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CDE at Redfield

State Debate in Aberdeen

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

School Lunch: Shrimp poppers, mixed vegetables, lettuce, fruit.

Senior Menu: Lemon baked fish, rice pilaf, California blend vegetables, peach crisp, whole wheat bread.

Birthdays: Christina Zoellner, Kale Pharis, Kay Brandt

Saturday, March 5

State Debate in Aberdeen

Birthdays: Chance Strom, Linda Locken

8:00am: Region DI in Groton

4:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran 5th graders and parents meet

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

Sunday, March 6

Birthday: Stacey Bonn

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School and Confirmation

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship with communion.

9:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship

10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church

10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School

10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

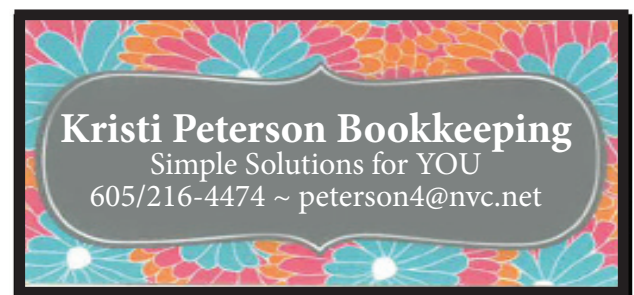
3:00pm: 3 pm: (Open Gym for JK-8th for 6-12 from 5-7)

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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Service Notice: Amanda Paggett

Groton, SD-Memorial service for Amanda Katherine Paggett, 34, of Groton will be 10:30 am, Monday, March 7, 2016 at First United Methodist Church in Aberdeen.

Inurnment will be in Riverside Memorial Park.

There will be a prayer service Sunday at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Amanda died Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at her home.

Carlsen Funeral Home and Crematory of Aberdeen has been entrusted with arrangements.

Groton Coffee Cup

Team Standings: Jungle Lanes 32, James Valley 23 1/2, Ten Pins 17 1/2, Kens 15

High Games: Joyce Walter 191, 159; Joyce Sanderson 168; Jan Raap 157

High Series: Joyce Walter 491, Joyce Sanderson 471, Arlowyn Spencer 437

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!

Cavaliers stop Tigers in region semifinals



Hunter Lerew goes in for two points. (Photo by Jeslyn Kosel)

Aberdeen Roncalli jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never allowed Groton to back in the game as the Cavaliers advanced to the Region 1A championship game with a 57-45 win. Sisseton defeated Britton-Hecla in the first game, 51-46, as the Redmen and the Cavaliers will battle it out for the championship game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at the Groton Area Arena.

The Cavaliers led at the quarterstops at 20-11, 35-21 and 45-26. Groton made 22 of its 45 points from the free throw line, making 22 of 29 free throws for 75 percent off of Roncalli's 24 team fouls. Groton had 17 team fouls which allowed the Cavaliers to make 13 of 18 free throws for 72 percent. Cold shooting by the Tigers did not help as Groton made 25 percent of its field goals in the first quarter, 33 percent in the second quarter, 8 percent in the third quarter and 38 percent in the fourth quarter. The Cavaliers made 63 percent in the first quarter, 36 percent in the second quarter, 25 percent in the third quarter and 50 percent in the fourth quarter.

Bennett Shabazz led the Tigers with 18 points followed by Seric Shabazz with 11, Sean Schuring and Hunter Lerew each had five, Adam herman four and Brandon Keith had two points. Gus Reede led the Cavaliers with 25 points followed by Connor Deutsch with seven, Logan Karst and Brady Morgan each had five, Conner Fiedler, Bronson Heier and Braden Sommers each had four and Sam Van Orman added three points. Lerew of Groton and Van Orman of Roncalli fouled out.

Groton finishes its season with a 13-9 record while Roncalli goes to 14-8.

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Left photo features Bennett Shabazz who led the Tigers with 18 points. The photo above featured the Jerick Hanson as the Tiger Mascot for the last time at GHS. Hanson will be graduating this spring. (Photos by Jeslyn Kosel)

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Region 1A Boys Basketball Tournament

#1 Sisseton

Score: **51**

Date: Thursday, March 3rd
Time: 6pm
Site: Groton Area HS

Sisseton

Score:

#4 Britton-Hecla

Score: **56**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 20 Min. after 2nd game
Site: Groton Area HS

Score: **46**

Britton-Hecla

Score: **46**

#5 Tiospa Zina

Date: Tuesday, March 8th
Time: 7pm
Site: Groton Area HS

CHAMPION

State Qualifier

#3 Groton Area

Score: **70**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 20 Min. after 1st game
Site: Groton Area HS

Groton Area

Score: **45**

Score: **55**

#6 Webster Area

Date: Thursday, March 3rd
Time: 20 Min. after 1st game
Site: Groton Area HS

Score: **Roncalli**

#2 Aberdeen Roncalli

Score: **69**

Date: Monday, Feb. 29th
Time: 4:30pm
Site: Groton Area HS

Score: **57**

Roncalli

Score: **30**

#7 Milbank Area

Region 1	Seed Points	W-L
Sisseton	43.30	15-5
Aberdeen Roncalli	42.80	12-8
Groton Area	41.40	12-8
Britton-Hecla	40.60	10-10
Tiospa Zina	39.75	9-11
Webster Area	38.90	8-12
Milbank Area	38.30	5-15

Follow the Tigers on

gdilive.com

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Today in Weather History

March 4, 1994: Two to five inches of snow fell across northeast and part of central South Dakota from the 3rd into the 4th. This new snowfall, combined with the already deep and expansive snowpack and winds of 20 to 40 mph, brought widespread blowing and drifting snow. Visibilities were reduced to near zero at times, making travel treacherous. Many roads were blocked by snowdrifts. Many schools, as well as several roads, were closed. Several vehicles became stuck and had to be pulled out. Some snowfall amounts included 4 inches at Clear Lake, Britton, Waubay, and Wilmot; and 5 inches at Onida, Blunt, Highmore, Miller, and Milbank.

1873: The inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant remains Washington, DC's, record cold March day. The low was 4 degrees, and by noon with sunshine, the temperature was 16 degrees. Wind chills were around 30 degrees below zero. The 40 mph winds made his inaugural address inaudible to most on the platform with him.

1899: Cyclone Mahina, aka "The Bathurst Bay Hurricane" in Australia was credited with having produced the highest storm surge on record in the world. The cyclone, with an estimated central pressure of 911 millibars or 26.90 inches of mercury caused a 42.6 foot surge when it came ashore on the coast of northern Australia. The storm killed as many as 400 people and is currently Australia's deadliest cyclone.

1983: Brownsville, Texas recorded a high of 100 degrees, the earliest the city has ever hit the century mark.

1909 - Though fair weather was forecast, President Taft was inaugurated amidst a furious storm. About ten inches of wet snow disrupted travel and communications. The storm drew much criticism against the U.S. Weather Bureau. (David Ludlum)

1953 - Snow was reported on the island of Oahu in Hawaii. (The Weather Channel)

1966 - A severe blizzard raged across Minnesota and North Dakota. The blizzard lasted four days producing up to 35 inches of snow, and wind gusting to 100 mph produced snow drifts 30 to 40 feet high. Bismarck ND reported zero visibility for 11 hours. Traffic was paralyzed for three days. (2nd-5th) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Rain and high winds prevailed in the northwestern U.S. A wind gust to 69 mph at Klamath Falls OR was their highest in 25 years, and winds at the Ashland Ranger Station in the Siskiyou Mountains of northern California reached 85 mph. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Snow and freezing rain made travel hazardous in Ohio and Indiana. A six car pile-up resulted near Columbus OH, with seven injuries reported. Up to two inches of ice glazed central Indiana. Up to ten inches of snow blanketed northern Ohio. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Lower Mississippi Valley. A strong (F-3) tornado injured five persons near Brownsville MS, and killed seven cows and two hogs in one pasture. Thunderstorm winds gusted to 90 mph at Canton MS. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



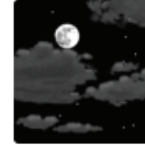
1990 - A Pacific cold front working its way across the western U.S. produced heavy snow over parts of Idaho, Nevada and Utah. Up to eleven inches of snow blanketed the valleys of northwest Utah, while 12 to 25 inches fell across the mountains of northern Utah. Up to six inches of snow blanketed the valleys of east central Nevada, while more than a foot of snow was reported in the high elevations. In Idaho, 6 to 8 inches of snow was reported around Aberdeen and American Falls. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2004 - An F0 tornado 2 miles north of Muldrow breaks a record stretch of days without a reported tornado, 292 days.

2008 - Only two days after reaching 78 degrees, St. Louis receives nearly a foot of snow in seven hours, the biggest snowstorm in 15 years.

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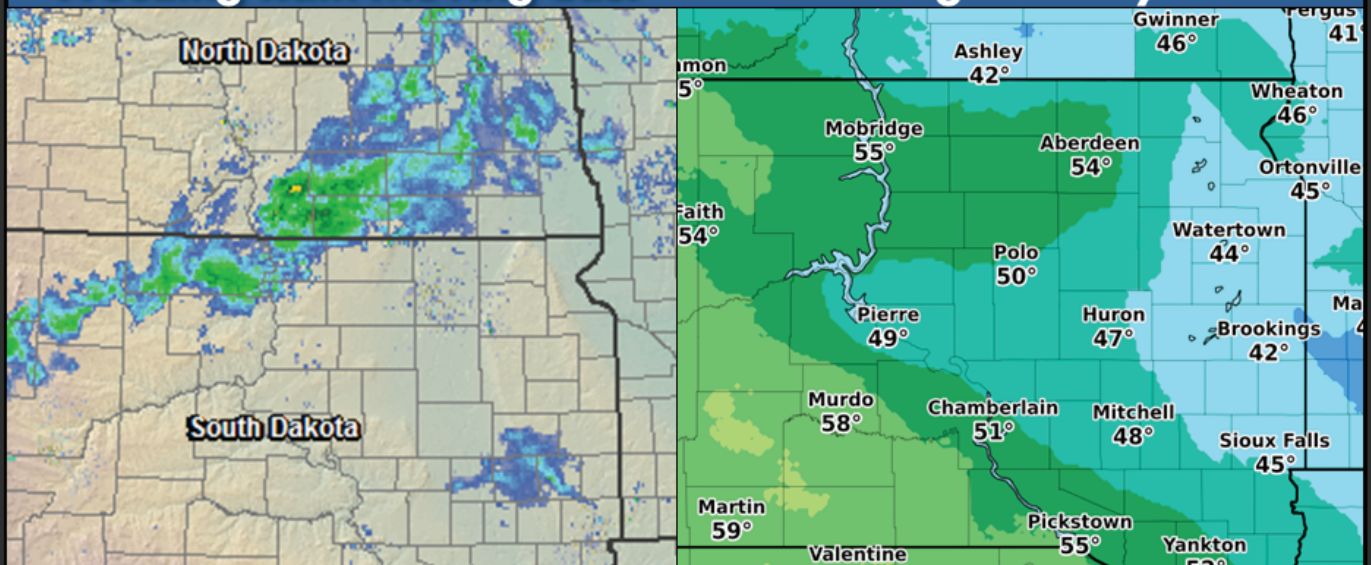
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Saturday Night	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday
						
Chance Rain/Freezing Rain then Mostly Sunny and Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy and Breezy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Slight Chance Rain
High: 53 °F	Low: 20 °F	High: 51 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 64 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 59 °F

Freezing Rain This Morning, Mild This Afternoon!

Freezing Rain Moving East

Highs Today



Light Freezing Rain Across Northern SD This Morning Clearing Skies And Mild Temperatures This Afternoon

National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD



weather.gov/Aberdeen



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen | Updated: 3/4/2016 5:54 AM Central

Published on: 03/04/2016 at 5:59 AM

We have an area of light freezing rain moving eastward across northern South Dakota this morning. The radar image above was taken at approximately 530am. Light ice accumulations are possible so please use caution this morning as you make your way to school and work. By this afternoon though, this will be history as skies will begin to clear and temps start to warm nicely. Highs will be in the 40s and 50s today with breezy northwest winds developing as well.

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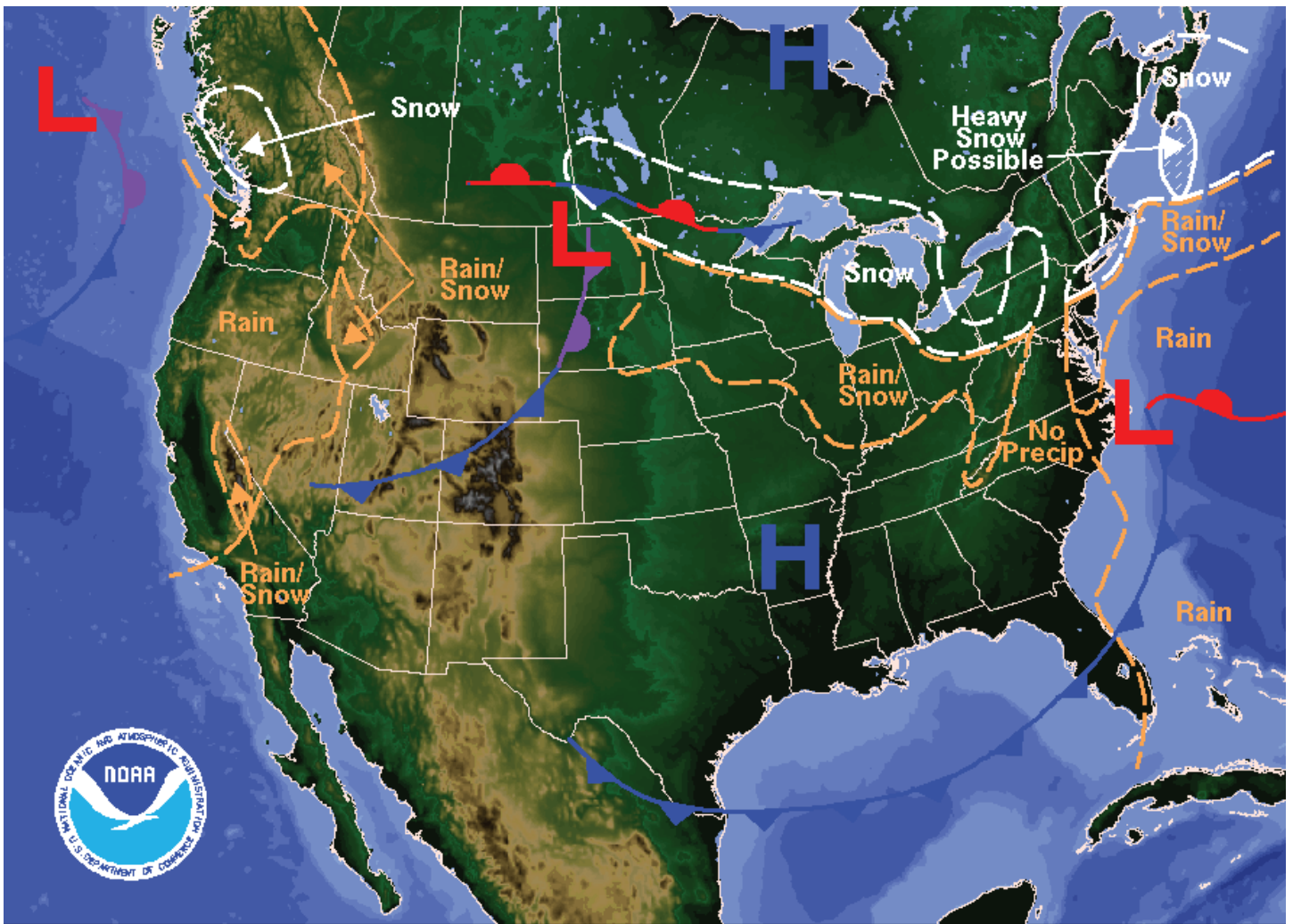
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 32.8
Low: 26.1
High Gust: 11
Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 64° in 2000
Record Low: -23 in 1917
Average High: 34°F
Average Low: 15°F
Average Precip in March.: 0.11
Precip to date in March.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 1.13
Precip Year to Date: 0.60
Sunset Tonight: 6:25 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:03 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Mar 04, 2016, issued 2:47 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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TRUST ME!

It was a cold winter night when a fire broke out and was rapidly spreading throughout the home. The father had successfully rescued his wife and children and they were standing outside watching the firemen fight the blaze. Suddenly he heard the voice of his six-year-old son who had slipped away from the family. He wanted to rescue his toys from his upstairs bedroom that he somehow managed to reach. He was surrounded by smoke.

Standing beneath the window the father shouted, "Jump, I'll catch you!"

"Daddy," came the frightened reply, "I can't see you! It's too smoky."

"But I can see you, Son. Jump!" said his father.

He trusted his father, jumped and was saved.

How like our Heavenly Father. His Word says: "Trust Me in your times of trouble and I will rescue you and you will give Me glory!" The word "trust" as used in the Bible means that we are "to place our complete confidence in" the Lord – a confidence that has no limits.

At times it is just as difficult for us as it was for the young son who could not see his father. Our eyes become filled with "smoke" that blocks our view of God and His power to rescue us from the things of this world that would consume us. Nevertheless, He's there. Jump!

Prayer: Father, give us complete confidence in Your Word knowing that You will never leave us or forsake us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 50:15 and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

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News from the Associated Press

1-vehicle crash in Lyman County kills 33-year-old woman

PRESHO, S.D. (AP) — A one-vehicle crash in Lyman County has killed a 33-year-old woman.

The Highway Patrol says the woman lost control of her sport utility vehicle on a gravel road and the SUV rolled several times in the ditch. The crash happened shortly after 3:40 p.m. Thursday, about 14 miles northwest of Presho.

Authorities did not immediately identify the woman. She was alone in the vehicle.

Thursday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Region 1A Regional Semifinal

Aberdeen Roncalli 57, Groton Area 45

Sisseton 51, Britton-Hecla 46

Region 2A Regional Semifinal

Clark/Willow Lake 62, Redfield/Doland 29

Sioux Valley 83, Hamlin 63

Region 4A First Round

Lennox 57, Beresford 46

Tea Area 65, Elk Point-Jefferson 61

Vermillion 71, Canton 58

Region 6A Regional Semifinal

Chamberlain 55, Miller 31

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 78, Crow Creek 67

Region 7A Regional Semifinal

Little Wound 66, Pine Ridge 56

Winner 74, Red Cloud 71

Region 8A Regional Semifinal

Spearfish 51, Custer 43

St. Thomas More 56, Belle Fourche 39

District 1B Championship: Waverly-South Shore 46, Rosholt 39

District 2B Championship: Warner 57, Langford 40

District 6B Championship: Wolsey-Wessington 49, James Valley Christian 48

District 13B Semifinals

Lyman 65, Kadoka Area 44

White River 92, Crazy Horse 44

District 14B Semifinal

Oelrichs 61, New Underwood 50

Rapid City Christian 46, Philip 41

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

District 1AA

Third Place: Brookings 58, Watertown 46

Championship: Sioux Falls O'Gorman 35, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 25

District 2AA

Third Place: Sioux Falls Lincoln 69, Brandon Valley 48

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Championship: Sioux Falls Washington 44, Harrisburg 32

District 3AA

Third Place: Pierre 72, Huron 49

Championship: Aberdeen Central 69, Mitchell 15

District 4AA

Third Place: Sturgis Brown 37, Douglas 33

Championship: Rapid City Central 44, Rapid City Stevens 30

Region 3A Regional Final: Dell Rapids 50, Flandreau 42

Region 5A Regional Final: West Central 51, Mt. Vernon/Plankinton 44

Region 2B Regional Final: Sully Buttes 70, Ipswich 40

Region 4B Regional Final: Ethan 54, Elkton-Lake Benton 25

Region 5B Regional Final: Irene-Wakonda 61, Freeman 58

Region 6B Regional Final: Avon 41, Platte-Geddes 25

Region 8B Regional Final: Faith 37, Timber Lake 35

Medical marijuana backers challenge initiative rejection

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Backers of a ballot measure to allow people with serious medical conditions to use marijuana want to overturn the secretary of state's rejection of the initiative.

Secretary of State Shantel Krebs' office announced the challenge Thursday. Krebs said last month that supporters didn't turn in enough valid signatures to put the measure before voters.

Krebs says her office will verify the challenge in the coming months.

The proposal was geared toward people with conditions such as cancer who proponents say could be helped by marijuana.

The office looks at signatures and petition completeness as part of its review before the measures can appear on the ballot.

Krebs said in February that a check showed that only about 9,000 signatures turned in were valid. That's short of the nearly 13,900-signature requirement.

Mobile dental care program hits 30K patient visit mark in SD

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A mobile dental program operated by Delta Dental has reached a milestone after seeing its 30,000th patient visit.

Delta Dental of South Dakota says its mobile dental program has given care to young patients in 78 communities since it began in 2004. The company says the value of the free care the mobile program has provided amounts to \$14.5 million.

The program uses two fully equipped trucks to provide dental services primarily to patients up to 21 years old who haven't seen a dentist in their community in two years.

One of the two trucks that had traveled around South Dakota was destroyed by fire last summer. The company says it has temporarily substituted that truck and it is in the process of commissioning two brand new replacement trucks.

School of Mines hosting concrete conference Friday

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is hosting a concrete conference on Friday that will focus on construction of the Hoover Dam.

The 52nd annual event draws more than 100 concrete experts from throughout the region and country. The Hoover Dam talk will be led by Luke Snell, senior materials engineer at Western Technologies in Phoenix. Snell's talk begins at 2:50 p.m.

Baker Concrete Construction vice president Michael Schneider will present the noon luncheon keynote on communications between contractors and engineers. He's vice president of the American Concrete Institute.

All events will be in the Surbeck Center ballroom.

The Latest: Civil rights group praises failed veto override

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The latest on the South Dakota House's failed attempt to override vetoed legislation that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms matching their sex at birth (all times local):

6:10 p.m.

Civil rights activists are praising the failed veto override of legislation that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms corresponding with their sex at birth.

Bill supporters failed on Thursday to get enough votes in the South Dakota House to override Gov. Dennis Daugaard's veto. The governor rejected the bill Tuesday.

Chad Griffin is president of the Human Rights Campaign. He released a statement after the vote saying: "Fairness and equality have prevailed over this unconscionable legislative assault on transgender children."

Ahead of the vote, Heather Smith, executive director of the ACLU of South Dakota, called the attempt "a last-ditch effort to push something through that people know shouldn't be moving forward."

2:30 p.m.

A transgender man who watched from the House gallery as the chamber failed to revive a measure to limit the bathrooms that transgender students could use says he's "ecstatic."

Terri Bruce opposed the the measure, which Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed on Tuesday. Supporters of the legislation tried to override the bill in the House on Thursday, but they failed to reach the needed two-thirds majority margin.

The 52-year-old Bruce says the House vote is "an absolute relief." Bruce says he's grateful to all the people who worked against the bill.

Supporters said the legislation was meant to protect student privacy, but opponents say it was discriminatory. Bruce says he hopes the bill's advocates will speak to the transgender community before coming up with another proposal for next year.

2:25 p.m.

The primary sponsor of vetoed legislation that would have limited the bathrooms that South Dakota transgender students could use says he plans to return next year with a similar bill.

The state House failed Thursday to override Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard's veto of the measure. Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch says he's hopeful such a bill could pass through the Legislature next session.

Deutsch had asked his colleagues Thursday not to try to override the veto, saying it should "die a dignified death." After the failed House vote, he said supporters should come back with a "better, stronger bill."

The override attempt needed two-thirds support in the House, but supports didn't get enough votes Thursday. The attempt came two days after Daugaard vetoed the bill, saying it didn't address any pressing issues and that the matter was best left to local school districts.

1:46 p.m.

South Dakota's House of Representatives has failed to override Gov. Dennis Daugaard's veto of a bill that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms corresponding to their gender at birth.

The override attempt needed two-thirds support in the chamber, and did not get it in Thursday's vote.

The override attempt came two days after Daugaard vetoed the bill, saying it didn't address any pressing issue and the matter was best left to school districts. The governor also warned it could invite litigation.

A successful vote in the House was only one step in an override. The Senate would have had to follow suit, and support for the bill was less in that chamber.

1:30 p.m.

The main sponsor of legislation that would have limited the bathrooms and locker rooms that transgen-

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der students could use in South Dakota is asking his colleagues to let the measure “die a dignified death” rather than try to override the governor’s veto.

Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch, the main sponsor of the bill in the House, said Thursday that he doesn’t believe supporters have the votes in the Senate to override the governor’s veto.

The bill originally passed the House by a 58-10 margin, enough for an override, but the Senate vote fell short of a two-thirds majority.

The South Dakota House on Thursday took up Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s veto. The governor vetoed the bill Tuesday.

11 a.m.

The South Dakota House of Representatives may try to override Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s veto of a bill that would have required students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth.

Discussion of a veto override attempt is the first item on the House’s floor session agenda for Thursday afternoon. Overriding a veto requires a two-thirds margin in both chambers.

The bill passed the House by a 58-10 margin, and an override would need just 47 votes to proceed to the Senate. The legislation narrowly passed the Senate on a 20-15 vote that would not meet the override threshold.

In his veto message, Daugaard said the bill “does not address any pressing issue” and that such decisions were best left to local school officials.

Lawmakers fail to override transgender bill veto

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota House failed on Thursday to override the governor’s veto of a bill that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms corresponding with their birth gender, though the bill’s main sponsor suggested that supporters regroup and come back with a “better, stronger bill.”

The vote came two days after Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed the bill, saying it didn’t address “any pressing issue” and that such decisions were best left to local schools. The governor also warned that such a law — which would have been a first in the U.S. — could invite costly litigation against the state and local schools.

Bill opponent Terri Bruce, a transgender man who watched Thursday’s vote from the House gallery, said he was “ecstatic” after the failed veto override, which he called “an absolute relief.” Chad Griffin, president of the Human Rights Campaign, added in a statement: “Fairness and equality have prevailed over this unconscionable legislative assault on transgender children.”

Transgender rights have become a new flashpoint in the nation’s cultural clashes following the landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage last year. South Dakota became a focal point after its Republican-controlled Legislature last month approved the legislation, which supporters said was aimed at protecting student privacy. Opponents criticized it as discriminatory, saying it would further marginalize transgender students.

Caitlyn Jenner, the transgender activist and former Olympic decathlon gold medalist, had called on Daugaard to veto the bill. Opponents also used the South Dakota Tourism Department’s Twitter hashtag to take aim at the state’s roughly \$3.8 billion tourism industry.

Republican Rep. Fred Deutsch, the bill’s primary sponsor in the House, asked lawmakers Tuesday and again on Thursday not to override the veto. In his plea Thursday, he told his colleagues: “Do we continue to push the issue over to the Senate to simply make a point, or do we take the summer to regroup and come back with a better, stronger bill?”

The bill originally passed the House by a veto-proof 58-10 vote, though supporters didn’t muster the 47 votes needed on Thursday to reach the required two-thirds margin for an override. Even if they had, their

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efforts would have faced a harder time in the Senate, which only narrowly passed the legislation 20-15 earlier this year.

Senate Majority Leader Corey Brown noted ahead of the vote that overriding a veto was usually an uphill fight, "especially if you are short the votes the first time around."

House Republicans declined to heed the advice.

"Girls belong in girls bathrooms, boys belong in boys," said Republican Rep. Thomas Brunner, who supported overriding the veto. "This is not a little speech we make on the stump. This is what we really believe, and how we want to protect our children, whether they're boys or they're girls or they're somewhere in between. This is how we protect people here."

Daugaard initially offered a positive reaction to the bill, but said he wanted to research the issue before making a decision. Last week, he met with three transgender individuals and heard their personal stories; before the meeting, he said he had never knowingly met a transgender person.

Daugaard's chief of staff, Tony Venhuizen, said Thursday's vote shows "there are quite a few House members who shared some of the same concerns that the governor had."

A state Senate committee earlier Thursday shot down a separate bill that would have voided a state activities association policy allowing transgender students to request to play on the athletic team of their choice.

Kelly is rare federal judge with public defender background

MARIA SUDEKUM, Associated Press

EDITOR'S NOTE _ One in a series of profiles of potential nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court, following the death of Justice Antonin Scalia.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — As a federal appeals court judge, Jane L. Kelly has an unusual background: She's a criminal defense lawyer and a Harvard Law School classmate of President Barack Obama.

A Fulbright scholar, Kelly became only the second woman named to the St. Louis-based 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in 2013, after nearly two decades as a federal public defender in Iowa.

Now, her name is on many short lists as a possibility to replace Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, who died last month.

Her appointment to the appeals court was swiftly confirmed on a Senate vote of 96-0, supported by Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee who now is vowing to block any attempt by Obama to appoint a Scalia replacement.

Kelly's experience as a public defender lends a different flavor to the appeals court and "says something about her worldview," said Debra Fitzpatrick, executive director of the Infinity Project, which seeks to ensure women are considered for judicial posts in the 8th Circuit.

"She is bringing a certain set of experiences that hasn't been represented before. ... It's been a difficult thing for public defenders in general to crack into these positions," Fitzpatrick said. "But they have a really important perspective."

Kelly, 51, was born in Indiana, and graduated from Duke University in 1987 and Harvard Law in 1991. In addition to clerking for retired federal Judge David Hansen, she also was a clerk for U.S. District Judge Donald Porter in South Dakota. She became a federal public defender in Iowa in 1994.

Among her highest-profile cases were defending a college student accused of placing pipe bombs in mailboxes in five states in 2002, and representing a man who embezzled \$200 million from clients over 20 years.

During her confirmation hearing for the appeals court, Kelly said her background could be an asset.

"As a criminal defense attorney, I am often representing someone who, shall I say, is not the most popular person in the room," she said. "So I, as much as anyone, know how important it is to be fair and impartial and make decisions based on things other than bias, favor, or prejudice."

In 2004, Kelly was attacked by a man on a Cedar Rapids, Iowa, trail and hospitalized. No charges were filed. Later that year, she was given an award for dedication to defending the indigent.

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"It's easy to lose compassion," she told The Des Moines Register several months after the attack. "But the problem is bigger than who committed the crime."

Biographical information on Jane Kelly, federal judge

The Associated Press

NAME — Jane Louise Kelly

AGE — 51

CURRENT POSITION — Judge on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

PROFESSIONAL — Judge on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 2013 to present; assistant federal public defender, Northern District of Iowa, 1994-2013; visiting instructor, University of Illinois College of Law, 1993-1994; judicial clerk for Judge David R. Hansen, 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, 1992-1993; judicial clerk for Judge Donald J. Porter, U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota, 1991-1992.

EDUCATION — Harvard Law School, J.D., 1991; Duke University, bachelor's degree, 1987.

OF NOTE — Kelly was only the second woman and among the first public defenders to be named to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

SD State's Daum earns Summit 6th man, freshman honors

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State's Mike Daum has been named Summit League Men's Basketball Sixth Man of the Year and Freshman of the Year.

Daum averaged 17.4 points per league game for the co-champion Jackrabbits. He ranked third in field goal percentage at .592 and fourth in rebounding at 6.6 per league game.

The Freshman of the Year and Transfer of the Year awards were handed out for the first time in league history, replacing the previous Newcomer of the Year award.

Fort Wayne's Max Landis was selected as Men's Basketball Player of the Year, and the Mastodons' Jon Coffman was named Coach of the Year after guiding Fort Wayne to a share of the league's regular season title.

Seekamp named Summit League women player of the year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Nicole Seekamp has been named Summit League Women's Basketball Player of the Year.

The senior guard leads the league in three-point field goal percentage (.444), assists (6.2) and steals per game (2.2). She also ranks in the top-20 nationally in both assists and steals per outing.

South Dakota State's Clarissa Ober captured Defensive Player of the Year honors, and Oral Roberts' Faith Ihim was named the Sixth Woman of the Year. SDSU's Madison Guebert took home the Freshman of the Year award with South Dakota's Caitlin Duffy was named Transfer of the Year.

Coyotes head coach Amy Williams earned her second consecutive Coach of the Year honor.

No one hurt in morning house explosion, fire in Estelline

ESTELLINE, S.D. (AP) — No one was hurt in an early morning house explosion and fire in Estelline.

The Hamlin County Sheriff's Office says the blast and fire was reported shortly after 4 a.m. Thursday. The residents were able to escape to a neighbor's home. The Salvation Army is helping them.

The cause of the explosion wasn't immediately determined.

Country music star Kip Moore to sing at South Dakota State

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Country music star Kip Moore has been booked to perform at the South Dakota State Fair this summer.

Fair officials say Moore and opening act Reckless Kelly will perform at the grandstand on Saturday, Sept. 3. It's the first musical act announced for the fair.

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Some of Moore's hit songs include "Somethin' 'Bout a Truck," "Running for You" and "I'm to Blame." General public ticket sales will begin June 29.

7 Dakotas teams make fields in NAIA basketball tournaments

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Several college basketball teams from the Dakotas have made the fields for the NAIA Division II men's and women's national championship tournaments.

The men's teams from Valley City State, Dakota State and Dakota Wesleyan are among the 32 teams that will battle for the title.

The women's teams from Dakota Wesleyan, Mount Marty, Jamestown and Dickinson State are among the 32 women's qualifiers.

Both tournaments are March 9-15. The men's tournament is in Point Lookout, Missouri, and the women's tournament is in Sioux City, Iowa.

Opposition mounts to quarry expansion in Black Hills

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Opposition is mounting to a proposed expansion of a limestone quarry in western South Dakota's scenic Black Hills that's on the main tourist route to Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Iowa-based concrete supplier Croell Redi-Mix Inc. is seeking a construction permit from Pennington County to expand the Perli Quarry southwest of Rapid City. County planners earlier recommended approval, but area residents appealed.

At a hearing on Wednesday, representatives of the Rapid City Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Black Hills and Badlands Tourism Association, the Rockerville Fire Department and others spoke out against the proposal and asked the board to deny the permit.

"I support the mining industry," resident Duane Abata said. "What I am opposed to, of course, is the location of this mine."

Only one person, Larry Newman, spoke in favor of the mine expansion, saying ranchers and residents have been using gravel from the site for years and criticizing opponents for their "imaginary right to scenic view."

Opponents fear spoiled scenic views, an increase in traffic and harm to the environment. Croell has said it has complied with all state and local laws, and attorney Richard Pluimer during the hearing said the appeal of the permit is too broad and touches on issues unrelated to the permit.

The County Commission postponed a decision on the permit until at least March 15.

South Dakota governor bucks party line with transgender veto

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — When South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard vetoed a bill this week that would have required transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that match their sex at birth, it wasn't his first break with members of his Republican Party.

The same governor who orchestrated a massive cut in state spending early in his first term has since won a pair of tax increases to fund roads and higher salaries for teachers. He has also considered expanding Medicaid in South Dakota, even though Republicans hold every statewide office and supermajorities in both legislative chambers.

Confidants say the moves aren't surprising for a thoughtful, analytical governor who charts his own course, and that Daugaard's approach to politics and policy hasn't changed during his tenure. Despite his initial positive reaction to the transgender student bathroom bill, he discussed it with three transgender individuals, who he said helped him see the issue "through their eyes."

"He is not an ideologue," said Dusty Johnson, Daugaard's former chief of staff. "He is a pragmatist who cares about people and getting things done."

He has taken flak from conservative elements in the party, and his Medicaid and education funding

proposals have been the subject of attack ads on TV and radio.

"He always held himself out as a pillar of the conservative cause, and then after getting re-elected, he's embraced an entirely different philosophy," said Republican Sen. Brock Greenfield.

The tax hikes approved Tuesday will mark the first permanent increase to South Dakota's sales tax rate in nearly half a century once signed. Dugaard said he was "elated," about the passage of the bill, which aims to improve South Dakota's lowest-in-the-nation teacher pay.

Dugaard — who says he has no aspirations to remain in politics once his second term expires — said he waited until after the vote on the tax bill before revealing his decision to veto the transgender bathroom measure, so that it wouldn't affect the outcome.

Observers, including opponents of the measures, either dismiss the possibility of political retribution for his departure from Republican orthodoxy, or point out that the governor doesn't plan to continue his political career beyond the end of his current term.

State House Majority Leader Brian Gosch, who opposed the tax increase, said it's unlikely to be undone, and that supporters of the transgender student bathroom bill would have difficulty mustering support to override the governor's veto.

Dugaard's 45-point margin of victory in 2014 was the largest of any governor in the state's history.

Dugaard said Wednesday that he hasn't changed course during his second term.

"In my very first inaugural address, I remember making the statement that I didn't get elected to be concerned about re-election," Dugaard said.

Medical examiner: Water, drugs led to Bobbi Kristina's death

KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press

JEFF MARTIN, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A medical examiner says Bobbi Kristina Brown's face being immersed in water, along with drug intoxication, led to her death last year.

The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office in Atlanta released a statement Friday morning on the death as it prepares to release the full autopsy report.

The 22-year-old daughter of singers Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown was found face-down and unresponsive in a bathtub in her suburban Atlanta townhome Jan. 31, 2015, and died in hospice care July 26.

The office says it reviewed medical records, investigative files and other documents to determine how Brown likely died. The medical examiner's office says marijuana and alcohol were involved in the death, along with medications used for sedation or to treat anxiety.

A judge on Thursday granted a request filed by media organizations to unseal the autopsy.

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. WHAT GOP DEBATE REVEALED ABOUT PARTY LOYALTY

Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and John Kasich all say they would support Donald Trump if he is the Republican nominee. He, too, said he would support whoever wins.

2. HOW BEN CARSON SPENT HIS MONEY

The political newcomer raised \$58 million, but spent more on fundraising and consultants than on mass media advertising, on-the-ground staff and other things that could have swayed voters, AP finds.

3. NEW DIPLOMACY WITH PYONGYANG URGED

Some experts argue that sanctions alone will never compel North Korea to give up its nuclear program, and that it's time for the U.S. to sit down for peace talks, something Beijing favors, but Washington doesn't.

4. NO END IN SIGHT AS FLIGHT 370 ANNIVERSARY NEARS

The underwater hunt for the missing Malaysian Airlines jetliner has been fruitless, the water left to search is narrowing and skepticism of whether crews are looking in the right place continues to grow.

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5. U.S. WORKERS LARGELY INSULATED FROM GLOBAL SLOWDOWN

Economists expect job gains to rebound in February after dipping in January and forecast that the jobless rate stayed at a healthy 4.9 percent.

6. NEW APPROACH IN TACKLING DISPLACEMENT CRISIS

A new trade deal with Europe, a rush of foreign investment and public works are to put 200,000 Syrian refugees to work in Jordan.

7. WHIZ KID REALLY 23-YEAR-OLD UKRAINIAN

Officials say Asher Potts is charged with identity theft and sexual assault, stunning those who knew him as a popular and overachieving high school student in Pennsylvania.

8. RARE 'SUPER BLOOM' CARPETS DESERT WITH COLOR

Wildflowers in Death Valley National Park cover the hottest and driest place in North America with a carpet of gold, attracting tourists from all over the world.

9. WHO'S GETTING LATEST MUSIC SHRINE

A new Grammy Museum is set to open in the Mississippi Delta, cradle of the blues that influenced jazz, hip-hop, rock and more.

10. BRONCOS STAR WON'T GET FINED FOR THIS DANCE

Super Bowl MVP Von Miller will showcase his moves on ABC's "Dancing With The Stars."

Grammy Museum opens in Mississippi Delta

NASSIM BENCHAAABANE, Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The second and only official Grammy Museum outside of Los Angeles opens Saturday in the Mississippi Delta, cradle of the blues.

Organizers chose Cleveland, Mississippi — two hours north of the state capitol Jackson — for the nearly \$20 million project and promise one of the most advanced museums in the country. It's a smaller but updated version of its sister museum in California and employs high-definition touchscreens and interactive technology to chronicle American music history from before the first Grammy Awards in 1959 to the present.

The bedrock of that history is the Mississippi Delta, said Bob Santelli, executive director of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles. The rhythmic guitar and soulful ballads of bluesmen like Robert Johnson and B.B. King traveled up the Mississippi and across the country, influencing nearly every style of American popular music including, jazz, hip-hop and rock 'n roll. The state also claims the most Grammy winners per capita in the world.

"Isn't that wild?" Santelli said. "You take the state of Mississippi out of American music history and you have a very large gap to fill."

The blues mesmerized musicians ranging from Tupelo native Elvis Presley to The Beatles and more in generations since, said Patricia Walker, songwriter and head of Delta State University's music department. The original bluesmen — mostly African-American men living in the Jim Crow era of discrimination in the South — lived off the land and eased their hardships through music.

"Everybody at one time or another has had the blues," Walker said. "The musicians that came out of here had to dig deep in the soil to make a living, and they dug deep to capture those feelings in their music."

Officials designed the museum — the most upscale building to come to the region — with the Delta's history in mind. Corrugated metal on the building's exterior is a nod to the tin metal sharecropper shacks many blues musicians grew up in. The entrance looks like a big front porch, a common feature of many Delta homes.

Cleveland Chamber of Commerce Director Judson Thigpen estimates the museum could bring in about \$20 million annually as a tourist draw to the entire region.

The museum was a collaborative effort to spotlight the Delta's music legacy, said Allen Hammons who helped establish the B.B. King Museum in Indianola, Mississippi as well as a Blues Trail along a highway in the state. In 2011 Hammons joined Walker and others to form the Cleveland Music Foundation, a nonprofit foundation that built and operates the museum.

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Once the foundation got permission from The Recording Academy to use the official Grammy brand, it started fundraising. In less than five years the City of Cleveland, Bolivar County and the state together put up more than \$12 million for the project, with the rest coming from private donors, Hammons said.

The museum features a diverse collection including the acoustic guitar Presley played during his landmark '50's Sun Records Sessions to the bright, multicolored feather costume Cee Lo Green wore at the 2011 Grammy Awards.

Pop singer Ne-Yo teaches dance moves from a life-sized screen to over a multicolored dance floor that lights up like the one from Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." One booth lets visitors hear what Beyonce would have sounded like on a gramophone.

Visitors can record and produce a song with Grammy Award-winning bluesman Keb' Mo' and trace how Mississippians like Ike Turner — considered the father of rock'n'roll — influenced musicians through the ages along a 12-person, interactive touchscreen table with a timeline that looks like the Mississippi River.

Santelli said kids learn more with interactive technology that connects them with music history.

"The worst thing you want to do in a museum is put the culture and music and excitement behind glass," he said.

Walker hopes the museum, next door to Delta State's campus, inspires her students.

Jessica Faith, a piano player and vocalist at Delta State, is scheduled to play at the museum's Beatles Symposium in April. The band is the focus of the first traveling exhibit to come to the museum.

She said it was "just so cool" to have the museum nearby.

"The younger generation isn't very aware of the great legacy in their backyard," she said. "It's empowering for them to see that B.B. King was born here and grew up here and had such success. There's something in the water here, in the dirt. It's very deep. It's very real."

Egyptian student faces deportation over Trump threat

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An Egyptian flight student is expected to appear in immigration court Friday to determine whether he should be deported after being investigated by federal agents for posting threatening comments on his Facebook page about Donald Trump.

Emadeldin Elsayed, a 23-year-old aspiring pilot from Cairo, has a hearing scheduled before Immigration Judge Kevin Riley in Los Angeles.

U.S. Secret Service agents interviewed Elsayed about his post in early February, then returned to his Los Angeles-area flight school eight days later and told him federal prosecutors were not charging him with a crime but his visa had been revoked.

Immigration authorities then arrested Elsayed. He has been detained since Feb. 12 at an Orange County jail.

Elsayed wrote that he was willing to serve a life sentence for killing Trump and the world would thank him, said his lawyer, Hani Bushra.

Elsayed said he was angered by the Republican presidential contender's comments about banning Muslims from traveling to the United States, but never intended to harm anyone.

Trump has used especially tough talk on immigration during his campaign. The Republican presidential contender has vowed to build a wall along the entire Mexican border and called for a temporary ban on Muslims from entering the country.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement that Elsayed was arrested because he violated "the terms of his admission to the United States." The agency did not provide further details.

Immigration authorities alleged in court filings that Universal Air Academy had tipped off federal officials to the Facebook post, Bushra said.

Alex Khatib, the flight school's owner, said he knew nothing of the case until federal agents showed up to interview and later detain Elsayed.

He said federal officials asked him to pull paperwork he had issued so Elsayed could study there, but that he would take him back if the government allowed.

Whiz kid was really 23-year-old Ukrainian, officials say

MARK SCOLFORO, Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Honor student Asher Potts was well into his senior year in high school when police got a tip that the earnest teenager who had so impressed community leaders for nearly four years was not the person he claimed to be.

Investigators soon concluded Potts was actually a 23-year-old Ukrainian named Artur Samarin, who had overstayed his visa, and they said in charging documents that he confessed to having sex with an underage teen girl.

His arrest last week — charged first with identity theft, then with statutory sexual assault and corruption of minors — drew astonished responses from people who knew the boyish-looking Samarin through his participation in a school military program, his academic excellence and his acceptance to a prestigious flight school.

"My understanding is his motives were pure coming over here, and given his time at John Harris (High School), no one had a complaint about him," said his lawyer, Adam Klein. "Until that's proven differently, that's my feeling at this point — that he came here to do what many immigrants do, to take part in the American dream."

Prosecutors said that they are working with federal investigators to piece together the facts about Samarin and that more charges are possible. But it's clear he made an impression in Harrisburg.

The city's mayor at the time pronounced Oct. 27, 2013, as Asher Potts Day to recognize his accomplishments; he was a student representative to the school board; and he was third runner-up for a spot on the homecoming court, Pennlive.com reported.

One aspect of the case that has drawn the attention of investigators is the role played by Michael and Stephayne Potts, with whom he lived for much of the past four years before moving in months ago with another family.

Samarin told Harrisburg station WHTM-TV last week in a call from jail that his family pooled money to send him to the U.S. "for a better life." After his visa expired, he said, the Pottses helped him obtain a birth certificate and a fake Social Security card in the name of Asher Potts.

He accused the couple of using his illegal immigration status as leverage to pressure him into doing work for them.

"Everything they ask of me, I could not tell them no," he told the station.

Court records say the couple "conspired with" Samarin in faking his way through high school, but they have not been charged.

Their lawyer, Corky Goldstein, said Thursday it was the Pottses who first alerted authorities about Samarin by contacting the FBI months ago. Goldstein would not say what motivated the couple to contact authorities, but said that they thought he was younger than he is and that they did not know he was having sex with the girl. They deny his claim he was pressured to work for them.

"She thought she was helping a young man who was being persecuted in his country, the Ukraine, by the Russians," Goldstein said. "They opened up their home to him."

Samarin had left the Pottses and was living in a shelter several months ago when Waleed McClintock and his family let him move in with them in nearby Middletown.

McClintock said he was troubled by what he and his wife saw of the Pottses' relationship with Samarin and equally impressed by the young man's drive.

Samarin, who shared a bedroom with McClintock's 17-year-old son, would rise before 5 a.m. to get a bus to school. He took college-level classes at night and also worked at a grocery store.

"This is the worst that Ukraine has to offer? OK, you can ship another busload over here," McClintock said Thursday. "He was a very impressive young man. He was respectful and intelligent and seemed to have a plan for his life."

He said Samarin was slight of build, disappearing beneath a hand-me-down coat. He told McClintock little about his past or his family.

"We never pried," he said. "We simply wanted to offer a safe space to be in."

In the TV interview, before he was charged with sexual assault, Samarin appeared to admit the identity

theft allegations.

"What can I say? I did abuse the system. Yes I did," Samarin told WHTM. "I did use this identity, and it's the law."

Police said that by the time Samarin's tourist visa expired in March 2013, he already nearly finished his freshman year at John Harris, better known as Harrisburg High School, despite having attended two years of college in Ukraine.

"By all accounts he was an excellent student," Dauphin County District Attorney Ed Marsico said. "He was involved in the community, he was in the ROTC program, he did community service."

Samarin's mother, Victoria Samarina, emailed WHTM from Ukraine this week after finding news accounts about him that confirmed her fears he might be in trouble. She said she was sure he could not have done anything wrong.

"I know that he just wanted to get a good education, I could not help to get him here," she wrote. "Please convey to him that I love him very much; he's my dearest person in the world."

Bundy, 18 others indicted in 2014 range standoff in Nevada

LYNNE TUOHY, Associated Press

KEN RITTER, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Federal authorities rounded up 12 people in five states on Thursday, bringing to 19 the number of defendants facing conspiracy, assault and threats charges in a 2014 armed standoff over grazing cattle on U.S. land near renegade cattleman Cliven Bundy's ranch in southern Nevada.

Arrests of alleged co-conspirators in Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Oklahoma and New Hampshire came after a federal grand jury in Las Vegas expanded an indictment already filed against Bundy. It also names two adult Bundy sons and five other men already in federal custody following the end of a nearly six-week armed occupation of a wildlife refuge in Oregon.

Court documents accuse the men of leading more than 200 followers into an armed confrontation that forced federal Bureau of Land Management agents and contract cowboys to abandon an effort to corral and remove Bundy cattle from federal lands where he was accused of letting them graze for decades without paying federal fees.

At the family home in Bunkerville, Nevada, Cliven Bundy's wife, Carol, acknowledged that her husband and sons Ammon, Ryan, Melvin and David Bundy were in federal custody. The mother of 14 adult children pleaded for prayer and echoed her husband's call to fight government overreach.

"I truly believe this is showing the federal government thinks they have unlimited power over we the people," Carol Bundy told The Associated Press in a brief telephone interview. "What kind of government do we have?"

"This is going to be won in the court of public opinion," she added. "When we the people make a stand, that's when we'll win."

Bundy supporters Ryan Payne of Montana, Peter Santilli Jr. of Cincinnati, and Brian Cavalier and Blaine Cooper, both of Arizona, were also already in custody. They were arrested Jan. 26 during the occupation of a federal wildlife refuge in eastern Oregon.

The arrests in the Nevada case came the same day U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said in Portland, Oregon, that additional charges would be filed "very soon" in the 41-day standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. She didn't provide specifics.

The nine-count indictment in U.S. District Court in Las Vegas is similar to one filed Feb. 11, the day after Cliven Bundy was arrested as he arrived in Portland to visit Ammon and Ryan Bundy in jail.

The brothers were among 16 defendants who pleaded not guilty last week to federal conspiracy charges. A total of 25 people are charged in the occupation. The occupiers had said they wanted the U.S. government to relinquish public lands to locals and free two Oregon ranchers who they say were wrongly imprisoned for setting fires.

In an interview from the Portland, Oregon, jail where Bundy's son, Ammon Bundy, has been lodged since his arrest, he told The Oregonian he's not ashamed of what he and others did in seizing the refuge.

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"It's the most difficult thing I've ever done in my life," Ammon Bundy said of being in jail. "But I don't regret what we did because I knew it was right."

The younger Bundy said as he sees it, they went into a public building and carried out a demonstration. In the Nevada armed showdown case, charges include conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States; threatening a federal law enforcement officer; obstruction of justice; attempting to impede or injure a federal law enforcement officer; and several firearms charges.

The indictment alleges co-defendants recruited, trained and provided support to armed men and other Bundy followers during a dispute over more than \$1 million in unpaid grazing fees and penalties. Officials say the fees still haven't been paid.

It identifies Cliven Bundy as the leader and beneficiary of the conspiracy, and Ammon and Ryan Bundy as leaders and organizers of about 200 gunmen and followers.

The result: A picket line of self-styled Bundy militia perched on a high Interstate 15 bridge, pointing military-style AR-15 and AK-47 weapons down at BLM agents and cowboys herding cattle up a ravine to a corral. Dozens of woman and children were in the possible crossfire.

The federal officials backed down, and they released about 400 cows that had been rounded up.

Documents submitted following the Thursday arrest of Gerald "Jerry" DeLemus in Rochester, New Hampshire, said that DeLemus "organized and led armed patrols and security checkpoints" for several following weeks around the Bundy ranch in southern Nevada.

DeLemus was running for Strafford County sheriff in New Hampshire when he was arrested. He appeared in custody in federal court in Concord, New Hampshire, for a detention hearing that was postponed until Monday. His wife, Republican state Rep. Susan DeLemus, said she planned to hire a lawyer for his defense.

Federal officials identified others arrested Thursday as: Blaine Cooper of Humboldt, Arizona; Eric J. Parker and Steven A. Stewart, both of Hailey, Idaho; O. Scott Drexler of Challis, Idaho; Richard R. Lovelien of Westville, Oklahoma; Todd C. Engel of Boundary County, Idaho; Gregory P. Burluson of Phoenix; Joseph D. O'Shaughnessy of Cottonwood, Arizona; and Micah L. McGuire and Jason D. Woods both of Chandler, Arizona.

College hackers compete to shine spotlight on cybersecurity

COLLIN BINKLEY, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Teams of students from MIT and Britain's University of Cambridge will spend the week-end hacking one another's computers, with the blessing of their national leaders.

The two schools are competing in a hacking contest that President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron announced last year among other joint cybersecurity projects. The contest will be hosted at MIT starting Friday.

But instead of facing off against each other, the schools are placing their top hackers on teams made up of students from both institutions. For 24 hours, teams will try to hack into one another's computers to steal a trove of files. Winners will receive prizes topping \$20,000.

The contest is meant to spark interest in the cybersecurity field, which experts say has a shortage of skilled workers.

Fox's Megyn Kelly, Donald Trump largely civil in debate

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel's Megyn Kelly and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump traded pleasantries Thursday in their first exchange since igniting a feud last summer then later had a tough back-and-forth over a legal case surrounding the Trump University educational venture.

They clashed last summer during the first presidential debate, leaving Trump so steamed he attacked Kelly on social media and skipped a January debate in Iowa because Fox wouldn't remove Kelly as a moderator. Thursday night's 11th GOP debate in Detroit was their first time together on TV since then.

Fellow moderator Chris Wallace was the first Fox personality to question Trump. It wasn't until 30 minutes had gone by that Kelly addressed him.

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"Hi! How are you doing?" Kelly began.

Trump replied that it was nice to be with her and that "you're looking well."

She asked about reports that Trump had made off-the-record comments to The New York Times suggesting he may be more flexible in his immigration policies than he had been saying publicly.

Trump said he wouldn't reveal what he had said to the Times, but that he would be "not very flexible" in his policies.

Kelly later used video of three separate instances where Trump has been caught on the campaign trail saying one thing — on issues surrounding Afghanistan, Syrian refugees and whether former President George W. Bush had lied about the Iraq War — then later said something different.

"One of the things that people love about you is that they believe you tell it like it is," Kelly said. "But time and time again in this campaign, you have actually told the voters one thing only to reverse yourself in weeks or even sometimes days."

Trump explained that the changes in the Syrian example came because he learned more information that changed his point of view.

"I have never seen a successful person that doesn't have some degree of flexibility," he said.

Their most heated moment came after Marco Rubio brought up an ongoing lawsuit against Trump brought by former students in Trump University, and Kelly consulted legal papers to give people more details. She said thousands of plaintiffs in the case alleged that they were fleeced by Trump, and she read a U.S. Court of Appeals opinion that compared the aggrieved students to victims of Bernard Madoff's financial scam.

"Oh, give me a break," Trump retorted. He said that the vast majority of people who took the courses said in later evaluations that they were satisfied.

Kelly read a portion of the court ruling that said victims "often sing the praises of their victimizers until the moment they realize they have been fleeced."

"You know what?" Trump said. "Let's see what happens in court."

Shortly after the debate, Trump posted on Twitter a copy of a Better Business Bureau report on Trump University.

Trump's most contentious exchange with a Fox personality during the debate came not with Kelly, but with Wallace, who used government statistics to challenge Trump's claims of savings he would accomplish to reduce the federal deficit.

Melissa Harris-Perry exit puts focus on MSNBC record

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — MSNBC's facelift over the past two years has cut the airtime of some of its most prominent minority personalities — and it is starting to be noticed.

The National Association of Black Journalists expressed concerns about MSNBC's record in the wake of the noisy exit of weekend host Melissa Harris-Perry. The network said Thursday that it is proud of its diversity effort and noted that people of all ethnicities have seen their roles reduced or eliminated as part of a transition to more breaking news coverage.

Harris-Perry, who is black, had been proud of bringing new voices to television on her weekend MSNBC shows. The Wake Forest University professor questioned her future at the network after her show had been pre-empted for several weeks due to weekend political coverage.

Civil rights activist Al Sharpton's daily program was eliminated in the past year, and he now hosts a Sunday show at MSNBC. Joy Reid lost a weekday show and is now an MSNBC contributor. Toure was part of a weekday ensemble show that was eliminated, and Alex Wagner's weekday show was also ended. Recently, Jose Diaz-Balart's weekday morning show has been missing due to political coverage, although he was back on the air Thursday.

The black journalists' group labeled Harris-Perry's exit "truly unfortunate." Dorothy Tucker, a Chicago television reporter and NABJ's vice president for broadcast, said she hoped MSNBC had room for more black journalists as analysts, on-air experts and hosts.

Illinois congressman Luis Guterrez also made note of the issue this week in a House speech.

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"Forgive me or not noticing just how much progress NBC was making on diversity when some of the most visible people of color at MSNBC — like Alex Wagner, Melissa Harris-Perry and Jose Diaz-Balart — are disappearing," he said. "Journalists of color bring a different texture, a different perspective on what issues matter and what should be debated and discussed on television."

Richard Prince, who writes a blog about minority issues in journalism, said MSNBC has been rightly proud of having a larger minority audience over the past few years than other news-oriented networks. But "there is some retrenchment and I think there is some concern about that," he said.

White personalities like Ed Schultz and Ronan Farrow also lost shows at MSNBC due to changes instituted under NBC News boss Andrew Lack. During daylight hours, the network emphasizes breaking news — lately with a heavy political focus — and confines its opinion-oriented programs to prime-time hours.

"MSNBC is extremely proud of the diverse range of talent, voices and perspectives on our air and we would put that up against anybody in the business," MSNBC spokesman Mark Kornblau said.

Asked why a personality like Diaz-Balart could not anchor the political coverage, Kornblau said many of the anchors have been working from the road and it was difficult for Diaz-Balart, a Telemundo anchor, to do so. Craig Melvin, who is black, was anchoring political coverage from Ohio early on Thursday afternoon. Tamron Hall, who is black, has retained her prominent role in MSNBC's daytime lineup.

Kornblau noted that MSNBC had to make changes to its schedule due to low ratings. In the past year, MSNBC's viewership has increased by 95 percent during daytime hours, according to the Nielsen company.

Alex Nogales of the National Hispanic Media Coalition expressed some concern about Diaz-Balart's absence, but said he hadn't done a study of MSNBC's Hispanic presence since its recent management changes.

Nogales congratulated MSNBC for its ratings surge due to the political focus, but said it is important to keep Latino voices in mind, particularly when the impact of Donald Trump's campaign is analyzed.

"They'll have to, otherwise they'll lose us," he said. "We'll go to CNN or elsewhere."

Romney, McCain: Trump a danger for America's future

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — In an extraordinary display of Republican chaos, the party's most recent presidential nominees, Mitt Romney and John McCain, lambasted current front-runner Donald Trump on Thursday, calling him unfit for office and a danger for the nation and the GOP.

"His is not the temperament of a stable, thoughtful leader," Romney declared. He called Trump "a phony" who is "playing the American public for suckers," a man whose "imagination must not be married to real power."

The vicious feud marked a near-unprecedented scenario pitting the Republican Party's most prominent leaders, past and present, against each other as Democrats begin to unite around Hillary Clinton.

The criticism set the tone for a primetime debate in which Trump lashed back, calling Romney "a failed candidate" who lost to Barack Obama four years ago because he was such a poor candidate. The loss, Trump charged, was "an embarrassment."

And yet, in reply to the last question of Thursday night's debate, each of the remaining candidates — Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio and John Kasich — said they would support Trump if he was the presidential nominee of their party.

Underlying the clash is a bleak reality for panicking Republican officials: Beyond harsh words, there is little they see to stop Trump's march toward the presidential nomination. Party leaders are poring over complicated delegate math, outlining hazy scenarios for a contested national convention and even flirting with the idea of a third-party effort.

Romney confidant Ron Kaufman, a senior member of the Republican National Committee, openly embraced the possibility of a contested convention: "If that's the only way to stop Trump, it makes sense," he told The Associated Press.

In the most notable verbal attacks against Trump to date, Romney and his 2012 running mate, House Speaker Paul Ryan, urged voters in the strongest terms to shun the former reality television star for the

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good of country and party.

The GOP's 2008 nominee, Arizona Sen. McCain, joined in, raising "many concerns about Mr. Trump's uninformed and indeed dangerous statements on national security issues." That echoes the worries of dozens of leading conservative defense and foreign policy officials.

As Kaufman suggested, Romney embraced what might seem a long-shot approach to deny Trump the delegates necessary to secure the nomination, though he did not call on Republicans to unify behind a single alternative.

"Given the current delegate selection process, this means that I would vote for Marco Rubio in Florida, for John Kasich in Ohio and for Ted Cruz or whichever one of the other two contenders has the best chance of beating Mr. Trump in a given state," Romney said.

Romney advisers have recently sought information on a contested convention, though there appeared to be no concrete planning for that possibility and it was unclear whether their efforts signaled Romney's own interest in becoming the GOP nominee through a floor fight, according to a Republican familiar with the efforts. That person was not authorized to discuss the plans publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

Another idea rumbling through power corridors in Washington was the prospect of a late third-party candidate to represent more mainstream conservatives.

Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been approached by "a mixture of people" about being part of a third-party bid, said Jeff Miller, who managed Perry's failed GOP presidential campaign. But Miller said Perry found the idea "ludicrous."

Suggesting that Romney may continue to have 2016 ambitions of his own, Trump said the 2012 nominee had "chickened out" earlier when he understood he'd be going up against the billionaire businessman.

"He doesn't have what it takes to be president," Trump said at a Portland, Maine, rally. "I made so much more money than Mitt."

Romney's views are irrelevant, he said. "Look, Mitt is a failed candidate."

The back-and-forth came as the Republican candidates prepared for their first post-Super Tuesday debate, Thursday night in Detroit.

Four years ago, Romney and Trump stood side by side in Las Vegas, with Trump saying it was a "real honor and privilege" to endorse Romney's White House bid. Romney at the time praised Trump's ability to "understand how our economy works and to create jobs for the American people."

On Thursday, Trump said Romney "was begging me" for an endorsement that year.

"I could have said, 'Mitt, drop to your knees.' He would have dropped to his knees," Trump said.

Earlier Thursday, in Utah, Romney assailed Trump's temperament, his business acumen and his ability to keep America safe.

"If we Republicans choose Donald Trump as our nominee, the prospects for a safe and prosperous future are greatly diminished," he said.

During his Capitol Hill press conference, Ryan dismissed comments Trump made this week that if the Wisconsin Republican didn't get along with him, Ryan would "pay a big price."

"I just laughed out loud," Ryan told reporters. "Sometimes, reality is stranger than fiction around here these days."

The speaker added that "conservatism is being disfigured" by some of Trump's ideas and statements.

Voters have not so far responded to such warnings.

Trump padded his delegate lead with victories in seven Super Tuesday contests, with Cruz claiming three states and Florida Sen. Rubio picking up his first victory of the 2016 race.

Still, the front-runner is not yet on track to claim the nomination before the party's national gathering in July, according to an Associated Press delegate count. He has won 46 percent of the delegates awarded so far, and he would have to increase that to 51 percent in the remaining primaries.

The GOP mayhem contrasts sharply with a clearer picture on the Democratic side, where Clinton is drawing broad support from voters and her party's leaders. Rival Sen. Bernie Sanders has vowed to keep up his fight, though his path to the nomination has become exceedingly narrow.

Man, woman charged with taking cookie money from Girl Scout

DELTONA, Fla. (AP) — Authorities say they've arrested a brother and sister who stole a box of money from a table where a 12-year-old girl was selling Girl Scout cookies outside a Florida Wal-Mart.

The Volusia County Sheriff's Office reports in a news release that 20-year-old Nicholas Delbrugge and his sister, 25-year-old Ashley Winters, were arrested in Deltona on Thursday.

Authorities say surveillance footage shows the brother grabbing the money box Sunday afternoon and hopping into the passenger seat of a waiting car. The leader of the Girl Scout troop estimated the box contained about \$200.

A New Smyrna Beach police officer identified Delbrugge on Tuesday, and sheriff's detectives spent the next two days tracking the siblings down.

Delbrugge and Winter both face multiple theft charges. Jail records didn't list attorneys for them.

Baseball card bonanza: Family scores with rare Ty Cobb find

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — From a crumpled paper bag in a dilapidated house came a baseball-card find of a lifetime. Seven of them actually.

Card experts in Southern California said Wednesday that they have verified the legitimacy — and seven-figure total value — of seven identical Ty Cobb cards from the printing period of 1909 to 1911. Before the recent find, there were only about 15 known to still exist.

Joe Orlando, the president of Professional Sports Authenticator in Newport Beach, California, who verified the find, said it is "spectacular" and "miraculous" to have come across such a cache.

"I am not sure if any other baseball card find is more remarkable than this new discovery," Orlando said in a statement.

The family who discovered the cards in a neglected paper bag at the run-down house of a deceased great-grandfather has asked to remain anonymous.

"At first, they thought it was trash," Orlando said. "One of the family members said, 'Let me sift through the contents of this bag,' and thankfully they did."

Publicist Donn Pearlman, who helped announce the finding, said only that they are from a southern state and that the cards were first taken to a dealer in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

That dealer, Rick Snyder of MINT State Inc., said his initial reaction after getting a voicemail from the family was "absolute skepticism."

"I doubted they were authentic because finding seven of these cards at one place at one time seemed almost impossible," Snyder said. But after examining photos and then finally seeing the cards themselves a week later, he became convinced.

Orlando said he was also dubious at first. But after his office and an outside expert examined the cards, he became a believer.

Cobb's .366 career batting average is the highest in major league history.

The cards with the famed Detroit Tigers player come from a lot known as T206, the group most prized by collectors that also includes the Honus Wagner card, arguably the most famous sports card ever.

They say on the back "TY COBB — KING OF THE SMOKING TOBACCO WORLD" in green ink.

The cards' value is sure to shift now that there are so many more in existence, and an exact figure is difficult to pin down. But Orlando said the total worth of the whole cache should exceed \$1 million. It's not yet clear what the family who found them intends to do with them.

On a scale from one to 10, with 10 being mint condition, the cards range from 3.5 to 4.5, which is high for cards that are more than a century old.

"This is one of the greatest discoveries in the history of our hobby," Orlando said.