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Sunday, February 14

Valentine's Day

Birthdays: Brooklyn Clara Imrie, Derek Pfitzer, Diane Nilssen, John Neff, Joyce Krueger, Zach Kern

Monday, February 15

NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Presidents' Day

Birthdays: Bennett Shabazz, Penny Stolle, Shirley Larson

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

3:00pm: JH BBB at Roncalli (7th at 3 pm, 8th at 4 pm)

5:15pm: BBB at Roncalli (C game at 5:15, JV at

6:30, Varsity at 8:00)

7:30pm: St. John's Lutheran Christian Literature Circle

Tuesday, February 16

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit, juice, milk.

Birthdays: Pernell Graf

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

Wednesday, February 17

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

Birthdays: Darien Shabazz, Lila Olson, Marie Gengerke

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

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

3:45pm: St. John's Confirmation

6:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Lenten Meal (SS Serves)

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Lenten Service

Thursday, February 18

State FFA Proficiency Judging at Webster

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Coming up this week at gdilive.com

Monday, Feb. 15: BBB at Aberdeen Roncalli (Varsity Only)

Thursday, Feb. 18: GBB at Redfield (Varsity Only)

Friday, Feb. 19: BBB host Redfield-Doland (Varsity Only)

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Groton Area has clean sweep over Mobridge-Pollock



Carly Wheeting
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

The Groton Area girls and boys varsity teams posted wins Saturday in Groton over the Mobridge-Pollock Tigers.

The Groton Area girls won, 54-47. The game was tied at 10, 13, 15, 29, 21, 31, 38 and 41 and there were six lead changes. Mobridge-Pollock had six turnovers in the fourth quarter to help propel the Groton Area offense. Groton made 64 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 42 percent in the second quarter, 38 percent in the third quarter and 50 percent in the fourth quarter. Mobridge-Pollock made 67 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 35 percent in the second, 55 percent in the third and 27 percent in the fourth quarter. Groton had 10 turnovers while Mobridge-Pollock had 15 turnovers.

Audrey Wanner led Groton Area with 23 points followed by Carly Wheeting with 11, Harleigh Stange seven, Katie Koehler and Jessica Bjerke with five each and Payton Maine with three.

Lauren Henderson led Mobridge-Pollock with 13 points followed by Naomi Stroeder and Alexa Schaeffbauer with eight

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Katie Koehler
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

each, and Samantha Good Shield, Kaitlin Good Shield and Geneva Wollman with five each.

Groton Area made eight of 17 free throws off of Mobridge-Pollock's 14 team fouls for 47 percent. Mobridge-Pollock made five of nine free throws off of Groton's 14 team fouls for 55 percent. Groton had 19 rebounds with Wanner having five, six assists with Stange and Hanson each having two, nine steals with Wanner, Koehler and Wheeting each having two, and Wheeting had two blocks.

Meanwhile the varsity boys once again dug hole in the first half and clawed back out of it this time in the second half to beat Mobridge-Pollock, 48-41. Mobridge-Pollock led, 18-10, after the first quarter and 28-17 at half time. Groton Area trailed by four after three quarters, 34-30. Groton captured a 39-38 lead with 1:24 left in the



Payton Maine makes a 3-pointer
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

game, and scored the last six points of the game for the 48-41 win. Groton was 10 of 11 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.

Sean Schuring made five three-pointers to propel Groton with 16 points. Bennett Shabazz, Seric Shabazz and Adam Herman each had eight points, Hunter Lerew and Aaron Severson each had four points.

Mobridge-Pollock was led by Brendan Walking Elk with 13 points, Matt Lepke 12, Dante' Fischer had nine, Noah Chase five and Jordan Bachmeier added two.

Mobridge-Pollock had 16 turnovers, eight of which were steals with Seric Shabazz having three. Groton had eight turnovers, five of which were steals. Groton had 11 assists with Bennett Shabazz having five,



The cheerleaders, the Spice Girls, performed at halftime of the varsity boys game Saturday night.
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Audrey Wanner
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

while Mobridge-Pollock had three assists. Groton had 12 offensive rebounds with Lerew, Herman and Brandon Keith each had two, and 20 defensive rebounds with Lerew having seven and Schuring five. Mobridge-Pollock had six offensive rebounds with Lepke having three, and 28 defensive rebounds with Bachmeier having eight.

Groton was 13 of 17 from the line for 77 percent of of Mobridge-Pollock's 20 team fouls. Mobridge-Pollock was two of two from the line off of Groton's 10 team fouls.

Groton made 27 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 13 percent in the second, 38 percent in the third and 33 percent in the fourth. Mobridge-Pollock made 62 percent in the first, 36 percent in the second, 30 percent in the third and 27 percent in the fourth.

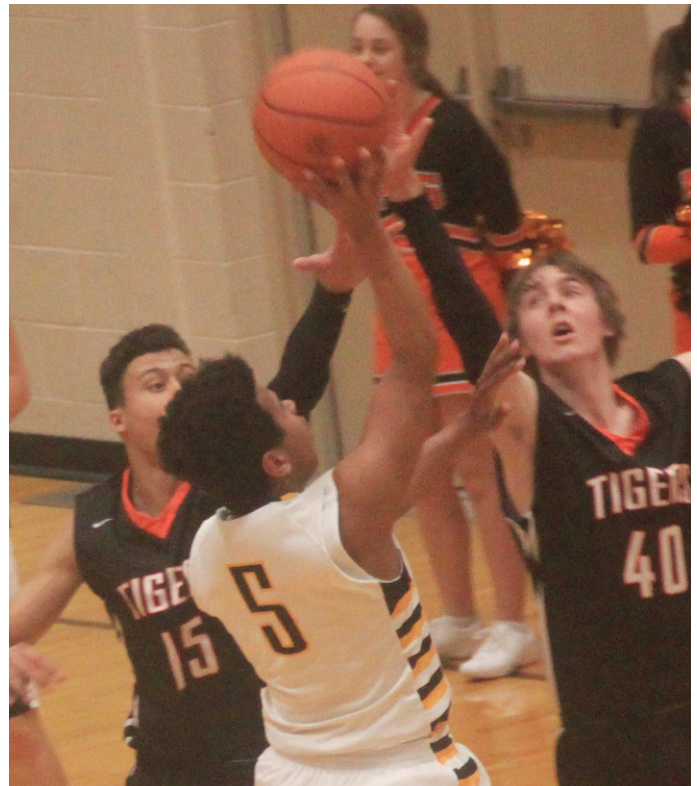
Groton, now 11-7, will travel to Aberdeen Roncalli on Monday and finish its regular season on Friday by hosting Redfield-Doland. Mobridge-Pollock, now 6-11, will host Stanley County on Tuesday, host Winner on Friday and will host Cheyenne-Eagle Butte on Feb. 22.

Mobridge-Pollock in the boys junior varsity game, 39-34. Anthony Sippel led Groton with 12 points followed by Treyton Diegel and Brandon Keith with eight each, Marshall Lane had four and Frankie Wuestewald and Austin Jones each had two points.

The girls junior varsity team won, 24-20, to make it a clean sweep for Groton Area.



Bennett Shabazz
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Seric Shabazz
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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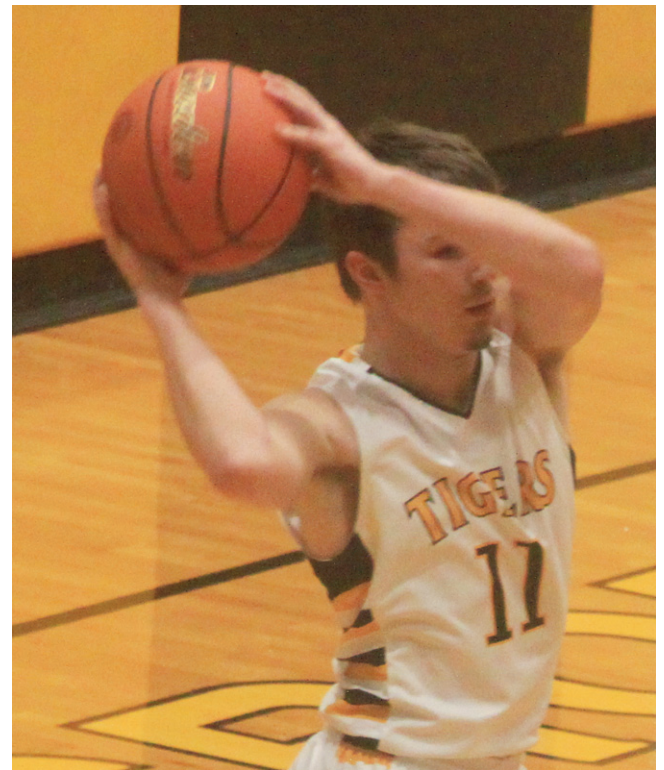


The girls basketball girls, including student manager Shelby Hjermland, all had their legs crossed the same way at Saturday's game.

(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Sean Schuring
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)



Adam Herman
(Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Jerick Hanson - the face behind the mascot

Kelli Hanson drafted Jerick Hanson when he was a sophomore to be the Groton Tiger mascot. "She came up to me at a basketball game and asked if I would be the mascot," Hanson said. "I said 'Yes - that would be fun.' Right after the game, she said I was hired!"

When asked what is it like to be in front of the crowd inside the suit, he said, "It is exciting every time I put on the suit! There is no better feeling than making people happy! I love it when the kids give me high fives and it is always great taking pictures with the fans!"

There are two challenges in wearing the suit - getting hot and vision. Hanson said, "I would say one of the biggest challenges is getting overheated. Staying hydrated is the key for keeping yourself cool. Another challenge is the limited tunnel vision. There have been times were I have run into people."

Some of the kids from opposing teams even liked the Tiger mascot. One kid from Milbank said, "That's a cool tiger!" Hanson said, "I have received a lot of positive comments. I've been told that I'm a great mascot and that the people want me back next year. My dream is to

pursue an acting career and this has given me a creative outlet to push me in that direction."



Padfield Family Thank You

Thank you to the Groton School and Administration, the school cooks and servers, the Groton Community, the Groton United Methodist Church for your kind support and thoughtfulness during Mickey's illness and passing. We greatly appreciate all the food, phone calls and flowers during difficult time. Thank you for the sandwiches and bars at the prayer service and thank you to the ladies of the church for a wonderful meal. Special thank you to Pastor Carlson for all his prayers, support, guidance and words of comfort to Mickey and our family. Special thank you to Andrea at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel for all her help in the service. Thank you to all people who donate to the benefit. Words cannot express our thanks to this wonderful community we live in.

Chuck Padfield

Joey and Sabrina Padfield

Randy, Rebecca and Peyton Padfield



Amy Briggs and Nick Flowers of Sioux Falls, were married January 18, 2016 in Play del Secreto, Mexico. Amy is the daughter of Shirlee Briggs, Groton.

Davies Bridal Shower

Open house bridal shower for Traci Davies will be held Saturday, February 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Groton. The bride is registered at Target.

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Today in Weather History

February 14, 1967: The heaviest snow fell in the central part of the state with Pierre receiving 10 inches with 14 inches reported near Harrold. Elsewhere, 1 to 4 inches of snow was common. Winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts over 40 mph caused extensive drifting and blowing snow reducing visibilities to near zero at times. Many schools were closed and other activities canceled. Temperatures of 5 to 15 degrees below zero were common the morning of the 15th. A farmer died in the storm near Yale where his car stalled and he attempted to walk.

February 14, 1979: High winds of 50 mph or higher and snow from a half inch to more than 14 inches moved through the state late on the 14th with winds slowly subsiding on the 16th. Visibility was reduced to near zero at the height of the storm and no travel was advised. Temperatures fell to 25 degrees below zero with wind chills to 80 to 90 below on the 15th. One man suffered frostbite after being stranded in his truck for seventeen hours. Power was lost at Wall due to high winds snapping power lines together.

1895: The greatest snowfall in the history of Houston, Texas occurred on the 14th and 15th. The Houston area saw 20 inches of snow.

1990: Valentine's Day was a snowy one for many parts of Iowa and Illinois. Five to ten inches of snow fell across Iowa. Six to 12 inches of snow blanketed northern Illinois, and strong northeasterly winds accompanied the heavy snow. Air traffic came to a halt during the evening at O'Hare Airport in Chicago, where 9.7 inches of snow was reported. More than 250 traffic accidents were reported around Des Moines, Iowa during the evening rush hour. An ice storm glazed east central sections of Illinois, causing twelve million dollars damage in Champaign County alone.

2010: Vancouver continues to struggle with above normal, non-winter-like temperatures during the first weekend of the 2010 Winter Olympics. In fact earlier this morning, Vancouver was warmer, 48 degrees, than Miami, Florida 45 degrees!










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Tonight	Washington's Birthday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night
						
Cloudy then Patchy Fog	Mostly Cloudy	70% → 30% Snow Likely then Chance Snow	Mostly Cloudy	30% Chance Snow	Partly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy
Low: 18 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 26 °F	High: 34 °F	Low: 17 °F	High: 32 °F	Low: 23 °F

Couple weak systems to start the week, then warming

Areas of fog tonight mainly in central SD, lows ~20 F east, ~25 F central SD

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
			
Light rain for central, evening snow (up to 1") for eastern SD	Dry most of day, chance for light snow in the evening/overnight	Partly sunny skies, overall dry and quiet weather	Warm-up begins with partly sunny skies, a system works in late
Highs 35-45 F Lows 25-30 F	Highs 30-40 F Lows 10-25 F	Highs 30-45 F Lows 20-30 F	Highs 40-60 F Lows 30-40 F

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

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Published on: 02/14/2016 at 4:00PM

Watch out for areas of fog if traveling tonight, especially across central South Dakota. A weak disturbance will then push through during the second half of the day Monday. Light rain may fall across central South Dakota but temperatures should cool off enough by the evening for snow to fall and perhaps accumulate to around an inch across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Slight chances for light snow will again exist Tuesday evening before we dry out Wednesday and then warm up quite substantially on Thursday. It looks to stay quite warm to end the week!

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 14.5 at 11:46 PM

Low: -3.9 at 12:42 AM

High Gust: 31 at 6:05 PM

Precip: 0.00 (3" of snow)

Today's Info

Record High: 60° in 1913

Record Low: -30° in 1936

Average High: 28°F

Average Low: 7°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.23

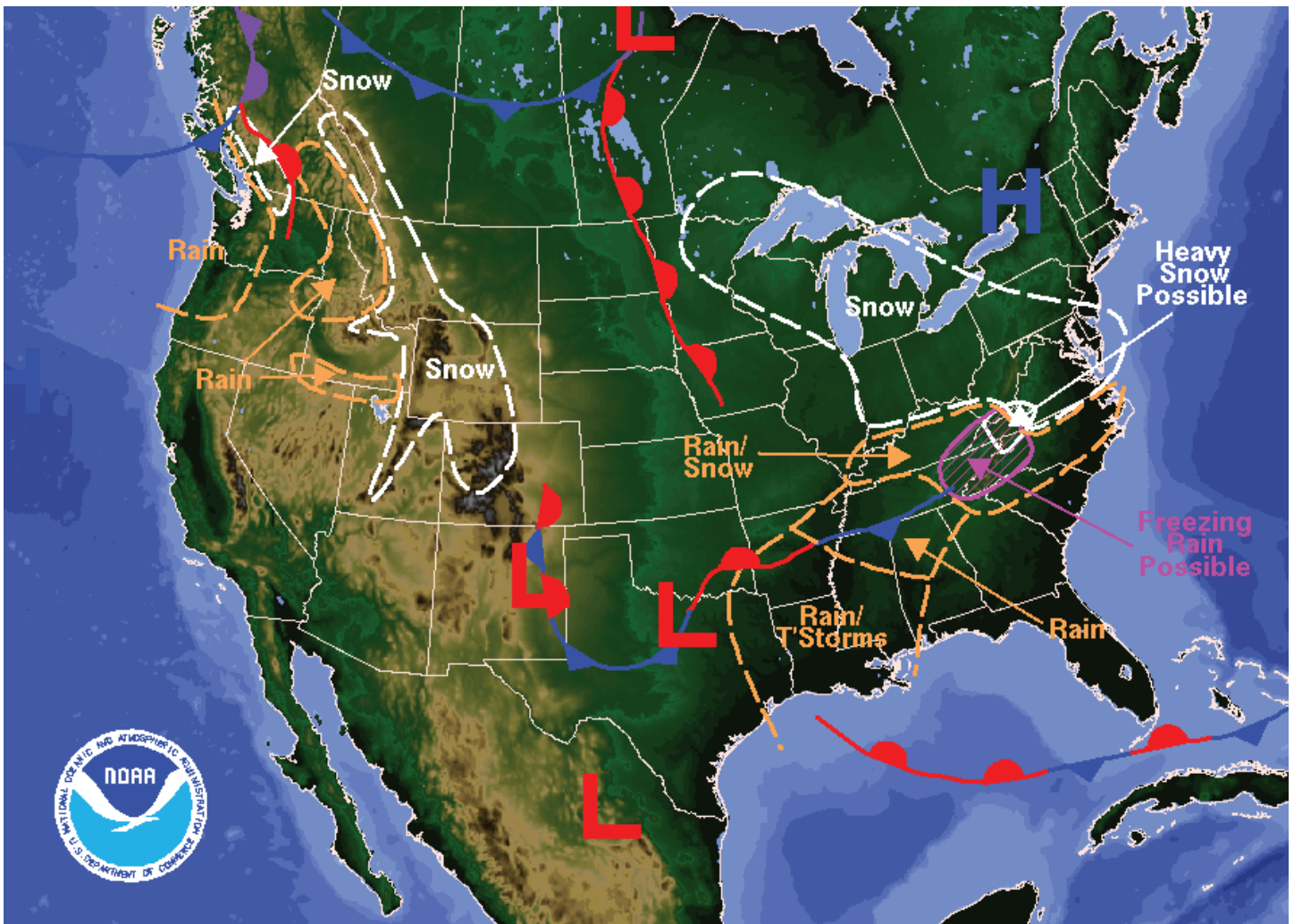
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.70

Precip Year to Date: 0.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:58 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:35 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Feb 14, 2016, issued 4:28 PM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Krekeler based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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GOD AND THREE PENNIES

One day Sister Teresa went to her superior and said, "I have three pennies and I am going to build an orphanage."

"What?" exclaimed her superior in disbelief. "You can't build an orphanage with just three pennies."

"Oh, I know," she replied with a twinkle in her eye and a broad smile. "But with God and three pennies, I can do anything."

Jesus had a similar discussion with His disciples. He had been describing the difficulty people had of getting into heaven. When He finished His lesson, they said to Him in amazement, "Then who in the world can be saved?" Calmly He replied to them, "Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But not with God. Everything is possible with God."

When we face a seemingly impossible situation, we often turn to those around us seeking their advice or help, thinking that they can provide the solution or answer. Soon we realize that they have the same limitations that we have – they are human. Even the most brilliant person has a limit to his knowledge and the wealthiest person has a limit to their riches. Christians, however, always have the resources of the Creator available. Our all-powerful Creator has whatever treasures we need to accomplish whatever He wants us to do for Him.

Prayer: Father, may we never fail to do what You want us to do for lack of faith but to always believe that with You as our God, all things are possible. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Mark 10:27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

News from the Associated Press

Eagle Butte man arrested on DUI with kid in car gets 2 years

EAGLE BUTTE, S.D. (AP) — An Eagle Butte man who has been arrested twice for driving under the influence with a young child in the car has been sentenced to two years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Randy Seiler says 42-year-old Eric Brown has been sentenced to 24 months in prison and two years of supervised release.

A federal grand jury indicted Brown for aggravated sexual abuse of a child and child abuse in July. He pleaded guilty to child abuse in November.

In January 2015, Brown was pulled over after police saw his car swerving. Seiler says Brown was with a 5-year-old child who was not wearing a seat belt. He was arrested for DUI.

Seiler says Brown was also arrested for DUI in July 2014. The same child was in the car with him.

Patrol identifies 51-year-old man who died in ATV crash

SUMMERSET, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Department of Public Safety has identified a 51-year-old man who died in an accident on an all-terrain vehicle.

Troopers say 51-year-old William Hardy was driving an ATV down a gravel road Thursday near Summerset. Hardy lost control going up a steep hill, the ATV went off the road and he was thrown from the vehicle.

Authorities say Hardy was pronounced dead at the scene.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol is investigating the crash. The Meade County Sheriff's Office and Summerset Police Department also were at the scene.

Jewel Cave lifts age restriction for kids on scenic tours

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Officials at Jewel Cave National Monument say young children can once again go on scenic tours of the cave.

Jewel Cave officials said this week they were lifting their restriction on children under the age of five touring the cave. They put the restriction in place in July in response to safety concerns along the tour route.

Officials say a chain-link fence has been installed in strategic locations along the tour route and around the various platforms to make the environment safer for visitors and staff.

In 2015, over 117,000 people visited the monument. About 45 percent of visitors took part in the scenic tour.

Environmentalists get to join fight over sage grouse rules

SCOTT SONNER, Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Federal judges have agreed to allow environmental lawyers in to legal battles being waged by rural and commercial interests in Nevada and Idaho intent on blocking new U.S. protections for the greater sage grouse.

Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter didn't oppose granting intervenor status to the three national conservation groups in the lawsuit he has filed in Washington, D.C., and the Obama administration hasn't objected in either case.

But nine Nevada counties, three mining companies and a livestock ranch opposed to the move that sets up a three-pronged approach to the arguments in an already complicated case expected to drag well into the summer in Reno.

The Wilderness Society, National Wildlife Federation and mining watchdog group Earthworks won the status in both lawsuits filed last fall. A third lawsuit was filed last week by Utah's governor and legislature repeating claims that the land use planning amendments impose unnecessary restrictions on activities in

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or near grouse habitat.

Those activities range from livestock grazing to road building and energy exploration.

The conservationists agree with the government's argument that blocking the regulations could force reconsideration of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell's decision in September to deny the bird protection under the Endangered Species Act.

But they also said they have many other interests contrary to those of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management, given the agencies' legal mandate to manage federal lands for multiple uses.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du said in her ruling in Reno late last month that such intervention is permitted by anyone with a legal interest in the property "unless existing parties adequately represent that interest."

"The court agrees with (the) conservation groups that because of their more narrowed focus (on) environmental protections in contrast to the agencies' broader land management interests," she said.

She concluded that the government "may not adequately represent their interests."

Conservationists have won similar status before in a number of land management battles in Nevada, including disputes over roundups of wild mustangs and ownership of a national forest road in Elko County.

Elko and Eureka counties first filed the lawsuit Sept. 23, along with Western Exploration LLC and Quantum Minerals LLC accusing the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management of illegally adopting the planning amendments in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Land Planning Management Act.

Since then, seven other counties have joined the suit. So has Nevada Attorney General Adam Laxalt, over the objections of fellow Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval, who argues that continued negotiations with the Interior Department will prove more productive than a protracted legal battle that could last years.

Laura Granier, lead attorney for the Nevada plaintiffs, argued the environmental groups shouldn't be allowed any formal status in the proceedings because they have "only made generalized environmental statements which do not rise to the level of 'significantly protectable interests.'"

They "apparently just seek to argue environmental policy issues," she said.

But Judge Du disagreed. She said the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals "has recognized public interest groups are generally permitted to intervene where they have been directly involved in the enactment of the law or the administration proceedings out of which the litigation arose."

Du noted at least two of the groups had been providing public comment and engaged in the planning amendment process before the Fish and Wildlife Service first concluded in 2010 that federal listing of the greater sage grouse was warranted, but precluded by higher priority listing actions.

U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in the D.C. Circuit made a similar finding last month. He said they'd proven they could "suffer an injury-in-fact" if the Idaho officials are able to persuade the court to set aside the government's plans.

Plan calls for closure, construction of Rapid City schools

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A new long-range plan for the Rapid City school district calls for the closure of some schools and the construction of new ones.

The plan was released Feb. 8, the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/20q4P1W>) reported. District officials cautioned that the facilities improvement report commissioned by the school board that includes an estimated \$333 million cost over 10 years is just conceptual, and not a firm blueprint for the district's future.

"These are ideas," School Board President Jim Hansen stressed during the meeting. "The board will have the opportunity to decide what parts, if any, to follow through on."

Representatives from national education consultant MGT of America unveiled their recommendations for how to improve the district's use of existing elementary, middle, and high school buildings in a presentation before the school board.

School buildings, some of which were deemed beyond repair, received a score based on their size, condition, capacity, projected growth of the student body and other factors.

"It's a road map," said MGT vice president Ed Humble. "It says 'Here's where we are today. Here's where

we want to be 10 years from now.”

At the elementary level, the plan's options include closing four or five schools, replacing three, and building two new ones. Possible middle school improvements recommend replacing South and West middle schools with larger buildings on their existing sites, or closing West middle school and renovating North Middle School.

The plan also suggests renovations to Stevens High School, which had the lowest educational suitability marking compared to Central and Rapid City high schools.

Assistant Superintendent Dave Janak said he expects there will be five town hall meetings on the plan through March.

Committee supports study of Lake Mitchell algae problem

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — A majority of members of an advisory committee support studying the long-term algae problem at Lake Mitchell.

Last month, the Lake Mitchell Advisory Committee heard a \$73,725 proposal from Nebraska-based Fyra Engineering to begin data collection and analysis to help solve the problem. On Tuesday, nearly all of the committee's members offered support of the plan at a monthly meeting, the Daily Republic (<http://bit.ly/1KH3P7R>) reported.

Committee member Justin Luther, who approves of Fyra's scientific and sustainable approach, thinks it's time to take action on the issue affecting Lake Mitchell, which he calls one of the city's greatest assets.

“How many cities would just kill to have a lake inside their city limits that they have control over and can do things with?” Luther said. “Well, we have that, and we've chosen to ignore it.”

The proposal would fund roughly six to 12 months of data collection and modeling to determine the source of the lake's high algae-causing phosphorus levels. Fyra representatives said cost estimates for lake restoration could then be made.

In an attempt to garner more support for the proposal, Luther reminded the committee that the lake serves as the city's backup water supply in case of emergency.

“I look at it this way, if we were to have any kind of issue, that's our secondary source of drinking water, and I don't want to drink that water,” Luther said.

The committee informally agreed to collect more data in attempt to lower the proposal's \$73,725 cost.

Committee member Brian Temple suggested that the city meet with South Dakota State University Extension Water Resources Field Specialist David Kringen and South Dakota Department of Environment & Natural Resources Environmental Scientist Sean Kruger to hear the data they have collected from Lake Mitchell at the committee's next meeting in March, before its next meeting with Fyra.

Mitchell City Council member Bev Robinson said improved organization between parties could benefit the committee when it decides to make a budget request.

“I think if we can show the council and the public that there is a coordinated effort here, I think that's definitely going to be met with more options for approval,” Robinson said.

South Dakota Civil Air Patrol adds new Cessna 182 to fleet

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Civil Air Patrol has added to its fleet.

The patrol's new Cessna 182 Skylane brings the CAP state fleet to seven. The aircraft is equipped with the latest state-of-the-art Garmin G1000E aircraft avionics suite, allowing crews to more easily take on missions of search and rescue, homeland security and support of U.S. Air Force missions.

Lt. Colonel Rick Larson says the airplane has systems that aid in accuracy and safety. Features include advanced digital instruments, weather avoidance display, autopilot and photo mapping.

Larson says the Cessna will be a major asset when it comes to wide area search or damage assessment missions.

The plane is one of more than 550 aircraft operated by the Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

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Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Andes Central/Dakota Christian 50, Oelrichs 42
Beresford 79, Gayville-Volin 38
Bon Homme 65, Wagner 61
Burke/South Central 50, Alcester-Hudson 47
Clark/Willow Lake 59, Flandreau 40
Colome 59, Menno 43
Gregory 68, Jones County 40
Groton Area 48, Mobridge-Pollock 41
Hanson 47, Rapid City Christian 46
Harrisburg 71, Sturgis Brown 45
James Valley Christian 82, Estelline 50
Lower Brule 75, Kadoka Area 31
Madison 59, Canton 51
New Underwood 46, Bison 43
Pierre 53, Yankton 37
Pine Ridge 61, Custer 36
Potter County 45, Hitchcock-Tulare 30
Rapid City Stevens 51, Sioux Falls Lincoln 50
Santee, Neb. 75, Tiospaye Topa 34
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 77, Sioux City, North, Iowa 67
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 68, Brookings 57
Sioux Falls Washington 68, Rapid City Central 47
Stanley County 82, Wall 71
Tea Area 77, Lennox 73
Todd County 73, Miller 61
Watertown 61, Mitchell 47
Waverly-South Shore 66, Northwestern 50
DWU Culver's Classic
Canistota 61, White River 51
Corsica/Stickney 45, Bridgewater-Emery 43
Dell Rapids 74, Aberdeen Roncalli 56
Langford 58, Irene-Wakonda 50
Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 66, Chester 61
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 73, Parkston 55
Sioux Falls Christian 55, St. Thomas More 45
Sully Buttes 48, McCook Central/Montrose 33
Warner Classic
Warner 66, Summit 36

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Burke/South Central 41, Alcester-Hudson 32
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Daum scores 24 points in Jackrabbits' 85-68 win over Coyotes

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Mike Daum scored 17 of his career-high 24 points in the first half when South Dakota State went on a scoring spree and the Jackrabbits defeated South Dakota 85-68 on Saturday for their 20th victory.

The Coyotes led 22-14 when the Jackrabbits took off on a 30-2 run over the next 10 minutes, including 11 points from Daum, and went up 44-28 at halftime. South Dakota State led by as many as 26 in the second half.

Daum was 7-of-11 shooting and made all nine free throws for the Jackrabbits (20-6, 9-3 Summit), who avoided losing consecutive games for the first time and extended their home winning streak to 27.

George Marshall made four 3-pointers and added 22 points.

Trey Norris led the Coyotes (12-15, 4-9) with 19 points.

The teams combined to miss just five free throws, the Jackrabbits going 28 of 31 and the Coyotes 18 of 20.

Pierre hospital changing policy for mental health patients

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Avera St. Mary's hospital in Pierre is changing how it treats patients with mental health issues after a person who needed further care walked away recently.

The state Department of Health has asked the hospital to come up with a plan to prevent any other patients who need to go to an inpatient mental health hospital from walking off, the Capital Journal reported (<http://bit.ly/1myYvI3>).

The details of the new process are still being finalized, but Avera St. Mary's Chief Medical Officer Mike Holland said if doctors determine that a patient needs further care, that person will be put in protective custody at the law enforcement center.

Interim CEO Todd Forkel stressed that the new system is supposed to be only temporary.

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"None of us thinks that's the most optimal situation," Forkel said.

Previously, if doctors determined that a patient need further mental health treatment, that person was put on "mental hold" and often were kept at the hospital until transportation to a mental health facility could be arranged. That process often would take a while.

"That's where the problem lies," Holland said.

Forkel said Avera St. Mary's is in the process of hiring a full-time psychiatrist and is working with community groups to come up with a better, more-permanent solution. One of his biggest concerns, he said, is that people needing care will now be too scared of the new process to seek help.

"Please," he said. "The most important thing is to seek out treatment."

Thune tours Rosebud hospital, calls for accountability

ROSEBUD, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Sen. John Thune says the problems facing an Indian Health Service hospital in Rosebud are "life and death issues."

South Dakota's senior senator toured the medical facility Friday with officials from the U.S. Public Health Service and Rosebud Sioux Tribal Health Administrator Evelyn Espinoza.

Federal inspections recently highlighted serious problems at the IHS hospitals on the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations. The regional office of the IHS closed the emergency department at the Rosebud facility two weeks after the inspection.

"Growing up out here, I've seen some of these problems, I've seen some of these challenges, and here I am 40 years later and they have the same problems, the same challenges," Thune said.

Espinoza told Thune and reporters the lack of emergency services means ambulances can't legally deliver a patient to the hospital.

She said a Rosebud man, who was on dialysis, needed an ambulance after feeling chest pains, but due to the closed emergency room, he had to be sent to the hospital in Valentine, Nebraska. The man died on Thursday night in an ambulance 15 miles from Valentine.

In October, inspectors visiting the hospital in Pine Ridge cited safety deficiencies including unlocked cupboards with syringes, needles and other equipment; unsecured drugs and medical records; an isolation room without gowns and masks; and doctors without proper credentials.

An inspection of the Rosebud hospital in November found conditions so alarming the emergency room was shut down. A patient having a heart attack wasn't treated until 90 minutes after she arrived. Serious staffing shortages in the emergency room included vacancies for the supervising medical officer, a medical officer, two physician assistants and three clinical nurses.

Espinoza said she wants to look forward from the past problems and work with others to get the hospital functioning appropriately again for the people of the tribe, who have treaty rights to health care from the federal government.

"I don't want to point fingers," she said. "I want us to come together and use each other's strengths."

Officials trying to determine cause of Sturgis plane crash

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — Federal aviation officials are trying to determine what led a small plane to crash near Sturgis.

Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Tony Molinaro says the Piper 24 struck a power pole about half a mile from the runway at Sturgis Municipal Airport.

A man and a woman were taken by ambulance to Sturgis Regional Hospital following the crash. KNBN-TV reports that police say the two are in "fair" condition. Their names have not been released.

Authorities say the two were attempting to land at the airport in low-visibility conditions.

National Weather Service meteorologist Susan Sanders says visibility at the time of the crash would have been about a quarter of a mile.

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South Dakota Republicans select new executive director

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Republican Party of South Dakota says it has selected a new executive director.

Ryan Budmayr will assume his new duties on March 1. He currently serves as director of business development for Lemonly, a visual design agency in Sioux Falls.

Budmayr served as west river director on Governor Dennis Daugaard's first campaign in 2010. He later worked as a business development representative and director of international trade in the Governor's Office of Economic Development until 2014.

Chair Pam Roberts says Budmayr is ready to help build on the party's already strong majorities in South Dakota.

Budmayr is a native of Belle Fourche. He attended the University of South Dakota, majoring in political science and serving as student body president and chair of the South Dakota College Republicans.

The Latest: Obama to nominate successor to Scalia

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Latest on developments following the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (all times local):

1:30 p.m.

The White House says President Barack Obama will nominate a successor to the late Justice Antonin Scalia "in due time," once the Senate returns from a weeklong recess.

At that point, spokesman Eric Schultz says the White House expects the Senate to consider the nominee in keeping with its constitutional responsibilities.

Leading Republican lawmakers and presidential candidates have insisted that Obama leave the job of naming Scalia's successor to the next president.

Obama said he intends to fulfill his constitutional duty to nominate another justice to fill the open seat on the nation's highest court.

The president took about a month to nominate Elena Kagan and Sonia Sotomayor to fill earlier vacancies on the court.

The Senate is taking the week off for the Presidents Day holiday.

11:20 a.m.

Jeb Bush says it doesn't matter to him whether Senate Republicans vote on a Supreme Court nominee President Barack Obama may send to Capitol Hill to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Bush tells CNN's "State of the Union" that the decision is up to Majority Leader Mitch McConnell — who's said there will be no such vote until Obama leaves office in January.

The Republican presidential candidate says it's "really not important to me" whether there's a vote before then.

That sentiment isn't shared by Bush's Republican presidential rivals. Soon after Scalia's death, they were demanding that a prospective Obama nominee not get a vote.

Bush says Obama has "every right" to submit a nominee to the Senate. But the former Florida governor says he doesn't think Obama would nominate someone who's "in the mainstream." He said that if Obama sends a nominee who's out of what Bush considers "the mainstream," Senate leaders should block or reject the nomination.

10 a.m.

The body of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia has been taken to a funeral home in El Paso, Texas, where officials are waiting to hear whether an autopsy will be performed.

Chris Lujan (loo-HAHN) — a manager for Sunset Funeral Homes — says a procession that included about 20 law enforcement officers arrived early Sunday at the funeral home.

The procession traveled more than three hours from the West Texas resort ranch where Scalia was

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found dead in his room on Saturday morning.

Lujan says if an autopsy is ordered by Scalia's family or a justice of the peace, then it likely will be performed at the funeral home by an El Paso County medical examiner.

Lujan says tentative plans call for Scalia's body to be flown back home Tuesday to his family in Virginia.

9:45 a.m.

A proclamation from President Barack Obama orders flags to be flown at half-staff "as a mark of respect" for the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The order applies to the White House, Supreme Court and other public buildings and grounds in the nation's capital and elsewhere in the country.

The order is in effect until sunset on the day of Scalia's interment.

Israel: 5 Palestinians killed while attacking Israelis

DANIEL ESTRIN, Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Five Palestinians were killed and another critically wounded while attempting to attack Israelis in four separate incidents in the West Bank and Jerusalem on Sunday, according to the Israeli police and military. No Israelis were injured in the attacks.

Late Sunday, two Palestinians were fatally shot after they opened fire with automatic weapons on Israeli security forces near Jerusalem's Damascus Gate.

Earlier Sunday, the military said two Palestinians were throwing rocks at passing vehicles near the West Bank city of Jenin, and when security forces arrived the Palestinians opened fire at them. The soldiers fired back and killed the two Palestinians, the military said, adding that no soldiers were wounded in the exchange.

The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the victims as Nihad Waked and Fouad Waked, both 15 years old. They were from the same extended family in the West Bank village of al-Araka, near Jenin, but were not close relatives.

Later, at a West Bank security checkpoint on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a Palestinian gripping a knife ran at Israeli paramilitary border police officers, and an officer shot and killed him, Israeli police said. No Israeli were injured. The Palestinian Health Ministry identified the Palestinian as 17-year-old Naim Safi of Abadiya village near Bethlehem.

In the evening, a 21-year-old Palestinian woman tried to stab a border police officer at a checkpoint in the West Bank city of Hebron, according to police spokeswoman Luba Samri. Security forces shot her, wounding her critically. No Israelis were injured.

In the last five months, Palestinian stabbings, shootings and vehicular assaults have killed 27 Israelis. At least 162 Palestinians, the majority of whom Israel says were attackers, have been killed by Israeli fire.

Israel says the ongoing violence is fueled by a campaign of incitement by Palestinian leaders that is compounded on social media sites that glorify attacks. Palestinians say it stems from frustration at nearly five decades of Israeli rule and dwindling hopes for gaining independence.

Also Sunday, a watchdog group said Israel began building 1,800 new settlement homes in the West Bank in 2015.

Peace Now, a dovish Israeli group that tracks settlement construction, said most of the building has taken place in isolated settlements in areas of the West Bank that Israel would likely evacuate in the event of a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

Israel captured the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Mideast War and built settlements there. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, but nearly 600,000 Israeli settlers remain in east Jerusalem and the West Bank.

The Palestinians claim these areas as parts of a future state, a position that has wide global support. They view Israeli settlement construction as a major obstacle to resolving the conflict.

Congo opposition member arrested before strike, is released

SALEH MWANAMILONGO, Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — A Congolese opposition leader who was arrested Sunday before a planned strike this week has been released, the government's spokesman said.

Martin Fayulu, an opposition parliamentary member for the Engagement for Citizenship and Development political party, was arrested for incitement to disorder, government spokesman Lambert Mende said. Fayulu, however, is a national deputy so he has immunity and can't be held, Mende said.

The party confirmed Fayulu had been released and was at home.

The opposition has called for citizens to stay at home on Tuesday to demand that elections be held within the constitutional deadline.

"We have no reaction to this, but we know only that it is a working day," Mende said.

Presidential elections are slated for November. The electoral commission on Wednesday said gubernatorial elections will be held March 26.

The opposition is worried President Joseph Kabila, who has been in power since 2001 and is meant to leave office in December, will upset the election timeline to stay in power. He is barred by the constitution from seeking a third term.

Mass protests erupted last year against proposed changes to the electoral law, widely seen as a ploy to prolong Kabila's rule. More than 40 people were killed when security forces cracked down on those demonstrations, Human Rights Watch said.

The revision was scrapped, but Kabila's opponents still suspect the president may try to stay on beyond his mandate by delaying next year's vote. He hasn't said directly what his plans are.

Congo has never had a peaceful transfer of power in its 55 years of independence.

Pope warns against devil in visit to violence-wracked Mexico

NICOLE WINFIELD, Associated Press

JACOBO GARCIA, Associated Press

ECATEPEC, Mexico (AP) — Pope Francis urged Mexicans to shun the devil and resist the temptations of wealth and corruption Sunday as he celebrated a huge open-air Mass for more than 300,000 people in this drug- and violence-riddled city on the outskirts of Mexico's capital.

"Let us get it into our heads: With the devil, there is no dialogue," he said at the biggest scheduled event of his five-day visit to Mexico.

Francis brought a message of encouragement on the second full day of his trip to residents of Ecatepec, a poverty-stricken Mexico City suburb of some 1.6 million people where drug violence, kidnappings and gangland-style killings, particularly of women, are a fact of life.

"He's coming to Ecatepec because we need him here," said Ignacia Godinez, a 56-year-old homemaker. "Kidnappings, robberies and drugs have all increased, and he is bringing comfort. His message will reach those who need it so that people know we, the good people, outnumber the bad."

In a clear reference to the drug lords who hold sway in the city's sprawling expanses of cinderblock slums, Francis focused his homily on the danger posed by the devil.

"Only the power of the word of God can defeat him," the pope said.

In a final prayer, he urged Mexicans to make their country into a land of opportunity, not a place where young people are "destroyed at the hands of the dealers of death."

The faithful lined the pope's motorcade route to the huge field where the Mass took place, tossing flower petals as he passed by and cheering with pom-poms in the yellow and white of the Vatican flag.

Vendors sold T-shirts, plates with Francis' image on them, pins, bandanas and cardboard-cutout figures of the pope.

An estimated 100,000 people have been killed and 27,000 have disappeared in gangland violence since President Enrique Pena Nieto's predecessor launched an offensive against drug cartels shortly after taking office in late 2006.

At least 1,554 women have vanished in Mexico State since 2005, according to the National Observatory

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on Femicide, and last year the government issued an alert over the killings of women in Ecatepec and other parts of the state.

Nevertheless, women who came to see Francis said they felt safe, thanks in part to the huge security presence. The government assigned more than 10,000 police, soldiers and members of the presidential guard to protect the motorcade and Mass.

"I'm protected by my faith and the joy of seeing the pope up close," said Graciela Elizalde, 35, who arrived at the field Saturday evening and spent the night on the street, "and the thugs know that we the good people have come out to take the streets."

She added: "The pope is not going to change things, but at least he will touch the hearts of those who do harm and are trying to destroy the country. He is the 'messenger of peace' because that's exactly what Mexico needs, not just Ecatepec."

Maria de la Luz Estrada, coordinator of the National Observatory on Femicide, expressed disappointment that the pope did not discuss discrimination against women or deliver a "message of solidarity with the families of the victims of femicide and disappearances."

Conchita Tellez, 65, from the border city of Mexicali, held out hope that Francis can help ease the troubled soul of the country.

"The pope comes to Mexico at a very ugly moment," Tellez said, "and he comes to pray for us and for all those who lost hope and have submerged the country in blood and violence."

Francis' grueling schedule seemed to be taking a toll on him on Saturday, when the 79-year-old pontiff appeared to nod off at an evening Mass and also lost his balance and fell into a chair set up for him. He appeared much livelier Sunday, beaming and waving at the crowds along his route.

Francis' schedule Sunday included three popemobile motorcades and a visit to a pediatric hospital.

"The poor and the working people are here, and this pope prefers to talk to the humble," 62-year-old Petra Arqueta said.

Big 'Deadpool' debut annihilates 'Fifty Shades' record, more

LINDSEY BAHR, AP Film Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The R-rated "Deadpool" has taken the box office by storm, annihilating records with an eye-popping \$135 million from its first three days in U.S. theaters, according to comScore estimates Sunday.

The Fox film, which stars Ryan Reynolds as the foul-mouthed superhero, easily trounced last year's record-setting \$85.2 million February debut of the erotic drama "Fifty Shades of Grey." It also became the biggest R-rated opening ever, surpassing "The Matrix Reloaded," which opened to \$91.8 million in May of 2003.

Analysts are predicting that the Tim Miller-directed film, which cost a mere \$58 million to produce, could go on to make \$150 million by the end of the holiday weekend. As recently as Thursday, "Deadpool" was expected to pull in only \$80 million across the three days, but the Marvel comic, often a best-seller, proved its popular appeal and then some — and it didn't have to compromise with a PG-13 rating either.

"This movie is the very definition of an expectation-buster. Nobody saw this coming," said Paul Dergarabedian, comScore's senior media analyst. "It doesn't feel like a cookie-cutter superhero movie. It feels like something unique. You've got to sometimes take risks and go against conventional wisdom to come out a winner."

IMAX screens accounted for an estimated \$16.8 million of "Deadpool's" total. The film, notably, was not released in 3D.

"Deadpool" also had a massive showing internationally, bringing in an estimated \$125 million from 62 territories for a \$260 million global total.

The debut is also a bit of a superhero redemption story for Reynolds whose costly "Green Lantern" adaptation disappointed audiences and at the box office in 2011.

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Coming in a distant second was last weekend's No. 1 film "Kung Fu Panda 3" with \$19.7 million, which fell only 7 percent. The DreamWorks Animation film has earned \$93.9 million in just three weeks in theaters.

In third place, the R-rated Dakota Johnson and Rebel Wilson rom-com "How to Be Single" didn't make any big waves with its \$18.8 million out of the gates. The Warner Bros. film cost \$38 million to produce and provided some counter programming to the hyper violent "Deadpool."

The dimly reviewed Ben Stiller comedy "Zoolander 2," meanwhile, debuted in fourth place to only \$15.7 million. The Paramount film, which Stiller directed, cost around \$50 million to make. The first film, "Zoolander," opened in 2001, just weeks after the Sept. 11 attacks, to a meek \$15.5 million and went on to gross only \$45.2 million in North America. It found a second life on home video, though and has become a quotable cultural staple. Audiences seem less enthusiastic this time around, though.

Dergarabedian thinks that both "How to Be Single" and "Zoolander 2" could see a healthy uptick from the Valentine's Day crowd Sunday.

But overall, the box office is healthy, up an estimated 3.2 percent from last year and it's all thanks to the snarky, fourth-wall-busting "Deadpool" and its historic debut.

"These are summer numbers," Dergarabedian said. "It's summer in February."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

1. "Deadpool," \$135 million (\$125 million international).
2. "Kung Fu Panda 3," \$19.7 million (\$14.6 million international).
3. "How to Be Single," \$18.8 million (\$8.1 million international).
4. "Zoolander 2," \$15.7 million (\$8.5 million international).
5. "The Revenant," \$6.9 million (\$14 million international).
6. "Hail, Caesar!," \$6.6 million.
7. "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," \$6.2 million (\$4.3 million international).
8. "The Choice," \$5.3 million (\$600,000 international).
9. "Ride Along 2," \$4.1 million (\$1.5 million international).
10. "The Boy," \$2.9 million (\$1.3 million international).

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Deadpool," \$125 million.
2. "Mei Ren Yu (The Mermaid)," \$109 million.
3. "The Monkey King 2," \$38 million.
4. "From Vegas to Macau III," \$36 million.
5. "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip," \$15.3 million.
6. "Kung Fu Panda 3," \$14.6 million.
7. "The Revenant," \$14 million.
8. "A Violent Prosecutor," \$11 million.
9. "Zoolander 2," \$8.5 million.
10. "How to Be Single," \$8.1 million.

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Supreme Court vacancy is tangible test for 2016 candidates

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JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — The presidential election just got real.

The unexpected death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia — and the immediate declaration from Republicans that the next president should nominate his replacement — adds even more weight to the decision voters will make in November's general election.

For months, the candidates have espoused theoretical, sometimes vague, policy proposals. Now, the prospect of President Barack Obama's successor nominating a Supreme Court justice immediately after taking office offers a more tangible way for voters to evaluate the contenders.

Candidates in both parties moved quickly to reframe the election as a referendum on the high court's future.

"Two branches of government hang in the balance, not just the presidency, but the Supreme Court," Texas Sen. Ted Cruz said in the latest GOP debate, held in South Carolina just hours after word filtered out Saturday about Scalia's death in Texas. "If we get this wrong, if we nominate the wrong candidate, the Second Amendment, life, marriage, religious liberty, every one of those hangs in the balance."

Democratic Hillary Clinton painted a similarly stark scenario.

"If any of us needed a reminder of just how important it is to take back the United States Senate and hold onto the White House, just look at the Supreme Court," Clinton said.

Clinton has said she would have "a bunch of litmus tests" for potential nominees, including a belief that the Citizens United ruling clearing the way for super political action committees and unlimited campaign contributions should be overturned. She also said the court's makeup is crucial to preserving abortion rights and the legality of gay marriage nationwide.

Bernie Sanders, who is challenging Clinton for the Democratic nomination, has raised opposition to Citizens United as a requirement for any Supreme Court nominees.

Scalia, a hero of conservatives during his nearly 30 years on the Supreme Court, was found dead Saturday at a resort ranch in Texas. The court now is divided between four liberal and four typically conservative justices, putting the ideological tilt up for grabs.

Obama pledged to nominate a replacement in "due time," even after Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said that responsibility should fall to the winner of the 2016 election.

Obama could try to ram a nominee through the Senate this year, taking a high court vacancy off the next president's immediate to-do list. Even if that were to happen, a confirmation vote probably would be months away, leaving the Supreme Court in the center of the campaign during the nomination process.

With three other justices over the age of 75, the next president could have other vacancies during his or her tenure, even if Obama fills Scalia's seat.

It's unclear how the new focus on the Supreme Court might affect voters' decisions in an election that has seen surprising and unconventional candidates such as Donald Trump and Sanders challenge their parties' establishments.

Previous political thunderbolts that were supposed to push voters toward more traditional candidates, such as last fall's terrorist attacks in Paris and California, passed without any negative impact on Trump and Sanders. In fact, Sanders has strengthened since then, with the economic-focused Vermont senator handily defeating Clinton in the New Hampshire primary and finishing a close second in the Iowa caucuses.

Trying to counter Sanders' momentum, Clinton has urged voters to consider which candidate is most electable in November. With the balance of the Supreme Court now potentially on the line, Clinton and her allies are certain to increase their warnings about the risk of sending a self-declared democratic socialist to face a Republican in the fall.

"For any Democrat thinking about casting a protest vote for Sen. Sanders, this should serve as a wake-up call for what's exactly at stake," said Jim Manley, a former aide to top Democratic senators.

Among Republicans, Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush and John Kasich are casting themselves as candidates who could appeal to swing voters in the general election and put the GOP in position to guide the next court nominations. But that could open them up to questions from Republican primary voters about the ideological purity of their judicial choices.

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Cruz is using the potential vacancy to build on his long-standing argument that Republicans should select a nominee with the most conservative credentials. An uncompromising conservative since arriving in the Senate, Cruz vowed to put "principled constitutionalists" on the Supreme Court. He contends Trump could not be trusted to do the same.

"Donald Trump is president, he will appoint liberals," said Cruz, noting the billionaire's past support for Democratic politicians.

Trump was alone among the candidates in naming specific justices he would consider nominating. He singled out Diane Sykes and William Pryor, federal judges appointed by former President George W. Bush.

During Saturday's debate, Kasich bemoaned that Washington and presidential candidates had "run so fast into politics" following Scalia's death.

But if anything, the speed at which politics did take over portends a furious fight to come over which candidate gets to put his or her imprint on the court.

Northeast wakes up to record cold for Valentine's Day

VERENA DOBNIK, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For much of the northeast United States, Valentine's Day was the coldest on record, with people bundling up for the not-so-warm embrace of teeth-chattering temperatures.

From New York and Boston to Providence, Rhode Island and Hartford, Connecticut, temperatures on Sunday morning dipped to as low as minus-40 — on Mount Washington in New Hampshire.

The National Weather Service said the temperature in New York City's Central Park fell to minus-1, a record low for the date. The last time it was below zero in Central Park was in January 1994.

"I'm dumb enough to do this," exclaimed John Male before starting a 12-mile park run on Sunday morning with two companions.

"I just always come out and I just decided not to do anything differently" — except to wear a furry tiger hat with two tails over his normal headgear, in addition to four layers of clothing.

His running partner also was wearing a tiger hat on top of the balaklava that covered her face — except the eyes.

"It's zero degrees and feels like negative 19; I'm going to sue him for personal injury after this," joked Molly Manning, a Manhattan attorney. "I'm here because they peer-pressured me to come out today. They basically made me feel like I was a wimp unless I came out."

Boston reached minus-9, breaking the record set in 1934 by 6 degrees. It reached minus-16 in Worcester, Massachusetts, breaking the 1979 record of 11 below zero. Providence hit minus-9 and Hartford minus-12, also breaking records from 1979.

In Montpelier, Vermont, the overnight temperature hit minus-19, tying a record set in 2003. And South Lincoln, Vermont, recorded 27 below zero.

Temperatures were so low in some spots they knocked out utilities. A frozen regulator left about 400 customers in Connecticut without natural gas service and officials believe extreme cold in Vermont broke a utility pole, knocking out service to about 1,500.

An emergency generator didn't kick in for Sheffield Selectboard Chairman Walter Smith, who said he lost a greenhouse full of about 500 orchids.

"I've got it working now but it's too late," he said.

The cold kept many people inside. In a New Jersey bagel shop that's usually brimming with customers on Sunday mornings, Joe Weir was among a small handful of people who sat drinking coffee.

"I just came from a church service, and it definitely wasn't as packed as it usually is," the 60-year-old Toms River man said. "We have a lot of elderly parishioners, and when the weather gets bad or real cold like this, a lot of them choose to stay in and watch a Mass on TV instead of going to church. Can't say I blame them."

Temperatures were expected to climb before a winter storm already bringing snow to the Midwest moves into the region.

The storm was expected to bring 5 inches of snow to parts of Kentucky and up to 6 inches to parts of Tennessee before turning to rain.

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West Virginia could see up to 9 inches of snow from the storm before it heads into the warming northeast. The National Weather Service said up to 3 inches of snow was possible in Philadelphia and 2 inches in New York on Washington's Birthday.

Central African Republic voters seek leader to end chaos

KRISTA LARSON, Associated Press

BANGUI, Central African Republic (AP) — Central African Republic went ahead with a presidential runoff vote Sunday that many hope will solidify a tentative peace after more than two years of sectarian fighting left untold thousands dead and forced nearly 500,000 people to flee to neighboring countries.

Armored U.N. personnel carriers roamed the streets of the capital, Bangui, as residents headed to the polls on foot and by motorcycle not long after sunrise. Some 2,000 U.N. peacekeepers are deployed in the capital while 8,000 others are trying to secure the vote in the largely anarchic provinces.

Sunday's vote was absent the gunfire heard during earlier balloting, though many complained their names weren't on the list at their polling station while others were turned away for lack of photo identification.

Residents set aside painful memories of the chaos that intensified in late 2013 when Christian militia fighters known as the anti-Balaka attacked Bangui, unleashing cycles of retaliatory violence with mostly Muslim Seleka fighters. At the height of the violence, Muslim civilians bore the wrath of vengeance-seeking mobs that killed and dismembered victims in the streets.

The conflict at the time was a political dispute over who would lead Central African Republic, but it divided communities among religious fault lines: Hundreds of mosques and churches were destroyed, interreligious marriages unraveled. A new spasm of violence late last year effectively barricaded most of Bangui's remaining Muslims inside the PK5 neighborhood for several months, while scores of homes were razed in the Christian neighborhoods surrounding the enclave.

On Sunday, voters chose between two former prime ministers — both Christians promising to unite the country and bring the peace people here desperately want. Front-runner Anicet Georges Dologuele received about 24 percent in the first round and also was endorsed by the third-place finisher. However, Faustin Archange Touadera has strong grassroots support after placing second in the December ballot.

Whoever wins will face the enormous task of trying to exert their authority throughout a country where heavily armed rebel groups still control large swaths of territory. The next president also will be tasked with stamping out the impunity that has long existed in Central African Republic, a country where more presidents have come to power through coups than democratic elections since independence from France in 1960.

"Everything has a beginning and an end," said Noel Poutou, 74, a lifelong resident of the PK5 neighborhood, dressed in a deep green traditional Muslim tunic and white prayer hat. "For me, this is the end of the crisis. Everyone here has lost loved ones and friends. I ask God to bring peace so that people can forget and become a family here again."

A period of relative calm has taken hold in the months since the November visit of Pope Francis who pushed aside suggestions it was too dangerous to visit Central African Republic. The pope set an example for many, residents said, by coming to PK5 to meet with Muslim community leaders even as peacekeepers manned sniper points from the minarets in case the pope's entourage came under attack.

Sunday's vote, which was delayed several times, is designed to bring an end to the transitional government set up two years ago. Its formation was the culmination of a chaotic period during which the last elected president was overthrown by rebels, then the rebel leader forced to step aside as his fighters carried out atrocities against civilians.

Nearly 1 million people have been forced from their homes — about half of whom are in neighboring Cameroon, Chad and Congo. Tens of thousands were casting ballots in refugee camps there on Sunday, officials said.

Junior Yangangoussou, 30, a finance administrator in Bangui, acknowledges it's a delicate situation. While voting day was smooth, things may become tense once the ballots are counted, he says.

"We are somewhat afraid of the results, and we are praying to God for peace," he said. "The country

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has not been disarmed. Weapons are everywhere in every district of Central African Republic.”

On Sunday, security was especially tight in PK5, where U.N. peacekeepers used portable metal detectors to search voters for weapons at polling stations. Tensions ran high as one polling station began to close, with dozens there saying they hadn't found their names on the voting list. Marguerite Yagoda, 80, had showed up at 4 a.m. and tried to make her case to a Rwandan peacekeeper as the station started to close.

“I was born here; I've lived my whole life here. It's my right to vote,” she said, adding that she hadn't had anything to eat or drink all day as she waited. “This hurts my heart.”

Among those who were able to cast ballots Sunday was Abduraman Hamaqiko, who left the Muslim enclave this past week for the first time since late 2013. His life has been shattered by the violence — his 12-year-old son was slain by Christian militia fighters in 2013 and then decapitated. His remains were never found.

Hamaqiko's wife, a Christian who had converted to Islam, left him and their five surviving children amid the fighting, their youngest daughter only 3 at the time. The 44-year-old used to be a bus driver, but now ekes out a living selling water. Still, things are improving in the neighborhood, and Sunday's election brings more optimism, he said.

“Today's vote was calm, and we are all hoping that there will be a lasting peace,” he said. “Now we must await the results.”

Feds seek borehole test for potential hot nuke waste burial

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LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — The federal government plans to spend \$80 million assessing whether its hottest nuclear waste can be stored in 3-mile-deep holes, a project that could provide an alternative strategy to a Nevada repository plan that was halted in 2010.

The five-year borehole project was tentatively slated to start later this year on state-owned land in rural North Dakota, but it has already been met with opposition from state and local leaders who want more time to review whether the plan poses any public danger.

“It should be a statewide decision,” said Jeff Zent, spokesman for North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple, adding that a resolution from state legislators is a possibility.

The Department of Energy wants to conduct its work just south of the Canadian border on 20 acres near Rugby, North Dakota — in part because it's in a rural area not prone to earthquakes — but is prepared to look elsewhere if a deal can't be reached. Some sites in West Texas and New Mexico have expressed interest in becoming interim sites for above-ground nuclear waste storage, but it's not clear if they would be considered for borehole technology.

Project leaders say the research will require months of drilling deep into the earth but will not involve any nuclear waste. Instead, dummy canisters without radioactive material would be used in the project's third and final phase.

“It's to confirm the viability and concept,” said Robert J. MacKinnon, a technical manager on the project at DOE's Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The research team will look at deep rock to check its water permeability, stability, geothermal characteristics and seismic activity — a central concern with burying the hot radioactive waste deep underground.

If nearby earthquakes occur, the crystalline rock could slip and allow for water and radioactive material to migrate away from the site, said Stephen Hickman, director of the U.S. Geological Survey's Earthquake Science Center.

Rugby site has very little seismic activity, he said.

If the technology proves successful and the government moves forward with deep borehole disposal, there must be no fracking-related injection wells in the vicinity.

North Dakota was one of the country's hot spots for fracking before the price of oil began to drop. Most of the fracking occurred in the state's western half, and there is no fracking done within about 75 miles of the project site near Rugby, which is in the eastern half of the state.

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"That would also create a problem," Hickman said of the injection wells, which some research has linked to seismic activity.

Currently, high-level radioactive waste — both from government sources and utilities' nuclear power plants — is without a final burial site. The waste at power plants is stored on site in pools of water or in heavily fortified casks, while the government's waste remains at its research labs.

The Department of Energy said even if deep borehole disposal were to be greenlit and become reality, it would still want to construct a traditional geologic repository that could replace the proposed Yucca Mountain site.

But the 16,000-foot-deep boreholes could be used for high-level radioactive waste from the department's decades of nuclear work originally slated to go to Yucca, including nearly 2,000 canisters of cesium and strontium now being stored in water at the department's Hanford Site in Washington state.

An independent federal oversight agency charged with examining how nuclear waste is handled has concerns the project will distract the department from pursuing another project similar to Yucca.

And state and local officials aren't gung-ho about the \$35 million borehole project's first phase being in their backyard.

Duane Johnston is on the Pierce County Commission. He said he doesn't entirely trust the government. "Sure it's an experimental, we know that," Johnston said. "But it could be suitable for nuclear waste. That's what bothers us. You never know about the government."

Earlier this month, Pierce County officials discussed the issue with the governor and state attorney general, with the county commission ultimately placing a moratorium on the project. The commission says it and the county's planning board must agree before the freeze is lifted.

The county is holding a public hearing Tuesday in Rugby, a community of about 3,000 people 15 miles north of the site.

DOE spokesman Bartlett Jackson said options for alternative locations would be explored if the Rugby site isn't available.

GOP candidates joust over foreign policy, immigration

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GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Republican presidential candidates jostled over immigration and foreign policy in a raucous debate that was shaken by the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia hours before they took the stage.

Scalia's death thrust the future of the high court into the center of a heated presidential campaign. In their debate Saturday night, the GOP candidates insisted that President Barack Obama step aside and let his successor nominate Scalia's replacement instead, a position the White House vigorously opposed.

Among the contenders, only Jeb Bush said Obama had "every right" to nominate a justice during his final year in office. The former Florida governor said the presidency must be a strong office — though he added that he didn't expect Obama to pick a candidate who could win consensus support.

The five other candidates on the stage urged the Republican-led Senate to block any attempts by the president to get his third nominee on the court.

"It's up to Mitch McConnell and everybody else to stop it," Donald Trump said. "It's called delay, delay, delay."

A debate that began with a moment of silence for Scalia devolved quickly into fighting between Trump and Bush, then between Trump and Cruz. The exchanges highlighted the bad blood between the billionaire businessman and his rivals as the race turns to South Carolina, a state known for rough-and-tumble politics, where the next Republican primary will take place in one week.

Trump, repeatedly interrupting his rivals, lashed out at Cruz after the Texas senator challenged his conservative credentials, calling him the "single-biggest liar" and a "nasty guy." The real estate mogul also accused Bush of lying about Trump's business record and said Bush's brother — former President George W. Bush — lied to the public about the Iraq war.

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Bush, who has been among the most aggressive Republican candidates in taking on Trump, said that while he didn't mind the businessman criticizing him — "It's blood sport for him" — he was "sick and tired of him going after my family."

Trump was jeered lustily by the audience in Greenville, South Carolina, a state where the Bush family is popular with Republicans. George W. Bush plans to campaign with his brother in Charleston Monday, making his first public foray into the 2016 race.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich sought to inject the election's high stakes into the discussion in the midst of the fiery exchanges between his competitors.

"I think we're fixing to lose the election to Hillary Clinton if we don't stop this," Kasich said.

The governor's warnings did little to deter his feisty colleagues.

Cruz and Sen. Marco Rubio also revived their fight over immigration, with the Texas senator haranguing his Florida counterpart for sponsoring failed legislation that would have created a pathway to citizenship for many of those in the United States illegally. Cruz also accused Rubio of taking a more moderate approach when speaking to Spanish-language media in an attempt to appeal to Hispanics.

"I don't know how he knows what I said on Univision — he doesn't speak Spanish," Rubio shot back.

Rubio entered the debate under immense pressure following his disappointing fifth-place finish in the New Hampshire primary. He stumbled badly in a debate days before that vote.

Rubio appeared more fluid in Saturday's contest, including during a robust defense of his proposed 25 percent corporate tax rate — which is not as much of a tax cut as many of his rivals are pitching. Rubio said his idea would leave enough revenue in the federal budget to triple the child tax credit for working families with children.

Just six contenders took the debate stage, far from the long line of candidates who participated in earlier GOP events. Yet the Republican race remains deeply uncertain, with party elites still hoping that one of the more mainstream candidates will rise up to challenge Trump and Cruz. Many GOP leaders believe both would be unelectable in November.

Scalia's sudden death — and the chance to replace him — could serve as a reminder for voters of the consequences of elections.

Cruz cast the moment in stark terms, saying allowing another Obama nominee to be approved would amount to Republicans giving up control of the Supreme Court for a generation.

"One of the most important judgments for the men and women of South Carolina to make is who on this stage has the background, the principle, the character, the judgment and the strength of resolve to nominate and confirm principled constitutionalists to the court," Cruz said.

Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson is fighting to stay in the mix in South Carolina. He was overshadowed in the debate by his more aggressive rivals but lined up with most of the field in saying he agreed Republicans should not allow a Supreme Court justice to be appointed during Obama's final year in office.

Bush and Kasich both see an opening in South Carolina after Rubio's stumbles.

Kasich defended himself against attacks on his conservative credentials, particularly his decision to expand Medicaid in Ohio despite resistance from his GOP-led Legislature. Kasich argued that his decision was a good deal for the state in the long run.

"We want everyone to rise and we will make them personally responsible for the help they get," said Kasich, whose fledgling campaign gained new life after a second-place finish in the New Hampshire primary.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2016. There are 321 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 14, 1849, President James K. Polk became the first U.S. chief executive to be photographed while in office as he posed for Matthew Brady in New York City.

On this date:

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In 1778, the American ship Ranger carried the recently adopted Stars and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1895, Oscar Wilde's final play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," opened at the St. James's Theatre in London.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union as President William Howard Taft signed a proclamation.

In 1924, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. of New York was formally renamed International Business Machines Corp., or IBM.

In 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

In 1941, the Carson McCullers novel "Reflections in a Golden Eye," previously serialized, was published in book form by Houghton Mifflin.

In 1946, the film noir "Gilda," starring Rita Hayworth, was released by Columbia Pictures.

In 1962, first lady Jacqueline Kennedy conducted a televised tour of the White House in a videotaped special that was broadcast on CBS and NBC (and several nights later on ABC).

In 1975, Anglo-American author P.G. Wodehouse, 93, died in Southampton, New York.

In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

Ten years ago: Attorney Harry Whittington, who was accidentally shot by Vice President Dick Cheney, suffered a mild heart attack when a shotgun pellet traveled to his heart, but he recovered. Iran said it had resumed uranium enrichment; Russia and France immediately called on Iran to halt its work. At Turin, American Ted Ligety won Olympic gold in men's combined skiing, while Bode Miller was disqualified for straddling a gate.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama unveiled a \$3.7 trillion budget plan that would freeze or reduce some safety-net programs for the nation's poor but turn aside Republican demands for more drastic cuts to shrink the government to where it was before he took office. Protesters took to the streets in Iran, Bahrain and Yemen, inspired by the popular uprising in Egypt that brought down President Hosni Mubarak. The TV game show "Jeopardy!" began airing the first of three episodes pitting human players Brad Rutter and Ken Jennings against an IBM computer named "Watson." (Watson ended up winning with a cumulative total of \$77,147 versus \$24,000 for Jennings and \$21,600 for Rutter.)

One year ago: A Danish gunman attacked a free-speech seminar and a synagogue in Copenhagen, killing two people; the shooter was later slain by a special police team. Actor Louis Jourdan, 93, died in Beverly Hills, California. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Philip Levine, 87, died in Fresno, California.

Today's Birthdays: TV personality Hugh Downs is 95. Actress-singer Florence Henderson is 82. Actor Andrew Prine is 80. Country singer Razy Bailey is 77. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is 74. Jazz musician Maceo Parker is 73. Movie director Alan Parker is 72. Journalist Carl Bernstein is 72. Former Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., is 69. TV personality Pat O'Brien is 68. Magician Teller (Penn and Teller) is 68. Cajun singer-musician Michael Doucet (doo-SAY') (Beausoleil) is 65. Actor Ken Wahl is 59. Opera singer Renee Fleming is 57. Actress Meg Tilly is 56. Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Kelly is 56. Singer-producer Dwayne Wiggins is 55. Actress Sakina Jaffey is 54. Actor Enrico Colantoni is 53. Actor Zach Galligan is 52. Actor Valente Rodriguez is 52. Rock musician Ricky Wolking (The Nixons) is 50. Tennis player Manuela Maleeva is 49. Actor Simon Pegg is 46. Rock musician Kevin Baldes (Lit) is 44. Rock singer Rob Thomas (Matchbox Twenty) is 44. Actor Matt Barr is 32. Actor Jake Lacy is 30. Actress Tiffany Thornton is 30. Actor Freddie Highmore is 24.

Thought for Today: "We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love." — R.D. Laing, Scottish psychiatrist (1927-1989).