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NO SCHOOL

Skating Rink to open at 1 p.m.

Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Jay & Linda Johnson

Birthdays: Austin Anderson, Jesse Howard, Margaret Padfield, Jennifer Thompson.

6:00pm: Wrestling Triangular at Sisseton (with Webster)

6:30pm: GBB hosts Clark-Willow Lake

Friday, January 15, 2016

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

School Lunch: Chili, corn bread, broccoli and dip, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tuna noodle casserole, peas, swedish apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alissia Gelhaus, Tonya Reich, Mark Abeln.

2:00pm: Wrestling at Philip

4:00pm: BBB at Clark (7th at 4:00, 8th at 5:00, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday, January 16, 2016

BBB Classic at Redfield

Elementary PAC Volleyball Tourney in Groton
(Cancelled)

Birthdays: Glenna Remington, Hunter Bahr, Nicole Marzahn, Rachel Larson.

9:00am: Wrestling at Philip

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran pastor at Rosewood Court

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

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Carnival of Silver Skates Pictures at GHS Arena

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Closed**

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Superintendent's Report to the Groton Area School District 06-6 Board of Education

January 11, 2016

Mickey Padfield. On Saturday, Mickey passed away at the hospital in Sioux Falls. Mickey worked for the district for 27 years. The funeral will be at First United Methodist Church at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 14. School will be closed on that day to allow employees and students to attend as desired. Notes were sent with elementary students, the School Messenger system was used and the information has been published online.

Education Funding Proposals. We expect to hear Governor Daugaard discuss his proposals for addressing the Blue Ribbon Task Force recommendations tomorrow during his State of the State Address. Information that has been provided to education groups ahead of the address indicate that we'll hear the following proposals.

1. Targeted student:teacher ratio between 12:1 and 15:1 based on enrollment
2. Benefits factor of 29% and overhead factor of 31%
3. Abolish the pension fund and associated local tax levy (revenue would be generated state-wide in GF)
4. General fund balance cap at 30% for schools our size effective for FY19 based on the lowest monthly fund balance of the previous 12 months into general fund expenditures.
5. Repeal the sunset of Capital Outlay flexibility and broaden the scope so that up to 20% of Capital Outlay collections can be used for any general fund purpose.
6. Limit future growth in Capital Outlay by capping the maximum dollar amount that can be collected annually by 3% or inflation (whichever is less) and impose an alternative maximum on Capital Outlay collections on a per-student basis at \$2800 per student to take place in FY2021.
7. Equalization of other revenues with the hold-harmless base phased out at the rate of 20% each year over five years. The net effect of this provision on our district is in the neighborhood of the loss of \$600,000 in general fund revenue.

It is important to remember that this proposal will go through many levels of scrutiny and face many attempts at amendment before adoption. The information that we received does not mention the mechanism by which

Highway 37 Project Meeting. I have a meeting scheduled with Mike Young from the South Dakota Department of Transportation on Thursday to discuss the Highway 37 project which is now slated as a spring 2017 project.

Special Education Accountability Review. Tuesday, January 19 is our Special Education Accountability Review. The review team will be on site all day conducting file reviews and interviews with special education and general education staff. At the end of the day, we will have an exit conference where they will share with us their findings.

HS Instrumental Music Position. We've re-advertised this position through the Associated School Board Teacher placement site with a closing date of January 29. To date, I've received three applications.

Capital Outlay Budgeting. We've collected capital outlay request forms from staff and have begun to look at establishing priorities for FY17 capital outlay projects.

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Monday JH Games cancelled

The JH Boys B-ball games scheduled with Leola/Frederick at Groton on Monday, Jan 18th have been CANCELLED!

Electrical Rebates Available

Forms are available at city hall for rebates through Heartland Consumers Power District. You can get the following rebates: \$50 on Energy Star rated electric clothes dryers, \$25 on Energy Star rated dehumidifiers, \$3 rebate per screw in LED bulbs or \$5 rebate on LED recessed cans or retrofit kits with a maximum of \$100 per year, \$100 on Marathon water heaters (must provide proof of registration to qualify for lifetime warranty).

Robotics in Groton

There will be a VEX Robotics tournament January 23, 2016 at the Groton Area School, old gym. Competition starts about 10:00 and will go to about 5:00.

Activities calendar overhaul discussed

By Dana Hess

For the South Dakota Newspaper Association

PIERRE — Shoehorning more than 20 sports and activities into the course of a school year isn't an easy task. Now the South Dakota High School Activities Association is discussing possible changes in the way those seasons are scheduled.

At its meeting Wednesday, SDHSAA board members discussed changes offered by the calendar committee chaired by Huron Superintendent Terry Nebelsick.

"We need to look at the big picture," said SDHSAA chairman Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen. He explained that scheduling events has been made tougher by the implementation of soccer as an SDHSAA-sanctioned sport as well as the addition of cheer and dance and show choir.

The big picture presented to board members included recommendations that would shift dates for fall golf, fall and spring tennis, volleyball, football, cross-country, journalism and show choir. A list of the changes can be found on the agenda for the board's meeting on the SDHSAA website at www.sdhsaa.com.

Nebelsick said the committee approached the task by trying to make the schedule "better for the children that compete in the activities."

Some of the main concerns were finding a way to keep volleyball and football participation from cutting into the number of students that take part in the state choir and orchestra concerts, providing enough rest and recovery time for students playing football and providing a break for athletes between the volleyball and girls' basketball seasons.

All of the proposed changes had to be offered with an eye toward not lengthening the school year so as to arouse the interest of lawmakers who may be willing to try to legislate a school start date, Nebelsick said.

According to SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand, one of the "non-negotiable" items on the calendar had to be addressing the nine-man and 11B football playoff systems.

It's not uncommon for a schools in those divisions to travel long distances in their last game of the year and in the first round of the playoffs.

"There's four days of quality instruction time that's gone," Krogstrand said.

Throughout the discussion, Uttermark emphasized that no action was being taken on the proposed changes. The calendar committee will meet again on Feb. 24 in Chamberlain in order to present a proposal to the SDHSAA board at its March 2 meeting in Pierre. If a first reading passes at that meeting, a second reading will take place at the association's annual meeting in Pierre on April 19.

"There's plenty of time for discussion," Uttermark said. "I want to give folks a lot of time to digest this."

Another recommendation from the calendar committee was a five-day blackout during the Christmas holiday when no activities could be held. Nebelsick said the dates would include Dec. 24 and 25 and three days before or after those dates.

The Huron superintendent acknowledged that many communities hold holiday tournaments. Rather than have SDHSAA determine the dates when school district activities go dark, he said the committee would rather the board mandate that each district pick its own five-day holiday period that would include no activities.

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Trust key component of out-of-season guidelines

By Dana Hess

For the South Dakota Newspaper Association

PIERRE — The success of revised rules governing the number of contacts coaches can have with their players in the summer will depend on the willingness of coaches, athletic directors and superintendents to see that the rules are followed.

That was part of the message when the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors approved the first reading of new out-of-season regulations at its meeting Wednesday.

“We have a fairly obvious strong mandate,” said SDHSAA Assistant Executive Director John Krogstrand, noting that 80 percent of superintendents responding to a survey about the changes voted in favor of their implementation.

The proposed out-of-season rules include allowing coaches to work with athletes on an unrestricted basis during the summer time period—defined as from the state track meet through July 31. Exceptions during that time would be a moratorium on contact between coaches and athletes from July 1 through July 7.

Teams would also be limited to four team contacts which include any activity that occurs on or off school grounds. This can include a team camp, scrimmage, league or an event that involves participants from multiple teams from different schools.

Open gyms or private lessons would remain legal.

Some board members and members of the audience—largely athletic directors and superintendents—questioned whether the rules would be enough to rein in an overzealous coach.

Krogstrand said that with the contacts allowed by SDHSAA and the proliferation of football camps, high school players could be practicing in full pads from May 31 to July 31.

Some on the board and in the audience were more trusting of coaches.

“It’s silly for us to say it’s all right to practice in pads for the summer,” said board member Brian Maher. The Sioux Falls superintendent expressed confidence that school officials would step in to enforce the rules.

“We should trust our coaches and trust our ADs,” said board member Sandy Klatt of Brandon Valley.

Board member Steve Morford of Spearfish predicted that if some football coaches take the opportunity to practice throughout the summer, other coaches will face tremendous pressure from parents to follow suit.

The board unanimously passed a first reading of the regulations. A second reading will be held at the board’s meeting on March 2 in Pierre.

SDHSAA staff was also instructed to explore regulations governing restrictions on contact during summer football practices.

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Activities board wants schools to consider harmfulness of Indian mascots

By Dana Hess

For South Dakota Newspaper Association

PIERRE — School district leaders should take the time to consider if their use of Native American mascots is disrespectful. That was the message from the South Dakota High School Activities Association board of directors on Wednesday as it passed the first reading of a resolution asking its member schools not to use stereotypical Indian mascots and team names.

"We're only asking the association to ask its membership to consider not using it," said Roger Bordeaux of the Tiospa Zina Tribal School and the Native American at-large representative on the SDHSAA board.

Prior to the board's November meeting, Bordeaux offered a PowerPoint presentation to the board and all member schools about the negative impact Indian mascots can have on Native American students.

The resolution Bordeaux offered for the board's consideration cites examples of that harm from the American Psychological Association, the American Sociological Association and the White House Initiative on American Indian/Alaska Native Education.

"Don't assume there's unanimity" on this issue," said Sisseton School Board Member Ron Evenson. He said local tribal members in the Sisseton area have encouraged the school's use of the team name Redmen.

In particular, Evenson took exception to the concluding section of the resolution that says "it is very clear that Indian mascots, and any representation of stereotypical Indian imagery not only cause harm to American Indian youth, but moreover, such imagery is not suitable for educational settings which aim to foster healthy psychological development and/or student self-actualization."

"Is it very clear?" Evenson asked. "Do you know that it's causing harm?"

If it is harmful, Evenson said, the board should be doing more than passing a nonbinding resolution.

"You're the folks that should be dealing with it," Evenson said. "Why aren't you telling them all they have to stop?"

Schools that refused to give up their Indian mascots could be denied eligibility for postseason play, Evenson said.

Woonsocket Superintendent Rod Weber, whose teams also go by the name Redmen, asked who was behind the resolution and if the board had researched the affects of Native American team names and mascots.

Bordeaux said the idea for the resolution came from people who work with him.

"All these national organizations are saying that it's not OK," Bordeaux said. "From an evidence standpoint, it's all right there."

Board member Brian Maher, the superintendent of the Sioux Falls School district and home of the Washington Warriors, said he asked for a history of the team name shortly after he took the job. He said he found that a lot of thought and cultural sensitivity went into the way the name was used and he didn't think that the resolution would cause the school district to change the team name.

"We're not compelling anybody to change," Maher said, noting the board was considering a resolution rather than a regulation.

"The intent of the resolution is honorable," said board chairman Jason Uttermark of Aberdeen. "Just take a look, that's all that we're asking."

The board passed the first reading of the resolution on an 8-1 vote. The dissenting vote was cast by Moe Ruesink of Sioux Valley in Volga.

There are as many as 16 South Dakota high schools with mascot names that might be considered offensive according to the SDHSAA resolution. Those schools include the Bennett County Warriors, the Britton-Hecla Braves, the Castlewood Warriors, the Cheyenne-Eagle Butte Braves, the Crazy Horse Chiefs, the Crow Creek Chieftains, the Estelline Redmen, the Iroquois Chiefs, the Lower Brule Sioux, the Marty Indian School Braves, the St. Francis Indian School Warriors, the Sisseton Redmen, the Wakpala Sioux, the Sioux Falls Washington Warriors, the Watertown Arrows and the Woonsocket Redmen.

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Today in Weather History

January 14, 1916: Record cold continued on this date in weather history in 1916 across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota. Aberdeen, Kennebec, Mobridge, Timber Lake, Watertown, and Wheaton all set record lows. The record lows were 24 degrees below zero at Kennebec, 28 degrees below zero at Wheaton, 31 degrees below zero at Timber Lake, 35 degrees below zero at Mobridge, 36 degrees below zero at Aberdeen, and 38 degrees below zero at Watertown.

1863 - The greatest snowstorm of record for Cincinnati OH commenced, and a day later twenty inches of snow covered the ground. That total has remained far above the modern day record for Cincinnati of eleven inches of snow in one storm. (David Ludlum)

1882 - Southern California's greatest snow occurred on this date. Fifteen inches blanketed San Bernardino, and even San Diego reported a trace of snow. (David Ludlum)

1979 - Chicago, IL, was in the midst of their second heaviest snow of record as, in thirty hours, the city was buried under 20.7 inches of snow. The twenty-nine inch snow cover following the storm was an all-time record for Chicago. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Arctic cold invaded the north central U.S. By evening blustery northwest winds and temperatures near zero at Grand Forks ND were producing wind chill readings of 50 degrees below zero. (National Weather Summary)

1988 - A powerful Pacific storm produced rain and high winds in the western U.S. In Nevada, a wind gust to 90 mph at Reno was an all-time record for that location, and wind gusts reached 106 mph southwest of Reno. A wind gust to 94 mph was recorded at nearby Windy Hill. Rainfall totals in Oregon ranged up to six inches at Wilson River. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - A winter storm spread snow and sleet and freezing rain from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the northeastern U.S. Freezing rain in West Virginia caused fifteen traffic accidents in just a few minutes west of Charleston. Tennessee was deluged with up to 7.5 inches of rain. Two inches of rain near Clarksville TN left water in the streets as high as car doors.

1990 - A winter storm in the southwestern U.S. blanketed the mountains of southwest Utah with 18 to 24 inches of snow, while sunshine and strong southerly winds helped temperatures warm into the 60s in the Central Plains Region. Five cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including North Platte NE with a reading of 63 degrees. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

“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

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 32.2 at 3:27 PM

Low: 6.3 at 3:19 AM

High Gust: 17 at 7:58 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 50° in 1901

Record Low: -36° in 1916

Average High: 22°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.24

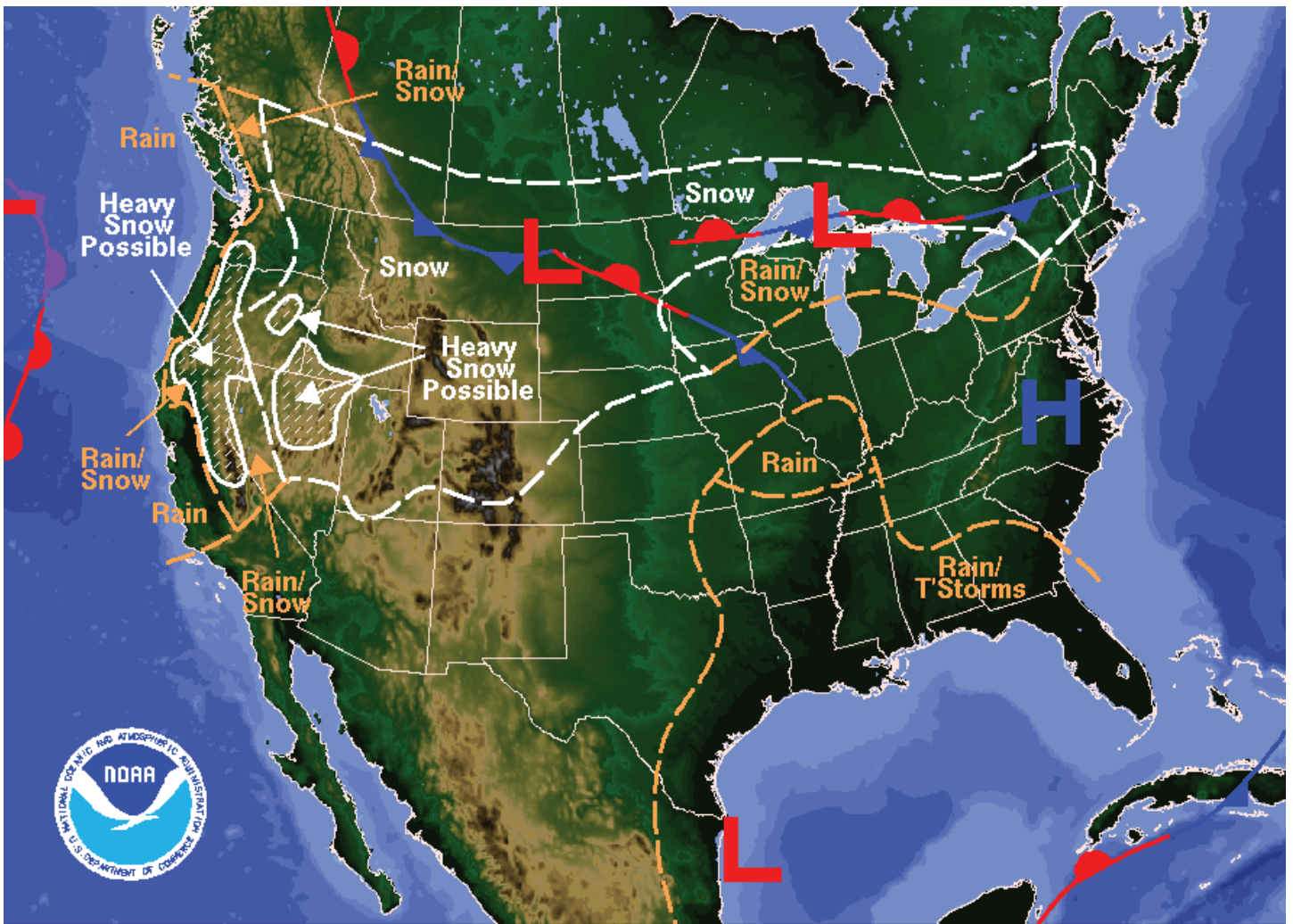
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.24

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:15 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:09 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jan 14, 2016, issued 2:35 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GOOD MORNING, GOD!

Once, when Senator Talmadge was running for reelection, he decided to make a special effort to visit farmers. It was reported that when he asked the first farmer he met to vote for him, he was surprised at the response.

Said the farmer politely, "Can't do that. I promised the other fellow that I would vote for him."

"But," said the politician, "I've done a lot for you in the past."

"Yep, that's right, Senator. But you ain't done nothin' for me lately," came the reply.

Often, the past benefits and blessings of God are forgotten, not so with Jeremiah. Looking back, he wrote, "The unfailing love of the Lord never ends: great is His faithfulness." Looking ahead, he said, "His mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, the Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will trust in Him."

God willingly responds to our requests for help whenever we ask. Each morning when we awaken, we have the knowledge and assurance that He is with us. We can be confident that His great promises of the past assure us of His presence in the future. His love, grace, and mercy are always available.

Prayer: Lord, as we begin this day, we thank You for Your gifts in the past and what You will do for us today! In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Lamentations 3:22-24 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

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News from the  Associated Press

Size of Dakotas winter wheat crop down from previous year

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — This year's winter wheat crop in the Dakotas is smaller than the previous year's. The Agriculture Department estimates South Dakota's crop at 1.42 million acres, down from 1.1 million acres.

North Dakota's crop is projected at 200,000 acres, down slightly from 190,000. Winter wheat is a minor crop in North Dakota, where spring wheat and durum wheat dominate.

Winter wheat is seeded and emerges in the fall, goes dormant over winter, begins growing again in the spring and is harvested in the summer.

Nationally, this year's crop is estimated at 36.6 million acres, down from 39.5 million.

Cheyenne River Sioux leader to address state Legislature

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A leader from one of the nine Native American tribes in South Dakota is set to address a joint session of the state Legislature for the first time.

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

Frazier has said he will talk about Medicaid expansion and the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation's roads. The speech is similar to the governor's State of the State address.

Steve Emery is Secretary of Tribal Relations at the state. He has said the address reinforces the government-to-government relationship between the tribes and the state that his department works to support.

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

Sioux Falls man sentenced for selling rifle with silencer

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's office says a 41-year-old man was sentenced to nearly six years in prison after he was convicted of possessing a silencer.

U.S. Attorney for South Dakota Randolph Seiler says Neiko Currie was indicted for possession of an unregistered firearm by a federal grand jury on April 8 and pleaded guilty to the charge on Dec. 4. He was sentenced this week.

Authorities say Currie was in the process of selling a rifle with an attached silencer when the purchaser contacted the Brookings Police Department to ask if the purchase was legal. Officers paid off the remaining balance on the rifle and silencer and arrested Currie.

Currie has been turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

North Dakota St. survives to beat South Dakota, 66-65

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Kory Brown set career-highs with 21 points and 15 rebounds and North Dakota State held on to beat South Dakota 66-65 on Wednesday night.

A.J. Jacobsen hit two free throws to give North Dakota State (12-6, 2-2 Summit) a 66-60 cushion with 2:48 left. But an Austin Sparks jumper and free throw spurred a 5-0 South Dakota scoring spurt which cut the Bison lead to one with 22 seconds left.

After Khy Kabellis missed a free throw, the Coyotes had a final possession to win it but Shy McClelland missed a jumper with three seconds left.

Paul Miller had 14 points and Jacobsen added 13 points for the Bison, who are 8-1 in their last nine against South Dakota.

Casey Kasperbauer scored 19 points to lead South Dakota (9-10, 1-4), which has lost four of five. Mc-

Clelland added 14 points for the Coyotes.

SD chief justice talks elder abuse, alternative sentencing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota should add more drug and alcohol courts and expand existing programs to accommodate more participants, Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson said Wednesday.

Gilbertson spoke to state legislators during his State of the Judiciary message, which examines the issues that have affected the judiciary over the last year and focuses on the system's current goals. Gilbertson also asked lawmakers to make it more difficult to prey on vulnerable seniors, which he advocated studying in his speech last year.

South Dakota now has 12 alternative sentencing programs, including five drunken driving courts and seven drug courts in the steadily growing effort, he said. He lauded the programs for keeping offenders out of custody while saving South Dakota taxpayers money, and requested that lawmakers consider funding such a program in the Brookings area.

Gilbertson also said he would like to see both drug and alcohol courts available in locations where only one exists. He said, an additional \$590,000 in funding largely for addiction treatment would see capacity jump from 290 to 445 people in one year.

The spending would be a "small fraction" of the cost of constructing and staffing a new prison, said Gilbertson, who was appointed to the high court in 1995 and has served as chief justice since 2001.

Gilbertson also discussed proposals set to go before lawmakers on elder abuse, which were spurred by a task force's study of the issue based on his urging last year. Some of the recommendations include incorporating emotional and psychological abuse into the state's criminal abuse and neglect laws for the elderly and employing a new prosecutor in the state Attorney General's office to prosecute the financial exploitation of aged people.

"While this will not cure all aspects of the problem, it will make it more difficult to prey on a vulnerable senior," Gilbertson said of the proposals.

A spokeswoman for Gov. Dennis Daugaard said in an email that he is endorsing the legislation.

In November, Gilbertson announced a task force to examine the issues around people with mental illness entering the criminal justice system. He said the goal in part is to improve public safety and better identify people with mental illness coming into the system.

He also praised a criminal justice overhaul passed in 2013 aimed at boosting rehabilitation rates and reducing corrections spending, with an increased focus on violent and career criminals.

Last session, lawmakers passed similar changes in the state's juvenile justice system.

SD high court hears appeal of Pierre teen murder conviction

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The lawyer for a Pierre teenager convicted of killing a classmate and threatening another told the state Supreme Court on Wednesday that Braiden McCahren was denied his right to defend himself against the second-degree murder charge because prosecutors asked for it to be an option at the last minute.

A jury in 2014 found McCahren not guilty of a more serious charge of first-degree, premeditated murder but guilty of second-degree murder for the killing of 16-year-old Dalton Williams.

The prosecution asked to give jurors the option of less serious charges just before closing arguments in the trial, after all the evidence was in, and the court agreed.

Because second-degree murder wasn't among the original charges, McCahren's defense was based on discrediting allegations that he intended to kill his friend — the premeditated murder charge — and not on whether there was depravity of mind, the premise of a second-degree murder count.

If McCahren had been defending against second-degree murder, his lawyers would have had psychologists testify that he functioned at the equivalent level of an 11- or 12-year-old and provided evidence of his mental acuity to show he didn't anticipate the consequences of his actions, said McCahren's attorney, Michael Butler.

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"He didn't get the chance to defend himself against the charge he was convicted of," Butler said.

Authorities said the shooting happened in McCahren's home after an argument about a paintball incident. His defense argued the shooting was an accident.

McCahren, who was 16 at the time of the 2012 killing but was tried as an adult, also was convicted of aggravated assault for pointing the shotgun at another classmate and pulling the trigger, though the gun didn't fire.

As he attempted to leave McCahren's home, the classmate said during trial, the gun discharged and struck Williams, who died.

McCahren was later sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Assistant Attorney General Patricia Archer told the high court that there was no trial error that would warrant a reversal of the conviction.

She argued that McCahren was provided sufficient notice of the charges against him based on his indictment and state law, which establishes lesser offenses available in a first-degree murder trial, including second-degree murder.

The high court hasn't offered a timeframe on when it will make a ruling in the case.

Former National Park Service employee sentenced for stealing

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Hermosa man has been sentenced to three years of probation for stealing from the federal government.

Authorities say 37-year-old Tobin Nettifee took a chain saw, firefighting equipment, radios, flight gear, microphones, a power generator and power tools from the National Park Service between June 2010 and August 2014.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Nettifee was a Park Service employee and did not return the items upon leaving employment. Seiler says Nettifee also later stole a chain saw from a U.S. Forest Service pickup truck and pawned it in Rapid City.

Nettifee pleaded guilty to theft of government property last August and was sentenced this month. He also was ordered to pay \$800 in restitution.

USD football team to open season against New Mexico

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota football team will open next season against New Mexico.

USD competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, while New Mexico is in the upper-tier Football Bowl Subdivision.

The Coyotes will travel to Albuquerque on Sept. 3 for the game against the Lobos at University Stadium on New Mexico's campus, which averaged 23,500 fans this past season.

The game time will be announced later.

Hartford City Councilman resigns in wake of police probe

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — A Hartford City Council member has resigned in the wake of a police investigation tied to a mayoral recall petition drive late last year.

Minnehaha County Sheriff's Capt. Mike Walsh tells the Argus Leader newspaper and KSFY-TV that a community group behind the recall push said Doyle Johnson read a possibly fraudulent email at a council meeting, disparaging the group.

The sheriff's office has submitted its findings to the state's attorney's office for consideration of charges. Falsification of a public record by a public official is punishable by up to a year in jail under state law.

The Argus Leader reports that Johnson did not respond to requests for comment.

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\$1.6 billion Powerball jackpot goes to 3 winners in 3 states

ANDREW DALTON, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An eye-popping and unprecedented Powerball jackpot whose rise to \$1.6 billion became a national fascination will be split three ways.

The winners' identities remain a mystery, but they bought their tickets in Florida, Tennessee and a Los Angeles suburb where even lottery losers were celebrating Thursday that such heady riches were won in their modest city.

The winners of the world-record jackpot overcame odds of 1 in 292.2 million to land on the numbers drawn Wednesday night, 4-8-19-27-34 and Powerball 10. They can take the winnings in annual payments spread over decades or a smaller amount in a lump sum.

The California ticket was sold at a 7-Eleven in Chino Hills, California, lottery spokesman Alex Traverso told The Associated Press. The winning ticket in Tennessee was sold in Munford, north of Memphis, according to a news release from lottery officials in that state.

The California store and its surrounding strip mall immediately became a popular gathering spot in the usually quiet suburb of 75,000 people. Hundreds of people, from news crews to gawkers, crowded the store and spilled into its parking lot.

They cheered and mugged for TV cameras as if it were New Year's Eve or a sporting event. Many chanted, "Chino Hills! Chino Hills!" in celebration of the city.

"It's history. We're all so excited for our city," Rita Talwar, 52, who has lived in Chino Hills for 30 years, told the local newspaper, the San Bernardino Sun.

Some took selfies with the store clerk on duty, who became an instant celebrity and may well have been the man who sold the ticket after being on duty for much of the run-up to Wednesday night's drawing.

"I'm very proud that the ticket was sold here," the clerk, M. Faroqui, told the Sun. "I'm very happy. This is very exciting."

The 7-Eleven will get a \$1 million bonus for selling the winning ticket, Traverso said.

No details were immediately available about the Florida winner.

The estimated jackpot amounts had risen steadily since Nov. 4, when it was reset at \$40 million. Texas Lottery executive director Gary Grief has said this Powerball offered "absolutely" the world's biggest jackpot.

Powerball tickets are sold in 44 states, as well as the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

But residents in the six states that don't participate found ways to get their hands on tickets. Some of the biggest Powerball sales have come from cities bordering states that don't sell the tickets, according to the Multi-State Lottery Association. The association oversees the Powerball Lottery, but management rotates annually among member states.

N. Korea slams World Economic Forum for revoking invitation

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Thursday criticized organizers of the World Economic Forum in Davos for revoking an invitation to its delegation in the wake of a nuclear test.

The WEF sent an invitation to North Korea last autumn but withdrew it after Pyongyang defiantly conducted what it called a hydrogen bomb test last week.

There is widespread skepticism over whether the blast was truly an H-bomb test, but world powers are looking for ways to punish the North. The test, even if not a hydrogen bomb, will still likely push the country closer toward a fully functional nuclear arsenal.

The North's state media said its permanent representative to the U.N. office sent a letter of protest to the WEF's managing board on Thursday.

The letter expressed "deep concern" over the forum's decision and described it as a "very sinister act," according to the official Korean Central News Agency.

The WEF, scheduled for later this month, is an annual high-profile gathering of heads of state, CEOs and public figures in the Swiss ski resort of Davos. This year's forum is expected to draw more than 2,500

participants from more than 100 countries.

North Korea last attended the forum in 1998, according to South Korean media.

Brazen attacks in Jakarta leave 5 gunmen, 2 others dead

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JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Attackers set off explosions at a Starbucks cafe in a bustling shopping area in Indonesia's capital and waged gunbattles with police Thursday, leaving bodies in the streets as office workers watched in terror from high-rise buildings.

Police said five attackers and two civilians were killed, while 10 people were injured in the brazen attacks, which followed several warnings in recent weeks by police that Islamic militants were planning something big. It was unclear if any perpetrators remained at large.

Five hours after the major downtown street in Jakarta — not far from the presidential palace and the U.S. Embassy — turned into a battleground, police declared the area near the Sarinah shopping mall secure.

"We believe there are no more attackers around Sarinah. We have taken control," Jakarta police spokesman Col. Muhammad Iqbal said.

Gen. Anton Charilyan, a national police spokesman, said the attack involved an unknown number of assailants with grenades and guns. He said they imitated the recent "terror acts" in Paris and were likely from the Islamic State group, but gave no evidence.

It was the first major attack in Indonesia's capital since the 2009 bombings of two hotels that killed seven people and injured more than 50. Before that, bombings at nightclubs on the resort island of Bali in 2002 killed 202 people, mostly foreigners.

No one claimed responsibility for Thursday's attack on Thamrin Street, which prompted a security lockdown in central Jakarta and enhanced checks all over the crowded city of 10 million.

Charilyan said police had received information in late November about a warning from the Islamic State group that "there will be a concert" in Indonesia, meaning an attack.

"This act is clearly aimed at disturbing public order and spreading terror among people," President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo, said in a statement on television. Jokowi, who was in the West Java town of Cirebon, said he was returning to Jakarta immediately.

"The state, the nation and the people should not be afraid of, and be defeated by, such terror acts," he said.

Tri Seranto, a bank security guard, told The Associated Press he saw at least five attackers, including three who triggered explosions at the Starbucks. It was not immediately clear if they exploded bombs or grenades.

Tri described them as suicide bombers, but police spokesman Charilyan denied they blew themselves up.

He said the two dead civilians were a Dutch citizen and an Indonesian. An Algerian man was among the 10 injured, he said.

But there was some confusion about the Dutch citizen's status. A Dutch Foreign Minister spokeswoman in the Netherlands said he was seriously injured and was undergoing surgery.

After the explosions at Starbucks, a gunbattle broke out between the attackers and anti-terror police squads, and gunfire could be heard more than 1½ hours later.

Witnesses saw at least three bodies sprawled on the sidewalk after the fighting ended.

The area has many luxury hotels, and offices in high-rise buildings and embassies, including the French.

Tweets from the account of Jeremy Douglas, regional representative of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for Southeast Asia and the Pacific, described a bomb and "serious" exchanges of gunfire on the street outside his Jakarta office. "Didn't experience this in 3.5 years in #Pakistan," he wrote.

Last month, anti-terror police arrested nine suspected militants and said they had planned attacks "to attract international news coverage of their existence here."

The country has been on high alert after authorities said they foiled a plot by Islamic militants to attack government officials, foreigners and others. About 150,000 police officers and soldiers were deployed on New Year's Eve to guard churches, airports and other public places.

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More than 9,000 police were also deployed in Bali.

On Tuesday, jailed radical Islamic cleric Abu Bakar Bashir appealed to a court to have his conviction for funding a terror training camp overturned, arguing that his support for the camp was an act of worship.

The 77-year-old leader of the Jemaah Islamiyah militant network filed a judicial review of his 2011 conviction, when he was sentenced to 15 years in jail for setting up the camp in Aceh province. A higher court later cut the sentence to nine years.

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation, has suffered a spate of deadly attacks blamed on the Jemaah Islamiyah network in the past. But militant strikes in recent years have been smaller and less deadly, and have targeted government authorities, mainly police and anti-terrorism forces.

Car bomb attack at Turkish police station kills 6

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CINAR, Turkey (AP) — Kurdish rebels detonated a car bomb at a police station in southeastern Turkey, then attacked it with rocket launchers and firearms, killing six people including civilians, officials said Thursday. Thirty-nine other people were injured.

The attack late Wednesday targeted the police station in the town of Cinar, in the mostly Kurdish Diyarbakir province, and police lodgings located at the building, the Diyarbakir governor's office said.

The force of the blast caused a house near the police station to collapse.

Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said one police officer and five civilians were killed while 39 people were injured, including six police officers. According to the private Dogan news agency the dead included the wife of a policeman and a 5-months old baby who were killed at the police lodgings and two children who died in the collapsed house.

Another police station was attacked with rocket launchers in Midyat town, in the province of Mardin in what appeared to be a simultaneous assault, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported. No casualties were reported there.

The explosion caused extensive damage, affecting buildings two or three blocks away from the police station. Windows were blown off and shop shutters were folded in from the force of the blast.

The governor's office said the security forces responded to the attack, but it was not clear if there were any casualties among the rebels.

"We were sleeping and woke up thinking it was an earthquake," Shafee Dagli, a Cinar resident told The Associated Press. "Then the clashes started. They lasted for about 2 1/2 hours, from 11.30 p.m. to 2 a.m."

Hediye Ozaltay, mother of five living behind the police station said: "We were so frightened. We were awake watching TV. All these fragments blew into our yard from the blast. At first we thought there was an earthquake then I looked at the police station and saw fire."

The attack came a day after a suicide bomber set off an explosion in Istanbul's historic Sultanahmet district, just steps away from the landmark Blue Mosque, killing 10 German tourists. Turkish officials say the bomber, a Syrian born in 1988, was affiliated with the Islamic State group.

Hundreds of people gathered at the site of that attack on Thursday, to lay flowers and hold a minute of silence.

Five people have been detained in connection to the Istanbul bombing, authorities have said.

Clashes between Turkey's security forces and the rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, reignited in July, shattering a fragile peace process.

Authorities have since imposed extended curfews in flashpoint neighborhoods and towns in the mainly Kurdish-populated southeast region of the country as the security forces battle Kurdish militants who are linked to the PKK. Those militants have mounted barricades, dug trenches and set up explosives to keep authorities away. The operations have resulted in more than a hundred civilian casualties, and displaced thousands, human rights groups say.

The conflict between the government forces and the PKK has killed tens of thousands of people since

1984. The group is considered a terror organization by Turkey and its western allies.

On Thursday, mourners at Cinar buried three of the dead — Lokman Acikgoz, who owned a local shop, and his two sons.

China faces few good options in Taiwan electoral outcome

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BEIJING (AP) — China isn't going to be happy with the likely victory for Taiwan's pro-independence opposition in this weekend's presidential election, but it has limited options to respond: Any angry reaction could further alienate the island's public, while a passive response could weaken Beijing's influence there.

Beijing may wait and see, and impose economic and diplomatic pressure gradually if a new Taiwanese administration does too much to carve out an identity separate from the mainland. China views the island, which split from the mainland in 1949 amid civil war, as part of its territory that must be reclaimed, by force if necessary.

The two sides have grown closer in recent years amid increased travel, communication and trade under the outgoing Nationalist President Ma Ying-jeou, who pushed for warmer ties.

But fears about the economic threat posed by China, from the mainland's rising technology capabilities to its large pool of college graduates willing to work for less, have pushed many Taiwanese voters toward the opposition Democratic Progressive Party and fueled a "Sunflower Movement" of student protesters who oppose closer relations with the mainland.

Although DPP candidate Tsai Ing-wen has pledged to maintain the status quo, she has refused to endorse a previous consensus between her predecessor and Beijing that considers Taiwan to be a part of China — something Beijing insists is a bottom line to talks between the sides.

Beijing seems resigned to Tsai's victory, and is not likely to take any drastic action initially.

"There will be an observation period," said Dali Yang, an expert on Chinese politics at the University of Chicago.

Most surveys on the island show Tsai holding a commanding lead over the Nationalist Party's Eric Chu.

China has largely kept quiet during the campaign, although its chief official for Taiwan affairs spoke this month of "new challenges" in the year ahead. Beijing's reticence is a tacit acknowledgement that it has little sway over electoral realities in Taiwan, including the Nationalists' weakness and the newly emboldened youth movement.

Tsai has also been careful not to push Beijing's buttons with inflammatory rhetoric. In fact, she has avoided making Taiwan's national identity a key issue in the election, leaving herself room for post-election adjustments, said Peking University China expert Niu Jun.

The election comes barely two months after a historic meeting in Singapore between Ma, the outgoing president, and China's Xi Jinping, the first face-to-face encounter between the sides' heads of state since they split in 1949 amid a bitter civil war.

The symbolic meeting was widely seen as an attempt by Beijing to elevate the status of the presidential office and lock-in high-level contacts between the sides before a change of administration.

China hoped that would set an important precedent and offered extraordinary concessions to make it happen, including agreeing not to use formal titles or have Chinese flags in the room. A major meltdown in relations could scupper hopes for another such encounter while making Xi's flexibility look ill-advised, said University of Virginia China scholar Brantly Womack.

Beijing "will lose face if the handshake proves to (have been) a mistake," Womack said.

China isn't spoiling for yet another crisis, with a stock market in free-fall, sharpening maritime disputes, an ongoing campaign against corruption and unrest among Uighur Muslims in the northwestern Xinjiang region. China this year will also undertake an ambitious streamlining of the 2.3 million-member People's Liberation Army that will see hundreds of thousands job cuts.

Still, China can't afford to be wholly passive and see its relevance to Taiwan erode. If Tsai continues to reject the so-called "One China Policy," roll-back Ma's pro-China agenda or aggressively seek to expand

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Taiwan's international presence, a response could be in the offing.

Beijing could initially suspend contacts between the bodies tasked with negotiating trade and travel agreements. Or it could exclude Taiwan or restricting its participation in international organizations, especially China's newly established Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

China might also start pressing countries that have diplomatic ties with Taiwan — 22 at present — to sever relations.

Beijing will "test Tsai and if it concludes that Tsai is 'responding inappropriately,' it will get more negative," said Steve Tsang, senior fellow at the University of Nottingham's China Policy Institute.

Chinese authorities could also reduce the number of mainland tourists it allows to visit Taiwan, or shift some of its state companies' large orders to firms from other countries, although most observers say economic measures are unlikely. Taiwan relies on the mainland market to absorb about 30 percent of its exports, while Chinese companies, including some with ties to the military, are hotly pursuing stakes in Taiwanese high-tech firms.

Even less likely is that Beijing would mobilize its army in an attempt to intimidate Tsai and the Taiwanese public. Previous attempts to do this have backfired, including missile launches during the run-up to a 1996 election that were widely seen as solidifying support for the candidate Beijing opposed.

While China continues to point more than 1,000 missiles at the island, the military hasn't been openly deployed in such a role in almost two decades.

"I do not expect any sort of security crisis," said Alan Romberg, East Asia Program direct at the Stimson Center think tank in Washington D.C. "I suppose both sides could mismanage things too badly that there could be a vicious downward cycle of action and reaction, but I frankly don't foresee that."

AP Conversation: Bush sees conservatism at stake in '16

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CORALVILLE, Iowa (AP) — Jeb Bush says he misjudged the intensity of anger among Republican voters before his White House campaign and believes the country in 2016 is "dramatically different" than in past elections. Yet he insists he's still a viable candidate, and one who has broadened his mission to include defending conservatism from GOP front-runner Donald Trump.

"I just think it's important to fight this fight," a reflective Bush said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I don't know what the consequences politically for me are. But I do think it's important that the conservative party nominate a conservative, and someone that understands the role of America in the world."

In particular, Bush reaffirmed his commitment to conservative social issues in an AP Conversation, the latest in a series of extended interviews with the candidates to become the nation's 45th president.

The former Florida governor spoke to the AP in Iowa, where he argued the Supreme Court should overturn its landmark Roe v. Wade ruling affirming abortion rights and, as he has for weeks, pummeled Trump incessantly.

But as the state's leadoff Feb. 1 caucuses draw closer, the man once thought to be the Republican Party's most likely nominee, shows few signs of momentum. Bush is favored by just 4 percent of likely caucusgoers in the respected Iowa Poll, published Wednesday by The Des Moines Register and Bloomberg News, down two points in the past month and mired in sixth place.

To be sure, Bush isn't giving up. Yet, rather than talking about winning in the early voting states, Bush says he's working to "beat expectations" in the February contests before moving into March as "a candidate that's viable."

"After that, the fur starts flying pretty quick," he said. "We'll be viable."

The son of one president and brother of another, Bush told AP this week he was never comfortable with his place as the early favorite for the GOP nomination. He effectively blocked 2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney from entering the race, winning over many of Romney's donors en route to raising more than \$100 million last year to support his bid.

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But that political pedigree and fundraising prowess scared no campaign rivals, least of all Trump, who got into the race the day after Bush in June. Bush told AP he failed to predict Trump's popularity, reflected in the real estate mogul's sustained lead among GOP voters in preference polls and the large, raucous crowds he draws to his rallies.

"This is dramatically different, because the country is dramatically different, and people are reflecting their anger and angst in a way that is very different than any time that I can recall," Bush said. "And I've been involved in politics for a long while."

Bush continued, "So, in recognition of that, what I want to do is make sure that the conservative cause is advanced. Not just in talk shows and think-tanks and wherever conservatism is talked about in all sorts of different ways, but in governing."

Bush's vow to champion conservative principles to counter Trump's rise came hours before President Barack Obama condemned "voices urging us to fall back into tribes, to scapegoat fellow citizens who don't look like us, or pray like us, or vote like we do, or share the same background," in his final State of the Union address.

That thinly veiled reference to Trump, who has made building a wall on the U.S. southern border and barring Muslims from entering the United States the cornerstones of his campaign, was echoed moments later by South Carolina's Republican governor, Nikki Haley. In delivering the official Republican response to Obama's speech, she called on voters to tune out "the siren call of the angriest voices."

It's a message Bush has carried forward for weeks, predicting a moment when Republican primary voters would start to see Trump as more showman than statesman and begin to favor an experienced leader in uncertain economic times and perilous ones overseas.

That hasn't happened.

When asked to describe Bush, the majority of three dozen people taking part in a recent GOP focus group led by Republican pollster Frank Luntz used words such as "weak," "irrelevant," and "loser." Only a few said "experienced." At one point, Luntz even apologized to a Bush staffer watching the panel from behind one-way glass.

"He's the wrong guy at the wrong time," Luntz said. "If this had been four years ago, he'd be president."

As Bush's campaign and well-funded super PAC search for a spark, he has more recently seized on Trump's past contributions to Democrats, moderate social positions and public praise of Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton to show he's a charlatan whom others are too meek to take on.

"The pursuit of that, of protecting the conservative cause, it's being hijacked by Donald Trump, who's not a conservative," Bush said. "And others are cautious about expressing this, because God forbid you get into a Twitter war with a guy who has a lot of free time on his hands, I guess."

Trump's rise and Bush's underwhelming showings in the Republican debates raised concern among some Bush donors in the fall. Bush has since poured his energy into policy proposals, especially on confronting the Islamic State group, and redoubling his effort in New Hampshire.

Bush says his case to voters is backed by eight years as a "reform-minded" governor in Florida. He served in Tallahassee from 1999 to 2007, and in those years consistently staked out positions aimed at curbing abortion—something he would do again if elected president, he said.

"I'd like to see Roe v. Wade overturned," Bush said. Should the Supreme Court overturn the 1973 decision, Bush said states would be empowered to decide the fate of abortion, "which is the proper place for its regulation."

Bush promised to work with Congress to strip federal money from Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, promote adoption programs and expand "crisis pregnancy centers," which Florida began financing when he was governor. "There's a lot that can be done to protect life across the board," Bush said.

Bush said he would not base judicial appointments on the abortion-rights positions of his nominees but rather scour their records to find conservatives who are consistent in their overall judicial philosophy.

Bush isn't often asked about his position on abortion while campaigning in New Hampshire. Voters in the state, which holds the nation's first primary election Feb. 9, tend to be more concerned about the

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economy, federal spending and military and foreign policy issues than about social issues.

Speaking to 300 voters in New Hampshire last week, Bush said a country "where everybody is in pursuit of their own dreams" is an aspiration worth fighting for, and "I intend to fight until the bitter end."

In his interview with AP, Bush dismissed the suggestion that the comment was an acknowledgment that things looked bleak for his campaign.

"I never thought it would be easy," he said.

Republican debate sure to highlight party's fractured field

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A smaller cast of Republican presidential candidates returns to the main debate stage Thursday night, one of the last high-profile opportunities for the White House hopefuls to sway voters before the Feb. 1 Iowa caucus.

The prime-time showdown in South Carolina will highlight a race that has cleaved into two distinct — and increasingly heated — contests.

After months of civility toward rival Ted Cruz, front-runner Donald Trump is aggressively targeting the Texan, positing that the Canadian-born senator may be ineligible to be president.

Cruz has "a little problem," Trump told a crowd in Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday night. "I'm sure they'll get into it tomorrow night."

Cruz dismisses that claim and is returning the fire, accusing the brash businessman of having "New York values" and questioning his foreign policy credentials.

Four other candidates are fighting to become the more mainstream Republican alternative to the pair of anti-Washington candidates leading the field. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio is seen by some as having a slim edge, opening him up to a torrent of criticism from his rivals about his voting record in the Senate and his immigration policy, as well as the 44-year-old's youth and relative inexperience.

The Republican divide has given definition to a race that has been otherwise unwieldy and chaotic. Trump's stranglehold on the lead has confounded many of his rivals and forced party leaders to grapple with the prospect of him eventually becoming the GOP nominee.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has been among the few establishment Republicans jabbing Trump in recent weeks — a fact his campaign is quick to point out. In a likely preview of his debate tactics, Bush sharply criticized Trump on Wednesday for holding positions on taxes, guns and health care that he says are out of step with conservatives.

"He's not a conservative," Bush said. "For a conservative party we need to elect a conservative. For us to fix the mess in Washington, D.C., we have to apply conservative principles."

Host Fox Business News tightened the qualifying rules for Thursday's debate, resulting in the smallest group of candidates in the headline event to date. Also on the main stage will be New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who are battling Rubio and Bush for the establishment vote, as well as retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson, whose standing in the race has steadily fallen.

Christie is enjoying a burst of momentum in New Hampshire, where he's devoted significant time to courting the state's quirky blend of moderate and libertarian voters. He's had strong debate performances in the past, but is likely to face heightened scrutiny from his rivals as a result of his rise in the first-in-the-nation primary state.

The debate rules resulted in businesswoman Carly Fiorina being bumped to the undercard event. Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul was also demoted, but is choosing not to participate in the early evening contest.

To qualify for the debate, a candidate had to place in the top six in an average of recent national polls, or in the top five in an average of recent Iowa or New Hampshire polls. ?

Republicans have one more debate scheduled before voting begins in Iowa, a Jan. 28 event in Des Moines.

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AP NewsBreak: Report says Putin may have consulted on doping

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DENVER (AP) — The leader of track's governing body told a lawyer he'd need to cut a deal with Russian President Vladimir Putin to ensure nine Russian athletes accused of doping wouldn't compete at 2013 world championships in Moscow, according to a new report on the scandal that reached the top of the sport and country.

Details of the 89-page investigation, to be released by the World Anti-Doping Agency on Thursday, were provided to The Associated Press early by a person who had reviewed it. The person did not want to be identified because the report had not been publicly released.

The report, written by WADA's first president, Dick Pound, says the IAAF must restructure to ensure corruption cannot go unchecked. The corruption "cannot be blamed on a small number of miscreants," Pound wrote.

"The corruption was embedded in the organization," the report says. "It cannot be ignored or dismissed as attributable to the odd renegade acting on his own."

The report comes a day after the AP released details from six years of IAAF internal emails, reports and notes showing a high level of communication between the athletics federation and Russian officials about suspicious test results from the nation's athletes, including plans to cover up some doping evidence.

In addition to the deal-making friendship forged between Putin and then-IAAF president Lamine Diack, the report details a sudden increase from \$6 million to \$25 million for Russian rights to televise the 2013 worlds provided by a Russian bank, and also tells of a lawyer who was handpicked by Diack to handle Russian cases even though he had little experience with anti-doping measures.

It concludes there was no way members of the IAAF Council, which included current president Sebastian Coe, could have been unaware of the extent of doping and non-enforcement of the rules in track.

Pound details meetings between Diack and IAAF lawyer Huw Roberts, who delivered details of the nine Russian doping cases directly to Diack and asked how he planned to resolve them.

With no resolution coming, Diack explained to Roberts "he was in a difficult position that could only be resolved by President Putin of Russia with whom he had struck up a friendship," the report said.

Eventually, the report says, none of the nine athletes competed in Moscow, but their cases were not further pursued by the IAAF. Those delays led to Roberts' resignation in January 2014.

By then, according to the report's details, Roberts had virtually no control over cases involving Russians.

In November 2011, Diack turned over responsibility for Russian cases involving biological passport blood tests to his personal lawyer, Habib Cisse.

Cisse is under investigation in France for corruption. Diack's son, Papa Massata Diack, has been banned from track for life. Papa Massata and another of Diack's sons, Khalil, both had IAAF jobs outside the official framework of the federation that set them up to execute all the fraud, the report said.

The report details a 2012 meeting at a Moscow hotel involving a Russian TV advisor, Papa Massata Diack, Cisse and Russian athletics federation head Valentin Balakhnichenov, who was also honorary treasurer of the IAAF. The meeting was set to resolve a "problem" with the \$6 million price tag for the Russian TV rights to the following year's world championships.

After the meeting, Papa Massata Diack had an arrangement with a leading Russian bank worth \$25 million.

Pound called for the IAAF to undertake forensic examination of how the TV rights were awarded to determine if there were any improprieties.

This was the second of two reports from Pound. His previous report, released in November, detailed corruption in Russia. Since then, the country's track team has been suspended, along with its antidoping agency and the Moscow antidoping lab.

Together the report and other recent revelations indicate that many officials inside the IAAF, which announced the ban of Russian athletes in November, were aware of the growing Russian doping problem for years before taking action against the nation, and some may have been actively covering up Russian wrongdoing.

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Israeli forces shoot dead Palestinian after attempted attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says forces shot and killed a Palestinian after he tried to stab a soldier in the West Bank.

Thursday's incident is the latest in a four month long outburst of violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Some 142 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, of whom 99 are said by Israel to have been attackers. The rest have been killed in clashes with Israeli troops.

Near-daily Palestinian attacks using guns, knives and cars have killed 24 Israelis and one American student.

Israel has struggled to halt the violence, which erupted in mid-September over tensions surrounding a Jerusalem holy site.

Israel says the violence is fueled by a Palestinian campaign of lies and incitement. The Palestinians say it is rooted in frustrations over Israel's nearly 50-year occupation.

Asian stocks sink as weak oil, Wall Street weigh

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TOKYO (AP) — Asian stock markets sank across the board Thursday as pessimistic sentiment following sustained weakness in oil prices and a dive on Wall Street prevailed over data showing economies on the mend.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 dived 2.7 percent to close at 17,240.95. South Korea's Kospi was down 0.9 percent at 1,900.01. Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.7 percent to 19,797.34 but the Shanghai Composite rebounded 1.3 percent to 2,987.07. Other regional markets were also lower, falling in Taiwan, Singapore, Australia and Indonesia.

FRAYED NERVES: Oil prices at 12-year lows and the volatile start to 2016 in China's stock and currency markets have unleashed a torrent of negativity among investors. Some analysts say a correction in stock prices is inevitable after multi-year gains fostered by loose monetary policy but also point out the underlying economic picture is reassuring. China's trade improved in December, U.S. job creation has remained strong, and Australia, which is one of the countries highly vulnerable to China's slowdown, reported another month of strong jobs growth in December.

THE QUOTE: "When sentiment rules, data can only play a secondary role," said Michael McCarthy, chief strategist at CMC Markets in Sydney. "The lift in China exports in December not only smashed bearish expectations of a fall but spoke directly to the idea that the economy in China tanked" in the last quarter of 2015. "Yet these facts barely dented global investor psyches."

YEN CLIMB: The Wall Street jitters sent Japanese shares lower including giant exporters such as auto-makers Toyota and Honda, as well as Bridgestone and trading companies. The yen has been sought as a safe haven in the absence of confidence in other currencies recently, and that's usually a negative for Japanese companies, which rely on exports to boost earnings. The dollar has dropped from about 121.50 yen in mid-December to 117.50 yen lately.

WALL STREET: The Dow lost 364.81 points, or 2.2 percent, to 16,151.41 on Wednesday. The S&P 500 fell 48.40 points, or 2.5 percent, to 1,890.28. It was the worst day for the index since Sept. 28. The Nasdaq slid 159.85 points, or 3.4 percent, to 4,526.06. The drop over the first eight trading days of 2016 represents the worst start to a year in the history of both the S&P 500 and the Dow.

ENERGY: Falling oil prices are adding to the fears about a global slowdown. Investors fear that U.S. oil futures hovering at \$30 a barrel could force some oil and gas companies to go bankrupt. Benchmark U.S. crude edged up 29 cents to \$30.77 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract made a slight gain in New York on Wednesday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell 7 cents to \$30.21 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 117.75 yen from 117.41 yen in the previous trading session. The euro fell to \$1.0875 from \$1.0883.

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AP source: Giants hire Ben McAdoo to replace Coughlin

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EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants didn't have to look far to find a replacement for Tom Coughlin.

Offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo has been promoted to take over the team that has missed the playoffs the past four seasons, a person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The 38-year-old McAdoo has been on the fast track since reviving the offense over the past two seasons. He got the first interview for the job after the 69-year-old Coughlin stepped down after 12 seasons and he made an immediate impression.

The coaching search lasted less than 10 days.

The story was first reported by several media outlets.

The Giants have liked what McAdoo has done with the offense the past two seasons, helping two-time Super Bowl MVP quarterback Eli Manning get back on track.

It didn't hurt that Manning voiced support for his coach after the season. This would be McAdoo's first head coaching job.

It is uncertain whether defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, who also interviewed for the top job, will stay.

"Excited for Coach McAdoo," cornerback Prince Amukama said in a text to The Associated Press. "I figured him or Spagz would have been a great pick. I'm sure his players and the fans are all excited."

McAdoo would be the NFL's second youngest coach. Adam Gase, the Chicago Bears offensive coordinator who was hired by the Dolphins, is 37.

The Giants interviewed six men after Coughlin stepped down. They intended to interview Cincinnati offensive coordinator Hue Jackson on Thursday, but he accepted the Browns job hours before the Giants decided on McAdoo.

McAdoo got the first shot at the Giants' job and he must have made an immediate impression.

He also impressed the Philadelphia Eagles when he interviewed for their coaching vacancy.

Under McAdoo's leadership, Manning threw 65 touchdowns and 28 interceptions the past two seasons. He has 18 touchdowns and 27 interceptions in 2013.

McAdoo learned under Coughlin and has shown some of the same attitudes as his 69-year-old mentor. He is not afraid to gamble.

In the season opener against Dallas this past season, he went for the win, calling a pass play on third down in the red zone in the closing minutes.

A touchdown would have iced the game. Instead, Manning made a mistake throwing the ball away and that stopped the clock. New York kicked a field goal to take a six-point lead but the extra time allowed Dallas to come back and win the game late.

That aggressive play calling, though, has been a part of McAdoo's game. He believes in his offense and he is not afraid to put the game in the unit's hands.

McAdoo joined the NFL in 2004 as an offensive quality control assistant with the New Orleans Saints, spent a year with the 49ers the following year and then joined the Green Bay Packers for the next eight seasons, working with the tight ends and the final two years as Aaron Rodgers' quarterback coach.

The Giants hired him in 2014 to replace Kevin Gilbride and his version of the West Coast offense — and the addition of Odell Beckham Jr. — has helped revive the offense.

Academy Award nominations could see repeat of OscarsSoWhite

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NEW YORK (AP) — The "OscarsSoWhite" backlash is one sequel Hollywood doesn't want to see when nominations are announced Thursday morning for the 88th annual Academy Awards.

In the year since an all-white crop of acting nominees brought heaps of criticism on the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs has redoubled efforts to diversify

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the academy's membership.

What a difference a year makes will be closely watched at 8:30 a.m. EST Thursday when Isaacs announces the nominees from Beverly Hills, California, alongside presenters Ang Lee, Guillermo del Toro and John Krasinski. The announcements will be broadcast and streamed live on www.oscars.org/live.

This awards season has been unusually unpredictable, but it seems clear that the Oscars will not offer much improvement in diversity. Barring a major surprise, the best actor, best actress and best supporting actress fields will be all white. Idris Elba ("Beasts of No Nation") and Benicio Del Toro ("Sicario") will hope to crack the best supporting actor category.

The only best-picture contender without a white protagonist is "Straight Outta Compton," which has an outside shot of joining the favorites. Those include the top Golden Globe winners — Ridley Scott's "The Martian" and Alejandro Inarritu's "The Revenant" — along with "Spotlight," "The Big Short" and "Room." Male filmmakers are again expected to dominate best director.

But there could be a few shocks on Thursday. Earlier awards from critics and guilds have seldom lined up this season, suggesting a wide-open competition. The only films to garner top nominations from each of the key guilds — actor, director and producer — are Tom McCarthy's investigative journalism drama "Spotlight" and Adam McKay's Michael Lewis adaptation "The Big Short."

Though it should win attention in technical categories, Oscar prognosticators do not expect J.J. Abrams' box-office juggernaut "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" to land a best picture nomination. Finding room for such acclaimed blockbusters alongside smaller indies was part of the reason the academy expanded the best-picture field to up to 10 nominees.

But this year's expected nominees already contain box-office hits ("The Martian," the recently released "The Revenant") and a number of major studio releases. All with horses in the race are 20th Century Fox ("The Martian," "The Revenant"), Walt Disney Co. ("Bridge of Spies"), Paramount Pictures ("The Big Short"), Universal ("Straight Outta Compton") and Warner Bros. ("Mad Max: Fury Road").

The Academy Awards will be broadcast live on ABC on Feb. 28, with Chris Rock hosting for the second time.

Gov. Haley, Speaker Ryan offer new GOP answer to Trump

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Two fresh faces in the Republican Party — House Speaker Paul Ryan and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley — are offering messages of diversity and openness to immigrants that could answer the GOP establishment's increasingly desperate search for an antidote to the loud pronouncements of presidential front-runner Donald Trump.

Delivering the GOP rebuttal to President Barack Obama's State of the Union address Tuesday night, Haley, a daughter of Indian immigrants, called for welcoming legal immigrants to the country as long as they're properly vetted, and for resisting the temptation "to follow the siren call of the angriest voices."

She acknowledged Wednesday that her comments were partly aimed at Trump, telling NBC's "Today Show": "Mr. Trump has definitely contributed to what I think is just irresponsible talk."

Ryan, the Wisconsin Republican beginning his third month as speaker of the House, has been pledging to offer a bold agenda that will position the GOP as a positive alternative to Obama and the Democrats. Last weekend he helped convene an anti-poverty summit with some of the GOP presidential candidates — Trump was absent — where he pressed for "a safety net that is designed to help get people out of poverty."

Such rhetoric from two young and charismatic officeholders cheers establishment Republicans who fear that the rise of Trump and of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz — with their frequent strong words on immigrants in the country illegally — could ruin the GOP for years, eliminating any chance of winning the White House if either is the nominee and turning off swing voters, minorities and women.

"Speaker Ryan and Gov. Haley provide an important contrast, particularly with independent voters, to show what the Republican Party is really about, and it's not about Donald Trump," said Brian Walsh, a Republican strategist. "The key, though, is continuing to shine a light on leaders like the two of them, and that will depend in part on who we nominate."

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Whether Haley or Ryan can do anything to sideline Trump or Cruz remains to be seen. That's not their explicit goal, and Haley, in particular, drew a backlash from some conservatives for her State of the Union rebuttal.

"Trump should deport Nikki Haley," conservative talk host Ann Coulter said over Twitter.

Trump himself described Haley as a "very nice woman" and said he had no problem with being depicted as angry.

"I am. I'm very angry because I hate what's happening to our country," Trump told a crowd of more than 10,000 people at a rally in Pensacola, Florida, Wednesday evening. "I'm really angry because we're being led by very stupid people that don't know what they're doing."

And at the Capitol, Haley's comments on immigration were being interpreted by House conservatives including Rep. Steve King of Iowa, a Cruz supporter, as a call for unlimited legal immigration into the country, something they reject.

"I keep trying to remember when a principled conservative has been given the opportunity to provide that rebuttal," King told reporters, adding that Haley's comments would indicate she's not one.

"They are looking for someone who fits the profile that they want to be the face of the Republican Party and that's the rationale," King added later in an interview, speaking of party leaders. Asked if he would want Haley as the face of the party King said laughingly: "I think she's beautiful so I'd be happy if she's the face of the party."

Yet for a GOP establishment that has struggled with how to respond to Trump and Cruz, Haley and Ryan stand as a welcome rejoinder. Their messages are not too different from what has been heard from some of the mainstream presidential candidates, notably former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. But Bush and other establishment Republicans have struggled to break through, while Ryan and Haley, as prominent elected officials in their own right, have their own platforms.

"What Paul Ryan is trying to do is put forward a substantive, thoughtful policy agenda for the country," said moderate Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa. "Every presidential candidate should be doing the same thing."

At the same time party leaders are mindful that Trump and Cruz are channeling very real voter anger and a backlash against Washington, which is at least partly a creation of GOP leaders' failure to make good on repeated promises to effectively oppose Obama.

Conservatives warn that activists will not respond well if GOP party leaders start aligning themselves with Obama against Trump, as some interpreted Haley's remarks.

"Trump's response the next day will just be, 'Well, you heard President Obama and the Republican leadership response echo each other, they're on the same team.' That's his thesis," said conservative Rep. Dave Brat of Virginia. "And his thesis seems to be correct."

Haley's standing with conservatives was not likely to benefit from the White House decision on Wednesday to praise her, with press secretary Josh Earnest saying she deserved credit.

However, Ohio Republican Chairman Matt Borges said Trump's approach could become a liability, though he said there's time to correct course.

"No Republican has won the presidency without winning Ohio, and you cannot win Ohio with a divisive message," Borges said as the Republican National Committee convened its winter meetings in Charleston, South Carolina. He said he delivered that message to the candidate personally.

Ultimately, Borges said, Trump and the party will have the opportunity to shift. "Part of this is just the primary process playing out," he said, adding, "I think he understands that we have to have a unifying, inclusive message."

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Jan. 14, the 14th day of 2016. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 14, 1966, Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue in Manhattan were converted from two-way to one-way streets to improve traffic flow. (To this day, vehicles head south on Fifth, while traveling north on Madison.)

On this date:

In 1784, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In 1814, the Treaty of Kiel ended hostilities between Denmark and Sweden, with Denmark agreeing to cede Norway to Sweden, something Norway refused to accept.

In 1900, Puccini's opera "Tosca" had its world premiere in Rome.

In 1914, Ford Motor Co. greatly improved its assembly-line operation by employing an endless chain to pull each chassis along at its Highland Park plant.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In 1952, NBC's "Today" show premiered, with Dave Garroway as the host, or "communicator."

In 1954, Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio were married at San Francisco City Hall. (The marriage lasted about nine months.)

In 1963, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, "Segregation forever!" — a view Wallace later repudiated. Sylvia Plath's novel "The Bell Jar" was published in London under a pseudonym less than a month before Plath committed suicide.

In 1969, 27 people aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, off Hawaii, were killed when a rocket warhead exploded, setting off a fire and additional explosions.

In 1975, the House Internal Security Committee (formerly the House Un-American Activities Committee) was disbanded.

In 1989, President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I'll miss you."

In 1994, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed an accord to stop aiming missiles at any nation; the leaders joined Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk in signing an accord to dismantle the nuclear arsenal of Ukraine.

Ten years ago: The chief judge in Saddam Hussein's trial (Rizgar Mohammed Amin) submitted his resignation (he was succeeded by Raouf Rasheed Abdel-Rahman). Johnny Weir won his third straight title at the U.S. Figure Skating championships in St. Louis; Sasha Cohen won the women's division; Michelle Kwan was given a berth on the U.S. Olympic figure skating team. Academy Award-winning actress Shelley Winters died in Beverly Hills, California, at age 85.

Five years ago: In an unprecedented popular uprising, Tunisian protesters enraged over soaring unemployment and corruption drove President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali (ZEEN ehl AH'-bih-deen behn-ah-LEE') from power after 23 years of iron-fisted rule. A funeral was held for U.S. District Judge John Roll, who was killed in the Tucson, Arizona, shooting rampage. The national Republican Party ousted chairman Michael Steele and chose Wisconsin party chief Reince Priebus (ryns PREE'-bus) to lead in the run-up to the 2012 presidential race.

One year ago: The al-Qaida branch in Yemen claimed responsibility for the attack on the satirical Charlie Hebdo newspaper in Paris. Eight inmates and two corrections officers died when a prison bus skidded off an icy West Texas highway, slid down an embankment and collided with a passing freight train. A pair of Americans, Tommy Caldwell and Kevin Jorgeson, completed what had long been considered the world's most difficult rock climb, using only their hands and feet to scale the 3,000-foot Dawn Wall on El Capitan, the forbidding granite pedestal in Yosemite National Park.

Today's Birthdays: Blues singer Clarence Carter is 80. Singer Jack Jones is 78. Actress Faye Dunaway

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is 75. Actress Holland Taylor is 73. Actor Carl Weathers is 68. Singer-producer T-Bone Burnett is 68. Movie writer-director Lawrence Kasdan is 67. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Maureen Dowd is 64. Rock singer Geoff Tate (Queensryche) is 57. Movie writer-director Steven Soderbergh is 53. Actor Mark Addy is 52. Fox News Channel anchorman Shepard Smith is 52. Rapper Slick Rick is 51. Actor Dan Schneider is 50. Actress Emily Watson is 49. Actor-comedian Tom Rhodes is 49. Rock musician Zakk Wylde is 49. Rapper-actor LL Cool J is 48. Actor Jason Bateman is 47. Rock singer-musician Dave Grohl (Foo Fighters) is 47. Actor Kevin Durand is 42. Actress Jordan Ladd is 41. Retro-soul singer-songwriter Marc Broussard is 34. Rock singer-musician Caleb Followill (Kings of Leon) is 34. Actor Zach Gilford is 34. Rock musician Joe Guese (The Click Five) is 33. Actor Jonathan Osser is 27. Actor-singer Grant Gustin is 26.

Thought for Today: "If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person, than he, if he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind." — John Stuart Mill, English philosopher (1806-1873).