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**Groton Area Starting 2 hours late today.
No OST Services before School**

Tuesday, February 10

Anniv: Alan and Jolene Townsend

Birthdays: Brenda Madsen, Dallas Sombke, Dick Flihs, Dion Bahr, Gabe Smith, Jay Waage, June Thompson, Katelyn Koehler.

Senior Menu: Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, ambrosia fruit salad, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

School Breakfast: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Submarine, French fries, carrots and dip, fruit.

6:30pm: Boys basketball host Britton-Hecla

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, February 11

Birthday: Julie Flihs

Senior Menu: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter-mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Pizza, rice, green beans, lettuce, fruit.

Small Group Music Contest at NSU, Aberdeen

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation with

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

**Two bedroom apartment in the
Rix Apartments (former city
apartments) at 407 N Garfield**

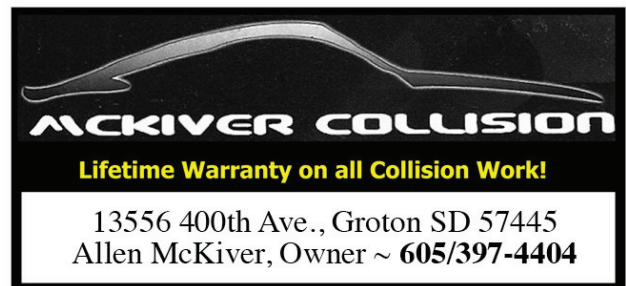
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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton

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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The Happy Family Banquet

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Gibbs' five three-pointer propel Groton past Roncalli

Ashley Gibbs had five three-pointers to propel her with 21 points and the Lady Tigers to a 56-23 win over Aberdeen Roncalli. The game was played Monday night in Aberdeen. Gibbs also had four rebounds and one steal. Courtney Kurtz had 13 points, two rebounds and two assists. Carly Wheeting had six points, 11 rebounds, four assists and one steal. Audrey Wanner added four points and had three rebounds and four assists. Katie Koehler had four points and had three rebounds and three steals. Adding two points each in the fourth quarter were Jessica Bjerke, Harleigh Stange, Marlee Jones and Gia Gengerke.

Taylor Morgan led Roncalli with six points followed by Cassie Kulm with four, Grace Imbery had three and adding two points each were Jami Ewart, Abby Vogel, Megan Streier, Leah Wipf and Mariah Winegar.

Groton made 50 percent of its field goals while Roncalli made 31 percent. The Tigers had 27 rebounds, five more than Roncalli. Groton had eight turnovers, two blocks, 11 assists and 10 team fouls. Roncalli had 14 turnovers, nine fouls, three steals and six assists.

Roncalli won the junior varsity game, 30-24. Scoring for Groton were Alexis Stange and Taylor Holm with six each, Madison Sippel with five, Sam Menzia three and adding two points each were Hannah Lewandowski and Lexi Gustafson.

2015-16 School Calendar Approved

The start date of the 2015-16 school year is later than normal and that is thanks to a late Memorial Day in May, falling on the fifth Monday in 2016. School is scheduled to start August 26. Superintendent Joe Schwan said the only negative comment he heard was that the semester will end after Christmas vacation, on January 8. The board approved the 2015-16 school calendar as drafted.

Pernell Graf was hired as a custodian effective February 20th at 11 a.m. an hour, and the resignation of Rose Long was accepted effective on the last day of school.

During the report of the policy changes, it was asked if college courses taken on-line would be weighted. Superintendent Joe Schwan said that each individual class would have to be evaluated. He said that if a college course is easier than a GHS course, and the GHS course is not weighted, then the college course is not weighted either. "Why should a college course be automatically be weighted just because it's taught by a doctor of education," Schwan asked.

There are around 16 cases of measles in South Dakota, all of them among unvaccinated children. Superintendent Joe Schwan reported that there is only one student in the Groton Area School District that is unvaccinated. "Our kids are so well vaccinated," he said. He said there are two exemptions where children would not be vaccinated in South Dakota. One is for religious belief and the parents have to sign a waiver for that. The other is a doctor stating they child cannot be vaccinated and the doctor would have to sign that waiver.

Elementary Principal Dan Dalchow reported that a family moved out of the district resulting in one less student in each the second, third and fifth grade. High School/Middle School Superintendent Anna Schwan also reported that the same family that moved had a student in each the eighth grade and the ninth grade. Allysa Harmon-Brown is a student teacher with Mrs. Zoellner's second grade class and Molly Coyle is a student teacher with Mrs. Eichler in the first grade.

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

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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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Anna Schwan, high school/middle school principal, reported that Luke Smith was named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. "It is not a surprise," Schwan said. "He is such an amazing student."

The number of ineligible students has decreased over the years. In comparison for this week, there were 56 in 2012, 64 in 2013, 47 in 2014 and 22 this year.

Fisher Track had the only bid for the track resurfacing of the track. The bid came in at \$63,893. But it did not include any work on the base. Business Manager Mike Weber said it will be budgeted at \$70,000 to cover the base work. The board approved the bid.

The fee for the summer 2015 Driver's Education program will remain the same at \$250. Shaun Warner's agreement for teaching Driver's Education at a rate of \$20 an hour plus the stipend for classroom instruction based upon enrollment figures not to exceed \$600.

Open enrollment applications were approved for a freshman, an eighth grader, a fifth grader, a seventh grader and a fourth grader, all from the Aberdeen School District. All of the students have been attending the Groton School for a couple of years, and have now moved to Aberdeen, but they want to keep the students in the Groton Area School.

Governor Signs More Bills Into Law

PIERRE, S.D. – Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed the following bills into law:

SB 23 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the ownership and management of the South Dakota Art Museum.

SB 31 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding coordination of benefits between health plans.

SB 32 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding veteran's preference for all veterans who are United States citizens who seek employment with the state, a county, or a municipality.

HB 1016 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding references for auditing standards used by the Department of Revenue.

HB 1018 – An Act to revise the sales and use tax exemptions for farm machinery.

HB 1019 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding exemptions from sales and use taxation of HB 1025 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding banks and banking.

HB 1028 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding money transmitters and money transmissions.

HB1036 – An Act to codify legislation enacted in 2014.

HB 1045 – An Act to revise certain provisions regarding licensure of dentists and dental hygienists and registration of dental auxiliaries.

Hahler named Wells Fargo Business Banking manager for Aberdeen, Groton and Redfield



Mark Hahler

ABERDEEN, S.D., Feb. 9, 2015— Mark Hahler has been named Business Banking manager for Wells Fargo in Aberdeen, Groton and Redfield.

In his new role, Hahler will lead a 14-member Business Banking team and work with business and ag customers to help meet their deposit, cash management and credit needs. He succeeds Rodney Kappes, who retired in January, and will be based at 204 S. 1st St. in Aberdeen. In addition, Hahler will serve as Wells Fargo's market president in Aberdeen, coordinating activity between various lines of business and focusing on growing market share.

Hahler first joined Wells Fargo in 1999 as a trust officer in Aberdeen. He then served as an independent investment representative for nine years before becoming regional sales manager for RDO Equipment. In 2012, he rejoined Wells Fargo as a business development officer.

Raised on a farm near Mansfield, S.D., Hahler and his wife, Jeanette, have lived in Aberdeen since 1981. An active community volunteer, he has served on the Aberdeen Chamber's ag committee and the board of the Boys and Girls Club as well as the Optimists Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Governor Signs Repealer Bills

PIERRE, S.D. — Gov. Dennis Daugaard today signed five bills to decrease red tape in state government. Four of the bills — SB 35, SB 36, HB 1017 and HB 1024 — repeal outdated and unnecessary rules and statutes relating to the state departments of Veterans Affairs, Tourism, Revenue, and Labor and Regulation. The fifth bill, HB 1012, cleans up state provisions on child welfare agencies.

Since beginning his red tape initiative in 2012, the Governor has signed legislation each year to eliminate unnecessary red tape. With the help of legislators, a total of 1,479 sections of law and rules have been repealed through the legislative process. An additional 2,336 sections of rules have also been repealed under Gov. Daugaard's initiative through the rules process.

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**GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
2015-2016
SCHOOL CALENDAR
Revised 2/9/2015**

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AUGUST

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August 24 - Faculty Inservice
24 - Welcome Back Picnic (5:00 PM)
24 - PK-6 Open House (6:30 PM)
24 - 6th Grade Orientation (6:30 PM)
25 - Faculty Inservice
26 - 1st Day of School

JANUARY

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September 7 - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
TBD - Homecoming Coronation
TBD - Homecoming

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October 12 - Native American Day - NO SCHOOL
19 - MS/HS Fall Family Night (6:00 PM)
23 - End of 1st Quarter (40)
23 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

OCTOBER

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November 11 - Veterans Day
12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
13 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
25-27 - Thanksgiving Break

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December 21 - January 1 - Christmas Break

NOVEMBER

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January 4 - School Resumes
8 - End of 1st Semester (41/81)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL

APRIL

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February 11 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1:30-8:30)
12 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
15 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

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March 10-11 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
16 - End of 3rd Quarter (44)
25 - Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
28 - Easter Monday - NO SCHOOL

MAY






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April 10 - Pops Concert (2:00 & 7:00)
22 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
23 - Prom
28 - FCCLA Style Show
29 - FFA Banquet

May

2 - Kiwanis Athletic Banquet
3 - Elementary Spring Concert (7:00)
5 - MS/HS Spring Concert (7:00)
15 - SENIOR GRADUATION (2:00)
19 - End of 2nd Semester (44/88)
20 - Faculty Inservice - NO SCHOOL
30 - Memorial Day

Month	C	N	T
August	4	2	6
September	21	0	21
October	20	1	21
November	17	2	19
December	14	0	14
January	20	0	20
February	19	2	21
March	19	0	19
April	21	0	21
May	14	1	15
Totals	169	8	177

	Faculty In-Service
	No School
	Important Dates
	P/T Conferences
	End of Quarter

****All make-up days will be added on to the end of the school year.**

How Being Governor Did (and Didn't) Prepare Mike Rounds for Senate

RealClearPolitics profiled Senator Rounds during his first month in office. Including interviews with Sens. John Thune (R-S.D), John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Angus King (I-Maine), reporter James Arkin focuses on Sen. Rounds' executive experience working as Governor of South Dakota. Rounds recently joined the Former Governor's Caucus in the Senate. The story notes that, "Rounds has met with the caucus once, and said members share similar concerns about the fiscal state of the country and the lack of a balanced budget. In one of his first acts in Washington, he co-sponsored legislation to create a constitutional amendment for a balanced budget. He said there is less accountability on Capitol Hill than in a governor's office when it comes to reining in spending.

In South Dakota, Rounds said, if the government spends more than it takes in, there's a 'nuclear option' that triggers a statewide property tax assessment. If that were to happen, he said, every politician would face a tough path to reelection. 'There was a hammer built in by the founding fathers of our state that says you will maintain a reasonable budget and if not, you're going to catch holy hell,' Rounds told RCP. 'At the federal level, this is not the case. There is nothing within the Constitution that stops you from literally spending money but not taking the responsibility for raising the money that you intend to spend. It's easy to spend money if you don't have to look at the taxpayer and say this is how much money I'm spending that is your money. And that's a terrible way to run a government.' Rounds is the only former governor in this year's class of newcomers to the Senate, while six of the freshmen served across the Capitol in the House of Representatives."

This Week in the Senate

MONDAY: The Senate convened at 2pm CT. This afternoon, Sen. Rounds met with Ashok Mirpuri, Ambassador to Singapore, to discuss the importance of finalizing the Trans-Pacific trade agreement currently being negotiated between the U.S. and nearly a dozen countries throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

TUESDAY: The Senate Banking Committee will convene at 9am CT to discuss ways to ease regulatory burdens for community banks. The Senate Armed Services Committee will vote on the nomination of Dr. Ash Carter to be Secretary of Defense, setting up a full Senate vote as early as Thursday or Friday.

WEDNESDAY: The Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee will hold a hearing at 8:30 am CT on EPA's misguided plan to regulate carbon dioxide. That afternoon, Sen. Rounds is scheduled to speak to the South Dakota Association of Rural Water Systems in the U.S. Capitol. The group is visiting Washington, D.C., for the National Rural Water Rally. Over in the House of Representatives, a vote is expected on the Senate-passed Keystone XL pipeline legislation, which President Obama continues to threaten to veto.

THURSDAY: The Banking Committee will continue its hearing on regulatory relief for community banks. The Armed Services Committee will mark up the "Detaining Terrorists to Protect America Act of 2015."

Driving the Week

Financial Times: Regulations Hit Smaller US Banks Hardest
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Small US banks have been disproportionately hurt by post-financial crisis regulation, a former JPM-organ Chase executive working at Harvard University has found...Community banks lost 6 per cent in market share between 2006 and mid-2010, during the worst of the crisis. But, since the passage of Dodd-Frank in early 2010, the decline in market share has doubled to more than 12 per cent. "What if Dodd-Frank created a too-small-to-succeed problem in addition to the too-big-to-fail problem?" said Mr Lux, who is based at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "This research suggests it has." America's smaller bank sector has long been a hot topic given its importance to communities, but the topic has met with renewed interest in Washington in recent months. These small banks are estimated to provide 70 per cent of US agricultural loans and 50 per cent of small business loans. "It's hard to imagine that remote parts of the country are going to be served by these larger consolidated banks," said Mr Lux, who also works at the Boston Consulting Group. "If the trend continues, we're going to see fewer community banks and more substitutions that would not be under the same scrutiny."

NOTE: Sen. Rounds will participate in a Senate Banking Committee Hearing this morning entitled "Regulatory Relief for Community Banks and Credit Unions."



Sen. Rounds, center, flanked by fellow freshman Sens. Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) on the left and Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) on the right, at a Senate Armed Services Committee Hearing. The Armed Services Committee will hold four committee hearings this week alone.

IRS Completes The "Dirty Dozen" Tax Scams for 2015

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service wrapped up the 2015 "Dirty Dozen" list of tax scams today with a warning to taxpayers about aggressive telephone scams continuing coast-to-coast during the early weeks of this year's filing season.

The aggressive, threatening phone calls from scam artists continue to be seen on a daily basis in states across the nation. The IRS urged taxpayers not give out money or personal financial information as a result of these phone calls or from emails claiming to be from the IRS.

Phone scams and email phishing schemes are among the "Dirty Dozen" tax scams the IRS highlighted, for the first time, on 12 straight business days from Jan. 22 to Feb. 6. The IRS has also set up a special section on IRS.gov highlighting these 12 schemes for taxpayers.

"We are doing everything we can to help taxpayers avoid scams as the tax season continues," said IRS Commissioner John Koskinen. "Whether it's a phone scam or scheme to steal a taxpayer's identity, there are simple steps to take to help stop these con artists. We urge taxpayers to visit IRS.gov for more information and to be wary of these dozen tax scams."

Illegal scams can lead to significant penalties and interest for taxpayers, as well as possible criminal prosecution. IRS Criminal Investigation works closely with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to shut-down scams and prosecute the criminals behind them. Taxpayers should remember that they are legally responsible for what is on their tax returns even if it is prepared by someone else. Make sure the preparer you hire is up to the task. For more see the Choosing a Tax Professional page.

For the first time, here is a recap of this year's "Dirty Dozen" scams:

Phone Scams: Aggressive and threatening phone calls by criminals impersonating IRS agents remains an ongoing threat to taxpayers. The IRS has seen a surge of these phone scams in recent months as scam artists threaten police arrest, deportation, license revocation and other things. The IRS reminds taxpayers to guard against all sorts of con games that arise during any filing season. (IR-2015-5)

Phishing: Taxpayers need to be on guard against fake emails or websites looking to steal personal information. The IRS will not send you an email about a bill or refund out of the blue. Don't click on one claiming to be from the IRS that takes you by surprise. Taxpayers should be wary of clicking on strange emails and websites. They may be scams to steal your personal information. (IR-2015-6)

Identity Theft: Taxpayers need to watch out for identity theft especially around tax time. The IRS continues to aggressively pursue the criminals that file fraudulent returns using someone else's Social Security number. The IRS is making progress on this front but taxpayers still need to be extremely careful and do everything they can to avoid becoming a victim. (IR-2015-7)

Return Preparer Fraud: Taxpayers need to be on the lookout for unscrupulous return preparers. The vast majority of tax professionals provide honest high-quality service. But there are some dishonest preparers who set up shop each filing season to perpetrate refund fraud, identity theft and other scams that hurt taxpayers. Return preparers are a vital part of the U.S. tax system. About 60 percent of taxpayers use tax professionals to prepare their returns. (IR-2015-8)

Offshore Tax Avoidance: The recent string of successful enforcement actions against offshore tax cheats and the financial organizations that help them shows that it's a bad bet to hide money and income offshore. Taxpayers are best served by coming in voluntarily and getting their taxes and filing requirements in order. The IRS offers the Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program (OVDP) to help people get their taxes in order. (IR-2015-09)

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Inflated Refund Claims: Taxpayers need to be on the lookout for anyone promising inflated refunds. Taxpayers should be wary of anyone who asks them to sign a blank return, promise a big refund before looking at their records, or charge fees based on a percentage of the refund. Scam artists use flyers, advertisements, phony store fronts and word of mouth via community groups and churches in seeking victims. (IR-2015-12)

Fake Charities: Taxpayers should be on guard against groups masquerading as charitable organizations to attract donations from unsuspecting contributors. Contributors should take a few extra minutes to ensure their hard-earned money goes to legitimate and currently eligible charities. IRS.gov has the tools taxpayers need to check out the status of charitable organizations. Be wary of charities with names that are similar to familiar or nationally known organizations. (IR-2015-16)

Hiding Income with Fake Documents: Hiding taxable income by filing false Form 1099s or other fake documents is a scam that taxpayers should always avoid and guard against. The mere suggestion of falsifying documents to reduce tax bills or inflate tax refunds is a huge red flag when using a paid tax return preparer. Taxpayers are legally responsible for what is on their returns regardless of who prepares the returns. (IR-2015-18)

Abusive Tax Shelters: Taxpayers should avoid using abusive tax structures to avoid paying taxes. The IRS is committed to stopping complex tax avoidance schemes and the people who create and sell them. The vast majority of taxpayers pay their fair share, and everyone should be on the lookout for people peddling tax shelters that sound too good to be true. When in doubt, taxpayers should seek an independent opinion regarding complex products they are offered. (IR-2015-19)

Falsifying Income to Claim Credits: Taxpayers should avoid inventing income to erroneously claim tax credits. Taxpayers are sometimes talked into doing this by scam artists. Taxpayers are best served by filing the most-accurate return possible because they are legally responsible for what is on their return. (IR-2015-20)

Excessive Claims for Fuel Tax Credits: Taxpayers need to avoid improper claims for fuel tax credits. The fuel tax credit is generally limited to off-highway business use, including use in farming. Consequently, the credit is not available to most taxpayers. But yet, the IRS routinely finds unscrupulous preparers who have enticed sizable groups of taxpayers to erroneously claim the credit to inflate their refunds. (IR-2015-21)

Frivolous Tax Arguments: Taxpayers should avoid using frivolous tax arguments to avoid paying their taxes. Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage taxpayers to make unreasonable and outlandish claims to avoid paying the taxes they owe. These arguments are wrong and have been thrown out of court. While taxpayers have the right to contest their tax liabilities in court, no one has the right to disobey the law or disregard their responsibility to pay taxes. The penalty for filing a frivolous tax return is \$5,000. (IR-2015-23)

Additional information about tax scams is available on IRS social media sites, including YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/irsvideos> and Tumblr <http://internalrevenueservice.tumblr.com>, where people can search "scam" to find all the scam-related posts.

Following Pressure from Delegation, FEMA Releases Timeline for Updated Sioux Falls Flood Map

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Following pressure on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) from the delegation at a January 27, 2015, meeting, U.S. Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Mike Rounds (R-S.D.) and Rep. Kristi Noem (R-S.D.) received a timeline for the release of the updated Sioux Falls flood map. According to the February 5, 2015, letter, FEMA will provide a draft of the updated flood map along the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek by June of 2015. The letter also outlined FEMA's plans to issue a letter of final determination in the spring of 2016. Once the flood maps are finalized, most impacted homeowners who wish to cancel their flood insurance will likely be eligible for a refund of their annual flood insurance premium.

"The draft flood map due in June of 2015 should provide more certainty for commercial developers in Sioux Falls," said the delegation. "For too long, developers have been sidelined due to the financial hardships associated with building in the flood plain; however, the draft maps should provide guidance for what the new flood plain will look like and allow construction to get underway. We will continue to urge FEMA to approve a new flood map as quickly as possible, which will ease the financial burden on homeowners in the expanded floodplain."

Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, FEMA began issuing new 100-year flood maps, which resulted in nearly 1,600 additional Sioux Falls homeowners and businesses being required to purchase costly federal flood insurance. In 2008, the city and the Army Corps of Engineers worked out an agreement to expedite construction of upgraded levees to decrease the size of the flood plain by allowing the city to fund the outstanding federal cost of the project, with the potential to be later reimbursed by the Corps. This agreement led to a less costly and timelier completion of the levees, and the city has since been reimbursed by the Corps for the federal share of the project.

Now that the levees along the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek have been upgraded and certified by the Corps, it is up to FEMA to issue a new flood map reflecting the new, smaller flood plain in Sioux Falls. Once a new flood map is finalized, many local residents and businesses will no longer be required to purchase federal flood insurance policies and others will have less expensive premiums due to the reduced risk of flooding. Without an updated flood plain map, economic development and construction along the Big Sioux River and Skunk Creek are significantly limited while developers wait for updated maps.

On September 11, 2014, Thune and Noem sent a letter to FEMA Director Craig Fugate calling on the agency to develop a new flood map for Sioux Falls as soon as possible. The January 27, 2015, meeting continued the delegation's work to push for a timely update to the flood map along Skunk Creek and the Big Sioux River.

Check Your Houseplants for Pests

Column by David Graper, SDSU Extension Horticulture Specialist and South Dakota Master Gardener Program Interim Coordinator

As I write this column, the latest snow storm is blowing in so it is nice to be able to stay inside where it is nice and warm. While the outdoor landscape may be shades of brown to white it's nice to be able to enjoy a little bit of green indoors, thanks to some houseplants. Some may even provide flowers from time to time to really help brighten those dark days of early winter.

You may have brought in a few geraniums, took some impatiens cuttings and gotten them to grow, maybe a hibiscus, an orchid or two, or perhaps some variegated foliage like that of the spider plant, snake plant or a weeping fig. Unfortunately, all of these plants are good subjects for pest problems, particularly if you had them outside during the summer.

Many insect pests, like aphids for example, are pretty common outdoors. There are actually dozens of different kinds of plant-damaging aphids, some of which are pretty specific as to which plants they feed on while others will feed on just about any plant. If your houseplant happens to be sitting within crawling distance, aphids from nearby plants might crawl over, fall onto or fly to your plant.

Predatory insects and mites as well as insect parasites are fairly common in most landscapes too. Insects like lady beetles, lacewings, minute pirate bugs and beneficial mites can keep many pest populations low outdoors but are far less likely to do their job once you move your plants inside for the winter. Consequently, what was just a few scattered insects on an outdoor plant could turn into a major infestation after several weeks sitting in a warm home.

Aphids or plant lice are one of the most common outdoor insect pests that might be brought in for the winter. They are small, about 1/8-inch long, rather rounded in shape, with six legs and two small antennae. They will often have also two small projections off the back of the abdomen called cornicles. Aphids prefer to feed on tender young shoots or flower buds. They can cause leaf malformation or interfere with flower bud opening.

Aphids are sap-sucking insect pests. They insert their hypodermic-like mouth parts down into plant cells to extract the sap. They may reproduce by eggs or by live birth with dozens of generations possible in a single growing season. You usually will not just find one aphid but more likely a whole colony on the underside of a leaf or lined up along the outside of a tender shoot or flower bud.

Aphids are usually wingless but at times may develop wings and fly off in search of other plants to feed on if it gets too crowded on the "home plant" or when it gets cooler in the fall of the year.

Ant Cows

Ants have been known to move aphids from one part of a plant to another or to a different plant entirely. They "farm" the aphids, much like we do cattle. But instead of meat, the ants are looking to collect honeydew from the aphids. The ants actually stroke the aphids to induce them to excrete the honeydew, almost like milking a cow, which gives rise to another common name for aphids, "ant cows."

Controlling aphids

Aphids can be fairly easily controlled. My preferred method is to use a forceful jet of water, like from the sprayer in your kitchen sink. Be sure to give the entire plant a good spray to dislodge as many of the aphids as possible. Even then, you will likely have missed a few that survived your treatment so you will have to treat again in a few days to a couple weeks later.

Insecticidal soaps and horticultural and botanical oils are also a great treatment for aphids. Most of these are contact killers, which means that you have to get the spray on the aphids in order to kill them. Once the spray is dry, there is little residual effect. Be sure that the product you use is meant to be used

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on houseplants and will control aphids. These methods of treatment do not work well, however, for small plants, like pepper seedlings that you may start in the spring, one of the aphid's favorite foods. Do not use a dormant oil spray product or you could seriously damage your plants! Some people will use "dish soap" instead of insecticidal soap. This can be effective too but be careful as some brands may damage the plants too. Other houseplant insecticides, usually containing permethryn or pyrethrum, may also be used but be sure to follow the instructions on the label.

Mealy bugs are another very common houseplant insect pest. Like the aphids, these soft-bodied, sap-sucking insects will attack a wide variety of plants. They also produce honeydew. Mealy bugs have six legs but they are usually hidden from view, beneath the wider body of the insects. Mealy bugs also produce waxy filaments from their abdomen to protect them from the elements and predators. The females are wingless and may produce several generations of 40-60 eggs over the course of several weeks. The males do have wings and fly or crawl from one female to another, fertilizing them as they go. The young mealy bugs are the most mobile, often moving some distance from their birth place to finally settle down and begin feeding. They will often be found in leaf axils, on the undersides of leaves, particularly along the sap-rich mid-vein or amongst new shoots or just along the stems of a plant.

Mealy bugs are more difficult to control because they often hide in tiny crevices between leaves or stems where they are difficult to treat. They will even feed on the roots of plants and can be seen accumulating on the rim of a pot of a heavily infested plant! The same treatment strategies effective for aphids will also work for mealy bugs but expect to have to treat multiple times. A cotton swab, dipped in rubbing alcohol is the classic weapon against mealy bugs. Just dab the insects with the tip of the swab. The alcohol dissolves the waxy outer coating of the mealy bugs, causing them to dry out and die. Perhaps a nasty way to go but they will get no sympathy from me. I have thrown out many heavily infested plants in the hopes of stopping the spread of these little white, fuzzy beasts. I would suggest you follow the same advice - if you have a heavily infested plant, throw it out to try to avoid a plague of mealy bugs in your entire plant collection.

Scale insects are another insect pest that is common outside as well as inside but there are usually different species of scale that you might find on your trees and shrubs, compared to a plant in your home. Consider scale as one of the most difficult insect pests to control. Once again, if you determine that you have a scale infestation, even a small one, it might be wiser to get rid of the plant than risk it spreading to other plants.

I tell my students that one of the best treatment methods is to move the infested plant outdoors when the temperatures are at about -10° or so and leave them there for a few days.

Scale is another true insect with six legs, but again the legs are usually not seen except for the first stage of development known as the crawler stage. The females crawl around to find a new spot to begin feeding, then usually lose the use of their legs and remain in that spot for the rest of their life. They soon develop a thick, waxy, scale-like coating that protects them from predators. Male scale insects usually live for just a short time but use their time to crawl around in search of females to fertilize. The female scale insect may bear dozens of eggs beneath her body. When the eggs hatch the babies crawl out to start the process again.

The waxy covering of adult scale insects make them very difficult to control. A simple jet of water will usually not dislodge them but it may be effective to get rid of the crawlers. The insecticidal soaps and horticultural oils can likewise be effective on the crawlers but do little harm to the adults. Scale insects can often go undetected for weeks or months, looking like nothing more than a greenish or brownish, small bump on the side of a stem, leaf or flower.

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Disposal of the entire plant is my best recommendation for a heavily infested plant. In some cases you might be able to prune off the infested part of the plant then monitor the plant closely for any additional scale sightings. An old toothbrush or soft cloth might also be used to wipe or scrub the adult scale insects off the plants. But if you keep a plant that has had scale, isolate it from your other plants or you could lose them all to scale.

Whiteflies are yet another insect related to aphids that might be brought in from outdoors. As the name implies, this small insect is white and has white wings. It is usually about 1/8-inch long and looks like a minute moth. They are most commonly found sitting on the underside of leaves or may be seen fluttering around if you disturb a plant. Poinsettias are one of the favorite host plants for whiteflies along with hibiscus, primroses and geraniums. So, you may have unwittingly brought the whiteflies into your home on one of these plants.

Whiteflies are quite mobile and can easily spread to other plants but they are a little pickier in the kind of plants they feed on. They are especially fond of young tomato plants so keep that in mind if you plan to start some this spring to plant out in your garden when the weather warms up.

Whiteflies are fairly difficult to control, mostly because they move around so much. The earlier treatment methods can help with a light infestation, being most effective on the egg stage of the insects. Prune off heavily infected foliage and get rid of it.

Honeydew is the sweet, sticky excrement of aphids and other related insects like the scale, mealy bugs and whiteflies. Honeydew may also become infected with a dark colored mold, called sooty mold. If you see or feel a sticky substance on the leaves of your plant, or perhaps on the windowsill beneath your plants, check them out for aphids or these other related pests.

South Dakota Youth Place in National 4-H Competition

BROOKINGS, S.D. - South Dakota 4-H youth received national recognition during the Western National Roundup national 4-H judging competition held in Denver Jan. 8-11, 2015.

The Conference, now in its 95th year, is held annually in early January, coinciding with the National Western Stock Show.

Both 4-H and FFA members between the ages of 14 and 19 have the opportunity to qualify for Roundup by winning their home state's contest or being chosen as a state delegate.

The competitions held at Western National Roundup include horse and livestock judging, hippology, horse demonstrations and public speaking, parliamentary procedure, family consumer sciences presentations, skill-a-thon, and bowl, consumer decision making, public speaking prepared and impromptu, parliamentary procedure, and meats identification.

Workshops are offered throughout the week which provides a learning experience for the youth exposing them to topics ranging from communication and team building to leadership development. Youth participants develop a mastery of their respective subject matters, but more importantly, gain life-long skills. Such skills as public speaking, professionalism, and good sportsmanship along with the memories and new friendships will outlast the trophies and ribbons that were won.

The 23 youth from South Dakota who competed at this national competition pre-qualified during 2014 state 4-H contests. South Dakota 4-H took 31 people; 23 youth and eight coaches/chaperones.

National placings

4-H State Livestock Judging Team: Team members include: Tyler Bush, Marshall County; Hannah Peterson, Miner County; Martina Albrecht, Kingsbury County and Jonathan Linke, Sanborn County. Coach is John Keimig. The team placed ninth overall. Tyler Bush of Marshall County placed tenth individually overall and sixth overall in Beef.

Consumer Decision Making Contest Team: Team members include: Stephanie Hauger, Yankton County; Leah Waid, Yankton County; Laurel Friedenbach, Yankton County; Camille Friedenbach, Yankton County and coach, Stephanie Siebrandt, Yankton County; Placed sixth overall and fourth overall in Group Think.

Horse Judging Team: Team members include: **Kate Helmer, Day County**; Bobbi Soukup, Charles Mix County; Alyssa Standifer, Moody County; Blayne Martinez, Hutchinson County and coach, Jennifer Martinez, Hutchinson County. The team placed eighth overall, sixth in halter judging.

Horse Quiz Bowl Team: Team members include: Taya Heisinger, Hutchinson County; Sarah Vos, Pennington County; Kaycee Szymanski, Pennington County; Stephanie DeLong, Pennington County and coach, Tiffany Meyer. The team placed fourth overall. Vos is the second place overall individual.

Hippology Team: Team members include: Mary Nold, Brookings County; Tanegai Zilverberg, Hughes/Stanley County; Mariah Kessler, Hughes/Stanley County; Emma Mesman, Hughes/Stanley County and coaches, Collette Kessler-Hughes/Stanley County and Amy Mesman, Hughes/Stanley County. Team placed seventh overall; sixth overall in Team Problem; Ninth overall in Judging; fourth overall in Team Station and eighth place in Team Exam Total. Mary Nold was recognized with three individual placings including: Ninth Overall Individual, eighth Overall Individual in Total Station Points and

Third Overall Individual in Exam Score.

Horse Public Speaking: Morgan Janish, Roberts County, received fifth place individual; her coach was Coach Julie Nelson.

Horse Demonstration Contest: Brittany Hinkle, Hyde County received eighth place individual. Her coach was Julie Nelson.

Today in Weather History

February 10, 1993:

Snow fell across all of South Dakota from the 10th to the 12th with over 8 inches occurring in south-central, west-central, and the southwest. Some reports included, 13 inches at Harrington, 12 inches at Midland, 10.5 inches at Winner, 10 inches near Stephan, Ardmore, and Wagner, 8.5 inches near Lead and Milesville, and 8 inches at Mitchell and Usta.

February 10, 1996:

Across central and northeast South Dakota as well as west central Minnesota, an intense area of low pressure and an Arctic high pressure area created high winds from 35 to 50 mph with gusts to around 65 mph through the afternoon and into the late evening. These high winds combined with the falling snow and the snow already on the ground to create blizzard conditions and slick roads across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota. Highway 12 from Webster to Summit was closed the evening of the 10th along with Interstate-29 from Summit to Sisseton. Hundreds of travelers were stranded at Summit for several hours until conditions improved. Some wind gusts included, 61 mph at Mobridge, and 66 mph at Pierre and Aberdeen.

February 10, 2008:

Arctic air combined with blustery northwest winds of 15 to 30 mph brought extreme wind chills of 35 to 45 degrees below zero to northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota through the morning hours.

February 10, 2013:

A very strong low pressure area moving across the region brought widespread heavy snow of 6 to as much as 19 inches. Along with the heavy snow came very strong winds of 30 to 50 mph causing widespread blowing and drifting snow. Roads, highways, along with Interstates 29 and 90 were closed for a time. Schools started late or were closed on Monday the 11th.

1959 – St. Louis Missouri was hit by massive F4 tornado that killed 21 and injured 345. Over 2000 buildings were damaged or destroyed.

1994 – Major ice storm strikes parts of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and Louisiana. Mississippi was hardest hit with up to 6 inches of ice accumulation in some areas. Up to \$1.3 billion in timber was destroyed by the storm. 80,000 utility poles were downed and some people were without power for up to a month in Mississippi.

1899 - The temperature at Monterey plunged to 29 degrees below zero, establishing record for the state of Virginia. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1973 - A major snowstorm struck the southeastern U.S. It produced as much as 18 inches in Georgia, and up to two feet of snow in South Carolina. (David Ludlum)

1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched southern California resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water which ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs drowning at least thirteen persons. The storm was one of the most destructive of record causing fifty million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1982 - Bismarck, ND, experienced its 45th consecutive day of subzero temperature readings which tied the previous record long string of subzero daily lows ending on the same date in 1937. (David

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Ludlum)

1987 - A storm in the northeastern U.S. produced heavy snow in southeastern Maine. Grand Falls and Woodland received 15 inches, mainly during the early morning hours, while most of the rest of the state did not even see a flake of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Bitter cold arctic air gripped the north central U.S. International Falls MN was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 35 degrees below zero. Record warm readings were reported in southern California, with highs of 78 at San Francisco and 88 at Los Angeles. San Juan Capistrano CA was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 92 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - For the first time all month winter relaxed its grip on the nation. The temperature at Brownsville TX warmed above 60 degrees for the first time in six days, ending their second longest such cold spell of record. (The National Weather Summary)

1990 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front continued to produce severe weather across the southeastern U.S. through the morning hours and into the late afternoon. There were a total of twenty-nine tornadoes in twenty-nine hours, and 245 reports of large hail or damaging winds. Pre-dawn thunderstorms produced high winds which injured at least seventy persons in Alabama and Georgia, and caused more than twelve million dollars property damage. A tornado at Austell GA prior to daybreak injured two persons and caused two million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2010 - A second major snowstorm, dubbed Snoverkill and Snowmageddon 2.0, further buries the Nation's Capital with 10.8 inches of new snow. Schools, businesses and even parts of the Federal government are shut down by blizzard conditions. The city now has a deeper snowpack, 28 inches, than the 20 inches in Anchorage, AK, or 27 inches in Marquette, MI.

2011 - The coldest day in Oklahoma history sees the temperature plunge to -31°F at Nowata, OK. A US National Weather Service station at Bartlesville recorded a reading of -28°F. Both locations break the previous low temperature mark of -27°F set in 1905 and tied in 1930. The Weather Doctor

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TODAY

TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY
NIGHT

THURSDAY

THURSDAY
NIGHT

FRIDAY



Wintry
Mix

High: 34 °F



Chance
Flurries

Low: 8 °F



Blustery

High: 13 °F



Blustery

Low: -10 °F



Partly
Sunny

High: 14 °F



Mostly
Cloudy

Low: 10 °F



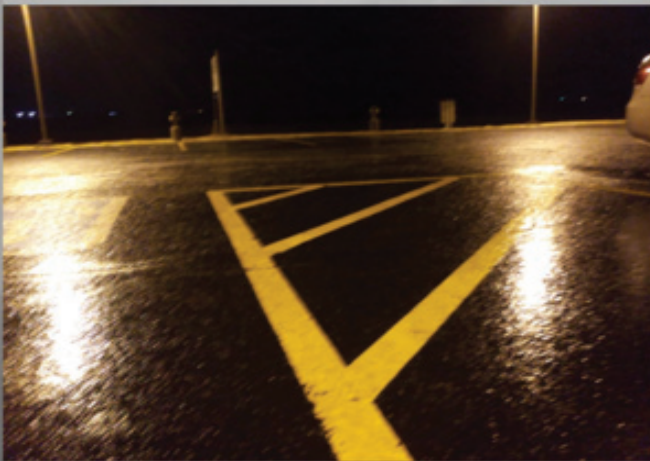
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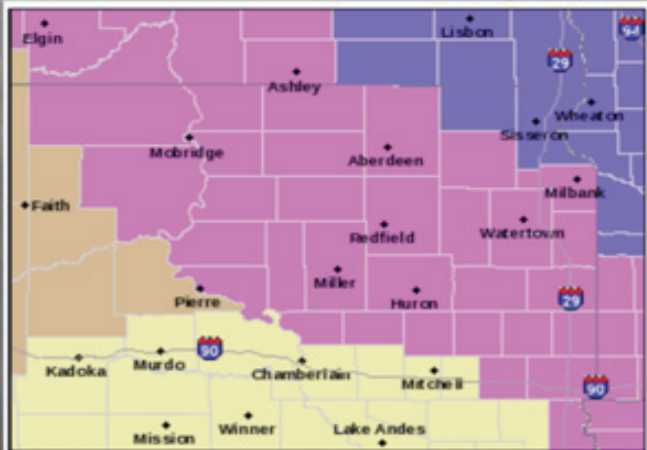
WIDESPREAD ICY CONDITIONS THIS MORNING

Check www.safetravelusa.com/sd for latest road condition updates

Aberdeen 3am



Freezing Rain Advisory (Pink)
Winter Weather Advisory (blue)



Forecast

Areas of freezing rain will continue to move across the forecast area early this morning. Clouds will also persist though a good part of the day, so temperatures will be slow to recover. Windy conditions will develop this evening as Arctic air spills into the region.



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 2/10/2015 4:19 AM Central

Published on: 02/10/2015 at 4:24AM

Freezing rain will continue through the early morning hours, creating slick roads and sidewalks. Temperatures will be slow to warm above freezing east of the James Valley before Arctic air spills into the region late this afternoon. Check Safetravelusa.com/sd to get the latest on road conditions for your area.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 30.5 at 7:47 PM

Low: 17.0 at 7:202 AM

Wind Chill:

High Gust: 22 at 9:56 PM

Snow: 0.00

Precip: Freezing Rain

Today's Info

Record High: 55° in 1918

Record Low: -27° in 1988, 1981

Average High: 26°F

Average Low: 5°F

Average Precip in Feb.: 0.14

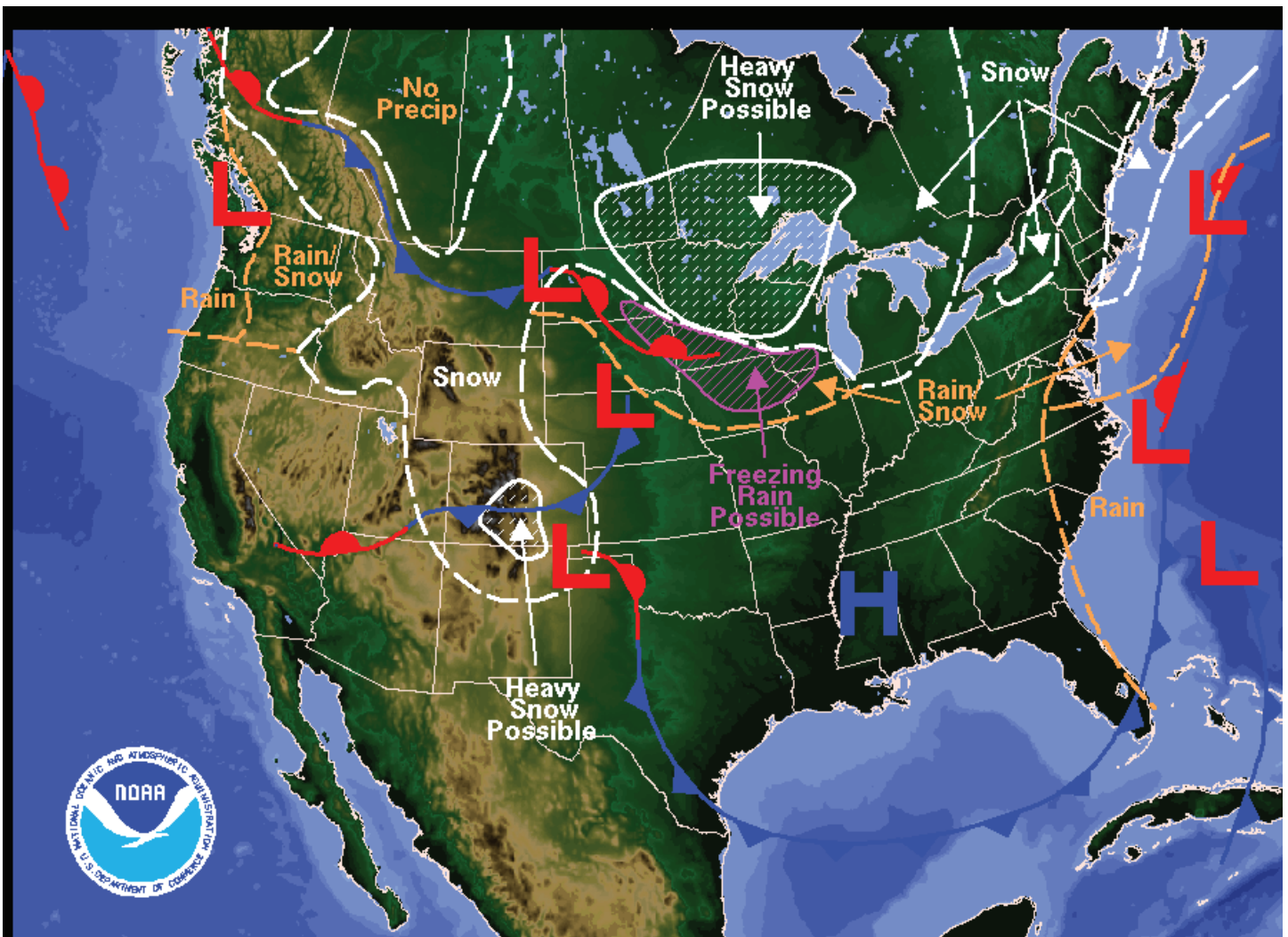
Precip to date in Feb.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 0.61

Precip Year to Date: 0.40

Sunset Tonight: 5:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:42 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Feb 10, 2015, issued 3:11 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



RIGHT WAY – WRONG WAY

"Have you ever made the same mistake twice?" he asked.

"What is this," I asked in a taunting voice, "a trick question?"

"No, I'm serious. You're a doctor; you're supposed to be smart. I was just wondering," came his response as he shook his head.

"Of course I have," I replied. "In fact, I've made the same mistake several times."

"You have?" he responded in surprise. "I really thought you were smarter than that. I'm shocked."

I'm sure I'm not the only one who has repeated a mistake more than once. And it doesn't make me feel comfortable to think about it, either. But it's true.

Perhaps that's why Solomon wrote the same Proverb twice: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." We need to be reminded.

There is an inherent danger in being successful: we tend to "think of ourselves more highly than we should." It's easy to do. We have a new opportunity or there are some new challenges and we "rise" to the occasion. We get a new burst of energy, we are excited about a second chance and we are off and running and succeed! No limits!

And, that's the time we need to pause and remind ourselves that "There is a way that may seem right..." It's very important to acknowledge the sovereignty of God and to admit our own limitations. When things go well, we must thank God for blessing us and give Him the credit.

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for this reminder. All too often we give ourselves credit when the glory is all Yours! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 16:25 There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

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News from the  Associated Press

Parts of Dakotas get freezing rain, other parts get snow

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Freezing rain coated roads in some parts of the Dakotas, making for a slippery commute.

The National Weather Service early Tuesday issued freezing rain advisories for south central North Dakota and for a large portion of eastern South Dakota. Forecasters said ice accumulations up to a tenth of an inch were expected.

At least one school in northeastern South Dakota delayed the start of classes due to the conditions.

A winter weather advisory was posted for far northeastern South Dakota and for north central and eastern North Dakota into Tuesday afternoon. Forecasters said up to 5 inches of snow was expected in northern North Dakota.

Non-Black Hills dog hunts for mountain lions allowed March 2

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans who hunt mountain lions outside of the Black Hills Fire Protection District can start using dogs next month.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission last month adopted a rule change to allow it, and the changes have been filed with the Secretary of State's office and take effect March 2.

Hunters can use hounds year-round on private land with the permission of the landowner or lessee. They may continue onto School and Public Lands or Bureau of Land Management lands if the chase originates on private property.

All mountain lions harvested must be presented to a GFP representative within 24 hours for inspection.

Currently, hunters can only to use hounds at specific times in Custer State Park.

Monday's Scores The Associated Press

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Canistota 79, Dell Rapids St. Mary 45
Castlewood 51, DeSmet 42
Elkton-Lake Benton 90, Great Plains Lutheran 51
Gregory 76, Lower Brule 49
Hanson 63, Freeman 43
Highmore-Harrold 72, Stanley County 43
Langford 74, Leola/Frederick 32
Marty Indian 88, Andes Central 58
Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 77, Iroquois 46
Philip 75, Wall 41
Sunshine Bible Academy 81, Mitchell Christian 56

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Avon 43, Freeman 39

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Bon Homme 62, Dakota Christian 58
Britton-Hecla 49, Rosholt 41
Canistota 54, Dell Rapids St. Mary 32
Dakota Valley 73, Sioux City, North, Iowa 50
Elkton-Lake Benton 52, Great Plains Lutheran 28
Faith 49, McLaughlin 44, OT
Florence/Henry 57, Estelline 41
Grant County, N.D. 65, Lemmon 48
Groton Area 56, Aberdeen Roncalli 23
Harding County 52, McIntosh 51
Highmore-Harrold 72, Stanley County 43
Irene-Wakonda 59, Alcester-Hudson 39
Lake Preston 77, Wolsey-Wessington 47
Little Wound 59, St. Francis Indian 45
McCook Central/Montrose 61, West Central 42
Menno 41, Marion 25
Sanborn Central/Woonsocket 69, Bridgewater-Emery 33
Solen, N.D. 46, Wakpala 45
Standing Rock, N.D. 85, Timber Lake 71

Panel approves plan to allow concealed carry without permit

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota may soon join a handful of other states where it is legal to carry a concealed pistol without a permit.

The House State Affairs Committee on Monday narrowly approved the measure, which removes the requirement for a concealed pistol permit from state law and eliminates penalties for carrying without a permit.

Openly carrying a firearm, such as in a holster on the hip, is legal in South Dakota. But if the pistol was covered with a jacket or sport coat, a permit is required under state law.

Rep. Jim Stalzer, a Sioux Falls Republican who is sponsoring the bill, told the committee that he has a concealed pistol permit and has been in situations where he's been glad to have it. He said his daughter began receiving threatening phone calls and debated getting a permit before ultimately deciding against it.

"What if your life is threatened and you have to wait a week to get a permit?" Stalzer said.

Stalzer says he knows people, including his wife, who accidentally let their permits expire and have carried their weapons as criminals under state law. He doesn't believe that otherwise-upstanding citizens should be punished for such a lapse.

"I don't think it should be a penalty for a law abiding citizen to exercise a constitutional right," he said.

South Dakota Sheriff's Association Executive Director Staci Ackerman said South Dakotans like getting a permit from law enforcement and they say it's reassuring.

About 4 percent of Pennington county's permit applications are denied because an applicant is ineligible as a result of felony conviction or mental illness, among other reasons, Ackerman said as she urged lawmakers to oppose the measure.

"We do have people coming in applying for permits who are not eligible under state or federal law,"

Ackerman said. "We do deny permits."

State House of Representatives votes to repeal 'Daschle law'

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota House has approved a measure 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 full House voted 50-17 for a proposal that would strip away the prohibition.

The original Republican-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.

House Majority Leader Brian Gosch says the 2002 law "wasn't good policy." Speaking about his proposal, Gosch said it wasn't aimed at Republican U.S. Sen. John Thune.

Thune has been considered a potential 2016 presidential candidate.

Republican Rep. Mark Mickelson, a supporter, says voters are the best judge and the option should be available.

House panel voids policy on transgender students in sports

JAMES NORD, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A measure that would reverse a state athletic association policy and require transgender students to play on the same sports team as the gender on their birth certificates easily passed its first legislative committee test on Monday.

The House State Affairs Committee voted 10 to 2 to support a measure voiding a High School Activities Association policy on transgender student participation in sports.

The association in June adopted a policy requiring it to review requests by transgender students or their guardians to decide on which team the student can participate.

Republican Rep. Jim Bolin of Canton, who is sponsoring the measure to void the policy, said the association made a "significant error." Mark Chase, president of the South Dakota Family Policy Council, a conservative group, pushed the committee to support Bolin's measure and said there are anatomical differences between girls and boys that the policy doesn't adequately address.

Chase also brought up concerns over locker room and bathroom use.

But opponents of Bolin's bill told the committee that sports should be open to student choice regardless of gender identity.

Lindsey Riter-Rapp, a lobbyist for the activities association, told the committee that the policy was thoughtfully considered and not simply enacted overnight. Association executive director Wayne Carney, reached after the meeting, said the group is watching the legislation "very closely," but declined to comment further.

Andrea Kusters, a transgender student from Emery, South Dakota, who identified as a girl, told the committee that when she tried to be a cheerleader, the school made her dress in a boy's uniform.

Kusters, 18, said she thinks Bolin's bill is unfair and said she doesn't want other kids like her to be denied who they are.

"Either way there's going to be some judgment going on and some bullying," Kusters said after the hearing. "But, for me, if I were to ever get bullied, I'd rather get bullied as who I am instead of a fake costume, like I'm somebody I'm not."

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Gas prices creep back above \$2 per gallon in the Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The average retail price of a gallon of gasoline in the Dakotas has crept back above the \$2 mark.

GasBuddy.com reports that the average price in North Dakota has risen nearly 11 cents per gallon in the past week, to \$2.08. In South Dakota, the average price has risen about the same, to \$2.02.

Officials cite rising oil prices and worries about worker strikes at refineries.

The national average increased nearly 13 cents per gallon over the week, to \$2.17. But that's still more than \$1.10 cheaper than last year at this time.

Powerball lottery ticket sold in Marion worth \$10,000

MARION, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota lottery officials say a Powerball ticket sold in Marion is worth \$10,000 in the Saturday drawing.

The ticket matched four of five white ball numbers and the Powerball to win the game's third prize, at odds of 1 in about 649,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Powerball is played in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The jackpot is at \$450 million for the next drawing, on Wednesday.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

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

1. OBAMA TO SEEK NEW WAR POWERS TO FIGHT ISLAMIC STATE MILITANTS

He intends to leave open the option to send in combat forces if needed, a congressional official tells the AP.

2. EXPERTS WANT DIFFERENT STRATEGY TO TACKLE CYBER ATTACKS

Many are arguing that instead of trying to keep hackers out of networks, new defenses should neutralize them once they are inside.

3. MALAYSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER SENT TO PRISON

Anwar Ibrahim's conviction of sodomy was upheld by the nation's top court, landing him a prison sentence of five years in a trial widely seen as politically motivated.

4. US, GERMANY DISAGREE ON LETHAL AID TO UKRAINE

It's possible the public split is merely a "good cop, bad cop" tactic to push Putin to end the fighting.

5. VERMONTERS STEP UP OPPOSITION TO GUN RESTRICTIONS

In one of the most liberal states in the country, proposed measures that include expanding background checks to private sales are drawing criticism from locals.

6. WHERE EPIC SNOWS ARE SETTING RECORDS

Boston is hit with the most snowfall recorded in a 30-day period at 61.6 inches.

7. HOW SOME IN CENTRAL EUROPE ARE TRAPPED IN THEIR HOMES

Homeowners who took out mortgages in Swiss francs are now reeling from the surge in its value in recent weeks.

8. TRANSGENDER RIGHTS FACING PIVOTAL MOMENT

Media visibility and legal rights are coming through but violence and unemployment still threaten that community.

9. STRAUSS-KAHN TO TAKE THE STAND

The former IMF boss will testify in his Paris trial in which he is charged with taking part in an international prostitution ring.

10. WHICH LONG-LOST APOLLO 11 ARTIFACT HAS COME TO LIGHT

A 16 mm camera used to film Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon goes on display at the Smithsonian after the astronaut's widow discovered it in a closet.

AP News in Brief

Congress edging closer to vote on new war powers; Obama to send his version to Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is expected — as early as Tuesday — to ask Congress for new war powers, sending Capitol Hill his blueprint for an updated authorization for the use of military force to fight the Islamic State group.

Haggling then begins on writing a new authorization to battle the Sunni extremists, who have seized territory in Iraq and neighboring Syria and imposed a violent form of Sharia law.

That will lead to the first war vote in Congress in 13 years — one of the most important votes faced by members of the House and Senate.

To get Congress to approve his request, Obama must find a balance between lawmakers who want wide authority to fight the Islamic State group and others, including members of his own party, who worry that a new authorization to use military force will lead to U.S. entanglement in another protracted war.

In 2002, Congress passed a resolution authorizing President George W. Bush to use force against Iraq — a vote that scores of Democrats have regretted and then-candidate Barack Obama used as a cudgel against his rivals to win the Democratic presidential nomination.

Ukrainian army said to be on advance in eastern Ukraine, rebels also report gains

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Government forces and Russia-backed rebels were each trying to make gains in eastern Ukraine on Tuesday ahead of long-anticipated peace talks.

The intense fighting, which the U.N. says has killed more than 5,300 people since April, comes ahead of a crucial summit including Western leaders on Wednesday as well as peace talks later Tuesday.

The volunteer Azov battalion said on social media on Tuesday that it captured several villages north-east of the strategic port of Mariupol, pushing the rebels closer to the border with Russia.

Rebel military spokesman Eduard Basurin said in a televised news conference on Tuesday that the fighting in that area is continuing and that the rebels have not retreated.

The rebels reported advances, too. Basurin said late Monday that they have surrounded the railway hub of Debaltseve, the focus of fierce fighting in the past weeks, cutting it off from a major highway. A video posted online by a rebel-sympathizing website showed the separatists moving along the highway while the bloodied bodies of Ukrainian soldiers lay on the side of the road.

Malaysia's top court upholds opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy conviction

PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's top court on Tuesday upheld opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim's sodomy conviction and sentenced him to five years in prison, a verdict he slammed — while standing in the dock — as the “murder of judicial independence” and the result of a political conspiracy.

The case was widely seen at home and abroad as politically motivated to eliminate any threats to the ruling coalition whose popularity has slowly been eroding since 2008 after more than five decades of unquestioned dominance. Anwar is the most popular, vocal and visible symbol of the opposition's resurgence and had become a potent political threat to Prime Minister Najib Razak.

This was Anwar's final appeal, and once the proceedings ended he was led by police out of the court, presumably to immediately start serving time on charges of sodomizing a then 23-year-old aide who worked in his office.

“I have to go. Time's up,” the 67-year-old politician told his supporters inside the court. “I will miss you all,” he said bowing to them before walking out.

Anwar was accused of sodomizing Saiful Bukhari Azlan, who was working as a lowly functionary in the opposition election campaign office, in 2008. Anwar was acquitted by the High Court in 2012 but the Appeals Court overturned the acquittal in March last year and sentenced him to five years in prison.

As cyberattacks become more severe, experts say let go of illusion hackers can be kept out

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Ever since the Internet blossomed in the 1990s, cybersecurity was built on the idea that computers could be protected by a digital quarantine. Now, as hackers routinely overwhelm such defenses, experts say cybersecurity is beyond due an overhaul.

Their message: Neutralize attackers once they're inside networks rather than fixating on trying to keep them out.

First they need to convince a conservative business world to gamble on a different approach. And having sold generations of defensive systems that consistently lagged the capabilities of the most advanced hackers, the industry itself must overcome skepticism it's flogging another illusion of security.

According to U.S. cybersecurity company FireEye, 229 days is the median length of time attackers lurk inside their victim's computers before being detected or revealing themselves, underscoring the weakness of conventional tools in identifying sophisticated intruders.

The traditional defenses must “have a description of the bad guys before they can help you find them,” said Dave Merkel, chief technology officer at FireEye Inc. “That's just old and outmoded. And just doesn't work anymore,” he said.

A new servitude: Homeowners across central Europe see dreams vanish with Swiss franc loans

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Elvis Constantin Cluci and his wife had planned a second child, their dreams set on a little brother for their 2 ½ year-old daughter. But due to a surge in the Swiss franc that caused the Romanian couple's mortgage payments to rise, not only is another child out of the question but they have had to send their daughter to live with grandparents 100 kilometers (60 miles) away.

Now they see her only once or twice a month. They simply cannot afford both day care and their

mortgage on a small studio apartment in Bucharest. They can barely even scrape together the gas money to drive to see her.

"I can hardly smile anymore," said Cluci, 37. "My wife is completely destroyed. As the man I have to be strong and bear it."

On Jan. 15, the Swiss national bank ended a policy meant to limit the franc's value against the euro — causing the franc to surge. That move by one of Europe's richest countries is adding to the financial despair of hundreds of thousands of people across some of the poorest regions of the continent due to mortgages taken out years ago in Swiss francs.

Many of the borrowers were in their 20s and 30s who took out loans in the boom years before the crisis of 2008. They were supposed to be the first generation to benefit fully from the economic promise that came with the fall of communism and the entry into the European Union. Mortgages in foreign currencies were particularly popular because they came with lower interest rates.

New England's record-breaking winter goes on; Boston-area transit system grinds to halt

BOSTON (AP) — A relentless storm that dumped more than two feet of snow on some parts of New England was finally expected to wind down on Tuesday but not before bringing the Boston-area public transit system to its knees and forcing some communities to consider dumping piles of snow into the ocean to help relieve clogged streets.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker gave another day off to non-emergency state workers who live in the hardest hit areas of the state and the mayor of Boston said schools would remain closed for another day. The storm on top of two others that hit recently has shattered snowfall records for a 30-day period in the city.

To make matters worse, forecasters said more snow was possible on Thursday.

Still, some residents were taking it all in stride.

"Honestly, I'm OK with it," said Helen Ferullo, 70, of Weymouth, which had received 26.5 inches of snow as of late Monday. "You can't change it. The snow is there. You can't do anything about it."

Bruce Jenner melodrama unfolds at pivotal time for transgender rights movement in the US

NEW YORK (AP) — Whether or not Olympic legend Bruce Jenner becomes its new champion, the transgender-rights movement is making remarkable strides on many fronts — ranging from mass-media visibility to legal protections. Yet despite the gains, activists say many transgender Americans, far more so than gays and lesbians, remain vulnerable to violence, discrimination and lack of understanding.

"We see transgender rights as the next wave of the work we need to do, after marriage equality," said Katherine Franke, director of Columbia Law School's Center for Gender and Sexuality Law.

"Getting protections on paper is important," she said. "But the day-to-day lives of many transgender people won't be affected — they're unemployed, they're experiencing violence in the streets, in shelters, in schools."

Allyson Robinson, an activist working to end the military's ban on transgender people serving openly, said gains for transgender rights in some areas have triggered a backlash from some religious conservatives who feel they've lost the fight against same-sex marriage.

"Transgender people and their identities and communities are under siege right now on multiple

fronts," she said, citing as an example recent bills proposed in state legislatures that would make it illegal for transgender people to use a bathroom that doesn't correspond with their biological gender.

In liberal, gun-loving Vermont, new firearms restrictions face tough fight

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — One of the most liberal states in the country also is one of the most passionate about defending the right to bear arms, a fact that is coming to the fore following proposed legislation to expand background checks and add other gun regulations.

Hundreds of Vermont residents are expected to pack the state House chamber for a public hearing Tuesday night on Senate Bill 31, which would expand background checks from retail to private gun sales, step up reporting about people deemed psychologically unfit to have a gun and add state jurisdiction to what is now just federal enforcement of the ban on convicted felons possessing guns.

The bill has drawn strong opposition from powerful gun-rights groups and from Gov. Peter Shumlin, a Democrat and lifelong hunter.

Why the Second Amendment fervor in a state that Election Day exit polls conducted for The Associated Press and other media have found to be among the most liberal?

"I think it's a result of years and years of Vermonters respecting guns as a tool to manage wildlife and to put food on the table," Shumlin said in an interview. "That's what motivates us to own a gun. It's not necessarily what motivates someone who lives in Manhattan to own a gun."

AP Photos: Pitito, Peru's oldest clown at 91, recalls a long life under the big top

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Ricardo Farfan doesn't get the jobs he used to. Sometimes his only audience is his wife. But every morning the 91-year-old clown still sips his coffee and studies an old notebook where he keeps hundreds of pages of jokes and comedy moves he has built up over almost nine decades in the circus.

"I look at a page and repeat all the jokes by memory," Farfan, known as Pitito the clown, said in his small home in a poor Lima neighborhood. In a closet he keeps his wigs, brightly colored socks and jackets, and enormous shoes.

At age 3, Farfan began to paint his face together with his father, Chimenea the clown, who owned a 600-chair circus that traveled up and down Peru's Pacific coast, over the country's towering Andes mountains and across its vast Amazon jungle.

"In my father's circus I was a clown, magician, tightrope walker, trapeze artist, stilt-walker, electrician and painter," he said.

He sometimes worked in foreign circuses that visited Peru for its national holidays in July. The extra money helped Farfan mend and paint the big top for the traveling circus. He said that even though they offered him work, he never abandoned the family business, which he inherited from his father.

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Today in History

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2015. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 10, 1940, MGM released the animated short "Puss Gets the Boot," the debut of Tom and Jerry (although in this cartoon, the cat is called "Jasper" by its owner while the mouse was dubbed "Jinx" by creators William Hanna and Joseph Barbera).

On this date:

In 1763, Britain, Spain and France signed the Treaty of Paris, ending the Seven Years' War (also known as the French and Indian War in North America).

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

In 1841, Upper Canada and Lower Canada were proclaimed united under an Act of Union passed by the British Parliament.

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Co. in New York.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater with Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman.

In 1959, a major tornado tore through the St. Louis area, killing 21 people and causing heavy damage.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolf Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States. Republican George W. Romney announced his ultimately successful candidacy for governor of Michigan.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, was ratified as Minnesota and Nevada adopted it.

In 1968, U.S. figure skater Peggy Fleming won America's only gold medal of the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1981, eight people were killed when a fire set by a busboy broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989, Ron Brown was elected the first black chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

In 1998, Dr. David Satcher was confirmed by the Senate to be surgeon general.

Ten years ago: Playwright Arthur Miller died in Roxbury, Connecticut, at age 89 on the 56th anniversary of the Broadway opening of "Death of a Salesman." Britain's Prince Charles announced he would marry his divorced lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, in April. North Korea boasted publicly for the first time that it possessed nuclear weapons. New York civil rights lawyer Lynne Stewart was convicted of smuggling messages of violence from one of her jailed clients, radical Egyptian sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, to his terrorist disciples on the outside. (Stewart was initially sentenced to two years, four months in prison, but had that sentence increased to 10 years; she was released in Dec. 2013 because of her terminal cancer.)

Five years ago: Shuttle Endeavour arrived to a warm welcome at the International Space Station, delivering a new room and observation deck. Former Congressman Charlie Wilson, a Texas Democrat whose funding of Afghanistan's resistance to the Soviet Union was chronicled in the movie and book "Charlie Wilson's War," died in Dallas at age 76.

One year ago: In Iraq, an instructor teaching his militant recruits how to make car bombs accidentally set off explosives in his demonstration, killing 21 of them in a blast that alerted authorities to the existence of a training camp north of Baghdad. Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany won Olympic gold at

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Sochi in the super-combined less than a second ahead of both silver medalist Nicole Hosp of Austria and Julia Mancuso of the United States, who won the bronze. Actress-turned-diplomat Shirley Temple Black, 85, died at her home near San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays: Cinematographer Douglas Slocombe (Film: "Raiders of the Lost Ark") is 102. Opera singer Leontyne Price is 88. Actor Robert Wagner is 85. Rock musician Don Wilson (The Ventures) is 82. Singer Roberta Flack is 78. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 75. Rock musician Bob Spalding (The Ventures) is 68. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 65. Walt Disney Co. chairman and chief executive Robert Iger is 64. Rock musician and composer Cory Lerios (Pablo Cruise) is 64. World Golf Hall of Famer Greg Norman is 60. Actress Kathleen Beller is 59. Country singer Lionel Cartwright is 55. Movie director Alexander Payne is 54. ABC News correspondent George Stephanopoulos is 54. Retired MLB All-Star Lenny Dykstra is 52. Political commentator Glenn Beck is 51. Actress Laura Dern is 48. Country singer Dude Mowrey is 43. Actor Jason Olive is 43. Actress Elizabeth Banks is 41. Pop singer Rosanna Taveres (Eden's Crush) is 38. Actress Julia Pace Mitchell is 37. Reggaeton singer Don Omar is 37. Country musician Jeremy Baxter (Carolina Rain) is 35. Actress Uzo Aduba (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 34. Actor Max Brown is 34. Actor Barry Sloane (TV: "Revenge") is 34. Rock singer Eric Dill is 33. Rock musician Ben Romans (The Click Five) is 33. Actress Emma Roberts is 24. Actress Makenzie Vega is 21. Actress Chloe Grace Moretz is 18. Actress Yara Shahidi (TV: "black-ish") is 15.

Thought for Today: "Morality is moral only when it is voluntary." - Lincoln Steffens, American journalist (1866-1936).

Driver's Exam Stations

Important: Application must be submitted at least 1 hour in advance of scheduled closing time. No drive tests will be given from 11:30 to 1:30. For more information see our website at www.dps.sd.gov call 1-800-952-3696.

Aberdeen: 2729 W Highway 12

Open 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday

Redfield: Dept. of Transportation - N Hwy 281.

Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Webster: Courthouse Basement (711 W 1st St. - Ste. 107

Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays

DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN A SOUTH DAKOTA DRIVER LICENSE OR ID CARD (photo copies cannot be accepted)

Federal requirements have changed the documents required to obtain or renew your South Dakota driver license or identification card. We want to make the process as quick and easy as possible for you.

Look over the documents on the list below, and if you have any questions at all, anything you don't understand or any documents you aren't sure you can find, please contact the Driver Licensing Program. You may email DPSLicensingInfo@state.sd.us (please include your first and last name) or call toll-free at 1-800-952-3696 or directly at 605-773-6883.

If you think you will have difficulty obtaining any of the documents please contact us. We may be able

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to arrange for an extension or a temporary permit while you gather the documents needed to obtain your federally compliant South Dakota driver license or identification card. If you find that you simply can't produce one of the required documents, we can work with you in those situations. Again, please use the contact information for the Driver Licensing Program if you have any questions or concerns.

The need to show the additional documents is a one-time requirement. That means once you have your federally compliant driver license or identification card in hand, you will only need that card and two documents to show your current address the next time you renew your driver license or identification card. If your driver license or identification card has a gold star in the upper right corner, then it is federally compliant.

Our staff is committed to providing the best service possible, so don't hesitate to contact us by telephone or email. We will help you in any way we can.

Federal regulations require anyone applying for a new, renewal, or duplicate driver license or identification card to provide the documents listed below and on page 2 (photo copies are not acceptable):

I. You will need one Identity Document. NOTE: If your name is different than the name on your identity document, you will need to bring additional proof of your legal name. Acceptable documents for proof of a legal name change are a certified marriage certificate (issued by a state vital records agency), a certified adoption document, or a certified court order authorizing a name change (such as a divorce decree). If you have had multiple marriages, you will need to bring similar documents providing legal proof of each name change (presenting a valid passport with your current name eliminates this requirement).

An Identity Document to prove identity, date of birth, and lawful status is considered to be one of the following:

- ◆ Certified U.S. birth certificate issued by state or county (hospital birth certificates are not acceptable)
 - ◆ Valid unexpired U.S. passport
 - ◆ Certificate of Naturalization
 - ◆ Certificate of Citizenship
- Non-Citizens may bring:
- ◆ Valid unexpired permanent resident card
 - ◆ Valid unexpired employment authorization document
 - ◆ Foreign passport with valid unexpired U.S. Visa with I-94

South Dakota birth and marriage certificate information is available on the state of South Dakota web site at <http://www.doh.sd.gov/vitalrecords/order.aspx> and through your local County Register of Deeds office. Marriage certificates before 1950 may not be available for same day issuance. For telephone numbers and addresses to write for out-of-state vital records, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm>.

II. You will need one document to prove Social Security number. Only the documents listed below can serve as proof of Social Security number (the document must include your name and full social security number):

- ◆ Social Security card
- ◆ W-2 Form
- ◆ SSA 1099 Form

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◆ Non-SSA 1099 Form

◆ Pay stub

(For information on how to apply for a social security number or replacement card, please visit <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber/>.)

III. You will need two documents to prove your residential address. A parent's proof of address is acceptable for a minor child. Proof of address documents may **not be more than one year old**. Please bring two of the documents listed below (each must contain your current physical address):

◆ Utility bill

◆ Pay stub or earnings statement

◆ Rent receipt

◆ Phone bill

◆ Transcript or report card from an accredited school

◆ Bank statement

◆ Mortgage document

◆ Tax document

◆ Homeowners/renter's insurance policy

◆ Other items with your address can be reviewed by Driver Licensing personnel

◆ If you are unable to provide proof of residency, please call 1-800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 for exceptions.

◆ Post Office Box addresses are acceptable in areas not assigned a street or 911 address

Address Exceptions:

Minors - If a minor does not have two documents proving residency, the parent may provide two forms for them.

Living with someone else - An individual residing with another person may have the other person sign a "Consent for Use of South Dakota Address" form and present two residency documents belonging to the person with whom they reside. The Consent for Use of Address form may be obtained at the exam station or printed off our website.

Living within an organization or at a facility - Applicants may provide a letter from the organization or facility (on their letterhead) stating the individual resides there.

People who travel full-time - If you are using a mail forwarding address, you must complete the Residency Affidavit. You will also need to provide one document no more than one year old proving your temporary South Dakota address (campground or RV park receipt) and one document no more than one year old proving your personal mailbox (PMB) service address (receipt from the PMB business or a piece of mail with your PMB address on it). If you have friends or family in South Dakota and plan to use their address, you can complete and follow the instructions on the Consent for Use of Address form.

Military and Military Dependents - Applicants can use an out-of-state address on their license and provide two documents proving residency showing the out-of-state address.

Before your license or ID card is issued, our examiners will review your documents to make sure they comply with the federal requirements. We will work with you to resolve any problems with your docu-

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ments and to identify any additional documents or other information that may be necessary to complete the process. The additional requirements are designed to establish a more secure driver license, which will address our shared concern about national security, identity theft and highway safety.

Veterans

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the military have the option of adding the word "Veteran" to the front of their South Dakota driver license or identification card. In addition to the documents listed above, they will need to present:

- ◆ DD-214 form which shows their honorable discharge status from active duty or
- ◆ Present a certificate signed by a county or tribal veteran's service officer verifying their status.
- ◆ DD Form 2 (Retired)
- ◆ DD Form 2A (Reserve Retired)

Note to CDL holders: If you are required to carry a medical examiners certificate (aka DOT medical card) you must show a valid card at the driver exam station.