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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, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

7:00pm: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

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

School Lunch: Garlic cheese bread, corn, carrots and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Chili, cornbread, coleslaw, lime pear Jell-O.

Birthdays: Allyssa Locke, Derrick Halsey, Renee Swisher

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB host Waubay-Summit

Wednesday, January 13

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

School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, bread sticks, tri taters, fruit.

Senior Menu: Baked chicken, baked potato with sour cream, green beans, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Adam Franken, Ben Schaller, Chuck Johnson, Elizabeth Abernathy, Ellen Leonhardt, Lance Hawkins, Monte McNickle.

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

8:30am: MathCounts at Aberdeen Simmons Middle School

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The rhythm of life is a powerful thing



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

The rhythm of life is a powerful thing. The universe is surrounded by repeating and recurring patterns or cycles. For example, Mother Nature brings about the day and night rhythm, the moon and tides, the seasons, and of course

the cycle of living with birth, reproduction, and then death.

But oh! the splendid rhythms of a normal human body. For example, there is the monthly menstrual cycle; the daily rise and fall of natural steroid levels; the regular rhythmic toothpaste tube sequence movement of the bowels; the nightly sleep cycle; the rhythm of breathing; and, of course, the regular lub-dub beat of the heart, to name a few.

The source for the heart rhythm comes from special natural pacemaker heart tissue that acts something like electrical wiring. Named the "conduction system", these special cells wind their way through the heart, automatically firing some 60 to 100 times a minute to trigger the rest of the heart muscle to squeeze.

This rhythm system knows to speed up when the sidewalk is being shoveled, the bed is being made, or even when that special girl asks for help carrying her books. The conduction system even knows to slow down and relax a bit when the body lies down to rest. The cardiac rhythm continues without interruption, without a break from before birth 'till we take our last breath.

But sometimes things can go wrong. There can be a "short" in the wiring, and then the heart suddenly beats too fast, or a complete break of conduction can occur, and then there is no rhythm or beat at all. Thankfully we have a new kind of body electrician, called an electrophysiologist-cardiologist, to fix these problems. She or he uses medicines or an implanted defibrillator when the heart goes too fast, a pacemaker when the heart goes too slow. And we depend on this expert to help us know when the timing is right to do nothing, and let nature take its course.

The rhythm of life is a powerful thing.

To hear more from Dr. Holm, visit his website, www.PrairieDoc.org. On Call with the Prairie Doc is produced by the Healing Words Foundation in association with the South Dakota State University journalism department and airs Thursdays on South Dakota Public Broadcasting Television at 7 p.m. CT, 6 p.m. MT, and streams live at www.PrairieDoc.org.

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A Big Week For Veterans

As I write this, the 2016 Legislative Session is just four days away. It will be a busy week at the Capitol as lawmakers return to Pierre to start filing their bills and considering proposals. It's also going to be a big week for South Dakota veterans.

Three years ago, the Legislature passed a bill to build a new State Veterans Home. We had some challenges, and establishing the new home in Hot Springs has not been easy. Our first request for a federal grant was rejected. Then the federal government changed standards midway through our design process, forcing us to redesign the building. Then the bids came in too high.

Lt. Gov. Matt Michels and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs spent many months reviewing our costs and working with the VA. Ultimately, the federal VA agreed to extend our grant, which gave us time to redesign and simplify the building, to reduce the cost of the project without sacrificing quality.

Though we've encountered many hurdles along the way, the State Veterans Home is finally finished. It has been completed on time, under budget, and it's debt-free. Move-in day is Wednesday, Jan. 13, and staff will be holding a grand opening event in the spring.

On another front, for the past two years, the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs has been on a mission to contact all veterans in South Dakota. With over 70,000 veterans, this has been a challenging undertaking.

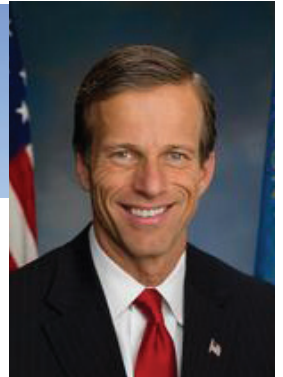
Operation Reaching All Veterans garnered national recognition and was awarded the National Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence Award. Then in 2015 Operation Ketchup was launched, with hopes of locating still more of South Dakota's veterans. More recently, the Department has been working on a new effort - Operation Korea - with the Republic of Korea.

Over 60 years have passed since an armistice was signed to allow United States troops to come home from the Korean War. Wedged between World War II and Vietnam, the Korean War is many times referred to as the "Forgotten War."

In an effort to thank our heroes and to let them know they are NOT forgotten, the Republic of Korea began dedicating Ambassador of Peace medals to all U.S. Veterans who sacrificed for South Korea's democracy. After I conclude my State of the State Address on Tuesday, the state Department of Veterans Affairs will be holding a Korean Peace Medal ceremony where hundreds of South Dakota veterans will be receiving the "Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal."

With the first week of session coinciding with these two big events, I am reminded it is because of the men and women who have served that we are a government of the people. Although there's no way to fully compensate for the service these individuals have given, we must always remember those who have fought for our freedom.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



New Year, Same Priorities

I hope the holiday season was as joyful for your family as it was for mine. My son-in-law Luke joined me and my daughter Brittany on our annual father/daughter Christmas morning run, I was fortunately (or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it) able to sharpen my snow shoveling skills, and we were able to help celebrate

my dad's 96th birthday the best way we know how: a successful pheasant hunt. Now that the gifts have been opened and the occasions have been celebrated, a new year is in front of us.

Each and every day, I am humbled and honored to be one of your elected representatives in the Senate, and I thank you for that opportunity. I take the responsibility of being your voice in Washington seriously and am always appreciative of your ideas and feedback. While a new year presents new challenges and opportunities for South Dakota and our nation, I intend to continue making your priorities my priorities. Fighting to make our economy stronger, our government more efficient and accountable, and our nation and our world safer and more secure have been my goals since the first day I took office, and that won't change as long as I am your U.S. senator.

I've said it before, but it's worth repeating. The first year of the new Republican-led Senate was a productive one. We accomplished a lot of important things for South Dakotans and the American people. I helped author the first long-term highway bill in a decade that finally ends the need for the dozens of short-term patches that kept the industry in a perpetual state of uncertainty. As the leader of the Senate Commerce Committee, I spearheaded important reforms to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) – the first of their kind – that will be welcome news for anyone who deals with the federal agency responsible for economic oversight of our nation's freight rail system.

There is more work that lies ahead in 2016. There are still too many Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. We must make it our mission to enact pro-growth policies that continue to help our economy grow. It's critical that the long arm of the federal government and the costly red tape it creates be reined in, and we will continue to fight overreaching federal agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency. We also must work toward ensuring the American people and our allies are safe and secure by providing our men and women in uniform with the tools and training they need to accomplish their mission.

“There's A Song In The Air”

**To make you aware that
the Coopers are having an**

Open House

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

208 N. 2nd St., Groton

KRISTI NOEM
REPRESENTATIVE FROM SOUTH DAKOTA



A Five-Year Fight

For five years, I have fought for the day that we could put a bill on the President's desk that would repeal Obamacare. January 7, 2016, turned out to be that day.

From my first day on the job to now, I have spoken to thousands of South Dakotans about the President's health care law. The mandates. The costs. The plans that have been lost. Year after year, the problems seem to become more pronounced – and more expensive. It's hard to believe, but this year, every single health care plan on the exchange in South Dakota saw a double-digit rate increase, according to analysis from Agile Health Insurance. It's too expensive and there seems to be no end to these increases in sight.

The President's health care law fundamentally failed to do anything that actually drives down the cost of health care in this country. Instead, Obamacare issued top-down mandates to ensure more people would foot an even larger bill. It isn't working.

Nonetheless, President Obama was quick to threaten a veto on our legislation. That doesn't mean, however, that we don't owe it to the American people to take our best shot at repealing a piece of legislation that the majority of Americans oppose. Moreover, we've been able to get some smaller wins by making big pushes in this way. In fact, we've had more than a dozen repeals or delays of Obamacare provisions become law because of our efforts.

We've been working toward this for a long time. I've joined the House in passing a number of full and partial repeals, but our efforts have repeatedly been blocked by Senate Democrats. This time, however, we were able to use a process called "budget reconciliation," which allows Congress – once a year – to avoid a Senate filibuster and pass legislation with a simple majority in the Senate. There are strings attached to that process, so we weren't able to do a full and complete repeal, but we did successfully target major portions of the President's health care law, including the individual and employer mandates.

We also found significant savings for hardworking taxpayers. In fact, the Congressional Budget Office estimates our legislation would reduce the deficit by \$516 billion over 10 years.

I understand it's not enough just to repeal Obamacare. Our health care system is broken. But there is a better way. We could create competition by letting people purchase insurance across state lines. Small businesses could be allowed to pool together to purchase more affordable coverage. You could get a tax break for purchasing insurance, rather than a tax penalty if you didn't. There is an alternative – a conservative, patient-centered alternative.

This isn't the last you'll hear from me on this, I'm sure. Even if we can't replace Obamacare under this administration, I will do everything I can to provide relief where possible until we have a new President. And in the meantime, I'm grateful that we got a bill through Democrat gridlock and to the President, a small victory.

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Today in Weather History

January 11, 1980: A strong area of low pressure resulted in strong winds of 35 to 45 mph with gusts to 70 mph across Minnesota on the 11th and 12th. Blowing and drifting snow made roads hazardous or impassible. The strong winds also caused some damage. There were areas in western Minnesota that had a lot of blowing dirt.

January 11, 1995: A combination of an ice storm, heavy frost accumulation, and strong winds over a period of several days caused widespread damage to electrical systems resulting in power outages across central and north central South Dakota. The initial ice storm occurred on the 11th and the 12th. In the days following, widespread fog developed and resulted in heavy additional deposits of ice and frost on power lines and other surfaces. Much of the damage occurred when strong winds, mainly from the 16 through the 18th, caused the heavily weighted power lines and poles to collapse. Power outages lasted as long as eight days. Several electric cooperatives had never experienced damages of this magnitude. Some traffic accidents resulted from the icing and many vehicles slid off the roads. Property damage was estimated at 3.5 million dollars.

January 11, 2009: A vigorous, but fast moving winter storm system moved through the Dakotas last night and early today. Although snow accumulations from the storm only ranged from 1 to 4 inches, strong winds behind the system produced significant blowing and drifting snow and widespread blizzard conditions across the area. Reports from trained spotters and law enforcement indicated visibility dropped to below one quarter mile for several hours, and near zero (white-out conditions) in many rural or unsheltered areas. Sustained north to northwest winds at many locations were on the order of 20 to 35 mph, with peak wind gusts as high as 60 to 65 mph. In addition, as the arctic air mass surged into the region, temperatures fell some 30 degrees from early this morning to mid-afternoon.

1990 - Strong southerly winds ahead of a Pacific cold front helped temperatures in the central U.S. soar as much as 50 degrees during the day. A total of fifty cities in the central U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, with afternoon highs in the 70s reported as far north as Nebraska and eastern Colorado. Highs of 53 at Devils Lake ND, 76 at Grand Island NE, 73 at Lincoln NE, and 73 at North Platte NE, established records for the month of January. (National Weather Summary)

2001 - Storms dumped more than seven inches of rain on parts of southern California, including Los Angeles, where nearly four inches of rain fell. The heavy rains caused mudslides and road closures along much of California's central coast and up to three feet of snow was deposited in some coastal mountain areas. (NCDC)

1918 - A tremendous blizzard completely immobilized the Midwest, stopping mail service for two weeks. The vast storm then moved through the Great Lakes Region and the Ohio Valley. Winds reached 60 mph at Toledo OH, and the temperature plunged from 28 above to 15 below zero during passage of the cold front. (David Ludlum)

1972 - Downslope winds hit the eastern slopes of the Rockies in northern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. Boulder CO reported wind gusts to 143 mph and twenty-five million dollars property damage. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A storm in the northeastern U.S. buried the mountains of central Vermont with up to 26 inches of snow, and snowfall totals in Maine ranged up to 27 inches at Telos Lake. Winds gusted to 45 mph at Newark NJ and Albany NY. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Snow and high winds in Utah resulted in a fifty car pile-up along Interstate 15. Winds in Wyoming gusted to 115 mph at Rendezvous Peak. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1989 - A cold front which the previous day produced 21 inches of snow at Stampede Pass WA and wind gusts to 75 mph at Mammoth Lakes CA, spread snow across Colorado. Totals in Colorado ranged up to 17 inches at Steamboat Springs. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - Strong northwesterly winds associated with a deep low pressure system crossing the Upper Great Lakes Region ushered cold air into the central U.S. Winds gusted to 72 mph at Fort Dodge IA, and wind gusts reached 75 mph at Yankton SD. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in northwestern Minnesota. Squalls produced heavy snow in parts of Upper Michigan and northern Lower Michigan, with 16 inches reported at Wakefield. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2008 - Iraqis in Baghdad woke up to the novelty of falling snowflakes as the city experienced its first snowfall in about 100 years. (NCDC)

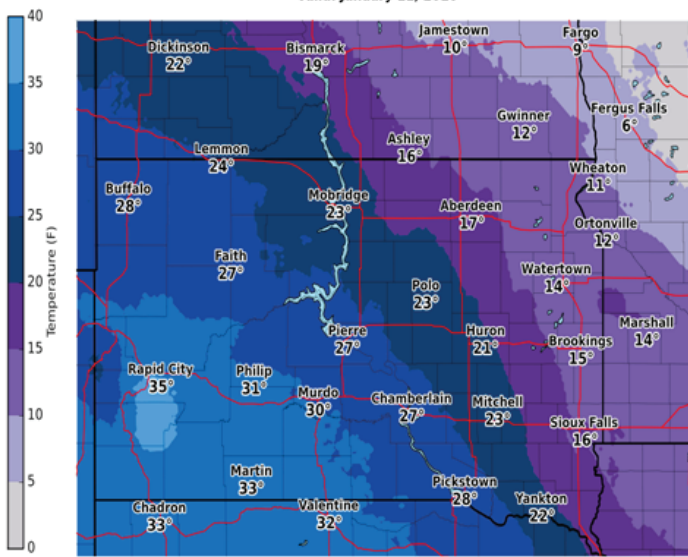
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
20%	10%					
Slight Chance Snow and Patchy Blowing Snow	Patchy Blowing Snow and Blustery then Mostly Cloudy	Cold	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 17 °F	Low: -7 °F	High: 6 °F	Low: -2 °F	High: 25 °F	Low: 15 °F	High: 28 °F

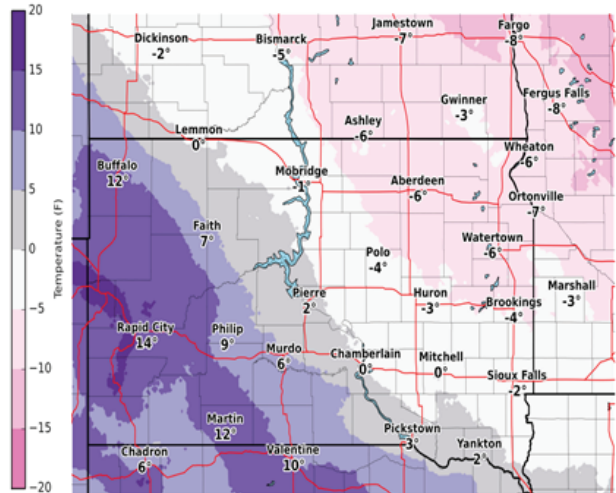
Warmer Today, Cold Air Returns Tonight

Today's Afternoon Highs
Valid: January 11, 2016



Some Light Snow Today, Light Accumulations Possible

Tuesday Morning Lows
Valid: January 12, 2016



National Weather Service
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**Wind Chills as cold as -15F to -25F
Late Tonight and Early Tuesday**



National Weather Service
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A bit milder air will move into the region today. However, another blast of cold air is expected tonight into Tuesday. Light snow is expected across parts of the area today, with only light accumulations expected. Bitterly cold wind chills return late tonight.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 1.1 at 3:46 PM

Low: -16.5 at 6:13 AM

Wind Chill: -26.0 at 9:04 AM

High Gust: 11 at 10:49 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 1987

Record Low: -31° in 1912

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.19

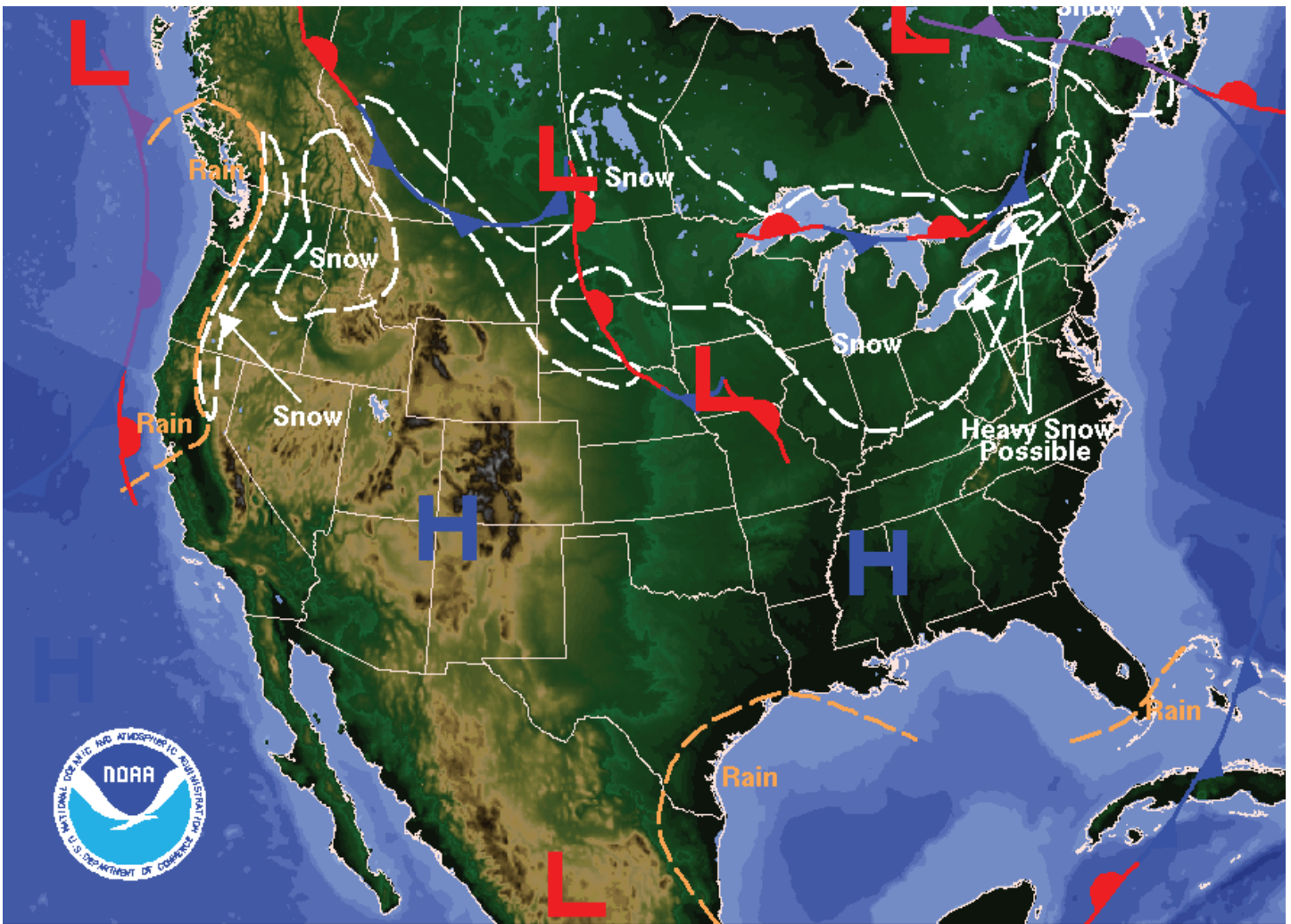
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.19

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:11 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:11 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Jan 11, 2016, issued 3:47 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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APPEARANCE OR ATTITUDE?

Many believe that it is one's physical attributes and strength that lead to success.

Robert Louis Stevenson had tuberculosis. However he is recognized for writing some of the world's most popular stories and famous novels. Charles Steinmetz was a dwarf like cripple, but he is credited with over one hundred electrical inventions. Louis Pasteur was subject to epileptic seizures, but he discovered the germ-killing process called pasteurization. Fanny Crosby was blind from infancy, yet she wrote more than six thousand hymns including: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Blessed Assurance."

The Apostle Paul spoke of his "thorn in the flesh." It was an affliction that he lived with, yet it never stopped him from serving God with every ounce of strength that he possessed. We can call upon the power of God's strength to enable us to overcome any weakness or handicap, setback or sickness. We can use any limitation or handicap to increase our dependence upon God to bless us and from this dependency develop a closer relationship with Him. Through Him...all things are possible.

Prayer: Help us, Savior, to recognize that who and what we are is Your gift to us; and what we do with it, our gift to You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

News from the Associated Press

Authorities ID Mitchell man found dead after I-90 crash

PLANKINTON, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a Mitchell man who was found dead after a single-vehicle crash over the weekend.

The Highway Patrol says a pickup truck driven by 61-year-old Randall Larson went out of control on Interstate 90 about 5 miles east of Plankinton Saturday morning, crossed the median and the oncoming lanes of traffic and went in the ditch.

Larson was pronounced dead at the scene. The patrol says it isn't known whether he died of a medical problem or from injuries suffered in the crash. He was alone in the vehicle.

Medicare assistance program moves locations in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Social Services says the Senior Health Information and Insurance Education program has moved to a new location in the city of Sioux Falls.

The agency says the program is now located at 3801 S. Western Ave. It is meant to advocate for, educate and assist residents with Medicare's services.

Volunteers in each county provide local counseling and resources for free to state residents about Medicare. The program is federally funded and operated under a contract with the state.

281 nonresident deer bow licenses available in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota's Game and Fish Department is making 281 any-deer bow licenses available to out-of-state hunters this year.

The number of nonresident any-deer bow licenses available is 15 percent of the previous year's mule deer gun license allocation. Game and Fish issued 1,875 antlered mule deer licenses in the 2015 deer gun license lottery.

The deadline for nonresidents to apply for an any-deer bow license is March 1. A lottery will be held if more applications are received than there are licenses available. Any remaining licenses after March 1 will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

Badlands National Park seeks comment on entrance fees

INTERIOR, S.D. (AP) — Badlands National Park is beginning a series of public meetings on Monday to get feedback on a possible entrance fee increase.

A proposal that would go into effect in 2017 would raise the per-person walk-in rate to \$12 from \$7, double the motorcycle rate to \$20, raise the vehicle rate to \$25 from \$15 and bump the annual pass to \$50 from \$30.

Superintendent Mike Pflaum says the park wants to balance affordability with visitor experience.

The meetings are:

- Monday, 6-8 p.m., Community Center in Wall
- Wednesday, 6-8 p.m., Fire Department Annex in Kadoka,
- Monday, Jan. 18, 6-8 p.m., Community Center in Interior
- Monday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m., Outdoor Campus in Rapid City
- Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1-4 p.m., Tribal Council Building in Pine Ridge

SD Democrats hire communication director ahead of 2016

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Democratic Party says it has hired a communication director to prepare for the 2016 election cycle.

The party said Friday that South Dakota native Michael Ewald will step in to the role. Ewald is returning to South Dakota from Chicago, where he worked as a legal assistant. Ewald was an intern with the Democrats during the 2010 legislative session. He says he's thrilled to join the party and cited the importance of the upcoming legislative session and election. Party Chairwoman Ann Tornberg says the appointment is part of a larger strategy to build a strong foundation for the organization.

NSIC disciplines game officials after Sioux Falls' win nixed

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference is disciplining game officials after a rule misapplication contributed to Sioux Falls losing a women's basketball game to Winona State.

Fans rushed the court after Sioux Falls senior guard Taylor Varsho nailed a 30-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Cougars an apparent 59-58 win Friday night.

But officials put fractions of a second back on the clock and called a technical foul on USF for fan interference. Winona State's Alexis Foley hit both free throws, and the Warriors won 60-59.

On Sunday, the NSIC said the crew in charge of officiating did not properly adjudicate the rules. Each of the game officials will receive a letter of reprimand and will be suspended from four NSIC games, and cannot officiate in the 2016 postseason.

Legendary musician David Bowie dies of cancer at 69

MESFIN FEKADU, AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — David Bowie, the other-worldly musician who broke pop and rock boundaries with his creative musicianship, nonconformity, striking visuals and a genre-spanning persona he christened Ziggy Stardust, died of cancer Sunday. He was 69 and had just released a new album.

Bowie, whose hits included "Fame," "Heroes" and "Let's Dance," died "peacefully" and was surrounded by family, representative Steve Martin said early Monday. The singer had fought cancer for 18 months.

Long before alter egos and wild outfits became commonplace in pop, Bowie turned the music world upside down with the release of the 1972 album, "The Rise of Ziggy Stardust and Spiders from Mars," which introduced one of music's most famous personas. Ziggy Stardust was a concept album that imagined a rock star from outer space trying to make his way in the music world. The persona — the red-headed, eyeliner wearing Stardust — would become an enduring part of his legacy, and a touchstone for the way entertainers packaged themselves for years to come.

Bowie turned 69 on Friday, the same day as he released a new album called "Blackstar."

"While many of you will share in this loss, we ask that you respect the family's privacy during their time of grief," said a statement issued via his social media accounts. No more details were provided.

The singer, who was born David Jones in London, came of age in the glam rock era of the early 1970s. He had a striking androgynous look in his early days and was known for changing his appearance and sounds. After Ziggy Stardust, the stuttering rock sound of "Changes" gave way to the disco soul of "Fame," co-written with John Lennon, to a droning collaboration with Brian Eno in Berlin that produced "Heroes."

He had some of his biggest successes in the early 1980s with the bombastic "Let's Dance," and a massive American tour. Another one of his definitive songs was "Under Pressure," which he recorded with Queen; Vanilla Ice would years later infamously use the song's hook for his smash hit "Ice Ice Baby."

"My entire career, I've only really worked with the same subject matter," Bowie told The Associated Press in a 2002 interview. "The trousers may change, but the actual words and subjects I've always chosen to write with are things to do with isolation, abandonment, fear and anxiety — all of the high points of one's life."

Bowie lived in West Berlin in the late 1970s and Mayor Michael Mueller said Monday that "Heroes" became "the hymn of our then-divided city and its longing for freedom."

Germany's Foreign Ministry added Bowie was "now among heroes" and thanked him for "helping to bring down the wall."

Bowie's performance of "Heroes" was also a highlight at a concert for rescue workers after the 2001

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World Trade Center attacks.

"What I'm most proud of is that I can't help but notice that I've affected the vocabulary of pop music. For me, frankly, as an artist, that's the most satisfying thing for the ego," Bowie said.

He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1996, but he didn't attend the ceremony. Madonna, another artist who knew something about changing styles to stay ahead of the curve, accepted for him and recounted how a Bowie concert changed her life when she attended it as a teenager. David Byrne, of the art rockers Talking Heads, inducted Bowie and said he gave rock music a necessary shot in the arm.

"Like all rock 'n' roll, it was visionary, it was tasteless, it was glamorous, it was perverse, it was fun, it was crass, it was sexy and it was confusing," Byrne said.

Bowie kept a low profile in recent years after reportedly suffering a heart attack in the 2000s. He made a moody album three years ago called "The Next Day" — his first recording in a decade which was made in secret in New York City. "Blackstar," which earned positive reviews from critics, represented yet another stylistic shift, as he gathered jazz players to join him.

He released a music video on Friday for the new song "Lazarus," which shows a frail Bowie lying in bed and singing the track's lyrics. The song begins with the line: "Look up here, I'm in heaven."

Tributes poured in for the singer after the announcement of his death. British astronaut Tim Peake tweeted about his sadness from outer space aboard the International Space Station, saying "his music was an inspiration to many."

British Prime Minister David Cameron tweeted that Bowie's death is "a huge loss." He wrote he had grown up listening to and watching Bowie and called the singer a "master of reinvention" and a pop genius who kept on getting it right.

The Rolling Stones wrote they were "shocked and deeply saddened to hear of the death of our dear friend David Bowie. As well as being a wonderful and kind man, he was an extraordinary artist, and a true original."

Bowie felt uneasy about some of his greatest material, once embarking on a "greatest hits" tour saying it would be the last time performing much of his old material. He later relented, however.

"I'm not a natural performer," he said in the 2002 interview. "I don't enjoy performing terribly much. Never have. I can do it and, if my mind's on the situation, do it quite well. But five or six shows in, I'm dying to get off the road and go back into the studio."

Bowie was married twice, to the actress and model Mary Angela "Angie" Barnett from 1970-80, and to international supermodel Iman since 1992. He had two children — Duncan Jones and Alexandria Zahra Jones — one with each wife.

European stocks hold up despite another China plunge

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — European stock markets held up Monday despite another big fall in China's benchmark amid ongoing worries over the outlook for the world's second-largest economy.

KEEPING SCORE: In Europe, Germany's DAX was up 0.6 percent at 9,908 while the CAC-40 in France rose 0.4 percent 4,352. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was flat at 5,913. Wall Street was poised for a solid open with both Dow futures and the broader S&P 500 futures up 0.5 percent.

UNCERTAINTY REIGNS: After a dreadful first week of the new year, traders are unsure whether the resilience shown Monday in the face of another 5 percent decline in China means the jitters are over for now. Last week, U.S. stocks, for example, had their worst week in four years

ANALYST TAKE: "With very little data due out today I would worry that there is very little meat on the bones of this morning's rally, other than bulls coming in at low prices after last week's falls," said James Hughes, chief market analyst at GKFX.

CHINA FOCUS: China remains very much the focus in financial markets following a torrid time last week. On Monday, Chinese stocks sank again after a rebound Friday that analysts suggested was due to buying from a group of state entities dubbed the "National Team." Trading was suspended twice last week after a

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key index plunged 7 percent. That sent out global shockwaves and pushed down oil prices. China's stock market has little connection to the rest of its economy, but its decline focused foreign attention on the slowdown in Chinese growth.

ASIA'S DAY: The Shanghai Composite Index fell 5.3 percent to 3,016.70 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 2.8 percent to 19,888.50. Sydney's S&P/ASX 200 lost 1.2 percent to 4,932.20 and Seoul's Kospi fell 1.2 percent to 1,894.84. Tokyo was closed for a holiday.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. crude shed 54 cents to \$32.63 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell 69 cents to \$32.86 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The euro was down 0.1 percent at \$1.0910 while the dollar rose 0.4 percent to 117.60 yen.

EU: Belgium gave illegal tax breaks totaling \$760 million

RAF CASERT, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union has ordered Belgium to recover some \$760 million in illegal tax breaks from 35 multinationals, its latest ruling against the sweet deals many member states offered to some of the world's biggest companies.

EU Competition Commissioner Margrethe Vestager said Monday the tax advantage given only to a select few companies "distorts competition" by putting smaller competitors "on an unequal footing."

"National tax authorities cannot give any company, however large, however powerful an unfair competitive advantage compared to others," Vestager said. "This scheme puts smaller competitors at an unfair disadvantage."

Belgian Finance Minister Johan Van Overtveldt said he could still appeal the decision before the EU's high court depending on negotiations on how to claw back the taxes. "The consequences for the companies involved could be major, and the recovery extremely complex," he said.

Since the EU ruled on a government taxation system instead of deals with specific companies, it did not name any multinational involved beyond noting that they were mainly European.

Under the system, Vestager said multinationals did not have to pay taxes on more than 50 percent of their actual profits. Sometimes it went as high as 90 percent.

The disclosure that multinationals have benefited from huge tax breaks across Europe has become a big political issue at a time when many governments have been raising taxes on their citizens in an attempt to balance the books.

Over the past months, Vestager's office has gone after several member states, including the Netherlands and Luxembourg and targeted companies like Fiat and Starbucks. It has three more tax probes ongoing.

CNN reports American detained by North Korean government

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government of North Korea has detained a U.S. citizen on suspicion of spying, CNN reported Monday.

It said a man identified as Kim Dong Chul was being held by the Pyongyang government and that authorities had accused him of engaging in spying and stealing state secrets.

In an interview with a CNN correspondent, Kim said he had traveled extensively in recent years between China and North Korea and had made some trips to South Korea as well.

In Washington, a State Department official refused to confirm the story.

The official said "speaking publicly about specific purported cases of detained Americans can complicate our tireless efforts to secure their freedom." The official spoke only on grounds of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

CNN displayed Kim's US passport and said that he had lived in China for many years, but also had resided in Fairfax, Virginia.

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Martian, 'Revenant' get awards boost with top Globes wins

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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The 73rd annual Golden Globes had a few curveballs up its sleeves, and the biggest ones weren't even from acerbic host Ricky Gervais, who kept the show alive with his biting quips and takedowns of the business that the awards were celebrating.

But, instead of just being another booze-soaked, starry year at the Beverly Hilton Hotel, Sunday's bleep-filled ceremony also gave a boost to two films that have been lingering on the edges of an undefined award season — the crowd-pleasing space romp "The Martian" and the brutal frontier epic "The Revenant," mere days before the Academy Award nominees are revealed.

Alejandro Inarritu's "The Revenant" won awards in the drama category for best picture and best actor for star Leonardo DiCaprio, who seems to be on a path to an Oscar for his portrayal of the 1820s fur trapper Hugh Glass.

Inarritu, whose "Birdman" swept the Oscars last year, also beat out "The Martian's" Ridley Scott for the best director award. "The Martian" did win best comedy film and best actor in a comedy for star Matt Damon. The dubious placement of "The Martian" in the comedy category was a running joke throughout the evening — even Scott questioned it as he walked on stage to accept the best picture award.

But a win is a win, and although this awards season is far from predetermined, neither "The Martian" nor "The Revenant" were considered real frontrunners, especially against nominees like "Spotlight," "Carol," "Mad Max: Fury Road," and "The Big Short."

"Spotlight," the fact-based drama about The Boston Globe's investigation into sex abuses in the Catholic Church has been the one favorite throughout the season in both critics and guild awards. While it is considered a lock for a Best Picture nomination on Thursday, the film apparently did not win the favor of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and received no awards on Sunday.

Adam McKay's star-studded financial collapse comedy "The Big Short" also walked away empty handed, despite some rising awards momentum lately with recent Producers Guild and Writers Guild nominations. Critics darlings "Carol" and "Mad Max: Fury Road" were surprisingly shut out as well.

But all will come into focus on Thursday when Oscar nominees are announced. Voting for Oscar nominations closed on Friday, but the campaigning won't end until the actual ceremony on Feb. 28. Any added momentum helps, even if Gervais joked at the start of the show that the award is "a bit of metal that some confused old journalist wanted to give you to meet you in person and take a selfie."

Gervais' snark aside, the Golden Globes have worked for years to shed an image of eccentric selections made by a group of little-known international journalists. The Globes have instead grown into one of the most popular award show broadcasts of the year, thanks to increasingly credible nominees, its trademark relaxed atmosphere and its unique position as a major awards show that honors both film and television.

Despite some outliers in the nominee ranks, the film acting awards went to a more expected lot. Jennifer Lawrence won best actress in a comedy for "Joy," her third Golden Globe win for a David O. Russell film, who she thanked effusively in her speech. She also beat out her friend Amy Schumer in the category.

"She's gonna be fine," Lawrence said backstage. "She's funny and hilarious and will win many things."

In what is probably the year's most competitive category, best actress in a drama, Brie Larson won out over Cate Blanchett ("Carol") and Saoirse Ronan ("Brooklyn") for her affecting performance as a woman in captivity in "Room." Last year's winner Julianne Moore ("Still Alice") went on to win the Oscar as well.

Awards race dark horse "Steve Jobs" also got some love on Sunday with wins for Kate Winslet, for best supporting actress, and Aaron Sorkin, for the screenplay.

Sylvester Stallone knocked out some heavyweight competition, too, in the supporting actor category with a win for "Creed," beating out Idris Elba ("Beasts of No Nation"), Michael Shannon ("99 Homes"), Mark Rylance ("Bridge of Spies"), and Paul Dano ("Love & Mercy"). The crowd greeted his win with a standing ovation.

"I want to thank my imaginary friend Rocky Balboa for being the best friend I ever had," said Stallone, whose only other Golden Globes nod was also for portraying the Italian Stallion in "Rocky."

Despite some diversity in the nominee ranks, the film acting awards were still won exclusively by Cau-

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casians, rousing some worry that the Oscars may follow suit despite increased scrutiny after last year's #OscarsSoWhite criticisms.

Best foreign language film went to Hungary's Laszlo Nemes' "Son of Saul," a harrowing view of life inside Auschwitz, and best animated film went to Pixar's acclaimed "Inside Out."

The big television winners included USA's "Mr. Robot," Taraji P. Henson for "Empire" and Jon Hamm for "Mad Men."

The Gervais-led Globes evidenced little of the seriousness that marks most award shows, or the teary-eyed acceptance speeches. Instead, the Globes had a particularly unraveled atmosphere that included Jonah Hill dressed as the bear from "The Revenant," copious discussion of "Transparent" star Jeffrey Tambor's male anatomy by Gervais, and much buzzing about Sean Penn's escapade with Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement honoree Denzel Washington also fumbled his way through his speech, which generally serves as a poignant respite in an otherwise irreverent evening.

And yet, buoyed by more respectable picks in recent years and a three-year hosting stint by Tina Fey and Amy Poehler, the boozy Globes have been on the rise, even if their choices won't directly affect who will get that coveted Oscar nomination. In Hollywood, though, it's all about the buzz, and "The Martian" and "The Revenant" just leapt back into the spotlight.

High court to hear dispute over public sector union fees

SAM HANANEL, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court dispute over public-sector union fees could sap the finances of organized labor and further erode the power of the nation's labor movement.

The justices hear arguments Monday in a case that challenges the right of public-employee unions to collect fees from teachers, firefighters and other state and local government workers who choose not to become members.

A group of California public school teachers claims that such mandatory fees violate the First Amendment rights of workers who disagree with the union's positions. Their lawsuit against the California Teachers Association seeks to overturn a nearly four-decade-old Supreme Court precedent that allows public unions to collect "fair share" fees from non-members to help cover the costs of collective bargaining.

The Supreme Court ruled in the 1977 case, *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education*, that states can require non-members to pay the fees as long as the money doesn't go to political causes. The court said the arrangement prevents non-members from becoming "free riders" who get all the benefits of union bargaining and grievance procedures without paying for it.

But the high court has raised serious doubts about the rationale of *Abood* in two recent cases. It has stopped short of overturning it both times, but four justices joined a 2014 opinion by Justice Samuel Alito that called *Abood* "questionable." Alito said it is now harder to draw the line between collective bargaining and political ends.

The California teachers argue that unions have become more political over time. They say even a push for higher salaries and pension benefits raises political questions about the best use of tax dollars for cash-strapped localities.

The unions argue that the First Amendment applies differently to public employees performing their jobs. They assert that the state has a strong interest in promoting efficiency and avoiding costly workplace disruptions by designating the union as the exclusive bargaining representative for workers.

The case also threatens to unravel thousands of contracts around the country that were negotiated relying on the four-decade-old system.

A federal district court ruled against the teachers, saying the outcome was clear under *Abood*. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed.

Half the states already have right-to-work laws banning mandatory fees, but most members of public-

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employee unions are concentrated in states that don't, including California, New York and Illinois.

Labor officials fear that union members will leave in droves if they realize they can get all the benefits of representation without paying for it. Union advocates say the lawsuit is part of a conservative agenda to weaken powerful labor unions, known for reliably supporting Democratic candidates and policies. The teachers are backed by the conservative Center for Individual Rights.

For decades, the growth of union workers in government has helped compensate for steep losses in manufacturing, construction and other private industries where unions once thrived. About half of all union members are now in the public sector, which has a membership rate of 36 percent. That's more than five times higher than that of the private sector, at 6.6 percent.

Obama's State of Union proposals often hit wall in Congress

KEVIN FREKING, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Dead. Real Dead." That was the verdict by then-House Speaker John Boehner on President Barack Obama's proposal to impose higher dividend and capital gains taxes on the wealthy.

But it could just have easily applied to most of the other priorities the president discussed in last year's State of the Union address: free community college, a higher minimum wage, seven days of paid sick leave, authorization to use force against the Islamic State group. They made no progress in the halls of Congress.

No doubt, Obama had numerous high-profile victories in 2015. He got Republicans in Congress to go along with more spending, killed the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, and his health care law lives on despite Republican-led efforts to repeal it. He also secured international agreements designed to curb global warming and stop Iran from getting a nuclear weapon.

But efforts that required congressional cooperation often proved DOA. Instead, White House officials are left pointing to efforts outside of Washington to make the case that Obama's priorities are rubbing off with the public.

For example, the National Conference of State Legislatures says 14 states began the new year with higher minimum wages. Of those, a dozen states increased their rates through legislation while two states automatically increased their rates based on the cost of living.

And Oregon became the fourth state to mandate that employers provide paid sick leave. Obama issued an executive order that requires federal contractors to do the same for their workers.

"The president is acutely aware that change doesn't always start in Washington," said White House spokesman Eric Schultz.

Obama will go before Congress on Tuesday night with his final State of the Union speech and prospects are bleak for big agreements. For one thing, it's a presidential and congressional election year driven by sharp partisanship.

Lawmakers will be spending as much time as they can back in their states and districts, and will seek to avoid taking on anything that could cost them votes in November. GOP lawmakers, for example, overwhelmingly put themselves in the free trade camp, yet Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is pushing to delay any vote on the trade-liberalizing Trans-Pacific Partnership until after the election.

Over the years, Obama has returned to familiar themes. He has pushed for higher taxes for the wealthy and using some of the revenue to pay for tax breaks for the middle class. He has often sought more money for education and infrastructure projects, such as roads and bridges.

In 2015, Congress declined to increase the capital gains and dividend rates that Obama called for with the wealthiest families. Nor did it approve a fee on large, highly leveraged financial institutions to discourage excessive borrowing. But it did make permanent tax breaks that Obama had sought for low-income workers and families as well as families with members attending college.

Republicans dismissed the proposal for free junior college, saying it was too expensive and a better option would be to increase access to Pell grants by streamlining the application process.

And on the minimum wage, lawmakers said an increase nationally would eliminate hundreds of thousands of jobs for students and lower-skilled workers.

Despite the congressional opposition to forcing companies to provide paid sick leave, Obama got a bit of his way. He issued an executive order on Labor Day that requires federal contractors to provide paid sick leave — one hour for every 30 hours the employees work. Stretched out over 12 months, that's up to seven days per year. The order will allow employees to use the leave to care for sick relatives as well, and will affect contracts starting in 2017 — just as Obama leaves office.

For several years now, Republicans have blocked an election-year ritual for Democratic lawmakers: legislation to narrow the pay gap between men and women. And when the GOP took control of both chambers of Congress, prospects for passage got even steeper. But that didn't deter Obama from making another pitch.

The results were predictable: legislation entitled the Paycheck Fairness Act has yet to make it out of a committee.

Amid stock slide, Taiwan polls, China's Xi off to rocky 2016

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Barely more than a week into 2016, Chinese President Xi Jinping is having a rough time of it, with challenges ranging from a plummeting stock market to new provocations from obstreperous ally North Korea. While none pose an existential threat to his administration, the world will be watching to see whether he has the sophisticated touch needed to find durable solutions and maintain stability.

Below is a look at the issues Xi is contending with:

STOCK MARKET VOLATILITY

China twice deployed its "circuit breaker" mechanism to halt trading as stock markets nosedived by 10 percent in the first week of the year. Beijing finally abandoned the mechanism, and left the perception that regulators don't have a clue as they try to stabilize a market that more than doubled between late 2014 and June, then dived 30 percent, causing deep pain among retail investors.

CURRENCY QUEASINESS

Meanwhile, China's currency, the yuan, has slid to a five-year low against the dollar, forcing the government to spend tens of millions of dollars from its foreign currency stockpile to defend it. The government last week guided the yuan 1.5 percent lower to assist hard-pressed exporters, but the clumsy move sent shockwaves through world markets, further weighing on Chinese share prices.

SLOWING ECONOMY

Hiccups in the world's second-largest economy are expected to continue in 2016, with growth falling to a six-year low of 6.9 percent in the July-September quarter and forecast by the International Monetary Fund to decline further to 6.3 percent this year. That bodes ill for the economy's ability to generate enough new jobs for the more than 7.5 million students due to graduate from college this year, while also building momentum for a transition from an investment-based economy to one focused on services.

NORTH KOREA

Despite persistent calls for restraint, China's traditional ally North Korea staged what it claims was a hydrogen bomb test blast on Jan. 6 that sent actual tremors across the border into northeastern China and drew condemnation from Beijing. China now finds itself again under pressure to use any possible leverage with the North to tamp down tensions in northeast Asia, while facing the possibility of more robust security cooperation between South Korea and China's traditional rivals Japan and the United States.

TAIWAN

Voters on the self-governing island democracy appear set to elect a new president whose party opposes Beijing's goal of unification between the sides. Beijing's economic inducements have failed to persuade the Taiwanese public of the benefits of political union. If opposition Democratic Progressive Party candidate Tsai Ing-wen wins Saturday, as she is widely expected to do, Beijing may feel compelled to embark on

economic and diplomatic pressure that could send relations into reverse. It's unlikely that Beijing would go so far as to back up its longstanding threat to use force to bring the island under Chinese control.

POLITICS

While Xi faces no such electoral challenges under China's one-party system, he does face resistance from political rivals and the vast bureaucracy. Xi shows no sign of abandoning his signature anti-corruption campaign blamed for creating a sense of fear and paralysis among the rank and file. His growing cult of personality exudes an exterior confidence. But with the economy slowing and no sign of political reforms, he may come under pressure from critics and rivals to show results on jobs, growth, good governance and addressing the yawning income gap.

HONG KONG

China faces continuing opposition from pro-democracy forces in Hong Kong, the former British colony that reverted to Chinese rule in 1997 while retaining its own legal and economic systems. Beijing's hand-picked chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, is deeply unpopular, and planned electoral changes stalled after massive street protests in 2014, leaving deep rifts in hyper-efficient Hong Kong's society and politicizing a generation of students. Now, the recent disappearances of people associated with a publishing company that specializes in titles critical of China's leadership have raised fears that Beijing is tightening its grip on Hong Kong's freedom of the press and other civil liberties.

With SUV look, tech touches, Chrysler aims to revive minivan

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DETROIT (AP) — Thirty-three years ago, Chrysler invented the minivan. Now, it's reinventing it — with styling reminiscent of an SUV, high-tech features and a first-ever hybrid version that Chrysler hopes will make minivans popular again.

The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica will be unveiled Monday morning at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

It's the latest incarnation of the family hauler that took the suburbs by storm. Lee Iacocca, Chrysler Corp.'s former chairman, drove the company's first minivan off the assembly line in 1983. Baby Boomers loved its sliding doors and roomy interior, and the minivan quickly replaced station wagons as the vehicle of choice for shuttling around kids. By the early 1990s, Chrysler was selling more than 500,000 per year. U.S. minivan sales peaked at 1.37 million in 2000.

But minivans took a hit when car companies started making crossovers — small SUVs that had as much space as minivans but handled more like cars and had better fuel economy. Minivans suddenly looked clunky and undesirable. General Motors and Ford stopped making them altogether. Last year, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles — Chrysler's current owner — sold less than 200,000 minivans in the U.S.

FCA aims to reverse that slide with the Pacifica, which goes on sale this spring. It replaces both the Chrysler Town and Country and Dodge Grand Caravan.

There's hardly anything the company didn't change with the Pacifica — members of some focus groups didn't realize it was a minivan, the company says. FCA's car chief, Tim Kuniskis, says a vehicle so different deserved a new name; the company settled on "Pacifica," the name of a small SUV Chrysler sold a decade ago.

The Pacifica has a sleeker, swept-back look than the current boxy models, which were last redesigned in 2008. It sits lower to the ground and has bigger wheels, giving it a more substantial feel. It looks more luxurious, with bright chrome strips outlining the windows and LED-accented headlights and taillights.

But FCA knows looks alone aren't enough to fend off rivals like the Honda Odyssey and the Toyota Sienna, which have been eating away at Chrysler's market share for years.

So it's debuting several segment firsts. The Pacifica will be the only minivan with a plug-in hybrid version. The hybrid will go up to 30 miles on electric power alone before its gas engine kicks in, thanks to a lithium-ion battery tucked under the second-row seats. Gas-powered models have a 3.6-liter V-6 engine

with 287 horsepower. Chrysler promises the new minivan, 200 pounds lighter than its predecessors, will have the best fuel economy in the segment.

And Chrysler is changing the minivan's hallmark feature, the sliding doors: They'll be aluminum and hands-free, opening automatically if the driver waves a foot under them. The vehicle also can automatically perform parallel and perpendicular parking, and the rear-seat entertainment system has two ten-inch touchscreens that let passengers play games, watch movies or surf the Internet.

Pricing hasn't been announced. The current Chrysler Town and Country — the fancier of the company's models — starts at \$30,000.

Kelley Blue Book analyst Mark Williams says minivans face an uphill battle. This fall, small SUVs became the biggest segment of the U.S. new-vehicle market, at 14 percent. Small vans make up only about 3 percent of that market, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank.

Still, Williams thinks the Pacifica is a minivan the owner can be proud to drive.

And there's one more selling point for parents: The rear touchscreens have a map mode that can show a child how far the minivan is from its destination.

That's right, no more asking, "Are we there yet?"

Mexico begins extradition proceedings against drug lord

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico began the process of extraditing drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman to the United States, two days after the famed fugitive was recaptured following a dramatic, months-long hunt featuring movie stars, sewer escapes and bloody shootouts.

Officials warned that the process could take a long time as Guzman's lawyers file legal appeals and maneuver to keep their client in Mexico, where he has already escaped from maximum security prisons twice.

On Sunday, agents formally notified Guzman that he was wanted in the United States. In a statement, the Attorney General's Office said Mexican agents assigned to the international police agency Interpol served two arrest warrants to the drug lord, who is being held at the Altiplano prison following his capture by Mexican marines on Friday.

Guzman's defense now has three days to present arguments against extradition and 20 days to present supporting evidence, beyond the plethora of other appeals they have already started filing.

Guzman's powerful Sinaloa cartel smuggles multi-ton shipments of cocaine and marijuana as well as manufacturing and transporting methamphetamines and heroin, mostly to the U.S. He is wanted in various U.S. states and his July escape deeply embarrassed the government of President Enrique Pena Nieto and strained ties between the countries.

Guzman's attorney Juan Pablo Badillo has said the defense has already filed six motions to challenge extradition requests.

Badillo said that his client shouldn't be extradited to the U.S. because "our country must respect national sovereignty, the sovereignty of its institutions to impart justice."

On Saturday, a Mexican federal law enforcement official said the quickest Guzman could be extradited would be six months, but even that is not likely because of the many appeals filed by his lawyers. He said that the appeals are usually turned down, but each one means a judge has to schedule a hearing.

"That can take weeks or months, and that delays the extradition," he said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to comment. "We've had cases that take six years."

Mexico's willingness to extradite Guzman is a sharp turnaround from the last time he was captured in 2014, when then-Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam said the extradition would happen only after he finished his sentence in Mexico in "300 or 400 years."

Guzman was re-apprehended on Friday after a shootout between gunmen and Mexican marines at the home in Los Mochis, a seaside city in Guzman's home state of Sinaloa. Five suspects were killed and six others arrested. One marine was injured.

Mexican authorities say actor Sean Penn's contacts with Guzman helped them track the fugitive down —

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even if he slipped away from an initial raid on the hideout where the Hollywood actor apparently met him.

Penn's article on Guzman was published late Saturday by Rolling Stone magazine, a day after the drug lord's recapture. In it, Penn wrote of elaborate security precautions, but also said that as he flew to Mexico on Oct 2 for the meeting, "I see no spying eyes, but I assume they are there."

He was apparently right.

A Mexican federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to comment on the issue, told the Associated Press the Penn interview led authorities to Guzman in the area of Tamazula, a rural part of Durango state.

They raided Guzman's remote hideout a few days after the interview and narrowly missed capturing Guzman, whose July escape from Mexico's top security prison — though a mile-long (1.5-kilometer) tunnel — had embarrassed President Enrique Pena Nieto and made his capture a national priority.

Describing the capture, Attorney General Arely Gomez said that investigators had been aided in locating Guzman by documented contacts between his attorneys and "actors and producers" she said were interested in making a film about him, though she did not name them.

Two months after that close call, marines finally caught him in a residential neighborhood of Los Mochis, where they'd been monitoring a suspected safe house. Guzman was able to escape via storm drains and exited a manhole in the street. But he was captured in a vehicle on the highway.

In the interview in Rolling Stone, Guzman defends his work at the head of the world's biggest drug trafficking organization, one blamed for thousands of killings. When asked if he is to blame for high addiction rates, he responds: "No, that is false, because the day I don't exist, it's not going to decrease in any way at all. Drug trafficking? That's false."

Penn wrote that Guzman was interested in having a movie filmed on his life and wanted Mexican actress Kate del Castillo, who had portrayed a drug trafficker in a television series, involved in the project.

"He was interested in seeing the story of his life told on film, but would entrust its telling only to Kate," wrote Penn, who appears in a photo posted with the interview shaking hands with Guzman.

Penn's representatives have not commented on the claims by Mexican officials.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2016. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 11, 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued "Smoking and Health," a report which concluded that "cigarette smoking contributes substantially to mortality from certain specific diseases and to the overall death rate."

On this date:

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.

In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).

In 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

In 1927, the creation of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was proposed during a dinner of Hollywood luminaries at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Imperial Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1946, the People's Republic of Albania was proclaimed after King Zog was formally deposed by the Communists.

In 1966, Swiss artist Alberto Giacometti, 64, died in Chur.

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In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

In 1989, nine days before leaving the White House, President Ronald Reagan bade the nation farewell in a prime-time address, saying of his eight years in office: "We meant to change a nation and instead we changed a world."

In 1995, 51 people were killed when a Colombian DC-9 jetliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena — however, 9-year-old Erika Delgado survived.

In 2010, Mark McGwire admitted to The Associated Press that he'd used steroids and human growth hormone when he broke baseball's home run record in 1998.

Ten years ago: A Georgian court convicted Vladimir Arutyunian of trying to assassinate President George W. Bush and Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili (sah-kahsh-VIH'-leh) with a grenade in Tbilisi (tuh-BLEE'-see) on May 10, 2005, and sentenced him to life in prison. Gunmen stormed an offshore oil platform run by Royal Dutch Shell in Nigeria and seized the workers, an American, a Briton, a Bulgarian and a Honduran. (The four were freed nearly three weeks later.)

Five years ago: Several hundred mourners remembered the victims of the Arizona shooting rampage during a public Mass at St. Odilia Catholic Church in Tucson. David Nelson, 74, who co-starred on his parents' popular TV show "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," died in Los Angeles.

One year ago: More than a million people surged through the boulevards of Paris behind dozens of world leaders walking arm-in-arm in a rally for unity against three days of terror that killed 17 people and changed France. At the 72nd Golden Globes, the movie "Boyhood" won best dramatic picture while "The Grand Budapest Hotel" was named best musical or comedy picture; in the TV categories, "The Affair" was named best dramatic series while "Transparent" was named best musical or comedy series. Anita Ekberg, 83, the Swedish-born actress and sex symbol of the 1950s and 1960s, died in Rome.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 91. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien (zhahn kray-tee-EHN'), is 82. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 82. Actor Felix Silla is 79. Movie director Joel Zwick is 74. Country singer Naomi Judd is 70. World Golf Hall of Famer Ben Crenshaw is 64. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 60. Actress Phyllis Logan (TV: "Downton Abbey") is 60. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 58. Actress Kim Coles is 54. Actor Jason Connery is 53. Former child actress Dawn Lyn (TV: "My Three Sons") is 53. Contemporary Christian musician Jim Bryson (MercyMe) is 48. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 48. Movie director Malcolm D. Lee is 46. Singer Mary J. Blige is 45. Musician Tom Rowlands (The Chemical Brothers) is 45. Actor Marc Blucas is 44. Actress Amanda Peet is 44. Actor Rockmond Dunbar is 43. Actress Aja Naomi King is 31. Actress Kristolyn Lloyd is 31. Reality TV star Jason Wahler (TV: "Laguna Beach"; "The Hills") is 29. Pop singer Cody Simpson is 19.

Thought for Today: "Je sais que je ne sais pas ce que je ne sais pas." (I know that I don't know what I don't know.) — Marguerite Yourcenar, French author (1903-1987).

10 Things to Know for Monday

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about Monday:

1. WHO MAY HAVE HELPED MEXICAN OFFICIALS LOCATE DRUG LORD

Sean Penn's secret Rolling Stone magazine interview with Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman could have unwittingly aided the hunt for the cartel chief, Mexican officials say.

2. IT'S THE 'BIGGEST JACKPOT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD'

That's what a lottery official says the estimated \$1.3 billion Powerball payoff will be by Wednesday's drawing.

3. HOW WATCHDOG GROUP SAYS US GOV'T FAILS AIRLINE PILOTS

The FAA falls short in ensuring pilots keep up their flying skills and get full training on monitoring automated control systems, the Transportation Department's internal watchdog says.

4. WHY CRUZ, TRUMP GENERATE BOTH ENTHUSIASM AND CONCERN

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Just weeks before the Iowa caucuses, the two GOP candidates are garnering widespread support from voters — but are raising fears among party officials who don't believe either of the two can win the White House.

5. 'GHOST' SOLDIERS FILL AFGHAN MILITARY RANKS

Afghan forces struggle to man the front lines against a resurgent Taliban, in part because of untold numbers of troops who are paid salaries but only exist on paper.

6. FRANCE OBSERVES CHARLIE HEDBO ATTACKS ANNIVERSARY

French President Francois Hollande and other dignitaries hold a special ceremony to honor all those killed in Islamic extremist violence around Paris in 2015.

7. WHAT EARNINGS SEASON IS EXPECTED TO REVEAL

Despite a rebounding U.S. jobs market, earnings for companies in the Standard and Poor's 500 index are forecast to drop for the second straight quarter.

8. MOTHER: ORE. ARMED MILITANTS WANT FRENCH VANILLA CREAMER

The mother of the leader of the militia occupying an Oregon wildlife refuge also says the men need food, coffee, cigarettes and other supplies.

9. 'THE REVENANT' WINS BEST FILM AT GOLDEN GLOBES

A year after Alejandro Inarritu's "Birdman" took top honors at the Academy Awards, his follow-up swept three of the top awards at the 73rd annual Golden Globes.

10. NFL WILD-CARD SUNDAY

Blair Walsh misses 27-yard field goal as Seahawks hold on to beat Vikings 10-9; Aaron Rodgers lead the Packers to a 35-18 victory over the Redskins.