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Silver Skates Postponed

After skating on the ice, although the surface looks good, we found that it is not frozen solid. We want to keep the skaters safe, so we are moving to our established contingency plan of holding the carnival next Sunday, February 7th. We will hold one performance at 1:00. With cooler temps next week, we will be able to significantly improve the skating rink for the safety of the skaters. If you are unable to attend next week due to prior plans, please contact your instructor.

Monday, February 1

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

School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, green peas, carrots and dip, fruit, bread stick.

Senior Menu: Beef stroganoff noodles, mixed vegetables, cake with strawberries, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Colin Herron, Roger Colestock, Sean Jorgensen

5:15pm: GBB at Northwestern with C game

7:00 pm: City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

School Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Taco salad, refried beans, garlic toast, fruit.

Senior Menu: Tater tot hot dish, green beans, grape juice, sour cream apple pie square, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Alan Ball, Richard Kapp

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

4:00pm: JHBBB host Langford (7th at 4 pm, 8th at 5 pm)

6:30pm: BBB host Langford Area

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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Activities On-Line

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Paul Irvin Kosel and Justin Olson
Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel

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Coming up this week at gdilive.com

Monday, Feb. 1: GBB at Northwestern (Varsity only)

Tuesday, Feb. 2: BBB host Langford Area (JV and Varsity)

Friday, Feb. 5: Boys (JV & V) and Girls Basketball (V) host Hamlin

Saturday, Feb. 6: Boys (JV & V) and Girls Basketball (V) at Warner

Sunday, Feb. 7th: 1 p.m. Performance of the Carnival of Silver Skates

Ready to bring your heart and expertise to a team that feels more like a family? Bring your passion for patient care to the Golden LivingCenter in Groton. The Groton facility is now hiring for CNAs and Nurses. They have new wages with an excellent benefits package. All shifts are open. Join the team today by calling Jessica at 397-2365. The Golden LivingCenter of Groton is looking for you!

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Pray, Anderson win at Groton Invite

Five Groton wrestlers took part in the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday with Trevor Pray and Brandyn Anderson both placing first.

126 - Thomas Cranford (1-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 15-17 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:11)

Cons. Round 1 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chase Mundt (Britton/Hecla) 5-19 (SV-1 7-5)

Cons. Round 3 - Bayley Anderson (Watertown JV) 4-12 won by fall over Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 (Fall 1:17)

126 - Trevor Pray (22-4) placed 1st and scored 27.50 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by tech fall over Nick Wiley (Sully Buttes) 3-21 (TF-1.5 3:21 (16-1))

Quarterfinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Bayley Anderson (Watertown JV) 4-12 (Fall 2:57)

Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Breyden Miller (Milbank JV) 2-4 (Fall 0:29)

1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 15-17 (Fall 3:08)

145 - Grady O`Neill (0-2)

Champ. Round 1 - Parker Broer (Huron JV) 6-6 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 0:18)

Cons. Round 1 - Brodie Holtquist (Milbank JV) 9-7 won by fall over Grady O`Neill (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 2:29)

170 - Wyatt Locke (5-10) scored 3.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Bryce Ahlers (Canton JV) 12-5 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 (Dec 10-5)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 won by major decision over Elijah Fraasch (Milbank JV) 1-4 (MD 15-1)

Cons. Semi - Austin Wiley (Sully Buttes) 22-17 won by tech fall over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 (TF-1.5 4:08 (16-1))

285 - Brandyn Anderson (20-5) placed 1st and scored 23.00 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 won by fall over Dylan Ernster (Huron JV) 6-4 (Fall 1:20)

1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 won by major decision over Chase Ninceheler (Sully Buttes) 10-10 (MD 10-2)

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Semifinal - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Breyden Miller (Milbank JV) 2-4 (Fall 0:29)



1st Place Match - Brandyn Anderson (Groton Area) 20-5 won by major decision over Chase Ninceheler (Sully Buttes) 10-10 (MD 10-2)



1st Place Match - Trevor Pray (Groton Area) 22-4 won by fall over Ethan Carruth (Ellendale/Edgeley/Kulm) 15-17 (Fall 3:08)



Tom and Patti Woods were busy at the head desk. Tom did the announcing and Patti did the wall charts. They have been helping with the Groton Tournament for many years.

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Cons. Round 1 - Brodie Holtquist (Milbank JV) 9-7 won by fall over Grady O'Neill (Groton Area) 0-2 (Fall 2:29)



Cons. Round 2 - Thomas Cranford (Groton Area) 1-2 won in sudden victory - 1 over Chase Mundt (Britton/Hecla) 5-19 (SV-1 7-5)



Quarterfinal - Bryce Ahlers (Canton JV) 12-5 won by decision over Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 (Dec 10-5)



Cons. Round 3 - Wyatt Locke (Groton Area) 5-10 won by major decision over Elijah Fraasch (Milbank JV) 1-4 (MD 15-1)

Lady Tigers roll past Potter County

Groton Area girls held Potter County to single digits the first three quarters, then itself scored only four points in the fourth quarter, but the Tigers still easily won, 48-35. The Tigers led at the quarterstops at 10-7, 31-11 and 44-19.

Katie Koehler led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Harleigh Stange with 11, Carly Wheeting nine, Miranda Hanson five, Jessica Bjerke four, Audrey Wanner two and Emily Locke one.

Groton made 34 percent of its field goals, was 10 of 17 from the line for 59 percent off of Potter County's 14 team fouls, had 12 offensive rebounds with Bjerke having four, 17 defensive rebounds with Koehler having six, five assists with Wheeting having three, Locke and Wheeting each had one block, Stange, Koehler and Bjerke each had three of the team's 13 steals and the Tigers had 15 turnovers.

Potter County was led in scoring by Tierney Donovan with 12 points followed by Alyssa Haberer with 11, Megan Schrempp and Sierra Wieseler with five each and Samantha Stethem having two. Potter County made six of 10 free throws off of Groton's 14 team fouls.

Groton won the junior varsity game, 41-16. Scoring for Groton: Payton Maine 8, Miranda Hanson 7, Alex Stange 6, Gia Gengerke 6, Taylor Holm 5, Jenny Doeden 4, Sam Menzia 3, Hattie Weismantel 2.

Seric Shabazz leads Tigers against Sisseton

The Groton Area boys lost to Sisseton, 50-43. Groton jumped out to a 15-13 lead before the Redmen went on a six-point run en route to a 23-19 lead at half time. The Redmen had a seven point run in the third quarter to take a 40-28 lead into the fourth quarter.

Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Hunter Lerew and Adam Herman with seven each, Bennett Shabazz and Aaron Severson each had five and Sean Schuring added three points. The Tigers made 22 percent of their field goals while Sisseton made 33 percent. Groton made 18 of 27 free throws for 67 percent off of Sisseton's 19 team fouls, Bennett Shabazz had four of the five assists, he also had two blocks, two steals and seven rebounds.

The Redmen were led in scoring by Ethan Kranhold with 20 points followed by Benji Thompson with 13, Hunter Medenwald nine and Dustin Moshier and Spencer Weatherstone each had four points. The Redmen had 40 rebounds with Kranhold having 18, made 20 of 30 free throws for 67 percent off of Groton's 20 team fouls, and had 11 turnovers and seven steals.

Sisseton won the junior varsity game, 33-21. Scoring for Groton: Brandon Keith 7, Marshall Lane 5, Anthony Sippel 3, Treyton Diegel 3, Tylan Glover 2, Frankie Wuestenwald 2.

The Tigers won the C game in overtime, 25-19. Scoring for Groton: Treyton Diegel 7, Austin Jones 5, Cade Guthmiller 5, Mitch Thurston 2, Tylan Glover 2, Peyton Johnson 2 and Darian Shabazz 2.

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Jessica Bjerke



Katie Koehler



Audrey Wanner

Action Shots at Sisseton

by Julianna Kosel



Carly Wheeting



Miranda Hanson

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Bennett Shabazz



Brandon Keith

Action Shots with Sisseton

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Adam Herman



Sean Schuring

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	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							MIN			
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S	
NO SISSETON																		
10 Medenwald, Hunter	*	2	8	1	6	4	6	0	2	2	1	9	0	1	0	1	32:00	
12 Kranhold, Ethan	*	6	11	3	6	5	7	2	16	18	4	20	1	0	0	2	24:00	
20 Fitz, Andrew	*	0	4	0	2	0	0	2	3	5	2	0	1	3	0	1	24:00	
24 Moshier, Dustin	*	0	6	0	3	4	4	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	0	1	16:00	
50 Thompson, Benji	*	3	5	0	0	7	12	1	5	6	4	13	0	2	0	1	24:00	
4 Schaunaman, Logan		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0:00	
14 Gill, Dane		0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00	
32 Steichen, Austin		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	16:00	
54 Weatherstone, Spencer		2	4	0	1	0	1	1	3	4	4	4	0	2	0	0	16:00	
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	4	4				0				
Team Totals		13	39	4	18	20	30	7	33	40	19	50	2	11	0	7	160	

Total FG% - 1st: 4/15 0.267 2nd: 9/24 0.375 Game: 0.333 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 2/8 0.250 2nd: 2/10 0.200 Game: 0.222 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 13/14 0.929 2nd: 7/16 0.438 Game: 0.667 (5,0)

	P	TOT-FG		3-PT		FT	FTA	REBOUNDS							MIN		
		FG	FGA	FG	FGA			OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO		BK	S
NO GROTON AREA																	
12 Schuring, Sean	F	1	7	1	4	0	0	0	6	6	3	3	0	3	0	0	32:00
40 Lerew, Hunter	C	2	5	0	1	3	5	1	2	3	3	7	0	0	0	0	16:00
4 Shabazz, Bennett	G	1	12	1	6	2	4	3	4	7	4	5	4	2	2	2	32:00
5 Shabazz, Seric	G	3	9	1	2	9	10	2	4	6	3	16	0	0	0	2	32:00
11 Herman, Adam	G	3	5	0	2	1	4	0	2	2	3	7	1	4	0	0	16:00
14 Rogers, Truitt		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
20 Keith, Brandon		0	5	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	16:00
24 Wuestewald, Frankie		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00
50 Severson, Aaron		1	5	0	0	3	4	3	1	4	2	5	0	0	0	1	8:00
TEAM REBOUNDS								0	5	5				1			
Team Totals		11	48	3	18	18	27	11	24	35	20	43	5	11	2	5	160

Total FG% - 1st: 5/22 0.227 2nd: 6/26 0.231 Game: 0.229 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/8 0.125 2nd: 2/10 0.200 Game: 0.167 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 8/12 0.667 2nd: 10/15 0.667 Game: 0.667 (2,0)

Technical Fouls: Siss (0)
 : Grot (1) 4th 08:00 Coach

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Sisseton	13	10	17	10	50
Groton	15	4	9	15	43

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This was one of three dance teams that performed at the games Friday night in Groton as the Sisseton boys came to town.

Photo by Jeslyn Kosel

Historical Society Notice of Annual Meeting

The Brown County Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be Saturday, February 6th, 2015 in the 2nd floor conference room at the Dacotah Prairie Museum. Lunch will be served at noon for a cost of \$10 per person, chicken dinner catered by D's catering of Aberdeen.

The program will start at 12:45 with DPM's Curatorial Assistant Mary Baird reading the 1st place winner in the BCHS history paper contest: Faternity, Charity and Loyalty: How the boys in blue built the Dakota Soldiers Home by Nichole Christiansen. The public is invited to both the lunch and program.

A short meeting of the Brown County Historical Society will follow at 1:15.

Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H

The Friendly Fellows and Daisies 4-H club met on Jan. 3rd at Skate-Away in Aberdeen. The meeting was called to order by President Hannah Sumption. The American pledge was led by Madelyne Sumption and 4-H pledge led by Colin Frey. There were 14 members who answered roll call which was favorite Christmas gift. The Treasurer's and Secretary's reports were approved as given. Old business was we talked about the Christmas party held in December. For New business, Leader Mike Frey discussed information in the Newshound, A club ski trip is planned for February 14th at Andes Tower Hills, 4-H curriculum books were talked about and our next months club project Yard Yahtzee was discussed. The meeting was adjourned by Colin Frey and seconded by Trey Wright. There were no talks or demo's. After meeting the club members enjoyed roller skating and lunch was served by Landon, Nicole, and Andrew Marzahn.

- Submitted by Colin Frey, club reporter



By Richard P. Holm M.D.



Falling lesson

The runner was facing traffic, coming down a steep, switch-back, asphalt road after a recent rain. As he came around a tight corner he slipped, just as an approaching car was turning into him. He caught himself with the palm of his hand and in that split-second-that-counts cranked down hard on the wrist in order to avoid slipping under the car. After the car passed, happy to be alive, the runner went on while the wrist slowly began to declare its irritation for being treated with such dis-

respect.

There are eight carpal bones in the human wrist along with ligaments, tendons, cartilage, and fibrous tissue. These all connect the hand to the forearm allowing for the muscles of the forearm to work the hand. The hand, wrist, and forearm can make powerful hold and release movements like throwing long and accurate spears or footballs, pounding or hammering corn meal or nails, and pulling and hauling lines, sheets, or wheelbarrows. Those same hands can make tiny intricate movements like forming small stitches for a garment or a laceration, making subtle hand movements for turning the perfect clay jar, painting a masterpiece art work, and playing the emotional strains of a Beethoven or Beatles piano or guitar rhapsody.

The doctor noted the runner's wrist was not deformed like a dinner fork. The dinner-fork shape is typical after breaking the radius-forearm bone an inch back from the wrist after a fall forward. This type of fracture is the second most common for the elderly next to a collapsed vertebrae. Often balance fails and bones get softer as people get older, making this type of fracture too common. Balance and bone strength are lost in those who are inactive, and preserved in those who regularly stress muscles and bones with movement and lifting.

For the runner, X-rays confirmed no fracture of the wrist, hand, or forearm, meaning it was a soft tissue sprain and a wrist splint and Ibuprofen were prescribed.

Take home messages:

- 1) Don't run on wet asphalt on steep hills with oncoming traffic, or, more importantly don't walk on dangerous spots such as icy walkways or slippery wooden floors with socks or rugs that can slide;
- 2) Keep bones strong with adequate vitamin D, enough calcium rich foods, and regular weight bearing exercises; and
- 3) Enhance balance by strengthening your legs, arms, and core (back and abdominal) muscles with daily weight-bearing activities that you enjoy.

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

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Lana's Annals

**Lana
Greenfield
District 2
State
Representative**

Greetings to all of you. Week 3 proved to pick up with 299 bills being submitted thus far; this compares with 348 last year at this time.

Our local government committee had many general bills that were filed on the consent calendar (which means all on the committee decided these were some that needed no floor debate; however, anyone can remove consent if he/she feels that it should have added discussion on the floor). A bill that drew the most discussion was HB1092, an act to revise requirements for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It gives the municipality the freedom to permit sale and consumption of alcohol on a sidewalk or walkway subject to a public right-of-way abutting licensed premises. This would make it legal for tables

to be outside a licensed establishment where people could eat and drink legally without being charged with an open container. The discussion questioned the need for these "sidewalk cafes." It passed and will now go to the floor.

Our Human Services Committee spent a good amount of time listening to many proponents and opponents discuss HB1076, which would have allowed for the drug testing of any new applicants who apply for assistance. Both sides had compelling arguments. Proponents said they had heard from large masses of people who fully supported careful monitoring of taxpayer money and thought this would be a good beginning. The Department of Health testified that most that apply for SNAP or TANF average using these programs for approximately four months and that they do not feel that there is much welfare fraud. They also mentioned that if anyone feels that money allotted to recipients is being fraudulently used to contact the Crime Stoppers TIP line. I voted to have the discussion with the full house, but it was defeated 9-4.

The use of the bathrooms and locker rooms by transgenders took a lot of debate time in the House. This has become an issue that has probably gotten way too much attention. I truly feel that we do not have an issue with it in our rural schools; I would think everyone knows where the restrooms are and who goes where. I have never seen such bizarre attention over "making a deposit"

I voted to send the discussion over to the Senate side for further review as did the majority of the House. Hopefully, we can put this to rest soon.

Another lively bill in the House was about non-resident water fowl licenses. Rep. Werner sponsored legislation to expand, not the number of hunting licenses, but to add five counties that can make use of those 3 day permits. He explained that not all of the statewide licenses had been sold last year (336 left over), so it may be worthwhile to add counties that could make use of them: Campbell, Walworth, Edmunds, McPherson, and Faulk. In the end, the bill passed and so moves forward.

The Appropriations Committee spent time discussing monetary requests from SDDC in Redfield for razing some outdated, closed dormitories. Several people from Redfield were available and testified. Senator Greenfield and I sat in on that portion of the Appropriations. When all state operated programs are finished with requests, the committee will determine the greatest areas of need. This will happen toward the end of our session.

I am pleased to sponsor Logan Ellingson, a senior from Warner, as a House page this second term. She is doing an outstanding job of helping our legislators during committee meetings and during our House debates.

Thank you to the Castlewood government class for visiting the Capital this week. It is great to see young people and instructors take an interest in what is happening in our state government.

This completes my report for this week. Stay tuned. The weather may be cooler this week, but the issues inside the People's House are certain to get hotter!

The local Cracker Barrels scheduled thus far are as follows: Clark, 10:30, Feb. 15; Redfield, 3:00, Feb. 15; and Lake Norden, 2:00, Feb. 20. There are also upcoming ones in Aberdeen. You can reach me at rep.lanagreenfield@state.sd.us or lana.greenfield@gmail.com or call 773-3851. Have a wonderful week!

Rep. Lana Greenfield

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GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

February 1, 2016 - 7pm
Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Department Reports – Herron, Lambertz
- 5) Summer Employees Needed
- 6) Enterprise Fund Reports
- 7) Garbage Hauling & Rubble Site Fees
- 8) Heartland Power Letter to Congress Request
- 9) Upcoming Meetings
- 10) Request for Car Show on Main St – Sun, June 19
- 11) Auditor Choice for 2014-15
- 12) Exe Session – Legal or Personnel
- 13) Hire Baseball/Softball Coordinators

And other business that may come before the Council



Gabby Kramer sang the National Anthem at the start of the finals at the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament held Saturday.

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Broadcasting the boys and girls basketball games via gdilive.com has certainly put extra strain on my time. I understand how parents feel when they have boys and girls out for basketball which is the same season. The schedule since Christmas has been overwhelming, to say the least.

Then Saturday was the Groton Invitational Wrestling Tournament and the girls played at Gettysburg. I ended up sending the iPad along with Justin Olson to Gettysburg while I stayed in Groton to run the tournament and broadcast that event all day.

The busy schedule even came up at the wrestling tournament, especially for the AAU kids where weigh-ins are early in the morning and then there is down time for a couple of hours before the start of the tournament. It gets long, and costly. In addition, it seems the high school wrestling team is on the road every Saturday to some kind of tournament, and those trips are long distances - Miller, Phillip, Howard, Stanley County, and more.

It sounds like that next year, Groton will be hosting the Northeast Conference wrestling tournament on a Thursday night, then host the Groton Invitational Tournament the following Saturday. There will be no more duals or triangulars next year. Groton will be involved in one quadrangular next year.

Even the technology is changing in wrestling. I have been running the computer part of the tournament in Groton for many years, using the same program. This year, the South Dakota High School Activities Association is requiring tournaments to run the trackwrestling.com program, so everything filters right into the SDHSAA server. I avoided it last year, but couldn't this year.

A gentleman from Redfield, Wilber, helped me to get the program up and running. I got through the seed meeting with no problems, but when it came to start the tournament, a road block popped up. Luckily, Josh from Milbank knew the program very well and he helped to get the tournament started. Basically, everything has to be set up. If you forget to cross the T, you have an L and it doesn't work. It was a big learning curve and I did learn a lot. It will be much easier to run next year now that I have one tournament under my belt.

And then after the tournament, I found out that I had to add water to the skating rink, so Branden and I did that Saturday night. By the time the day was done, I was ready for bed. In a way, I was glad they postponed the Silver Skates - it gave me the afternoon to get caught up.

Now I need to get things ready for this week's broadcasts. We have games Monday and Tuesday with double headers on Friday and Saturday and the Silver Skates performance on Sunday. So it will be another very busy week. But it's already February and regions are only a few weeks away. We have been getting positive feedback from our broadcasts and our audience is growing. In case you are wondering where they are at, just go to www.gdilive.com. When you are there, click on the Follow button and you will be notified when events are posted and when they start.

Even the weekly paper has taken a time hit. With games on Monday and Tuesday, I have had to push publishing the weekly paper to Wednesday night.

So bear with us as we get through the rest of the season.

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Today in Weather History

January 31, 1969: Minnesota experienced many winter storms throughout the month of 1969 where several people had died from heart attacks and auto accidents. Many roads were blocked or iced over several times during the month. Considerable snow during the month of January along with frequent periods of strong winds resulted in many days of blowing and drifting snow across northeast South Dakota. There were also many days with freezing rain. The most significant icing occurred on the 22nd and the 27th. There were numerous days where the traffic was at a standstill due to blocked roads and closed airports. Many school closings occurred throughout the month with many activities cancelled. Many rural roads went long periods without being opened resulting in hardships for farmers. Days of blowing snow were the 8th, 19th, 22nd, 23th, 24th, 26th, 27th, and 31st. Days of freezing rain were the 5th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th and the 22nd.

1911: Tamarack, California was without snow the first eight days of the month, but by the end of January, they had been buried under 390 inches of snow, a record monthly total for the United States. By March 11, 1911, Tamarack had a record snow depth of 451 inches.

1979: A winter storm that started on the previous day and ended on this day spread 2 to 4 inches of rainfall in 24 hours over much of coastal Southern California, and two inches of snow in Palm Springs. Snow fell heavily in Palm Springs and 8 inches fell at Lancaster. All major interstates into Los Angeles were closed. Snow drifts shut down Interstate 10 on both sides of Palm Springs, isolating the city.

1989: The barometric pressure at Norway, Alaska reached 31.85 inches (1078.4 mb) establishing an all-time record for the North American Continent. The temperature at the time of the record was about 46 degrees below zero. Severe arctic cold began to invade the north central U.S. The temperature at Grand Fall, Montana plunged 85 degrees in 36 hours. Valentine, Nebraska plummeted from a record high of 70 degrees to zero in just nine hours. Northwest winds gusted to 86 mph at Lander WY, and wind chill readings of 80 degrees below zero were reported in Montana. Sixty-four cities in the central U.S. reported record highs for the date as readings reached the 60s in Michigan and the 80s in Kansas.



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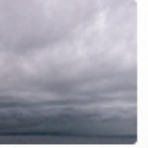



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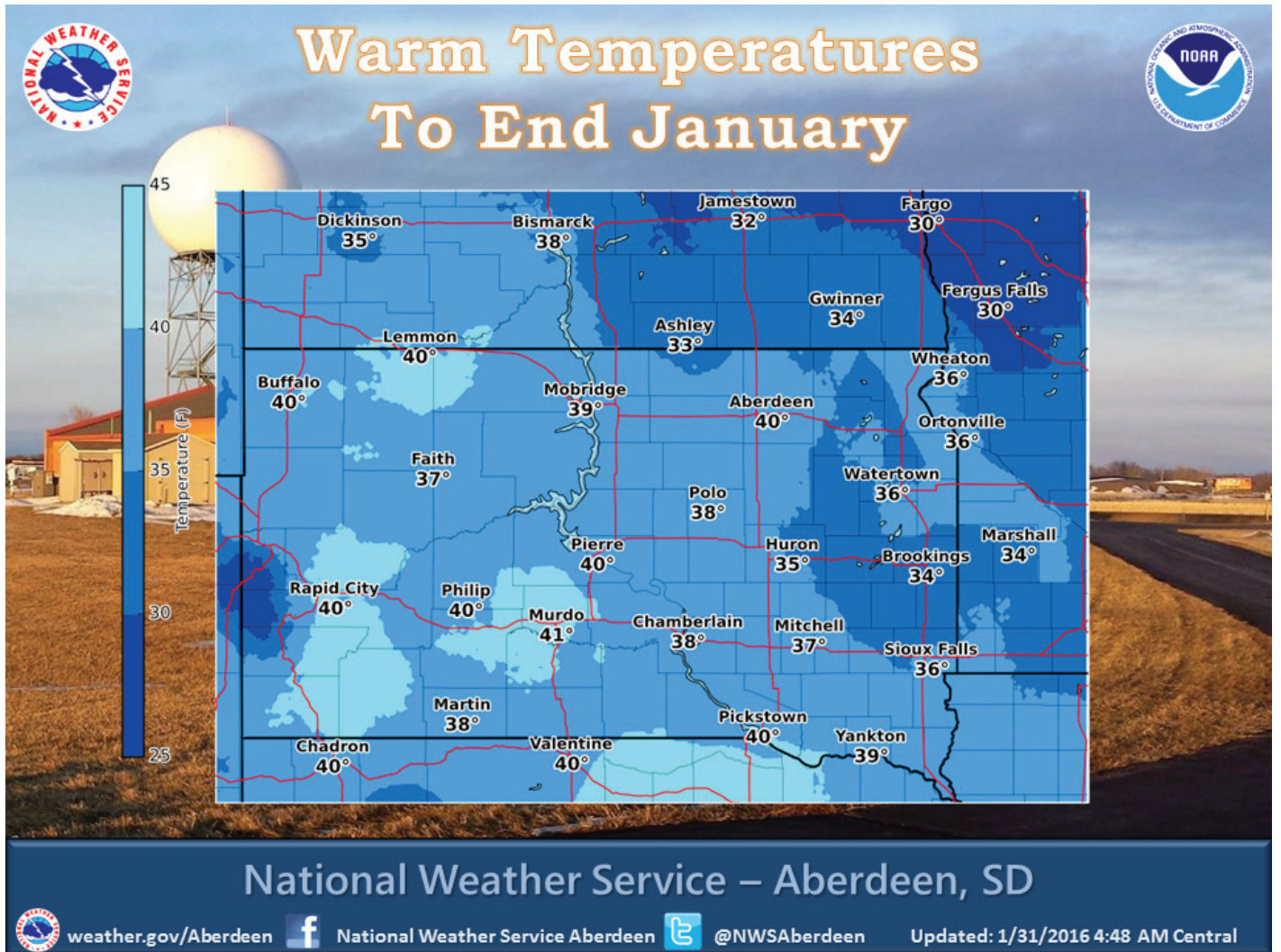
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Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night
						
Mostly Cloudy	Patchy Fog then Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Low: 22 °F	High: 32 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 27 °F	Low: 10 °F	High: 25 °F	Low: 14 °F



Another warm day is expected across the region. However, we will see a trend toward cooler, more seasonal, temperatures as we move into the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 41.9 at 3:02 PM

Low: 28.7 at 12:33 PM

High Gust: 13 at 2:11 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 51° in 1924

Record Low: -32° in 1996

Average High: 24°F

Average Low: 2°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.47

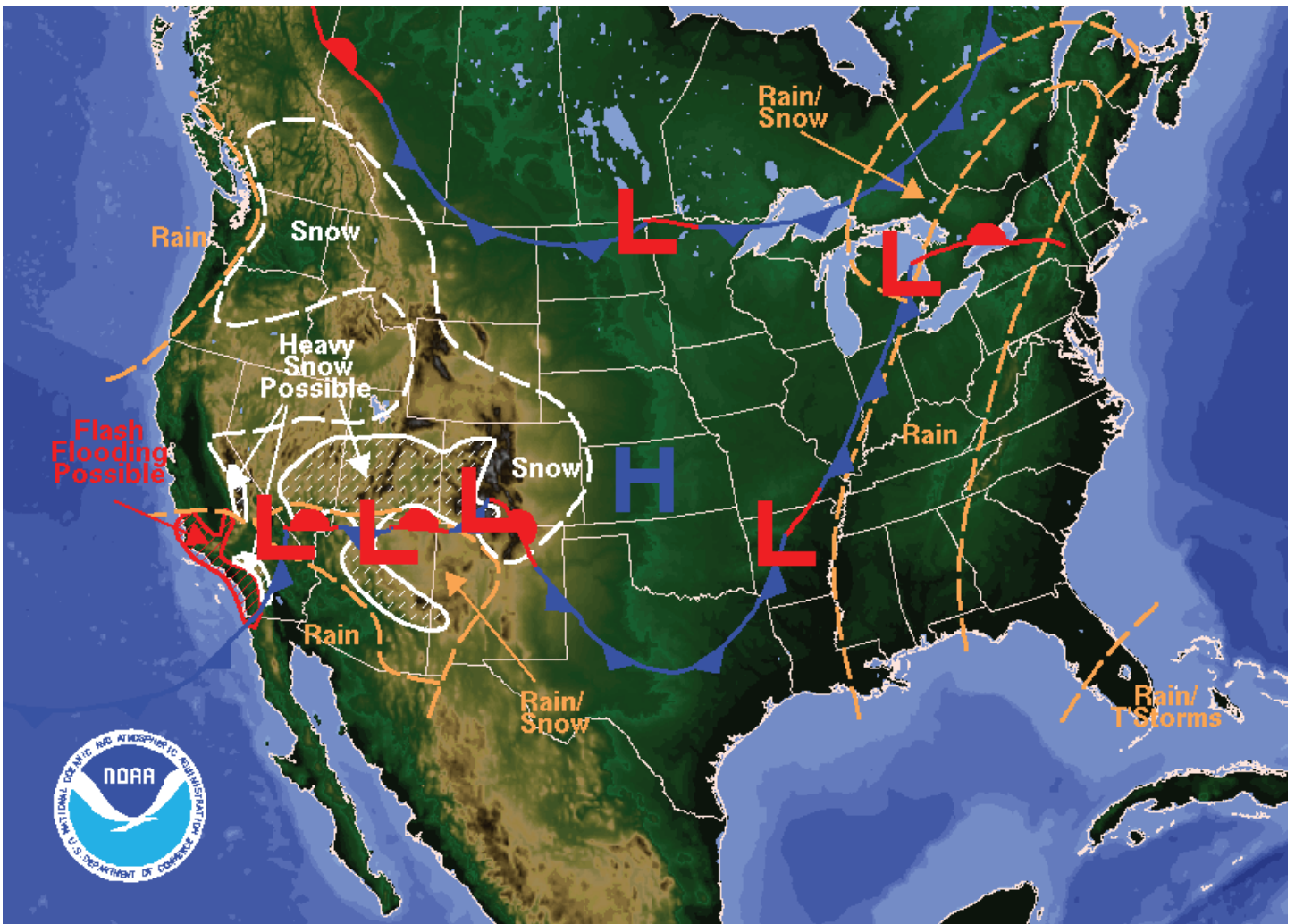
Precip to date in Jan.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.47

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:38 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:55 a.m.



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GETTING A SECOND OPINION

A farmer had been suffering from a rash on his leg and finally decided to visit a dermatologist to determine the cause. After a number of tests, the doctor was able to determine the cause. He called the farmer into his office and said, "Sir, after all of the tests and examinations, the results show that you are allergic to your dog. You will have to get rid of him."

"No, sir," replied the farmer emphatically. "It's easier to get another doctor than another good bird dog. I'd rather get some other opinions and wait until I find someone who says I can keep my dog."

There are many people who will not accept the fact that "There is salvation in no one else," as Peter declared. This is not something that came from Peter or the other disciples; it came from Jesus Himself.

It was God's decision to designate Jesus to be the Savior of the world. He has no equal and no one or no thing can take His place. It is important to be open-minded on many things before making some decision. But God's Word says: "There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call upon to save them."

Prayer: Thank You, Father, for that Name which is above every name, the Name of Jesus, who can save us. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

News from the Associated Press

Rapid City donates squad cars to Oglala Lakota County

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — The Oglala Lakota County Sheriff's Department has doubled its fleet of squad cars thanks to a donation from the Rapid City Police Department.

The Rapid City Council voted unanimously Jan. 18 to give two Chevrolet Impalas that were headed for retirement to Oglala Lakota County. The city also is donating the equipment that came with the cars, including the light bars on their roofs, the partitions and center consoles, and the radar units, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1QuyAo>) reported.

Before the donation, the sheriff's department had only two patrol vehicles, both of which have logged more than 100,000 miles. Oglala Lakota County Sheriff Rex Conroy, the department's only full-time law officer, drives hundreds of miles a week as part of his job.

All of Oglala Lakota County is in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Oglala Sioux Tribe police handle tribal offenders on the reservation, while Conroy handles all nontribal law enforcement matters in the county.

Oglala Lakota County doesn't have a county seat, and inmates are jailed and prosecuted elsewhere. The trips pummel Conroy's vehicle fleet, so he said he looks for options to prolong its life.

"We don't have very many taxpayers in the county," he said. "Our resources are really limited, and we have to be creative in what we do."

Conroy wrote a letter to Rapid City Police Chief Karl Jegeris asking for two vehicles, saying Oglala Lakota County "does not have the resources to purchase new vehicles." Rapid City had two Impalas bought in 2009 with high mileages and high maintenance bills that were pulled out of service in October.

Before Conroy's proposition, Rapid City Police Lt. Mark Eisenbraun was planning on crushing the two vehicles and selling the scrap metal, which would have netted \$122. The cars wouldn't start, but Rapid City police revived them before giving them to Oglala Lakota County.

Conroy, his volunteer deputy and another volunteer picked up the new vehicles on Jan. 22 in Rapid City. Conroy was grateful, and he was happy with the cars' condition and the ease of the process.

"It only took a letter," Conroy said.

Fort Pierre planning bicentennial celebration next September

FORT PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Officials are beginning to plan a bicentennial celebration for Fort Pierre in September 2017.

Mayor Gloria Hanson has already begun talking to the Stanley County School District and other organizations so they know to leave their calendars free on Sept. 22-24, 2017, for the city's bicentennial celebration. A committee of volunteers has formed and subcommittees likely will be created to handle each of the major events.

Hanson told the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/1PCMjNX>) that the event will celebrate all of the city's rich history, predating when fur traders set up a post in 1817 near the point where the Bad River joins the Missouri River. The site of Fort Pierre was occupied far earlier by various Native American tribes.

Fort Pierre was later a destination for riverboat traffic, a departure point for ox and mule trains headed to mining camps, a center for cowboys and homesteaders, and a crossing point for trains.

Some of the proposed ideas for the bicentennial event include a non-motorized parade, a 5k run, an art festival and a community dinner. The event will coincide with the Dakota Western Heritage Festival in 2017, another area event.

"There are so many things that they do that fit right into our celebration, including the wagon train," Hanson said. "One of the reasons we want a September date is if you do it in summertime, you can't do wagon trains because it's too hard on the animals."

South Dakota thinks about giving industrial hemp a try

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Some South Dakota lawmakers are attempting to overcome perceptions about hemp's family ties to marijuana to explore the economic potential of the crop with a bill patterned after North Dakota's industrial hemp law.

Cultivation of the plant could be a force for economic development in South Dakota if misconceptions about hemp can be dispelled, said Republican Rep. Mike Verchio, the proposal's main House sponsor. It's scheduled to be heard in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources committee on Tuesday.

Verchio sees benefits from allowing cultivation beyond the producers who grow it. Hemp fields could feed manufacturing facilities to turn the plant into products ranging from mortar to fiberboard, he said.

"Industrial hemp is a farm crop, and it offers great benefits to industry," said North American Industrial Hemp Council Chairman Erwin Sholts, who has promoted hemp for more than two decades.

The bill would allow people to apply to the state Department of Agriculture for a license to grow industrial hemp if they pass background checks. Earlier this month in North Dakota, state Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring chose three farming operations to test whether industrial hemp can be successfully grown in the state.

Hemp's comeback got a foothold in the 2014 federal farm bill, which allows state agriculture departments to designate hemp pilot projects for research in states that have approved hemp growing. More than 20 states have removed barriers to its production, according to Vote Hemp, a group that advocates for the plant's legal cultivation.

But advocates in South Dakota acknowledge they have difficult ground to till. Police and prosecutors aren't expected to welcome the proposal, which Gov. Dennis Daugaard called "a distraction."

Verchio has a pitch ready for lawmakers meant to quell fears that an intoxicating crop could be hidden among acreage of its industrial cousin. The South Dakota bill restricts the allowable content of THC — a main psychoactive ingredient in marijuana — for industrial hemp.

"It doesn't take a real genius to figure out the difference between those two plants," said Verchio, who plans to explain the distinctions to lawmakers.

"There could be nobody more against marijuana than me, but I'm thoroughly convinced that this is absolutely no threat as far as a psychotropic drug at all. It just isn't there," he added.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said he hasn't yet taken a position on the measure.

Daugaard is against industrial hemp, and said he doubts its cultivation would amount to much economic activity.

"I think that the opportunity for that niche to enable profitable growing of hemp is very slim," he said. "I think conversely the opportunity for dressing up recreational hemp as an industrial effort is much more likely."

The domestic market for hemp products is growing, according to a 2015 report from the Congressional Research Service. The report found that hemp could be an economically viable alternative crop for some growers based on the existence of "small scale, but profitable, niche markets."

Josh Hendrix is set to have 10 acres of industrial hemp this year on his family farm near Lexington, Kentucky. Right now, more research is necessary to figure out appropriate varieties of hemp to grow and to experiment with the best methods of cultivation, said Hendrix, who is president of the Kentucky Hemp Industry Association.

"We want to stumble, not fall," he said.

Deadwood police officers to buy, begin using body cameras

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The police chief in Deadwood says equipping his officers with body cameras makes sense legally and can help protect them from liability.

Police Chief Kelly Fuller tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1Sg2zeJ>) that his staff will buy and begin using cameras in the next few months.

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Fuller says the department has been researching the body cameras over the last few months to determine their feasibility in assisting local law enforcement.

The department is using funding from the Equitable Drug Sharing Award to pay about \$21,000 for the body camera system, which includes 16 cameras.

The body cameras will be issued to all full-time officers and ordinance officers.

Aberdeen seeking over a million from state to replace bridge

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The city of Aberdeen is asking the state for over \$1 million in funding to help it replace a 40-year-old bridge that crosses a local creek.

The Aberdeen City Council recently approved the application seeking about \$1.1 million in bridge improvement grant funds. If approved, the funding would cover about 80 percent of the cost of replacing the Third Avenue bridge that crosses the Moccasin Creek.

Public Works Director Robin Bobzien tells the American News (<http://bit.ly/20vLAWA>) that the bridge is one of three 40-year-old structures in Aberdeen where weight limits have been reduced.

The bridge over the Moccasin Creek was selected first because it is most heavily traveled. Bobzien says the other two will eventually be replaced.

Rapid City company wants to build fence to keep out homeless

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A property management company in Rapid City is seeking permission from the city to build a fence around one of its properties in an attempt to stem the number of homeless people that come onto its grounds.

TKRS Properties owns the Prairie Market building in Rapid City. Property manager David Milbrandt tells the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1SMBRKg>) the fence is a security measure designed to keep homeless people from easily coming onto the properties at Times Square Plaza.

Milbrandt says many people buy alcohol and like to stop along their buildings. He says that customers and business owners were feeling increasingly uncomfortable with the transient groups loitering around the businesses.

The city must still sign off on the proposal to build the fence.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

Alliance, Neb. 67, Hot Springs 44
Bison 51, Edmunds Central 47
Brandon Valley 64, Pierre 53
Canton 67, Iroquois 21
Castlewood 66, Deubrook 58
Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 76, Stanley County 65
Clark/Willow Lake 65, Britton-Hecla 50
Edgemont 44, Hemingford, Neb. 43
Ethan 63, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 38
Eureka/Bowdle 49, Ipswich 37
Harding County 48, New Underwood 34
Harrisburg 48, Huron 47
Hitchcock-Tulare 63, Faulkton 46
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Dakota Oyate Challenge
Seventh Place
Crazy Horse 62, Takini 34
Fifth Place
Tiospa Zina Tribal 66, Crow Creek 55
Third Place
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Great Plains Lutheran 59, Waubay/Summit 41
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Brookings 44, Watertown 42
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Freeman 61, St. Francis Indian 52
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Hanson 61, Chamberlain 36
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Parker 56, Baltic 43
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Third Place
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Madison 63, Canton 47
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Centerville 61, Bon Homme 51
Gayville-Volin 59, Marion 33
Scotland 41, Freeman Academy 33
Viborg-Hurley 57, Platte-Geddes 47
Wagner 75, Irene-Wakonda 53

Nebraska-Omaha defeats South Dakota 96-83

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Devin Patterson and Jake White combined for 50 points as Nebraska-Omaha cruised past South Dakota 96-83 on Saturday to remain in the thick of a three-team Summit League title chase. Patterson scored 26 and White 24. Tre'Shawn Thurman added 12 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots and Tim Smallwood added 12 points off the bench for Omaha (15-8, 7-2).

The Mavericks shot 31-for-62 from the field for 50 percent — upping the average to 63-percent for a stretch of the second half.

Tyler Flack scored a season-high 14 points off the bench, and Shy McClelland also scored 14 in reserve for South Dakota (10-13, 2-7).

Omaha rebounded from a Thursday loss to Summit co-leader South Dakota State and fell earlier in January to co-leader IPFW.

South Dakota State also won on Saturday to remain tied with Omaha atop the Summit League, IPFW plays Sunday.

South Dakota State completes sweep of Denver, 67-56

DENVER (AP) — Mike Daum scored 15 points off the bench and South Dakota State completed a regular-season sweep of Denver with a 67-56 victory Saturday.

The Jackrabbits opened the second half of the Summit League the same way they started the first. They beat Denver 68-59 on New Year's Day. South Dakota State has now won four straight and three straight on the road.

Denver led by one at intermission, 35-24, and Nate Engesser converted a 3-point play with just under 10 minutes to play to give the Pioneers a 47-46 advantage. Ian Theisen hit two free throws to spark an 11-3 run by the Jackrabbits to wrest control and George Marshall hit back-to-back 3-pointers to put the game out of reach.

Marshall finished with 13 points for South Dakota State (18-5, 7-2).

C.J. Bobbitt and Joe Rosga each scored 12 points to lead Denver (11-11, 3-6). Marcus Byrd added 11 points.

Man, woman enter not guilty pleas in reservation killing

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man and a woman have pleaded not guilty to federal charges in the death of a woman on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Elizabeth LeBeau is charged with first-degree murder in the killing of Emily Blue Bird, whose body was found Jan. 21 in a creek near Pine Ridge. Fred Quiver, who also goes by the name Fred Brings Plenty, is charged with being an accessory.

The two entered their pleas in U.S. District Court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Daneta Wollmann on Friday. They were indicted by a federal grand jury.

Blue Bird, 24, had been missing for nearly three weeks when her body was discovered. The U.S. Attorney for South Dakota Randolph Seiler said the mother of two had been strangled sometime in the first three days of January.

The relationship between Blue Bird, 23-year-old LeBeau and 29-year-old Quiver isn't clear.

If convicted, LeBeau could face life in prison and a \$250,000 fine and Quiver could be sent to prison for 15 years and face a \$125,000 fine.

The U.S. Marshals Service is holding the pair pending trial. A trial date has not been set.

Blue Bird's funeral was held in the Billy Mills Hall in Pine Ridge on Friday afternoon. More than 200 family and community members marched from the Sioux Funeral Home to the Pine Ridge Hall on Wednesday to call for an end to violence against women and justice for Blue Bird.

Midco to consolidate Rapid City operations into 1 building

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Internet, cable and telephone provider Midco plans to consolidate its Rapid City offices into a new \$3 million building in east Rapid City.

The Rapid City Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1NHzyA9>) that construction on the 22,000-square-foot building on Century Road will begin next month with expected completion in the fall.

Midco's customer service center on West Omaha Street will move to the new building, which will include a warehouse, offices, engineering and networking equipment and a small TV production studio. The building will house more than 50 employees.

General Operations Manager Jon Lundgren says it will be the first time that all of Midco's Rapid City operations will be housed in a single location.

Sioux Falls-based Midco serves 330,000 residential and business customers in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Tree clearing at Big Rock Park to help prevent fires

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Wildland Fire Suppression Division is planning to clear tree overgrowth at Big Rock Park on Pageant Hill to help prevent forest fires.

The work reducing the overgrowth of trees and prolific Ponderosa pine regeneration is expected to begin in early February and continue into the spring. Officials say the trees act as a ladder for fire to get into the upper levels of the trees, increasing the intensity of the fire and making it more difficult to suppress.

Custer Mayor Jared Carson says Big Rock Park is an important recreation site, and the city is excited to work with the state to reduce the fire hazard and improve forest health.

The work will target deformed, diseased, storm damaged and broken-topped pine trees and encouraging deciduous tree growth.

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Semifinal
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Menno 48, Corsica/Stickney 34
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 60, Winner 38
New Underwood 62, Edgemont 31
Northwestern 62, Langford 34
Redfield/Doland 45, Deuel 37
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Omaha Nation, Neb. 64, Tiospa Zina Tribal 44

Man wanted for parental kidnapping arrested in South Dakota

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in western South Dakota say a man wanted in Virginia for parental kidnapping has been arrested.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says 33-year-old Jason Mardis was arrested without incident Thursday at a campground in Rapid City where he and a child were staying in a camper.

Authorities say the child was found during the arrest and is in good health. They say the child is under the custody of the South Dakota Department of Social Services while arrangements are made with the custodial parent.

The Virginia man is being held without bond at the Pennington County Jail.

South Dakota woman pleads guilty in man's stabbing death

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman has pleaded guilty to first-degree manslaughter in the stabbing death of a man last year.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley on Friday said 27-year-old Oacoma resident Whitney Renae Turney has entered her guilty plea.

Authorities allege that Turney stabbed Calvin Shields to death on Sept. 4 in Oacoma. Shields' body was discovered three days later.

Turney is scheduled to be sentenced March 23 in Kennebec. The charge of first-degree manslaughter carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Regents want permanent fix for multi-year contract issue

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents wants a permanent solution rather than a temporary fix for a policy that's preventing the University of South Dakota from officially signing its new head football coach.

On Friday, the board told its executive director, Michael Rush, to continue working with schools on changes to a policy that prohibits multiyear contracts for non-faculty exempt employees, such as coaches. A formal vote would come at a later meeting.

University of South Dakota officials in December announced the hiring of Western Illinois coach Bob Nielson, and Nielson has been busy assembling his staff after agreeing to a \$255,000 annual salary. But Nielson is seeking a long-term commitment, and current policy allows only one-year contracts.

"In that process it became apparent that the market expectations for Division I head coaches is at a point where multiyear contracts are an expectation," Guilherme Costa, the board's general counsel, said during the teleconference.

The board considered approving a one-time suspension of its policy, but members voiced their desire to develop a new permanent policy rather than grant a one-time exception.

USD Athletic Director David Herbster said he's glad the board expressed no opposition to what the school is trying to do, and noted the decision will just put off the official contract signing a little longer. He said he explained the situation to Nielson and feels that the trust and relationship between the two remains strong.

"We're going to do what we said we're going to do for him," Herbster said. "He was understanding of that."

When Coyotes' coach Joe Glenn announced he was retiring in November, school officials decided they would go after someone coaching in the same conference — the Missouri Valley Football Conference. Glenn earned \$147,000 last year, but the conference's average annual salary for head coaches has grown to \$250,000, and officials knew any qualified candidate would want the security of a multiyear deal.

University officials have not yet announced the length of the proposed deal.

Nielson, 56, led the Leathernecks for three years, including this past season's 7-6 record and an FCS playoffs appearance, earning him the conference's honor of Coach of the Year. It was the first playoff appearance for the Leathernecks since 2010.

Colony agrees to restore federally protected wetlands

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A Hutterite colony in Willow Lake has agreed to restore federally protected wetlands that it drained more than four years ago.

U.S. District Judge Karen Schreier ruled this week that the Mayfield Hutterite Colony must restore the wetlands on its land to their previous condition.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service filed a lawsuit against the colony in 2014 after it refused to heed requests that colony members remove drain tiles they had placed on the land.

The agency argued the colony hasn't respected an easement from 1979 that requires the landowners to leave the area's wetlands intact.

The colony eventually agreed to restore the wetlands at its own expense. It must pay \$10,000 if it fails to comply.

The colony also agreed to be permanently enjoined from draining the wetlands.

For Brazil's rich and poor, disparate response to Zika

JENNY BARCHFIELD, Associated Press

MAURICIO SAVARESE, Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Two Brazilian women, two pregnancies, one nightmare. But two very different stories.

Regina de Lima and Tainara Lourenco became pregnant at a scary moment — the dawn of an extraordinary Zika outbreak, as authorities came to suspect that the virus was causing an alarming spike in a rare birth defect called microcephaly. Both have reason to fear for the health of their unborn offspring.

But that is where the similarities end.

Lima is well-off, and took advantage of the options of affluence.

Lourenco lives in a slum. She has no options, except to hope for the best.

When Lima learned she was pregnant, her initial, vertiginous rush of happiness was almost immediately smothered by dread.

Lima and her husband had been trying to start a family but decided to put the project on hold in late November, after the Brazilian government announced a possible link between mosquito-borne Zika and microcephaly, in which infants are born with unusually small heads and can sometimes suffer mental retardation or a host of serious health and developmental problems.

The connection between Zika and microcephaly is not yet understood, but the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is strong evidence of a link. And with more than 3,700 confirmed or suspected cases of microcephaly registered here since October — compared with fewer than 150 cases in all of 2014 — the Brazilian government took the drastic step of urging would-be parents to put off pregnancies.

But for Lima, an audiovisual producer from Rio de Janeiro, it was too late. She was already pregnant, and her first trimester — thought to be when the fetus is most susceptible to Zika — would coincide with Rio's summer mosquito season.

"The first weeks were terrifying," said Lima. "I cried and cried."

She was haunted by fears she may have already had Zika without knowing it — the illness can cause a fever and red splotches on the skin, but is asymptomatic in most cases — and that her baby would develop microcephaly, which ultrasounds only pick up starting in the seventh month.

So Lima did what growing numbers of wealthy Brazilian women are doing: She requested an extended vacation from work, packed her bags and left for Europe. She plans to stay at least through the end of the dicey first trimester.

"I am in a sort of exile — I could be at home with my husband, seeing my own doctors, but instead I'm here in Europe with a suitcase," Lima said in a telephone interview from London, quickly adding that she wasn't complaining. "I am lucky to have options, to be able to make decisions. Most women in my situation don't have that luxury. They're completely at the mercy of fate."

Indeed, although she's living on a shoestring — crashing with friends and moving weekly so as not to overstay her welcome — Lima's peace of mind comes with a price tag that would be unthinkable for the vast majority of women in this most socially stratified of countries.

Her airline ticket alone cost several times the monthly minimum wage of just over \$200, and with Brazil's currency at historic lows amid an economic recession, even everyday expenses in Europe have become exorbitant by Brazilian standards.

Unemployed and five months pregnant, 21-year-old Lourenco lives in a slum at the epicenter of Brazil's tandem Zika and microcephaly outbreaks, the state of Pernambuco in Brazil's impoverished and under-

developed northeast.

Her shack is cobbled together from bits of wood and perches on stilts over a giant puddle of fetid water below. To eke out a living for herself and her 2-year-old daughter, Lourenco ventures into a nearby swamp to hunt for crustaceans she hawks for \$2.50 a kilogram.

"I think I got Zika or some other disease not long ago," she said. "What can we do? Just hope that it doesn't affect the baby."

Zika is spread by the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, which is well-adapted to humans, thrives in people's homes and can breed in even a bottle cap's-worth of stagnant water — not to mention the pools of rain water that lurk in just about every nook and cranny during the muggy summer rain season. While anyone can be bitten by *Aedes*, public health experts agree that the poor are more vulnerable because they often lack amenities that help diminish the risk, such as air conditioning and window screens.

The only precautionary measure Lourenco could possibly take, long-sleeve clothing, is unworkable in the unrelenting equatorial heat.

Like many of the estimated 400,000 women currently pregnant in Brazil, she can't afford mosquito repellent. Microcephaly fears have sparked a run on repellents, emptying out the stock in many pharmacies in hard-hit areas; where it's still available — often fishing supply stores — it now often costs several times the normal price.

The government has pledged to start providing repellent to low-income women and promises to deploy some 220,000 members of the Armed Forces to help eliminate *Aedes*' breeding places as part of President Dilma Rousseff's declared war against the insect. But the measures are too little, too late for women whose worries about microcephaly have transformed their pregnancies into a period of unending anguish.

In the Central American nation of El Salvador, where authorities have urged women to put off pregnancy for two years, Guadalupe Urquilla is struggling to take fate into her own hands.

She's traded her dresses for long pants and closed shoes, scrubs out the family's concrete water tank every three days, and writes San Salvador city officials, demanding that they fumigate the debris-strewn public housing complex where she lives with her husband and 2-year-old daughter.

Urquilla said her husband is believed to have had Zika last fall and her daughter had dengue.

"We're really scared," said Urquilla, who's in her 13th week of pregnancy. "Imagine my baby does not get Zika, but imagine how stressed out it will be when it comes out. The whole pregnancy we're stressed out about mosquitoes. ... It's a huge paranoia."

Lourenco, though, is more fatalistic.

"If you have to get sick you will get sick," she said. "It's everywhere."

Donald Trump faces his Iowa test

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CLINTON, Iowa (AP) — For Donald Trump, Iowa is more than just a race for delegates. It's a test of whether the celebrity businessman and political newcomer will be able to transform his record crowds into caucus-goers willing to brave the cold on Monday night to cast their votes.

Trump, who appears to have emerged from a dead-heat with rival Ted Cruz to re-capture his position atop state polls, has done little to minimize expectations, predicting again and again that he'll do better than the polls suggest.

And as he traveled across the state in the final weekend before voting, Trump had a quiet air of satisfaction, with seemingly little worry about the outcome.

"We began this journey — it's a journey, we did it together — and it's been an amazing experience," he told a crowd gathered in the auditorium of a middle school in Clinton Saturday. "Nobody thought it was going to turn out this way."

But Trump nonetheless implored his supporters to caucus Monday with equal doses of guilt, threats and humor.

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"Wouldn't that be terrible if I lost in Iowa, won everywhere else? I'd be very angry, but only for a day," he said, adding, "the bigger we can win by, the bigger the mandate, the more we can do."

While other candidates have a great deal to lose or gain in the schools, churches and community centers where Iowans will gather after dark on Monday evening to cast the first votes of the 2016 presidential nominating contest, for Trump, the spotlight is glaring.

Many remain skeptical Trump has the organizational structure to pull off a commanding win. But even then, said Doug Watts, a GOP strategist who recently parted ways with Trump rival Ben Carson's campaign, a win for Trump is "pretty critical."

If he doesn't win, Watts said, "people will start saying, 'Hmm, well, maybe he's not so inevitable. Maybe Marco Rubio can climb into a solid second in New Hampshire.'"

"It leaves enough of a vacuum that the other campaigns can play off it, can leverage it into the spin that this is the beginning of the end. And you'll see a lot of that if he doesn't win," he said.

A first-place finish in the state, coupled with a strong win in New Hampshire, where Trump is leading widely, could effectively shut Cruz out, starving him of momentum heading into the southern contests where he expects to do well in March.

Trump himself has spoken about the potential "psychological" consequences of a loss in the state, which will set the tone for the election going forward.

"They say bad psychological things happen if you lose," he offered in a rare moment of introspection at a rally in Norwalk, Iowa. "I don't know what the impact is."

The outcome will rest on turnout and whether Trump's campaign is able to lure the non-traditional caucus-goers who may have never participated in the caucus process.

Trump's team has been notoriously secretive about its operation, imposing what the campaign's Iowa architect, Chuck Laudner, recently described as "radio silence."

Still, the confidence from team Trump is palpable. Laudner told reporters earlier this month he felt "fantastic about the ground game."

"There's nothing about this campaign that's like all the rest or any of those in the past," he said. "We do things different. And we reach out to people that wouldn't normally be caught dead at caucus events. And so we feel really good about our chances, we feel really good about our reach and I think you're going to have a surprise on a caucus night."

With few details emerging from the campaign, there is only anecdotal evidence gleaned from voters, many of whom still report never having received phone calls from the campaign or guidance on how to caucus.

A recent Monmouth University poll of likely Iowa caucus-goers found that, of the 45 percent of likely caucus-goers who'd been contacted personally by a campaign — 13 percent had been contacted about Trump, versus 25 percent for Cruz.

While Trump continues to draw massive crowds, many of those who attend Trump's rallies have attended three or four times. At events across eastern Iowa Saturday, many people in his audiences had traveled from out-of-state, traveling from nearby Illinois and as far away as Wisconsin. Many of his recent events have also been held on college campuses, which guarantee flocks of students, but fewer committed caucus voters.

Over the past week, Trump's team appears to have upped its voter outreach efforts, aggressively recruiting volunteers to a call center in West Des Moines. Trump is now spending more on paid television and radio advertising than any other candidate in Iowa — a dramatic shift from earlier in the race.

Jamie Johnson, a longtime GOP operative in the state who worked with Laudner on caucus-winner Rick Santorum's campaign in 2012, believes Trump's operation has been underestimated.

He recalled a phone call from a 75-year old with several severe medical conditions, including agoraphobia, who'd suffered a minor heart attack last time she was in a crowd. Nonetheless, she said, she was determined to caucus for Trump.

"She said she's going to risk having another heart attack so she can change her voter registration and support Trump," recalled Johnson. "That was one of those moments for me when I knew Trump was going to win this thing."

Decades-long search for "Mr. Wonder" ends with arrest

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BONITA, Calif. (AP) — Neighbors in a well-to-do section of this San Diego suburb knew him as Frank Szeles, a friendly Cub Scouts leader who frequently gave swimming lessons to young children in his backyard pool.

The federal agents who arrested him last week knew him by a different name: "Mr. Wonder," the host of a popular children's television show who vanished decades ago amid allegations that he sexually abused several kids during a camping retreat in central Louisiana.

The man who faced a San Diego judge Wednesday denied he is the 76-year-old fugitive named Frank John Selas III who allegedly fled to Brazil in 1979 after Louisiana authorities secured a warrant for his arrest.

Back in Louisiana, Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office investigators are convinced the right man is in custody. Meanwhile, officials in California are suddenly facing fears that Selas could have preyed on other children during the 37 years that he eluded capture.

"It's absolutely shocking the level of access that this guy had to children, even now," said Steve Jurman, supervisory deputy U.S. marshal in San Diego. "If there's a playbook for pedophiles, he checked off every single box."

Jurman said Selas had moved to California by 1985 and legally changed his last name to Szeles in 1992. Investigators in Louisiana believe Selas lived in other places — including Chicago; Darien, Connecticut; South Royalton, Vermont; and Sheffield, Massachusetts — after he returned from South America in the early 1980s.

Although no reports of other victims have surfaced outside Louisiana, some see an alarming pattern of behavior that followed the fugitive suspect to the community near the Mexican border where he lived with his wife.

Szeles' family was in court Wednesday but didn't speak with reporters. Defense attorney Marc Carlos read a statement from the family describing him as "well-loved, respected and supported by his family and friends and the community here in San Diego."

The man known as Szeles once served as a Cub Scouts pack leader in Bonita but was removed from the position several years ago for failing to comply with the organization's "youth protection policies and procedures," the Boy Scouts of America said in a statement. The statement says a parent had made an unspecified complaint that didn't relate to scouting.

Szeles also was removed from "all positions related to children" at his Mormon congregation in San Diego for failing to comply with the church's "child protection policies," according to Eric Hawkins, a Utah-based spokesman for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"When a parent later expressed a generalized concern about his behavior toward a child, the church urged the parent to report this to authorities," Hawkins said in an email to The Associated Press.

A company called Szeles Enterprises organized Cub Scouts day camps, swimming lessons and Saturday field trips to boys as young as 5. Jurman said investigators are confident the website belongs to the suspect.

The Chula Vista Elementary School District is reviewing whether Szeles had connections with any of its 45 schools, which enroll roughly 30,000 students. A flier promoting Szeles Enterprises' programs for kids said the district was distributing it "as a public service."

"To have someone with this alleged background literally in our backyard is a concern," said school district spokesman Anthony Millican.

Selas' former co-workers at KNOE-TV in north Louisiana remember him as a strange, standoffish man who didn't fit in at the Monroe-based station, but nobody saw any sinister motives behind his "Mr. Wonder" creation.

Former co-workers said the station owner who hired Selas in 1977 met him on an airplane and offered him a job without checking his credentials, which supposedly included a stint at an Oklahoma television station.

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Selas initially worked as a news anchor, but the experiment only lasted a few days. Former KNOE employee Tom Cole said viewers flooded the station with calls to complain about Selas' high-pitched, awkward delivery of the news.

"He was horrible," Cole recalls.

But his children's show was a hit. It started as a weekly program but went daily as its popularity grew.

Often wearing a top hat and tuxedo coat, Selas presided over races and other contests between teams of children bused to the station from local schools. He even served as grand marshal of a Christmas parade.

"All the kids wanted to be on it," said Gary Miers, who started working at KNOE as a radio disc jockey in 1979.

The popularity of Selas' on-air persona didn't extend to his co-workers.

"He was very odd," Cole said. "Nobody could stand him."

Cole said the station didn't sponsor the children's camping trip that Selas organized in June 1979, but it allowed him to promote it during his show.

Investigators claim Selas sexually abused at least seven children during the camping trip to Kisatchie National Forest in central Louisiana. After parents complained about the alleged abuse, Rapides Parish authorities obtained a warrant for his arrest on two counts of obscene behavior with a juvenile.

He apparently planned other such trips. A flier for "Camping Weekends with Mr. Wonder" said some trips would only be for boys between 5 and 11 years old, but "Mrs. Wonder" would help supervise other co-ed trips.

After he disappeared, Selas' wife told investigators that her husband fled in a car that later turned up in a Dallas suburb, according to the sheriff's office.

One of the detectives assigned to the case was William Earl Hilton, now Rapides Parish's elected sheriff. Hilton recently asked the U.S. Marshals Service to take a fresh look at finding Selas. They found the man known as Szeles in California about two weeks ago.

Frank Szeles lived for years in a well-heeled section of Bonita.

Neighbors said parents frequently took their children to Szeles' large cul-de-sac house for swimming lessons. Haywood Gammon, who lives next door and knew Szeles and his wife since 1999, said children visited Szeles' home throughout the summer.

Gammon said his neighbor was friendly and quick to shake hands.

"My main interaction was throwing the plastic balls over the fence" when they strayed off Szeles' property, he said.

The website for Szeles Enterprises touts the owner's experience teaching grades one through six overseas, coaching sports, teaching Sunday school and being PTA president at an elementary school less than three miles from his house. The ad, dated 2013, says the activities are for boys ages 5 to 11.

The website says the company's owner and his wife have four children and nine grandchildren.

Neighbors said they had no suspicions over the years.

"I was very surprised (by the arrest), but it's not totally out of the question because when you have someone who associates with children a lot you never know," Gammon said.

No one answered the door at Szeles' home on Wednesday.

The marshals found a Cub Scouts cap in the suspect's house when they arrested him without incident Monday. Jurman said Selas acknowledged to authorities that he changed his name. Carlos, the defense attorney, said the allegations were "a shock to everyone."

He said the family told him other adults were present when Szeles was with children. As for the Mormon church's decision to remove him from contact with children, Carlos said the allegations couldn't have been serious enough for the church to notify police.

Rapides Parish investigators believe Darien is Selas' hometown, but Darien Police Sgt. Jeremiah Marron said he couldn't find any records related to Selas or any of the other names attributed to him.

"I asked our most veteran officers if they knew anything and the consensus was that they had never heard of him," Marron wrote in an email.

The man believed to be Selas remains in jail without bail in San Diego. He is due in court Feb. 11 for a hearing to establish his identity. In the meantime, Louisiana authorities are reviving a long-dormant

investigation.

The Rapides Parish sheriff said his detectives have spoken to some of Selas' alleged victims from the 1979 camping trip and they are willing to testify.

"It's been a long road and it's not nearly over," Hilton said.

In final Iowa blitz, an outraged Clinton channels Sanders

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AMES, Iowa (AP) — Seeking victory in Iowa, Hillary Clinton has begun channeling the economic indignation of her rival Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, whose unapologetically liberal campaign has tightened the race ahead of Monday's caucuses and given him a lead in the New Hampshire contest that follows.

Making her closing argument to Iowa caucus-goers, Clinton now cloaks her detailed policy plans in Sanders' outraged rhetoric. Pharmaceutical pricing "burns" her up. Companies that take advantage of the tax loopholes get her "pretty riled up." And she promises to "rail away" at any industry that flouts the law.

"I'm going after all of them" she declared in Davenport, her tone escalating to a shout. "When I talk about going after those companies, those businesses, those special interests, I have a much broader target list than my opponents."

The former secretary of state's fiery new tone underscores a strategic decision to co-opt some of the political style from the insurgent candidate who has galvanized the Democratic party and put her long-held lead in jeopardy. It comes as a new poll released Saturday night by the Des Moines Register and Bloomberg News showed the two candidates locked in a neck-and-neck race.

Though Clinton remains likely to win the nomination, a loss in Iowa would complicate her path and heighten Democratic concerns about her campaign. Already some Democrats have voiced concerns about her message and campaign management, worries that will only grow if she faces dual losses in the first two primary states.

While Clinton's effort is aimed at winning the primary, her strategists are also trying to figure out how to tap into the deep vein of national frustration that's driving Republican Donald Trump's rise in Republican primary polls. Should she capture the Democratic nomination, Clinton will need to find a way to mobilize Sanders supporters to fuel a White House victory.

Sanders casts the contest as a clash between establishment politics and his promise to bring forth political revolution, asking Iowa voters to send a message to the rest of the nation. He will need a large turnout among college students, independents and first-time caucus-goers to upset Clinton.

While Clinton has campaigned as the rightful heir to President Barack Obama's two terms, Sanders has portrayed himself as the successor to Obama's political movement, launched more than eight years ago in Iowa.

Echoing Obama, Sanders tells audiences that fundamental changes in the nation "never come from on top" but only happens with "millions of people standing up for justice." He points to Iowa as the place where a majority-white electorate voted for a black candidate in Obama, focusing on his ideas instead of his skin color. And he frequently fires up crowds by asking attendees to shout out their student loan interest rates and debt levels.

It's a tactic Clinton has begun deploying at her events, pausing her remarks to ask attendees to share the details of their debt.

"You will not be paying for this forever if I become president," she promised a woman in Newton, who told the audience that her husband now owed more than he originally borrowed.

Clinton fresh outrage comes after months of casting herself as more practical — and electable — alternative to Sanders, a strategy her campaign believed would undercut the grassroots Democratic enthusiasm for his candidacy.

When she campaigned at Iowa State University in Ames two weeks ago, Clinton suggested Sanders was making big promises he could never fulfill, saying she too wished for a "magic wand" to achieve a

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Democratic agenda.

"That ain't the real world we're living in!" she said.

Back on campus Saturday for another speech focused on gun control, her remarks had a notably different tenor. "What is wrong with us? How can we continue to ignore the toll that this is taking on our children and our country?" she shouted, pushing for stricter gun control measures, a goal that has little chance of passage in a divided Congress.

Republicans are already looking to paint her anger as disingenuous posturing. In her traditional campaign speeches, Clinton often slams the planned merger between auto supplier Johnson Controls and Tyco as an abuse of the tax code. The deal, known as a corporate inversion, is expected to save the companies at least \$150 million in taxes annually.

GOP strategists pointed out that Johnson Controls had donated as much as \$250,000 to the Clinton Foundation, the philanthropic organization run by her husband former President Bill Clinton and daughter Chelsea. The auto parts maker has also partnered with the foundation on energy efficiency and education initiatives.

But Democratic supporters seem to be responding to Clinton's new energy. In recent days, her typically staid events have been punctuated by more of the chants, cheers and shouts of "we love you" that are common at Sanders rallies.

"I love you guys too," she told several hundred people in Dubuque on Friday. "Everything I'm talking about I really believe in."

Drone schools spread in China to field pilots for new sector

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BEIJING (AP) — Joysticks at their fingertips, the mostly male students packing the classroom lift their virtual helicopters into the air, part of a new cottage industry that's sprung up in China: drone pilot schools.

China is already the world's biggest drone manufacturer, churning out remote-controlled flying machines that range from 3-D urban mappers to tear-gas spraying models for police. But it lacks qualified pilots to fly them.

Young men in particular are flocking to drone schools such as TT Aviation Technology Co., one of more than 40 in China, hoping to land a potentially lucrative job in an exciting new field.

TT Aviation offers a two-week intensive course for 8,000 yuan (\$1,200) where students learn regulations and how to pilot using simulators and real drones. At the end of the course, they can try to earn the license required by China's Civil Aviation Administration to operate drones that are heavier than 7 kilograms (15 pounds) and fly higher than 120 meters (400 feet).

Xu Honggang, 24, believes the license will open doors to piloting jobs that make at least 5,000 Chinese yuan per month (\$780), higher than average. Some experienced pilots bring in double that amount, he said.

"I want to build my own company with drone services," Xu said one recent afternoon next to a grassy field where his instructor demonstrated basic moves with a small radio-controlled helicopter. "I like to work for myself. This is a new and popular line of work."

The opportunities appear promising. More than 10,000 new pilots are needed this year across all industries in China, but only 1,000 pilots now hold licenses, said Yang Yi, the general manager of TT Aviation, which also manufactures and sells drones to private and public sector customers.

"The drone pilot and the car driver are the same: They both need systematic skill training and regulated studying to make sure everyone knows the rules before the real operation," she said.

Drones are touted as game-changers in a range of industries, including agriculture, logistics, film production and law enforcement.

The sector has gotten support from the central government, which is keen on promoting robotics and automation to sustain economic growth as labor costs rise. Chinese firms are making inroads producing unmanned machines beyond industrial use as well. Baidu, the Beijing-based search engine, is developing a self-driving car while DJI, a Shenzhen-based drone maker valued by U.S. investors at \$8 billion, has

cornered more than half the world consumer drone market.

So far, more than half of TT Aviation's products are used in agriculture. China has vast farmlands, and there is a high demand for drones to be used in pesticide spraying because the labor force is shrinking even as labor costs rise, said Yang.

The company said police will use drones for patrols, while utilities use them for maintaining electricity infrastructure or mapping pipelines.

The Shandong Qihang Surveying and Mapping Technology Company has used photographs taken by its drones to build vast urban databases and 3-D models of cities. Every building can be catalogued, with information about the people and businesses behind every window stored in a database — a valuable technology for government bodies like the census bureau, urban planners and public security agencies, said company vice president Wu Haining.

"With oblique photograph technology and through cooperation with the government, people will be able to check any uploaded personal information in a room from any building in our 3-D map," said Wu, whose company also produces surveillance drones with five cameras.

The rapid development of new types of drones requires a pool of trained and specialized drone operators, Wu said.

Even as drones offer law enforcement sharply expanded capabilities, authorities in China, as in many other countries, are scrambling to regulate their use. The country is now beginning to set nationwide regulations on where they can fly, which are applauded by many in the Chinese industry.

"We need pilots with licenses, because safety is the biggest concern in the operation of drones. Although we have insurance, we still need strict regulations for studying and training to avoid any incidents," Wu said.

On a recent afternoon, a group of drone-flying aficionados tried out their models in the outskirts of Beijing near the city's 6th Ring Road, a highway around the city about 15 to 20 kilometers (8-12 miles) from the city center. The capital requires permission to fly a drone inside that ring.

"This is only a toy for entertainment, I won't use this for any other purpose," said Sun Xiaoqiang, a Beijing resident who has been flying drones for two years, when asked about the regulations.

"I have no bad intentions, it's only for entertainment, so I think they should open a certain airspace for us."

Cosby calls himself mentor, more to accuser in criminal case

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby's attraction to Andrea Constand began the moment he spied her across a Temple University gym in about 2002. The flirting — some would say grooming — began almost immediately.

When Constand, a Temple women's basketball staffer, mentioned that her back was bothering her, the 66-year-old comedian offered his "layman's" fix in the women's locker room.

"It's one where she gets on my back with her back and her arms come under mine and I grab her and I say, 'Now you relax,'" Cosby said in a 2005 deposition. "I go up and I come down and I give that jolt and it's supposed to line the vertebrae."

The friendship that followed between Temple's most famous booster and the then-31-year-old employee colors the sex-assault prosecution that starts in earnest Tuesday, when Cosby's lawyers will ask a judge to throw out charges stemming from a 2004 encounter at his suburban Philadelphia home.

In Cosby's mind, Constand had reacted "very, very favorably" to him the day they met at Temple's arena.

A university trustee, he began inviting her to dinner at his home, at first with others but later alone. Cosby was both a sounding board and someone who could open doors for a woman considering a career change. In November 2003, he summoned Constand to the Foxwoods casino in Connecticut, where he was performing, and arranged for her to have dinner with a casino executive in his suite. But he voiced frustration when she failed to follow through on his job leads.

"Here's a mentor, Bill Cosby, who is in the business — Bill Cosby, who happens to know something about what to do — and Andrea is not picking up on it," Cosby said in the deposition, part of the sex-assault lawsuit Constand filed in 2005.

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In the deposition, Cosby paints himself as Constand's friend, mentor and occasional partner in sex "play" that stopped short of intercourse, lest she fall in love with him.

Constand's lawyers have since pointed out that she is gay and was dating a woman at the time.

Basketball, a common bond between them, had taken Constand from a standout high school career in Toronto to a 1996 NIT championship with the University of Arizona to semi-pro ball in Europe and finally a job with Temple women's basketball program.

By her third season, though, Constand was restless, wondering if this was the end of the road for her life in basketball. She spoke frequently about it to Cosby, during phone calls, at social events and during the approximately half-dozen visits she made to his Cheltenham home.

Cosby, in the deposition, described at least two separate nights when they engaged in sex play there — the first time, after she had four drinks, and the second time, after he gave her unidentified pills. (Cosby said he never drank or did illegal drugs, although he acknowledged getting quaaludes in the 1970s to use on women he hoped to seduce.)

The criminal case involves the second night, in January 2004.

Cosby said: "Andrea came to the house. ... We talked about Temple University. We talked about her position. And then I went upstairs and I got three pills ... because she was talking about stress. ... We sat for 15 or 20 minutes talking. I then said, 'Let's go into the living room.' ... I asked her to have a sit down on the sofa. We were still talking. But then we began to neck and we began to touch and we began to feel and kiss and kiss back."

Cosby described the "digital penetration" that followed as something of a favor, to help her unwind.

"I was hoping (it) had been a sort of a contribution to happiness, friendship, a moment that we shared," Cosby said.

Constand later said she was too drugged to remember it clearly.

Cosby, in a taped phone call with Constand and her distraught mother a year later, confirmed that he gave her pills and described the sex act.

"Tell your mother you were awake. Tell your mother about the orgasm. Tell your mother how we talked," Cosby begged on the phone call.

Over the next few days, his agents and handlers made a flurry of calls to their family home to offer an educational fund or suggest they meet him at his next gig in Miami. The Constans instead gave the tape to police in Canada, who referred the case to Pennsylvania investigators.

Then-Montgomery County District Attorney Bruce Castor declined to press charges in what he viewed as a "he said, she said" case.

When a federal judge released portions of Cosby's civil deposition last year, prosecutors re-opened the case. District Attorney Kevin Steele weighed Cosby's testimony, and the dozens of similar accusations that have followed, and filed charges last month before the 12-year statute of limitations expired.

Defense lawyers will argue Tuesday that Cosby had a deal that he would never be charged. In an unusual twist, Castor will be their key witness.

The AP generally does not identify people who say they have been sexually assaulted unless they agree to have their names published, as Constand has done.