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Friday, January 22

Debate at Watertown

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

Birthdays: Mickie Locke Claeys, Trevor Larson.
3:00pm: JHBBB at Webster (7th at 3:00, 8th at 4:00)

5:15pm: BBB at Webster (C game at 5:15, JV at 6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

Saturday, January 23

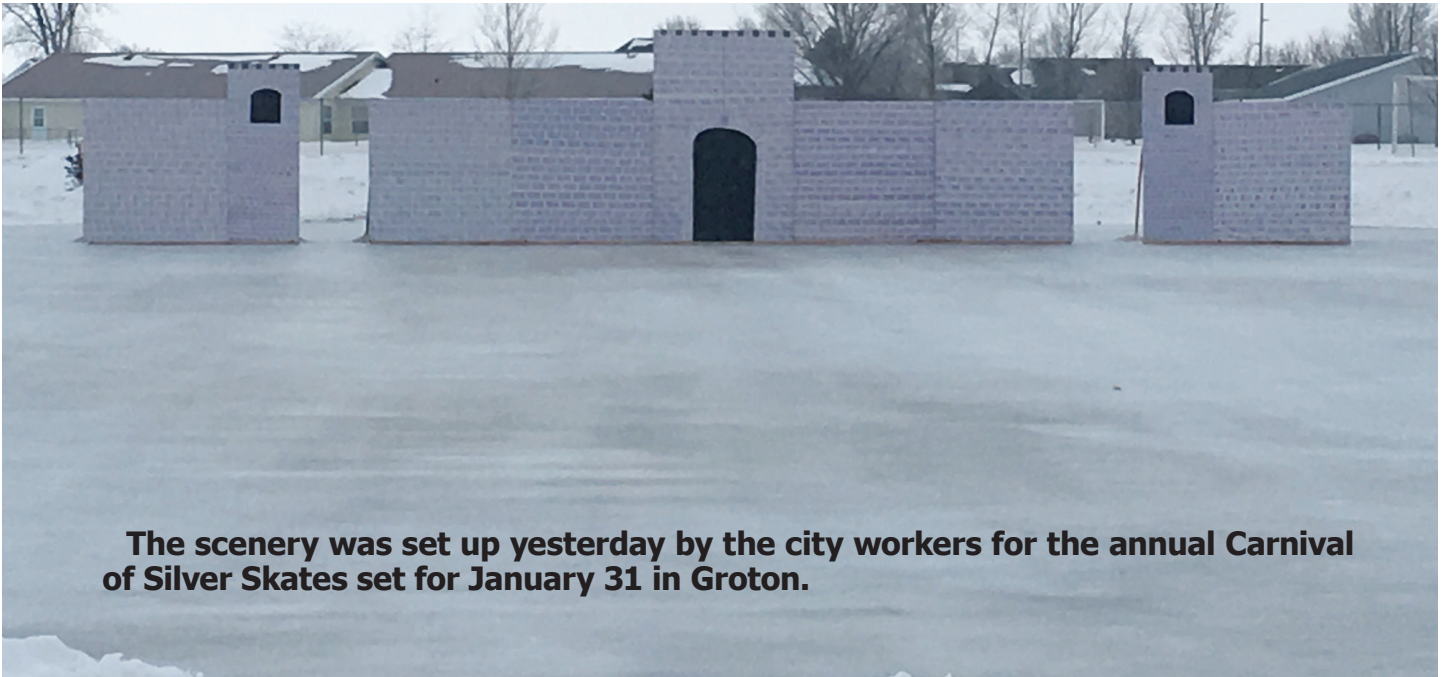
Debate at Watertown

Birthdays: Andre Bonn, Bruce Sippel, Collin Townsend, Jeff Fliehs, Laura Schuster, Lori Westby, Mick Sippel, Monte Sippel

9:00am: Robotics at Groton

9:30am: Wrestling at Arlington Tourney

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



The scenery was set up yesterday by the city workers for the annual Carnival of Silver Skates set for January 31 in Groton.

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

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Webster girls pull away in fourth quarter to beat Tigers

Groton Area girls dropped its first Northeast Conference game Thursday night to the Webster Area Bearcats, 58-38. The loss puts Webster and Groton Area with one loss each while Hamlin remains undefeated, but still has to play Groton and Webster.

The game was tied at 12 and the first quarter was tied at 14 before Webster Area took over and took a 28-21 lead at half time. The Bearcats made 43 percent of their field goals in the first half while Groton made 26 percent of its shots. Webster heated up to 50 percent in the third quarter while Groton was

at 33 percent as Webster held a 39-31 lead at the end of the third period. Webster slowly pulled away in the fourth quarter with the help of 80 percent field goal shooting while Groton was at 33 percent.

"When you're in a close game, you have to make the



Jessica Bjerke catches the ball in the corner. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Lauren Wheeting makes the move on her defender as she drives to the basket. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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Miranda Hanson dribbles the ball, looking for someone on the inside to hand the ball off too. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

shots," said Coach Shaun Wanner. "We always aim for the four-minute mark. If we can hang in there at that point, we have a chance to win. Webster is a good team. They're a state tournament team. I'm proud of our girls - they played their hearts out. If you can say when you walk off the court that you played hard, that's all we can ask."

Audrey Wanner and Katie Koehler each had three fouls by half time. "Miranda Hanson and Emily Locke did a



Audrey Wanner rushes up the court on the fast break. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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good job filling in when Audrey and Katie got into foul trouble. It takes a team effort.”

Carly Wheeting had a double-double on the night with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Audrey Wanner added 10 points as she was three of three from the line. Jessica Bjerke had eight points, Miranda Hanson five, Harleigh Stange three and Gia Gengerke added two points.

Haley Rithmiller led the Bearcats with 21 points followed by Marah Volesky with 14, McKenzie Volesky 10, Olivia Breske eight, Linzy Schoenbeck four and Shawna Hanson had one point.

Audrey Wanner had seven rebounds and Jessica Bjerke had six. In assists, Wheeting had four. Groton Area had 14 turnovers. The Tigers had four steals with Wanner having two.

The Bearcats had two less rebounds than Groton with 26 as Rithmiller had 10. Webster had 12 assists with Breske having four and the Bearcats had 10 steals and 10 turnovers.

Groton is now 8-3 on the season and will travel to Sisseton on January 28th. Webster Area is 10-2 and

will host Hamlin on January 28. Wanner said, “Sisseton will be a big test for us next week. We have to win the games on the road for us to have a chance at the conference title.”

Groton Area won the junior varsity game, 31-9. Scoring for Groton: Payton Maine 9, Jenny Doeden 5, Alex Stange 4, Miranda Hanson 3, Taylor Holm 2, Gia Gengerke 2, Madison Sippel 2, Sam Menzia 2, Portia Kettering 1, Jodi Hinman 1.



Coach Shaun Wanner is being interviewed by Paul Kosel for gdilive.com. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Harleigh Stange is the move. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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There were three dance groups that performed Thursday night at the Groton Area Arena. (Photos by Julianna Kosel)



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Meet the gdilive.com team bringing you the live action from the Groton events. Justin Olson, on the left, joined the team during the football season and brings you the play-by-play action. Paul Kosel keeps the stats and runs the equipment to make it all possible. Jeslyn Kosel is running the video camera and Julianna Kosel has taken over taking the still pictures for the paper. (Photo by Brett Schwan)

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Today in Weather History

1943 - Chinook winds during the early morning hours caused the temperature at Spearfish SD to rise from 4 below zero to 45 above in just two minutes, the most dramatic temperature rise in world weather records. An hour and a half later the mercury plunged from 54 above to 4 below zero in twenty-seven minutes. (David Ludlum)

1987 - A winter storm spread snow from central Mississippi through northern Georgia to New England. Up to 15 inches of snow fell across the heavily populated areas of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. Traffic tie-ups nearly paralyzed the Washington D.C. area. Winds gusted to 76 mph at Chatham MA, and in Pennsylvania, snowfall totals ranged up to 21 inches at Dushore. Williamsport PA received five inches of snow in just one hour. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - The nation was free of winter storms for a day, however, winds in southern California gusted to 80 mph in the Grapevine area of the Tehachapi Mountains, and winds along the eastern slopes of the Rockies reached 100 mph in the Upper Yellowstone Valley of Montana. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Low pressure brought heavy rain and gale force winds to Florida. Daytona Beach was drenched with 5.48 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a January record for that location, and winds at Titusville FL gusted to 63 mph. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1990 - It was a very tame and peaceful mid winter day. Mild weather prevailed across the nation, with rain and snow primarily confined to the northeastern U.S. and the Pacific Northwest. Warm weather continued in Florida. Highs of 83 degrees at Hollywood and 85 degrees at Miami were records for the date. (National Weather Summary)

2000 - A severe ice storm hit northern Georgia and portions of northwest South Carolina on January 22-23. Over half a million utility customers were without power during and after the storm, with the Atlanta area severely affected.

2005 - A major winter snowstorm, referred to as the Blizzard of 2005, affected the Northeastern United States. More than one foot of snow covered much of southern New England in the storm's aftermath, with well over two feet in some areas of Massachusetts. Strong winds created blizzard conditions with low visibilities and considerable blowing and drifting of snow. (NCDC)



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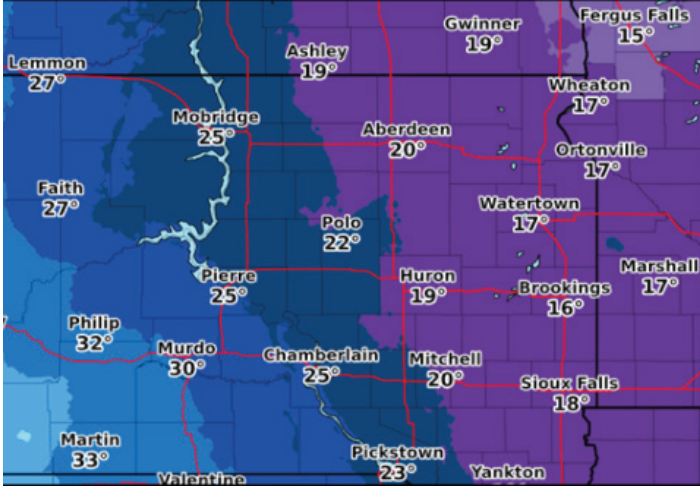
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Patched Fog then Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy then Slight Chance Snow	Chance Snow	Chance Snow
High: 20 °F	Low: 13 °F	High: 31 °F	Low: 19 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 18 °F	High: 25 °F



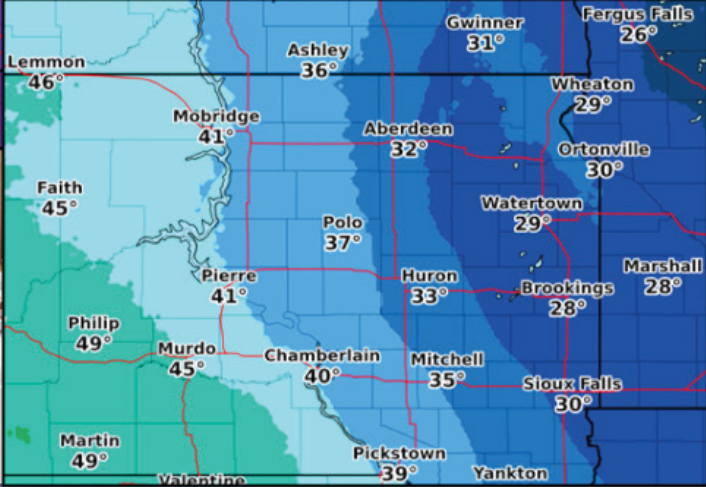
Near Normal Today Warmer on Saturday










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Highs on Saturday






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Published on: 01/22/2016 at 5:00AM

Today will feature mostly cloudy skies with highs in the mid-teens to the mid-20s. Increasing southerly winds tonight will bring warmer temperatures into the region for Saturday. High on Saturday will climb into the upper 20s, in northeastern South Dakota, to the 40s, along and west of the Missouri River.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 22.0 at Midnight

Low: 12.0 at 9:57 PM

High Gust: 16 at 3:22 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1942

Record Low: -30° in 1937

Average High: 23°F

Average Low: 1°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.35

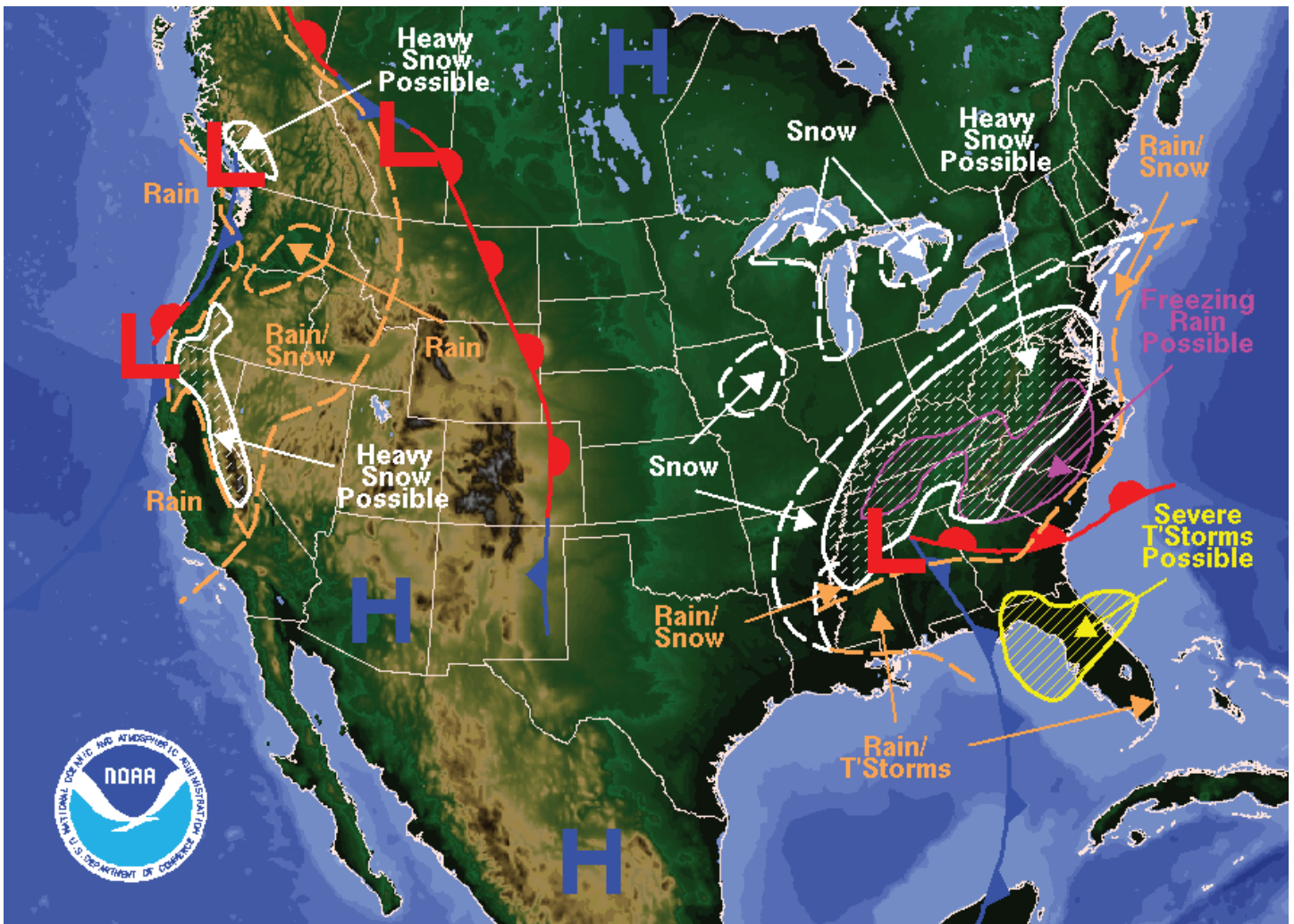
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.35

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:25 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:04 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jan 22, 2016, issued 3:07 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GUIDANCE FOR LIFE

General Robert E. Lee is remembered for his greatness as a military leader. His heroic life is well documented and his accomplishments are still studied by military leaders today.

Toward the end of his life he was asked to attend the christening of a child. The mother, pleased at his presence, wanted it to be remembered by all that were there. "General Lee," she began, "you have achieved a great place in history. Give us a word that will guide our son through life."

After thinking for a moment, General Lee cleared his throat and said to those gathered around him, "I have had one creed all of my life that has guided me through many struggles and much suffering. Teach him," he advised the parents, "to deny himself." Nothing new here.

Years ago Jesus said, "If any of you want to be my followers, you must put aside your selfish ambitions, shoulder your cross, and follow me. If you keep your life for yourself, you will lose it."

His followers understood that, too. Following Him meant making a commitment that could lead to death on a cross – but ultimately, life everlasting.

Prayer: Father, we all want lives of comfort and convenience and not the cross. Empower us to deny ourselves and serve You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 16:24-28 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

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News from the Associated Press

Jackley awards Sioux Falls police, Minnehaha Sheriff grant

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Attorney General Marty Jackley says Sioux Falls police and the Minnehaha County Sheriff's Office have been awarded \$5,000 to help with drug apprehension efforts.

The attorney general's office announced the funds from the Drug Control Fund on Thursday. Jackley says the money is going to the CrimeStoppers program.

He says the Drug Control Fund helps police combat drug abuse by funding local programs with funds seized from drug arrests.

Sioux Falls Police Chief Matthew Burns says the money helps to fight activities related to drugs in the city and the county.

Minnehaha County Sheriff Mike Milstead says it's fitting to use funds seized from drug traffickers to help with public safety.

South Dakota group: Lawsuit by North Dakota farmer frivolous

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — A South Dakota farm partnership says a lawsuit by a North Dakota farmer over allegations of stolen soybeans is frivolous and the group is still owed money for the crop.

A federal complaint by Glenn Herr, of Wishek, accuses Cornhusker Farms of Bath, South Dakota, and a private investigation firm of wrongly blaming him for stealing a \$10,000 truckload of soybeans.

Herr says he was charged with the theft because of malicious and false statements by the defendants and says the contract and documents supporting him were intentionally withheld. The charges were eventually dismissed.

Cornhusker Farms says any liability rests with the private investigator and have filed a counterclaim against Herr for the soybeans.

Zylstra Investigations, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, says Herr's allegations against them are "made without reasonable cause."

15-inch walleye limit lifted for 2 northeast SD lakes

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department has eliminated the 15-inch minimum length restriction for walleye on Bitter Lake in Day County and the Cattail/Kettle Lake Complex in Marshall County.

The update is one of a few fishing regulation changes for 2016.

GF&P has also lifted the length restrictions on largemouth or smallmouth bass on Lake Cochrane in Deuel County and Waubay Lake in Day County.

The 15-inch minimum length restriction for walleye from the area below Fort Randall Dam downstream to the South Dakota-Nebraska border is now in place year-round.

Officials say anglers can now use their smartphones to display copies of their fishing licenses in lieu of paper copies.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Andes Central/Dakota Christian 71, Avon 48

Baltic 41, Freeman Academy 34

Bridgewater-Emery 70, Howard 36

Burke/South Central 59, Lyman 40

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Canistota 50, Hanson 42
Chamberlain 55, Miller 40
Corsica/Stickney 66, Ethan 63, OT
Custer 62, Newell 45
Dell Rapids 67, Madison 58
Edmunds Central 51, Potter County JV 48
Faulkton 67, Ipswich 41
Gregory 66, Kimball/White Lake 53
Irene-Wakonda 61, Parker 49
Menno 67, Freeman 51
Mitchell Christian 42, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 33
Parkston 78, Bon Homme 67
Pierre 69, Sturgis Brown 48
Pine Ridge 60, Winner 53
Rapid City Christian 55, Bennett County 38
Sioux Falls Christian 64, Vermillion 52
Sioux Falls Washington 69, Watertown 60
281 Conference Tournament
Seventh Place
Iroquois 48, Sunshine Bible Academy 38
Fifth Place
Hitchcock-Tulare 53, Wessington Springs 41
Third Place
James Valley Christian 82, Highmore-Harrold 66
Championship
Wolsey-Wessington 65, Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 53
Dakota Valley Conference Tournament
Consolation Semifinal
Lake Preston 46, Dell Rapids St. Mary 36
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 50, Estelline 26
Semifinal
Colman-Egan 60, Arlington 57, OT
Elkton-Lake Benton 45, Deubrook 27

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli 47, Sisseton 43
Avon 52, Andes Central/Dakota Christian 46
Baltic 49, Freeman Academy 33
Castlewood 36, DeSmet 33
Chamberlain 55, Miller 49
Custer 58, Newell 21
Florence/Henry 56, Great Plains Lutheran 36
Gayville-Volin 60, Hartington-Newcastle, Neb. 44
Hamlin 59, Milbank Area 35
Ipswich 62, Faulkton 32
Parkston 52, Bon Homme 36
Pierre 72, Sturgis Brown 47
Pine Ridge 71, Winner 60
Potter County JV 47, Edmunds Central 33
Sioux Falls Washington 59, Watertown 49
South Border, N.D. 46, Herreid/Selby Area 35
Tea Area 58, Garretson 37

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Tripp-Delmont/Armour 56, Mitchell Christian 49
Waubay/Summit 68, Rosholt 39
Webster 58, Groton Area 42
Wilmot 40, Waverly-South Shore 36
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Championship
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 49, James Valley Christian 38
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
First Round
Dupree 40, McIntosh 36
Faith 51, Bison 29
Lemmon 61, Tiospaye Topa 15
Timber Lake 74, Harding County 42
Southern Plains Conference Tournament
First Round
Burke/South Central 59, Gregory 17
Jones County 52, Stanley County 22
Lyman 48, Colome 32
White River 63, Kadoka Area 57

South Dakota State starts fast, beats Oral Roberts 86-74

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — George Marshall made four 3-pointers and finished with 18 points as South Dakota State jumped out to an early lead and beat Oral Roberts 86-74 on Thursday night.

South Dakota State (15-5, 4-2 Summit League) was up 33-25 at the break and pushed that to a 63-48 advantage midway of the second half. Oral Roberts closed to 70-58 with 7:01 left, but the Jackrabbits, who never trailed, extended their lead to 82-62 with 2:35 remaining.

Mike Daum was 6 of 11 from the floor for 15 points, and Keaton Moffitt added 11 for the Jackrabbits who shot 52 percent from the field, and made 7 of 16 from long range.

Obi Emegano led Oral Roberts (11-10, 3-4) with 20 points. Kris Martin added 17 and Javan White chipped in 16 and grabbed seven rebounds.

Senate panel backs rise in retirement age for state workers

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The normal retirement age for many new public employees would increase two years to 67 under a proposal approved by a state Senate committee Thursday.

Advocates say the measure is intended to sustain over the long-term South Dakota's fully-funded retirement system, which currently serves more than 80,000 members. The plan quickly passed through the Senate Retirement Laws committee with little fanfare.

"It's wonderful that we're doing great now, but it still doesn't mean we don't need to plan for the future," said Rob Wylie, executive director of the retirement system's board of trustees.

The new plan would apply to people hired after June 30, 2017.

The normal retirement age increase for new public safety officials such as police officers and state troopers would also jump two years to 57 under the proposal.

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The changes would remove system subsidies for early retirement, though that would still be an option for members if they are willing to take a hit in benefits. That financial shift would pay for an increase in base benefits for a broad class of public employees that includes teachers and city and county workers.

The new plan would have a cost-of-living adjustment floor of 1 percent compared to the current minimum for members of 2.1 percent, and both would share a maximum of 3.1 percent.

But the new proposal also includes benefits tied to the return on the system's investments. The benefits based on returns are intended to give the system more cushion in difficult economic situations when investment values fall.

That's because the system's financial responsibilities wouldn't be fixed when assets drop in value.

"This change is something that we've long believed was important for sustainability through future adverse environments, and with the flexibility to distribute good news if good things unfold, as well, so we think it's a big improvement," State Investment Officer Matt Clark said.

Eric Ollila, executive director of the South Dakota State Employees Organization, said the group that lobbies for state employees isn't taking a position on the proposal.

South Dakota's retirement system had about \$10.8 billion in assets at the end of fiscal year 2015, and investment income grew at more than 4 percent during that time, which is about 2 percentage points above benchmark. Returns in recent years have varied from nearly 19 percent in fiscal year 2014 to about 2 percent in fiscal year 2012.

The Senate committee also approved a proposal to make the executive director of the retirement system a member of the State Investment Council.

Lawmaker introduces plan to require drug tests for welfare

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Republican state lawmaker has introduced a measure that would require South Dakota welfare applicants under 65 to pass drug tests before receiving food stamps or cash assistance.

The proposal was introduced Thursday. If a welfare applicant tests positive, they would be barred from receiving the benefits for a year under the plan.

Rep. Lynne DiSanto is the measure's main House sponsor. She says that South Dakota taxpayers want to know that they're not "subsidizing people's drug habits."

She says that if people have to take a drug test to get a job, South Dakota residents on those public programs "owe the taxpayers that same amount of responsibility."

The measure would require applicants to pay for the test. An applicant can contest a decision to deny benefits under the plan.

Midwest, Plains bankers had dire view of rural economy

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A survey shows some bankers had a dire view of the rural economy in their 10 Western and Plains states.

A report released Thursday says January's Rural Mainstreet Index plunged to 34.8 from 41.5 in December. It's the lowest overall index figure since August 2009. Survey officials say any score below 50 on any of the survey's indexes suggests that factor will decline.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the monthly survey of rural bankers and says it's the fifth straight month for a decline. He again blames lower prices for agriculture and energy commodities and downturns in manufacturing.

The farmland and rangeland price index dropped to 23.9 in January from December's 28.8

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

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Looming blizzard could rank near top 10 to hit Eastern US

BEN NUCKOLS, Associated Press

SETH BORENSTEIN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The blizzard menacing the Eastern United States could rank near the top 10 to ever hit the region, according to the National Weather Service.

Snowfall as heavy as 1 to 3 inches an hour could continue for 24 hours or more in the area, said meteorologist Paul Kocin with the service's Weather Prediction Center. That puts estimates at more than 2 feet for Washington, a foot to 18 inches for Philadelphia and 8 inches to a foot in New York.

Kocin compared the storm it to "Snowmageddon," the first of two storms that "wiped out" Washington in 2010 and dumped up to 30 inches of snow in places, but he said the weekend timing and days of warning could help limit deaths and damage.

Some roads in southwest Virginia were already seeing deteriorating conditions Friday morning as the storm moved north.

At a supermarket in Baltimore, Sharon Brewington stocked her cart Thursday with ready-to-eat snacks, bread, milk and cold cuts. In 2010, she and her daughter were stuck at home with nothing but noodles and water.

"I'm not going to make that mistake again," she said.

As food and supplies vanished from store shelves, five states and the District of Columbia declared states of emergency ahead of the slow-moving system. Schools and government offices closed pre-emptively. Thousands of flights were canceled. College basketball games and concerts were postponed.

The snowfall, expected to continue from late Friday into Sunday, could easily cause more than \$1 billion in damage and paralyze the Eastern third of the nation, weather service director Louis Uccellini said.

"It does have the potential to be an extremely dangerous storm that can affect more than 50 million people," Uccellini said at the Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland.

The director said all the ingredients have come together to create a blizzard with brutally high winds, dangerous inland flooding, white-out conditions and even the possibility of thunder snow.

Washington looks like the bull's eye of the blizzard, Uccellini said. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said President Barack Obama would hunker down at the White House.

"It's going to be dangerous out there," said Tonya Woods, 42, a Washington Metro station manager who lives in suburban Clinton, Maryland. "I say they should shut things down."

Late Thursday, she got her wish when the federal government announced that its offices would be closing at noon Friday. The capital's subway system had announced earlier in the day that it will shut down entirely late Friday night and remain closed through Sunday for the sake of employee and rider safety. Underground stations usually stay open during major snowstorms.

New York City is just inside the storm's sharp northern edge, which means it is likely to see heavy accumulations, but Boston will probably get off easy this time, forecasters said.

Unfortunately, more than just snow is coming. Uccellini said it won't be quite as bad as Superstorm Sandy, but people should expect high winds, a storm surge and inland flooding from Delaware to New York. Other severe but non-snowy weather is likely from Texas to Florida as the storm system chugs across the Gulf Coast, gaining moisture.

States of emergency were declared in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and parts of other states, where road crews were out in force Thursday. Blizzard warnings or watches were in effect along the storm's path, from Arkansas through Tennessee and Kentucky to the mid-Atlantic states and as far north as New York.

Some places were looking forward to the snow. The ski resorts that had gotten a late jump on the start of the season due to record warm temperatures in December.

The storm that arrived Friday was expected to dump up to 2 feet of snow in West Virginia.

"There is never too much snow on the slopes," said Joe Stevens, spokesman for the West Virginia Ski Areas Association. "Where it becomes a challenge is on the roads leading to and from the resorts. This is going to be a whole bunch of snow and keeping up with it is going to be the trick."

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Train service could be disrupted as well, by frozen switches, the loss of third-rail electric power or trees falling on overhead wires. About 1,000 track workers will be deployed to keep New York City's subway system moving, and 79 trains will have "scraper shoes" to reduce icing on the rails, the Metropolitan Transit Authority said.

All major airlines have issued waivers for travel over the weekend, allowing passengers to rebook onto earlier or later flights to avoid the storms. The flight tracking site FlightAware estimates airlines will cancel at least 2,000 flights Friday and another 3,000 Saturday, which is the slowest travel days of the week. By Sunday afternoon, however, the airlines hope to be back to full schedule.

One major event in Washington was still on: the March for Life, an annual anti-abortion rally that's usually one of the largest events on the National Mall. It will be held Friday, the anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision.

The U.S. Capitol Police said sledding on Capitol Hill — which only recently became legal after an act of Congress — would be welcome for the first time in decades, as long as conditions are safe.

The Latest: Greeks find 1 more migrant body in Aegean Sea

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The latest developments in Europe's immigration crisis (all times local):
2:30 p.m.

Greece's coast guard says one more body has been recovered Friday from the sinking of a wooden smuggling boat off the island of Farmakonissi in the Aegean Sea, bringing the death toll in that sinking to eight.

In all, at least 42 people have drowned in two separate smuggling boat sinkings Friday, one in Farmakonissi and one off the coast of Kalolimnos to the south, where at least 34 bodies were recovered.

Greece is the main entry point for hundreds of thousands of people seeking safety or a better life in Europe.

1:50 p.m.

Greece's coast guard says 34 people have drowned when a wooden sailing boat carrying migrants sank off the coast of the small islet of Kalolimnos.

The coast guard said Friday it had recovered the bodies of 16 women, 11 children and seven men, while at least 26 people had been rescued. It was unclear how many people had originally been on the boat. Coast guard vessels, a helicopter and private boats are still searching the area.

The sinking came hours after seven people — six children and one woman — drowned when another boat carrying 48 people sank off the island of Farmakonissi to the north.

Greece is the main entry point for hundreds of thousands of people seeking safety or a better life in Europe.

1 p.m.

Norwegian police have halted deportations of asylum-seekers to Russia via a border crossing in the Arctic for the second consecutive day, citing a lack of buses in Norway.

Police spokesman Daniel Drageset says 82 people have, however, been formally arrested inside a camp for refugees facing deportation in Kirkenes, a Norwegian town close to the Russian border, for fear they might flee.

Drageset said Friday about 30 people saw their deportation suspended Thursday "because of lack of staff on the Russian side of the border."

Norway plans to return many of the 5,500 people who rode on bicycles across the Storskog crossing that is closed to pedestrians. Some of the migrants had permits to stay in Russia where they had been living for years and did not qualify for asylum.

10:45 a.m.

Hungary's prime minister has praised Austria for setting a cap on the number of migrants it will take in, saying "common sense has prevailed."

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Viktor Orban said Friday on state radio that the Austrian decision to accept 37,500 refugees this year and a total of 127,500 through 2019 was "the most important news of the past months" and showed that "Europe can't take in huge masses of foreign people in an unlimited, uncontrolled manner."

Orban, who last year built fences on the borders with Serbia and Croatia to stop the migrant flow, said that for Hungary "the best migrant is the migrant who does not come. The best number is zero."

Orban also said that Hungary had exported hundreds of kilometers of its razor wire fence — many of its elements built by convicts in workshops — to Macedonia, Slovenia and Bulgaria.

8:55 a.m.

Greece's coast guard says at least 21 people have died in two separate sinkings of boats smuggling migrants off two Greek islands overnight. Dozens have survived, and a search and rescue operation is underway for more potential survivors.

The coast guard says a wooden boat carrying 48 people sank in the early hours of Friday off the small island of Farmakonissi in the eastern Aegean. Forty of the passengers managed to make it to shore, while authorities rescued one girl and recovered seven bodies from the sea.

In a separate incident, a wooden sailboat carrying an undetermined number of people sank off the island of Kalolimnos.

The coast guard rescued 26 people and recovered 14 bodies. Coast guard vessels, a helicopter and private boats are searching for survivors.

Portugal to pick a new president but govt calls the shots

BARRY HATTON, Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — A record 10 candidates are running for president of Portugal on Sunday, but voters don't appear to share their enthusiasm for a job that holds no executive power in Western Europe's poorest country.

An unmemorable election campaign and an apparent runaway favorite have combined to bore the electorate.

"Turnout will undoubtedly be lower than usual," said Antonio Costa Pinto of Lisbon University's Institute of Social Sciences.

An alliance of anti-austerity parties is in charge in Portugal after a parliamentary election three months ago produced a Socialist minority government supported by the Communist Party and radical Left Bloc. The president's role is largely ceremonial, though the head of state can be an influential voice.

Polls in recent weeks have consistently indicated that Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, a veteran center-right politician who became a popular television personality, will collect more than 50 percent of the vote.

A poll published Friday in daily Publico suggested Rebelo de Sousa will collect 52 percent of the vote. The poll by Intercampus was conducted Jan. 14-20, with 1,043 people interviewed in person and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Rebelo de Sousa says he wants to be a discreet "facilitator" for consensus between the country's political parties.

His two closest rivals — Antonio Sampaio da Nova, a former university dean, and former Socialist health minister Maria de Belem — would get 17 and 10 percent of the vote, respectively, the poll indicated. Both of them are close to the Socialist government.

If no candidate gets more than 50 percent of the vote, the first- and second-place candidates compete in a runoff on Feb. 14.

At least 41 migrants die in 2 shipwrecks off Greek islands

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — At least 41 people, including 17 children, died as two separate smuggling boats sank overnight off of different Greek islands. Dozens of migrants survived the shipwrecks and a search-and-rescue operation was underway Friday looking more survivors.

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In the first tragedy, a wooden boat carrying 48 people sank in off the small islet of Farmakonissi in the eastern Aegean Sea. Forty of the passengers managed to make it to shore, while authorities rescued one girl and recovered seven bodies from the sea — six children and one woman, the Greek coast guard said.

A few hours later, a wooden sailboat carrying an undetermined number of people sank off the Greek islet of Kalolimnos, to the south of Farmakonissi.

The coast guard rescued 26 people from that sinking and recovered 34 bodies — 16 women, seven men and 11 children — while coast guard vessels, a helicopter and private boats were still searching for survivors. Authorities said the survivors' estimates of how many people had been on board varied from about 40 to 70, so it was unclear how many people were missing.

Greece has become the main gateway for people fleeing war and poverty who are trying to reach the European Union. More than 800,000 entered Greece last year, mostly using unseaworthy boats to reach Greek islands from the nearby Turkish coast. Hundreds have died in the attempt.

Global stocks rally on new hopes for central bank stimulus

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Global stocks bounced back strongly Friday, buoyed by sharply higher oil prices and the prospect of more monetary stimulus from the European Central Bank.

Japan led the rebound as the Nikkei had its best single day in four years, just two days after entering bear market territory.

KEEPING SCORE: In early European trading, France's CAC 40 added 3.0 percent to 4,332.78 and Germany's DAX rose 2.0 percent to 9,762.41 Britain's FTSE 100 climbed 2.23 percent to 5,902.61 U.S. stocks were poised to open higher. Dow futures were up 1.3 percent to 15,992.00 and broader S&P 500 futures rose 1.40 percent to 1,887.00.

STIMULUS HOPE: European Central Bank chief Mario Draghi cheered investors by saying the bank is prepared to take action as early as its next meeting in March to expand existing stimulus efforts. While the ECB left key interest rates and its 1.5 trillion euro (\$1.6 trillion) monetary stimulus program unchanged Thursday, Draghi underscored his willingness to ramp up the program if plummeting oil prices and market turmoil threaten the continent's weak economy.

ASIAN SCORECARD: Japan's Nikkei 225 posted its biggest one-day gain in more than four months, soaring 5.9 percent to close at 16,958.53 on hopes the Bank of Japan would join Europe in promising additional monetary stimulus. South Korea's Kospi gained 2.1 percent to 1,879.43. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 2.9 percent to 19,080.51 and the Shanghai Composite Index in mainland China climbed 1.3 percent to 2,916.56. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 1.1 percent to 4,916.00. Benchmarks in Taiwan, Southeast Asia and New Zealand also ended higher.

ANALYST VIEW: "Monetary easing speculation is providing a boost for Asian markets today," Angus Nicholson, market analyst at IG in Melbourne, said in a commentary. "Nowhere more so than in Japan."

ENERGY: Oil prices rebounding from their lowest in 12 years are also supporting investor sentiment. Crude futures extended gains after bouncing back from their worst day in four months. U.S. benchmark crude rose by 1.62, or 5.5 percent, to \$31.15 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, rose \$1.92 to \$31.17 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 118.25 yen Friday from 117.77 yen on Thursday. The euro weakened on the prospect of further stimulus, slipping to \$1.0825 from \$1.0851.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. BLIZZARD COULD RANK NEAR TOP 10 TO HIT EASTERN U.S.

Snowfall estimates are more than 2 feet for Washington, a foot to 18 inches for Philadelphia and 8 inches

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to a foot in New York.

2. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA STUDENT DETAINED IN NORTH KOREA

Otto Frederick Warmbier is arrested for what Pyongyang says were "hostile" acts orchestrated by the U.S. government.

3. REGIONAL EPA OFFICIAL RESIGNS OVER FLINT WATER CRISIS

The move comes the same day the agency's chief issued an emergency order directing state and city officials to take actions to protect public health.

4. AID AIRDROPS TO SYRIA'S STARVING CALLED TOO DANGEROUS

Diplomats and aid workers call that tactic a last resort and, without Syrian government approval, a risk of being fired upon.

5. AL-SHABAB GUNMEN'S BLOODY ATTACK IN MOGADISHU OVER

Somalia's security forces end a deadly siege of a beachfront restaurant in the capital, with more than 20 people killed.

6. WHAT STRATEGY SOME DEMOCRATS ARE SECOND-GUESSING

Hillary Clinton's questioning of Bernie Sanders' electability hasn't worked very well, and some Democrats are concerned about lasting damage for their party.

7. WHY GAZAN ZOOS ARE IN PERIL

Once bustling with visitors, the empty zoos, suffering from conflict, negligence and disease, can't generate enough income to buy food, and animals are starving and dying.

8. WHO IS IMPACTED BY STOCK MARKET TUMBLE

The slide on Wall Street could damage public employee pension funds around the country, and the burden could end up falling on taxpayers.

9. 'THE COVE' STAR DETAINED IN TOKYO

Japan orders the deportation Ric O'Barry, who won an Oscar for his documentary about a Japanese village that hunts dolphins.

10. 17TH AND LIKELY LAST MEETING BETWEEN ICONIC QBs ON TAP

The final chapter of the greatest quarterback rivalry in NFL history plays out in all likelihood Sunday between Tom Brady and Peyton Manning in the AFC championship game.

North Korea says it arrests US student for 'hostile act'

HYUNG-JIN KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea announced Friday the arrest of a U.S. university student for what it called a "hostile act" orchestrated by the American government to undermine the authoritarian nation.

In language that mirrors past North Korean claims of outside conspiracies, Pyongyang's state media said the University of Virginia student entered the country under the guise of a tourist and plotted to destroy North Korean unity with "the tacit connivance of the U.S. government and under its manipulation."

The North's official Korean Central News Agency said in a short report that the student, whom it identified as Warmbier Otto Frederick, was "arrested while perpetrating a hostile act," but didn't say when he was detained or explain the nature of the act. North Korea has sometimes listed English-language surnames first, in the Korean style. The University of Virginia's online student directory lists someone named Otto Frederick Warmbier as an undergraduate commerce student.

A China-based tour company specializing in travel to North Korea, Young Pioneer Tours, confirmed that one of its customers, identified only as "Otto," had been detained in Pyongyang, the North's capital, but provided no other details. Social media accounts for Warmbier show interests in finance, travel and rap music; he was on the University of Virginia's dean's list and attended high school in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area.

North Korea's announcement comes amid a diplomatic push by Washington, Seoul and their allies to slap Pyongyang with tough sanctions for its recent nuclear test. In the past, North Korea has occasionally announced the arrests of foreign detainees in times of tension with the outside world in an apparent attempt to wrest concessions or diplomatic maneuvering room.

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North Korea also regularly accuses Washington and Seoul of sending “spies” to overthrow its government to enable the U.S.-backed South Korean government to control the entire Korean Peninsula. Some foreigners previously arrested have read statements of guilt that they later said were coerced.

A few thousand Westerners are thought to visit North Korea each year, and Pyongyang is pushing for more tourists as a way to help its dismal economy. The U.S. State Department has warned against travel to the North, however, and visitors, especially those from America, who break the country’s sometimes murky rules risk detention, arrest and possible jail sentences, although most have eventually been released.

Earlier this month, CNN reported that North Korea had detained another U.S. citizen on suspicion of spying. It said a man identified as Kim Dong Chul was being held by the North and said authorities had accused him of spying and stealing state secrets. North Korea has yet to comment on the report.

The U.S. State Department has said it could not confirm the CNN report. It declined to discuss the issue further or confirm whether the U.S. was consulting with Sweden, which handles U.S. consular issues in North Korea because Washington and Pyongyang do not have diplomatic relations.

North Korea has previously released or deported U.S. detainees after high-profile Americans visited the country. In late 2014, for instance, North Korea released two Americans after a secret mission to the North by James Clapper, the top U.S. intelligence official. Critics say such trips have provided diplomatic credibility to the North.

The Korean Peninsula remains in a technical state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. About 28,500 American troops are stationed in South Korea.

North Korea is holding at least three South Koreans and one Canadian.

Last month, North Korea’s Supreme Court sentenced a Canadian pastor to life in prison with hard labor for what it called crimes against the state. The offenses he was charged with included harming the dignity of the North’s leadership and trying to use religion to destroy the North Korean system, according to the North’s state media.

Kenyans honor Muslim man who shielded Christians in attack

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenyans are donating to the family of a Muslim man who was fatally wounded by Islamic extremists while shielding Christians during an attack on a bus.

On Twitter the hashtag HeroSalah has been trending as some Kenyans fundraise for the family of Salah Farah, who died Sunday in a Nairobi hospital. On Tuesday, his body was flown to the northeastern town of Mandera for burial.

“Salah’s children and widow appreciate your support but that’s not enough, his children need to go to school. Walk the talk,” Mohamud Abbas said on Twitter.

Ann McCreath wrote: “Important to support this #HeroSalah is a symbol of the Kenya we want.”

“Kenyan police chief Joseph Boinnet said: “He was a true hero. He died while protecting innocent Kenyans from terrorists.”

Farah, who was a teacher in the coastal town of Malindi, was among passengers on a bus from Mandera to Nairobi in December when they were attacked by al-Shabab gunmen.

When they were ordered to separate according to religion, he was among the Muslims who refused, to protect the Christians. He was shot in the hip.

Kenyans are praising Farah on social media, saying his example should be emulated in a country facing a growing threat of Islamic extremism as Kenyans with ties to al-Shabab, a Somali group, launch attacks in this country.

In 2011, Kenya’s government deployed peacekeepers to Somalia in part to stop al-Shabab members from crossing the border and launching attacks on Kenyan territory. Al-Shabab opposed the deployment and vowed to wage more attacks.

Last week al-Shabab attacked a camp for Kenyan peacekeepers in southwestern Somalia, killing an unknown number of Kenyan soldiers. Al-Shabab claimed it killed about 100 Kenyans in that attack, but Kenyan officials have refused to provide a death toll.

Israel forces evict Jewish settlers from West Bank buildings

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli forces on Friday evicted dozens of Jewish settlers, a day after the settlers moved into two buildings in the heart of the flashpoint West Bank city of Hebron near an important shrine holy to both Jews and Muslims.

According to police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld, the troops removed 80 people who had moved into the buildings and closed access to the sites.

Supporters of the group said the settlers had entered houses that were bought legally.

Israel captured the West Bank from Jordan in the 1967 war. Palestinians demand the territory as part of their future state. Most of the international community views Israeli settlements in the territory as illegal or illegitimate.

Israel says the fate of the settlements should be resolved in peace talks, along with other core issues like security and borders.

About 850 Israeli settlers in Hebron live in heavily-guarded enclaves, surrounded by tens of thousands of Palestinians.

Much of the animosity in the biblical city is over a sensitive holy site known to Jews as the Tomb of the Patriarchs and to Muslims as the Ibrahimi Mosque. Many Palestinian attackers over the past four months of bloodshed have been from Hebron.

Trove of Marine Corps films from 1930s-1970s to be preserved

BY SUSANNE M. SCHAFER, Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Never-before-seen films of Marines ramming artillery shells into large guns on the beaches of Iwo Jima in 1945 and standing amid sandbags during the 1968 siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam are part of a vast collection of silent, color footage being repaired, preserved and eventually placed online for all to see.

The Marine Corps is sending the rare stockpile of films to specialists in South Carolina. Some of the images have been in storage for 70 years and offer viewers a gritty “you-were-there” view of military life. Most films were not even seen by the combat photographers who shot them with hand-held cameras from the late 1930s through World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Marine Corps historian Thomas Baughn, who manages the film repository at the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Virginia, said it’s important the unique “Leatherneck legacy” not crumble away. Understanding the history and tradition of the Marine Corps is an important part of each Marine’s ethos, the historian said.

“It’s some pretty powerful footage,” Baughn said in a telephone interview.

The films depict storied events such as Marines wading through the tide at Guadalcanal, the wounded being evacuated from Iwo Jima and Marines tramping single-file through the hillsides after the Chinese tried to wipe out the 1st Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir.

It is a large stockpile, about the 16,000 reels of 16 mm and 35 mm films, which amounts to about 2,000 hours.

The historian said the Marines had to look outside the government to preserve the old films because they didn’t have the capability — or money — to do it on their own. Copies of a small portion of the films have been sent to the National Archives for historical purposes, he said.

“We want to turn this into an all-digital archive, that’s the end game,” Baughn said.

Baughn said he knew specialists at the University of South Carolina had years of experience in film restoration. Also, South Carolina’s Moving Image Research Collection is part of the school’s library system, so its specialists know how to organize, catalog and digitize films, and prepare them for researchers to study.

In late December, the first large cache of 300 reels of the films arrived at the offices of Greg Wilsbacher, director of the film unit at the university.

It may take years to achieve the preservation goal because the process can be lengthy and labor-intensive, said Wilsbacher.

“It’s a big mission, but South Carolina is eager to take it on because there is such strong support for

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the Marine Corps here in the state," the movie specialist said.

Half of all new male Marines — and all female Marines — undergo basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot at Parris Island in the southern tip of the state. And the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort is home to several squadrons of Marine fighter squadrons.

The films will be transformed into high-definition, which offers a depth of color and detail that was unable to be seen years ago, Wilsbacher said.

The average person could find some scenes jarring.

"Seeing men in amphibious assault vehicles, moving forward and knowing in the context that some of the Marines you see will not live to come home, can be a difficult viewing experience," Wilsbacher said.

Much work needs to be done to bring the archive to the public.

For example, a special cold-storage vault must be constructed to store the film at 45 degrees Fahrenheit and 35 percent humidity, because the older film can be harmed by high temperatures and damp conditions, Wilsbacher said. The vault should be about 2,100 square feet, or about half a basketball court.

Fielding Freed, who served in the Corps from 1983 to 1987 and was given a preview of some of the films, said he realized the impact they might have after he read a name on the uniform of a Marine shown directing traffic in Vietnam.

"How great is that going to be for his family, his great-grandchildren and grandchildren, to identify that man there on that beach?" Freed said.

Presidential race shows evolving gender roles in politics

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Carly Fiorina has a husband who quit his career to further hers. Chris Christie boasts of his wife being the family's top earner. Hillary Clinton is looking to get back into the White House, but this time as president.

In the 2016 presidential campaign, a modern take on gender roles is increasingly on display in both parties.

With two women running for president, a number of high-powered career spouses in the mix and an increased focus on policies to support two-income families, 2016 is shaping up as a different kind of election, said Anne Marie Slaughter, who four years ago wrote a popular essay in *The Atlantic* on why she left a job in the State Department to spend more time with her family.

"I think what is changing is, this is the year of the family," said Slaughter, now president and CEO of New America, a Washington-based nonprofit. And that means more attention on "how you support the family with policies for women and men."

While more women have been running at a state and local level, this is the first time both parties have a woman running in a serious way. This gives former Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm reason to hope decisions about running for office are no longer just being made "based on one's plumbing."

Compared with her 2008 run, heavy on national security, Clinton this time has heavily stressed issues that are meant to appeal to women and families: health care, pay equality, education, child care, family leave. She says "these aren't just women's issues, they are economic issues that drive growth and affect all Americans."

This is murky territory for Clinton. She has a long record as an advocate of women's advancement and speaks often and passionately about her baby granddaughter. But her potential Republican rivals have raised questions not only about her husband's past infidelities but about how she might have contributed to efforts to discredit some of the women known or alleged to have been involved with him. Donald Trump flatly accused her of enabling Bill Clinton's philandering.

Among Republicans, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio has proposed increasing the child tax credit and creating a tax credit for employers that provide family leave. Rep. Paul Ryan asserted his need for family time when agreeing to become House speaker.

Christie says voters are meeting a new generation of candidates with "different types of marriages and different types of relationships than people in the generation before. It really is necessitated by the

increasing role and prominence of women in the workforce and by necessity, too.”

Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University, said that in recent years there has been a shift in both how female candidates talk about their personal lives and family-oriented policies.

The political reasons are clear.

“The Democrats have to mobilize the base and the Republicans have to whittle away at the women’s vote,” said Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University.

Support from women, who typically lean toward Democrats, was vital for President Barack Obama, who won re-election in 2012 with 55 percent of female voters, while Republican opponent Mitt Romney won 52 percent of men, according to exit polls analyzed by Walsh’s center. Obama won about the same percentage of women in 2008 as he did in 2012.

The two-career marriages on display in the campaign are in keeping with the rise of women in the workforce. About 58 percent of working-age women were employed in 2012, compared with 38 percent in 1963, federal statistics show. Mothers work at even higher rates — with about 70 percent of women with children under 18 working.

Christie’s wife, Mary Pat Christie, was a former Wall Street executive who out-earned him for most of their marriage. Heidi Cruz, wife of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, is on leave from her job at Goldman Sachs. Jane Sanders is a key adviser to husband Bernie Sanders. And Fiorina’s husband, Frank, was a corporate executive until he retired early to support her high-powered career.

With a more diverse group campaigning, the role of political spouse may get a reboot.

Ex-President Bill Clinton and Frank Fiorina are campaigning in Iowa as potential “first gentlemen.” Many of the other spouses are out on the trail.

The campaign has also gone beyond the usual (and still ubiquitous) sugar-coating of family life of the candidates, as Fiorina discussed the stepdaughter she lost to drug and alcohol addiction, Jeb Bush opened up about the daughter who’s struggled with drug abuse and Christie acknowledged a complicated marital history.

Still, stereotypes tend to die hard. During a recent Republican debate, Christie seemed caught in a time warp back to the 1950s when talking about Los Angeles families dealing with a terrorist scare.

“Think about the mothers who will take those children tomorrow morning to the bus stop wondering whether their children will arrive back on that bus safe and sound,” he said. “Think about the fathers of Los Angeles, who tomorrow will head off to work and wonder about the safety of their wives and their children.”

And then there’s Trump, who has tossed various sexist insults at certain women — saying at one point that a debate moderator had “blood coming out of her wherever” — yet insists at rallies that he would “cherish women” as president.

Clinton’s response to Sanders has some Democrats worried

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton has questioned Bernie Sanders’ electability. She’s criticized his plans for health care, foreign policy and Wall Street. And she’s tagged him with flip-flopping on gun control.

None of it appears to be sticking, say some Democrats who have raised concerns that a months-long primary campaign could create lasting damage for their party.

While most believe Clinton will still capture the nomination, some say she is failing to respond effectively to Sanders, fueling both his primary rise and strengthening the Republican argument against her. Others say she got too late a start going after Sanders and is still not hitting him enough — eroding her lead in states that should be safe.

“They didn’t take him seriously enough because they thought they had a gadfly,” said John Morgan, a Florida attorney and Clinton donor. “The gadfly wasn’t a gadfly — he was a lightning bug. And people have been following that lightning bug all over America.”

Though Sanders has dismissed questions about Clinton’s use of a private email account and server as

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secretary of state and how she responded to the deadly 2012 Benghazi attacks, some Democrats say she needs a better response to his critique of her ties to Wall Street, which they argue reinforces months of Republican attacks on her character.

"The better she does, the more those stories seem to recede in the minds of voters," said Boston-based Democratic strategist Mary Anne Marsh. "Now, Benghazi seems to be back. Email seems to be back. A number of other things seem to be back."

Though the tightening nature of the race, particularly in Iowa, hasn't sparked widespread panic among her supporters quite yet, it's worrying some donors, as well as Bill Clinton and their daughter, Chelsea, who shared her concerns at a meeting with supporters in New York this week, according to people close to the campaign, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss private conversations.

Democratic donors, strategists and pollsters, including some aligned with Clinton, expressed their concerns in nearly two dozen interviews with The Associated Press.

Clinton has long struggled to connect with liberal activists, who have gained influence as the party has shifted left during President Barack Obama's two terms in office.

"Clinton's message has always been more effective for a general election audience than the primary activist base," said strategist Ben LaBolt, a former Obama campaign aide.

A focus group conducted by an unaffiliated Democratic strategist during the last debate found Clinton's message fell flat. Her attacks, according to a memo describing the event, backfired when Sanders reinforced his message in his responses.

"It is not about Senator Sanders. It is about his message," said Chris Kofinis, who conducted the group. "When you attack him, you're not actually addressing the problem."

Sanders released a gauzy, uplifting ad Thursday with images of his overflowing rallies over a soundtrack of Simon and Garfunkel's "America." The wordless spot contrasts with a recent Clinton ad in New Hampshire about her experience and plans.

In recent days, Sanders has intensified his critique of Clinton with rhetoric that's edged toward breaking one of his core campaign pledges — no attacks.

"Without naming any names, Goldman Sachs also provides very, very generous speaking fees to some unnamed candidates," he said this week in Iowa, meaning her.

Republicans have tried to bolster Sanders, who they see as the more beatable general election opponent. The Republican National Committee jumped to the self-identified democratic socialist candidate's defense during the last debate and American Crossroads, a super PAC founded by Karl Rove, has an ad in Iowa highlighting Clinton's ties to Wall Street. "Does Iowa really want Wall Street in the White House?" the narrator asks.

During Sanders' rise in the summer, Clinton's campaign largely avoided criticizing Sanders out of fear that would alienate his liberal supporters who will be important to the Democratic nominee this fall. That hesitancy has changed in recent weeks.

"No one has laid a glove on Bernie," said Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri, a Clinton supporter who has warned about Sanders' electability. "We like Bernie and he's having a conversation we think is important so it's not an easy thing to do."

Recent preference polls suggest her lead in Iowa has evaporated and in New Hampshire, Sanders has opened up a significant edge.

Clinton and her team believe they can still win the Feb. 1 caucuses in Iowa, arguing that her broader support will help her pick up more delegates, due to the proportional nature of their allocation in the state.

They've long seen New Hampshire as a tougher race, given Sanders' decades of representing a neighboring state, but expect Clinton to be strong in South Carolina, Nevada and the Southern states that vote on March 1. The larger numbers of minority voters in the later contests benefit Clinton, who's consistently polled better among those groups.

Clinton also has an overwhelming advantage among the so-called "superdelegates" of party leaders and elected officials.

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But even in Southern states, Democrats increasingly see a path for Sanders to cobble together a coalition of liberal whites, independents and younger black supporters who might minimize Clinton's advantage and allow him to pick up delegates.

"Sanders organizers seem to be making some headway," said Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings, who says he's likely to endorse Clinton. "What I'm hearing more and more is that (black voters) are now open to hearing Bernie."

And caucuses scheduled in March and April in states like Maine, Colorado and Wyoming could favor Sanders.

"Nobody ever stops running for president, they just run out of money," said former Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, a Clinton fundraiser. "Bernie has enough money for a long time."

Myanmar's army-backed gov't frees 20 political prisoners

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — Myanmar's military-backed government released 20 political prisoners Friday, months before it is scheduled to hand over power to an elected pro-democracy party.

The released detainees said prison authorities declared that they were among 101 prisoners including common criminals who were released from Insein Prison in Yangon's northern outskirts.

"Early this morning, the prison guards called the names of 20 political prisoners and told us to pack up and get ready to go back home," said Soe Zaw, a 44 year-old political prisoner released Friday after fourteen months in prison, "Our families were not informed."

More than 1,300 political prisoners have been freed by President Thein Sein's military-backed government, which took power in 2011 after an election that marked an end to almost five decades of direct military rule. Activists say several hundred political offenders are still detained or await trial.

Visiting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken earlier this week urged the government release all remaining political prisoners.

Myanmar is set for a change of government after the National League for Democracy party of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi won an easy majority in last November's general election, dislodging Thein Sein's Union Solidarity and Development party, which was widely considered a proxy for the military.

"There shouldn't be any political activists in prison in this government's so-called democratic country," said Aung Myo Kyaw, a spokesperson for the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, an independent human rights organization.

According to the group, 272 political activists were arrested in 2015, of whom 180 have been imprisoned. At least four activists were detained in the past few months over postings on Facebook.

"There are a lot of political prisoners still in prison. I cannot be happy because many of our fellows are still inside," said Ba Myint, a political prisoner released Friday. "We hope other political prisoners are released soon, too."

17th and likely last meeting between QB blue bloods on tap

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DENVER (AP) — The final chapter of the greatest quarterback rivalry in NFL history plays out in all likelihood Sunday with the 17th meeting between Tom Brady and Peyton Manning.

New England and Denver play again next season, but Manning is expected to have received his gold watch — and maybe another silver trophy — by then.

In that case, Sunday's showdown in the AFC championship between the Patriots and Broncos would mark both the crest and the culmination of a clash that defines the two quarterback greats who transformed the game and transcended the sport.

"This is Jesse James and Wyatt Earp standing out in the street at high noon for the last showdown," Joe Theismann said. "You've got arguably the two greatest players that ever played the position. Peyton revolutionized the game and Tom, through his championships, has proven he's the best that's ever played

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the game.”

Their respectful rivalry — they’re neither best buddies nor mortal enemies — began on a cloudy afternoon in Foxboro Stadium on Sept. 30, 2001, and grew into something on par with Arnold Palmer vs. Jack Nicklaus or Wilt Chamberlain vs. Bill Russell.

“Our sports society is built around stars, and stars draw people to the game, those are the players they want to watch. You want to watch Ali and Frazier, Bird and Magic, Brady and Manning,” said Tony Dungy, the coach of the Colts for Manning’s only Super Bowl win. “We are seeing two just top-tier guys and everyone will root for one and against the other and pick sides and argue who is the best. It draws people, and it especially draws the casual people to the game.”

This generation of football fans may never see anything like it again.

“Every football fan should watch this game because very seldom in life do you get to see two competitors as great as they are with this much at stake,” Theismann said. “It’s what’s at stake that makes this one more interesting.”

At stake: a shot at history and sweet revenge.

With a seventh trip to the Super Bowl, Brady, still on top of his considerable game at age 38, would get a crack at a fifth Super Bowl ring, something no starting QB has ever accomplished. He’d also put himself one win away from the satisfaction of seeing Roger Goodell hand him another Lombardi Trophy. This, less than a year after the commissioner suspended him in the scandal over deflated footballs, a ban that was overturned in federal court last summer.

With a fourth trip to the Super Bowl, Manning, two months shy of 40 and a shadow of his five-time MVP self, would have a chance to become the first starting quarterback to deliver a Lombardi Trophy to the headquarters of two franchises. He’d also have a shot at recouping every penny of the \$4 million pay cut he took last winter and get the chance to ride off as a champion into that orange sunset — like his boss, John Elway, did nearly two decades ago.

Brady has won 11 of the 16 previous meetings, but they’re 2-2 in the playoffs, including Denver’s 26-16 win in the conference championship two years ago. That game was also in the Mile High City, where Brady has walked off the victor in just two of his eight visits.

Although the two are never on the field together, save for the pregame warmups and postgame handshakes, each is acutely aware of the other’s presence. They know they must minimize mistakes and magnify precious possessions.

“He’s an incredible player and any time you factor that caliber of player ... you’ve got to be at our best,” said Brady, who led the league with three dozen touchdown passes this season despite missing many of his top targets for parts of the schedule. “You can’t play anything less than your best and expect to win, because he’s going to play well and he’s going to have that team playing well.

Manning never likes to make it about himself, but he, too, realizes there’s less room for error when Brady is waiting along the opposite sideline.

“I’ve always kind of given the boring answer, ‘Hey, it’s the Colts versus the Patriots and now it’s the Broncos versus the Patriots,’” Manning said. “All I can say about Tom Brady is he plays the position the way it’s supposed to be played. He’s extremely talented. He’s a very hard worker, very competitive guy and he just plays the position the right way. When you do that, there’s a reason you play for a long time and play well for a long time.

“There have been a lot of different players that have played in 16 of those games, but as the quarterback, it’s always been a great honor and privilege to have competed against him that many times over the course of the past 16, 17 years he and I have been in the league together.”

Denver’s DeMarcus Ware declared, “The clash of the Titans is here again.”

The New York tabloids called it the clash of the “Taintans,” a reference to Brady’s “Deflategate” and Al Jazeera’s report that Manning obtained HGH shipments through his wife from an Indianapolis anti-aging clinic.

Both had each other’s back during their off-the-field tribulations.

“Tom has always been in support of me,” Manning said, “and I always try to be the same for him.”

While Brady seemingly has many more chances for glory, Manning’s career is clearly at its sunset.

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Not only did he miss nearly half the season with an injured left foot, but he threw just nine TD passes and 17 interceptions — which happen to be identical to Bart Starr's stats in 1967 when he guided Green Bay to a second straight Super Bowl championship.

Much like Elway in his twilight, Manning no longer has to carry the Broncos, nor do their fortunes ride solely on his right arm. His body betraying him, Manning has gone from being quarterback blue blood to serving on the scout team, then as a backup for the first time since his freshman season at Tennessee. But three weeks ago he got his starting job back.

And on Sunday he gets to face Brady one more time, the stakes never higher.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2016. There are 344 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, legalized abortions using a trimester approach. Former President Lyndon B. Johnson died at his Texas ranch at age 64.

On this date:

In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years; she was succeeded by her eldest son, Edward VII.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible" opened on Broadway.

In 1968, "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1970, the first regularly scheduled commercial flight of the Boeing 747 began in New York and ended in London some 6 1/2 hours later.

In 1984, the Los Angeles Raiders defeated the Washington Redskins 38-9 to win Super Bowl XVIII (18) at Tampa Stadium in Florida; the CBS-TV broadcast featured Apple Computer's famous "1984" commercial introducing the Macintosh computer.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, at age 104.

In 2008, actor Heath Ledger was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in New York City; he was 28.

Ten years ago: Evo Morales, Bolivia's first Indian president, took office with a promise to lift his nation's struggling indigenous majority out of centuries of poverty and discrimination. The Pittsburgh Steelers won the AFC title game, dismantling the Denver Broncos 34-17. The Seattle Seahawks claimed the NFC title, routing the Carolina Panthers 34-14.

Five years ago: Drawing inspiration from the revolt in Tunisia, thousands of Yemenis demanded the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh (AH'-lee ahb-DUH'-luh sah-LEH') in a noisy demonstration that appeared to be the first large-scale public challenge to the strongman. (He stepped down as president in 2012.) Pope Benedict XVI told priests to do a better job counseling would-be spouses to ensure their marriages last, and said that no one had an absolute right to a wedding.

One year ago: With thousands of abortion protesters swarming Washington in their annual March for Life, the House voted 242-179 to permanently forbid federal funds for most abortion coverage, even though

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the legislation had no realistic chance of passage. Yemen's U.S.-backed president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, quit under pressure from rebels holding him captive in his home. Former U.S. Senator and Kentucky Governor Wendell Ford, 90, died in Owensboro.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., is 88. Actress Piper Laurie is 84. Actor Seymour Cassel is 81. Author Joseph Wambaugh is 79. Actor John Hurt is 76. Singer Steve Perry is 67. Country singer-musician Teddy Gentry (Alabama) is 64. Movie director Jim Jarmusch is 63. Actor John Wesley Shipp is 61. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Mike Bossy is 59. Actress Linda Blair is 57. Actress Diane Lane is 51. Actor-rap DJ Jazzy Jeff is 51. Country singer Regina Nicks (Regina Regina) is 51. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri is 48. Actress Olivia d'Abo is 47. Rhythm-and-blues singer Marc Gay (Shai) is 47. Actress Katie Finneran is 45. Actor Gabriel Macht is 44. Actor Balthazar Getty is 41. Actor Christopher Kennedy Masterson is 36. Jazz singer Lizz Wright is 36. Pop singer Willa Ford is 35. Actress Beverley (cq) Mitchell is 35. Rock singer-musician Ben Moody is 35. Actor Kevin Sheridan is 34. Actress-singer Phoebe Strole is 33. Actress Sami Gayle (TV: "Blue Bloods") is 20.

Thought for Today: "Praise undeserved is satire in disguise." — Henry Broadhurst, English politician (1840-1911).