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Daylight Saving Time starts (Turn clocks ahead 1 hour)

- Birthdays: Angie Peterson, Ron Anderson, Sandy Hoops
- 9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran School
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
10:00am: St. John's Lutheran School
10:15am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, March 14

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School Lunch: Meatball, baked tiny potatoes, broccoli and dip, fruit.

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The Opioid Epidemic Affects All of Us

Across South Dakota and the United States, prescription painkiller and heroin abuse is increasing. In the last 15 years, abuse of opioids has risen more than 200 percent. It is tearing apart families, ruining lives and killing individuals who suffer from addiction throughout the entire country. It's important to address this growing epidemic and reverse this dangerous trend.

Tragically, 44 Americans die each day from overdosing on painkillers. And South Dakota isn't immune: In 2014, 63 South Dakotans died from drug overdoses. That same year, 13,000 South Dakotans needed treatment from illegal drug use but failed to receive it, including 3,000 youth. As a result, communities are suffering.

The Senate has been working on a solution to tackle the opioid epidemic on three fronts: prevention, treatment and combating overdose. The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016 that recently passed the Senate is a bipartisan solution that will help communities combat opioid abuse at the local level. It is supported by more than 130 national anti-drug groups, as well as 38 state Attorneys General, including South Dakota Attorney General, Marty Jackley.

CARA will strengthen law enforcement and recovery programs through state and local grants. One purpose of the grant programs is to improve treatment of substance abuse disorders in the criminal justice system and strengthen law enforcement's ability to counter the trafficking of illegal drugs. The programs will also expand prevention, education and treatment opportunities and limit the availability of prescription opioids through drug takeback and prescription drug monitoring programs. It creates two task forces and authorizes a number of discretionary grant programs to combat substance abuse and overdose deaths. This comprehensive approach is an evidence-based solution that will help communities combat this epidemic.

When we think of drug abusers, we might identify them as the disenfranchised in our communities, those who may not have a job or a home or a family. Especially in the case of opioid addiction, that stereotype just isn't true. Studies have shown that no one in society is immune to opioid abuse, including our neighbors, our friends and our family members. Many times, addiction starts with a legal painkiller prescription from a doctor following surgery or to manage chronic pain. Because opioids are highly addictive and often result in a physical dependency, they can easily lead to abuse. When the prescription runs out, addicts often purchase them illegally on the street or turn to a cheaper, even more dangerous substitute: heroin.

Addiction is a devastating dependency that has spread to all corners of our society. The Senate's passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act is an important step toward ending the heartbreaking issue of drug abuse in the United States. It will help save lives, keep families intact and keep our communities safe and secure. By expanding prevention efforts, enhancing support for law enforcement and increasing access to treatment, we can begin to reverse and stop the growing epidemic of opioid addiction in the United States.

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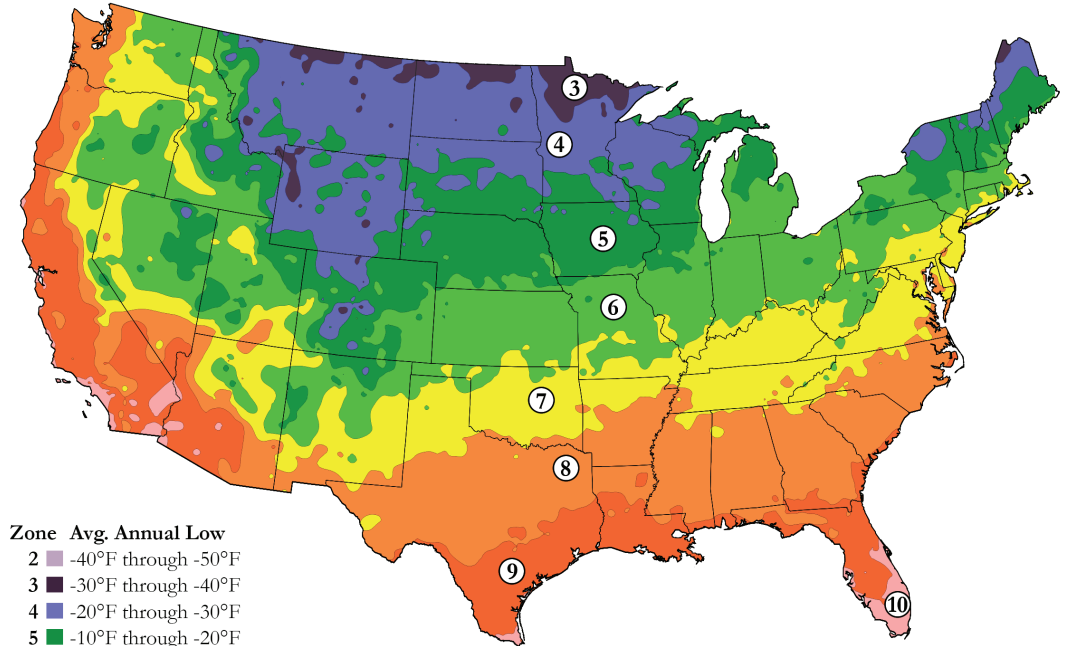
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The hardiness zone has been moving north over the years. The image below represents the hardiness zone for 1990 while the one on top represents the zone for 2015. While there is no change in the Groton Area, you will see that zone 5 (dark green) has reached up north into South Dakota and even a small dot in North Dakota. Zone 3 is virtually out of the United States now.

2015 arborday.org Hardiness Zones Map

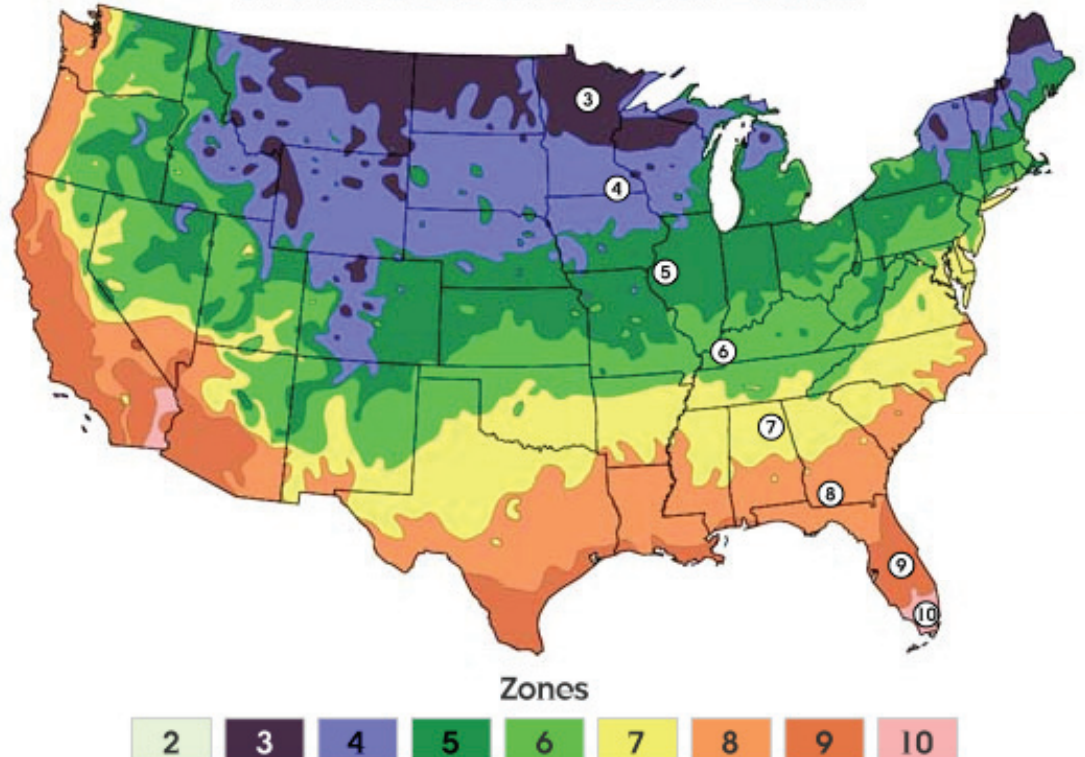


Zone	Avg. Annual Low
2	-40°F through -50°F
3	-30°F through -40°F
4	-20°F through -30°F
5	-10°F through -20°F
6	0°F through -10°F
7	10°F through 0°F
8	20°F through 10°F
9	30°F through 20°F
10	40°F through 30°F

Go to arborday.org to find the zone for your zip code. You can also find trees for planting in your zip code.

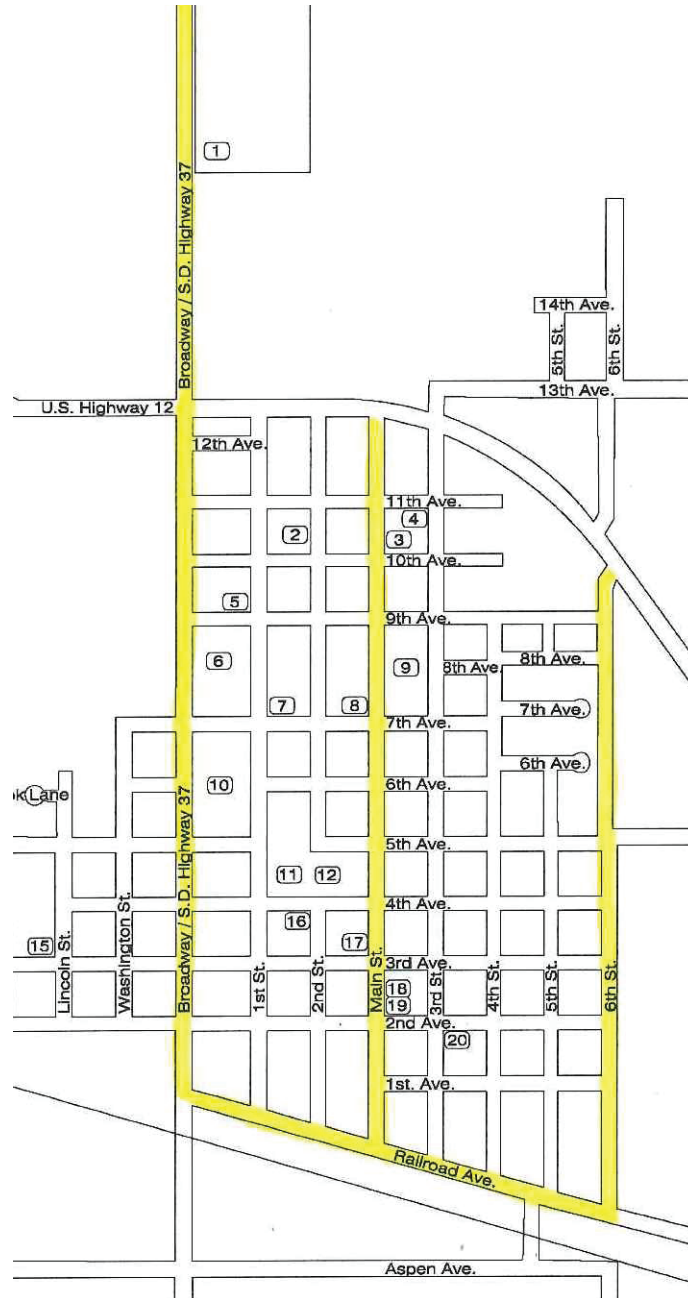
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1990 USDA hardiness zones



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Will only be on Railroad Ave, Main St, 6th St, & Hwy 37

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The Poverty Problem

The poverty problem in our country – in our own state – breaks my heart. It's more than a lack of cash flow. It's a deficiency of opportunity, of hope. It's a seemingly inescapable reality for many that is time and again passed down from generation to generation. And the programs put in place to help often perpetuate the problem.

In the last seven years, the cycle of poverty has not only continued, it's accelerated. Since President Obama took office, around six million more Americans have slipped into poverty.

The path to upward mobility for these individuals and families is lined with obstacles. We have to help break down those barriers. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and as a representative of a state that includes some of the most impoverished counties in the country, I am working to move forward real solutions that restore opportunity and address the root causes of poverty.

That agenda begins with recognizing the best path out of poverty goes through the workplace. Today's federal programs can help to avoid crisis, but they fail to equip low-income individuals with the tools needed to move up the economic ladder.

There are very few people in this world who want to stay on federal programs their whole life. They want to achieve their dreams. Our system, then, should be focused on getting people back to work, out there searching for a job, or into a training program that will help them launch a career if they are to receive benefits.

But right now, the federal government often disincentivizes work, and by doing that, it can trap people in poverty. The government has set up cliffs where it can make less financial sense to get a job or accept a promotion than to stay on federal programs. That's wrong. The incentives system needs to be realigned.

This means we must also redefine "success" when it comes to welfare policy. For decades, success has been defined by increasing enrollment numbers and the dollars spent. It should be defined instead by whether or not the programs are producing meaningful outcomes.

None of this can be accomplished, however, without also improving the integrity of our welfare system. It is wrought with fraud, waste, and abuse. Today, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families – or TANF – is the predominant federal program used to support low-income individuals and transition them into the workforce. Loopholes have diluted the program's effectiveness. Some states have been allowed to manipulate their numbers in order to get taxpayer money without helping people find jobs. South Dakota doesn't allow for this kind of manipulation and I'd like to see our way of doing things carried out nationwide. I've introduced legislation to close this loophole and am actively working to ensure it advances through the legislative process.

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan often says: "The condition of your birth should not determine the outcome of your life. This is who we are as a nation." I agree, but many – including thousands in our state – don't see how that could be true for them.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Commerce Department announced South Dakota's economy grew by an astounding 9.2 percent in the third quarter of 2015 – the largest rate of growth in the nation. That compares to just 1.9 percent growth during that same period nationwide. Still, the poorest county in the country is in South Dakota. These families deserve a solution and I'm committed to offering one that produces more accountability and better efficiency to protect what Middle Class Americans have earned, while also generating greater financial independence and a path to upward mobility for those who need it most. This must be a priority.

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Today in Weather History

March 13, 1971: During an evening thunderstorm in Moody County, South Dakota, lightning destroyed a transformer plant in Coleman. Damages were estimated at \$250,000.

March 13, 1997: A winter storm began with widespread freezing drizzle, creating icy roadways and walkways, before changing over to snow. Before the snow was over, 2 to 8 inches had fallen on an already expansive and deep snowpack. The winds accelerated to 20 to 40 mph, resulting in widespread blowing and drifting snow. Visibilities were reduced to near zero at times, making travel treacherous. Many roads again became blocked by snowdrifts and several were closed. Many area schools were again closed, adding to an already substantial total of days missed for the winter season. Some people were stranded, and had to wait out the storm. Some airport flights were canceled. The icy roads and low visibilities resulted in several vehicle mishaps as well. There was a rollover accident west of Mobridge and an overturned van 7 miles west of Webster. On Interstate-29 there were several rollover accidents, including vehicles sliding off of the road. Some snowfall amounts included, 4 inches at Timber Lake, Mobridge, Eureka, Leola, Britton, and Clark, 5 inches at Leola, 6 inches at Waubay and Summit, and 8 inches at Pollock.

1907 - A storm produced a record 5.22 inches of rain in 24 hours at Cincinnati, OH. (12th-13th) (The Weather Channel)

1951 - The state of Iowa experienced a record snowstorm. The storm buried Iowa City under 27 inches of snow. (David Ludlum)

1953: An F4 tornado cut an 18 mile path through Haskell and Knox counties in Texas. 17 people were killed and an eight block area of Knox City was leveled. Click [HERE](#) for a 60th Anniversary story from Abilene Reporter-News.

1977 - Baltimore, MD, received an inch of rain in eight minutes. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - A winter storm produced heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada Range of California, and the Lake Tahoe area of Nevada. Mount Rose NV received 18 inches of new snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)




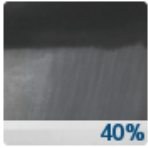
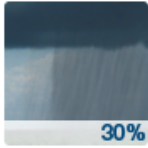


1988 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed from the Plateau Region to the Appalachians. Chadron NE, recently buried 33 inches of snow, was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 19 degrees below zero. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Residents of the southern U.S. viewed a once in a life-time display of the Northern Lights. Unseasonably warm weather continued in the southwestern U.S. The record high of 88 degrees at Tucson AZ was their seventh in a row. In southwest Texas, the temperature at Sanderson soared from 46 degrees at 8 AM to 90 degrees at 11 AM. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from northwest Texas to Wisconsin, Iowa and Nebraska during the day, and into the night. Severe thunderstorms spawned 59 tornadoes, including twenty-six strong or violent tornadoes, and there were about two hundred reports of large hail or damaging winds. There were forty-eight tornadoes in Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and some of the tornadoes in those three states were the strongest of record for so early in the season, and for so far northwest in the United States. The most powerful tornado of the day was one which tore through the central Kansas community of Hesston. The tornado killed two persons, injured sixty others, and caused 22 million dollars along its 67-mile path. The tornado had a life span of two hours. Another tornado tracked 124 miles across south-eastern Nebraska injuring eight persons and causing more than five million dollars damage

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
20%			40%	30%	20% 30%	40% 40%
Slight Chance Showers and Patchy Fog	Mostly Cloudy then Areas Fog	Areas Fog then Mostly Sunny	Chance Showers	Chance Showers and Breezy	Slight Chance Rain then Chance Rain/Snow	Chance Rain/Snow then Chance Rain and Breezy
High: 61 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 39 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 44 °F



Above Normal Temperatures Continue

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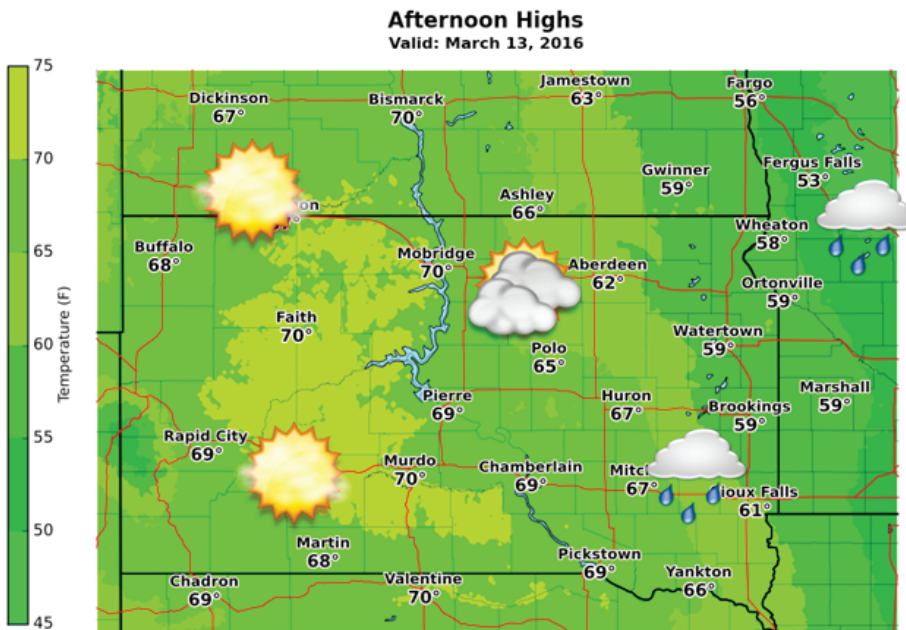
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Western SD

Mostly Sunny,
Very High Grassland
Fire Danger

Eastern SD

Mostly cloudy with
a chance of
showers or drizzle.

Isolated
thunderstorms this
afternoon over
southeast SD.

Published on: 03/13/2016 at 4:39AM

Above normal temperatures will continue today, but expect clouds and some showers over eastern South Dakota. Temperatures will be the warmest over western South Dakota where there will be a

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 70.7 at 2:45 PM

Low: 39.5 at 6:21 AM

High Gust: 30 at 1:49 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 71° in 2012

Record Low: -28 in 1896

Average High: 38°F

Average Low: 19°F

Average Precip in March.: 0.40

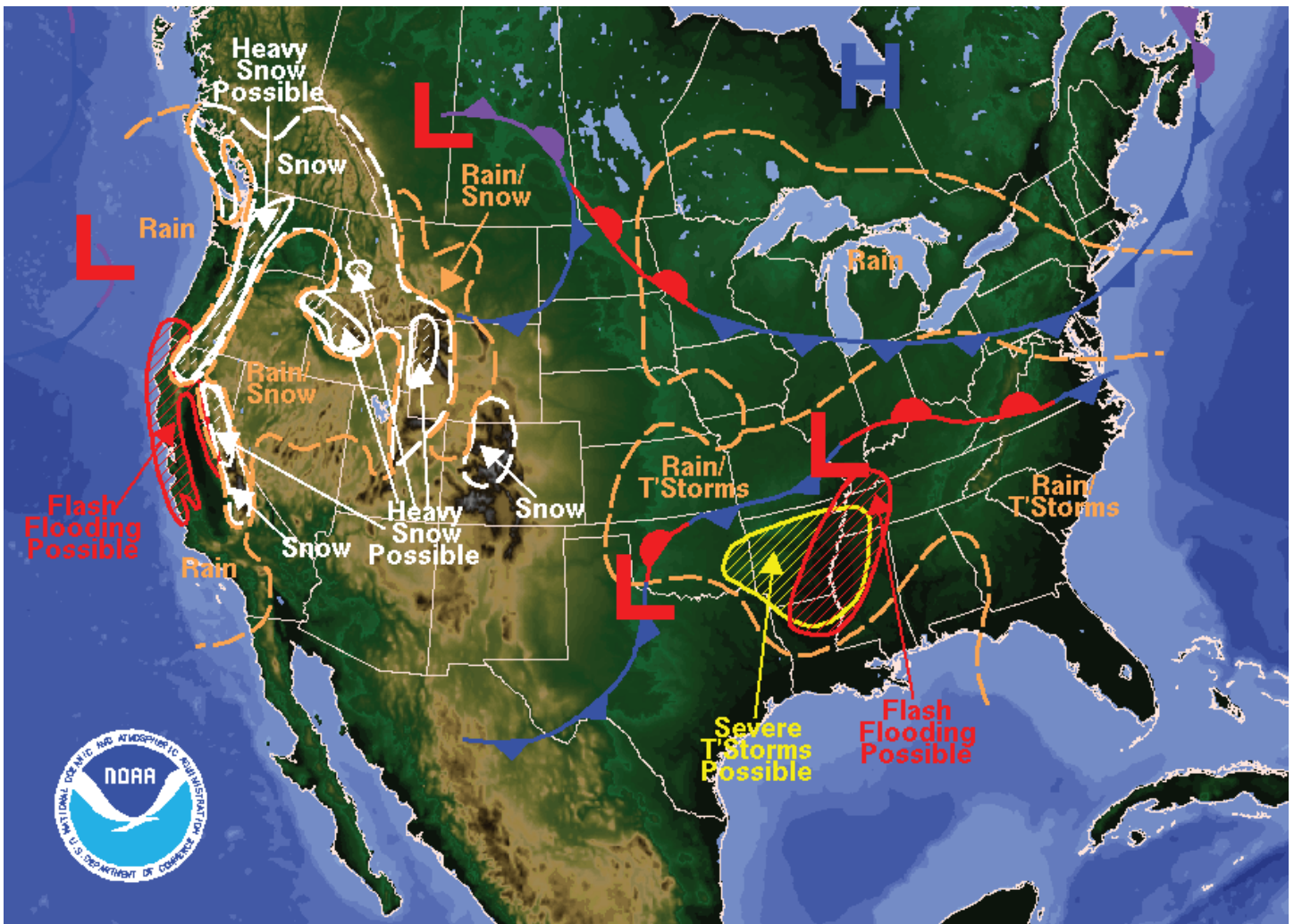
Precip to date in March.: 0.35

Average Precip to date: 1.42

Precip Year to Date: 0.95

Sunset Tonight: 6:37 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:47 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Mar 13, 2016, issued 4:41 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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LET'S GO TO CHURCH

"Dad," said a small child getting ready for Sunday school, "When I grow up I want to be just like you. How old will I have to be to quit going to church?"

The father blushed with embarrassment and said, "Son, going to church is something we need to do all of our lives."

Most parents are anxious that their children go to church. Unfortunately, many parents do not realize how important it is for them to set the proper example for their children. Going to church is one of the most important examples parents can set for their children. It demonstrates the value and priority they place on worshiping together.

Being a Christian without going to church is like a soldier going into battle without an army or a violinist preparing for a concert without any strings in his violin. A family trying to live life without worshiping together is like a ship with no rudder.

The Apostle Paul wisely said, "Let us not neglect our church meetings, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of His coming back is drawing near."

Prayer: Father, I admit that I need to be with others and worship and praise You. Help me to be faithful and join with others to honor You: in Your Name. Amen.

Scripture for Today: Hebrews 10:25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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News from the Associated Press

Sully Buttes holds off Ethan 33-25 to win state B

HURON, S.D. (AP) — Sully Buttes used the free throw line, a suffocating defense and 11 points each from Deidre Lamb and Chloe Lamb to beat Ethan 33-25 Saturday in the South Dakota girls Class B basketball title game.

The unbeaten Chargers (26-0) won despite shooting just 22 percent from the field. They were 13-for-17 from the free throw line, while the Rustlers (21-5) were just 5 of 6.

Deidre Lamb had two 3-pointers and made 3 of 4 free throws. Chloe Lamb was just 1-for-11 from the field but made 8 of 10 free throws.

Ellie Hohn had nine points and Karly Gustafson added eight points and seven rebounds for Ethan.

St. Thomas More downs Winner 49-32 in state A title game

WATERTOWN, S.D. (AP) — Ciara Duffy had 19 points as St. Thomas More defended its state Class A title with a 49-32 win over Winner Saturday at the South Dakota girls Class A basketball tournament.

Duffy was 8-for-17 from the floor and grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Kennedy Kirsch added 10 points for the Cavaliers (23-2), who shot 43 percent and outrebounded the Warriors 34-23.

St. Thomas More outscored Winner 32-10 inside.

Winner (21-5) got 16 points and seven rebounds from Allison Cox.

Saturday's Scores The Associated Press

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

State A Tournament

Seventh Place

Dell Rapids 71, McLaughlin 62

Fifth Place

Elk Point-Jefferson 46, West Central 43

Third Place

Hamlin 58, Webster 52

State B Tournament

Seventh Place

Faith 40, Wall 26

Fifth Place

Irene-Wakonda 49, Leola/Frederick 35

Third Place

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 49, Avon 42, OT

Suspect in Sioux Falls shooting dies in hospital

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a 53-year-old man charged with shooting his former girlfriend and then himself late last month has died.

Police say Cameron Young died at Sanford Hospital on Friday afternoon. Young had been charged with attempted first-degree murder and alternate counts of aggravated assault.

Authorities allege that Young used a stolen gun to shoot 30-year-old Kellie Dagel before turning the gun on himself on Feb. 26.

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At the time of the shooting, Young had two other active warrants, both for violating a protection order.

Man sentenced after meth found during traffic stop

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U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says Nathan Van Weeda of Colorado was indicted by a federal grand jury in October 2014 and pleaded guilty in December 2015.

The arrest came from an October 2014 traffic stop on U.S. Highway 83 north of Onida. Seiler says a South Dakota Highway Patrol trooper found seven baggies of methamphetamine totaling 6.8 ounces in the car Weeda was driving.

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Field Museum's Wari Ale the latest homage to ancient brews

DIRK LAMMERS, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Fourteen years ago, University of South Dakota anthropology professor Matthew Sayre unearthed pepper tree seed from the southern tip of Peru, unaware he'd stumbled upon a spent ingredient from a small 1,000-year-old brewery.

That discovery evolved into a team from Chicago's Field Museum team excavating a larger 500-gallon batch operation at Cerro Baul and the issuance of an ale inspired by the ingredients and brewing practices of the ancient Wari people.

In the recent craft-beer booms, brewers have turned to ancient civilizations' obscure, millennia-old recipes using corn, rice, peppers and berries to set themselves apart from their colleagues' beers as well as the vast majority of modern beer, which is brewed primarily with barley, hops and yeast.

"They started spreading out and trying other things, and it turned out that ancient people were doing the same thing," said Patrick McGovern, an ancient beverage expert at the University of Pennsylvania Museum in Philadelphia. "It takes us back to our roots."

Wari Ale, the latest offering that taps ancient cultures for inspiration, carries the sourness of a corn mash with a late-breaking, delicate hint of sweetness from the pepper, said Patrick Ryan Williams, the museum's associate curator and head of anthropology.

"It's very refreshing, clear, summer ale type," Williams said of the purple beer, which was made by Chicago's Off Color Brewing. "Maybe like a shandy."

Delaware-based Dogfish Head Craft Brewery was among the first to tap into ancient beers market in 1999 as part of collaboration with McGovern. The recipe for the beer-wine-mead hybrid brew Midas Touch — honey, barley malt, white muscat grapes and saffron — came from molecular evidence found in a Turkish tomb believed to have belonged to King Midas.

Inspirations for later Dogfish Head ancients, which McGovern will be chronicling in his upcoming book "Liquid Time Capsules," include a 3,500-year-old Danish drinking vessel, 3,400-year-old pottery fragments found in Honduras and a 9,000-year-old tomb from Neolithic China.

A 2009 batch of the traditional Peruvian chicha replicated the ancient act of milling and moistening the

corn in Dogfish brewers' mouths before adding it into the boil. Attendees of the Great American Beer Festival couldn't wait to try it, McGovern said.

"The line of people across the Denver Convention Center was unbelievable," he said.

Sayre's seed discovery, which he quickly connected to berries growing nearby, came along with evidence of many smaller sites that were home probably breweries, he said, but the giant operation unearthed by Field Museum anthropologists was much larger than the ones he found.

"When it was brewed in large amounts, that was probably for big feast events," Sayre said.

To map out a process for a modern take on chicha, Williams and a team of researchers brewed experimental batches in Peru using locally grown corn and pepper berries.

"We used reproduction ceramic vessels of the boiling jars and we did it over an open fire using natural woods and fuel," Williams said. "We really wanted to understand how the brew was created."

The batches gave the scientists a pretty good idea of how the brew should taste, and then the museum took its information to Off Color Brewing.

To be called a beer in the U.S., breweries must use barley and hops, so those ingredients were incorporated into the recipe.

"So it's not an exact recreation," Williams said. "It's a chicha de molle-inspired ale.

Off Color co-founder David Bleitner brewed some small batches until settling on a method that would work for a large-scale replication, overcoming logistical challenges such as finding an importer to source the purple corn from Peru.

"We've never done anything like this before," Bleitner said. "This was probably the most work I've ever put into conceiving and making a beer."

26-year-old man arrested in connection with Iditarod crashes

DAN JOLING, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A man suspected of intentionally driving a snowmobile into teams of two mushers near the front of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race has been arrested in a Yukon River village.

Arnold Demoski, 26, of Nulato, was arrested Saturday on suspicion of assault, reckless endangerment, reckless driving and six counts of criminal mischief.

Demoski spoke to KTUU-TV (<http://bit.ly/1QPO4MH>), saying he was returning home from a night of drinking when he struck Aliy Zirkle and Jeff King's teams early Saturday morning.

The crashes killed one of King's dogs and injured at least two others. One of Zirkle's dogs also was injured. Iditarod officials at first reported King had been injured. But the four-time champion said later the snowmobile had missed both him and his sled.

Demoski said when he woke up Saturday morning and heard what had happened to the mushers, he checked his snowmobile and realized he had done it. The snowmobile was missing a part and had rust-colored stains, he said.

Demoski said he doesn't remember the collisions, which the Iditarod described as apparently intentional attacks.

"I just want to say I'm sorry," he said.

Zirkle, 46, who finished second three times from 2012 to 2014, was mushing from Kokukuk to Nulato, a run of less than 20 miles (32.19 kilometers) on the Yukon River, when she was hit, race marshal Mark Nordman said Saturday.

The snowmobile hit the side of Zirkle's sled about 5 miles (8.05 kilometers) outside of Koyukuk, turned around multiple times and came back at her before driving off, Alaska State Troopers spokeswoman Megan Peters said by email.

The snowmobile reappeared 12 miles (19.31 kilometers) outside of Nulato. The driver revved up and was pointed at Zirkle before leaving, Peters said.

Demoski told KTUU that he did not return to harass Zirkle. He said he wanted to check to make sure

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she was OK.

One dog on Zirkle's team was bruised. Officials described the injury as non-life-threatening.

Zirkle reached Nulato and told a race official the incident had left her shaken.

"I'm really bad. Someone tried to kill me with a snowmachine," she said on a video posted to the Iditarod Insider webpage. Snowmachine is what Alaskans call snowmobiles.

King, a four-time Iditarod champion, was behind Zirkle and fared worse. When King reached the vicinity 12 miles outside of Nulato, his team was struck from behind by the snowmobile.

Nash, a 3-year-old male, was killed. Crosby, another 3-year-old male, and Banjo, a 2-year-old male, received injuries and are expected to survive. King told the Iditarod Insider the snowmobile narrowly missed him and his sled, but hit his dogs at high speed.

"One of my dogs was killed pretty much on the spot, and a couple others I gave first aid to the best I could and loaded them into my sled," he told the Iditarod camera crew. "I kind of felt like a triage ambulance."

It did not appear to be an accident, he said. "It seemed like an act of bravado," King said.

Rural Alaska communities have many wonderful people, he said, but they also have serious social problems.

"It is beyond comprehension to me that this was not related to substance abuse," King said, adding that "no one in their right mind would do what this person did."

King remained in Nulato early Saturday afternoon.

The race leader early Saturday afternoon was Brent Sass, who left the village of Kaltag at 8:20 a.m.

Zirkle rested four hours in Nulato and dropped one dog before heading back onto the Yukon River with 14 dogs in harness. She reached Kaltag at 10:44 a.m., and after a nine-minute rest, left again in second place.

Current champion Dallas Seavey left Kaltag at 11:24 a.m. in third place. His father, former champion Mitch Seavey, was in fourth place.

It's college basketball's biggest day

JIM O'CONNELL, AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sunday is the day some college basketball fans can't wait for every year: it's almost time to put the words "bubble" and "bracketology" back in the dictionary until at least next January.

This year, Selection Sunday features five conference tournament championships before brackets are released.

Only one game — the American Athletic Conference final between Connecticut and Memphis — can hurt those precariously on the bubble for the NCAA Tournament. Memphis lacks the resume to earn an at-large bid, so a Connecticut victory would likely create one more spot for lucky bubble-sitters.

The other games fall into two categories. First, there are games between teams that are both considered locks for the NCAA Tournament. That would be the Atlantic 10 with Saint Joseph's and VCU; the Big Ten with Purdue and Michigan State; and the Southeastern Conference with Texas A&M and Kentucky.

The outcomes could affect seeding — especially with Michigan State fighting for a No. 1 — but not much else.

Elsewhere, some conferences are hosting win-and-in title games. The Sun Belt is one of those conferences — only the winner of UALR and Louisiana-Monroe will get to dance next week.

GOOD SATURDAYS

Stony Brook, the America East champion, and Cal State-Bakersfield, the Western Athletic Conference winner, both earned their first NCAA Tournament berths.

"We'll worry about next week later on down the road," Stony Brook coach Steve Pikiell said as he and his players celebrated.

Connecticut won its American Athletic Conference semifinal over Temple and likely locked up a tourna-

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ment spot whether it beats Memphis or not.

"We still have one more game left," Huskies coach Kevin Ollie said. "We have been in the championship the last two years (and lost). Hopefully third time is the charm like everybody says."

Kansas, which beat West Virginia to sweep the Big 12 titles, solidified its very probable status as the overall No. 1 seed.

"I'd like to say there's a lot of correlation between success this weekend and success next weekend, but I'm not sure there is," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said.

Stephen F. Austin beat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in the Southland Conference championship game to increase its winning streak to 20 games.

"There's nothing greater than Selection Sunday," SFA coach Brad Underwood said. "I am an old-school guy, and when they call your name, the hair on the back of my neck stands up, and I get goose bumps."

BAD SATURDAYS

Villanova lost to Seton Hall for the Big East title and probably cost itself a No. 1 seed. The Wildcats could have made it a couple weekends of bus rides by being sent to Brooklyn (which they probably still will) and Philadelphia (it would have been nice to play two tournament games on their second homecourt).

"We really don't care about that," coach Jay Wright said. "I know we have a chance to play in the East. We would love to play in the East. But if we don't, we're so happy to be playing in the NCAA Tournament. We'll take whatever we get."

Michigan went from its feel-good moment of a buzzer-beater to knock off top-seeded Indiana in the Big Ten to wondering if it's in the field after a solid thumping by Purdue in the semifinals.

San Diego State lost Fresno State in the Mountain West championship and immediately became one of the teams that has reason to be nervous.

"I thought we had an excellent season," Aztecs forward Winston Shepard said. "I think we're definitely one of the best teams in the country. I don't think this is a team that many people would want to play. So this is the hard part. We have to leave it up to a bunch of people who will go to the metrics and things like that, so we just have to wait and see."

LSU needed to do much better than its 71-38 SEC semifinals loss to Texas A&M. Unless Ben Simmons shocks the world and returns to school rather than enter the NBA draft, he'll leave college basketball without an NCAA Tournament appearance.

"Whatever the future holds, I want to play with this team as long as I can," Simmons said.

Unusually widespread flooding across Louisiana, Mississippi

EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS, Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — As the Leaf River rose north of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 26-year-old Rebecca Bruce and her fiancé grabbed what they could and left the shed where they live. The water was more than 2 feet deep indoors when they left, she said.

"We lost everything," Bruce said Saturday. "I've got a book bag full of dirty clothes, and I was lucky to get that."

Bruce was among about 20 people in a Red Cross shelter in the Forrest County Community Center on Saturday, as creeks and rivers continued to rise after torrential rains pounded the Deep South. It was one of nine shelters open in Mississippi and 24 in Louisiana.

Downpours — part of a system affecting Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama — submerged roads and cars, washed out bridges and forced residents to flee homes.

At least three people have died in Louisiana alone. Mississippi officials were still looking for two missing fishermen, but had no reports of injuries or deaths, said Lee Smithson, head of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, or MEMA. A Hancock County sheriff's deputy was hospitalized after his patrol car skidded into a ditch Friday night, but is now recovering at home, Chief Deputy Don Bass told the Sun Herald (<http://bit.ly/1RGmhdZ>).

MEMA reported major damage to 95 homes, minor damage to 277 others, with reports still coming in

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from 41 of the state's 82 counties.

Smithson said Mississippi is dealing with the most widespread flooding since Hurricane Isaac dumped more than two feet of rain throughout the state.

However, he said, "It has not been quite as rough a day as we thought it was going to be today. ... It looks as if the significant rainstorms for the Mississippi Gulf Coast have not materialized."

Officials had been afraid that as many as 1,000 homes might flood in Forrest County, where the Leaf River is expected to crest Sunday at 29.5 feet. But on Saturday, Smithson said, the number likely to be affected was looking more like 100 to 150. About 75 raised fishing camps in Pearl River County, across from Slidell, were likely to be surrounded by water, he said.

It's the most widespread non-hurricane flooding the Louisiana National Guard has ever dealt with, said Col. Pete Schneider, a guard spokesman. He said about 1,000 soldiers and air crews were at work in 25 of Louisiana's 64 parishes.

By Saturday morning, he said, National Guard crews in 160 high-water vehicles and 44 boats had rescued more than 2,100 people and nearly 190 pets. Others had given out 582,000 sandbags. Floods closed highways across north Louisiana, along its western edge and across the southeast, according to a map on the state Department of Transportation and Development website.

"We have seen flood events in this state but never from one tip of the state to the next," Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser told WDSU-TV (<http://bit.ly/1RWMeIR>).

1 killed; 2 others presumed dead in NY tugboat crash

FRANK ELTMAN, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — As an all-out search for two tugboat crew members stretched into hours following a deadly crash on the Hudson River, New York's governor gave his stark forecast.

"Sometimes people go to work and they don't come home," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said as numerous agencies searched the waters near the construction of a new Tappan Zee Bridge.

The two men, who weren't identified, were presumed dead after the 90-foot tugboat named Specialist hit a barge around 5:20 a.m. Saturday and sank, killing a fellow crew member and spilling about 5,000 gallons of fuel into the water north of New York City.

The U.S. Coast Guard, New York State Police, and fire and police agencies from Westchester and Rockland counties searched throughout the day. By sunset, the Coast Guard suspended its effort. Other agencies were expected to resume their search Sunday morning.

Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino identified the dead crewman as Paul Amon, 62, of Bayville, New Jersey.

Cuomo said he spoke to the family of one of the missing crew members Saturday.

"This is a 29-year-old who had his whole life ahead of him. He was supposed to come home but was working a few more days because the company asked him to, and now it's doubtful he'll come home at all," Cuomo said.

State Police divers began searching in the water about 12 hours after the crash. Earlier in the day, they used sonar equipment to determine the exact location of the sunken tug and said they needed to assess whether it was safe to send divers into the river to search for the other two victims. Cuomo said officials believed the tugboat was wedged on the river bottom near the mid-span of the bridge, where it crashed.

Authorities said three tugboats were pushing a barge from Albany to Jersey City, New Jersey, when one of the three — situated on the right side as it headed south — hit a stationary barge that was part of the Tappan Zee Bridge construction project.

A tugboat on the left side of the barge that was being pushed, as well as one that was pushing the barge from the rear, were not involved in the accident.

Cuomo said in a statement that 21 workers were on the bridge construction barge that was hit, but none of them was injured. He said it appeared the workers realized the barge was about to be struck and braced for impact. He added the construction barge was illuminated at the time of the pre-dawn collision.

The accident occurred near the center of the existing Tappan Zee Bridge, and the Specialist sank in

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about 40 feet of water within minutes, authorities said. The water temperature in the area was about 40 degrees, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

Cuomo said a team from the state Department of Environmental Conservation was on site with a private contractor and were deploying booms to contain the leaking diesel fuel. He said he did not expect any long-term damage as a result of the spill.

James Mercante, an attorney for the owner of Specialist, said the crew was licensed, competent and experienced.

"It's a shocking, horrific marine tragedy," Mercante said. "Right now the company is more concerned with the families of the crew and mourning."

A spokeswoman for Tappan Zee Constructors, a consortium of companies building the new bridge, said the company is cooperating in the investigation.

The crash occurred near the scene of a 2013 boat crash that killed a bride-to-be and her fiancé's best man. That incident, which killed Lindsey Stewart and Mark Lennon, both 30, also involved a Tappan Zee Bridge construction barge.

A look at the cost of 5 years of conflict in Syria

The Associated Press

As the war in Syria enters its sixth year with no clear end in sight, here is a glance on what has been the cost of the war:

DEAD AND INJURED — There are no reliably precise statistics on the number of people killed in Syria's war due to an inability to monitor on the ground. According to the U.N., over 250,000 people have been killed and well over a million wounded. But officials acknowledge that figure has not been updated in months. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based opposition group that monitors the war, puts the death toll at more than 270,000, while a recent report by the Syrian Center for Policy Research, an independent think tank, said 470,000 deaths have been caused by the conflict, either directly or indirectly.

THE DISPLACED — Almost half of Syria's prewar population of 23 million has been displaced by the war. The U.N. refugee agency says there are 6.5 million displaced within Syria and 4.8 million refugees outside Syria. Much of the remaining population is in dire need of humanitarian assistance. The refugees have mostly fled to neighboring countries — Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq — and have flooded Europe, where most arrive after a treacherous sea journey from Turkey.

THE CITIES — Historic Aleppo, Syria's largest city and former commercial center, has been devastated. Its ancient souks and the famed Umayyad Mosque complex have been trashed, its 11th century minaret toppled. Homs city, Syria's third largest, lies in ruins, entire blocks reduced to rubble or uninhabitable husks of housing. Rebel-held towns around the capital Damascus such as Jobar, Douma and Harasta are now a vista of collapsed buildings and rubble. A preliminary World Bank-led assessment in six cities in Syria -- Aleppo, Daraa, Hama, Homs, Idlib, and Latakia -- released in January showed an estimated \$3.6-4.5 billion in damage as of the end of 2014.

LOST HERITAGE — Almost all of Syria's UNESCO World Heritage sites have been either damaged or destroyed, including Aleppo in the north, the ancient town of Bosra in the south, the Crac des Chevaliers -- one of the most important preserved medieval castles in the world -- and the Palmyra archaeological site. Some have been damaged by fighting and shelling, others intentionally blown up or pillaged. The Islamic State group, which took control of Palmyra last year, destroyed many of its Roman-era relics, including the 2000-year-old Temple of Bel and the iconic Arch of Triumph. Numerous archaeological sites in Syria are being systematically targeted for excavation by criminals and armed groups. These include the Apamea archaeological site in Hama, the Tell Merdikh archaeological site in the Idlib region, and the Dura-Europos and Mari sites in Deir el-Zour.

ECONOMY — There is no accurate estimate for the economic cost of the ongoing war. A recent report by the charity group World Vision and the consultant group Frontier Economics estimated that the conflict has so far cost Syria \$275 billion in lost growth opportunities — 150 times more than pre-war Syria's health

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budget. If the conflict ends in 2020, the cost of the conflict will grow to \$1.3 trillion, it estimated. A World Bank report estimates the damage to the capital stock in Syria as of mid-2014 to be \$70-80 billion. The situation has deteriorated greatly since then.

THE COSTS TO OTHERS — Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq have borne the brunt of the economic impact of the war. Already in fragile situations, many of them are facing tremendous budgetary pressure. The World Bank estimates, for instance, that the influx of more than 630,000 Syrian refugees has cost Jordan over \$2.5 billion a year. This amounts to 6% of GDP and one-fourth of government's annual revenue. Cash-strapped Lebanon is also stretched to a breaking point and Turkey says it can no longer afford to take in refugees.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2016. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

On this date:

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1845, Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, had its premiere in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free.

In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1933, banks in the U.S. began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1946, U.S. Army Pfc. Sadao Munemori was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for sacrificing himself to save fellow soldiers from a grenade explosion in Seravezza, Italy; he was the only Japanese-American service member so recognized in the immediate aftermath of World War II.

In 1954, the Battle of Dien Bien Phu began during the First Indochina War as communist forces attacked French troops, who were defeated nearly two months later.

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, New York, home; the case gained notoriety over the supposed reluctance of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1995, two Americans working for U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait, David Daliberti and William Barloon, were seized by Iraq after they strayed across the border; sentenced to eight years in prison, both were freed later the same year.

In 2013, Jorge Bergoglio (HOHR'-hay behr-GOHG'-lee-oh) of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis.

Ten years ago: Deadly tornadoes raked the Midwest while wildfires scorched the Texas Panhandle. Publisher McClatchy Co. agreed to buy Knight-Ridder, but planned to immediately sell 12 of its newspapers. Black Sabbath and Blondie entered the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Actress Maureen Stapleton died in Lenox, Massachusetts, at age 80; game show host Peter Tomarken, 63, and his wife, Kathleen, were killed when their small plane crashed into Santa Monica Bay.

Five years ago: The estimated death toll from Japan's earthquake and tsunami climbed past 10,000 as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns while hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The NCAA men's basketball selection committee released its

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68-team draw which included a record 11 teams from the Big East, the deepest conference in the nation.

One year ago: In his first visit to the Phoenix Veterans Affairs hospital whose practices sparked a health care scandal, President Barack Obama acknowledged lingering weaknesses in the federal government's response to the chronic delays and false waiting lists in the VA health system. Al Rosen, the muscular third baseman who won the 1953 AL MVP and played on the last Cleveland Indians team to win the World Series, died in Rancho Mirage, California, at age 91.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 91. Country singer Jan Howard is 86. Songwriter Mike Stoller (STOH'-ler) is 83. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 77. Opera singer Julia Migenes is 67. Actor William H. Macy is 66. Comedian Robin Duke is 62. Actress Glenna Headly is 61. Actress Dana Delany is 60. Rock musician Adam Clayton (U2) is 56. Jazz musician Terence Blanchard is 54. Actor Christopher Collet is 48. Rock musician Matt McDonough (Mudvayne) is 47. Actress Annabeth Gish is 45. Actress Tracy Wells is 45. Rapper-actor Common is 44. Rapper Khujo (Goodie Mob, The Lumberjacks) is 44. Singer Glenn Lewis is 41. Actor Danny Masterson is 40. Actor Noel Fisher is 32. Singers Nicole and Natalie Albino (Nina Sky) are 32. Actor Emile Hirsch is 31.

Thought for Today: "History repeats itself. That's one of the things wrong with history." — Clarence Darrow, American lawyer (born 1857, died this date in 1938).

Trump rally sparks extraordinary stretch in Republican race

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THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — In a Republican presidential primary filled with extraordinary moments, a 24-hour stretch that began Friday night stands above them all.

Opponents of Donald Trump were so committed to keeping him from speaking in Chicago that they aggressively clashed with supporters, forcing the GOP front-runner to abruptly cancel his rally before it even began.

The next morning, two of the candidates still fighting to defeat Trump, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Ohio Gov. John Kasich, said they were so disgusted by the chaos that they may not support the billionaire businessman if he clinches their party's nomination.

And when Trump appeared at another rally Saturday morning in Ohio, he was suddenly pulled midspeech into a protective ring of U.S. Secret Service agents charged with guarding his life after a man rushed the stage.

"Thank you for the warning," Trump told the crowd after he resumed his speech. "I was ready for 'em, but it's much better if the cops do it, don't we agree?"

Each moment has virtually no precedent in modern presidential politics. Taken together, they exposed anew the remarkable anxiety ripping through a country dealing with profound economic and demographic changes, as well as the anger roiling inside one of America's great political parties.

For those cringing at the discord and Trump's unanticipated political rise, there were no easy answers Saturday.

While not mentioning Trump by name, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said in a statement Saturday that political leaders in both parties have a responsibility to ensure that the "discourse we engage in promotes the best of America."

"While we have differences, the exercise of our right to free speech should be just that: speech," Priebus said. "Violence is never the answer. Violence only begets violence."

Republican traditionalists kept whispering in private conversations about long-shot options for stopping Trump, either at a contested convention or by rallying around a potential third-party option. Trump, meanwhile, could put the Republican nomination out of reach to others in Tuesday's slate of five delegate-rich primaries.

Trump's rivals have spent months tiptoeing around his provocative comments for fear of alienating his impassioned supporters. Even in Thursday night's debate, all three of his remaining rivals — Rubio, Kasich and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz — sidestepped a question about whether outbursts of violence at Trump's rallies

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and his statements encouraging supporters to aggressively take on protesters concerned them.

But the images spilling out of Chicago, with young people angrily confronting each other, often divided by racial lines, appeared to be too much.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rubio said he may not be able to support Trump if he's the GOP nominee, citing the way he's "dividing both the party and the country so bitterly."

The Florida senator, who won the party's caucuses in Washington D.C. on Saturday, wouldn't say whether he'd look for a third-party candidate to support if Trump does become the Republican standard-bearer. He added, "The fact that you even have to ask me the question shows why (Trump) is a problem."

Kasich, who has largely avoided tangling with Trump until now, said the real estate mogul has created a "toxic environment" that makes it "extremely difficult" to envision supporting him as the Republican nominee.

"To see Americans slugging themselves at a political rally deeply disturbed me," Kasich said while campaigning in Cincinnati. "We're better than that."

Only Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who is closest to Trump in the delegate count, said he would unequivocally support the businessman if he emerges from the primary victorious. Still, Cruz — eager for Rubio and Kasich to get out of the race after their home-state primaries on Tuesday so he can take Trump on in a head-to-head contest — blamed his rival for encouraging the kind of "nasty violence" that occurred in Chicago.

President Barack Obama, speaking at a Democratic fundraiser in Dallas, said those who aspire to lead the country "should be trying to bring us together and not turning us against one another," and he urged leaders to "speak out against violence."

"If they refuse to do that, they don't deserve our support," he said.

With his delegate lead mounting, there's little evidence that Trump sees any reason to alter an approach that includes encouraging his supporters to aggressively — and sometimes physically — stop protesters from interrupting his raucous rallies.

Instead, Trump said at a rally Saturday afternoon in Cleveland, which was also interrupted several times by dozens of protesters, that he thought all the disruptions would help him.

"It just makes all of our friends and supporters more angry. We're going to go to the polls on Tuesday," he said, predicting a "resounding victory."

Nor did Trump moderate elsewhere. On Twitter, Trump said the man who rushed the stage at his Ohio event had ties to the Islamic State, citing a video that experts said could not possibly be linked to the radical militant group.

He also alleged online that Rubio and his Republican allies in Florida were trying to "rig the vote" in the Florida senator's favor and that he'd asked law enforcement to investigate. Florida elections officials said they had not heard of any such problems and had received no formal complaints.

Indeed, Trump appeared eager to paint himself as the victim of the extraordinary events. He complained the well-organized protesters in Chicago intent on keeping him from speaking had violated his First Amendment rights, and questioned why no one was asking Bernie Sanders to defend the actions of his backers.

Several of the protesters in Chicago said they are supporters of the Democratic candidate.

"They're Bernie fans!" Trump said in Cleveland. "Hey, Bernie, get your people in line, Bernie!"

Beaumont reported from Cleveland. Associated Press writers Dan Sewell in Vandalia, Ohio, Kathleen Ronayne in Sharonville, Ohio, Tamara Lush in Tampa, Florida, Darlene Superville in Dallas, and Vivian Salama in Washington contributed to this report.

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Intelligence advice for next president: Rocky road ahead

DEB RIECHMANN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — To: The next president of the United States.

From: U.S. intelligence officials.

Welcome to the White House. Now read our take on global political landscape and trends for the next five years and beyond. Bottom line: Get ready for a rocky road.

Their forecast calls for a slowing global economy dragged down by sluggish growth in China, and political volatility across the world, spurred by disillusionment with the status quo. Insecurity will deepen rifts among social classes and religious groups. Extremists will consolidate into large-scale networks across Africa, the Arab world and parts of Asia.

Competition among the U.S, China and Russia will heat up, raising the risk of future confrontations. Climate change is a problem now. And technological advances will force governments and their citizens to wrestle with securing data, privacy, intellectual property and jobs lost to high-tech innovations.

The National Intelligence Council, part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, serves as a bridge between intelligence agencies and policymakers. Its global trends report is compiled every four years so it can be handed to an incoming president or the incumbent. A summary of a draft of its latest findings was to be released Monday at a conference in Austin, Texas.

These trends follow 20 years of unprecedented reductions in poverty and increased access to education and information, which have empowered citizens around the world.

Suzanne Fry, director of the council's Strategic Future Group, and about 10 of her colleagues visited 30 countries since September 2014 to talk about the future with an estimated 1,800 people from all walks of life.

"Really for the first time in human history, people as individuals, really, really matter," Fry said in an interview.

She recalled Mohammed Bouazizi, a fruit seller who killed himself in 2010 to protest police actions in Tunisia. His death sparked an uprising that led to the ouster of Tunisia's dictator and inspired Arab Spring protests against authoritarian rule across the region.

In America, public discontent is evidenced by the rise of two presidential candidates — Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Bernie Sanders — whose anti-establishment messages appeal to anger among the general electorate, Fry said.

"They're channeling something that we're observing in a lot of countries, not just the United States, which is this real dissatisfaction with the existing social bargains or compacts in societies," Fry said.

The report suggests that this type of populism being seen in industrial nations will percolate in the developing world as those affected by a slow-to-zero rise in wages and a hollowing out of the middle class start questioning the effectiveness of traditional policies.

The council's final report is expected to be released between Election Day, Nov. 1, and the inauguration of the next president, on Jan. 20, 2017. The aim is to provide information about emerging trends to guide decisions that could alter the way the world is expected to evolve during the next 20 years.

A significant trend cited in the report is a slowdown of China's economy, which has reduced demand for commodities, especially in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. Also on the economic front, the report highlights a concern about increased concentration of wealth among a small number of people.

"We have seen lots of poverty reduction in recent years and people flowing into the middle class, but how do you keep this movie going? It's not clear that the political and economic reforms can keep it going," Fry said. "We've got brand new entrances to the middle class in the developing world. Their expectations are enormous and they are about to be crushed."

The report predicts increased competition and a "desire for status" by emerging and fading powers. This will play out as transnational terrorism, conducted by groups such as the Islamic State, al-Qaida and Boko Haram, and sectarian violence continue to threaten stability in the Middle East, Asia and parts of Africa.

"Multiple power centers are possible if regional aggression and flouting of international norms go unchecked," the report says.

Would Trump's trade threats work? Many experts are skeptical

PAUL WISEMAN, AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump has promised to shred America's trade deals and impose fines on imports from Mexico and China. He's gone so far as to swear off Oreos to protest Nabisco's transfer of cookie production from Chicago to Mexico.

By attacking trade agreements, the Republican presidential front-runner is channeling the belief, common among many of this year's angry voters, that foreign competition is robbing American jobs and shrinking wages.

"We're being killed on trade — absolutely destroyed," Trump says.

His assault on trade deals — which in some ways echoes arguments of Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders — seems to be winning politics. But Trump's analysis of how trade hurts American workers is flawed, and as president, he would struggle to deliver on his promises.

The United States does have an unbalanced trade relationship with other nations. Last year, it imported \$2.76 trillion in goods and services and exported just \$2.22 trillion. That \$540 billion gap — the trade deficit — was the seventh-biggest on record. Not since 1975 has the United States run a trade surplus.

A trade deficit slows economic growth and can cost jobs. Last year, the U.S. trade gap shrank growth by 0.6 percentage point to a modest 2.4 percent.

Trump, author of the 1987 best-seller "The Art of the Deal," argues that American negotiators are snookered by smarter deal-makers in China, Mexico and Japan who manage to penetrate the U.S. market without granting equal access to their own. He and his team, which he has said would include corporate takeover artist Carl Icahn, could easily do better, he says.

An assessment of his trade case:

LITTLE EFFECT ON JOBS

Many economists call Trump's arguments off-base. Trade deals usually have little overall effect on jobs — positive or negative — partly because the American economy is already open to foreign competition. Bigger forces such as huge wage gaps between the United States and developing countries, and automation that lets companies replace workers, play a much larger role in job losses.

"We're running large trade deficits, and those do cost us jobs," says C. Fred Bergsten, director emeritus of the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "Almost none of that can be traced to trade agreements, bad, good or otherwise. Trade agreements always have a small net effect on jobs."

Economists at the Peterson Institute think the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a pending deal involving the United States and 11 Pacific Rim countries, would barely affect American employment. Jobs created by greater access to Asia-Pacific markets would likely be offset by jobs lost.

Just behind inept negotiators on Trump's list of those responsible for America's trade problems are businesses that move operations abroad to capitalize on cheaper labor.

Trump pledged to give up Oreos after Nabisco's parent, Mondelez International, said it would replace nine production lines in Chicago with four in Mexico.

He also said he would demand that United Technologies reverse a decision to move two Indiana plants to Mexico, eliminating 2,100 jobs. If it refused, he said he would impose a tax on anything the company built in Mexico and exported to the United States.

Trump also said he would tax auto imports from Mexico to stop U.S. automakers from moving production there.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

Levying those tariffs would probably require congressional approval. It would violate commitments the United States made when it joined the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, and the tariffs would trigger retaliation from Mexico.

No problem, Trump says.

He'd rip up NAFTA. He could exit the agreement provided he gave Mexico and Canada six months' notice.

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Experts differ on whether Congress would have to authorize this.

Regardless, leaving NAFTA would cause chaos for businesses that have arranged their operations around its rules.

Trump has threatened to hit Chinese imports with a 45 percent tariff. But in Thursday's Republican debate, he suggested that the tax might be negotiable.

"The 45 percent is a threat if they don't behave, if they don't follow the rules and regulations so that we can have it equal on both sides, we will tax you," he said on stage.

If Trump replaced the low tariffs provided by NAFTA and World Trade Organization rules with punitive tariffs on Mexican and Chinese goods, he probably would ignite a trade war that would raise prices for Americans and cause diplomatic havoc. Economists recall that the 1930 Smoot-Hawley legislation, which raised tariffs on imports, inflamed trade tensions and worsened the Great Depression.

Many analysts say Trump's approach to China is misguided, too.

He has charged Beijing with undervaluing China's currency, the yuan, to give its companies a price advantage in foreign markets.

The charge is obsolete. The yuan probably was undervalued three years ago, but it's climbed since then.

Now, economists say, the yuan actually has gone too high, partly because it's linked to a rising U.S. dollar. Left alone now, China's currency probably would plummet. So Beijing is buying yuan to prop it up.

"Does that sound like a country trying to undervalue their currency?" says Seattle trade lawyer Bill Perry.

Whatever the merits of Trump's arguments on trade, they have found an audience. More than half of Democratic and Republican voters in last week's Michigan primary (won by Trump and Sanders) told pollsters they felt trade kills jobs.

Most economists generally promote the benefits of open trade. When foreigners can offer their goods and services, American consumers enjoy more items at better prices, and the competition makes U.S. companies more efficient.

Economists acknowledge that trade creates losers, too. But many who lose jobs can find work in other industries or move where companies are hiring.

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A January report on the impact of Chinese imports, from David Autor of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Gordon Hanson of the University of California, San Diego, and David Dorn of the University of Zurich, casts some doubt on conventional assumptions. It found that pay remains low and unemployment high for at least a decade in communities where businesses are most exposed to Chinese competition. Workers there bounce among jobs and suffer a drop in lifetime pay.

Rather than pick fights with trading partners, as Trump would, analysts favor retraining workers who lose jobs to foreign competition or giving them financial assistance to move where companies are hiring.

"The politicians have just not done a good enough job in creating the support to help workers make the transition," says Joshua Meltzer, a senior fellow at Brookings Institution.

The political system's lethargy gave Trump an opportunity.

"Why is Trump winning?" Perry asks. "He's energized a part of the lower middle class. The political system has taken them for granted. They feel threatened. And when they feel threatened, they look for a savior."

Trump's new normal: campaign rallies where chaos is expected

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Hundreds of police officers, Secret Service agents and private security guards in cars, on foot and on horseback blanketed the area around Donald Trump's campaign rally Saturday afternoon. Dozens of protesters would soon be ejected from the event.

And that was the calmest rally in the past several days thrown by the front-runner for the Republican presidential nomination.

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Welcome to Trump's new normal.

After months spent goading protesters and appearing to encourage violence, Trump has seen his raucous rallies devolve over the past two weeks into events at which chaos is expected. The real estate mogul is routinely unable to deliver a speech without interruption, and a heavy security presence is commonplace amid increasingly violent clashes between protesters and supporters.

On Friday, groupings of well-organized students succeeded in keeping Trump from even taking the stage at a rally in Chicago. The next morning, a protester rushed the stage at a Trump rally outside of Dayton, forcing Secret Service agents to leap on stage and form a protective circle around him.

"Frankly, I'm a little shocked that we got to this point, I'm shocked at it," said Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who is vying with Trump to win his home state's winner-take-all primary on Tuesday.

"We cannot create in this country a toxic environment where images of people slugging it out at a campaign rally, think about it, are transmitted all over the globe," he said.

Trump's events have always been intense. For months, he incorporated interruptions by protesters into his speeches, growling "Get 'em out!" — sparking explosive cheers from the audiences as he did so.

While Trump sometimes appears angered by the disruptions, he has also embraced them, using the interruptions as opportunities to lead his supporters in chants of "USA, USA." He's also joked about how the protesters force TV cameras to pan out over the crowd and show how large they are.

But the confrontations began to escalate this month, most notably at a Trump event in New Orleans. A steady stream of demonstrators interrupted Trump's speech, including a huddle of Black Lives Matter activists, who locked arms and challenged security officials to remove them.

There were skirmishes throughout the speech, mostly pushing and shoving, although one man was captured on video biting someone.

This week, an older white Trump supporter was caught on video punching a younger African-American protester as police led the protester out of a rally in North Carolina. The supporter, later charged with assault, told an interviewer the next time he confronted a protester, "We might have to kill him."

Two days later, police arrested nearly three dozen people at a rally in St. Louis that was interrupted so many times by protesters that Trump joked about how long it was taking him to complete his remarks.

Hours before Trump was scheduled to appear Friday night at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the atmosphere inside a campus arena was crackling as protesters and supporters shouted back and forth, arms raised and yelling in each other's faces.

Some of the protesters, many of whom said they supported Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders, said they planned to rush the stage when Trump came out to speak. They didn't get the chance, as Trump called off the rally before even getting to the venue.

"It feels amazing, everybody came together," said Kamran Siddiqui, 20, and a student at the school. "That's what people can do. Now people got to go out and vote because we have the opportunity to stop Trump."

The next morning, Trump was mid-speech when a man, later identified by authorities as Thomas Dimasimo of Fairborn, Ohio, jumped a barricade and rushed at Trump. He was able to touch the stage before he was tackled by security officials.

Trump initially laughed it off, but later in the day, said Dimasimo had ties to the Islamic State. Experts who watched a video Trump tweeted as evidence called the allegation "utterly farcical."

"Trump's accusations about it being linked to ISIS serve only to underline the totality of his ignorance on this issue," said Charles Lister, a fellow at the Middle East Institute.

At the Cleveland rally, more than a dozen officers on horseback patrolled the outside as police helicopters buzzed overhead. Hundreds of officers massed inside to block some exits and sweep the audience out after the event ended.

More than 50 protesters, including a pair of doctors who removed sweat shirts to reveal white T-shirts printed with "Muslim Doctors Save Lives in Cleveland," were told to leave.

Things weren't much different at Trump's evening rally in Kansas City, Missouri, where protesters interrupted the candidate throughout his speech. While he asked his supporters not to hurt them, a visibly annoyed Trump also said he was "going to start pressing charges against all these people."

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Back in Cleveland, Brandon Krapes said he was punched repeatedly after he held up his sign, which said, "Trump: Making America Racist Again." His 17-year-old son Logan had a freshly bruised cheek from what he said was a punch in the face he received while trying to help his father.

"The sheer amount of hatred in there is so blatant, and Trump does nothing to stop it," said Sean Khurana, a 23-year-old Cuyahoga Community College student, who is Indian-American. He said someone called him "ISIS" as he stood in line. "He provokes it."

Trump, meanwhile, celebrated a successful campaign day on Twitter.

"Just finished my second speech," he wrote. "20K in Dayton & 25K in Cleveland- perfectly behaved crowd. Thanks- I love you, Ohio!"