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Saturday

Birthdays: Bailey Ronning, Cassie Ackman, Gary Voss

Robotics at Mitchell

Double Header hosts Warner (Girls JV at 2 p.m., Boys JV at 3 p.m., Girls Varsity at 4:30 p.m., Boys Varsity at 6:00 p.m.)

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Aberdeen Arborist reviews tree trimming with the city crew



Certified Arborist Aaron Kiesz (red jacket by tree) from Aberdeen, came to Groton Friday afternoon to review the cuts that were done at the Marc Sippel trees at Fifth Street and 14th Avenue in Groton. The Sippels have filed a lawsuit against the city for damage done to their trees. Kiesz said that the cuts are acceptable and will not do any damage to the trees. In the above photo, left to right, are Jim Gerdes, Councilman Eddy Opp, Shawn Lambertz, Kari Bartling - attorney for the Sippels, Paul Kosel, Dwight Zerr, Branden Abeln, Terry Herron and Aaron Kiesz in the red jacket. Mayor Scott Hanlon was also present, pictured on the right side in the left photo. Kiesz was going to show the city crew on using a couple of tools he uses in Aberdeen and to shorten up some of the stubs, but Bartling said that on no uncertain terms were the trees to be touched and that they did not want the evidence tampered with until their specialists from SDSU, Brookings, has had an opportunity to also review the trees.

(Photos by Tina Kosel)

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Groton Area boys beat Hamlin

The Groton Area Boys Basketball team traveled to Hamlin Friday night and came home with a pair of wins.

The varsity team won, 57-43, and the junior varsity team won, 58-51.

Three players hit double figures for the varsity team as Kyler Ell led the Tigers with 16 points followed by Lucas Sternhagen with 12, Bennett Shabazz had 11, Chance Strom and Spencer Knecht each had five, Hunter Lerew had four and Gabe Dohman and Landon Larson each had two points.

Groton made 40 percent of its field goals while Hamlin made 35 percent. The Tigers were a perfect nine of nine from the line off of Hamlin's 13 team fouls. Hamlin was eight of 16 for 50 percent off of Groton Area's 13 team fouls. Groton Area outrebounded Hamlin, 33-27, with Lerew having 10 for Groton Area and EJ Drake having 13 and Austin Nieman 12 for Hamlin. Groton had more assists, 10-6, with Sternhagen having five. Groton had five blocks with Lerew having three. Groton Area had nine turnovers with five of them being steals (three by EJ Drake) and Hamlin had 11 turnovers with two of them being steals.

Groton Area outscored Hamlin in the fourth quarter, 19-11, to come from behind beat win the junior varsity game, 58-51. Seric Shabazz led the Tigers with 17 points followed by Sean Schuring with 15, Bennett Shabazz had eight, Aaron Severson seven, Brady Keith five, Brandon Keith four and Marshall Lane two.

Bryce Williams led the Chargers with 14 points and Cody Swenson had 11.

Classifieds

Apartments For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

Concessions

Manager Wanted

The Groton Area School District is seeking qualified applicants for a concessions manager for the 2015-2016 school year. Salary is \$50/event plus commission. Information and applications are available at www.grotonarea.com.



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| GROTON AREA | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 4 | Sternhagen, Lucas | * | 4 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 10 | Knecht, Spencer | * | 1 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 12 | Ell, Kyler | * | 6 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 32:00 |
| 32 | Dohman, Gabe | * | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 40 | Lerew, Hunter | * | 2 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 5 | Shabazz, Seric | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 22 | Shabazz, Bennett | | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 24 | Strom, Chance | | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8:00 |
| 30 | Larson, Landon | | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 42 | Larson, Wyatt | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 21 | 53 | 6 | 14 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 25 | 33 | 13 | 57 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 12/30 0.400 2nd: 9/23 0.391 Game: 0.396 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 3/7 0.429 2nd: 3/7 0.429 Game: 0.429 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 2/2 1.000 2nd: 7/7 1.000 Game: 1.000 (1,3)

| HAMLIN | | TOT-FG | | | | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------------------|--------|----|-----|----|-----|------|-----|----------|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|---|-------|
| NO | PLAYER | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | MIN |
| 10 | Koisti, Ben | * | 2 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24:00 |
| 20 | Grantham, Ryder | * | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 24:00 |
| 22 | Grantham, Brody | * | 1 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 30 | Nieman, Austin | * | 4 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 32:00 |
| 32 | Drake, EJ | * | 6 | 17 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 32:00 |
| 40 | Swenson, Cody | | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 42 | Leiseth, Tristen | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 50 | Rust, Drake | | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| Team Totals | | | 17 | 49 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 8 | 19 | 27 | 13 | 43 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 12/25 0.480 2nd: 5/24 0.208 Game: 0.347 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/6 0.167 2nd: 0/8 0.000 Game: 0.071 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/6 0.500 2nd: 5/10 0.500 Game: 0.500 (4,4)

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Groton | 14 | 15 | 12 | 16 | 57 |
| Hamlin V | 8 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 43 |

Last FG: Groton 4th-08:00, Hamlin V 3rd-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton by 16 4th-08:00, Hamlin V by 2 3rd-08:00
 Score tied: 4 times, Lead changed: 4 times

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| GROTON AREA JV NO PLAYER | TOT-FG | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | | | | MIN |
|-----------------------------|--------|----|------|----|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|---|-------|
| | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | |
| 3 Schuring, Sean | * | 4 | 11 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 32:00 |
| 5 Shabazz, Seric | * | 6 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 16:00 |
| 22 Shabazz, Bennett | * | 3 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24:00 |
| 34 l.Keith, Brady | * | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 52 Severson, Aaron | * | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 4 Sippel, Anthony | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 10 Lane, Marshall | | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 12 Wuestewald, Frankie | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 20 Keith, Brandon | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 32:00 |
| 30 Oliver, Jackson | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 42 Thorson, Luke | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| Team Totals | | 20 | 42 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 12 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 14 | 58 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 7 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 10/23 0.435 2nd: 10/19 0.526 Game: 0.476 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 4/8 0.500 2nd: 6/10 0.600 Game: 0.556 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 1/2 0.500 2nd: 7/10 0.700 Game: 0.667 (1,1)

| HAMLIN JV NO PLAYER | TOT-FG | | 3-PT | | REBOUNDS | | | | | | | | | | | | MIN |
|------------------------|--------|----|------|----|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|---|----|----|---|-------|
| | P | FG | FGA | FG | FGA | FT | FTA | OFF | DEF | TOT | PF | TP | A | TO | BK | S | |
| 2 Koisti, Sam | * | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16:00 |
| 4 Williams, Bryce | * | 5 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 32:00 |
| 12 l.Weelborg, Dylan | * | 3 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 32:00 |
| 24 l.Strande, Danny | * | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 40 Swenson, Cody | * | 3 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24:00 |
| 10 Bren, Darrell | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 12 Haase, Kaleb | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 14 l.Stieg, Kale | | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| 22 Smith, Kyle | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0:00 |
| 24 Niemann, Chance | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8:00 |
| 44 Roe, Johnny | | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 16:00 |
| Team Totals | | 18 | 39 | 6 | 13 | 9 | 12 | 8 | 15 | 23 | 16 | 51 | 8 | 15 | 0 | 5 | 160 |

Total FG% - 1st: 9/18 0.500 2nd: 9/21 0.429 Game: 0.462 Deadball
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/3 0.333 2nd: 5/10 0.500 Game: 0.462 Rebounds
 Total FT% - 1st: 9/12 0.750 2nd: 0/0 0.000 Game: 0.750 (3,0)

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Groton JV | 20 | 5 | 14 | 19 | 58 |
| HAMLIN JV | 10 | 18 | 12 | 11 | 51 |

Last FG: Groton JV 4th-08:00, HAMLIN JV 4th-08:00
 Largest lead: Groton JV by 10 1st-08:00, HAMLIN JV by 4 3rd-08:00
 Score tied: 2 times, Lead changed: 7 times

Today in Weather History

1994: Snow falling over the area produced heavy accumulations from central into northeast South Dakota with 11 inches at Kennebec and eight inches at Watertown from the 7th through the 9th. Extreme cold accompanied and followed the snow with low temperatures of 52 below zero at Promise and 45 below zero at Aberdeen on the 9th. Snow accumulation caused a roof to cave in on a drugstore at Bristol. A man died of exposure attempting to walk home near Sioux Falls after his car became stuck in a ditch.








2001: Heavy snow of 6 to 16 inches fell across central and northeast South Dakota resulting in school and activities cancellations, closing of some businesses, and difficult if not impossible travel. Several people became stranded and had to be rescued. There were also flight cancellations and delays along with some vehicle accidents resulting in minor injuries. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Mound City, Mobridge, Eureka, 7 inches at Milbank and 6 SE McIntosh, 8 inches at Aberdeen, Ipswich, Selby, Iona, and Britton, 9 inches at Clark, 1 S Columbia, Isabel, Webster, and 10 inches at Roscoe, Watertown, and 1 W of Summit. Locations with snowfall of a foot included, Mission Ridge, Murdo, 4 NW Onida, Castlewood, 23 N Highmore, and Timber Lake. Thirteen inches of snow fell at Canning, and Fort Pierre, 14 inches fell at Gettysburg, Eagle Butte, and Pierre with 15 inches at Miller and 16 inches of snow at Clear Lake, Mellette, and Faulkton.

2010: A compact but strong area of low pressure moved from Canada and across the Northern Plains from the 7th through the 9th. A prolonged period of moderate to heavy snow developed over far northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota bringing 6 to 8 inches of snow to the area. Some snowfall amounts included, 6 inches at Milbank, Wheaton, and Ortonville; 7 inches at Clear Lake, Sisseton, and Artichoke Lake; 8 inches at Summit, Victor, Wilmot, and Browns Valley.

1812 – The Hard Shock of the New Madrid Earthquake series strikes the area around the small town of New Madrid Missouri. A three-mile long island, Island # 32 was completely sunk! The Mississippi River once again ran backwards. This major shock marked the beginning of the end of New Madrid's long ordeal, even though aftershocks would continue to be felt for years and the fault is still active.

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| TODAY | TONIGHT | SUNDAY | SUNDAY NIGHT | MONDAY | MONDAY NIGHT | TUESDAY |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly Sunny High: 47 °F | Wintry Mix Low: 27 °F | Wintry Mix High: 34 °F | Mostly Cloudy Low: 20 °F | Mostly Cloudy High: 34 °F | Wintry Mix Low: 22 °F | Wintry Mix High: 40 °F |



Very Mild Today, Records Possible Central SD

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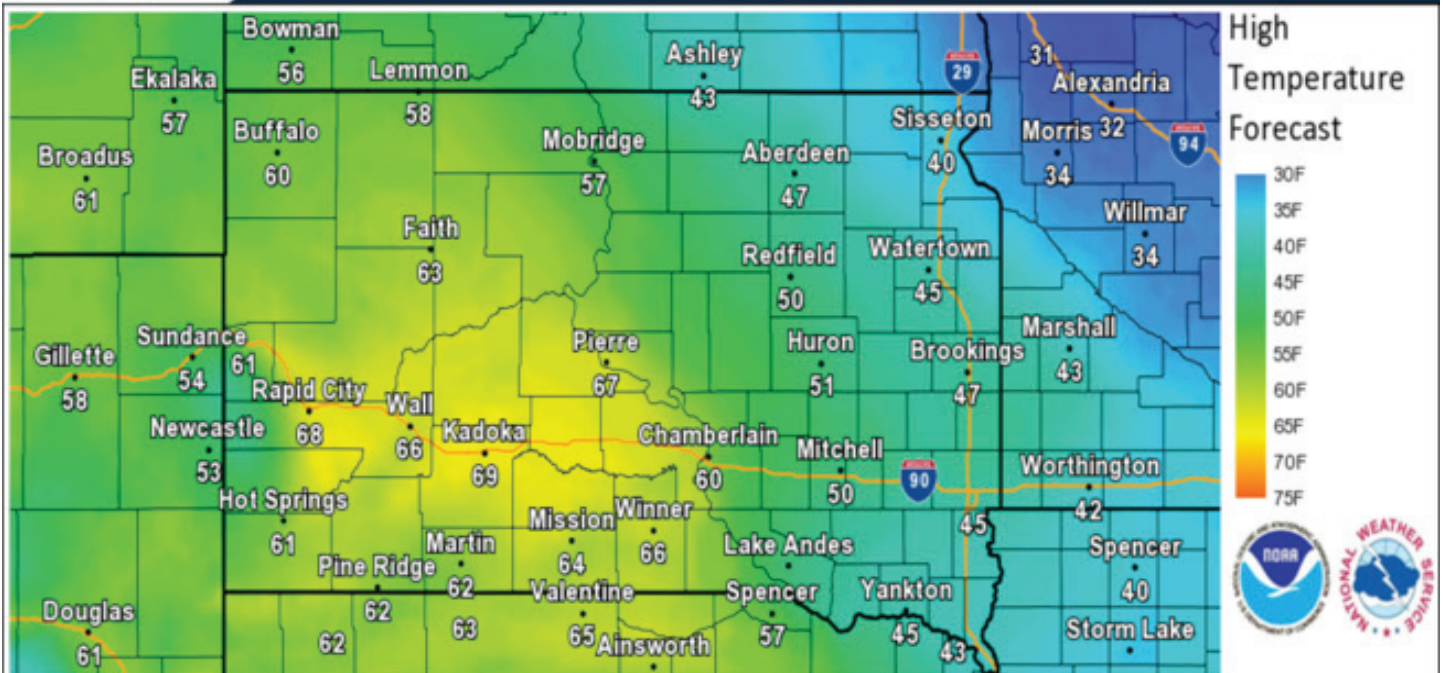
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Valid ending Saturday February 7th, 2015 at 6 PM CST

Created Saturday February 7th, 2015 at 5:31 AM CST

Published on: 02/07/2015 at 5:42AM

Upper level ridging over the central United States will bring very mild air all the way north into the Dakotas today. Much above normal temperatures will be felt all across the area, with readings ranging from the 30s and 40s east, to the 50s and 60s central and west. A few locations across south central South Dakota could even see 70 degrees. Record highs are quite possible today across western and central South Dakota.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 36.9 at 4:02 PM

Low: 18.5 at 7:26 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 11 at 11:24 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 62° in 1987

Record Low: -34° in 1971

Average High: 26°F

Average Low: 4°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.09

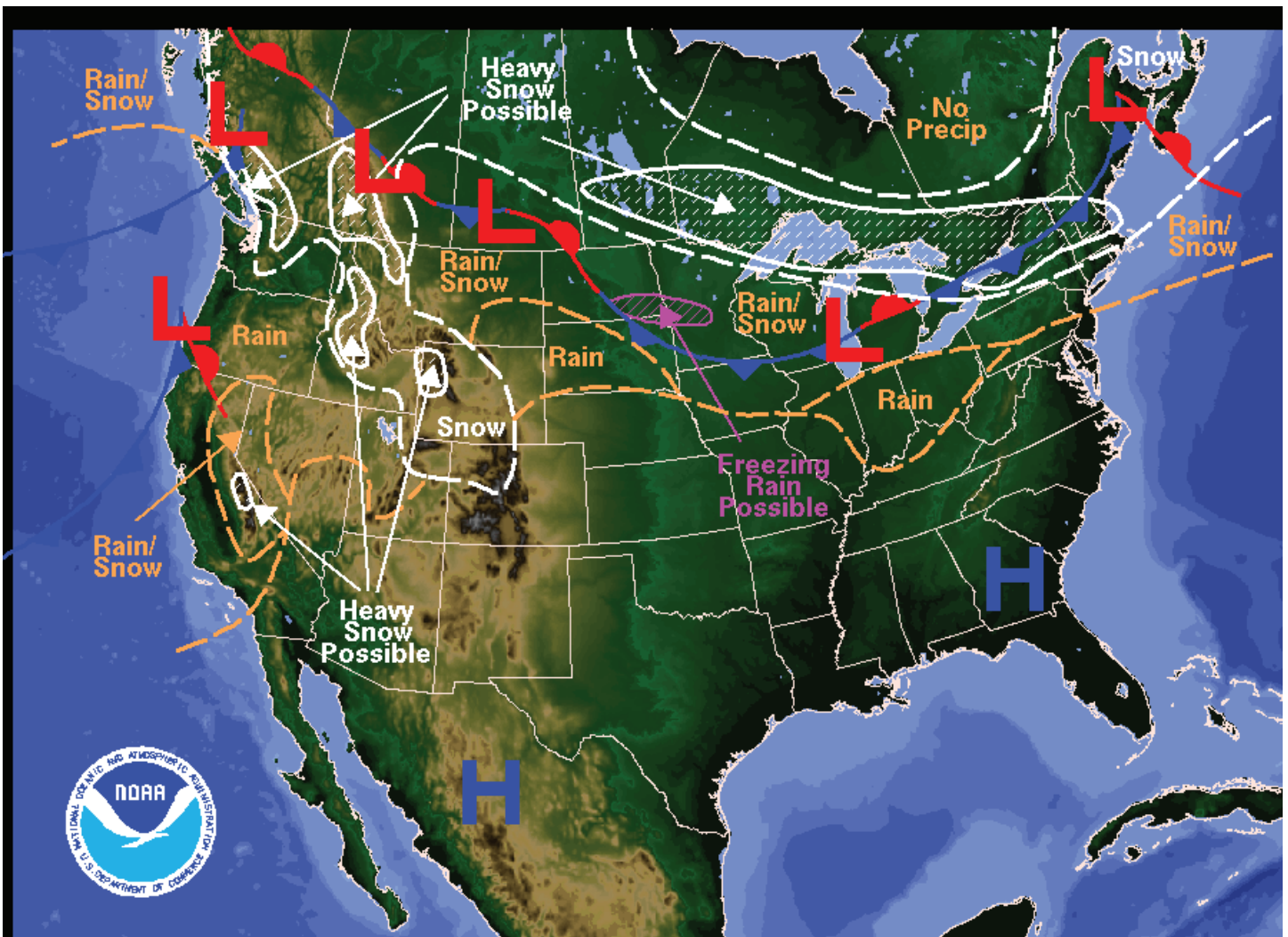
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.56

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:49 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:46 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Feb 07, 2015, issued 3:29 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



The Highway Of Life

My Dad worked for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for nearly fifty years. He was responsible for maintaining over 200 miles of railroad tracks. Part of the tracks ran from the docks of the harbor to a steel mill that was the largest manufacturer of pipe in America. Although the distance from the harbor to the steel mill was only a few miles, the tracks formed an intricate system of switches and tracks that had to be carefully laid out and spaced for the engines, coal cars and steel cars to pass each other safely.

One evening when he returned from work, he was visibly shaken. He sat quietly and said nothing. All of the family knew that something serious had happened and we knew not to ask questions. When he was ready to talk, he would tell us the story.

Finally he said, "We had a terrible accident in Elyria today. The men who worked there did not prepare the bed properly for the tracks and they gave way today. The engine fell over on its side and killed the engineer." Someone failed to take the time to build the bed strong enough for the trains to pass safely. That engineer did not have to die and leave his family. Someone failed and it cost the engineer his life.

"The highway of the upright avoids evil, he who guards his way guards his life," wrote Solomon. The word "highway" refers to a raised roadway that is carefully groomed and maintained. Those who value their walk with the Lord will avoid evil and guard every step.

Prayer: Father, make us sensitive to the attraction of evil and the importance of guarding each step we take. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 16:17 The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their ways preserve their lives.

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News from the Associated Press

Presentation College in Aberdeen inflating new dome on field

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — The Catholic college in Aberdeen plans to put up a new multi-purpose athletic dome this weekend.

The Aberdeen American News reports (<http://bit.ly/16PnHDF>) that weather permitting, it will be inflated on Saturday at the Presentation College campus.

Director of Athletics Greg Heier says the heated dome will create 180,000-square-foot facility that will stand about 70 feet tall and cover the football practice field.

Only the softball team will play in it, but other sports like football, soccer and baseball will use it for practice, and intramural sports will use it.

Heier says the plan is to inflate the dome for the winter months and take it down in the spring.

Friday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS BASKETBALL

Aberdeen Central 54, Pierre 53
Aberdeen Roncalli 86, Webster 48
Alcester-Hudson 65, Beresford 62
Bon Homme 47, Avon 43
Bridgewater-Emery 47, Dakota Christian 44
Britton-Hecla 63, Deuel 48
Brookings 76, Harrisburg 45
Chadron, Neb. 44, St. Thomas More 41, OT
Dakota Valley 67, Elk Point-Jefferson 56
Dell Rapids 63, Tri-Valley 35
Douglas 83, Belle Fourche 31
Ethan 61, Kimball/White Lake 54
Gregory 57, Parkston 40
Groton Area 57, Hamlin 43
Irene-Wakonda 90, Baltic 32
Kadoka Area 75, Wall 44
Little Wound 60, McLaughlin 44
Marty Indian 79, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 43
McCook Central/Montrose 67, Garretson 54
Milbank Area 53, Sisseton 50
Mobridge-Pollock 66, Ipswich 48
Potter County 59, Sunshine Bible Academy 47
Rapid City Stevens 54, Rapid City Central 47
Sioux Falls Christian 59, Canton 38
Sioux Falls Lincoln 74, Watertown 42
Sioux Falls Roosevelt 56, Marshall, Minn. 51

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Spearfish 49, Huron 36
Sully Buttes 65, Highmore-Harrold 46
Summit 67, Great Plains Lutheran 30
Viborg-Hurley 61, Freeman Academy 39
White River 92, Bennett County 52
Little Moreau Conference Tournament
Semifinal

Faith 59, Harding County 56
McIntosh 48, Timber Lake 36

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Arlington 46, Colman-Egan 35
Belle Fourche 49, Douglas 15
Beresford 60, Alcester-Hudson 37
Dakota Valley 75, Elk Point-Jefferson 73, 3OT
Deuel 38, Britton-Hecla 31
Elkton-Lake Benton 66, Dell Rapids St. Mary 50
Ethan 56, Kimball/White Lake 24
Faith 46, McIntosh 15
Florence/Henry 63, Rosholt 46
Hamlin 51, Groton Area 49
Harding County 44, Newell 32
Harrisburg 59, Brandon Valley 36
Huron 58, Sturgis 32
Ipswich 47, Mobridge-Pollock 35
Irene-Wakonda 46, Baltic 38
McLaughlin 63, Little Wound 51
Mitchell 60, Spearfish 35
Northwestern 51, Edmunds Central 12
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 58, Lake Preston 52
Parkston 51, Gregory 30
Pierre 53, Aberdeen Central 48
Potter County 47, Sunshine Bible Academy 39
Redfield/Doland 47, Clark/Willow Lake 42
Sioux Falls Christian 54, Canton 30
Sioux Falls Lincoln 59, Watertown 49
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 67, Sioux Falls Washington 49
Sioux Valley 76, Flandreau 52
Sisseton 40, Milbank 37
St. Thomas More 57, Chadron, Neb. 21
Summit 48, Great Plains Lutheran 22
Tri-Valley 47, Dell Rapids 45
Tripp-Delmont/Armour 62, Marty Indian 41
Viborg-Hurley 60, Freeman Academy 33
Wall 45, Kadoka Area 22
Waubay 57, Grant-Deuel 26

West Central 54, Madison 39

Lewis and Clark water pipeline picks up additional funding

TEA, S.D. (AP) — A pipeline that will deliver Missouri River water to towns and rural water systems in South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota has picked up more funding from Washington.

The Lewis and Clark Regional Water System will receive an extra \$6.6 million from Bureau of Reclamation, in addition to the original \$2.4 million budgeted for this year.

Executive director Troy Larson says that \$9 million will help the project award another contract.

He says senators and representatives from the three states helped secure the extra funding.

Larson says the water system is 65 percent done and is delivering water to 11 of its 20 members.

Democrats criticize measure to repeal 'Daschle law'

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Democrats are losing a fight against Republican efforts to change the state's so-called "Daschle law" that bars a presidential candidate from seeking another office on the same South Dakota ballot.

The House State Affairs Committee on Friday voted 9-2 for a proposal that would strip away the prohibition, and Democrats say it's fitting to name the modern-day repeal after Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune.

Thune, whose name intermittently appears on lists of potential 2016 presidential candidates, has tamped down expectations that he's running — but he's repeatedly said he's leaving his options open.

The original GOP-backed measure that passed in 2002 faced criticism from Democrats for targeting then-U.S. Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, who was considered a possible Democratic presidential candidate in 2004. When Rep. Matt McCaulley defended his measure in 2002, he denied he was targeting Daschle — and he invoked a familiar name.

"I know the link (to Daschle) is inescapable, but it could apply to others in similar positions," McCaulley said at the time. "Congressman (John) Thune is also sometimes talked about as a future presidential possibility."

Flash forward more than a decade, and Democrats watching Republican attempts to scrub the law argue there's a double standard.

"It's just chock full of hypocrisy," said Steve Jarding, a former South Dakota Democratic Party leader and a Daschle ally. "Now that they control all the offices, they change it so that maybe John Thune could run for president and Senate at the same time."

Thune's office declined to comment.

The arrogance of a party whose electoral success makes them fear nothing has brought South Dakota to this point, said Jarding, who is also a longtime national Democratic strategist.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch said the 2002 law is "bad policy." Speaking about his proposal, Gosch said South Dakota shouldn't hamstring its already limited political influence. If a South Dakotan such as U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem has the opportunity to give the state a greater voice in the federal government, the law shouldn't stand in the way, he said.

"(Thune's) chance of being president or vice president, I think is really small and actually unlikely," Gosch said. "This isn't designed (for) him so much as what might happen down the road."

Republican leaders announce task force to study education

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Republican state officials say they want to study the South Dakota education system and re-evaluate how the system is funded rather than changing state policy based on anecdote and public opinion.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard and Republican legislative leaders on Friday announced the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Teachers and Students, which will report recommendations to the 2016 Legislature about how to address problems in South Dakota's educational system.

"Some will insist that we leap to solutions," Daugaard said. "I object to that because I think that is dependent upon anecdotes."

South Dakota should strive for high student achievement, excellent teachers and a funding system to support them both, Daugaard said. Increases in education funding could be necessary, he said, but it's important to have evidence backing whatever action the state decides to take. He wants the state Department of Education to gather information on the state's educational workforce and on school funding.

"South Dakotans want a quality education for all of our students ... and we want to have great teachers for those students," Senate Majority Leader Tim Rave said. "But as good stewards of the taxpayers' money, we also want to make sure that we're spending the dollars appropriately and efficiently."

Democrats have pushed measures to boost teacher pay in South Dakota and have criticized Daugaard for not adequately addressing the issue.

Jason Selchert, superintendent of the Gayville-Volin school district, said he's glad lawmakers are examining the issues facing South Dakota's education system. Focusing on education is a step in the right direction, but much of the information lawmakers will likely seek is already available and reported, he said.

Selchert said he hopes the study isn't a way for lawmakers to simply postpone action.

"I don't know on what planet you could be that you wouldn't know that there's an issue," he said. "I guess if we need a blue ribbon panel ... that's better than nothing."

Daugaard highlighted a work group studying the criminal justice system that produced a sweeping legislative overhaul. A similar look at the juvenile justice system spawned an initiative that's working through the Legislature this year.

"I think there will be an interest in both sides of the aisle in this process," Daugaard said.

Author pulls bill to increase signatures for ballot measures

Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The author of a proposal that would've increased the number of signatures required for South Dakota citizens to propose a change to state law pulled the bill in response to heavy criticism on Friday.

Sen. Corey Brown proposed the bill that would've changed how many signatures are required to get a measure on the ballot. Currently, a petition needs at least 5 percent of the number of actual voters in the last gubernatorial election. Brown's bill would've changed that number to 5 percent of registered voters.

There were about 521,000 registered voters in 2014, but only about 282,000 actually voted.

Brown said Friday that he introduced the bill in order to change the amount of signatures needed

back to what's required by the state constitution. He said that lawmakers had changed the amount to the current requirement and that only the courts have that power. Leaving the current requirement in place, he said, could leave the state open to a court challenge.

Brown's proposal received heavy criticism from voters who said he was restricting the power of citizens. Former U.S. Senate candidates Rick Weiland and Gordon Howie — who agree on little politically — combined forces to rally against the measure and urged people to oppose the bill.

"It's just unfortunate that Sen. Brown thought he could raise the bar so high that the chances are we wouldn't see another ballot initiative on a South Dakota ballot," Weiland said Friday.

Brown said Friday he asked to suspend the bill because it had garnered critics that were "calling the Capitol, talking to high school pages and cursing and yelling at high school students."

"Given everything else that we have to deal with this session, I don't think that the Legislature needs that distraction in order to get our other work done," he said.

Panel approves measure to allow minimum wage to decrease

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's minimum wage would decrease if the cost of living drops under a proposal that a state House panel approved on Friday against the protest of Democrats.

The House Commerce and Energy Committee voted to approve a measure that opponents argued went against the intent of voters who approved a minimum wage hike that was tied to cost of living adjustments.

South Dakota residents voted 55 percent to 45 percent in November for a proposal that raises the state's minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour, increases the \$2.13 hourly tip wage to half the minimum wage and tied future increases to the cost of living.

Republican Rep. Jim Bolin's proposal erases a provision from the voter-approved language that bars the minimum wage from being decreased.

Bolin successfully argued to the committee that the built-in cost of living adjustments in the minimum wage plan should have the flexibility to react to positive or negative economic news.

"If we're going to have an (Consumer Price Index) component to this measure, we should have one that's a two-way street," Bolin said.

But House Minority Leader Spencer Hawley said the plan circumvents the voters who supported the wage hike and the inflationary increases that came with it.

If voters wanted to avoid legislative tinkering, they could have put the minimum wage increase in the state Constitution, Bolin said.

Republican Rep. John Wiik agreed with Democrats on the committee even though he doesn't support the wage hike voters chose. He said the provisions barring a decrease were clearly explained to the public before the proposal was passed in November.

"I fought against the minimum wage increase," Wiik said. "We lost that one."

Airline vying for Pierre contract makes final plea to DOT

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An airline selected by Pierre officials to provide passenger service has told federal regulators it should be allowed to fly to South Dakota's capital city.

The Department of Transportation announced in January it planned to deny the application of Aerodynamics Inc. for service. The agency says its decision came in light of the legal and financial issues surrounding its CEO at the time.

KCCR-AM reports (<http://bit.ly/1Ikw2iJ>) that Aerodynamics told federal regulators in its official response this week that CEO Scott Beale had been replaced by F. Darrel Richardson. The airline said it had taken "swift and decisive" action and that the department should grant its application.

It's unclear when the department will make a decision. Pierre city officials have until the end of February to comment on the matter.

Panel approves roughly \$50 million transportation bill

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A roughly \$50 million state Senate transportation funding package that's close to Gov. Dennis Daugaard's proposal is headed to the full chamber after breezing through its first test in a Friday committee hearing.

The Senate State Affairs Committee considered a modified form of the governor's plan, which would raise transportation funding through a variety of increases in fuel taxes, fees and other assessments. It replaced a much larger \$100 million plan in the Senate that fell by the wayside as lawmaker support coalesced around something close to Daugaard's proposal.

The debate over transportation funding is perhaps the most significant issue of the 2015 legislative session.

The committee's proposal would end the 2-cent fuel tax increases, which the governor had proposed as ongoing, in 2023. Lawmakers added in about \$1.5 million for local infrastructure through vehicle fee increases that would start next year.

The committee also expanded a wheel tax that could raise \$400,000 if fully implemented at the local level and limited a registration fee increase for noncommercial trucks.

Daugaard said in an interview that he would prefer the tax increases to sunset in 2030, which is a provision in a House version of the proposal. That plan had its first legislative review this week.

"I'm not dissatisfied with any of the amendments," Daugaard said. "I also am realistic that passage at the committee level doesn't necessarily guarantee a two-thirds vote on the floor."

Tax increases require two-thirds legislative support to implement.

Pepperidge Farm recalls 46,000 bagel packages

NEW YORK (AP) — Pepperidge Farm is recalling about 46,000 packages of bagels because they may contain peanuts or almonds that could set off a serious allergic reaction.

The company said Friday that no illnesses have been reported. It was alerted to the problem by a bakery that makes the bagels.

The recall includes plain, everything and cinnamon raisin bagels. Mini bagels, sold in whole wheat, cinnamon raisin and brown sugar with cinnamon flavors, are also being recalled. The affected bagels have sell by dates ranging from Feb. 7 to Feb. 12.

The bagels were sent to stores in 23 states: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Customers can return the bagels to the store for a full refund. No other Pepperidge Farm products were affected by the recall, the company said.

Pepperidge Farm is owned by the Campbell Soup Co., based in Camden, New Jersey.

Committee approves call for balanced budget amendment

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota Senate committee has approved a proposal that calls for a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

The Senate State Affairs committee voted 5 to 3 Friday to send the resolution to the full Senate. If it's approved, South Dakota would join 24 other states calling for a constitutional convention.

Republican lawmakers and citizens argued the amendment is necessary because federal lawmakers have been unable to address the country's growing debt.

Opponents argue the convention could backfire and be used to rewrite many parts of the Constitution.

A separate bill the committee passed on Friday addresses those concerns. The measure would restrict a South Dakota convention representative from approving any unauthorized amendments.

It takes 34 states to trigger a convention and 38 states to approve an amendment.

Food-distribution warehouse closing in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Michigan-based SpartanNash is planning to close its food-distribution warehouse in Rapid City on April 4.

Company spokeswoman Meredith Gremel told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1CANrAm>) that most of the 49 workers there will lose their jobs.

Operations at the western South Dakota warehouse will be consolidated in distribution centers in Fargo, North Dakota, and Omaha, Nebraska. Gremel says that will save the company money and better serve customers.

SpartanNash owns the Family Thrift store chain and the Prairie Market store in Rapid City.

Local and state officials plan to meet with warehouse workers next week and try to help them connect with potential employers.

Girls lobby to change 'Redmen' school nickname in Sisseton

SISSETON, S.D. (AP) — A group of high school girls basketball players on the Lake Traverse Reservation in the Dakotas is lobbying the Sisseton School District to change its "Redmen" nickname.

The girls are student athletes at Tiospa Zina Tribal School in Agency Village, but they all previously attended Sisseton High School and played basketball there. They believe the nickname and some activities associated with it mock American Indian culture, said LeeAnn Eastman, the mother of two of the girls.

"Some of the treatment they got there, they didn't like it," she told The American News (<http://bit.ly/1xz3t5Z>). "So they decided that we're going to come back to Tiospa Zina."

About half of Sisseton's population is white and about half is Native American, according to the 2010 census.

Sisseton School Superintendent Stephen Schulte said there is support for keeping the nickname.

"We don't have a mascot that runs up and down the sidelines, we have a logo and a name," he said.

The girls — some of whose grandparents unsuccessfully opposed the nickname in the 1990s — hosted an anti-nickname rally this week. They hope to hold another event with the help of a larger mascot protest group, such as the American Indian Movement.

Schulte said the girls are not going through the proper process to try to get the nickname changed.

"They have an opportunity to come to school board and make suggestions, and the board can act on that," he said. "But at this point in time ... they haven't done that."

AP News in Brief

Germany's Merkel says it's still uncertain whether Ukraine peace talks will succeed.

MUNICH (AP) — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Saturday it's uncertain whether a flurry of diplomacy aimed at resolving the crisis in Ukraine will succeed, and warned that there are no guarantees that any deal would stick.

Merkel, speaking after two days of hastily arranged meetings in Kiev and Moscow, also bluntly underlined her opposition to the idea of supplying lethal weapons to the Ukrainian government.

Merkel offered no details of the proposals that have been thrashed out over recent days, which she plans to discuss in a phone call Sunday with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and French President Francois Hollande.

The urgent diplomacy comes as Western anxiety over the conflict grows and sanctions bite ever harder on Russia's economy. More than 5,300 people have been killed since fighting began in April, according to a U.N. tally, and the bloodshed has markedly increased over the past two weeks.

The resurgent fighting has prompted the U.S. to consider giving lethal weapons to Ukraine, an option opposed by European nations.

GOP bid for Netanyahu to address Congress angers Democrats, but many hope tempers will subside

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Israeli prime minister's upcoming speech to Congress without President Barack Obama's blessing has angered Democratic lawmakers, but they see little remedy except to hope for minimal damage to their party and to U.S.-Israel relations.

Democrats simmered in frustration last week as they faced a thankless choice between defending their president and defending the Jewish state they consider a crucial ally.

Some gleeful Republicans predicted Democrats' complaints about Benjamin Netanyahu's March 3 speech will drive Jewish voters to the GOP. Rep. Joe Wilson, R-S.C., a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said Democrats are making a "catastrophic mistake" by protesting Netanyahu's plans.

"Traditionally, supporters of Israel have been really even-handed in supporting candidates of both parties," Wilson said, but now "Democrats are slapping the friends of Israel in the face."

Democrats reject such talk, saying Republicans have repeatedly overstated their appeal to Jewish voters. Obama got 78 percent of the Jewish vote in 2008, and 69 percent in 2012, according to exit polls. Congressional Democrats won two-thirds of Jewish votes in last fall's midterm elections, an especially bad year for their party.

Family of Islamic State hostage from Arizona hopeful she's alive, despite group's claims

PRESCOTT, Arizona (AP) — The parents of a 26-year-old woman who Islamic State extremists say has been killed in an airstrike in northern Syria have said in a statement addressed to group leaders that the claim of their daughter's death concerned them but they were still hopeful she was alive.

The Islamic State group said on Friday that Kayla Jean Mueller of Prescott, Arizona, died in a Jordanian airstrike, but the government of Jordan dismissed the statement as "criminal propaganda" and the U.S. said it had not seen any evidence to corroborate the report.

Mueller is the only known remaining U.S. hostage held by the Islamic State group.

If the death is confirmed, she would be the fourth American to die while being held by Islamic State militants. Three other Americans — journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and aid worker Peter Kassig — were beheaded by the group.

"You told us that you treated Kayla as your guest, as your guest her safety and well-being remains your responsibility," the statement from Mueller's parents says.

Israel's top TV satire show casts a cutting comedy eye on March election, political elite

HERZLIYA, Israel (AP) — For many Israelis, the country's election campaign has only truly begun with the recent return of "Eretz Nehederet," a biting TV satire that is Israel's equivalent of "Saturday Night Live." The show provides a cultural touchstone for a famously combative political environment that, as the vote draws near, is becoming surprisingly laced with humor.

With all sides seeking a popularity edge ahead of the March 17 election, the 12th season of the show is keeping politicians uneasy that they could become the butt of the next national joke.

"For a show like this, war and elections are its ultimate fuel. What's not good for the country is good for Eretz Nehederet," said Roy Bar-Natan, a comedian who portrays Israel's main opposition leader, Isaac Herzog, on the show, poking particular fun at Herzog's notoriously nasal voice.

But it's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu who is the show's omnipresent target of first choice. The executive producer, Muli Segev, rejects charges that the program is overtly hostile to the right-wing nationalist bloc headed by Netanyahu. He insists it's just a satirist's job to mock the powerful — and there's nobody more powerful at present than "Bibi," as the Likud Party leader is known.

"We don't let anyone off the hook and we definitely do not act on behalf of anyone's political interest," Segev said. "Naturally we focus more on who is in power."

TransAsia pilots undergo mandatory proficiency tests following crash that killed at least 39

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — All 71 pilots who operate TransAsia Airways' ATR propeller-jets began proficiency tests on Saturday, three days after one of the carrier's ATRs crashed into a river, killing at least 39 people.

The airline said it had canceled 90 flights over the next three days to accommodate the requirement by Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration that the ATR pilots be retested.

Preliminary investigations indicate the pilots of Wednesday's doomed flight shut off a running engine of the ATR 72 after its other engine went idle, and aviation experts say the move was an error.

"It's a mistake," said John M. Cox, a former US Airways pilot and now head of a safety-consulting company. "There are procedures that pilots go through — safeguards — when you're going to shut down an engine, particularly close to the ground. Why that didn't occur here, I don't know."

Local prosecutors have said they will be looking into the possibility of "professional error."

Official: Nigeria postponing Feb. 14 elections so multinational force secures Boko Haram areas

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — Nigeria's electoral commission will postpone Feb. 14 presidential and legislative elections for six weeks to give a new multinational force time to secure northeastern areas under the sway of Boko Haram, an official close to the commission told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Millions could be disenfranchised if the voting went ahead while the Islamic extremists hold a large swath of the northeast and commit mayhem that has driven 1.5 million people from their homes.

A major offensive with warplanes and ground troops from Chad and Nigeria already has forced the insurgents from a dozen towns and villages in the past 10 days. Even greater military strikes by more countries are planned.

The official who is knowledgeable of the discussions said the Independent National Electoral Commission will announce the postponement at a news conference later Saturday. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Officials in President Goodluck Jonathan's administration had been calling for a postponement, which is opposed by an opposition coalition fielding his chief rival, former military dictator Muhammadu Buhari.

Iraqi officials: Multiple bombings in Baghdad kill at least 24, wound more than 60

BAGHDAD (AP) — A pair of bombings in the Iraqi capital Saturday killed nearly two dozen people hours before the city's longtime curfew was set to come to an end.

The deadliest attack happened in the New Baghdad section of the city. Police officials said a suicide bomber targeted a street filled with hardware stores, killing 14 people and wounding at least 38.

The second attack took place shortly afterward in central Baghdad's popular Shorja market. Police said two improvised explosive devices detonated 25 meters apart from one another, killing at least 11 people and wounding 26.

There has been no claim for either attack thus far. Hospital officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke anonymously as they are not authorized to brief the media.

The incident comes ahead of Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi's decision to lift Iraq's longtime curfew beginning at midnight Sunday.

Storm in drought-stricken Northern California knocks out power, delays flights

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A windy storm sweeping down the West Coast knocked down trees, ripped through freeway and street signs, delayed hundreds of flights and knocked out power for thousands of people in California and Nevada.

Up to 10 inches of rain is expected this weekend in parts of the drought-stricken region, but the rainfall won't make a significant dent in California's historic drought.

Still, the storm is a welcome change after six dry weeks in the Bay Area. For the first time in recorded history, there was no measurable rainfall in downtown San Francisco in January, when winter rains usually come.

It would take 150 percent of the average rainfall for California to recover from the dry period, state

water resource officials say. But snow is more important than rain because snowpack supplies about a third of the water needed by residents, agriculture and industry.

About 26 miles west of Seattle, an overflowing river inundated at least a half dozen homes on the Olympic Peninsula. Rescuers went door to door in Brinnon to check homes on a road partially blocked by a mudslide, Jefferson County Emergency Management spokeswoman Keppie Keplinger said.

Florida mom who didn't realize she was pregnant until 3rd trimester delivers 14-pound baby boy

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A Florida woman who delivered a 14.1-pound baby says she didn't know she was pregnant until her third trimester.

Officials at St. Joseph's Women's Hospital in Tampa say Maxxzandra Ford delivered her son, Avery, on Jan. 29. They say the infant is the heaviest born at the hospital, and one of the largest-ever born in the state.

Ford tells television stations WFLA and WFTS that after rapidly gaining weight last fall, doctors confirmed she was 35 weeks into her pregnancy. Ford said she initially thought she was having twins.

After 18 hours of labor, Ford naturally delivered Avery, who remains in neonatal intensive care but is expected to go home soon.

Ford, who also has a 1-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter, says she "just melted" when she finally held Avery.

Rosie O'Donnell exiting 'The View' next week after 2nd brief stay to focus on her children

NEW YORK (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell is leaving "The View" for a second time.

Her publicist, Cindi Berger, said Friday that the outspoken co-host of the ABC daytime chat show is exiting next week to focus on her five children after the breakup of her marriage.

Berger says O'Donnell and Michelle Rounds, her wife of three years, split in November.

The 52-year-old O'Donnell had returned to "The View" only last summer. Her initial yearlong stay ended stormily in 2007.

Now in its 18th season, the program recently was the target of rumors that a fellow panelist, Rosie Perez, had left for good to appear in a new Broadway play. But she returned this week.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2015. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1965, during the Vietnam War, Viet Cong forces attacked Camp Holloway, a U.S. Army helicopter base near Pleiku, killing eight Americans and wounding more than 100 others; the United States retaliated with airstrikes against the North Vietnamese.

On this date:

In 1795, the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with states' sovereign immunity, was ratified.

In 1857, a French court acquitted author Gustave Flaubert of obscenity for his serialized novel "Ma-

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dame Bovary.”

In 1914, Keystone Film Co. released the silent short comedy “Kid Auto Races at Venice,” Charles Chaplin’s second film, and the first in which he plays the Little Tramp.

In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1940, Walt Disney’s second animated feature, “Pinocchio,” premiered in New York.

In 1948, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Army chief of staff; he was succeeded by Gen. Omar Bradley.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy imposed a full trade embargo on Cuba.

In 1964, The Beatles arrived at New York’s John F. Kennedy International Airport to begin their first American tour.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronauts Bruce McCandless II and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk, which lasted nearly six hours.

In 1985, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena was kidnapped in Guadalajara, Mexico, by drug traffickers who tortured and murdered him. The high school comedy-drama “The Breakfast Club,” a Universal Pictures release, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1999, Jordan’s King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush proposed a \$2.57 trillion budget that would erase scores of programs but still worsen federal deficits by \$42 billion over the next five years. Defrocked priest Paul Shanley, the most notorious figure in the Boston Archdiocese sex scandal, was convicted of repeatedly raping and fondling a boy at his church during the 1980s. (Shanley was sentenced to 12 to 15 years in prison.) Ellen MacArthur, a 28-year-old Englishwoman, broke the then-record for solo around-the-world sailing, completing the 26,000-mile circumnavigation after 71 days, 14 hours, 18 minutes and 33 seconds at sea.

Five years ago: A nearly completed Kleen Energy Systems power plant in Middletown, Connecticut, exploded, killing six people and injuring 50. Pro-Russian opposition leader Viktor Yanukovich (yah-noo-KOH’-vich) declared victory in Ukraine’s presidential runoff, but his opponents rejected the claim, saying the vote was too close to call. (Yanukovich was inaugurated Feb. 25.) The New Orleans Saints rallied for a 31-17 Super Bowl victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

One year ago: The Sochi Olympics opened with a celebration of Russia’s past greatness and hopes for future glory. President Barack Obama, during a visit to Michigan State University, signed an agriculture spending bill spreading benefits to farmers in every region of the country while trimming the food stamp program that had inspired a two-year battle over the legislation.

Today’s Birthdays: Author Gay Talese is 83. Former Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., is 80. Movie director Hector Babenco (Film: “Kiss of the Spider Woman”) is 69. Actor Miguel Ferrer is 60. Reggae musician Brian Travers (UB40) is 56. Comedy writer Robert Smigel (SMY’-guh) is 55. Actor James Spader is 55. Country singer Garth Brooks is 53. Rock musician David Bryan (Bon Jovi) is 53. Actor-comedian Eddie Izzard is 53. Actor-comedian Chris Rock is 50. Actor Jason Gedrick is 48. Actress Essence Atkins is 43. Rock singer-musician Wes Borland is 40. Rock musician Tom Blankenship (My Morning Jacket) is 37. Actor Ashton Kutcher is 37. Actress Tina Majorino is 30. Actress Deborah Ann Woll (TV: “True Blood”) is 30.

Thought for Today: “No one is useless in this world... who lightens the burden of it for any one else.” — From “Our Mutual Friend” by Charles Dickens (born this date in 1812, died in 1870).