Peace laureate Rigoberto Menchu is 57. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 53. Actress Joely Richardson is 51. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 49. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 49. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 49. Actress-director Joey Lauren Adams is 48. Actress Angela Bettis is 43. Roots singer-songwriter Hayes Carll is 40. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 38. Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, is 34. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 32. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 29. Actress Nina Dobrev is 27. Actor Tyree Brown is 12.

Thought for Today: "Love me when I least deserve it, because that's when I really need it." — Swedish proverb.