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No School

The JH Girls B-ball game at Leola/Frederick will be postponed to Monday (21st). Start time will stay the same....5pm.

Death Notice: Bruce Determan

Bruce Determan, 62, of Ferney passed away November 15, 2016 at Avera St. Lukes Hospital, Aberdeen. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Service Notice: Richard "Dick" Ruden

Memorial services for Richard "Dick" Ruden, 97, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Monday, November 21, 2016 at the United Methodist Church, Groton. Rev. Thomas Carlson will officiate. Private inurnment will take place in Union Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Sunday from 5-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Dick passed away Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Golden Living Center, Groton, surrounded by his family.

Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

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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Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

Benefit for Doug Sippel Nov. 26 @ 4 pm Groton Legion

Doug has encountered health issues
and is not able to work.

Please come and show your support
as well as having a great afternoon
with friends and family of Doug.

Silent Auction
Live Auction

Food served
at 5 pm
Free will offering

Fund set up at First State Bank in Groton
in the name of "Doug Sippel Benefit"

Event sponsored by Friends of Doug Sippel

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Winter Weather Arrives Just in Time for Deer Hunting Season Opener

BROOKINGS, S.D. - Winter weather is making an appearance this week, just in time for the winter seasonal climate outlook released by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) today, Nov. 17, 2016.

"We have been spoiled by very unusually warm temperatures so far this fall. So, the winter storm and blizzard conditions will be quite a shock to most of us who need to readjust to winter weather driving and warm layered clothing," said Laura Edwards, Acting State Climatologist & SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Since Nov. 1, Edwards explained that South Dakota's average temperatures have been 10 to 20 degrees above average. There are several locations in southeastern South Dakota that have not yet measured a hard freeze of 28 degrees or colder. This winter storm will finally bring an end to the extended fall season.

The snowfall this week comes just in time for South Dakota's deer season opener on Nov. 19. "This might be good news for hunters who are trying to track down the elusive buck this weekend," Edwards said. "A blanket of snow could help hunters see where the deer are coming and going around the countryside."

However, this first snow, Edwards said is not expected to last too long. "It should just be a few days of wet, wintry weather as ground temperatures are still in the 40s across the state," said Edwards.

South Dakotans should expect snow to melt and soak into the soils next week. Before Thanksgiving, air temperatures are predicted to return to the 40s, and according to the 8 to 14 day forecasts, temperatures are expected to remain above average through the end of the month.

December Climate Outlook

The climate outlook for December, and the rest of winter, shows a potential for a pattern shift away from the warm temperatures we have experienced so far in 2016.

"December is the first month of 2016 where the NOAA Climate Prediction Center has not leaned toward warmer than average in their monthly outlook for South Dakota," Edwards said.

Looking further ahead and through February, Edwards said the NOAA temperature outlook tilts towards cooler than average. "This is consistent with the typical La Niña pattern that we have seen in the northern states," she explained. "There is not as much confidence this year, however, as the current La Niña is relatively weak and thus less reliable of an indicator."

Forecasters and climatologists will be watching jet stream and Arctic circulation patterns closely this year. Edwards explained that these patterns typically set up for two to four weeks at a time and can help forecasters predict if cold air is more likely to come down from Canada or if warmer air will prevail from the south.

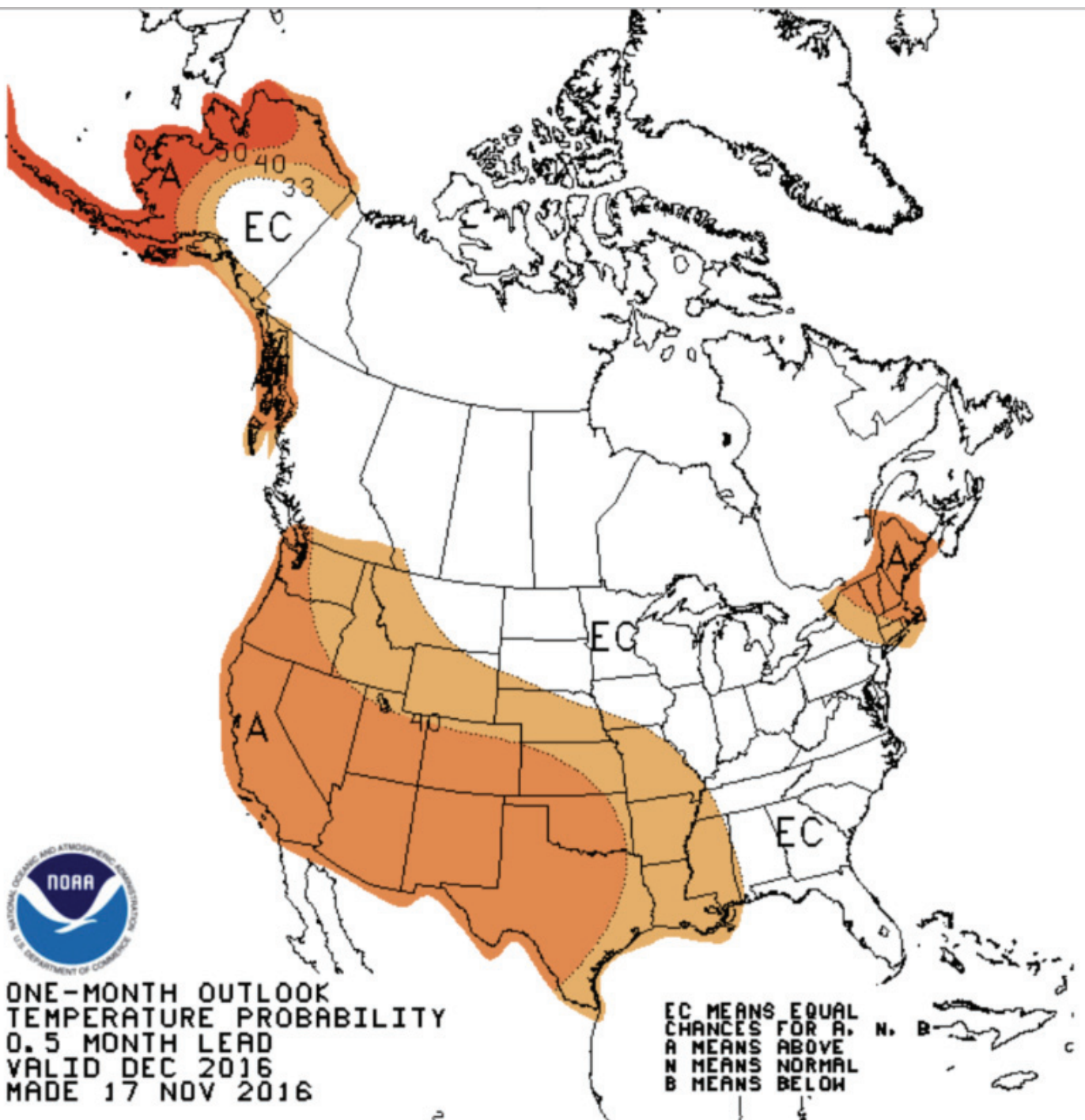
"Precipitation is as challenging as temperature in the seasonal climate outlooks," she said. "This winter continues to be the case, as South Dakota straddles between areas that are favored to be wetter and drier."

As with temperature, forecasters and climatologists will continue to watch jet stream patterns and where storm tracks set up this winter season.

The Northern Rockies and western South Dakota are more likely to be wetter than average. Eastern South Dakota currently has equal chances of being wetter, drier or near average for precipitation through February.

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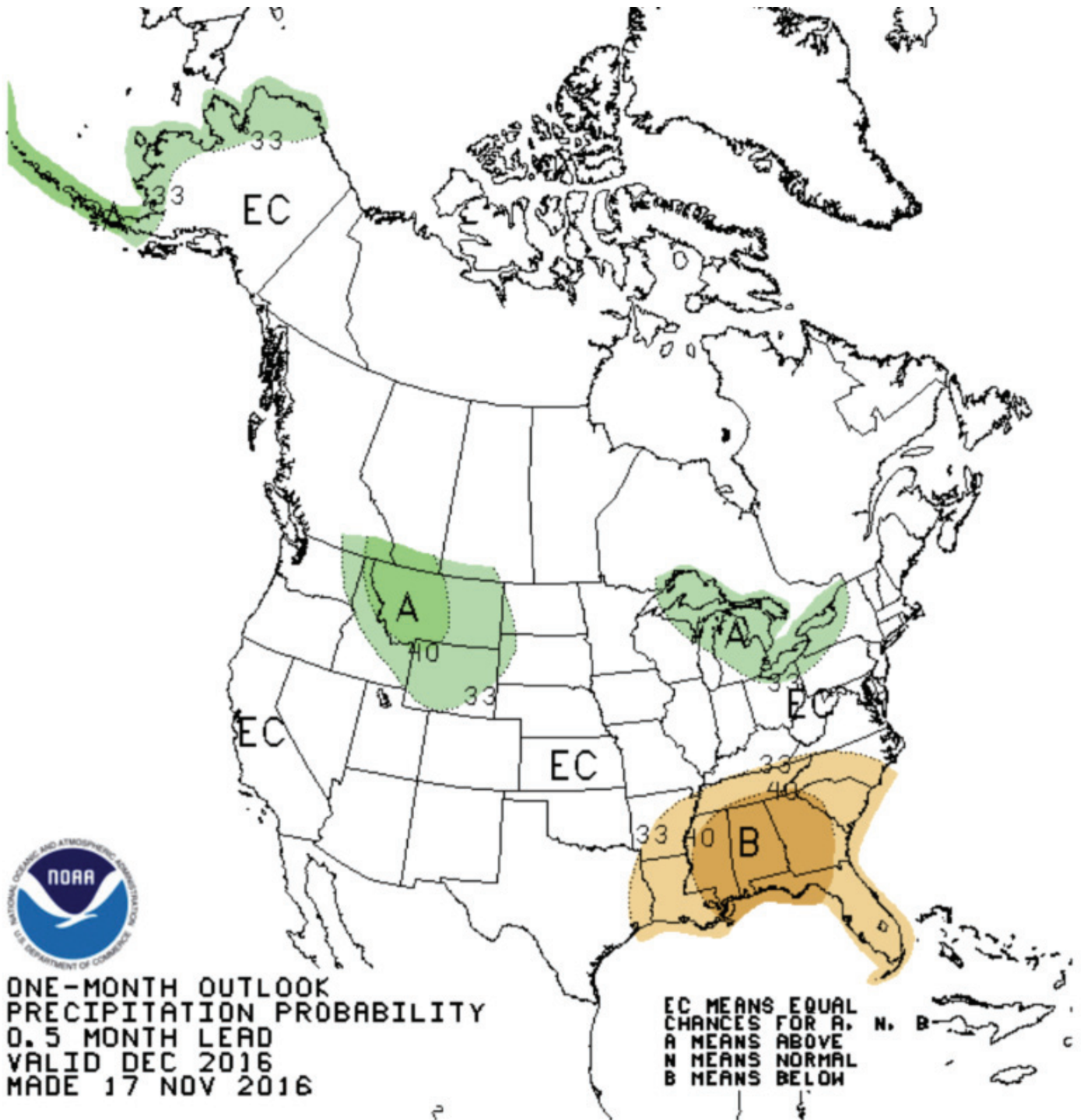
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Temperature outlook for December 2016. South Dakota has equal chances of being warmer, cooler or near average in the month ahead, indicating a pattern shift from the very warm fall season.

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Precipitation outlook for December 2016. South Dakota borders a region that is more likely to be wetter than average to the west.

SDDOT Winter Operations Reminder

PIERRE, S.D. – With the first winter storm of the season on its way to most of South Dakota, the Department of Transportation wants to remind motorists that snowplow crews will be out working to keep roads clear for motorists, but that there are some things they can do to help keep themselves and snowplow drivers safe while traveling.

Motorists are reminded that snowplows travel at 25-30 mph or less when plowing or placing deicing chemicals. Drivers need to stay alert for the slow moving snowplows and stay a safe distance behind the plow. When conditions allow, snowplows will pull over periodically to let traffic pass. Please have patience and never pass a plow when visibility is poor. Remember that the snowplow is clearing the roadway in front of you so the best place to be is a safe distance behind it.

Motorists are also reminded that normal operating hours for snowplow crews are from about 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. except in the Rapid City and Sioux Falls metro areas, for which extended hours of service are provided. Snowplow drivers need to have time to rest in order to be alert and attentive to safely keep roads clear for the traveling public.

Crews will update the safetravelusa.com/sd website three times a day: before 7 a.m., between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and between 4 and 7 p.m. More frequent updates will be made if conditions warrant.

Road condition information can also be obtained by calling 511 or you can download the SDDOT511 app from iTunes and Google Play sites. Another feature on the safetravelusa.com/sd website is ClearPath511. Users can sign up to receive text or email alerts for travel advisories and road closures.

No Travel Advised alerts are issued when road and weather conditions are such that travel is extremely difficult and hazardous. Motorists should not travel except in emergency situations.

Road Closed alerts are usually done only on the Interstate system where there are controlled points of access. However, in emergency situations, other state highways may also be closed. A Road Closure means widespread ice, heavy snow, drifting or extremely poor visibility has created hazardous and life-threatening travel conditions and that travel is prohibited.

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Winter Weather Advisory

URGENT - WINTER WEATHER MESSAGE
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ABERDEEN SD
626 AM CST FRI NOV 18 2016

...VERY STRONG WINDS AND SNOW DIMINISHING WEST TO EAST TODAY...

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INCLUDING THE CITIES OF...ABERDEEN...REDFIELD
626 AM CST FRI NOV 18 2016

...WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON CST TODAY...
...BLIZZARD WARNING IS CANCELLED...

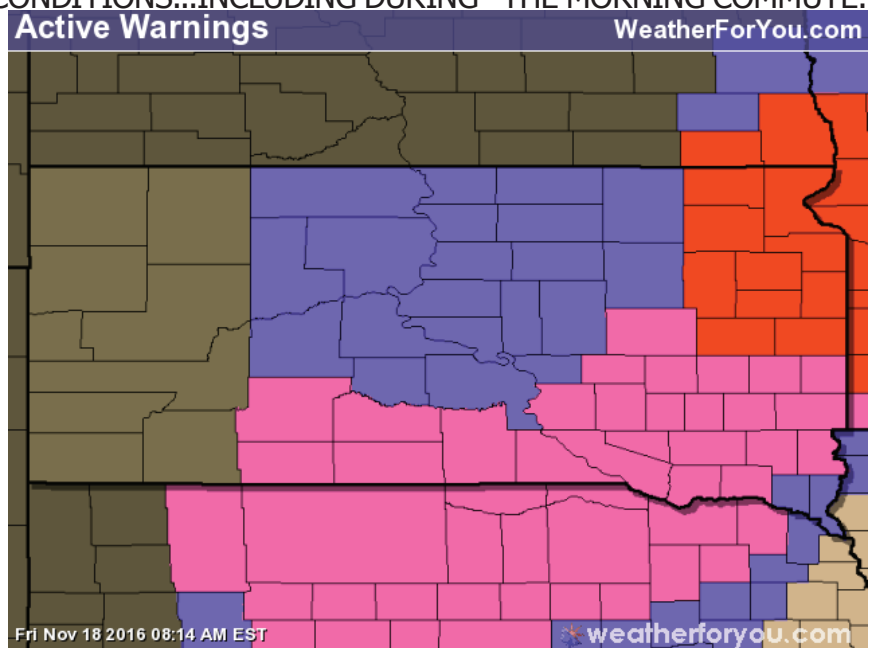
THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN ABERDEEN HAS ISSUED A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR BLOWING SNOW...WHICH IS IN EFFECT UNTIL NOON CST TODAY. THE BLIZZARD WARNING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

- * TIMING...EXPECT LIGHT SNOW TO CONTINUE...DIMINISHING AROUND NOON.
- * SNOW ACCUMULATIONS...ADDITIONAL SNOW ACCUMULATIONS OF UP TO 1 INCH is EXPECTED.
- * WINDS / VISIBILITIES...LOOK FOR REDUCED VISIBILITIES AT TIMES.
TREE BRANCHES COULD FALL AS WELL.
- * IMPACTS...PLAN ON SLIPPERY ROAD CONDITIONS...INCLUDING DURING THE MORNING COMMUTE.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

A WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY FOR SNOW MEANS PERIODS OF SNOW WILL CAUSE PRIMARILY TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES. BE PREPARED FOR SNOW COVERED ROADS AND LIMITED VISIBILITIES...AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING.

THE LATEST ROAD CONDITIONS FOR THE STATE YOU ARE CALLING FROM CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 5 1 1.



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Today in Weather History

November 18, 1985: Snowfall of 3-8 inches fell over western, central and northern South Dakota, with the greatest amount of 8 inches at Huron in Beadle County and White River in Mellette County. Strong winds exceeding 40 mph over the area produced near-blizzard conditions at times, with considerable blowing and drifting snow. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 6.0 inches in Murdo; 5.5 inches at Gettysburg, 5.0 inches near Stephan, in Eureka, and 12SSW of Harrold; and 4.0 inches in McLaughlin.

November 18, 1992: Three to eleven inches of snow fell in the northeast third of South Dakota and into west central Minnesota from the 18th into the 19th. Storm total snowfall amounts included; 11.0 inches in Browns Valley and near Bryant, 9 inches near Sisseton, Summit and Wheaton MN, 8 inches near Victor and Wilmot, 7.9 inches at Artichoke Lake MN, and 7.0 inches in Clear Lake.

1421: The notorious St. Elizabeth's flood occurred during the night of November 18, to November 19 in what now known as the Netherlands. A strong storm on the North Sea coast caused several dykes to break allowing the lower lands to flood. A number of villages around Dordrecht were lost, causing an estimated 6,000 casualties.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

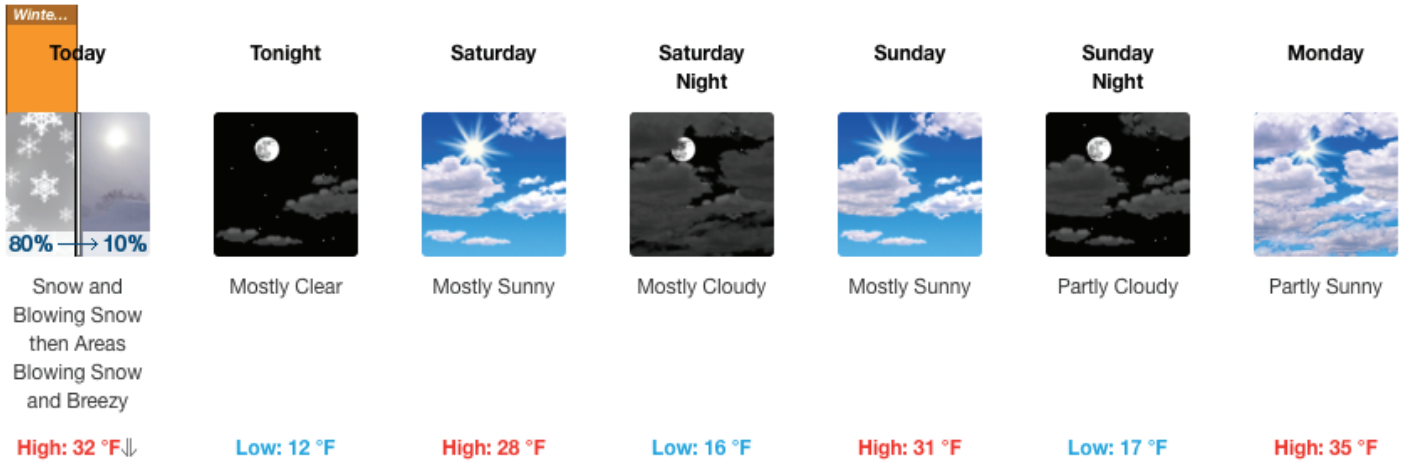
1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)

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Winter Storm Continues with improving conditions west to east today

Hazards

Blowing Snow
Northwest Winds
20 - 35 mph, gusts
35 to near 50 mph



Reduced Visibility
Visibility less than ¼ mile
at times this morning


Tonight

COLD

Lows: 10 - 18°



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The storm system over Iowa will exit northeast today. On the backside of the system, strong winds, snow, and blizzard conditions will remain, especially across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota. Conditions will improve west to east today as the storm moves away. If you need to be out on the roadways, make sure to dress warmly and pack your emergency kit!

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 43.4 F at 12:00 AM

Low Outside Temp: 30.5 F at 11:07 PM

High Gust: 34.0 Mph at 4:07 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 75° in 1908

Record Low: -13° in 1896

Average High: 38°F

Average Low: 18°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.48

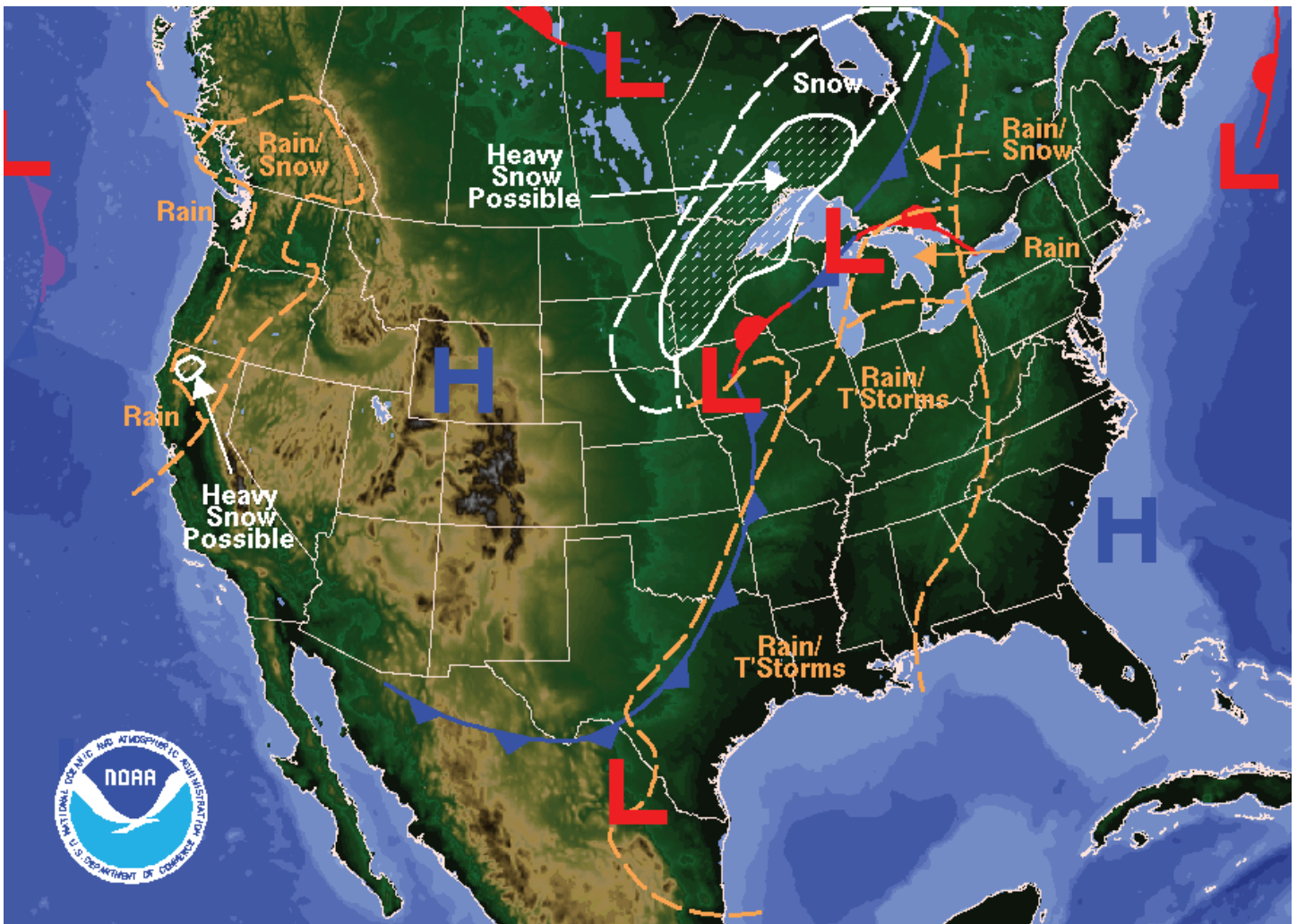
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.95

Precip Year to Date: 15.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:00 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:38 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Nov 18, 2016, issued 4:12 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE GREATEST OF THESE

Abraham Lincoln was known for his kindness to everyone. He was often criticized by his associates for being so gracious.

On one occasion one of them said, "With all of the power you have, why don't you destroy your enemies?" "Am I not destroying my enemies," he asked, "when I make them my friends?"

Perhaps there is no more misunderstood or misused word in our world today than the word "love." Nearly everyone has their own personal meaning for it. For some it has a "sexual" meaning. For others it has an "I like to be with you" meaning. And there are those who see love as demonstrating an unselfish concern for others – helping them when they are unable to help themselves or even provide for themselves.

Paul speaks of a love that is supremely concerned with the best interests and welfare of others. It is a love that makes the needs and concerns of others my very own. It is as though I am saying, "I don't walk away from the needs of others, I take them with me. If they have a need, it is my need. If they hurt, I hurt. If they are in pain, it is my pain as well. If they have no food, I will share my food with them."

As Christians we must move beyond the feeling, sentimental and emotional types of love to a love that calls us to do what Jesus would have us to do for others.

Prayer: Lord, we see in Your life and death the real meaning of love. Strengthen us to live as you lived and to love as You loved so others will see You in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 1 Corinthians 13 ...Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs...

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a curved orange line underneath.

We now accept

The logo for Avera Health Plans, featuring the word "Avera" in white on a blue background, with a white cross symbol to the right, and "Health Plans" in white below it.

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News from the Associated Press

Thursday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

State Tournament Class AA

First Round

Aberdeen Central def. Huron, 25-20, 26-24, 21-25, 25-23

Harrisburg def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-20, 25-17, 25-11

Rapid City Stevens def. Pierre, 25-18, 25-19, 25-17

Sioux Falls Roosevelt def. Sioux Falls Washington, 25-20, 26-24, 25-22

State Tournament Class A

First Round

Bon Homme def. Milbank Area, 21-25, 25-22, 22-25, 25-19, 15-12

Dakota Valley def. Sioux Valley, 25-11, 25-16, 25-14

Sioux Falls Christian def. Madison, 26-24, 25-15

West Central def. Mobridge-Pollock, 25-11, 25-15, 25-14

State Tournament Class B

First Round

Chester def. Lyman, 25-12, 25-13, 25-15

Northwestern def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-9, 25-11, 25-19

Parker def. Harding County, 20-25, 25-21, 25-17, 25-19

Sully Buttes def. Platte-Geddes, 25-12, 25-18, 16-25, 25-21

Northern Plains brace for blizzards, freezing temperatures

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The unseasonably mild conditions of recent days will be ushered out by a jolt of wintry weather that's expected to bring blizzards, freezing temperatures and high winds to northern Plains states.

The National Weather Service has issued a blizzard warning for Friday in eastern parts of North and South Dakota and western Minnesota, as well as winter storm warnings for other parts of those states and Nebraska.

The service says up to a foot of snow could fall in parts of Minnesota, and 3 to 8 inches elsewhere.

Gusts of up to 60 mph are expected to cause whiteout conditions.

Low temperatures are expected to drop into the mid and lower 20s, with wind chills even lower.

South Dakota's off to best Division I start, beats Doane

Carlton Hurst finished with 15 points Thursday night and South Dakota beat NAIA Doane 80-46 in an opening game of the Gulf Coast Showcase. The Coyotes (4-0) never trailed, led 32-22 at halftime and pulled away with 17 straight points in the middle of the second half. South Dakota is off to its best start in the program's Division I history.

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Trey Dickerson added 13 points, Trey Burch-Manning scored 12 points and Triston Simpson 11. Tyler Peterson and Dan Jech grabbed 10 rebounds each as South Dakota had a 48-27 advantage on the boards.

Nate Kuhl had 12 points and Lord Akah added 11 for Doane, which trailed by as many as 15 in the first half. Doane is an NAIA Division II program from Crete, Nebraska.

The Tigers closed within 34-26 early in the second half, but South Dakota had a 24-4 run to lead 58-30.

Authorities: South Dakota killing result of domestic dispute

DELL RAPIDS, S.D. (AP) — A 23-year-old man has been charged in the shooting death of his new girlfriend's estranged husband in southeastern South Dakota.

Alex Wittenberg appeared in court Thursday on charges of first- and second-degree manslaughter. He's accused of shooting Jonathan Puttmann, 39, once in the head Tuesday night near Puttmann's Dell Rapids home. Puttmann died at a hospital.

A judge granted prosecutors' request for a \$500,000 cash-only bail for Wittenberg, but Wittenberg's attorney reserved the right to make bond arguments later, the Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/2fAW48p>) reported.

Sheriff's Capt. Jason Gearman said the shooting was a result of a domestic dispute. The suspect is dating Puttmann's 38-year-old estranged wife, Jamie Puttmann.

"There was an altercation that occurred over relationship issues," Gearman said.

He said investigators have interviewed many witnesses already.

"It is a tough time for family members, but a lot of family members will have to be interviewed on both sides to see what led up to this," he said, noting that alcohol was not believed to be a factor.

Wittenberg was arrested at the scene of the shooting. He remained in the Minnehaha County Jail on Thursday and is due back in court Dec. 1. His public defender did not immediately respond to a phone message from The Associated Press for comment Thursday evening.

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

Feds showcase Avera's telehealth service on Rural Health Day

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal health officials are highlighting the telemedicine services offered by Sioux Falls-based Avera Health during National Rural Health Day.

Avera Health providers offered a live, simulated telemedicine demonstration Thursday as part of a series of events organized by federal health officials to highlight the best practices, resources and challenges of delivering health care in rural communities.

Mary Wakefield is the acting deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She says an estimate shows that 58 percent of health care providers in the U.S. used some form of telemedicine services during 2015.

Avera Health currently provides telemedicine services to facilities in 10 states. In September, it was contracted to offer emergency and specialty care remotely at health care facilities on Native American reservations in the Great Plains.

Daugaard: teachers seeing higher pay after funding hike

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Public school teachers across South Dakota are seeing their salaries rise due to a sales tax hike and education funding overhaul that lawmakers approved this year, Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office said Thursday.

The average salary for the current budget year is projected at nearly \$47,000, a jump of almost 12 percent from \$41,940 to \$46,924, according to a Department of Education survey.

South Dakota's teacher pay was the lowest in the nation in 2013-14. Daugaard shepherded the half-cent sales tax hike — the first permanent increase since 1969 — and new school funding formula through the GOP-held Legislature earlier this year as a way to put tens of millions of dollars toward boosting educator pay.

The increases are making a difference for teachers, South Dakota Education Association president Mary McCorkle said. She said that with the added funding, it's been easier for many school districts to attract

teachers for positions they had open.

"We don't want to be defined by being last, we want to be defined by the good work that we do," she said.

The preliminary information shows the state is moving toward the overhaul's target average salary of \$48,500, but final salary data won't be available until fall 2017, Daugaard's office said. The Education Department's survey was meant to gauge the first-year impact of the education changes.

"I am very pleased that, in one year, our schools have made incredible progress toward our target salary goal," Daugaard said in a statement.

Jason Whiting, a teacher at Patrick Henry Middle School in Sioux Falls, received a 6.8 percent raise, which he says has eased pressure on his family's budget. The 38-year-old said lawmakers acknowledged and respected the profession by voting to better compensate educators.

"The increase definitely assisted in keeping me in teaching, I can say that much," Whiting said.

South Dakota has 150 public school districts. Fifteen of them are expected to exceed the target average salary, with the Douglas school district featuring the highest projected average pay at \$54,532, maintaining its top position from fiscal year 2016.

The Mobridge-Pollock district is anticipated to see the largest dollar gain, a \$9,466 increase to \$47,373. The biggest expected percentage growth is roughly 26 percent at Waubay school district, where average pay is projected to jump from \$33,318 to \$42,068.

Waubay Superintendent Dean Jones said the district of about 170 students had among the lowest starting pay in its area, making teacher recruitment difficult. The bump for teachers in the northeastern South Dakota district is "long overdue," he said.

"At some point, it had to be remedied," Jones said. "I'm not saying we've got it completely fixed, but at least we're on the right track."

Tribes' talk to North Dakota lawmakers canceled over protest

By **JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Native American tribal leaders' biennial address to the North Dakota Legislature will not happen in 2017, a committee said Thursday in deciding to forgo formal events at the state Capitol due to security reasons involving the Dakota Access pipeline protests.

The 10-3 vote by the North Dakota Legislative Management Committee means there'll be no presentations from the state's chief justice or tribal leaders when lawmakers reconvene Jan. 3. The measure exempts the governor's State of the State address, which is required by state law.

Ongoing protests of the four-state, \$3.8 billion pipeline in southern North Dakota have "significantly strained" law enforcement and the state Highway Patrol, which provides security at the state Capitol, Republican House Majority Leader Al Carlson said. Nearly 500 people have been arrested since August, the encampments show no sign of breaking up and there have been four large organized protests in the Bismarck-Mandan area this week; Thursday's protests in Bismarck led to eight arrests.

"We're trying to be proactive," Carlson said. "In no way is this infringing on anyone's First Amendment rights. History shows us in recent months that we need to be cautious."

Democrats on the committee opposed the motion, especially since it scrubbed the traditional tribal address.

"This is not going to help tribal relations and it probably will set us up for even more bad situations," said Rep. Marvin Nelson of Rolla. "We need to be making every effort we can to reach out to the tribes at this time."

By tradition, lawmakers hear speeches during the first week of each odd-numbered-year session, including from North Dakota's chief justice and by one leader from the state's tribes — Spirit Lake Sioux, Three Affiliated Tribes the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and the Standing Rock Sioux.

No tribe had been chosen to give the address for 2017, a tradition that dates back to 1985, according to Legislative Council Director Jim Smith.

The chairman of the tribe behind the legal push to stop the nearly 1,200-mile pipeline, Standing Rock Sioux's Dave Archambault, gave the address in 2015, asking lawmakers to do more to protect public safety

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and the environment during the state's oil boom. His tribe and other protest supporters say the pipeline, being built by Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners, because the tribe says threatens its water sources and cultural sites.

Carlson said the Legislature will err on the side of safety at the Capitol.

"Protecting people is our No. 1 priority," he said.

In early November, nearly 20 protesters who sat, chanted, sang and refused orders to leave were arrested in the building's judicial wing. And the Highway Patrol said security footage caught two people dressed splattering motor oil on the sidewalk and Capitol building on Halloween night. They also left a sign with the message, "You can't drink oil," appearing to be in solidarity with the protesters, who call themselves water protectors.

Also Thursday, an administrative law judge was appointed to oversee a potential hearing on whether ETP violated orders from state regulators, which could result in a \$15,000 fine.

The State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the company's plan to divert construction around artifacts — a plan the Public Service Commission says it didn't approve — and ETP has said it didn't do anything wrong. It can agree to a fine or request a hearing to fight one. Though any hearing wouldn't likely happen until next month.

Associated Press writer Blake Nicholson contributed to this report.

Excerpts from recent South Dakota editorials

By The Associated Press

Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan, Yankton, Nov. 15, 2016

Political Plans: Coming Home

Rep. Kristi Noem's announcement Monday that she would be running for governor in 2018 instead of seeking a fifth term in the U.S. House was surprising only in the timing. We have just finished off the 2016 election cycle, and the last thing anyone really wanted to deal with right now is the next round of elections.

Nevertheless, Noem made the announcement, in part perhaps because a new law approved by voters last week wouldn't let her carry over her campaign war chest as of this coming Jan. 1. So, it seemed practical from a political standpoint to make the move.

But let's look at something else that may be tied to this move — something that, according to rumor mills that journalists have encountered through the years, apparently isn't unusual.

There had been some speculation in political circles for quite a while that Noem might be interested in the governor's job, thus getting back to her home state on a full-time basis and escaping (if that's the word to use) the beltway of Washington. We aren't privy to Noem's precise motives.

Through the years, we've heard rumors of various lawmakers who had become fed up with the Washington atmosphere. There have been various permutations of this feeling reported. The word was that Lawmaker A didn't like being away from his/her family left back here, or that Lawmaker B had been frustrated with the bitter partisan atmosphere and gridlock that dominates the capitol, or that Lawmaker C was unhappy being a small fish in a big pond. Typically, such scuttlebutt usually wound up with the speculation that the lawmaker may be thinking privately about running for governor back home.

It's always a curious rumor, although it must be noted that, until Noem's announcement this week, this scenario has rarely been realized in South Dakota. The rumors may often be tied more to wishful thinking, either on the part of the lawmakers or even on the part of reporters.

It's also worth noting that such rumors appear to circulate every so often about other lawmakers in other states. So, the allure of a governor's mansion seems to be a tantalizing one — in the realm of speculation, if nothing else.

Meanwhile, Noem's decision appears to set up what could be an interesting primary battle with current Attorney General Marty Jackley, who has long been speculated as a gubernatorial candidate. Others may jump into the fray on the GOP side. There are also a couple of interesting rumors on the Democratic side, but those need more fleshing out.

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Of course, the new wild card in all this is the prospect of a suddenly open House seat. Some names will no doubt emerge, literally any second now — not officially, but again, in the rumor mills that often bear at least a little fruit.

For now, the biggest takeaway from Noem's decision is that she wanted to come home and serve the people of South Dakota from Pierre, not half a continent away. Based in what we see from D.C. anymore, who could blame her?

Rapid City Journal, Rapid City, Nov. 13, 2016

Legislature should not weaken IM 22

The Republican Party strengthened its hold on power Tuesday in South Dakota. Its candidates for statewide office won by lopsided margins and the party gained four seats in the Legislature, adding to its overwhelming supermajority.

But voters also sent a message to the party in power with the passage of Initiated Measure 22, otherwise known as the anti-corruption act.

The approval of the ballot measure was as shocking to some as Donald Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton on Tuesday night.

Even though ballot measures to change our elections — Amendments T and V — were rejected, more than 180,000 South Dakotans voted for a 34-page proposal that was opposed by Gov. Daugaard, Sens. Thune and Rounds, and Rep. Noem.

The ballot measure calls for:

- The creation of a five-member ethics commission with no elected or state officials and the authority to investigate and punish those who violate the new law;
- Detailed reporting by lobbyists on their spending and other activities, including who they are trying to influence in the Legislature and state government;
- Increasing the wait time from one to two years before state government officials can take private-sector jobs in areas they regulated;
- Lowering limits on campaign contributions and creating a public campaign-finance system that provides two \$50 "democracy credits" to each registered voter to donate to candidates each election cycle.

Now that nearly 52 percent of the voters have approved this ballot measure, it will likely be reviewed by the Legislature that does have authority to rewrite it or choose not to fund key aspects of it like the democracy credits, which some lawmakers are already indicating they might not support funding.

We hope that lawmakers resist the urge to nullify or weaken a ballot measure that the majority of voters approved.

Initiated Measure 22 was approved in the wake of the EB-5 and Gear-Up scandals that were brought to the public's attention after two men committed suicide and five family members were murdered by one of them.

Thanks to diligent reporting by the media we learned that millions of either federal or immigrant-investor dollars that flowed through state-administered programs were either mishandled, misappropriated or even stolen. Now, four people are facing criminal charges as a result.

If it weren't for these tragedies, we may have never learned that Joop Bollen likely made millions of dollars while running the EB-5 program or that the Gear-Up program enriched two Education Board members and former state education officials but kept no records on how many Native American students they helped actually went on to college.

The lack of effective oversight of these multi-million dollar programs and accountability by state government raised concerns throughout South Dakota that certainly contributed to the passage of the ballot measure.

Lawmakers who seek to weaken this measure also should take note that voters overwhelmingly overturned two laws passed in the 2016 session. Referred Law 19 rejected a law that would have made it illegal for a registered Republican or Democrat to sign an independent's candidate petition; Referred Law 20 rejected a bill to create a sub-minimum wage for youth.

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In both cases, 71 percent of voters disagreed with the Legislature.

The support for Initiated Measure 22 and the referred laws should serve as a warning to lawmakers that there might be consequences if they gut a bill that aims to make state government more accountable to the public.

American News, Aberdeen, Nov. 16, 2016

City chickens have benefits

The Aberdeen City Council has pecked around the issue, but, on Monday, seems likely to approve an ordinance allowing city residents to keep and raise chickens, maybe up to a dozen.

The plan is not without its detractors on the council, as we saw during a long debate at Monday's meeting.

This is all good discussion. Allowing city folks to keep pens of chickens in their backyards shouldn't be entered into lightly. This would be allowing something that, for some residents, is unthinkable.

But once the ordinance is passed, we believe city council members and residents will quickly see the benefits of chickens and will wonder, years from now, what all the fuss was about.

And there are great benefits.

Well-maintained chicken flocks naturally provide fresh eggs that promise better nutrition. It's a more sustainable model than the farm-factory version that uses valuable resources on packaging and transportation.

It's really much like a backyard garden in those ways.

Then there are the environmental effects. Chickens are natural pest-pickers, taking care of nuisance bugs. Many families feed kitchen scraps to their chickens, that then produce the stuff good fertilizer is made from.

But we like to think that Aberdeen yards featuring chicken coops will create a greater sense of connection and community in our city.

A thriving chicken coop might create good neighbors, as passers-by stop to talk to a caretaker. It's the ultimate conversation starter.

We would not be surprised if new neighborhood groups crop up around the care and maintenance of urban chickens. A fine, feathered support group and information portal for longtime chicken owners and those who are just getting started.

There is a distinct educational component, too. Our kids, many who are getting further and further away from the farms, will again touch base with where their food comes from. They will see the process at work and, for some, they will be direct caretakers, doing a whole new set of chores not seen inside city limits in decades. (We could see 4-H or South Dakota State University Extension taking a distinct interest in this topic.)

Yes, there will be some problems. But Aberdeen is already in the nuisance business on weeds and junk and noise; it's not as though chickens are adding a new layer of oversight from compliance or animal control. The threat of avian flu is a concern, but is easily mitigated by responsible ownership and policing.

A smart ordinance — one that is open and encouraging to the concept, while also offering clear and appropriate guidelines — will go a long way to a successful urban chicken movement.

We don't expect Aberdeen to turn into one big coop. City chickens are not for everyone.

But in this case, passing the ordinance Monday is no harm, some fowl.

The Latest: Protesters march in Bismarck a 4th straight day

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Latest on the Dakota Access pipeline (all times local):

2:45 p.m.

Opponents of the Dakota Access oil pipeline protested in North Dakota's capital for a fourth straight day. A couple of hundred protesters marched around downtown Bismarck on Thursday, prompting police to temporarily shut down a couple of streets.

Police spokesman Sgt. Mark Buschena (boo-SHEE'-nuh) says eight people were arrested, including a man who allegedly resisted arrest, spit at officers and yanked on an officer's gun holster. Six others were arrested on criminal trespass charges, and another was arrested on a California warrant.

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Protesters have targeted numerous sites in Bismarck and neighboring Mandan since Monday, including the state Capitol and the state-owned Bank of North Dakota.

About 500 people have been arrested since August in protests against the \$3.8 billion pipeline that's to carry North Dakota oil to Illinois.

12:25 p.m.

An administrative law judge has been appointed to oversee a potential hearing on whether the company building the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access oil pipeline violated orders from North Dakota regulators.

The state Public Service Commission last week proposed a fine of at least \$15,000 against a subsidiary of Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners. The PSC says the company in October failed to get approval to continue with pipeline work after diverting construction around tribal artifacts found along the pipeline route.

The State Historic Preservation Office concurred with the company's plan, and ETP has said it didn't do anything wrong. It can agree to a fine or request a hearing to fight one.

State Office of Administrative Hearings Director Timothy Dawson says any hearing likely wouldn't be until mid-December.

12:15 p.m.

A North Dakota legislative committee has voted to forego formal events at the state Capitol due to security reasons involving the Dakota Access pipeline protests, including a biennial tribal address.

Thursday's 10-3 vote means the Legislature will not allow presentations from the state's chief justice and Native American tribal leaders when lawmakers reconvene in January. The measure exempts the governor's State of the State address.

Republican House Majority Leader Al Carlson says ongoing protests of the Dakota Access pipeline have "significantly strained" the state Highway Patrol, which provides security at the state Capitol.

Democrats on the North Dakota Legislative Committee opposed the motion. Rolla Rep. Marvin Nelson says scrubbing the traditional tribal address is not going to "help further relations" those who oppose the four-state, \$3.8 billion pipeline.

Newspaper: Laws nationwide put patients at risk of abuse

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A 50-state examination by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution found that only one — Delaware — has anything close to a comprehensive set of laws protecting patients from doctors who commit acts of sexual abuse.

"Instead of looking out for victims or possible victims or protecting our society, we're protecting doctors," said Rep. Kimberly Williams, a member of the Delaware General Assembly who sponsored a patient-protection bill last year.

As part of its ongoing "Doctors & Sex Abuse" series, the AJC studied five categories of laws in every state to determine the best and worst at shielding patients from sexually abusive doctors (<http://doctors.ajc.com/states/>).

Not a single state met the highest bar in every category the newspaper examined, although Delaware came the closest. Meanwhile, in 49 states and the District of Columbia, multiple gaps in laws can leave patients vulnerable to abusive physicians, according to the newspaper.

Trailing the nation, with scores below 50 out of 100 points in the AJC's study, are Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

Among the AJC's findings:

oIn Minnesota, state law affords zero tolerance for doctors who are convicted of felony sex offenses: They are banned from practicing medicine. In 36 other states, no such ban exists.

oIn Iowa, state law says women get half the seats on the board that licenses and disciplines physicians. But in most states, men control medical boards, and only half the states give consumers a strong voice

in deciding whether doctors who have hurt patients should be allowed to stay in practice.

oIn Texas, state law demands that doctors undergo rigorous criminal background checks before they're licensed and while they're practicing. But 14 states still do not require criminal checks before giving a license to someone who can prescribe powerful drugs and ask patients to strip down and submit to being touched, the newspaper found.

In July, the AJC reported that physician sexual misconduct is more common than previously acknowledged and that doctors who violate patients are often allowed to stay in practice. The investigation identified more than 2,400 doctors disciplined for sexual misconduct involving patients since 1999. Half were still licensed.

California requires that doctors who become felony-level registered sex offenders lose their license.

The law grew out of the experiences Rudy Bermudez had while he was a member of California's medical board.

A former parole officer who had supervised sex offenders, Bermudez said he disagreed repeatedly with physicians on the board who re-licensed doctors who had molested patients.

When Bermudez was later elected to the Legislature, he sponsored and won passage of his bill to ban sex offender doctors from practice.

"I wasn't going to have it anymore," Bermudez said. "I was tired of watching these cases go through."

Delaware has some of the nation's strongest patient-protection laws, including the one that covers therapists. Rep. Williams pushed last year to take criminalization to that next step when she introduced a bill to make doctor-patient sexual contact a felony. A veto by Gov. Jack Markell killed the bill.

Too often, Williams said, bad doctors are given a pass. Now, instead of waiting for 50 states to enact laws to protect patients, Williams thinks the federal government should step in.

"As a society, we don't take sexual misconduct, sexual assault and sexual abuse seriously enough," Williams said. "These are bad, bad crimes they are committing on people and we do not treat them that way."

For the newspaper's full series, visit www.ajc.com/doctors

Team of officers corral moose along interstate

BRANDON, S.D. (AP) — A team of law enforcement officers worked to corral a moose found wandering along a busy interstate in Minnehaha County.

KELO-TV (<http://bit.ly/2f8uEWV>) reports the moose was found near an Interstate 90 exit between Brandon and Corson Thursday.

Sheriff's deputies, local police, the highway patrol and South Dakota Game Fish and Parks employees worked to get the moose to a safer area. Last week, a moose was spotted near Colton and Dell Rapids.

Information from: KELO-TV, <http://www.keloland.com>

Obama urges European leaders to work with Trump

By DAVID RISING and JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — President Barack Obama used a meeting with key European leaders Friday to urge them to work with the incoming administration of President-elect Donald Trump and to discuss steps necessary to resolve the conflicts in Syria and eastern Ukraine, the White House said.

Obama's meeting with the leaders of Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Spain was likely his last in such a setting before he leaves office. The session expands on lengthy talks he held the day before with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Obama didn't speak with reporters before departing for Peru on Air Force One. The White House said Obama thanked his counterparts for their cooperation during his two terms in office. He urged them to work on common challenges with a Trump administration on the "basis of the core values that define the United States and Europe as open democracies."

Since Obama's arrival on Wednesday on his sixth and last trip to Germany as president, he and Merkel have focused several meetings on issues of globalization and trans-Atlantic cooperation. The talks come

largely in the context of what the election of Trump will mean to efforts to seek peace in Ukraine and Syria, the strength of the NATO alliance, trade agreements, efforts to fight climate change, and other pressing matters.

The White House said in a summary of the meeting that the leaders expressed grave concern about the humanitarian situation in Aleppo. They agreed that increased attacks by the Syrian regime and its supporters, including Russia and Iran, should be immediately halted. They also are calling for humanitarian access to the city to be restored.

On Ukraine, the White House said the leaders agreed that sanctions against Russia must remain in place until it meets its commitments to resolving the conflict.

At a news conference with Obama on Thursday, Merkel diplomatically said she was approaching the incoming Trump administration "with an open mind."

Around the world, many are looking to Merkel — one of the longest serving leaders of a major world power, leader of Europe's largest economy and one of the biggest U.S. trade partners with the U.S. — for leadership as Obama leaves office.

Obama seemed to underscore that reality as he effusively thanked Merkel for her "deep friendship." He said he couldn't "ask for a steadier or more reliable partner on the world stage," while adding that if she chooses to run again for a fourth term next year, he'd vote for her — if he could.

Joining the two leaders Friday were the heads of countries at the center of many of the European Union's coming challenges.

British Prime Minister Theresa May is preparing her country for negotiations to leave the trade bloc. Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy faces economic woes in his country that have contributed to financial instability in the EU. Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi's already shaky economy has been rocked by tens of thousands of refugees. And French President Francois Hollande's socialist government faces a major challenge from the far-right in elections next year.

Trump has applauded the British decision to exit the EU, or "Brexit," and has had meetings with Nigel Farage, leader of the U.K. Independence Party and a key player in the British decision to leave. For his part, Obama said Thursday his hope was that the Brexit negotiations be "conducted in a smooth and orderly and transparent fashion and preserve as closely as possible the economic and political and security relationships between the UK and EU."

Still, Obama noted that he considered the EU "one of the world's great political and economic achievements."

Trump's election triggers flood of immigration questions

By SOPHIA TAREEN, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Immigration hotlines are buzzing. Legal clinics are seeing an influx of clients. Public schools are fielding frantic questions from parents and students.

Since the election, Donald Trump's tough talk on immigration has stirred anxiety nationwide among immigrants regardless of legal status. They are turning to lawyers, schools, advocacy groups and congressional offices for help.

"We're operating with a lot of unknowns, and a certain amount of fear comes with that," said Vanessa Esparza-López, a managing attorney at the Chicago-based National Immigrant Justice Center.

In Chicago, a hotline run by the state's largest immigrant-rights group received more than 330 calls in the week after the election, compared with the usual 100 or so. Denver school officials sent a letter to parents in response to questions about the election's effect on students living in the country illegally.

The New York Legal Assistance Group said it's receiving 40 to 60 daily calls about immigration, up from 20 to 30. The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles reported 19 walk-ins on a single day, all with citizenship questions.

The most urgent inquiries have been from young people benefiting from a 2012 federal program started by President Barack Obama's administration that allows immigrants brought to the country illegally as chil-

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dren to avoid deportation and get work permits. About 740,000 people have participated in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals system.

Attorneys say the program is vulnerable because it was created by executive order, not by law, leaving new potential applicants second-guessing whether to sign up.

Andrea Aguilera, a 20-year-old college student in suburban Chicago, feels in limbo with her DACA paperwork expiring next year.

She was brought across the Mexican border illegally as a 4-year-old and largely kept her immigration status secret until she was able to get a work permit through DACA four years ago. She's since worked as a grocery store cashier and intern at a downtown financial company. Two of her siblings are in the program; another is a U.S. citizen.

"It's been hard to focus on school," Aguilera said. "I just don't know what's going to come next for us."

During the campaign, Trump pledged to deport the estimated 11 million immigrants living in the country illegally and to build a border wall. The Republican president-elect has not detailed how he will proceed and recently walked back the number of anticipated deportees.

The Center for Immigration Studies, which advocates for lower immigration levels, explained the spike in activity as uncertainty about whether existing laws will be enforced by Trump's administration. Jon Feere, a legal analyst at the Washington D.C.-based research organization, said those enrolled in DACA were aware of the risks when they signed up. Others should have little concern.

"Those who are in compliance with the law have nothing to worry about," he said.

Still, even immigrants with permanent legal status have had questions since the election.

Attorneys and immigrant organizations said green card holders feel new urgency to ensure that paperwork such as a renewal application is in order over fears that laws could change under a new administration. Most immigrants can seek citizenship three to five years after getting a green card.

Roughly 9 million green card holders are currently eligible for citizenship, according to the most recent Department of Homeland Security statistics. Some citizens also sought clarity about when they could sponsor family members abroad.

"People need reassurance," said Irina Matiychenko, who leads the immigrant protection unit at the New York Legal Assistance Group. "People need guidance."

In Phoenix, local leaders planned a weekend meeting about being an immigrant in Arizona as an effort to "guide us on the path of trust and unity." Staff members at the Chicago office of Democratic U.S. Rep. Luis Gutierrez reported an uptick in activity with at least 60 new applications for citizenship the past two weeks.

School districts, including Chicago and Denver, used the election as a way to communicate existing policy.

Denver Superintendent Tom Boasberg said the 90,000-student district sent letters in four languages home in response to what teachers were hearing from students and parents. The letter reiterated that school officials do not ask about immigration status when students enroll.

"In a time of fear and concern, lots of rumors and misinformation spread," he said. "And that's why it's so important to get accurate factual information to our families from a very trusted source."

Associated Press writers Astrid Galvan in Phoenix, Colleen Slevin in Denver, and Amy Taxin in Santa Ana, California, contributed to this report.

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The Latest: Trump said to want only the 'best and brightest'

NEW YORK (AP) — The Latest on President-elect Donald Trump's transition activities (All times EST) 6:50 a.m.

A Republican Party spokesman says President-elect Donald Trump is searching among "the best and brightest in the country" to set up his administration.

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RNC communications director Sean Spicer tells Fox News Channel's "Fox and Friends" the billionaire businessman isn't "looking at someone's political affiliation, whether they supported him or not."

He was asked the question in the context of Trump's scheduled meeting this weekend with 2012 Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who earlier this year was a harsh critic of the real estate mogul.

Spicer wouldn't comment on whether Trump was set to offer Romney a position in the administration now being formed.

But when asked what the pair was expected to discuss, the Republican strategist said only that "they're going to have a conversation."

Spicer called Trump the "new sheriff in town" and said he's determined to bring qualified people into his administration.

3:35 a.m.

President-elect Donald Trump is offering former military intelligence chief Michael Flynn the position of national security adviser, elevating a fierce critic of current U.S. foreign policy into a crucial White House role.

Flynn's selection amounts to Trump's first signal to allies and adversaries about the course he could take in office. It's unclear whether Flynn, a retired Army general, has accepted the job, though a senior transition official confirmed Thursday that the president-elect has made the offer. The official was not authorized to discuss the offer publicly and insisted on anonymity.

Flynn was a fierce critic of President Barack Obama's military and foreign policy long before he began advising Trump on national security issues during the presidential campaign. While the position of national security adviser doesn't require Senate confirmation, Flynn would work in the West Wing and have frequent access to the president.

10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. TRUMP OFFERS MICHAEL FLYNN NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER POST

The choice of Flynn would elevate a fierce critic of current U.S. foreign policy to a crucial White House role.

2. FLOOD OF IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS FOLLOW TRUMP'S ELECTION

The president-elect's tough talk on immigration has stirred anxiety nationwide among immigrants regardless of legal status.

3. IRAQI TROOPS ADVANCE CAUTIOUSLY INTO EASTERN MOSUL

The troops continue to face fierce resistance, with snipers, mortar fire and suicide bombers driving armor-plated vehicles packed with explosives.

4. UK JUDGE GRANTS DYING GIRL'S LAST WISH: TO BE FROZEN

"Being cryo-preserved gives me a chance to be cured and woken up" if a treatment for her cancer is ever discovered, the girl wrote before her recent death.

5. WHO BUILDS BRIDGES IN LATIN AMERICA AS TRUMP TALKS WALL

Chinese President Xi Jinping attends a Pacific Rim summit as part of a visit to Ecuador, Peru and Chile, as China continues to play a key role in trade throughout the region.

6. PHILIPPINES DICTATOR GETS HERO'S BURIAL

Ferdinand Marcos is interred in a military-run cemetery in Manila, enraging pro-democracy advocates who point to his declaration of martial law in 1972 and massive rights violations.

7. WHERE FIRST WINTER STORM STRIKES IN US

Blizzards, freezing temperatures and high winds are bearing down on the northern Plains states, with up to a foot of snow forecast for parts of Minnesota.

8. IN WAKE OF EMISSIONS SETTLEMENT, VW TO CUT 30,000 JOBS

Automaker says it will shed the jobs as it tries to recover from its diesel emissions scandal.

9. WHAT HIT REALITY SHOW TAKES ITS FINAL FLIGHT

The "Duck Dynasty" family has decided 2017 will be its last season.

10. HOPE AND LIFE BLOOM IN PACIFIC DEAD CORAL GRAVEYARD

"It's clear that coral reefs have great resilience and the coral here is trying to recover," says University of Victoria coral reef scientist Julia Baum, referring to the island of Kiritimati in the South Pacific.

Dying UK girl convinces judge to let her body be frozen

By GREGORY KATZ, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The teenage girl's instructions were direct: She didn't want to be buried, but to be frozen — with the hope she can continue her life in the future when cancer is cured.

"I want to live and live longer and I think that in the future they may find a cure for my cancer and wake me up," the 14-year-old wrote to a British judge before her recent death.

She said "being cryopreserved gives me a chance to be cured and woken up — even in hundreds of years' time."

Her plaintive words convinced High Court Judge Peter Jackson to grant her final wishes in what he called the first case of its kind in England — and possibly the world.

The judge said the girl had chosen the most basic preservation option at a cost of about 37,000 pounds (\$46,000).

The girl's divorced parents disagreed about the procedure, with the mother favoring it and the father initially saying no, though he softened his stance as his daughter's death neared.

The girl, who along with her parents can't be named for legal reasons, asked the court to designate that only her mother could dispose of her remains so that she could be cryogenically preserved, an unproven technique that some people believe may allow frozen bodies to be brought back to life in the future.

The concept is regarded with skepticism by many in the medical community because it has not yet been proven to be effective.

Barry Fuller, a specialist in low-temperature medicine at University College London, said the technology of preserving cells at ultra-low temperatures is promising but cannot yet be applied to large structures like a human kidney.

"At the moment we have no objective evidence that a whole human body can survive cryopreservation with cells which will function after re-arming," he said, referring to the process of re-activating cells in the future.

He said there is ongoing research with the immediate hope that scientists could use the technology to preserve human organs for transplantation. He said that would be "a major first step into proving the concept."

The judge called the case that began in the Family Division of the court unprecedented.

"It is no surprise that this application is the only one of its kind to have come before the courts in this country — and probably anywhere else," Jackson said, calling the case "an example of the new questions that science poses to the law."

The judge made the ruling in October, and imposed restrictions on any media coverage while the girl was still alive out of respect for her stated desire for privacy.

His ruling cleared the way for the girl's remains to be taken to a specialist facility in the U.S. for the start of the preservation process. Lawyers say that has been done, but details have been kept private.

The girl and her father were estranged and the father at first opposed the treatment. He said that even if it was successful and his daughter was brought back to life in 200 years, she would probably not find any relatives, might not remember things and would find herself in a different country, the United States.

"She may be left in a desperate situation," he said, pointing out that she would still be only 14.

His view changed, however, and he later told the judge he respected the dying girl's decision: "This is the last and only thing she has asked from me," he said.

The girl was too ill to attend court proceedings, but Jackson visited her in a hospital. He said he was impressed by the "valiant way" she dealt with her impending death from a rare form of cancer. He said

she spent her final months researching cryonics on the internet.

The judge said there was no doubt about the girl's mental capacity to launch a lawsuit despite her advanced illness. He called her a "bright, intelligent young person."

Jackson said his decision was based on resolving the dispute between the parents and did not represent a finding on the validity of cryogenic preservation as a way to come back to life in the future.

He seemed focused on the girl's expressed desire, even though she was too young to write a legally binding will.

"I don't want to be buried underground," she wrote at the end of her note. "I want to have this chance. This is my wish."

Trump on Twitter: Ford won't move Lincoln assembly to Mexico

By TOM KRISHER, AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump took to Twitter Thursday night to announce that Ford Motor Co. won't be moving Lincoln production from Kentucky to Mexico.

Bill Ford, the company's executive chairman, telephoned him with the news that a Lincoln plant would stay in Louisville, Trump said in the tweet claiming credit for the decision.

Ford doesn't have a plant that exclusively builds Lincolns, but it had planned to move production of the Lincoln MKC small SUV out of the Louisville Assembly Plant so it could make more Ford Escapes there. A company spokeswoman confirmed Thursday that Ford was considering MKC production at a factory in Cuautitlan, Mexico. The move was negotiated with the United Auto Workers union in 2015.

Company spokeswoman Christin Baker said she didn't know when the decision was made to keep the MKC in Louisville or if Trump had any impact on it. It's possible the decision was made before the election, because Escape sales have been falling since July, so additional production capacity in Louisville may not be needed.

"We are encouraged that President-elect Trump and the new Congress will pursue policies that will improve U.S. competitiveness and make it possible to keep production of this vehicle here in the United States," Baker said in an e-mail.

The development is the latest in a yearlong feud between Trump and Ford over plans to move production south of the border. The company plans to shift small-car production from suburban Detroit to Mexico to improve profitability of the lower-priced cars. CEO Mark Fields said Tuesday that the presidential election didn't change the company's plan.

Trump wants to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and has called for a 35 percent tariff on goods shipped from Mexico in an effort to preserve U.S. manufacturing jobs.

Ford plans to move production of the Focus and C-Max small cars to Mexico from a plant in Wayne, Michigan. But jobs at the Wayne plant would be preserved because it's getting a new SUV and small pickup truck.

"I worked hard with Bill Ford to keep the Lincoln plant in Kentucky. I owed it to the great State of Kentucky for their confidence in me!" Trump said in a tweet.

Bill Ford met with Trump during the summer and spoke with him on Thursday, Baker said.

Flynn: outspoken general, intelligence pro, Trump supporter

By ROBERT BURNS, AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn, the man Donald Trump has asked to be his national security adviser, built a reputation in the Army as an astute intelligence professional and a straight talker.

What set Flynn apart after he shed his uniform in 2014 was the blistering public criticism he quickly leveled at the White House and Pentagon, taking issue with a wide range of national security policies, including the administration's approach to fighting the Islamic State group and, more generally, its handling of global affairs.

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In recent public comments, including his fiery address at the Republican National Convention, Flynn has emphasized his view that the threat posed by IS requires a more aggressive U.S. military, as well as his belief that Washington should work more closely with Moscow. Flynn is a champion of other foreign policy themes Trump pushed during the campaign, including renegotiating the Iran nuclear deal.

But Flynn's warmth toward Russia and antagonism toward what conservatives rail against as "radical Islam" have worried some national security experts. Flynn traveled last year to Moscow, where he joined Russian President Vladimir Putin and other Russian officials in a celebration of the RT network, a Russian government-controlled television channel. Flynn later explained that he had been paid for taking part in the event, but brushed aside concerns that he was aiding a Russian propaganda effort.

Flynn has also been outspoken in his warnings about the dangers of Islamist groups, complaining on CNN in June that the U.S. needs to "discredit" radical Islam, but that "we're not allowed to do that right now." He accused the Obama administration in a New York Post op-ed in July of failing to design a coherent strategy for opposing the Islamic State group. And in August, he spoke at an event in Dallas for the anti-Islamist group Act for America, saying that Islam "is a political ideology" and that it "definitely hides behind being a religion."

Flynn's dark warnings about Islam have not extended to the Islamist-leaning authoritarian Turkish government headed by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. In an op-ed for the Washington newspaper The Hill just before the election, Flynn wrote that "our ally Turkey" needs support and echoed Erdogan's warnings that a "shady" Turkish leader now exiled in Pennsylvania should not be given safe harbor in the U.S. Erdogan has called for the extradition of the exile, Fethullah Gullen, but the Obama administration has made no move to comply.

This alignment of views, coupled with his outspokenness, could make Flynn a particularly useful ally to Trump and counterweight to those senior military officers who have been leery of deeper U.S. involvement in the Middle East as well as those convinced that Russia's aggression in Ukraine demands a harsher U.S. response.

Flynn's military experience might have made him seem like a natural choice to lead the Pentagon. But without a waiver from Congress, he is not eligible to be secretary of defense because federal law says "a person may not be appointed as secretary of defense within seven years after relief from active duty as a commissioned officer." Flynn retired from the Army after two turbulent years as director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon's top spy agency.

As Trump's national security adviser he would not require Senate confirmation.

Flynn, who turns 58 in December, is a native of Middletown, Rhode Island. He graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 1981 with a degree in management science and was commissioned a second lieutenant in military intelligence. He held various positions in military intelligence throughout his career, including director of intelligence for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the top intelligence officer for the commander of the U.S.-led international military coalition in Afghanistan in 2009-10.

According to a biography published by the DIA during his time as its director, Flynn's academic credentials include three graduate degrees: a master's in telecommunications from Golden Gate University; a master's in military arts and sciences from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and a master's in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College at Newport, Rhode Island.

He drew public attention in January 2010, during his time in Afghanistan, for his unorthodox decision to have a Washington think tank, the Center for a New American Security, publish his critique of the U.S. intelligence system in Afghanistan.

The report said: "Having focused the overwhelming majority of its collection efforts and analytical brainpower on insurgent groups, the vast intelligence apparatus is unable to answer fundamental questions about the environment in which U.S. and allied forces operate."

After he announced in April 2014 that he would step down as director of the DIA, Flynn asserted that he had been forced out because he disagreed with the administration's approach to combating extremism. His critics, however, claimed he had mismanaged the agency and that his efforts to force change had met with internal resistance.

With his public and fervent support for Trump, highlighted by his July convention appearance, Flynn challenged the military's apolitical traditions. He was not alone in that role. John Allen, a retired Marine general, spoke at the Democratic National Convention as a Clinton supporter. Their former colleague, retired Gen. Martin Dempsey, wrote in The Washington Post that Flynn and Allen were wrong to have participated as they did.

"The military is not a political prize," Dempsey wrote. "The American people should not wonder where their military leaders draw the line between military advice and political preference."

Flynn would not be the first retired general to be asked to serve as part of a president's national security team. Obama appointed retired Army Gen. David Petraeus as CIA director in 2011.

Colin Powell, who had served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the pinnacle of his Army career, became secretary of state during President George W. Bush's first term. He also served as national security adviser to President Ronald Reagan from 1987 to 1989 while retaining his Army commission as a lieutenant general.

Retired Marine Gen. James Jones, a former commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Europe, served as Obama's first national security adviser.

Associated Press writers Stephen Braun and Julie Pace contributed to the report.

Iraqi forces advance into Mosul under fire, 1 soldier killed

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi troops advanced cautiously into eastern districts of Mosul on Friday, facing stiff resistance from Islamic State militants a day after they paused their assault due to poor visibility, officers said.

Airstrikes, automatic fire and artillery were heard from dawn and one soldier was reported killed in clashes. Civilians, some of them wounded, could be seen fleeing the fighting.

According to the officers, the Iraqi forces aim to take complete control of the city's Tahrir area and from there move into the adjacent Muharabeen district. The officers spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

Iraqi forces launched the long-awaited operation to retake Mosul a month ago but have only advanced into a few eastern districts. The troops have faced fierce resistance, with snipers, mortar fire and Islamic State suicide bombers driving armor-plated vehicles packed with explosives.

On Thursday, cloudy skies over Iraq's second-largest city obscured the visibility of the drones and warplanes on which the troops rely, hindering their advance. Instead, special forces secured areas they had seized, set up checkpoints and swept for explosives.

The pause also allowed the residents running out of food in areas liberated from IS to get some supplies from Iraqi troops and aid organizations.

Mosul is the last major holdout for the militants in Iraq. Driving them out would deal a severe blow to the Islamic State's self-styled caliphate stretching into Syria.

IS on Friday claimed responsibility for an attack the previous night in which a suicide car bomber struck a wedding near the western city of Fallujah, killing at least 10 people and wounding 32.

The wedding was full of government-allied Sunni tribal fighters who are also part of the campaign to rid the country of IS, said Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan.

It was the second incident this week in Fallujah. On Monday, twin suicide bombers targeted the city's security checkpoints, killing six people.

In graveyard of dead coral in Pacific, hope and life bloom

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a ghost town of dead coral off a remote Pacific island, scientists have found a bit more life.

In excursions a year ago and then last April, scientists examined the normally stunning coral reefs around the island of Kiritimati and pronounced it mostly a boneyard of dead coral. About 85 percent of the coral was dead, 10 percent was sick and bleached but still technically alive, and only 5 percent was doing OK.

The same scientists returned this month and found that 6 to 7 percent of the coral is alive and not bleached, said University of Victoria coral reef scientist Julia Baum, speaking by Skype from the island.

"We left with a sense of dread and came back with a renewed purpose because there are some corals that literally came back from the brink," said Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb, who returned from the expedition earlier. "It's the best we could have hoped for."

Many of the fish that rely on the reef and had been absent seem to be back, Cobb said.

Hot water — mostly from El Nino, the natural occasional warming of the Pacific that changes weather worldwide, and man-made global warming — had made the area one of the worst hit coral spots in the world. Later, nearby Jarvis Island was even more damaged. And the death of 85 percent of the coral of the better known and much larger Great Barrier Reef has been reported, said C. Mark Eakin, coral reef watch coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"But despite this mass mortality, there are a few small signs of hope," Baum said. "It's clear that coral reefs have great resilience and the coral here is trying to recover."

Not only has some of the bleached coral recovered, she said, but "there are coral babies that have settled on the reef sometime in the last year to year and half and these are the reef's best hope for recovery."

A study published Thursday in the journal *Current Biology* goes back more than a million years and finds that even during mass die-offs, coral species are able to rebound.

Eakin points to Scott reef off western Australia where 12 years after the damaging 1998 El Nino coral die-off, nearly half the original reef revived. But it was damaged again by the recent El Nino.

Even after the recovery seen at Kiritimati, Baum is wary: "It's like having a patient who is very sick and instead of letting them recover we keep infecting them with more and more illnesses. There's only so much that any person — or any natural system — can take."

Justice Thomas: Honor Scalia by reining in government

By **MARK SHERMAN, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas called on fellow conservatives Thursday to continue the work of the late Justice Antonin Scalia to keep the power of the courts and other branches of government in check.

Thomas told 1,700 people at a dinner in honor of Scalia that the Supreme Court has too often granted rights to people that are not found in the Constitution. He cited the decision in 2015 that made same-sex marriage legal across the country.

Thomas said he and his longtime friend and colleague formed an "odd couple" of a white New Yorker and a black man from Georgia.

He paraphrased Lincoln's Gettysburg address to exhort the audience to "be dedicated to the unfinished business for which Justice Scalia gave his last full measure of devotion."

Thomas and Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito were the bookends of the Thursday meeting of the Federalist Society, at which conservatives were reveling in Donald Trump's unexpected victory in the presidential election because it is likely to result in the appointment of conservative judges to the Supreme Court and other federal courts.

Alito issued his own rallying cry to conservatives, describing religious freedom and gun rights as among "constitutional fault lines," important issues at stake in the federal courts.

The conference of conservatism's leading legal lights took on a new air of importance with Trump's vic-

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tory, and included a list of judges the president-elect has named as candidates to fill the vacancy created by Scalia's death last February.

In their remarks, Thomas and Alito didn't mention the election or the vacancy, rather using the platform to pay tribute to Scalia, a longtime colleague and conservative ally in high-court battles on hot-button social and political issues.

Alito said Scalia, a hero to many of the group's 40,000 members, is sorely missed on the court. "We are left to ask ourselves WWSD," what would Scalia do, Alito said. The lettering is a play on the phrase "WWJD," for what would Jesus do.

In the halls of the conference there was little formal talk of the election or the fight to seat a new justice. But attendees packed a lunchtime panel moderated by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Joan Larsen, one of 21 people on Trump's list, and the Supreme Court vacancy was the talk of hallway chatter among lawyers who ranged from Trump backers to those who proclaimed they would never vote for him.

Larsen served as a Supreme Court law clerk to Scalia and said he valued his clerks' frank assessment of his work. "It was a formidable task to stand up to Justice Scalia and say, 'You have gone too far.' But he valued that," Larsen said.

Later, she declined to discuss her status on Trump's list, saying she intends to complete her state court term, which runs through 2018. "That's really where my focus lies," she said in a brief conversation with The Associated Press.

Other sessions were moderated by Minnesota Supreme Court Justice David Stras and federal appellate judges William Pryor and Thomas Hardiman, all on Trump's list. Before the conference ends Saturday, nine judges on the list are expected to appear.

The court has been operating with eight justices since Scalia's death because Senate Republicans blocked action on President Barack Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland.

The conference turned into an impromptu job fair for spots in the new administration.

"The mood has changed. Everyone is going to be thinking, 'Maybe someone here is going to be filling Justice Scalia's shoes,'" said Abbe Gluck, a Yale Law professor who is not a member of the group but will participate in the conference.

The Federalist Society got its start on college campuses when Ronald Reagan was in the White House. It was conceived as a way to counter what its members saw as liberal domination of the nation's law-school faculties. Its influence was pronounced during the presidency of George W. Bush, when its leaders helped rally support for Senate confirmation of Alito and Chief Justice John Roberts. The group was so successful that it spawned copycat liberal organizations.

Speaking at a Federalist Society event in the Bush years was akin to an out-of-town preview of a Broadway show for conservative lawyers looking for administration jobs or judgeships, author Mark Tushnet has written.

Over the past eight years, the group provided a forum for opponents of Obama's court choices and policies, although the Federalist Society itself does not endorse candidates or take policy positions. Some of its leaders backed Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's refusal to act on Garland's nomination. That political strategy paid unexpected and huge dividends for conservatives with Trump's election.

Now the society's star again appears to be on the rise.

"Anytime there's a major shift in the power of government, it's an enormous opportunity for what is probably the collection of the smartest, most talented and most publicly minded lawyers in the country to roll up their sleeves and help advance the cause of constitutional government," said Leonard Leo, the group's executive vice president.

Leo met with Trump in New York on Wednesday and said afterward that Trump has yet to pare down his long list of names of Supreme Court hopefuls.

Nan Aron, the president of Alliance for Justice, said the Federalist Society "promotes a way of looking at the law which upholds the rights of the powerful and the wealthy." Aron said it is "regrettable that so many nominees on Trump's list are going to attend Federalist Society events."

Yet a conservative legal scholar who has been critical of Trump said the group's involvement in identifying

candidates for judgeships and other jobs in the new administration is not something to fear.

"In fact, if the Federalist Society does play a role in identifying the president-elect's nominees, that could be comforting to some who have reservations about Donald Trump's administration, because such a role would suggest, at least in this area, continuity with longstanding, mainstream Republican practice," University of Notre Dame law professor Richard Garnett said in an email.

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US Jews grapple with election-year eruption of anti-Semitism

By RACHEL ZOLL, AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — American Jews gathered Thursday to wrestle with how they should confront an election-year surge in anti-Semitism, a level of bias not seen in the U.S. for decades.

At a national meeting of the Anti-Defamation League, the Jewish civil rights group, about 1,000 people listened to talks expressing shock at the hatred expressed during the presidential campaign and questioned what they thought was a high-level of acceptance by other Americans.

"I'm struggling right now in this American moment," said Yehuda Kurtzer, president of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, an education and research organization, in his talk at the event. "I wonder whether I have been — and I think the answer is probably yes — a little bit naive."

During this past year, anti-Semitic imagery proliferated on social media, Jewish journalists were targeted and longstanding anti-Jewish conspiracy theories got a fresh airing. Much of the bias originated with the alt-right, or alternative right, a loose group espousing a provocative and reactionary strain of conservatism. It's often associated with far right efforts to preserve "white identity," oppose multiculturalism and defend "Western values."

In addition to the online intimidation, reports of anti-Semitic vandalism and other attacks have risen. Last week, the day after the election, a Philadelphia storefront was sprayed with a swastika and the words "Sieg Heil 2016," which means "Hail Victory," a common Nazi chant, and the word "Trump," with a swastika replacing the "T."

These developments have stunned U.S. Jewish leaders, who in recent years had been more focused on anti-Semitism in Europe and on addressing complaints of anti-Jewish bias on college campuses amid the debate over the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israeli policies toward the Palestinians.

In a sign of the depth of American Jewish anxiety about anti-Semitism, ADL officials said donations to their organization increased 50-fold in the days immediately after the election and a large majority of the money came from first-time donors. Every one of their regional offices reported an uptick in calls from people wanting to donate or volunteer, the ADL said.

"We must not be silent, we must raise our voices, we must act, and to act we must understand what we are up against," said Jonathan Greenblatt, chief executive officer of ADL, opening the meeting in Manhattan.

As the presidential race intensified, Jews started seeing their names bracketed with a series of parentheses in harassing tweets, signaling that the person had been identified as a Jew. The image became known as the Jewish cowbell and its source was traced to neo-Nazis and white nationalists.

The ADL investigated the harassment and found more than 800 journalists had suffered anti-Semitic attacks on Twitter during the election, mostly from anonymous Twitter accounts, although some belonged to white supremacists. In a common example of the reporters' experiences, Jane Eisner, editor-in-chief of the Forward, an influential Jewish newspaper that extensively covered the election, said she received an email the morning after the second presidential debate with an image of a Nazi soldier pointing a gun at her head, which was Photoshopped onto a concentration camp uniform.

Donald Trump's campaign came under scrutiny since much of the harassment came from accounts tied to his supporters.

Trump drew direct criticism last July when he tweeted an image of Hillary Clinton's face with a six-pointed star, a pile of hundred dollar bills and the words "most corrupt candidate ever." The star was in the shape

of the Jewish Star of David and was widely condemned as anti-Semitic. Trump's campaign said it was a sheriff's badge.

Last month, Trump gave a speech in West Palm Beach, Florida, in which he accused Clinton of holding secret meetings with bankers in a conspiracy to undermine U.S. sovereignty. The ADL said that whether intentional or not, Trump had reflected a classic anti-Semitic theme of Jewish control of banks.

The president-elect's daughter Ivanka, and her husband, Jared Kushner, who is now one of his top advisers, are Orthodox Jews. Kushner has defended Trump against allegations of bias.

The issue erupted anew when Trump announced far-right publishing executive Stephen Bannon as his top White House Strategist. Bannon led the Breitbart website, considered by many to be the alt-right's platform that has been widely condemned as racist, sexist and anti-Semitic. Trump campaign manager Kellyanne Conway called the accusations against Bannon "very unfair."

Some Jewish groups have defended Bannon, including the hawkish Zionist Organization of America. Bernie Marcus, a founder of The Home Depot Inc. and board member of the Republican Jewish Coalition, said in a statement that Bannon was "a passionate Zionist and supporter of Israel." Marcus called the condemnations of Bannon an attempt to undermine the incoming administration. Seventy-one percent of Jews voted for Hillary Clinton, according to exit polls. Greenblatt worked in the Obama administration.

Still, Jonathan Sarna, a Brandeis University professor and historian of American Judaism, said it would be wrong to attribute the criticisms of Trump appointments or his supporters to partisanship. "I don't know anybody who is looking at this in a serious way who says nothing has changed," in regard to the level of anti-Semitism, Sarna said.

"American Jews assumed that anti-Semitism had largely been overcome," he said. "And then all of a sudden, unexpectedly, anti-Semitism of a virulent kind came roaring back."

This story has been amended to reflect the correct phrase used in anti-Semitic graffiti on a Philadelphia storefront.

Attorney says adoptee from South Korea deported from US

By ANDREW SELSKY, Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — A man who was adopted from South Korea by Americans when he was 3 years old landed on Thursday in his native country — one that is completely unknown to him — after he was deported from the United States, an official and his lawyer said.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement had ordered Adam Crapser deported because of criminal convictions, including assault and being a felon in possession of a weapon.

His life story highlights the failings of an adoption system that put him in the homes of one set of parents who abandoned him and another that physically abused him and other adopted children, his Seattle attorney, Lori Walls, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

ICE spokeswoman Rose Richeson told AP in an email that the 41-year-old Crapser arrived in Seoul, South Korea, on Thursday morning aboard a commercial airline flight escorted by ICE deportation officers.

Richeson said Crapser was arrested by ICE on Feb. 8 after serving a 60-day sentence for menacing constituting domestic violence and attempted coercion. He had been held in an immigration detention center in Tacoma, Washington since then. A judge could have allowed Crapser to stay in America but decided on deportation. Crapser's supporters said he waived an appeal because he couldn't stand to stay in the detention center any longer.

Walls said she is astonished that the fact that Crapser "was adopted, abandoned and abused ... carried relatively little weight in the decision that the immigration court made."

"The U.S. government facilitated the adoption out of Korea," she said. "No one followed up to make sure he was safe. When that first family abandoned him to foster care he was not visible — there was no follow-up."

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No one ever sought U.S. citizenship for him. He and his older sister were adopted by a family who lived in Michigan and who later abandoned them after they moved to Oregon, Walls said.

Brother and sister were split up. Crapser was eventually adopted by parents in Oregon who assaulted him and other children in their care. His adoptive parents were convicted of multiple crimes. Crapser eventually left the home and was arrested after he broke in to retrieve some of his belongings from his orphanage in South Korea, Walls said.

Crapser later got into further trouble with the law. He came under the scrutiny of federal immigration authorities after he applied for a Green Card and they saw his criminal record.

"I'm hopeful Adam figures out how to make a life in that country, where he doesn't speak the language read the language or know anything about the culture," Walls said.

His birth mother in South Korea, who had put her son and daughter up for adoption because she couldn't afford to keep him, is learning English so she can communicate with him when they're reunited, The New York Times reported recently.

"His birth mother, because of publicity in South Korea, came forward," Walls said, adding that a DNA test proved the relationship. Walls noted that the mother is disabled, has a low income "and can't be much help for him."

"I spoke with Adam a couple of days ago," Walls said. "He was trying to stay positive, but I mean it was clear talking to him that he was scared. He's going to a country where he can't even read the street signs."

Walls said there might be legal remedies for Crapser to return to the U.S. but that it would be "an uphill battle."

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Friday, Nov. 18, the 323rd day of 2016. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops issued a Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence, which did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of the Somme pitting British and French forces against German troops ended inconclusively after 4 1/2 months of bloodshed.

In 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1942, "The Skin of Our Teeth," Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize-winning allegory about the history of humankind, opened on Broadway.

In 1959, "Ben-Hur," the Biblical-era spectacle starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1976, Spain's parliament approved a bill to establish a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four others were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides. A fire at London King's Cross railway station claimed 31 lives.

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In 1991, Shiite (SHEE'-eyet) Muslim kidnapers in Lebanon freed Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and Thomas Sutherland, the American dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut.

In 1996, onetime CIA station chief Harold J. Nicholson was charged with selling top secrets to the Russians for more than \$120,000. (Nicholson later pleaded guilty to espionage and was sentenced to 23 and 1/2 years in prison; he was spared a life sentence for cooperating with investigators.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, in Hanoi for a summit of Pacific Rim countries, lined up support for pressuring long-defiant North Korea to prove it was serious about dismantling its nuclear weapons program. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes exchanged wedding vows in a glowing 15th-century castle in the medieval lakeside town of Bracciano, Italy. (The couple divorced in 2012.)

Five years ago: In an incident that prompted national outrage, campus police at the University of California, Davis used pepper-spray on nonviolent Occupy protesters (the school later agreed to pay \$1 million to settle a lawsuit filed by the demonstrators). Self-help author James Arthur Ray was sentenced to two years in prison for leading an Arizona sweat lodge ceremony that was supposed to offer spiritual enlightenment but instead resulted in three deaths. Syria agreed in principle to allow dozens of Arab observers into the country to oversee a peace plan.

One year ago: The Islamic State group announced that it had killed a Norwegian man and a Chinese man after earlier demanding ransoms for the two. Raphael Holiday was executed by the state of Texas for setting a fire that killed his 18-month-old daughter and her two young half-sisters at an East Texas home in Sept. 2000. Jake Arrieta of the Chicago Cubs aced out Dodgers stars Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw for the NL Cy Young Award while Houston lefty Dallas Keuchel won the AL honor.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Brenda Vaccaro is 77. Author-poet Margaret Atwood is 77. Actress Linda Evans is 74. Actress Susan Sullivan is 74. Country singer Jacky Ward is 70. Actor Jameson Parker is 69. Actress-singer Andrea Marcovicci is 68. Rock musician Herman Rarebell is 67. Singer Graham Parker is 66. Actor Delroy Lindo is 64. Comedian Kevin Nealon is 63. Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback Warren Moon is 60. Actor Oscar Nunez is 58. Actress Elizabeth Perkins is 56. Singer Kim Wilde is 56. Rock musician Kirk Hammett (Metallica) is 54. Rock singer Tim DeLaughter (dee-LAW'-ter) is 51. Actor Romany Malco is 48. Actor Owen Wilson is 48. Actor Dan Bakkedahl is 48. Singer Duncan Sheik is 47. Actor Mike Epps is 46. Actress Peta Wilson is 46. Actress Chloe Sevigny (SEH'-ven-ee) is 42. Country singer Jessi Alexander is 40. Actor Steven Pasquale is 40. Rapper Fabolous is 39. Actor/director Nate Parker is 37. Rapper Mike Jones is 36. Actress Mekia Cox (TV: "Secrets and Lies") is 35. Actress/comedian Nasim Pedrad is 35. Actress Allison Tolman is 35. Actor Damon Wayans Jr. is 34. Country singer TJ Osborne (Brothers Osborne) is 32. Actor Nathan Kress is 24.

Thought for Today: "It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument." — William G. McAdoo, American government official (1863-1941).