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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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Follow The Groton
Activities On-Line



gdilive.com

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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Long-Term Budget Forecast: Debt Crisis is Here

While Washington, D.C., was digging out of nearly two feet of snow from winter storm Jonas last week, another kind of storm was unveiled to the American public: the federal budget outlook for the next ten years. The report, issued by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), forecasts a grim future for our country if we don't begin to act now to rein in spending and address our country's \$18 trillion debt.

The report painted a picture of our economic outlook that is even worse than previously predicted. Deficits are projected to be more than 20 percent greater than the CBO previously calculated due to slower-than-expected economic growth. Additionally, the report confirmed that the federal government is headed toward record-breaking deficits in the next ten years, largely due to entitlement spending on programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Obamacare.

Even more alarming: in 10 years, the cost of entitlement programs and interest on our debt will amount to 99 percent of all revenue coming into the federal government. That will leave little room to adequately fund other important programs such as education, national defense, transportation and medical research. This should be a wake-up call to all of us.

What happens if we fail to act? According to analysis done by the Joint Economic Committee, over time, our rising debt will prevent capital formation. Without savings, we lack the ability to invest in new technologies, which hinders productivity and bogs down the entire economy. The sooner we begin to address these issues, the easier it will be to fix them.

While it will take time to get out of this mess, there are tangible steps we can take to begin to reduce our debt. We must first and foremost address entitlement spending. We have to save Medicare, reform Social Security so it is sustainable, make systematic changes to the Medicaid program and repeal the Affordable Care Act before it crumbles under its own weight. This is confirmed by the CBO report, which found that next year alone, spending on Medicare, Medicaid, subsidies for health insurance purchased through Obamacare and the Children's Health Insurance Program will be 11 percent greater than they were just last year – an unsustainable path.

In addition to reforming entitlements, we must also adopt pro-growth policies that will allow the economy to expand. This will lead to increased job opportunities, higher wages and greater profits that can be reinvested, which will result in more revenue to help reduce our debt. This can be achieved by reducing burdensome regulations and reforming the tax code so families and business owners can adequately plan for the future. This is why I continue to work on a number of measures to reform the regulatory process.

In order to turn our fiscal house around, it will require everyone in Washington to make tough decisions that aren't always popular. But as the latest CBO report confirms – doing nothing is not an option.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT
OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**



**Larry Zimmerman
Secretary**

During the month of December I walked around with an adrenaline rush from all the holiday goodies I was sneaking! And now the month of January has provided me with an outburst of rewarding experiences that I will never forget.

At a Jan. 12 ceremony in the State Capitol and in numerous communities throughout South Dakota, over 450 South Dakota veterans were recognized for their service during the Korean War and were presented the Korean Ambassador Peace Medal. This day and this celebration exemplified the partnership we share with the Republic of Korea, and the brotherhood those who have served will always possess. It was a true honor to share this day with true heroes from the Korean War and true patriots from our great state and the Republic of Korea.

Although the Korean War was sandwiched between World War II and the Vietnam Conflict, these heroes will not be forgotten. Our Department and our partners will continue to find these heroes and thank them for their service.

If you missed the ceremony, our dear friends at South Dakota Public Broadcast have archived the video and are making DVDs of the ceremony available (<http://shop.sdpb.org/index.php?p=product&id=330>)

Jan. 13 was moving day at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice Veterans Home. Our heroes now live in a neighborhood concept nursing facility. Each of the eight individual neighborhoods has its own unique personality and care level.

Our new home is organized in a way intended to maximize normal living environments and routines. The residents are given more privacy and control over their own lives. Staff become family, and therefore have more investment in the residents quality of life. This is not your traditional nursing home and we look forward to showcasing it.

In partnering with the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations, we closed the month of January with a Tribal Relations celebration. Our staff had the opportunity to brief tribal leaders on the programs and services available to their veterans. And our staff, in turn, got to hear first-hand about the challenges that our nine tribes face on a daily basis. We truly enjoyed being a part of this celebration and applaud the efforts of our tribal leaders for the difference they make in our veteran's lives.

As always, thank you for all that you do for our veterans and their families. Never stop thanking them for their service.

Larry Zimmerman, Secretary
South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs

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Update On The USS South Dakota

When thinking about South Dakota, naval prowess might not be the first thing to come to mind. Still, our state has a strong and proud naval history – from the men and women who have answered the call to serve to the ships that have borne the name USS South Dakota.

In the twentieth century, two naval battleships were named after our great state: the USS South Dakota (ACR-9) commissioned in 1908 and the USS South Dakota (BB-57) commissioned in 1942. The BB-57 was one of the most decorated warships of World War II.

Now, our state is being honored a third time. The U.S. Navy has commissioned a new USS South Dakota, the SSN-790. This Virginia-class submarine is already under construction and is expected to be completed in August of 2018. It will be the first submarine to bear the name USS South Dakota.

This namesake will be more than a fleeting, ceremonial connection between the new submarine and our state. A commissioning committee has been brought aboard to support events surrounding the submarine's keel laying, christening and commissioning. Perhaps more importantly, the committee will work to forge a relationship between the state and the submarine for the duration of its service.

This coming week, we will start to build that relationship when the USS South Dakota's commanding officer, Commander Ronald Withrow, and four members of the boat's crew will be visiting South Dakota.

They won't be able to make it to all of the great places in South Dakota, but they are doing their best to fit as much as possible into a few short days.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, they'll be visiting the USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial, meeting with veterans groups and stopping at a school in Sioux Falls. The next day they'll stop in Pierre where Commander Withrow will address both houses of the Legislature and the group will visit the Cultural Heritage Center.

Then on Friday the group will travel west to spend time at the Ellsworth Airforce Base, go to the Black Hills Stock Show, and experience America's "Shrine of Democracy."

I look forward to meeting Commander Withrow and the crew members. It is sure to be a good visit, and it won't be the only visit. I also look forward to supporting the commissioning committee as they work to raise funds, talk to people across the state about the USS South Dakota and develop long lasting ties with the crew of the boat.

The SSN 790 represents more than just a submarine. It offers an opportunity to continue the USS South Dakota's history of protecting our nation.



Beyond the Game

For potentially thousands of young women, the Super Bowl is anything but a game. Instead, it's another opening for exploitation.

In recent years, there has been a lot of conversation about the possible connection between the Super Bowl and human trafficking. To be clear, there is no hard evidence showing that trafficking spikes surrounding the big game. What we do know is that the laws of supply and demand apply to trafficking too. In other words, traffickers are likely to transport victims to areas where there is increased demand – such as the Super Bowl host city. Nonetheless, the sad reality is that human trafficking happens in the U.S. every single day. While we should use opportunities like the Super Bowl to build awareness, we can't allow ourselves to put the issue aside once the final whistle is blown.

Here are some numbers to consider. As many as 300,000 children are at risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking in the U.S. every single year. Most of the victims are young girls and, on average, they are just 12-14 years old when they are first trafficked. If the victim is a young boy, they are only 11-13 years old, on average. The most heart-wrenching statistic out there, to me, is that these young kids can be forced to have sex as many as 25 to 50 times a day.

Most of the transactions – about 76 percent by some estimates – are conducted online. Some of those online transactions have happened in South Dakota. As an example, South Dakota law enforcement placed undercover online ads in February 2013. The ads targeted folks in the Watertown area and offered underage girls for sex. There were no significant events surrounding the timing of the ad. Over the course of two days, more than 100 individuals responded. This isn't just a problem happening overseas or in big U.S. cities. It's happening around the corner from us.

The girls in our area being trafficked can be recruited at local schools, area malls, or online. Sometimes they are transported to other states, but in many – if not most – cases, they are being sold in South Dakota. It has to stop.

In 2015, Congress passed and the President signed a sweeping anti-trafficking package. It included resources for law enforcement officers, protection for victims, more enforceable laws against websites that allow for the sale of kids, and a provision I wrote allowing more resources to support shelters that house survivors. We're hopeful these provisions will help.

Still, one of the most important things I or anyone can do is build awareness around the fact that human trafficking is happening – and it's happening in our backyard. We all have a responsibility to keep an eye out for it in our community and speak up if we see anything suspicious.

One of the resources I like to share is the National Human Trafficking Hotline. If you believe you have information about a potential trafficking situation, I encourage you to call 1-888-373-7888. You can also text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733. The hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Don't be afraid to use this resource. It may save someone's life.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



The Importance of Staying Connected With You

Representing the state of South Dakota in the U.S. Senate is one of the greatest honors of my life, but it wouldn't mean anything without you: the dedicated and hard-working people who call South Dakota home. Those of you whom I've been lucky to meet and get to know over the years know that I try to escape the out-of-touch world of Washington, D.C., as often as possible. I take my responsibility of being your senator seriously and work hard for you every day I spend in Washington, bringing the common sense you expect and deserve to the capital city. But when the votes have closed, the committee hearings have ended, and the lights on the Senate floor start to dim, I head home to South Dakota for a fresh dose of reality.

The work doesn't end when I leave Washington, though. As you probably know, I have busy offices throughout the state that are constantly hard at work for you. My offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen are strategically located across South Dakota to make it easier for you to contact my staff who are always willing and able to help you with questions, problems, or concerns you might have with the federal government.

If you're not able to travel to one of our physical Senate offices, we're always open online at www.thune.senate.gov. It's a great resource for all South Dakotans. I understand how quickly the Internet changes, so in order to remain at the forefront when it comes to the digital service we provide to you, we recently made some important updates to my website that will make it easier to navigate. Also, the website now has a responsive design, which means whether you're viewing it on your desktop, mobile phone, or tablet, you'll receive the same high-quality experience.

I'm also keenly aware that the way we communicate with one another has evolved, which is why I stay connected with you on social media. With just a few quick clicks or the opening of an app, you can send me a tweet or post a comment on some of my behind-the-scenes photos and videos. I try to share as much information as possible with you about bills we're voting on or I have introduced, events I'm attending throughout the state, or my thoughts on the important issues of our time. I truly value your input, so please continue to send your thoughts my way on Twitter and Instagram at @SenJohnThune.

I look forward to seeing or hearing from you soon – maybe at a public meeting, local basketball game, or even in one of the aisles at the grocery store or hardware store. As we cross paths, please know that I will continue to listen, learn, and take our South Dakota values with me to Washington on your behalf. And if you're visiting Washington for vacation or a conference, please stop in to say hello. It's always nice to see some friendly faces in the marble halls of Congress!

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Front (L-R): Aimee Ellinger (SDSU); Sarah Hamner (SDSU); Kara Tesch (Codington); Coach Kaitlyn Ringgenberg (Brown); Sarah Vos (Pennington); Coach Kristen Gonsoir (Brown); Coach Molly Ringgenberg (Brown); Coach Falyn Hogg (SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor); Coach Jodi Loehrer (SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor). Middle (L-R): Julie Nelson (Roberts); Grace Stein (Codington); Molly Walker (Codington); Sara Thyen (Codington); Morgan Janisch (Roberts); Sierra Goergen (Beadle); Valerie Moen (Roberts); Kendra Currence (Roberts); Shaye Jungwirth (Potter); Alexa Montagne (Union); Coach Bailey Ringgenberg (SDSU). Back (L-R): Wyatt Stevens (Jerauld); Kyler Johnson (Minnehaha); Megan Malsam (Brown); Marissa Woodring (Spink); Coach John Keimig (SDSU Extension 4-H Associate); Joellen Gonsoir (Brown); Cooper Gordon (Spink); Derek Peterson (Roberts); Trey Wright (Brown).

South Dakota 4-H and FFA Youth Attend the 2016 Western National Roundup

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Twenty South Dakota 4-H youth joined the more than 1,000 youth from more than 32 states including Alberta, Canada who attended the Western National Roundup January 7-10, 2016 in Denver, Colo.

The Conference, now in its 96th year, is held annually in early January in conjunction with the National Western Stock Show. This year's theme of "Mission ImPossible" was aimed at leaving participants with the confidence that they have the opportunity to create unique experiences and thrive in their self-defined future through 4-H and FFA.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate.

The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, livestock quiz bowl, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification.

Workshops are offered throughout the week which provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.

South Dakota teams & Placings

Consumer Decision Making Team placed fourth overall in reasons. Team members were all from Cod-

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ington County a included: Kara Tesch, Grace Stein, Sara Thyen, and Molly Walker. The team was coached by Jodi Loehrer, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor, Codington County.

Hippology Team placed fifth overall. Team members include: Marissa Woodring, Spink County; Trey Wright, Brown County; Megan Malsam, Brown County; Joellen Gonsoir, Brown County, placed as the third Individual Overall. The team was coached by Kristen Gonsoir.

Horse Judging Team placed fourth overall. Team members included: Wyatt Stevens, Jerauld County, placed as the seventh Individual Overall; Sierra Goergen, Beadle County; Sarah Vos, Pennington County; Kaitlyn Ringgenberg, Brown County. The team was coached by Molly Ringgenberg and Bailey Ringgenberg.

Livestock Judging team placed fourth overall. Team members ncluded: Kyler Johnson, Minnehaha County, placed tenth individual Overall; Cooper Gordon, Spink County; Alexa Montagne, Union County; and Shaye Jungwirth, Potter County. The team was coached by Falyn Hogg, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor for Hand, Hyde, Faulk and Potter Counties and John Keimig, SDSU Extension 4-H Associate.

Horse Quiz Bowl, team members were all from Roberts County and included: Morgan Janisch, Valerie Moen, Kendra Currence and Derek Peterson. The Horse Quiz Bowl team was coached by Julie Nelson.



Team (L-R): Coach Kristen Gonsoir (Brown); Marissa Woodring (Spink); Trey Wright (Brown); Megan Malsam (Brown); Joellen Gonsoir (Brown). Team Awards: 5th Team Overall, 9th Team Problem, 9th Judging, 4th Team Station, 5th Team Exam Total. Individual Awards: Joellen Gonsoir (Brown) 2nd Station, 5th Examination, 3rd Overall; Marissa Woodring (Spink) 10th Station.

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State Treasurer warns of suspicious unclaimed property postcards

State Treasurer Rich Sattgast warns South Dakotans to ignore suspicious postcards labeled "Unclaimed Property Notification."

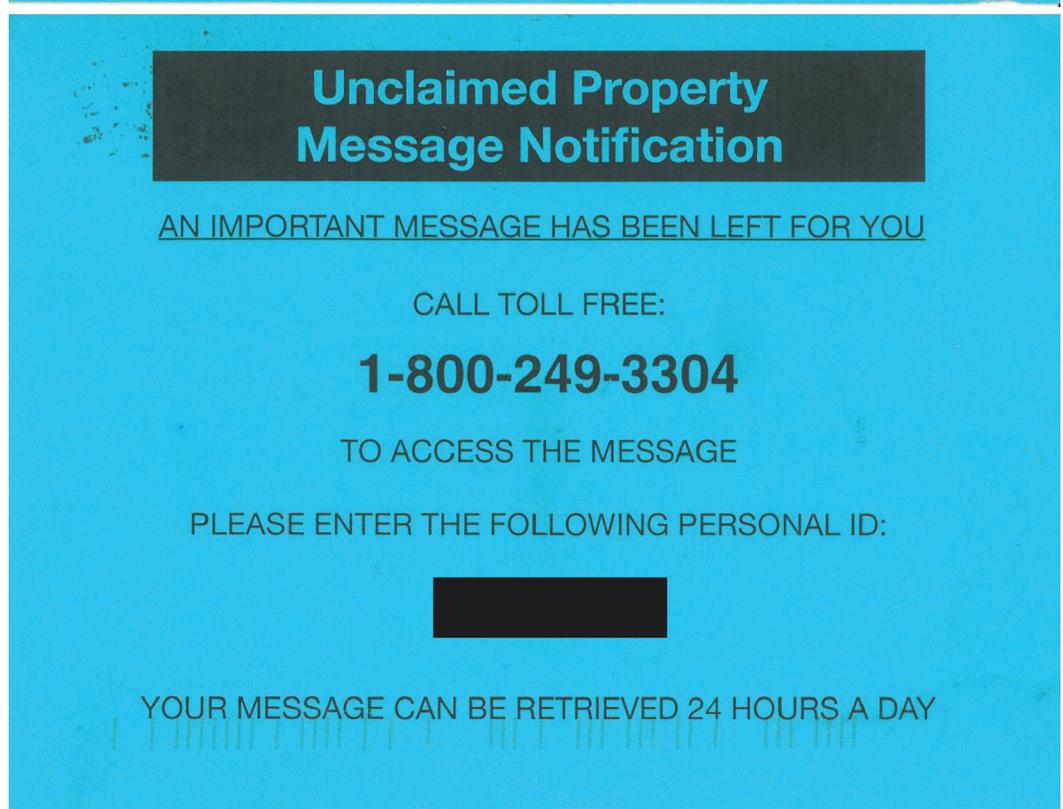
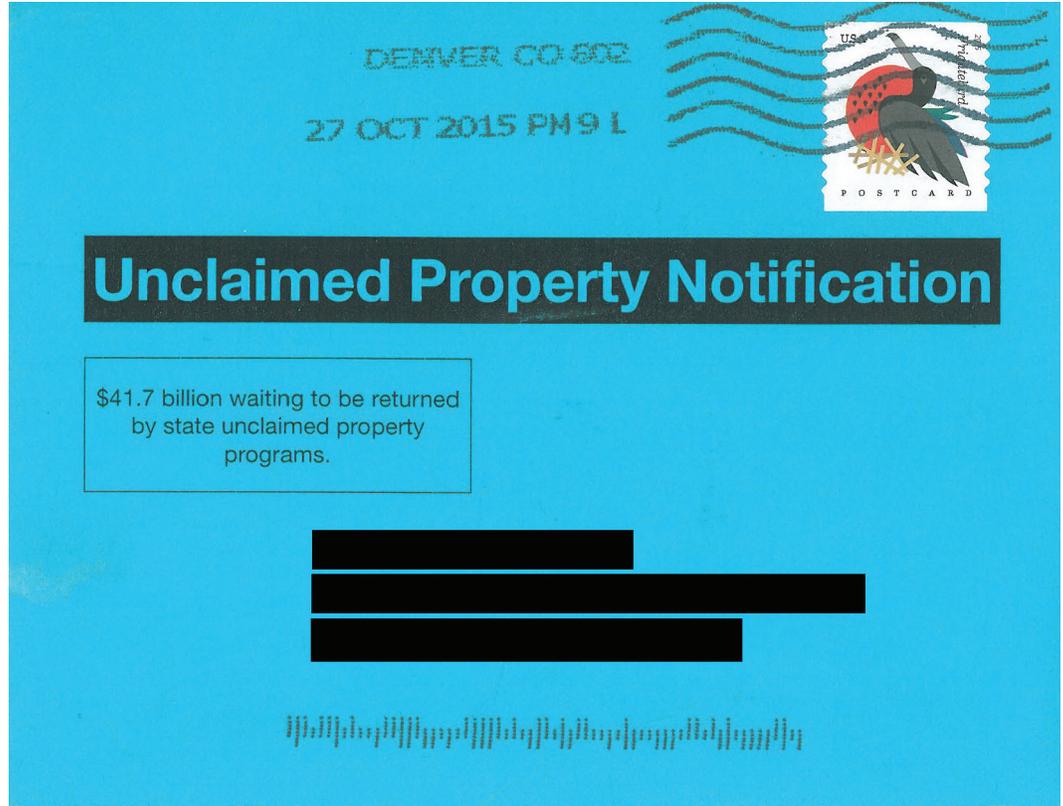
These solid blue, green, yellow or orange cards with a Denver postmark have been sent to various states including South Dakota.

"These postcards are not from South Dakota's Unclaimed Property Division or by any other South Dakota state agency," said Sattgast.

The cards tell recipients to call a toll-free number and enter in a personal identification number provided on the postcard. A recorded message then instructs the caller to search a website for unclaimed property.

Sattgast reminds South Dakotans that the state treasurer's office does not ask citizens to provide personal information through the use of a pre-recorded messaging system or charge a fee to return lost funds – both common scams related to unclaimed property.

If you believe you do have unclaimed property, visit www.sdtreasurer.gov or call the treasurer's office and speak to an Unclaimed Property representative directly at 1-866-357-2547.





Glimpse From Greenfield

Brock Greenfield
State Senator
District 2

The third week of the Legislative Session is now in the books. On Monday, the Senate took up SB 2, which calls for the redistribution of the alcoholic beverage tax. Under current law, the state retains 75% of the taxes that flow into the alcoholic beverage fund, while the remaining 25% is distributed to the cities across the state. Under the proposed bill, counties would receive 25%

of the revenues from the fund, with one-quarter of those dollars being distributed equally to all counties and the remaining three-quarters being distributed based upon population. Cities would continue to receive their 25%, and the state's take would fall to 50%. The bill stipulates that the dollars sent to counties are to be dedicated to law enforcement. Ideally, this would free up resources so counties can address such local needs as road & bridge maintenance. In spite of a concerted effort by the administration to kill the bill, the efforts on behalf of the counties proved to be much stronger, and the bill prevailed in the Senate 28-5. I spoke in favor of the bill and voted in favor of it.

SB 27 seeks to make a common sense change to current law and Department of Health administrative rule requiring two EMT's to be present on every ambulance call. We have heard from a number of EMT's and communities across the state who have said the current requirement simply is not plausible. What generally happens is that one EMT tends to the patient in the back of the ambulance, while the other EMT required by law drives the ambulance. They have suggested that by changing the law, it will allow ambulance services to better serve their localities. In an instance in which two EMT's are on-call and they are both required to transport a patient, it leaves a void back home with nobody left to tend to subsequent ambulance calls. By allowing a non-EMT to drive the ambulance, communities--especially rural ones--will be afforded more flexibility to provide for the needs of those needing emergency medical services. The bill passed 34-0.

SB 60 sought to "turn back the clock" on an issue by turning our clocks forward permanently. Senator Betty Olson brought a bill that would have called for South Dakota to operate under daylight savings time year-round. She actually had an amendment drafted that would have changed the bill to standard time, but she opted not to offer that amendment. One other suggestion was that we consider changing the bill such that East River would be on standard time and West River would be on daylight savings time going forward. I actually liked the third scenario best, in that when it is noon in the east, it would also be noon out west. Over the years, I have heard from a number of people who have expressed their frustration for one reason or another over "springing forward" and "falling back" every year. Some business owners who operate around the clock say it creates a hardship in scheduling and making payroll adjustments when the group of overnight employees have to work a nine-hour shift in the fall and then they lose an hour and work a seven-hour shift in the spring. Other individuals have expressed a myriad of opinions ranging from the most basic "It's hard to adjust to the time-change" or "I hate it when I forget to change my clock and miss church" or "It's no longer necessary" or "Other states have done it" to more involved rationale, such as that expressed by some within the business community. On the flip-side, a few people note that it is not necessary to deviate from the current practice. They point to the importance of making the adjustment so the workday or school day starts after sunrise. Still others say they just roll with the punches and will accept whatever the law calls for. In the end, the bill failed with 17 in favor and 16 opposed. Although more people voted in favor of the bill than against it on the Senate floor, it required a "majority of members-elect" for final passage. Thus, it would have needed 18 votes. Two people were

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missing during the vote. Perhaps they were running on West River time! :) Although it's not an issue I would bring forth in the future, should it come up again, I'd like people to mull over the idea of standardizing time across the state. I think there is some merit to that.

We had a very respectful debate on the Senate floor relative to the issue of adding to our list of state-mandated vaccines for students. There are a number of people who have strong objections to the state imposing its will upon parents regarding immunizations. They argue that immunizations are not without risk and they feel that parents should be trusted to make the best decisions regarding their children's health and well-being. Others argue that when children are going to congregate in public settings, they should all have undergone certain medical immunizations so as to lessen the risk of transmission of certain communicable diseases. SB 28 contemplates adding a requirement that students be given meningococcal immunizations prior to starting school. This bill has generated more emails and calls of opposition than any other so far this session, but it did pass 23-10 and is heading for the House.

Finally, SB 13 adds a new section to our retirement laws for people joining the SD Retirement System in the future. It was stated that nobody currently in the system will be affected. The bill is 50 pages long, so I won't get into the gory details. It is intended to ensure the long-term viability of the SDRS, while making some reasonable changes for new participants in the system. The bill passed 32-0. If you are planning on pursuing a career in the public sector, be advised that SB 13 would establish new standards for future employees, and you may wish to review the bill to see what changes are being made. It should be stated that our SDRS is hailed as one of the best-managed and administered retirement systems in the country, and most of our public employees and retirees are very happy with their benefits. I don't foresee that changing for anybody who falls under the new program, assuming the bill passes.

Until next time, be blessed!

Brock

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Today in Weather History

February 1, 1969: Across central and eastern South Dakota, February 1969 contained a variety of winter weather causing many difficulties. Glazing due to heavy fog and drizzle periodically formed on utility lines causing numerous broken power lines. Periodically, strong winds caused widespread blowing and drifting snow resulting in many closed roads. Snowplows would open the roads and often drifting snow would close the roads again. Frequent uses of pusher type snowplows piled banks of snow 20 to 30 feet along the roads and it became impractical to open roads with this type of snowplow. Several rotary snowplows were flown in from military airbases outside of the state to open some of the roads in the eastern part of the state. Numerous school closings occurred during the month due to snow blocked roads.

February 1, 1989: Four to eight inches of snow fell across western and northern South Dakota. Winds of 25 mph and subzero temperature produced wind chills in the 50 to 80 below zero range. Several schools were closed across the area due to the dangerous wind chills. The storm continued into the 2nd.

February 1, 2012: The image below is a 1000m resolution, "true color" image from the MODIS satellite valid February 1st, 2012. A couple interesting features are noted on the image described below:

Areas in "brown" are predominantly void of snow. As such - a vast majority of South Dakota is completely snow free! Obviously, this is quite rare for the 1st of February. The "brown ground" is able to absorb much more solar energy, which allows temperatures to warm. This is a major reason why temperatures have remained above normal.

Residual areas of snowcover (white) are confined to the Black Hills region in western South Dakota and the Glacial Lakes region in northeastern South Dakota.

1916: Seattle, Washington was buried under 21.5 inches of snow, their greatest 24-hour snowfall. A total of 32.5 inches of wet snow accumulated over three days. The Seattle cathedral dome collapsed under the snow's weight.

1947: On this date through the 9th, a memorable blizzard occurred in Saskatchewan, Canada. All highways into Regina were blocked. Railway officials declared the worst conditions in Canadian rail history. One train was buried in a snowdrift over a half mile long and 36.7 feet deep.



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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday
						
Patched Fog then Partly Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 38 °F	Low: 19 °F	High: 29 °F	Low: 10 °F	High: 27 °F	Low: 15 °F	High: 30 °F



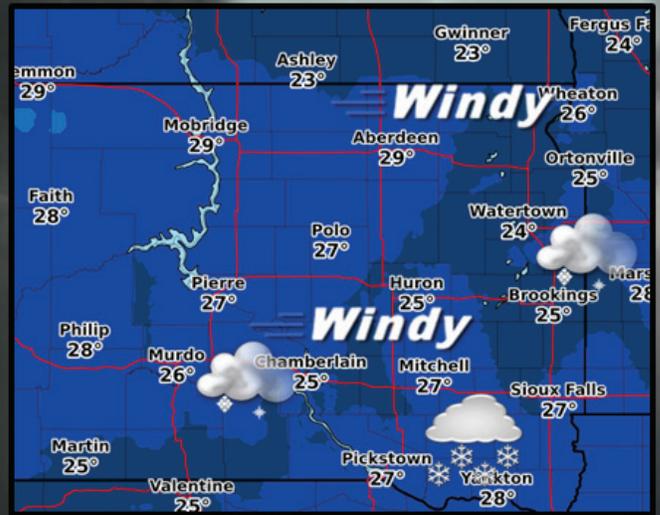
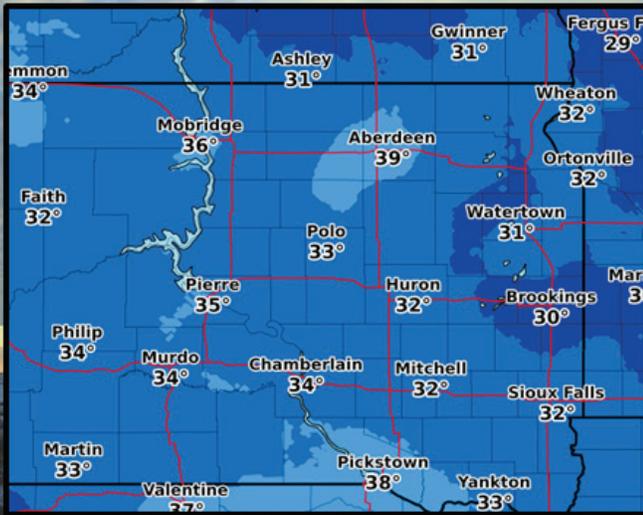
Warm Start To February

Today

- Light northeast winds
- Increasing high clouds
- Above normal temperatures

Tuesday

- Increasing north winds
- Cloudy
- Seasonal temperatures
- Less than one inch of snow for parts of east central SD and west central MN



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 2/1/2016 5:08 AM Central

Published on: 02/01/2016 at 5:14AM

A quiet weather day is expected, with above normal temperatures and light northeast winds forecast. A low pressure system will slide south and east of the region on Tuesday. While the most significant impacts will remain south and east of here, light snow is possible for parts of south central SD through west central Minnesota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 43.3 at 4:16 PM

Low: 25.3 at 8:15 AM

High Gust: 12 at 2:34 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1931

Record Low: -36° in 1996

Average High: 24°F

Average Low: 3°F

Average Precip in Jan.: 0.48

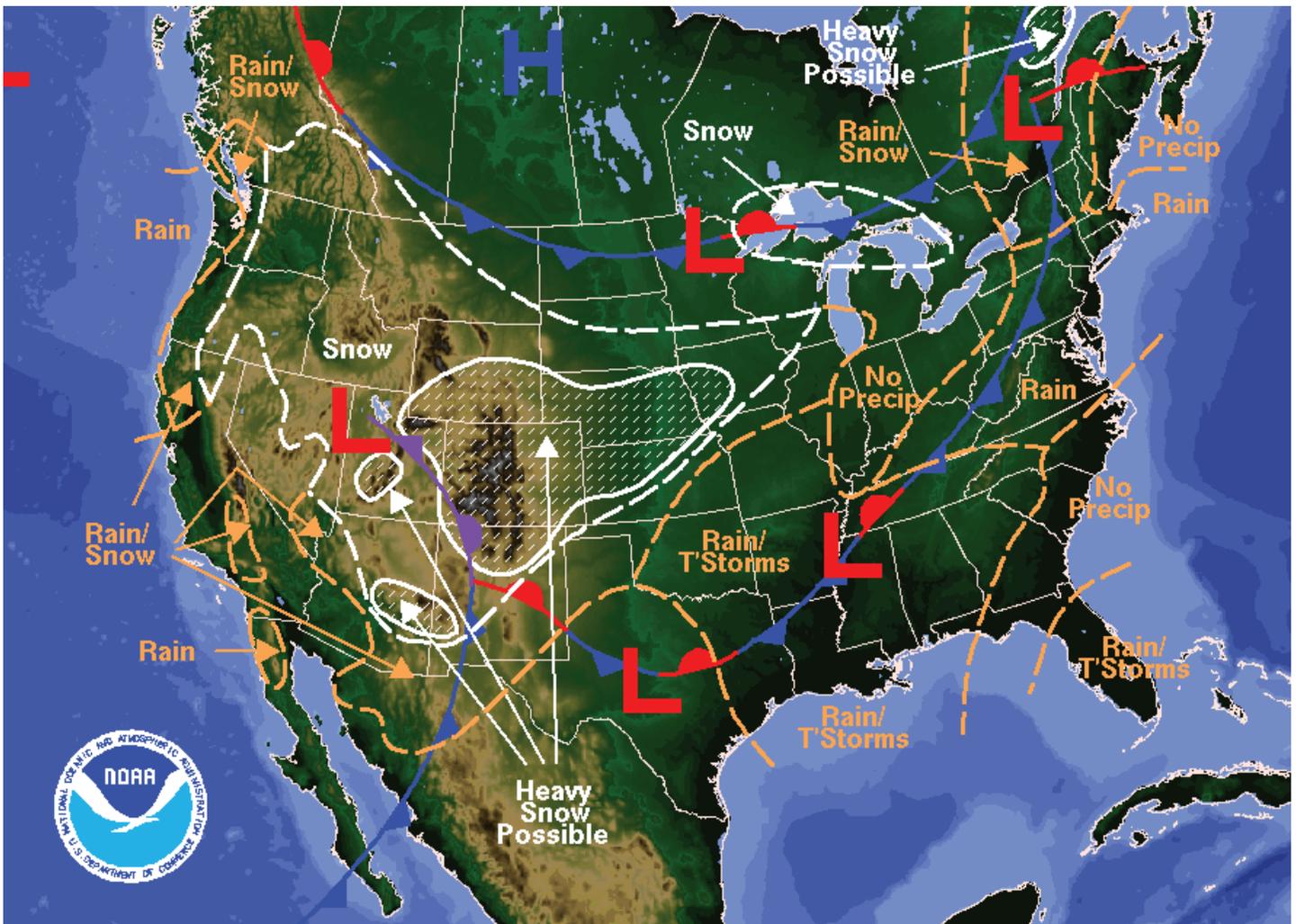
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HEADWORK AND HARD WORK

He was new at his job of painting yellow lines to divide the city streets. The first day he painted three miles. The second day he painted two miles. On the third day he painted one mile.

Noticing that his work was taking longer and the lines getting shorter, his supervisor went to him and asked, "What's happening? You did three times as much work the first day as you did today and two times the work yesterday that you did today. What's going on?"

"Well, sir," came the reply, "I am getting further and further from the locker where we store the paint and it takes me longer to walk back and forth to get it."

This is a great example of hard work instead of headwork. To be successful in life it takes both, especially, for the Christian.

The quality and quantity of our work is very important because it reflects our relationship with God. Paul said, "Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive His approval." It is important for us to remember that God examines our work. There are times when what we do becomes boring or seems to be insignificant; but we must always remember that whatever we do, we are to do it for the glory of God.

Prayer: Lord, may we constantly remind ourselves that whatever we do represents You to those around us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

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News from the  Associated Press

Midwest economic survey figures rise for 1st time in months

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Figures rose for the first time in six months but remained below growth neutral in a survey of supply managers in nine Midwest and Plains states.

A report issued Monday says the overall Mid-American Business Conditions Index jumped to 48.3 in January from 39.5 in December. The figure was 40.7 in November, 41.9 in October, 47.7 in September and 49.6 in August.

The survey results are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth. A score below that suggests decline. The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the survey, and he says the strong U.S. dollar is among the obstacles facing manufacturers.

Southeastern South Dakota could get clipped by blizzard

YANKTON, S.D. (AP) — A winter storm in the central Plains could bring heavy snow to far southeastern South Dakota.

Parts of the region are under either a blizzard watch or a blizzard warning Tuesday morning through Wednesday morning.

The National Weather Service says Vermillion could get up to 8 inches of snow and Yankton up to 6 inches. Sioux Falls could be in store for 2-3 inches, with less than inch in the Watertown, Brookings, Mitchell and Huron areas.

Forecasters say winds gusting up to 35 mph could create blizzard conditions.

Sioux Falls sandwich shop robbed at gunpoint over weekend

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are searching for two men who robbed a fast food restaurant at gunpoint over the weekend.

Authorities say the two men wielding a handgun walked into a Jimmy John's sandwich shop shortly after 10:30 p.m. Saturday and demanded money from an employee.

No one was hurt.

Man sentenced for conspiracy to distribute marijuana

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 31-year-old citizen of Poland has been sentenced to 2½ years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Robert Lukasz Rydlewski of Reno, Nevada, was indicted by a federal grand jury last February and entered his plea in December. He was sentenced last week.

Prosecutors say Rydlewski was a member of a conspiracy formed in about January 2012 to distribute marijuana in South Dakota and elsewhere.

They say that while Rydlewski was living in California, he used cash sent to him by a co-conspirator to purchase marijuana from individuals running a marijuana grow operation in California. He then mailed the marijuana to the co-conspirator at different locations, including South Dakota.

Rydlewski was turned over to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

Europe stocks lower as weak China data weighs

DAVID McHUGH, AP Business Writer

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — European stocks fell Monday amid ongoing jitters over the Chinese economy following weak manufacturing data. Japanese stocks, however, extended gains following the Bank of Japan's decision last week to introduce a negative interest rate policy to boost lending and spur growth.

KEEPING SCORE: Europe got off to a weak start with Britain's FTSE 100 down 0.4 percent to 6,059.68. France's CAC 40 lost 0.6 percent to 4,392.95 and Germany's DAX fell 0.5 percent to 9,746.29. Futures augured a lackluster start for Wall Street. Dow futures were down 0.3 percent and S&P 500 futures fell 0.4 percent.

CHINA MANUFACTURING: An index based on a survey of factory purchasing managers fell to 49.4 in January, its lowest in more than three years, in the latest sign of weakness for the world's No. 2 economy. January's reading was down from December's 49.7; numbers below 50 indicate contraction.

THE QUOTE: "There are precious few indicators that point to a recovery within China and this continues to spell bad news for the global economy which has been hugely reliant upon Chinese demand to help compensate for weak western demand post-2007," said Joshua Mahony, market analyst at IG.

BUSY US WEEK: The U.S. economy will also be in focus this week. A busy calendar kicks off later with the monthly manufacturing report from the Institute for Supply Management. The week ends Friday with the January nonfarm payrolls report, which could go a long way to determining whether the U.S. Federal Reserve will raise interest rates again in March.

CENTRAL BANKS: Japan has also been in focus after the country's central bank introduced a negative interest rate policy on Friday. Analysts say that move may impact on other central banks around the world by making them to current stimulus measures or be more cautious about tightening policy.

THE GLOBAL IMPACT: "The Bank of Japan's move sets a more dovish tone for major central banks around the world," said Ric Spooner, chief analyst at CMC Markets in Sydney. At the margin, he said it will increase the incentive for the European Central Bank to do more at its March meeting as it seeks to keep currency relatively weak. And the Fed and the Bank England may "be a little more cautious about lifting rates," Spooner said.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 2 percent to 17,865.23 and South Korea's Kospi added 0.7 percent to 1,924.82. Hong Kong's Hang Seng fell 0.5 percent to 19,595.50 and the Shanghai Composite in mainland China lost 1.8 percent to 2,688.85. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.8 percent to 5,043.60.

ENERGY: Benchmark U.S. oil was down 41 cents to \$33.21 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It finished Friday at \$33.62 a barrel, up 40 cents, or 1.2 percent. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell 6 cents to \$35.93 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 121.31 yen from 121.12 yen on Friday. The euro strengthened to \$1.0867 from \$1.0831.

US official visits northern Syrian town of Kobani

SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — President Barack Obama's envoy to the U.S.-led coalition against the Islamic State group visited northern Syria over the weekend, according to a coalition official.

Brett McGurk's visit to the town of Kobani was the first known visit by a senior U.S. official to Syrian territory since the beginning of the U.S.-led campaign against IS in August 2014.

McGurk was joined by British and French officials in Kobani, where Kurdish forces aided by U.S.-led airstrikes drove back IS militants a year ago, handing the extremists one of their biggest defeats.

The official spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief media.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition group that monitors the conflict, also reported the visit.

Among GOP rivals to Trump and Cruz, Rubio has most cash

JULIE BYKOWICZ, Associated Press

CHAD DAY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, John Kasich and Chris Christie, the four Republican candidates in a showdown for their party's traditional supporters, closed last year with roughly as much money in the bank combined as Ted Cruz, the conservative insurgent they hope to topple.

And then there's Donald Trump, a celebrity businessman who has just begun to flex his billion-dollar bank account, lending his campaign \$10.8 million from his personal wealth late last year.

The Republican candidates seeking to challenge Trump and Cruz at the top of the field were in varying degrees of financial distress at the end of 2015, fundraising reports filed Sunday night show, with Rubio in the best position to move forward. Together, as the calendar flipped to 2016, the foursome had \$21.6 million left in the bank, while Cruz had almost \$18.7 million at his disposal.

With voting beginning Monday in Iowa, and continuing next week in New Hampshire, Rubio, Bush, Kasich and Christie were running low on time — as well as money — in their efforts to rise. Should one or more of them continue on after New Hampshire, they'll face a cost-intensive primary calendar that demands travel among some two dozen states and advertising in some of the country's priciest media markets before March 15.

Of the four, Rubio, a Florida senator, led the money chase in the final three months of the year, collecting \$14.2 million and ending with \$10.4 million in the bank. What's more, he was on the upswing, having more than doubled his fundraising pace from earlier in the year. In total, he collected \$39.5 million in 2015.

That's more than Bush's annual total. And the former Florida governor's fundraising fortunes appear to be moving in the opposite direction as Rubio's.

He raised just \$7.1 million between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, about what his haul had been in the preceding fundraising quarter. He closed the year with about \$7.6 million in the bank. He had detected a cash crisis in the fall and retrenched his national plan to focus almost exclusively on New Hampshire.

Yet in that state, where voters weigh in Feb. 9, there are two others who also have gone all-in: Kasich, the Ohio governor, and Christie, the New Jersey governor. Those candidates have struggled to gain traction among donors, their fundraising reports show.

Kasich and Christie each raised about \$3 million in between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. Kasich closed out the year with about \$2.5 million in cash, and Christie with just over \$1 million.

Kasich's allies were eager to portray his financial prospects as improving. Outside groups supporting his bid said they've landed \$4 million in checks from six donors in the past few weeks, a period of time not covered by the reports filed Sunday.

Cruz, by contrast, has proved an adept fundraiser. For the year, he raised about \$47 million. His most recent report showed 42 percent of that came from contributors giving \$200 or less, people who can continue to replenish his treasury. Donors are limited to \$2,700 apiece for the primary contest.

That small-donor rate is far better than those of Rubio, Bush, Kasich and Christie.

On the opposite end of giving, the outside groups known as super political action committees also are displaying the effects of a crowded Republican primary. Super PACs can accept unlimited donations but cannot take directions from the candidates they're helping.

Some of these big donors are spreading their largess — splitting much-needed funding among some of the candidates' super PACs.

Chicago investment manager David Herro is a prime example.

Herro gave \$50,000 in July to America Leads, the super PAC supporting Christie. But in November, he gave \$150,000 to Conservative Solutions PAC, which supports Rubio. His support swung back to Christie in December, though, when he gave Christie's super PAC another \$250,000.

Hedge fund manager Seth Klarman also split his money between super PACs for Christie and Rubio. Klarman gave \$250,000 to Conservative Solutions PAC in early December. Later that month, he wrote a \$100,000 check to America Leads.

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New York investment banker Herbert Allen had perhaps the quickest turnaround in support. He gave \$50,000 on Dec. 17 to America Leads, then the next day gave \$50,000 to New Day for America, the super PAC boosting Kasich.

Julian Robertson, a hedge-fund billionaire, gave \$1 million to Bush's super PAC in June and \$25,000 to a pro-Kasich group in August. Chris Cline, a coal executive, gave \$500,000 to Rubio's Conservative Solutions PAC in September, four months after he gave Bush's Right to Rise \$1 million through a limited liability company.

Another multiplayer, Joe Ricketts, the billionaire founder of TD Ameritrade, and his wife, Marlene, have cut checks to groups helping Bush, Christie, Rubio and Cruz — as well as several who are no longer in the race.

Stanley Hubbard, a billionaire Minnesota broadcast executive who doesn't want to see Trump or Cruz at the top of the ticket, said he would spend major money backing any of the four mainstream candidates — if only one would rise to the top.

"If we get someone who really has a chance of doing something, I'm ready," Hubbard told The Associated Press.

There are another six Republicans also vying for the nomination, and most of them saw depleted campaign coffers as of Dec. 31.

Rick Santorum, the former Pennsylvania senator who won the Iowa caucuses in 2012, closed out the year with just \$43,000 cash on hand and more than \$16,000 in debts to pay. The 2008 GOP Iowa winner, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, had less than \$134,000 at the end of December — and \$50,000 in debts.

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. DEMOCRATIC, GOP RACES TIGHT AS IOWA KICKS OFF 2016 VOTING

Donald Trump and Bernie Sanders hope to ride voter energy into victories in Monday's caucuses, as Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton bank on sophisticated get-out-the vote operations.

2. MYANMAR HOUSE BEGINS NEW SESSION DOMINATED BY SUU KYI PARTY

It will install the country's first democratically elected government in more than 50 years.

3. WHICH PRINCIPLES LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS EXAMINE

Police across the United States are rethinking how they use force amid national outrage over questionable shootings and violent arrests.

4. WHO IS CHARGED IN TEEN GIRL'S DEATH

Two Virginia Tech engineering students are arrested in connection with the death of 13-year-old Nicole Madison Lovell who disappeared last week.

5. WHERE MYSTERIOUS TURKISH CLERIC RESIDES

The AP visits Fethullah Gulen, who is accused of plotting to overthrow Turkey's officially secular government, in a gated 26-acre compound in Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.

6. ISRAELI ACADEMICS FACE GROWING BOYCOTT PRESSURES

They experience snubs at academic conferences, struggle to get recommendations and can encounter difficulty publishing in professional journals.

7. NTSB TO RELEASE DOCUMENTS IN AMTRAK CRASH PROBE

Next, investigators will analyze the evidence, prepare a report on the probable cause of the derailment and make safety recommendations.

8. FEDERAL COAL SALES MORATORIUM SHAKES INDUSTRY STRONGHOLD

Obama's administration orders a three-year ban, and it's putting a rare mood on folks in Gillette, a ranching-turned-energy town of 32,000: pessimism.

9. NYC JURY HEARS DETAILS OF MODERN MASTERS FORGERY SCANDAL

It features a Chinese immigrant who forged fakes of Jackson Pollock and Mark Rothko in his garage.

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10. DRIVEN BY DESIRE TO HONOR AILING DENVER BRONCOS OWNER
John Elway wants nothing more than to return the favor to Pat Bowlen and hand him a Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl 50.

Democratic, GOP races tight as Iowa kicks off 2016 voting

JULIE PACE, Associated Press

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In a high-stakes test of enthusiasm versus organization, Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Bernie Sanders hope to ride voter energy into victories in Monday's Iowa caucuses, as Ted Cruz and Hillary Clinton bank on sophisticated get-out-the vote operations months in the making.

The caucuses kick off the 2016 presidential nominating contests, marking a new phase in a tumultuous election that has exposed Americans' deep frustration with Washington and given rise to candidates few expected to challenge for their party's nomination when they first entered the race.

After months of campaigning and more than \$200 million spent on advertising, the race for supremacy in Iowa is close in both parties. Among Republicans, Trump appears to hold a slim edge over Cruz, a fiery senator from Texas. Clinton and Sanders entered Monday in a surprisingly tight Democratic race, reviving memories of the former secretary of state's disappointing showing in Iowa eight years ago.

"Stick with me," Clinton said as she rallied supporters Sunday in Council Bluffs. "Stick with a plan. Stick with experience."

Sanders, the Vermont senator who has been generating big, youthful crowds across the state, urged voters to help him "make history" with a win in Iowa.

In a show of financial strength, Sanders' campaign announced Sunday it had raised \$20 million in January alone. While Sanders has a large team in Iowa, his operation got off to a later start, particularly compared with Clinton, who has had staff on the ground in the state for nearly a year.

Monday's contest will also offer the first hard evidence of whether Trump can turn the legion of fans drawn to his plainspoken populism into voters. The scope of the billionaire's organization in Iowa is a mystery, though Trump himself has intensified his campaign schedule during the final sprint, including a pair of rallies Monday.

Cruz has modeled his campaign after past Iowa winners, visiting all of the state's 99 counties and courting influential evangelical and conservative leaders. With the state seemingly tailor-made for his brand of uncompromising conservatism, a loss to Trump will likely be viewed as a failure to meet expectations.

Seeking to tamp down expectations, Cruz said Sunday that he's just pleased to be in the mix for first place.

"If you had told me a year ago that two days out from the Iowa caucuses we would be neck and neck, effectively tied for first place in the state of Iowa, I would have been thrilled," Cruz said.

Cruz has spent the closing days of the Iowa campaign focused intensely on Marco Rubio, trying to ensure the Florida senator doesn't inch into second place. Rubio is viewed by many Republicans as a more mainstream alternative to Trump and Cruz, though he'll need to stay competitive in Iowa in order to maintain his viability.

The campaigns were anxiously keeping an eye on the weather. A snowfall forecast to start Monday night appeared more likely to hinder the hopefuls in their rush out of Iowa than the voters. Republican John Kasich already had decamped to New Hampshire, with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush following behind Monday afternoon, hours before the caucuses start.

The trio of governors has had a light footprint in Iowa, banking instead on strong showings in New Hampshire's Feb. 9 primary to jumpstart their White House bids. Yet some Republican leaders worry that if Trump or Cruz pull off a big victory in Iowa, it would be difficult to slow their momentum.

Bush, for example, started the year as a fundraising juggernaut. But according to records released Sunday, both his super PAC and campaign fundraising declined significantly in the later months of 2015 as he struggled to keep up with Trump.

Unlike in primaries, where voters can cast their ballots throughout the day, the caucuses begin across Iowa at 7 p.m. CST. Democrats will gather at 1,100 locations and Republicans at nearly 900 spots.

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Turnout was expected to be high. The Iowa Republican Party expected GOP turnout to top the previous record of 120,000 people in 2012. Democrats also expect a strong turnout, though not nearly as large as the record-setting 240,000 people who caucused in the 2008 contest between Clinton, Barack Obama and John Edwards.

Iowa has decidedly mixed results in picking the parties' eventual nominees. The past two Republican caucus winners — former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee and former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum — faded as the race stretched on. But Obama's unexpected 2008 victory was instrumental in his path to the nomination, easing the anxieties of those who worried the young black senator would struggle to win white voters.

While both parties caucus on the same night, they do so with different rules.

Republicans vote by private ballot. The state's 30 Republican delegates are awarded proportionally based on the stateside vote.

Democrats take a more interactive approach, with voters forming groups and publicly declaring their support for a candidate. If the number of people in any group is fewer than 15 percent of the total, they can either choose not to participate or can join another viable candidate's group.

Those numbers are awarded proportionately, based on statewide and congressional district voting, as Iowa Democrats determine their 44 delegates to the national convention.

Pace reported from Washington. Associated Press writers Lisa Lerer, Scott McFetridge and Scott Bauer contributed to this report.

Law enforcement leaders examine new use-of-force principles

TAMI ABDOLLAH, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police across the United States are rethinking how they use force amid national outrage over questionable shootings and violent arrests.

The changes include efforts in Dallas to train officers to de-escalate situations by moving backward during target practice and arming some with sponge projectiles rather than guns. In Camden County, New Jersey, officers are taught about the sanctity of life and encouraged to take time to defuse a situation, even if a suspect is wildly waving a knife at them.

After months of work, nearly 200 law enforcement leaders gathered in Washington on Friday to review and discuss new guiding principles that, if enacted by the roughly 18,000 law enforcement agencies in the United States, would significantly remake how policing has been done for decades. The 30 principles include an unprecedented acknowledgment from leading law enforcement professionals that officers should go beyond the Supreme Court-adopted basic legal standard that asks what a "reasonable officer" would do in such a situation, and that officers should focus on preserving all human lives in any encounter.

"There's an expression, 'Lawful but awful,'" said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, who led the effort to develop the principles. "I think (these principles) would impact on some level these really tragic shootings of the mentally ill, the homeless person, the unarmed person. It could have an enormous impact."

The group's principles, which will be released officially in an upcoming report, also require officers to respond proportionally to a suspect, imagining the public's perception of that response, and to communicate effectively instead of, for example, repeatedly telling a suspect to drop the weapon. The principles also recommend departments stop training on what it called "outdated concepts," such as the "21-foot-rule," which refers to the distance an armed suspect with a knife can close before an officer can draw their weapon. Instead, officers are encouraged to create more distance and use cover, so that they give themselves more time to respond.

Researchers traveled with police chiefs to Scotland last year to study how police there, who are nearly all unarmed, use distance, often backing away from suspects with their hands up, for example, to encour-

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age calm. In one video shown Friday, officers in downtown Camden County encountered a man high on narcotics who had threatened a man in a restaurant with a knife last November. Video showed officers walking with the man for four city blocks, clearing pedestrians ahead of him and telling other responders to standby, as he wildly waved his knife at them.

"About a year and a half ago we would've shot and killed him, there's no doubt in my mind," said Camden County Police Chief Scott Thomson. But "we were very happily trying to walk him back to Philadelphia," he joked. A little over a year ago the department added the sanctity of life to their use-of-force policy.

In Dallas, the department is providing 100 blue-tipped sponge projectiles to trained patrol officers who may use those less-lethal rounds as early as June. Once on scene, patrol officers would back up and put their guns away and allow specially trained officers to take over the problem, said Dallas police Deputy Chief Jeffrey Cotner.

"We're trying to instill in every opportunity, de-escalation, distance," Cotner said. He said when officers begin qualifying on the gun range in March they'll move away from the targets, not toward them.

But Geoffrey Alpert, a criminology professor at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, said what's key is not only having these principles, but that law enforcement uses and enforces them.

"I think a lot of departments have them," Alpert said. "A lot of departments have very good policies, very good procedures and good training, but they're not followed."

Los Angeles Police Protective League Director Jamie McBride, a detective who is one of nine representing the LAPD's 9,800 sworn officers, said the new principles weren't new and were common sense. He also noted that American officers, unlike those in Scotland, patrol communities that are often heavily armed and violent.

"It's always been about preservation of life. That goes to both sides — the police and the suspect," McBride said. "We've always learned to try to communicate. We've always tried to de-escalate. We know all this stuff. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world."

NTSB to release documents in Amtrak crash investigation

JOAN LOWY, Associated Press

MICHAEL R. SISAK, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal accident investigations board is set to release documents that could shed light on the cause of a fatal Amtrak train derailment in Philadelphia last year.

The National Transportation Safety Board has wrapped up its investigative phase into the crash that killed eight people and injured about 200 others. The board is releasing on Monday the factual information gathered so far.

Next, investigators will analyze the evidence, prepare a report on the probable cause of the derailment and make safety recommendations. A draft report is expected to be delivered to board members in a meeting not yet scheduled, but that will likely happen around the May 12 anniversary of the crash.

Investigators have already released substantial information about the crash of Amtrak 188, including that the train's data recorder shows it was traveling at about twice the speed limit of 50 mph when it entered Frankfort Junction, one of the sharpest curves in Amtrak's Northeast Corridor between Boston and Washington.

It's normal for trains to speed up in the stretch of track before the curve, which has a 70 mph limit. But trains are supposed to slow before entering the curve, and data show the train reached more than 100 mph in that stretch. The emergency brake was activated as it entered the curve, but by then it was too late. The locomotive and four of the train's seven passenger cars jumped the tracks, ending up in a tangled heap.

The train's engineer, Brandon Bostian, hit his head in the crash and says he doesn't recall what happened, according to investigators and his attorney. He provided his cellphone to investigators, who say that there's no indication he was using it while operating the train.

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Other avenues of investigation have also turned up dry holes, according to previous statements by investigators. The data recorder shows the train's top-of-the-line new Siemens engine was functioning normally. No anomalies were found in the tracks or signal boxes. There was no vehicle or object on the tracks.

The train's assistant conductor said that before the crash he heard Bostian on his radio say the train had been hit by something. Trains operating in the Northeast corridor are frequent targets of rock-throwing vandals. Other trains in the vicinity of Frankfort Junction reported being hit by rocks that evening not long before the derailment. A small dent was found in the windshield of Amtrak 188's locomotive.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2016. There are 334 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

On this date:

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1861, Texas voted to leave the Union at a Secession Convention in Austin.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman began the Carolinas Campaign as they invaded South Carolina. Abolitionist John S. Rock became the first black lawyer admitted to the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1896, Giacomo Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin.

In 1922, in one of Hollywood's most enduring mysteries, movie director William Desmond Taylor was shot to death in his Los Angeles home; the killing has never been solved.

In 1943, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie (TRIHG'-vuh lee) was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (hoh-MAY'-nee) received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1988, actress Heather O'Rourke, who'd co-starred in the 1982 movie "Poltergeist," died in San Diego at age 12.

In 1995, British rock performer Richey Edwards, 27, disappeared after last being seen in London; his fate has never been determined.

In 2003, the space shuttle Columbia broke up during re-entry, killing all seven of its crew members.

Ten years ago: In his first case on the Supreme Court, new Justice Samuel Alito split with the court's conservatives, refusing to let Missouri execute a death-row inmate contesting lethal injection. French and German newspapers republished caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad in what they called a defense of freedom of expression, sparking fresh anger from Muslims. United Airlines left bankruptcy after a painful restructuring that lasted more than three years.

Five years ago: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced he would not run for a new term in September elections but rejected protesters' demands he step down immediately and leave the country, vowing to die on Egypt's soil, after a dramatic day in which a quarter-million Egyptians staged their biggest protest to date calling on him to go.

One year ago: An interception at the goal line by rookie Malcom Butler preserved a 28-to-24 win by the New England Patriots over the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor Stuart Whitman is 88. Folk singer Bob Shane (The Kingston Trio) is 82. Singer Don Everly is 79. Actor Garrett Morris is 79. Singer Ray Sawyer (Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show) is 79. Bluegrass singer Del McCoury is 77. TV personality-singer Joy Philbin is 75. Comedian-actor-director Terry Jones is 74. Political commentator Fred Barnes is 73. Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., is 72. Opera singer Carol Neblett is 70. Rock musician Mike Campbell (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers) is 66. Blues singer-musician Sonny Landreth is 65. Actor-writer-producer Bill Mummy (MOO'-mee) is 62. Rock singer Exene Cervenka is 60. Actor Linus Roache is 52. Princess Stephanie of Monaco is 51. Country musician Dwayne Dupuy (Ricochet) is 51. Actress Sherilyn Fenn is 51. Lisa Marie Presley is 48. Comedian-actor Pauly Shore is 48. Actor Brian Krause is 47. Jazz musician Joshua Redman is 47. Rock musician Patrick Wilson (Weezer) is 47. Actor Michael C. Hall is 45. Rock musician Ron Welty is 45. Rapper Big Boi (Outkast) is 41. Roots rocker Jason Isbell is 37. Country singer Julie Roberts is 37. Actor Jarrett Lennon is 34. Rock singer-musician Andrew VanWyngarden is 33. TV personality Lauren Conrad is 30. Actress-singer Heather Morris (TV: "Glee") is 29. Actress and martial arts champion Ronda Rousey is 29. Rock singer Harry Styles (One Direction) is 22.

Thought for Today: "It is the tragedy of the world that no one knows what he doesn't know — and the less a man knows, the more sure he is that he knows everything." — Joyce Cary, English author (1888-1957).